The ACG Institute’s primary mission is to advance the field of clinical gastroenterology through education and research. Consistent with that mission, the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education serves as a forum in which to build on the goals of the College. The Institute promotes research in clinical gastroenterology, educates physicians and the public, and provides resources to support the future needs of clinical gastroenterology, GI patients, as well as young clinical investigators who, as they develop careers in academic gastroenterology, enrich knowledge and treatments in digestive diseases.
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“The primary mission of the ACG Institute is to advance the field of clinical gastroenterology through education and research. The ACG Institute works toward better understanding of digestive health, toward improving the treatment and management of digestive disease, and most importantly, toward cultivating the next generation of academically-committed clinical researchers whose knowledge and skills will help strengthen the future of gastroenterology.”

Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
ACG Institute Director

The ACG Institute has in recent years evolved its educational mission to extend to the commissioning of evidence-based systematic reviews on treatment of common GI problems including IBD, IBS and chronic constipation. These monographs, developed independently by expert panels, have been published as supplements to The American Journal of Gastroenterology.

This twentieth anniversary prompts me to reflect that the existence of the ACG Institute is a tribute to the vision of ACG Past President William D. Carey, MD, MACG and founding Director Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG (1994-1995) and to the leadership of Past Director Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG (1995-2005). A change to the College’s bylaws in 2005 established a formal administrative structure for the Institute and outlined the role of its Board of Directors which provides oversight and guidance for all Institute projects. With this 20 year milestone, the ACG Institute has come into its own thanks to solid leadership by current and former members of the Institute Board of Directors. I am deeply grateful to this talented group for their exemplary service, vision and commitment.

I am proud to present this Anniversary Report on the significant contributions of the ACG Institute to the life of the College and to our specialty. It has been a privilege to guide the growth of the ACG Institute over the years, and to steward the financial resources needed to accomplish its important mission. Much has been accomplished, and the future holds many opportunities to broaden and deepen our efforts and investment in clinical gastroenterology.

Very Truly Yours,

Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
Career Awards a Major Focus of Institute Funding
The ACG Institute is particularly proud of the expansion of the Junior Faculty Development Grant both in funding and length. After many years being funded at $75,000 per year for two years, starting with the 2012 grant cycle, the ACG Junior Faculty Development Grant supported a junior faculty member for three years, for a total of $225,000. The leadership of the ACG Institute, with the support of the ACG Board of Trustees, recommended this increase not only to remain competitive among other funding agencies, but also to attract the best qualified candidates and provide the support they need in an environment where funding is increasingly scarce. Then in 2014, the Institute Board recommended, and the ACG Board of Trustees approved, an increase to $300,000 for this award, from $75,000 to $100,000 per year for each of three years.

“Smaller” GI Programs Clinical Research Award
For 2014, the ACG Institute will again support another category of the ACG Clinical Research Award targeted to investigators from “smaller” GI programs. In 2011, the leadership of the ACG Institute recognized the need to broaden the scope of its research support to ensure that we fund first rate work from a range of institutions. To this end, the ACG Board of Trustees approved a new award; the ACG “Smaller Programs” Clinical Research Award.

Given the ACG Institute’s aims to stimulate and support excellent clinical GI research, while at the same time maintaining an ongoing commitment to fund the best science, funds under this RFA are intended to make the promise of a research career more broadly available by targeting junior faculty at smaller training programs in the United States and Canada. The goal of this award is to invest in excellent clinical research from a more varied group of institutions and to make this support meaningful and productive by specifically investing in mentoring. A requirement of the new “Smaller Programs” Clinical Research Award is a clearly-defined mentoring plan, including e-mentoring, if necessary. For the purposes of the new award, “smaller” GI programs are defined as GI programs with 15 or fewer full-time faculty across the program’s sites.

A Significant Investment in Clinical Research
For 2013, the Institute awarded $1,013,879 to support clinical gastroenterology research. The 2013 awards included three Junior Faculty awards of $225,000 each for a total of $675,000; 14 Clinical Research Awards for $313,879, including seven pilot projects up to $10,000; as well as one “Smaller Programs” award for $25,000 granted to investigators at the Carolinas Medical Center. The total grew in 2014 to $1,082,165 in support of outstanding clinical research in gastroenterology. For 2014, the ACG Institute will support three Junior Faculty Development Grants, at an overall level of $675,000—an investment in career development which recognizes and supports promising clinical researchers. The 2014 Clinical Research Awards will go to 15 investigators for a total of $407,165. Included among this group is one award under the “Smaller Programs’’ Clinical Research Award established in 2011.

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ACG JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

2012 Junior Faculty Development Awards

Seth D. Crockett, MD
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Epidemiology of Synchronous Sporadic Adenomas of the Colon: Risk Factors and Risk of Associated Neoplasia

Tamas A. Gonda, MD
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Epigenetic Profiling and Modification in Barrett’s Esophagus

Jennifer C. Lai, MD
University of California, San Francisco
Feasibility Assessment in Liver Transplant Candidates

2013 Junior Faculty Development Awards

Naim Alkhouri, MD
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Breath Analysis of Volatile Organic Compounds in Pediatric Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)

Walter G. Park, MD
Stanford University
Translating Novel Pancreatic Cyst Fluid Biomarkers from the Bench to the Bedside

N. Jowel Samadder, MD, MSc
Huntsman Cancer Institute
Molecular Predictors of Mixed and Internal Colorectal Cancer: A Population-Based Study

2014 Junior Faculty Development Awards

Linda C. Cummings, MD
Case Western Reserve University
Medication and Perioperative Effects on Esophageal Cancer Outcomes

Manish Gala, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
Identifying High-Risk Genes for Pancreatic Cancer through Multi-cancer Signatures

Ashwani K. Singal, MD
University of Alabama, Birmingham
Translational Biomarkers in Patients with Alcoholic Liver Disease
ACG Clinical Research Awards

2012 ACG Clinical Research Awards

Ashwin N. Ananthakrishnan, MD  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Genetic Influences on the Effect of Smoking on Crohn’s Disease and Ulcerative Colitis

Dennis M. Jensen, MD, FACP  
CURE Digestive Diseases Research Center UCLA  
Capsule Endoscopy for Lesion Localization and Initial Diagnosis of Patients With Severe Hematochezia

Elena M. Comelli, PhD  
University of Toronto  
Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Diseases: Role of Fatty Acid Composition and Epigenetic Regulation of Gene Expression

Kris V. Kowdley, MD, FACP  
Benaroya Research Institute  
The Relationship between Serum Vitamin D Levels and NASH Severity

Aimee L. Lucas, MD  
Columbia University Medical Center  
Clinical and Pathologic Characteristics of BRCA1 and BRCA2 Associated Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

Pratima Sharma, MD  
University of Michigan  
Hospitalization Rates among Liver Transplant Recipients

Harminder Singh, MD, MPH, FACP  
University of Manitoba  
Academic Performance among Children With IBD: A Population-Based Study

Yasmin M. Thanavala, PhD  
State University of New York at Buffalo, Roswell Park Division  
Predictive and Prognostic Value of ERK2 Phosphorylation in Patients with Advanced Inoperable Hepatocellular Carcinoma Receiving Sorafenib
Each year, the College offers Clinical Research Awards of up to $35,000 for original clinical research. The mission of the ACG Clinical Research Awards program is to fund innovative research that is patient-care oriented.

### 2012 ACG Clinical Research Awards Pilot Projects

**Amit Bhatt, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
*Mass Spectrometric Profiling of Oxidized Lipid Products in Patients with Barrett’s Esophagus*

**Emily E. Carey, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
*Endothelial Function in Steatohepatitis Pre- and Post-treatment with Pentoxifylline*

**Priyanka Kanth, MD**  
University of Utah Health Care  
*Molecular Markers of Sporadic Serrated Colon Polyps*

**Tatyana Kushner, MD**  
Mount Sinai Medical Center  
*Determinants of Benefit-Risk Preferences of Women with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) for Maintenance Therapy during Pregnancy*

**Elizabeth Lusczak, PhD**  
University of Minnesota  
*Exploratory 1H-NMR-Based Metabolomic Signatures of ERCP-Induced Pancreatic Injury*

**Saurabh Mukewar, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
*Investigation of Etiopathogenesis of Nephrolithiasis in Patients with the Ileal Pouch*

**Udayakumar Navaneethan, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
*Role of Bile Acids in the Pathogenesis of Dysplasia/Colon Cancer in Patients with Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis and Ulcerative Colitis*

**Joao A. Paulo, PhD**  
Harvard Medical School  
*Alterations in the Secreted Protein Profile of Human Pancreatic Duct Cells (hPaDC) Cultured in Cigarette Smoke Toxin-Supplemented Media*

**Jennifer C. Price, MD**  
University of California, San Francisco  
*Factors Associated with Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study*

**Sweta Tandra, MD**  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
*A Very Low Calorie Diet (VLCD) in Obese Patients with Cirrhosis: A Pilot Study to Establish Safety*

### 2013 ACG Clinical Research Awards

**Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH**  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*Gene-Environment Interactions in the Development of Eosinophilic Esophagitis*

**Evan L. Fogel, MD**  
Indiana University Hospital  
*Rectal Indomethacin in the Prevention of Post-ERCP Pancreatitis in High-Risk Patients: Searching for the Optimal Dose. A Prospective, Randomized Trial*

**Berkeley Limketkai, MD**  
Johns Hopkins University  
*The Role of Vitamin D in Crohn’s Disease Pathogenesis*

**Lilias Maguire, MD**  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
*A Prospective Study of Vitamin D and Diverticulitis*

**Paresh P. Mehta, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic Foundation  
*Does the Use of Capnography in Routine EGD and Colonoscopy Targeting Moderate Sedation with a Benzodiazepine and Opioid Improve Safety? A Randomized Controlled Trial*

**Swati G. Patel, MD**  
University of Colorado  
*Real-Time Characterization of Colorectal Polyp Histology Using Narrow Band Imaging (NBI)*

**Laura M. Stinton, MD**  
University of California, San Diego  
*Serological Technologies and Profiles to Deliver Precision Diagnostics for Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients*
2013 ACG Clinical Research Awards Pilot Projects

Valerie Antoine-Gustave, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Investigating the Association of HMG Co-A Reductase Inhibitors (Statins) on Pancreatitis

Darwin L. Conwell, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Exploring MicroRNA Signatures in Focal Autoimmune Pancreatitis (AIP)

Heba N. Iskandar, MD
Washington University in St. Louis
Prospective Evaluation of Sleep in Crohn’s Disease Patients: Correlation of Actigraphy, Sleep Questionnaires and Melatonin with Disease Activity

Shikha Mangla, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Investigating Mast Cell Protease Expression in PPI Responsive Esophageal Eosinophilia versus PPI Non-Responsive Eosinophilic Esophagitis

Rawad Mounzer, MD
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
A Randomized Controlled Pilot Trial of Indomethacin in Acute Pancreatitis

Udayakumar Navaneethan, MD
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Biomarkers in Bile in Differentiating Cholangiocarcinoma and Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

Jasmine K. Zia, MD
University of Washington
An Exploratory Pilot Study: Determining the Feasibility and Usability of a Mobile Phone Application in Tracking Bowel Symptoms
2014 ACG Clinical Research Awards

Julian A. Abrams, MD
Columbia University
Proton Pump Inhibitors and Clostridium difficile Infection in Children

Darwin L. Conwell, MD
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Dietary Soy Isoflavones in Chronic Pancreatitis: Investigating the Anti-inflammatory Effects of Food Innovation Science on Gastrointestinal Disease

Siddharth Singh, MD
Mayo Clinic Rochester
Comparative-Effectiveness of Different Anti-Tumor Necrosis Factor-α Agents in the Management of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Puneeta Tandon, MD
University of Alberta
A Randomized Controlled Trial of Twelve Weeks of Home-Based Exercise Training in Patients with Child Pugh Class A and B Cirrhosis

Ajay Bansal, MD
Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the University of Kansas Medical Center
Circulating Exosomes and Their MicroRNA Profiles in Barrett’s Esophagus

Ma Somsouk, MD
University of California, San Francisco
Reconstitution of the Gut Microbiome to Reduce Systemic Inflammation During Treated HIV Infection

Sahil Mittal, MD
Baylor College of Medicine
Effectiveness of Antiviral Treatment for Chronic Hepatitis B Virus Infection

Leila Neshatian, MD
Mayo Clinic Rochester
The Effect of Ranolazine on Gastrointestinal Motor Function and Pain in Patients with Diarrhea Predominant Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS-D)

Jessica E. Ravikoff, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Investigation of Dysbiosis and Bile Salt Composition Associated With C. difficile Infection

Carole Macaron, MD
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Expression of Annexin A10 in Serrated Polyps May Predict the Development of Metachronous Neoplasia

2014 ACG Clinical Research Awards Pilot Projects

Rabindra R. Watson, MD
UCLA Medical Center
Effects of Endoscopic Transoral Outlet Reduction (TORe) on Body Weight, Oral Glucose Tolerance and Satiety in Patients with Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Failure and Weight Regain

Stefany Honigbaum, MD
Johns Hopkins
The Role of LOXL2 in Fibrosing Pediatric Lung and Liver Disease

Benjamin N. Stein, MD
Dartmouth Hitchcock
A Pilot, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial of Promethazine for Treatment of Diabetic Gastroparesis

Prachi S. Biyani, MD
Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals
Fecal Microbiota Transplantation for Treatment of Chronic Antibiotic Dependent Pouchitis

ACG2012” Smaller Programs” Clinical Research Awards

Allen Lee, MD
Fletcher Allen Health Care (University of Vermont)
A Pilot Study on the Efficacy and Safety of Olanzapine in Improving Symptoms and Gastric Motility in Gastroparesis

Mohamed Othman, MD
Texas Tech University at El Paso
A Prospective Study of the Risk of Bacteremia in Directed Cholangioscopic Examination of the Common Bile Duct

ACG2013” Smaller Programs” Clinical Research Awards

Paul A. Schmeltzer, MD
Carolinas Medical Center
Hepcidin and Iron Homeostasis in Erythropoietic Protoporphyria

ACG2014” Smaller Programs” Clinical Research Awards

Raluca Vrable, MD
Winthrop University Mineola, NY
Optimizing Inpatient Inflammatory Bowel Disease Management Through a Computerized Physician Order Entry System
The “ACG Scholars” Make Their Debut

Powerhouse of GI Talent Among Past ACG Junior Faculty Awardees

By any conventional metric, the ACG Junior Faculty Development program is a tremendously successful incubator of clinical research talent in gastroenterology. Established in 1997, this award has funded 47 recipients to date. All told, the College has committed in excess of $6.6 million dollars to this career development program.

A recent analysis of grantees from the Junior Faculty Development program demonstrated that more than 90 percent of awards resulted in peer-review publications, and that, most significantly, more than 90 percent of awardees had academic faculty appointments. A third of awardees are currently principal investigators on NIH grants, and six former awardees are center directors. The total peer-reviewed publications of this group is in excess of 500 papers. This productivity comes at a fraction of the per head cost of a typical NIH K23 grant.

In 2012, the Institute introduced the designation of “ACG Scholar” for past recipients of the ACG Junior Faculty Development Awards as a way to not only recognize the achievements of this group of investigators for their productivity and academic achievements, but also to create an identity for the recipients of this important award.

The vision for the ACG Scholars is to engage in professional development and networking opportunities among this group and to create the possibilities for mentoring younger awardees.

ACG Scholars Events at Annual Conferences in Las Vegas (2012) and San Diego (2013): A Community of Scholars

In 2012, the “Faculty Development Symposium and Networking Event” was held at the ACG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The ACG Scholars had the opportunity to gather with other previous Junior Faculty grantees in an event aimed at nurturing a community of clinical researchers. ACG Institute Director Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, welcomed the ACG Scholars to the event, which included the following presentations: “Negotiating Jobs—Should I Stay or Should I Go?” by Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACC; “Next Steps for Funding: An Introduction to NIH,” by Frank Hamilton, MD, MPH, MACG; “Scientific Writing—the ‘Coin of the Realm’” by Hashem B. El-Serag, MD, MPH, FACC; and “Getting Promoted—What I Need to Do” by Nicholas Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACC. The presentations were followed by an opportunity for the group to network and engage with members of the ACG Institute Board of Directors.

In San Diego, at the 2013 ACG Annual Meeting, the ACG Scholars again gathered for a session that featured scientific presentations, networking and a keynote address by ACG 2012-2013 President, Ronald J. Vender, MD, FACC. ACG Institute Director, Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, welcomed the ACG Scholars to this event. An introduction and overview was provided by Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACC, followed by presentations. Dr. Vender shared his insights on “The Future of GI.”

Recently funded investigators shared updates on their research with the group, including several who had papers at the ACG Annual Meeting that year: Evan S. Dhillon, MD, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (2008), Naim Alkhouri, MD, Cleveland Clinic Foundation (2013), Ajay Bansal, MD, University of Kansas (2009), N. Jewel Samadder, MD, Huntsman Cancer Center (2013), and Millie D. Long, MD, UNC-Chapel Hill (ACG Research Committee).
Finally, recent scholars brought abstracts they were working on for feedback and guidance from some of the more seasoned investigators in the group as well as members of the ACG Research Committee. The ACG Institute Board and ACG Research Committee participated in this event, including Research Committee Chair Brennan M.R. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACP, and ACG Vice President Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP. ACG Research Committee members who were present included: Jean-Paul Achkar, MD, FACP, Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, FACP, Gregory S. Cooper, MD, FACP, Millie D. Long, MD, Lisa L. Strate, MD, FACP, and Marcelo F. Vela, MD, MSCR, FACP. The ACG Institute Board of Directors was represented by Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACP, Eamonn M.M. Quigley, MD, FACP, and Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACP.

ACG Scholars

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Carlo Di Lorenzo, MD
Robert F. and Edgar T. Wolfe Foundation Endowed Chair in Pediatric Gastroenterology
Chief, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

G. Richard Locke III, MD, FACP
Professor of Medicine
Mayo Clinic Rochester

1998
Sapna Syngal, MD, MPH, FACP
Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School Director, Gastrointestinal Cancer Genetics Clinic Director, Gastroenterology, Brigham and Women’s Hospital Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH, FACP
Director of the Center for Liver Diseases
Inova Fairfax Hospital

1999
Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACP
Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
University of North Carolina School of Medicine

John M. Inadomi, MD, FACP
Cyrus E. Rubin Professor of Medicine and Head
Division of Gastroenterology
University of Washington

Chinny Su, MD
Senior Director, Global Innovative Pharma Medicines Development
Pfizer, Inc.

Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACP
David W. Crabb Professor of Medicine and Director
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Professor of Cellular and Integrative Physiology
Indiana University School of Medicine

2000
Yvonne Romero, MD, FACP
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Mayo Clinic Rochester

2001
Bo Shen, MD, FACP
The Ed and Joey Story Endowed Chair, Professor of Medicine
Cleveland Clinic/Department of Gastroenterology

Yuri Ann Saito-Loftus, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Mayo Clinic Rochester

2002
Deborah A. Fisher, MD, MHS, FACP
Associate Professor of Medicine
Duke University Health Services Research and Development Center
Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Kirti Shetty, MD, FACP
Director of Hepatology
Sidney Memorial Hospital
Associate Professor of Medicine
Johns Hopkins Medicine

2003
Yehuda Ringel, MD, FACP
Associate Professor of Medicine
Associate Director, UNC Center for Functional GI and Motility Disorders
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The ACG Scholars are a community of highly motivated clinical researchers identified and supported by the College. The objective is to create an enduring community of past recipients of the ACG Junior Faculty Development Award who will help mentor current ACG Scholars in their goal of becoming prominent clinical investigators. The program aims to further engage the ACG Scholars in the scientific life of the College on an ongoing basis in myriad ways: as a mentor, as a presenter at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting, and by showcasing their research contributions among their colleagues.
ACG Scholars: Contributions to 2012 & 2013 Annual Scientific Meetings

It is a great source of pride to the leadership of the ACG Institute that investigators funded as Junior Faculty Development Grantees dominate the oral plenary sessions at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting each year. Under the terms of the grant, awardees are encouraged to submit an abstract to the ACG Meeting. Submissions are rigorously reviewed and evaluated by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee, which selects fewer than 70 papers for oral presentation from the more than 2,000 abstracts submitted each year.

It is a testament to the talents of the investigators and the quality and relevance of their research that the findings of studies funded as ACG Junior Faculty Development Grants are presented in the oral session each year, often in the distinguished President’s Plenary session, a forum to showcase the best abstract in each organ system category.
Plenary Sessions: 2013 ACG Annual Scientific Meeting

Harminder Singh, MD, MPH, FACP
University of Manitoba
N. Jewel Samadder, MD, MSc
Huntsman Cancer Institute
Incidence of Colorectal Cancer after a Negative Colonoscopy

Naim Alikhouri, MD
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
The Evaluation of Hepatic Fibrosis Scores in Children with Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

Bechien U. Wu, MD
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center
Risk and Benefits of Surveillance Colonoscopy in Patients 75 and Older

Bo Shen, MD, FACP
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Treatment for CMV Infection in IBD Inpatients Does Not Change Clinical Outcomes

Ajay Bansal, MD
Kansas City Veteran Affairs Medical Center
Cecal Intubation Times with Colonoscopes Incorporating Passive Bending and High Force Transmission Technology: A Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial

Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH, FACP
Inova Fairfax Hospital
Sofosbuvir + Ribavirin with or without Peginterferon Is Well Tolerated and Associated with High SVR Rates: Integrated Results from Phase 3 Trials in HCV Genotype 1-6

Ponn V. Perumalswami, MD
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Novel Community-based Hepatitis B Screening Program among African Immigrants with Linkage to Care by a Culturally Targeted Patient Navigator

Prasad G. Iyer, MD, MS, FACP
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester
Influence of Reflux and Central Adiposity on Intercellular Space in Squamous Esophageal Epithelium

Evan S. Dellon, MD, MPH
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Esophageal Eosinophilia and Eosinophilic Esophagitis Are Increased in Rural Areas with Low Population Density: Results from a National Pathology Database

Alberto Rubio-Tapia, MD
Mayo Clinic, Rochester
Separate Duodenal Bulb Biopsies Increase Detection of Abnormal Histology but Do Not Increase Yield of Celiac Disease in All-comers to Endoscopy

Tyler Stevens, MD, FACP
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
A Model Based on Changes in Serum Amylase Levels During the First Two Days of Admission Predicts Severity of Acute Pancreatitis (AP)
A significant and longstanding priority for the ACG Institute is colorectal cancer prevention. In recent years, the ACG Institute has funded four RFAs on critical topics to improve colorectal cancer detection as well as the quality of colonoscopy as a screening modality, for a total of nearly half a million dollars. These RFAs have been offered as part of a larger Colorectal Cancer Prevention Action Plan inaugurated in 2005 during the ACG Presidency of Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG.

The foundation of the Action Plan is the ACG Institute’s conviction that clinical gastroenterology must take up the challenge to look closely at today’s preferred colorectal cancer prevention method, colonoscopy, and to make it even better, and to encourage development of new prevention strategies. Under the Action Plan, the ACG Institute has issued two RFAs, resulting in substantial awards of $363,000 in total to three investigators whose projects evaluate colonoscopy as a colorectal cancer screening methodology.

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Action Plan RFA

**Special RFA for Colorectal Cancer Prevention Research**

Multi-Center Randomized Trial of Chromocolonoscopy

With $100,000 in funding through the ACG Colorectal Cancer Prevention Action Plan, Dr. Charles Kahi and colleagues conducted a large, multi-center study that was the first randomized and prospective study utilizing chromocolonoscopy (with indigo carmine dye) in the United States. The researchers looked at high-definition chromocolonoscopy and whether it increased overall adenoma detection or yielded any increase in detection of flat adenoma and small adenoma compared with high-definition white light colonoscopy.

New or Missed Colorectal Cancer After Colonoscopy

The goal of Dr. Linda Rabeneck’s research funded through the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Action Plan was to investigate new or missed colorectal cancers after colonoscopy and their risk factors. Among patients with a new or missed colorectal cancer, the specific aim was to identify the contributing factors (e.g., missed lesion, incompletely removed lesion, cancer with DNA mismatch repair deficiency, and microsatellite instability.) Dr. Rabeneck conducted a population-based case-control study to address this specific aim. The cases are individuals with a new or missed colorectal cancer following colonoscopy. The controls are a random sample of individuals previously identified as having a detected colorectal cancer.
The foundation of the Action Plan is the ACG Institute’s conviction that clinical gastroenterology must take up the challenge to take a very close look at today’s preferred colorectal cancer prevention method, colonoscopy, and to make it even better, and to encourage development of new prevention strategies.

Colonoscopy Quality and Outcomes in Clinical Practice

Dr. Ko and her colleagues received a grant under the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Action Plan to examine measures of colonoscopy quality and outcomes, including procedure completion, polyp or cancer detection rates, and complications. Using Medicare claims data, their goal was to identify variables that may influence colonoscopy quality, which they believe have clear implications for optimizing the quality of colorectal cancer screening programs.

The Institute issued the final RFA in the series on Colorectal Cancer Prevention to support a one-year project of $125,000 “to promote research to better understand drivers of variation in colorectal cancer screening process and outcomes of care, and to employ these findings to ultimately improve detection of colorectal neoplasm.” The RFA specifically sought proposals to develop and validate educational tools or other methods that result in improved detection of colorectal neoplasia. In 2013, the ACG Institute presented a grant of $125,000 to a team of researchers led by Michael B. Wallace, MD, MPH, FACG, of Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville, for the Endoscopic Quality Improvement Project-2 (EQUIP-2) to Improve Adenoma Detection in Screening and Surveillance Colonoscopy validation study. EQUIP-2 seeks to evaluate the effectiveness of a quality improvement training program to improve adenoma detection in screening and surveillance colonoscopy. In the original study, EQUIP-1, a single-center study including 15 GI physicians was conducted, in which statistically significant improvement in adenoma detection rates (ADR) was observed after a training intervention of a series of 1-hour classes and ongoing monitoring and feedback. The aim of EQUIP-2 is to assess whether these findings will be validated in a larger, multi-center practice setting using GIQuIC, a national endoscopic quality database co-sponsored by ACG and ASGE.
EDUCATION

ACG INSTITUTE’S EDUCATION MISSION

The ACG Institute has a direct impact on ACG members through the educational programs intended for them and through initiatives meant to raise public awareness of various GI disorders. On the patient education level, the Institute works to develop the best education base for GI patients.

New Monograph:

ACG Evidence-Based Systematic Review on Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Chronic Idiopathic Constipation

Systematic Review on the Management of IBS and CIC (AJG 2014)

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and chronic idiopathic constipation (CIC) are two of the most common functional gastrointestinal disorders worldwide, impacting anywhere from 5 to 15 percent of the global population. These conditions affect more than 30 million Americans and are among the most common gastrointestinal disorders treated by physicians. Although there has been an increase in the number of scientific studies of these conditions, they vary in quality, making it difficult for physicians to prioritize the best approaches for management.

The American College of Gastroenterology and the ACG Institute convened an expert physician panel as the ACG Functional Bowel Disorders Task Force undertook a systematic review of trials evaluating medical therapies for IBS and CIC. The broad range of therapies included in this meta-analysis runs the gamut from prebiotics, probiotics and antibiotics to pro-secretory agents, as well as fiber and laxatives. Therapeutic approaches including dietary manipulation and biofeedback are included in the review. The new systematic review substantially updates ACG’s 2009 monograph, “An Evidence-Based Systematic Review on the Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome” and the College’s 2005 monograph, “An Evidence-Based Position Statement on the Management of Chronic Constipation in North America.”

Clinical Relevance for the GI Practitioner

Eamonn M.M. Quigley, MD, FACG
Task Force Chair

“In order to evaluate the rapidly expanding research about IBS and CIC and to assess the evidence of efficacy of new IBS and constipation drugs, ACG sponsored an independent, systematic review, and all available studies were reviewed by the ACG Functional Bowel Disorders Task Force after a careful and systematic search of the literature in order to update the recommendations,” explained Eamonn M.M. Quigley, MD, FACG, who chaired the expert Task Force on Functional Bowel Disorders. “Studies meeting pre-specified criteria that were selected to minimize bias were examined in detail and summarized. When possible, results were combined by a formal meta-analysis to improve the reliability of conclusions.”

Publication as a Supplement to The American Journal of Gastroenterology

The quality of the evidence was graded by standard criteria and recommendations developed based on the quality of the evidence and additional factors such as risk, cost, and acceptability to patients. The College and the ACG Institute published the IBS/CIC monograph as a supplement to The American Journal of Gastroenterology in August 2014.

The new recommendations include updated information and expert assessments of traditional therapies for IBS and CIC, as well as a range of new treatment approaches, including evidence
on diet, probiotics, the non-absorbable antibiotic rifaximin, antidepressants, antispasmodics and peppermint oil, fiber, bulking agents and laxatives, antidiarrheals, including loperamide, the 5-HT_3 receptor antagonist alosetron, the 5-HT_4 (serotonin) receptor agonist tegaserod, the chloride channel activator lubiprostone, psychological therapies such as hypnotherapy and biofeedback, herbal preparations and acupuncture.

**Highlights of New Recommendations on IBS Therapies**

- Special elimination diets may be effective, but existing evidence is weak.
- Fiber may be helpful in relieving IBS symptoms; there is better evidence in support of an effect of psyllium than of bran for IBS.
- Prebiotics and synbiotics have insufficient evidence of effect in IBS.
- Probiotics improve global symptoms, bloating and flatulence in IBS.
- Rifaxamin, a poorly absorbed antibiotic, has moderate evidence in support of effectiveness in IBS with diarrhea.
- Linaclotide and lubiprostone have strong recommendations for IBS with constipation.
- There is better evidence than in the past to support the use of antidepressants and psychological therapies in IBS.

**Highlights of New Recommendations on CIC Therapies**

- Fiber supplements are given a strong recommendation for use in CIC.
- Laxatives, including polyethylene glycol (PEG), lactulose, sodium picosulfate and bisacodyl, have strong recommendations for the treatment of CIC.
- Prucalopride, lubiprostone and linaclotide have been given strong recommendations for treatment of CIC.

**ACG Task Force on Functional Bowel Disorders**

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*Dr. Moayyedi conducted systematic reviews with support from Alexander C. Ford, MD, ChB, MD, FRCP, and carried out the technical analyses of the data independent of the Task Force.

“This new meta-analysis of the literature on the management of IBS and chronic idiopathic constipation offers physicians scientifically-based guidance to make clinical decisions about these conditions based on a thorough assessment of the evidence,” commented Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACG, who is also a member of the ACG Functional Bowel Disorders Task Force.

Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACG
To achieve the best outcomes for hepatitis C treatment, physicians and their allied health colleagues must adapt their clinical approaches to address the complexities of clinical management. Given the challenging realities of patient management for HCV therapy, with its intensive evaluation and consultation and frequent follow-up monitoring and physician office visits, the ACG Institute aims to help GI practices coordinate care effectively, promote adherence to therapy, and ultimately optimize sustained viral response to HCV therapy. There is a tremendous unmet need for training those allied health professionals who play an important role in supporting GI physicians and providing care for patients with hepatitis C. To meet these significant challenges, the College sent GI practitioners and the mid-level providers on their staff back to school—to ACG’s Hepatitis School.

In 2013, ACG’s Hepatitis School offered a day-long interactive educational program providing an immersion in hepatitis C management and a clinical update on new therapeutic modalities and approaches. The program focused on the epidemiology of hepatitis C, the 2013 CDC birth cohort screening guidelines, pre-treatment medical evaluation of the patient with hepatitis C, currently approved therapies for hepatitis C and the pipeline of new drug development for the treatment of hepatitis C. The faculty addressed identifying candidates for therapy, provided an excellent review of pre-treatment patient evaluation, and reviewed appropriate therapies for naïve and previously treated hepatitis C patients and their side effects.

ACG’s Hepatitis School—April 12, 2013, Washington, DC
Co-Course Directors David E. Bernstein, MD, FACP, Bruce A. Luxon, MD, PhD, FACP and Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH, FACP were joined by faculty Jorge L. Herrera, MD, FACP, James H. Lewis, MD, FACP, Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACP and Maly Tiev, NP for an engaging session. This sold out program was offered in conjunction with ACG’s Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course with unrestricted educational grant support from Vertex.

ACG’s Hepatitis School—December 6, 2013, Nashville, TN
David E. Bernstein, MD, FACP and Bruce A. Luxon, MD, PhD, FACP reprised their successful Hepatitis School program in Nashville for ACG’s Southern Regional Postgraduate Course, where they were joined by Jorge L. Herrera, MD, FACP, and Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACP. The audience learned about new therapies on the horizon and enjoyed an afternoon of interactive case presentations.

In September 2014, Hepatitis School will be offered in Chicago, in conjunction with ACG’s Women in GI Forum. Dr. Bernstein, Dr. Shiffman and Dr. Younossi are joined by new faculty member Nancy S. Reau, MD.

The landscape for hepatitis C therapies is evolving rapidly, and 2015 will feature ACG’s Hepatitis School in conjunction with three ACG Regional Postgraduate Courses: in January 2015 at the Western Regional Course in Las Vegas, NV; in June 2015 at ACG’s Eastern Regional Course in Boston, MA; and in December 2015 at ACG’s Southern Regional Course in Nashville, TN.

In collaboration with IC-HEP, three webcasts have been produced to bring clinical science from the major liver meetings to an audience of U.S. GI clinicians. In 2013, a webcast with highlights of EASL 2013 was moderated by Andrew J. Muir, MD, of Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Muir selected key abstracts and summarized new findings relevant for GI clinicians. Similar webcasts were produced in 2014 for AASLD with Dr. Kwo and EASL 2014 London with Dr. Younossi. Links to these programs were featured on the ACG web page. More information can be accessed at www.ic-hep.org.
The ACG Institute initiated the new Visiting Professor Network program, with Thomas M. Deas, Jr., MD, MS, MMM, FACG, presenting February 5-7, 2014 at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Deas served as the first Visiting Professor, providing valuable insight into the healthcare landscape and the utilization of health information technology to improve healthcare delivery. During his visit, Dr. Deas addressed fellows and faculty at Mayo Scottsdale on “Embracing the Future of Health Information Exchange and Intelligent Systems,” and “Achieving the Triple-Aim—the Role of Evolving Technology,” to the Phoenix GI Society.

The presentations provided insight into the potential of health technology systems to improve access to information, quality of care, reimbursement, and the changes and growth still needed to harness technology’s full impact on quality improvement. In addition, Dr. Deas discussed technology’s role in evolving GI practices with changes in reimbursement, increased complexity of care, and increased quality improvement requirements.

**Bringing Business Lessons to Academic Centers**

Dr. Deas is a noted speaker on improving care quality with health information technology and achieving efficient, high-quality gastroenterology practices. As Chief Medical Officer for Sandlot Solutions, he developed North Texas’ only health information exchange and has been an advocate for improving healthcare delivery through health information technology. He participated in the development of GIQuIC as a member of the Advisory Board from 2008-2012. Dr. Deas also served as the Board President of ASGE from May 2012-2013.

Dr. Francisco Ramirez, of Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, specifically requested Dr. Deas as a recognized national speaker to address several topics, including clinical practice efficiency and management, development and implementation of quality improvement programs, the role of health information technology in improving healthcare delivery, and the potential role of academic medicine in private practice.

The Visiting Professor Network continued its mission to bring national experts to GI training programs to bolster learning opportunities. On July 17, 2014 Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACG, presented at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Louisiana. Dr. Shaheen presented during grand rounds, followed by a teaching conference with fellows. LSU extended their hospitality, to include an informal dinner at the program director’s home, attended by faculty and fellows.

Dr. Shaheen’s presentation, “Can We Prevent Death from Esophageal Cancer?” provided a comprehensive discussion on esophageal cancer, its epidemiology, and detection methods. Topics covered included: trends and incidence of adenocarcinoma, screening and surveillance of Barrett’s esophagus, high grade and low grade dysplasia, indications for endoscopic interventions, GERD symptoms, non-endoscopic techniques such as sponges, and biomarkers. Dr. Shaheen addressed changes, studies, and new technology needed to improve the approach to preventing esophageal adenocarcinoma.

ACG Visiting Professor Network

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Access to Visiting Speakers at Smaller Programs

Providing access to visiting speakers, ACG’s Visiting Professor Network brought Dr. Shaheen, a leading expert in esophageal diseases to LSU. The population served at LSU is indigent (approximately 70 percent of the patients at the University Hospital are uninsured), and their program has eight fellows and eleven faculty members. The continued opportunity to bring leading GI experts to institutions is critical to ensuring the quality of care and meaningful exchange on current updates. Dr. Shaheen was able to provide exposure to the “eager, smart and scholarly” fellows at LSU to discussion of current GI issues, treatment guidelines, new developments, and needs in the area of esophageal diseases.

Dr. Shaheen, Associate Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina, and Director of the Center for Esophageal Diseases and Swallowing, provided insight into esophageal disorders and treatment guidelines. Dr. Shaheen performs extensive clinical and translational research on the esophagus, with a special emphasis on pre-cancerous and cancerous conditions. Additionally, he shared his interest in developing improved methods of detecting people who have these conditions before they present with symptoms. As member of the ACG, he has served as Chair of the Practice Parameters Committee from 2009-11 and Chair of the Research Committee from 2006-2009.

About the ACG Visiting Professor Network

The aim of ACG Institute’s Visiting Professor Network is to bring nationally recognized speakers as faculty for medical grand rounds presentations, to enhance the educational experience for GI fellows-in-training and to provide objective, timely and clinically relevant presentations to GI physicians in the community. At a time when financial pressures on hospitals and academic medical centers mean that resources are limited to fund visiting speakers, the ACG Institute sees an unmet need for a national speakers program in clinical gastroenterology. This initiative enables GI fellowship programs to feature high quality visiting professors to bolster the training program, and provides educational opportunities for local ACG members.

In 2014, the new Visiting Professor Program, sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from AstraZeneca, will host presentations at Cleveland Clinic with Brian E. Lacy, MD, PhD, FACG, on functional GI disorders, and at University of South Alabama with Paul Martin, MD, FACG, on liver disease.
LEADERSHIP

ACG Institute Leadership Initiative
Ongoing Support From Salix Breeds Stronger College Leaders

In 2009, the ACG Institute created a Leadership Initiative focused on developing programming opportunities and educational awards for current and future leaders within the College and clinical gastroenterology generally. One of the cornerstones of this larger initiative is the ACG/Salix Leadership Training Award. This award facilitates access to important leadership training and skills development that enables ACG leaders to become stronger participants in the world of clinical gastroenterology and in the life of the College.

This award provides an opportunity to enroll in a national executive leadership skills course at one of the nation’s leading business schools. The goal of this innovative program is to develop opportunities for current and future leaders within the College to sharpen their leadership skills or deepen their understanding of non-profit management.

Three classes of participants totaling more than forty key leaders within the College have taken time from their practices to participate in multi-day executive leadership training at top U.S. business schools, including Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management, University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business, Harvard Business School, University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business, Case Western Reserve’s Weatherhead School of Management, among others.

Enhancing the leadership skills of ACG physicians as part of the Institute’s longstanding Leadership Training Initiative has been possible thanks to a grant from Salix Pharmaceuticals, whose generous support has underwritten this innovative program.

In identifying candidates for these awards, the ACG Institute sought to include both current College leaders and those who are expected to advance within the organization and the field at large—the “up and coming” leaders of ACG.
ACG/SALIX LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Cultivating Excellence in Physician Leadership
A Program of the ACG Institute Leadership Initiative

2009-2010 Awards

Jean-Paul Ackhar, MD, FACG, ACG Research Committee, Past Chair, ACG Educational Affairs Committee, Staff Physician, Division of Digestive Diseases, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, attended Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University—Fall Fall 2010, Spring 2011

Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP, ACG Trustee, Chair, Finance and Budget Committee, FDA Committee, Past Chair, Educational Affairs Committee, Director, Center for Colon Polyps & Cancer, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, attended Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University—Fall 2010, Spring 2011

Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACP, Past Chair, ACG Public Relations Committee, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of South Alabama, attended Darden School of Business, University of Virginia—Spring 2010

Lin Chang, MD, FACP, ACG Trustee, Publications Committee, Co-Editor, The American Journal of Gastroenterology, Professor of Medicine, Director of GI Physiology Lab, University of Michigan, attended Harvard Business School—Spring 2010

Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACP, ACG Past President, Nominating Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, Gastroenterology Consultants of San Antonio, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania—Fall 2009

Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACP, ACG Finance and Budget Committee, Institute Board of Directors, Associate Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic Rochester MN, attended Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University—Fall 2009

Philip O. Katz, MD, FACP, ACG Past President, ACG Educational Affairs Committee, Professional Issues Committee, Chairman, Division of Gastroenterology, Albert Einstein Medical Center, attended Harvard Business School—Spring 2011

Sami A. Shah, MD, FACP, ACG Trustee, Awards Committee, Past Chair, ACG Board of Governors, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Warren Alpert School of Medicine, Brown University, attended Harvard Business School—Fall 2009

Brennan M. R. Spiegel, MD, MShS, FACP, Chair, ACG Research Committee, Institute Board of Directors, Assistant Professor of Medicine VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, attended UCLA Anderson School of Management — Fall 2010

Anne C. Travis, MD, FACP, ACG Patient Care Committee, Past Chair, ACG Women in GI Committee, Associate Director GI Fellowship Program, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, attended Stanford Graduate School of Business, Executive Program for Women Leaders—May 2010

Ronald J. Vender, MD, FACP, ACG Trustee, Chair, Nominating Committee, Immediate Past President of Trustees, Chief Medical Officer, Yale Medical Group, Yale University School of Medicine, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania—Spring 2010

2011 Awards

Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSCE, FACP, ACG Trustee, Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Health Care Policy, Mayo Clinic, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania—December 2011

Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACP, Chair, Board of Governors, ACG Trustee, FDA Committee, Charlottesville Gastroenterology Associates, attended Harvard Business School, Non-Profit Excellence—October 2012

Irving M. Pike, MD, FACP, Secretary, ACG Board of Trustees, Credentials Committee, Director and President, GiQuIC, Chief Medical Officer, John Muir Health System, attended Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University—Fall 2012

Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACP, ACG Trustee, Director, GiQuIC, Director, Division of Gastroenterology, NYU Langone Medical Center, attended Harvard Business School, Non-Profit Excellence—November 2011

Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACP, ACG President, Digestive Health Associates of Texas, attended Kellogg School of Management—September 2011

Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACP, ACG Past President, ACG Trustee, Nominating Committee, Program Director, Gastroenterology Fellowship, Baylor University Medical Center, attended Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University, Introduction to Emotional Intelligence—Spring 2011


Fritz Francois, MD, FACP, Past Chair, ACG Committee on Minority Affairs and Cultural Diversity, Associate Professor, Chief of Medicine at Tisch Hospital, New York University, attended AAMA Executive Development for Associate Deans and Department Chairs, Babson College—Fall 2011

Renee L. Young, MD, FACP, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, attended Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University—Fall 2011
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2013 Awards

Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG, ACG Governor, Educational Affairs Committee, Practice Parameters Committee, Training Committee, Associate Professor of Medicine, Director of Therapeutic Endoscopy, University of Utah School of Medicine, attended Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University, Introduction to Emotional Intelligence—September 2014

R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG, ACG Trustee, UHMP Gastroenterology Associates, attended Harvard Business School, Performance Measurement for Effective Management of Nonprofit Organizations—May 2014

Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG, ACG Trustee, Professor of Medicine and Cellular & Integrative Physiology, Indiana University School of Medicine, attending Cornell University, Certificate of Executive Leadership for Healthcare Professionals

Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, FACG, ACG Vice President, Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville, attended Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth University, Leadership and Strategic Impact—June 2014

Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACG, ACG Trustee, Clinical Director, Section of Gastroenterology, Boston Medical Center, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, The Leadership Journey—April 2015

Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, FACG, Chair, Practice Parameters Committee, Director, Clinical Research Program, GI Division, California Pacific Medical Center, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Leading and Managing People—September 2013

Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG, ACG Educational Affairs Committee, Training Committee, NYU School of Medicine, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania—April 2014

David J. Hass, MD, FACG, ACG National Affairs Committee, Training Committee, Gastroenterology Center of Connecticut, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Leading and Managing People—September 2013

Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACG, Vice Chair, ACG Board of Governors, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine, attended Harvard Business School, Performance Measurement for Effective Management of Nonprofit Organizations—May 2014

Marsha H. Kay, MD, FACG, Chair, Pediatrics Committee, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Department of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, The Leadership Journey—September 2014

Carroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG, Chair, National Affairs Committee, Credentials Committee, Gastroenterology Associates, P.A., attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, The Leadership Journey—May 2014

Jonathan A. Leighton, MD, FACG, Past Chair, Educational Affairs Committee, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, The Leadership Journey—May 2014

Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG, Chair, Women in GI Committee, Training Committee, Associate Professor, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, attended Harvard Business School, High Potentials Leadership Program—June 2014

Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, FACG, ACG Board of Governors, Educational Affairs Committee, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College, attending Stanford Graduate School of Business, Executive Program for Women Leaders—May 2015

Scott M. Tener, MD, MPH, FACG, ACG Trustee, Director, Medical Education and Research, Maimonides Medical Center, attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Leading and Managing People—December 2013

Marcelo F. Vela, MD, MSCR, FACG, Chair, ACG International Affairs Committee, Research Committee, Associate Professor, Mayo Clinic Scottsdale
ABOUT THE ACG INSTITUTE

The ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education fulfills a very important role in promoting the College’s commitment to clinical research and physician and patient education. The ACG Institute’s record to date is a source of pride, particularly its significant and growing support of young clinical investigators.

The ACG Institute has grown in the years since its introduction in 1994, both in terms of the breadth of its investment in clinical GI investigators and the scope of its activities, which now include the development of evidence-based systematic reviews and related clinical education for physicians and patients.

The Institute’s success is due in large part to the commitment and support of the ACG Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors, and all the members who have participated and continue to be part of the ACG Institute’s work.