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Virtual Press Briefings Feature Renowned GI Experts' Commentary, Real-Word Perspective on Key Science Presented at the American College of Gastroenterology's 79th Annual Meeting

New ACG Blog Offers Author Insights, Abstract Access, Breaking News

Philadelphia, PA (October 20, 2014)— In a series of virtual press briefings, renowned experts in the field of gastroenterology offer commentary and real word perspective on the key science presented this week at the American College of Gastroenterology's (ACG) 79th Annual Scientific Meeting in Philadelphia. More than 4,000 gastroenterologists, physicians and other health care professionals from around the world will convene at the Pennsylvania Convention Center to review and present the latest scientific advances in gastrointestinal research, treatment of digestive diseases and clinical practice management.

John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG, Chair of the ACG Educational Affairs Committee and Director of Endoscopy at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, offers his insight on ACG 2014's most groundbreaking research, educational sessions and must-see lectures in this <u>virtual press</u> <u>briefing</u>. <u>Listen now</u>

The most noteworthy abstracts in the areas of hepatitis C, inflammatory bowel disease, fecal microbiota transplantation for *Clostridium difficile*, drug-induced liver injury, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, as well as several case reports warning about the dangers of nutritional supplements are discussed in these <u>virtual press briefings</u>, which are available for instant access on the new <u>ACG Blog (http://acgblog.org)</u>.

Additional ACG 2014 abstract highlights with author insights are also available on the ACG Blog, such as increased incidence of young onset colorectal cancer, new data regarding Lynch syndrome and importance of screening, breath detection of potential biomarkers for IBS, risk of eosinophilic esophagitis in patients with celiac disease, and findings from a two-year safety study of patients on linaclotide.

Helpful Links on the ACG Blog

ACG 2014 Media Guide

Access Key Science and Author Insights by Category

Access Featured Sessions and Lectures by Category

Media Interview Requests:

Press room and video recording facilities will be available onsite. To arrange an interview with any ACG experts or abstract authors please contact Jacqueline Gaulin of ACG via email jgaulin@gi.org or by phone at 301-263-9000. From Sunday, October 19 - Wednesday, October 22, in ACG Press Room (Room 119A; Phone 215- 418-2358) at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

About the American College of Gastroenterology

Founded in 1932, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) is an organization with an international membership of more than 12,000 individuals from 80 countries. The College's vision is to be the pre-eminent professional organization that champions the evolving needs of clinicians in the delivery of high quality, evidence-based, and compassionate health care to gastroenterology patients. The mission of the College is to advance world-class care for patients with gastrointestinal disorders through excellence, innovation and advocacy in the areas of scientific investigation, education, prevention and treatment. www.gi.org. Visit the ACG Blog for all news, featured research and expert insights related to the annual scientific meeting. Follow ACG on Twitter and share your live updates #acg2014.

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