Awardees and Special Lecturers

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Over the last 79 years, the American College of Gastroenterology has developed a comprehensive program to acknowledge contributions made to the College and to GI patient care by outstanding individuals. Both the College’s Awards program and its special invited lectureships serve to recognize some of the leaders in the field of clinical gastroenterology.

For the most part, past and current awardees and special lecturers have made significant and lasting contributions to the profession of gastroenterology, as well as contributions to the quality of patient care that is available to persons afflicted with various GI conditions. Continuing a tradition started in 1993, all of our awardees will be recognized during events on Saturday and Monday evenings.

The Awards Committee solicits recommendations from the ACG membership for all awards. In May, the Awards Committee meets and develops its recommendations based upon those nominations and other recommendations that are received. In turn, the recommendations of the Awards Committee are discussed and acted upon by the ACG’s Board of Trustees. Similarly, invited guest lecturers are suggested by the President and the Director(s) of the Annual Postgraduate Course. The prospective nominees are evaluated both by the Educational Affairs Committee, and subsequently, by the entire Board of Trustees. The appreciation and admiration of one’s peers is one of life’s finest honors, and the caliber of the awardees and special guest lecturers that have been selected each year certainly reflects the highest level of quality in the GI field.

This brochure will serve to generate both a fuller awareness and appreciation by all ACG members of the contributions made by each of our awardees and lecturers. We hope you will join with the College’s Board and Officers, and the countless GI patients who have benefited from their service, in offering a hearty congratulations and thank you to this year’s honorees, whose careers and contributions are highlighted in the following pages.
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The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer

The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer, formerly known as The Stuart Lecturer, is a person prominent in gastroenterology or a related area. This individual is nominated by the President and the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This lectureship was established in recognition of the significant contributions made by J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG, to clinical gastroenterology during his long and distinguished clinical and academic career. A nationally and internationally renowned physician and teacher, Dr. Berk also served as ACG President from 1975-1976.

2014 Lecturer
Richard A. Kozarek, MD, FACG

GI and Endoscopic Training for the Future Gastroenterologist

Richard A. Kozarek, MD, FACG, completed his gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Arizona-Phoenix VA Medical Center in 1978. He has been a member of the Section of Gastroenterology at Virginia Mason Medical Center since 1983, serving as Chief of GI for 15 years and currently as the Executive Director of the Digestive Disease Institute at Virginia Mason, as well as Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington.

In a career spanning more than 30 years, Dr. Kozarek has contributed almost 400 scientific papers, invited reviews, editorials, and books to the medical literature on topics ranging from therapeutic endoscopy, inflammatory bowel diseases and practice economics.

He is a past president of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), and was the 2005 recipient of the ASGE’s highest honor, the Schindler Award. Dr. Kozarek is the President of the Society for Gastrointestinal Intervention and the President-Elect of the World Gastroenterology Organization (OMGE).
Past J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturers

2012  Mark Feldman, MD, FACC: Is Gastric Secretion Still Relevant?
2011  Seymour Katz, MD, MACG: Management of the Elderly IBD Patient: A Wake-Up Call
2010  Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG: Academic Mentoring
2009  Michael F. Sorrell, MD, FACC: Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist: Identical or Complementary?
2007  M. Brian Fennerty, MD, FACC: Alice in Wonderland: The Endoscopist of the Future and the Gastrointestinal Mucosa Through the “New” Looking Glass
2006  Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG: Eosinophilic Esophagitis: New Disease or Old Friend in Disguise
2005  Bruce R. Bacon, MD, FACC: Hereditary Hemochromatosis: What We Have Learned Since the Discovery of HFE
2004  Brian P. Saunders, MBBS, MD, MRCP: Colonoscopy in Evolution
2003  Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACC: Demystifying Motility: Gut Motor Dysfunction in Clinical Practice
2002  Roger Williams, CBE, MD: Improved Treatments for Decompensated Liver Disease Including Liver Support Devices
2001  Richard P. MacDermott, MD, FACC: Immunology and Therapy of IBD
2000  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: Patients’ Attitudes and Apprehensions About Endoscopy: Calming Troubled Waters
1999  Marcia Angell, MD: Evaluating Media Stories of Health Risk
1998  Kees Huibregtse, MD, PhD: The Endoscopic Approach to Benign Bile Duct Strictures and Leaks
1997  David L. Wingate, MD: Small Bowel Motility: Out of the Closet and into the Clinic
1996  Guido N. Tytgat, MD: Conditions Mimicking Crohn’s Disease
1995  David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: Peptic Ulcer Disease: The Rest of the Story
1994  Eugene R. Schiff, MD, MACG: Long Term Treatment of Chronic Viral C Hepatitis
1992  Willis Crocker Maddrey, MD, MACG: Chronic Liver Disease – 1992
1990  Vay Liang Go, MD: Brain-Gut Interaction: Relevance to Clinical Gastroenterology
1989  Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock: Liver Disease: The Next Decade
1988  Thomas Almy, MD (Hon.): The Gastroenterologist and the Graying of America
1987  John Fordtran, MD, FACC (Hon.): Recent Insights into the Pathogenesis of Chronic Diarrhea
1986  Henry D. Janowitz, MD, FACC: The Natural History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Therapeutic Decisions
1985 Norton J. Greenberger, MD, FACP: (Hon.): Pathophysiological Approach to the Patient with a Diarrheal Disorder
1984 Henri Sarles, MD: Management of Pain in Chronic Pancreatitis
1983 Denis P. Burkitt, MD: The Role of Fiber in the Prevention of Common Intestinal Disease
1982 Howard M. Spiro, MD, MACP: From Parsnips to Pomegranates – A Look Back at Gastroenterology
1981 Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, MACP: Clinical Perspectives of Gastric Secretion
1980 Charles E. Code, MD, FACP (Hon.): The InterDigestive Gastrointestinal Housekeeper
1979 Baruch S. Blumberg, MD, FACP (Hon.): The Relation Between HbsAG and Hepatic Carcinoma
1978 Charles S. Lieber, MD, FACP: Alcohol and the Liver – Progress Through 1978
1977 Joseph B. Kirshner, MD, FACP (Hon.): The Biomedical Problems Presented by Inflammatory Bowel Disease
1976 Basil C. Morson, MD, FACP (Hon.): Biopsy of the Colon and Rectum in Inflammatory Disease
1975 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACP (Hon.): What Should Distinguish a Gastroenterologist?
1974 Lloyd M. Nyhus, MD, FACP (Hon.): New Frontiers in Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer
1973 Henry L. Bockus, MD, FACP: (Hon.): The Doctor Image
1972 Henry Colcher, MD, MACP: Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 1972
1971 Irving M. Arias, MD, FACP (Hon.): Jaundice – 1972
1970 Hans Popper, MD, FACP (Hon.): The Problem of Hepatitis
1969 Richard Marshak, MD, FACP: Ulcerative Granulomas and Ischemic Colitis
1968 David A. Dreiling, MD, MACP: Basic Mechanism in Pancreatic Secretion
Emily Couric Memorial Lecturer

The Emily Couric Memorial Lecture was developed by the ACG, the Virginia Gastroenterological Society (VGS) and the Old Dominion Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (ODSGNA) to honor Virginia State Senator Emily Couric, who lost her battle with pancreatic cancer in October of 2001. Senator Couric was a strong advocate for healthcare issues, particularly in her instrumental work to pass the nation’s first legislation mandating health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening. The Emily Couric Lecturer is someone prominent in the field of GI cancer related topics. This individual is nominated by the President following consultation with the VGS and the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

2014 Lecturer
Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG

Cancer in IBD: The Colon and Beyond

Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG, completed a medical degree, with honors, at the University of Illinois in Chicago. His postdoctoral training included an internship and residency in internal medicine, as well as a fellowship in gastroenterology, at the University of Chicago. He rose through academic ranks to become Professor of Medicine and subsequently was awarded the Joseph B. Kirsner Chair in Medicine and was designated Chief of the Section of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition where he served from 2000-2014. He was recruited as the Medical Director of the Digestive Disease Center at Northwestern Medicine and is Professor of Medicine in the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine as of January 1, 2014.

Dr. Hanauer is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Gastroenterology, respectively. He holds membership in several professional societies and is a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Gastroenterological Association and the American College of Physicians. In connection with the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), Dr. Hanauer served as Chair for the Inflammation, Immunology, and Inflammatory Bowel Disease Section, subsequently also serving as Councilor for Clinical Research on the Governing Board and as Chair of the Clinical Practice Section. He is the current President-elect of the American College of Gastroenterology and a prior member of the Specialty Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Among his many honors, Dr. Hanauer received the AGA Fiterman Foundation Joseph B. Kirsner Award in Gastroenterology in 2001 and the Janssen Award for Clinical Excellence in 2004. He has served as a Member and
Chair of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Advisory Panel for Gastrointestinal Disorders and is a member and ex-Chairman of the International Organization for Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Dr. Hanauer has authored hundreds of peer-reviewed journal articles, books and book chapters, abstracts, monographs, and editorials. Dr. Hanauer is ex-Editor-in-Chief of *Nature Clinical Practice Gastroenterology & Hepatology* and currently serves as Associate Editor (IBD) of *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology*. He is also a member of the editorial boards of numerous journals, including the *American Journal of Gastroenterology* and *Inflammatory Bowel Diseases*.

**Past Emily Couric Memorial Lecturers**

2013  Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACP: *Can We Prevent Cancer in Barrett’s Esophagus?*

2012  Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP: *Optimizing the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Hereditary Colorectal Cancer*

2011  Robert H. Hawes, MD, FACP: *Current Diagnosis and Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas*

2010  David A. Johnson, MD, FACP: *Colon Cancer Screening: Evolution to Eradication...*

2009  Dennis J. Ahnen, MD: *The Adenoma-Carcinoma Sequence Revisited – Has the Era of Genetic Tailoring Finally Arrived?*

2008  Kenneth E. L. McColl, MD, FRSE: *Why has Adenocarcinoma Moved from the Stomach to the Esophagus and Where Does Sex Come In To It All?*

2007  Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG: *Pancreatic Cancer: Present Understanding and Future Prospects*

2006  Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACP: *What is Needed to Transform Colonoscopy into a Truly Protective Strategy Against Colorectal Cancer*
David Y. Graham Lecturer

The David Y. Graham Lecturer is a distinguished individual in the field of gastroenterology. The presenter is chosen by the President and is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This named lectureship was established in 2004 in recognition of the many contributions to clinical gastroenterology by David Y. Graham, MD, MACG. The lectureship was made possible through a donation by Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., and Meretek Diagnostics, Inc. Dr. Graham gave the inaugural presentation.

2014 Lecturer
Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG

Idiosyncratic Drug-induced Liver Injury: What Have We Learned in the Last Decade?

Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG, currently serves as David W. Crabb Professor of Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine and as the Director of its Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. He is a clinical hepatologist by training and in practice, and is board certified in internal medicine, gastroenterology and hepatology, and transplant hepatology CAQ.

He was educated at Andhra Loyola College in India (biology 1979-1981) and Kakatiya Medical College (MB, BS 1988), after which he served as an internal medical resident at Emory University in Atlanta (1991-1994). He followed with a fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at Emory (1994-1997). Subsequently he relocated to Indiana University School of Medicine where he remains to date.

He was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, 1993; received the Dupont Young Investigator’s Award, 1993; IUSM Young Investigator of the Year, 2002; American Society of Clinical Investigation, 2008. He has published over 200 original manuscripts and dozens of review articles and text book chapters. He serves as the Associate Editor for Gastroenterology and serves on the editorial boards of many other scientific journals. He is one of the founding PIs for the NIDDK-funded Drug Induced Liver Injury Network (DILIN), NIDDK-funded NASH Clinical Research Network and the NIAAA-funded Alcohol Hepatitis (TREAT) Consortium. In addition, he is the PI for an R01 grant and a K24 grant.

He has previously served the American College of Gastroenterology as a member of its Research Committee and Board of Governors. He is currently a Trustee of the ACG. His passion for scholarly pursuits was stimulated by his early mentors and role models (Drs. Thomas Boyer and Charles Wilcox) and subsequently encouraged and strengthened by his colleagues at IU (Drs. Imperiale, Rex, and Crabb).
Past David Y. Graham Lecturers

2013  Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACG: Leadership in Medicine 2013: Do We Need a New Approach?
2012  John S. Fordtran, MD, FACG: Factitious Disease
2011  Irving Waxman, MD, FACG: Endotherapy for Barrett’s Esophagus: Cure or Quagmire?
2010  Grace H. Elta, MD, FACG: GI Training: Where is it Headed?
2009  Peter J. Kahrilas, MD, FACG: Esophageal Motor Disorders in Terms of High Resolution Pressure Topography: What Has Changed?
2008  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: Colon Ischemia: Respice, Adspice, Prospice
2007  Walter L. Peterson, MD, FACG: Evidence-Based Medicine: What Does it Mean for Gastroenterology – Present and Future?
2006  Amnon Sonnenberg, MD, MSc, FACG: The “Incredibly Simple” Solution to the Cohort Phenomenon of Peptic Ulcer
2005  Francis K. L. Chan, MD, FACG: Use of NSAIDs In A COX-2 Restricted Environment
2004  David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: Helicobacter pylori and Gastric Cancer: The Problem – The Solution
David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education

The David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education was established by Mrs. Sun in memory of her husband. Dr. Sun died at the peak of his career. He was an outstanding gastroenterologist and investigator. The speaker, with a distinguished background in gastroenterology or an allied field, is chosen by the President and Course Directors of the Postgraduate Program subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2014 Lecturer
Thomas A. Scully, JD

The Cloudy Future for Physicians: Reimbursement and Practice Changes in the Post-ACA Era

Thomas A. Scully, JD, is a General Partner with Welsh, Carson, Anderson and Stowe (WCAS), a New York City Private Equity Firm that is the largest private equity investor in health care, and Senior Counsel with Alston & Bird, LLP where his law practice focuses on healthcare regulatory and legislative matters, as well as on advising clients on health policy and strategies for healthcare delivery.

Prior to joining WCAS and Alston & Bird, Mr. Scully was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate as the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration. He immediately changed the name to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), where he served from 2001 to 2004 and was instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation to reform the Medicare program and to add prescription drug coverage for beneficiaries.

Before joining CMS, he served numerous leadership roles including as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of American Hospitals (1995-2001), a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Patton Boggs, LLP (1993-1995), and a senior White House official in the first Bush Administration (Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (1992-93) and Associate Director of OMB for Human Resources, Veterans and Labor from (1989-92)).

Mr. Scully sits on the Board of Directors of Ardent Health Services, SHPS, Select Medical, Universal American and Solantic. In addition, he is on the Advisory Board of the George Bush Presidential Library, and the Executive Council of the Harvard School of Public Health. He previously served on the Boards of Oxford Health Plan (1993-2001) and DaVita Health (1999-2001).
Past David Sun Lecturers

2013 Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH: *Gastroenterology and Public Health in the Era of Health Reform* (Dr. Koh was unable to present his lecture. Dr. Ronald J. Vender presented on his behalf: *The Effective Clinician*)

2012 Douglas A. Drossman, MD, MACG: *Helping Your Patient by Helping Yourself: How to Improve the Patient-Physician Relationship*

2011 Gregory B. Haber, MD, FACG: *Challenges in ERCP: Lessons Learned*

2010 Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FACP: *Detente in the Therapy of GERD*

2009 Fergus Shanahan, MD, FACG: *Gut Microbes: From Bugs to Drugs*

2008 William J. Shanahan, MD, FACG: *The Future Direction of IBD Care*

2007 H. Worth Boyce, Jr., MD, FACG: *Esophageal Dilation: A Perspective of 45 Years of Experience: Pearl, Peril and Pitfalls*

2006 Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FACG: *Natural Orifice Transgastric Endoscopic Surgery: Dawn of a New Era*

2005 Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG: *Optimizing the Impact and Safety of Colonoscopy in Colon Cancer Prevention*

2004 Richard E. Sampliner, MD, FACG: *Current Controversies in Barrett’s Esophagus*

2003 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Superior Mesenteric Arterial Emboli and Acute Mesenteric Ischemia: An Update*

2002 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACG: *The Differential Diagnosis of Colitis*

2001 Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACG: *Chronic Diarrhea*

2000 Teresa Wright, MD: *Hepatitis C in the Next Decade*

1999 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG: *New Therapies for the Treatment of IBD*


1997 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG: *Alcoholic Liver Disease*

1996 Rodger Haggitt, MD, FACP: *Dysplasia in Ulcerative Colitis: A Twenty-Year Odyssey*


1994 Thomas Starzl, MD: *Gastrointestinal Organ Transplantation for the 1990’s: An Outcome Analysis. Can We Afford the Technology in the Era of Cost Containment?*

1993 Cyrus E. Rubin, MD, MACG: *Small Bowel Pathology*

1992 Peter B. Cotton, MD, FACG: *Malignant Obstructive Jaundice: A Real Challenge*

1991 Sum P. Lee, MD, FACG: *Pathophysiology of Gallstone Formation: Romancing the Stone*

1990 Marvin Sleisenger, MD: *GI Diseases in the Immunocompromised Host*

1989 Laszlo Safrany, MD, FACG: *Bile Ducts, Common Duct Stones, and Pancreatitis*

1988 Scott J. Boley, MD: *Colon Ischemia: The First Twenty-Five Years*

1987 William Y. Chey, MD, FACG: *Ulcerogenic Tumor Syndrome in 1987*

1986 David H. Van Thiel, MD, FACG: *Liver Transplant – The Role of the Gastroenterologist*

1985 James W. Freston, MD, FACG: *The Therapy of Peptic Ulcer Disease: Where Are We?*

1984 Henri Sarles, MD: *Pathogenesis of Alcoholic Chronic Pancreatitis – A Secretary Concept*

1983 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACG: *The Clinical Trial*
Past David Sun Lecturers, continued

1982    Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG: *Surveillance of GI Cancer*
1981    Paul D. Webster, III, MD, FACP: *Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis*
1980    Paul Sherlock, MD, FACP: *Current Concepts of the Epidemiology and Etiology of Colorectal Cancer*
1979    I. N. Marks, MD, FACP: *Crossroads in Peptic Ulcer Therapy*
1978    Rosalyn S. Yalow, PhD: *Radioimmunoassay in Gastroenterology*
1977    J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG: *New Dimensions in the Laboratory Diagnosis of Pancreatic Disease*
The **American Journal of Gastroenterology** Lecturer

The *American Journal of Gastroenterology* lecture was established in 2003 to provide a forum for the Editors of the College's flagship scientific publication to select a key scientific topic for debate based on their evaluation of key controversies in clinical gastroenterology.

**2014 Lecturer**

**Charles N. Bernstein, MD, FACG**

*Treatment of IBD: Where We Are and Where We Are Going*

Dr. Charles N. Bernstein, MD, FACG, received his MD from the University of Manitoba in 1985 and was certified in internal medicine in 1989 (FRCPC and ABIM) at the University of Manitoba and in Gastroenterology in 1991 (FRCPC and ABIM) at UCLA. He held a faculty position at UCLA from 1991-1993 until taking a position at the University of Manitoba in 1993.

He is currently a Professor of Medicine and Head, Section of Gastroenterology at the University of Manitoba as well as Director of the University of Manitoba Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinical and Research Centre.

From 2003-2008 he was Director of the University of Manitoba fellowship training program in gastroenterology. He has been the Scientific Secretary of the International Organization for the study of IBD since 2007. His main research interests are in exploring predictors of clinical outcomes and disease etiology in inflammatory bowel disease. He has had continuous grant support from the CIHR and the preceding national research funding bodies (formerly NHRDP and MRC). He has been continuously funded by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) since 1995. He held an investigator award with CIHR from 2001-2006. From 2001-2006 he held one of the inaugural CCFC Research Scientist Awards. His award was renewed from 2006-2011. In 2008, he was elected into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In April 2009, he was named the inaugural Bingham Chair in Gastroenterology at the University of Manitoba.
Past American Journal of Gastroenterology Lecturers

2013 Stephen M. Collins, MBBS and David T. Rubin, MD, FACG: *The Emerging Role of the Microbiome in the Pathogenesis and Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

2012 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Fecal Transplantation for Persistent C. difficile Infection*

2011 Professor Peter Gibson: *Food Choice as a Key Management Strategy for Functional Gastrointestinal Symptoms*

2010 Douglas A. Drossman, MD, MACG: *Abuse, Trauma and GI Symptoms: Is There a Link?*

2009 Loren A. Laine, MD, FACG: *PPI-Clopidogrel Interaction: Fact or Fiction?*

2008 Christopher C. Thompson, MD, FACG and Michael Sarr, MD: *Endoscopic Management of Obesity and Reoperative Bariatric Surgery: When to and Not to*

2007 Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FACG and Jeffrey L. Ponsky, MD, FACG: *NOTES: Just Because We Can, Should We?*

2006 Gregory S. Cooper, MD, FACG, David A. Johnson, MD, FACG and Robert E. Schoen, MD, FACG: *Colon Cancer Screening: When to Start and When to Stop*

2005 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG and William J. Sandborn, MD, FACG: *Steriod-Refractory Severe Acute Ulcerative Colitis: Infliximab or Cyclosporine*

2004 Arthur Boudreaux, MD, Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG and Gregory Zuccaro Jr., MD, FACG: *The Use of Anesthesia in Endoscopy – A Critical Examination*

2003 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG and Jay Goldstein, MD, FACG: *Emerging Data on NSAIDs, GI Complications and Implications for Your Practice*
Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

The Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award, formerly the ACG Clinical Achievement Award, is presented to not more than one Member/Fellow of the College in any year and is made in recognition of distinguished contributions to clinical gastroenterology over a significant period of time. Specific criteria include, in addition to a career of distinguished clinical practice of gastroenterology, contributions in patient care, clinical science, clinical education, technological innovation, and public and community service.

2014 Recipient
Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG

This year, the College bestows the prestigious Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award upon Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in recognition of his clinical acumen, expertise in esophageal disease, and a lifetime portfolio of selfless dedication to patients, the GI community, and to the betterment of the American College of Gastroenterology. Dr. Achkar dedicated his time and considerable leadership skills as Director of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education from 2004 to 2014. As he steps down after a decade of service, the College recognizes with thanks Dr. Achkar’s many contributions as a physician, educator and College leader.

Dr. Achkar graduated from Saint Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon. He trained at the Washington Hospital Center, Lahey Clinic Boston and Cleveland Clinic. After practicing for 5 years in his native Lebanon, he returned to the U.S. and joined the staff of the Cleveland Clinic. He served the institution most notably as Vice Chairman of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, member of the Board of Governors, Associate Chief of Staff and Vice Chairman of the Digestive Disease Institute. He retired in 2011 after 37 years of service and was appointed as senior consultant. During Dr. Achkar’s long career, he was lauded by his colleagues as an astute clinician, a critically constructive educator, research mentor and inspirational role model.

Dr. Achkar is an expert on esophageal diseases. He helped establish one of the first motility labs in the country. He has been recognized as one of the Best Doctors in America since 1996. He has published multiple articles and 2 editions of the book, Clinical Gastroenterology. He has served as Senior Associate Editor of the American Journal of Gastroenterology. He has participated in the training of multiple GI fellows and continues to mentor senior fellows in the practice of clinical gastroenterology. He has received twice the Senior Fellow Award for Excellence in Teaching.
By virtue of his insightful leadership, he brought the ACG Institute into its own financially, established an administrative structure, and worked to amend the ACG Bylaws in 2005 to reflect the stature of the ACG Institute within the organizational structure of the College. More significantly, he ensured that all of the Institute’s many endeavors contributed to the scientific life of the College and advanced the profession of gastroenterology.

Dr. Achkar was the driving force behind the many significant achievements of the ACG Institute, including a significant expansion of the clinical research program, new educational initiatives such as ACG Hepatitis School, a large three-part RFA for colorectal cancer prevention research which awarded a total of more than $500,000 to four investigators, publication of three evidence-based monographs, a new leadership training program, and above all an important investment in clinical GI research that will help define the future care GI physicians provide to patients with digestive diseases, with over $15 million awarded to date to support career development and clinical research in clinical gastroenterology. The College has benefited tremendously during Dr. Achkar’s tenure as Institute Director from his clear vision and wise counsel.

His other notable contributions to the life of the College include service as Chairman of the Educational Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and ACG President from 2001 to 2002. Dr. Achkar is a Master of the American College of Gastroenterology and Master of the American College of Physicians. He is the recipient of the Samuel S. Weiss Award for Outstanding Service to the ACG, the William D. Carey Award from the ACG Board of Governors and the Distinguished Clinician Award from the American Gastroenterological Association.
Past Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award Recipients

2013 Philip O. Katz, MD, FACG
2012 David A. Johnson, MD, FACG
2011 Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG
2010 Roy K. H. Wong, MD, FACG
2009 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
2008 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
2007 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
2006 Seymour Katz, MD, MACG
2005 David B. Sachar, MD, MACG
2004 Alvin M. Zfass, MD, MACG
2003 Arthur H. Aufses, MD, MACG
2002 Cyrus E. Rubin, MD, MACG
2001 Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG
2000 Bergein F. Overholt, MD, MACG
1999 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG
1998 Leslie H. Bernstein, MD, MACG
1997 Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG
1996 Burton I. Korelitz, MD, MACG
1995 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG
1994 Howard M. Spiro, MD, MACG
1993 F. Warren Nugent, MD, MACG
1992 Henry Janowitz, MD, FACP
1991 John T. Galambos, MD, MACG
1990 Leon Schiff, MD, FACP
1989 James L. A. Roth, MD, FACP
1988 J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG
1987 Leonidas Berry, MD, MACG
Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is bestowed upon an ACG Allied Health Member, Resident Member, Trainee Member, Member, Fellow, or Master who has initiated or has been involved in volunteer programs or has provided extensive volunteer service post-training. The service must have been performed on a completely voluntary basis and not for the completion of training or position requirements. Such service may include but is not limited to the following: Community educational programs (e.g., Colon Cancer awareness); working in free clinics; mentoring advocacy groups or local government committees; teaching in under-served schools related to health education; and political work on committees for comprehensive health insurance or other issues.

2014 Recipient
Timothy B. Gardner, MD, FACG

Timothy B. Gardner, MD, FACG, grew up in Newtown, Connecticut and graduated in 1995 with a BA in History from Dartmouth College. He received his MD degree from the University of Connecticut and completed his internal medicine residency, chief residency and gastroenterology fellowship at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He received advanced training in Clinical Pancreatology and advanced endoscopy at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. In 2013, he received a Masters degree in Clinical and Translational Research from the Dartmouth Institute. He is currently an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and the Director of Pancreatic Disorders, Co-director of the Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy Fellowship and Medical Director of the Islet Cell Transplant Program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. His main focus of research is the treatment of acute and chronic pancreatitis.

As Chief Medical Resident, Dr. Gardner co-founded the Good Neighbor Health Clinic in 2004. This clinic provides free medical care to the underserved in the Upper Connecticut River Valley (the large rural area that surrounds Dartmouth College and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center). At the start, he was the only physician staffing the clinic – he ran it with the assistance of Dartmouth medical students. In late 2007 he recruited another physician (also a gastroenterologist in his division) and then was joined by a third gastroenterologist in his division 3 years later. Over the last 7 years, the Good Neighbor clinic has grown and thrived, in part due to Dr. Gardner’s diligence, hard work, and enthusiasm. This clinic has provided exceptional medical care to hundreds of uninsured patients who otherwise would have gone without proper medical care.

Dr. Gardner has been a member of the American College of Gastroenterology since 2004. He has served on the Educational Affairs Committee since 2007 and is currently the Chair of the Self-Assessment Test Subcommittee.
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International Leadership Award

The International Leadership Award is given to a Fellow or Master of the ACG in recognition of outstanding and substantial contributions to gastroenterology, to the College and to the international gastroenterology community. Substantial contributions internationally may include, but are not limited to the following: The training of individuals from other countries who have gone on to become leaders in gastroenterology in their community; leadership in international organizations that has resulted in improvement in the care of patients; and participation in humanitarian efforts.

2014 Recipient

Henry Cohen, MD, FACG

Henry Cohen, MD, FACG, was born in Montevideo, Uruguay in 1954; he attended primary and secondary school at the French School, in Montevideo, a school that endowed him with a sound humanistic and cosmopolitan view of life and a number of long-lasting friends. He studied medicine at the National School of Medicine during hard times for the academia, as it was the only time in history when his country had to endure a military dictatorship. Henry graduated in 1981 and started his postgraduate studies at the Department of Gastroenterology, a field he would devote all his life to. As a young fellow, he was awarded two scholarships to Japan, where he specialized in abdominal ultrasound. He entered the academic career at the age of 28, and quickly made his way obtaining all his tenures through competition and merits, to be finally appointed Chair and Director of the Department of Gastroenterology in 2004, a position he still holds. At the time, he was also appointed President of the Uruguayan Society of Gastroenterology.

His interest in a range of topics concerning both patients and healthcare professionals led him to conduct and publish research on hydatic disease, GERD, H. pylori infection and radioprotection, to name but a few.

Especially worried for the progress of gastroenterology globally, he was entrusted a number of responsibilities at an international level, including the position of Secretary General of the Interamerican Association of Gastroenterology (AIGE) and a seat at ACG’s International Affairs Committee. His most active work, however, has been at the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO), where he was appointed as General Secretary, Treasurer and finally Vice President and President. He remains currently active as Past President of WGO. Within that organization, he has played a pivotal role in the training of gastroenterologists worldwide, especially by supporting the Training Centers and the Train the Trainers activities. Also as part of his work in the dissemination of GE, he was responsible for the organization of several courses and congresses, including the 2003 Pan-American Congress of Gastroenterology in Punta del Este, Uruguay.
Along his career he was awarded several recognitions both in his country and abroad, and is frequently invited to lecture across the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa. He has been a member of the editorial committees of multiple journals, including a position as associate editor of the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*. Henry is a member of honor of multiple GI societies across the Americas, and was declared Master of America’s GI by AIGE. In his country he is currently General Secretary of the National Academy of Medicine.

Henry has been married to Debora, an opera singer, for 35 years. They are proud of their two children, Pablo and Lucia, both journalists. Maria and Pabli, their respective couples, have further expanded the Cohen family, which Henry cherishes as his most precious achievement and source of love. Moreover, Henry’s deceased father has been permanently a source of inspiration, as have been his mother, brother and sister. Always grateful towards all those that enriched his professional life, Henry constantly expresses the wealth of knowledge and values he invariably received from his teachers, with whom he developed deep and meaningful relations, including Professors Waserstein, Kaufmann, Fosman and Zeballos in Uruguay, and later on Drs. Eamonn Quigley and Richard Kozarek, the pillars that supported his international work.

In keeping with the spirit that characterized his entire career, Henry’s plans for the future are far from over. His current endeavor lies in the implementation of the ECHO Project in Uruguay, with his friend Dr. Sanjeev Arora, seeking to demonopolize medical knowledge and democratize access to care in his country, regardless of the place where people live.

**Past International Leadership Award Recipients**

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Master of the American College of Gastroenterology

As a result of their recognized stature and achievement in clinical gastroenterology and/or teaching, and because of their contribution to the College in service, leadership, and education, the following individuals have been recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees for designation as Master.

We are proud to recognize them for their accomplishments and commitment to gastroenterology through clinical practice, education, research, leadership, and invaluable service to the College.

2014 Master Recipients

Jack A. Di Palma, MD, MACG
Fumiaki Ueno, MD, MACG
Jack A. Di Palma, MD, MACG, trained in medicine at New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York and did a residency in Internal Medicine at USAF Medical Center, Keesler, Biloxi, Mississippi. After completing his fellowship in gastroenterology at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, he served on their teaching faculty. In 1987, Dr. Di Palma established the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of South Alabama which he still directs.

Dr. Di Palma’s scholarly interests are in various areas of digestive disorders and physiology. He has contributed over 350 published articles, reviews, book chapters and abstracts. Dr. Di Palma directs the gastroenterology fellowship training program and the division is known for its teaching to medical students, residents, physician’s assistants and nurse practitioners. He was recognized as “Best Clinical Teacher” by the 1996 College of Medicine students and by “Best Doctors” in “Mobile/Baldwin counties,” “Alabama” and “America.” The USA Gastroenterology Division was voted the best clinical elective in 1998 by the medical students.

Dr. Di Palma is active in the gastroenterology associations and organized medicine. He served on the Board of Censors of the Medical Society of Mobile County and was the Chairman of the Mobile County Board of Health. Dr. Di Palma is the Past-President of the American College of Gastroenterology. He is currently the Treasurer of the Foundation Board of the World Gastroenterology Organization.

Dr. Di Palma’s special areas of interest: endoscopy, colonoscopy, colon and pancreatic cancer screening, constipation, irritable bowel syndrome, gastroesophagel reflux, lactose mal digestion, Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, diagnostic testing, computers in training and practice, adult education, capsule endoscopy and deep enteroscopy.
Fumiaki Ueno, MD, MACG, is the Distinguished Consultant at Ofuna Chuo Hospital, Kanagawa, Japan, Professor of Medicine at Tokai University School of Medicine, Kanagawa, Japan, as well as a Senior Consultant at the Center for Endoscopy, Keio University Hospital, Tokyo, Japan.

Dr. Ueno received his medical degree from Keio University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan. After training as an intern at the USAF Hospital, Tachikawa, Tokyo, Japan, he completed medical residency at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA. Subsequently, he accomplished a combined clinical-research fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at Tokai University School of Medicine, Kanagawa, Japan. He is board-certified in internal medicine (U.S. and Japan), in gastroenterology (Japan), and in gastrointestinal endoscopy (Japan).

In his early years, Dr. Ueno’s clinical and research interests were broad, but he later devoted himself in the practice and research of intestinal disorders, particularly inflammatory bowel disease. He has been a board member of the Research Committee for Investigations and Studies on Refractory Inflammatory Bowel Disorders supported by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Welfare and Labor since 2004, and a core member of numerous committees in this field, nationally and internationally. He has been the Chair of the Committee of Guidelines Development for Inflammatory Bowel Disease by the National Ministry of Health, Welfare and Labor and the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology since 2007. He is also a renowned leader of Evidence Based Medicine, and served as the editor of many medical journals and textbooks. He is first author on over two hundred publications and is regularly invited to speak at national and regional meetings.

Dr. Ueno was directly elected to Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology in 1998. He was a member of the International Relations Committee, 2004-2010 and served as the Chair from 2005-2008, during which time he eagerly worked on the affiliation with the Japanese Gastroenterological Association and ACG.

Dr. Ueno also actively participates in the American College of Physicians. He was the Vice President of the Japan Chapter of ACP, and worked as Japan Governor’s Representative from 2003-2011. He received the Laureate Award of ACP and was recognized as the Master of ACP in 2012. He is currently the Governor-elect of the Japan Chapter, holding more than one thousand members.

Dr. Ueno is a clinical/academic gastroenterologist who enjoys teaching younger colleagues and students at two medical schools and a major regional medical center. Although he is an expert endoscopist, he puts emphasis on clinical expertise at bedside. Recognition as Master of the ACG is a great honor for Dr. Ueno, and also for his colleagues and students.
Past Master Recipients

Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
James L. Achord, MD, MACG
Arthur H. Aufses, MD, MACG
Luis Balart, MD, MACG
Simmy Bank, MD, MACG
Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG
Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG
K. Orrin Barrow, MBBS, MACG
Ivan T. Beck, MD, MACG
Gerald Becker, MD, MACG
Robert L. Berger, MD, MACG
J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG
Harold Bernhard, MD, MACG
Leslie H. Bernstein, MD, MACG
Leonidas H. Berry, MD, MACG
H. Worth Boyce, Jr., MD, MACG
Eugene M. Bozymski, MD, MACG
S. Philip Bralow, MD, MACG
Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG
W. Scott Brooks, MD, MACG
William D. Carey, MD, MACG
Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG
Sarkis J. Chobanian, MD, MACG
Harris R. Clearfield, MD, MACG
Edwin M. Cohn, MD, MACG
Henry Colcher, MD, MACG
Juan R. Colon-Pagan, MD, MACG
Angelo E. Dagradi, MD, MACG
David Dreiling, MD, MACG
Douglas A. Drossman, MD, MACG
Sudhir K. Dutta, MD, MACG
Atilla Ertan, MD, MACG
Richard G. Farmer, MD, MACG
Sidney M. Fierst, MD, MACG
Warren Finkelstein, MD, MACG
Joseph F. Fitzgerald, MD, MACG
Ira L. Flax, MD, MACG
Martin H. Floch, MD, MACG
P. Gregory Foutch, DO, MACG
James T. Frakes, MD, MACG
Barbara B. Frank, MD, MACG
Gerald Friedman, MD, MACG
John T. Galambos, MD, MACG
Martin D. Gelfand, MD, MACG
Franz Goldstein, MD, MACG
David Y. Graham, MD, MACG
Victor W. Groisser, MD, MACG
Frank A. Hamilton, MD, MPH, MACG
Theodore Hersh, MD, MACG
Chesley Hines, MD, MACG
Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, MACG
Richard A. Hunt, MD, MACG
Walter H. Jacobs, MD, MACG
David A. Johnson, MD, MACG
Robyn G. Karlstadt, MD, MACG
Seymour Katz, MD, MACG
John J. Kelly, MD, MACG
James F. King, MD, MACG
Burton I. Korelitz, MD, MACG
Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG
Shiu-Kum Lam, MD, MACG
Eric R. Lee, MD, MACG
Sum P. Lee, MD, PhD, MACG
Suzanne Lemire, MD, MACG
Joseph W. Leung, MD, MACG
Myron Lewis, MD, MACG
Charles J. Lightdale, MD, MACG
Arthur E. Lindner, MD, MACG
Richard P. MacDermott, MD, MACG
Willis C. Maddrey, MD, MACG
Nirmal S. Mann, MD, MS, PhD, DSc, MACG
John McMahon, MD, MACG
Peter R. McNally, DO, MACG
George W. Meyer, MD, MACG
William A. Millhon, MD, MACG
H. Juergen Nord, MD, MACG
Timothy T. Nostrant, MD, MACG
F. Warren Nugent, MD, MACG
Bergein F. Overholt, MD, MACG
Joel F. Panish, MD, MACG
John P. Papp, MD, MACG
Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
Moses Paulson, MD, MACG
Daniel Pelot, MD, MACG
David A. Peura, MD, MACG
C. S. Pitchumoni, MD, MACG
Past Master Recipients, continued

John W. Popp, Jr., MD, MACG
Daniel H. Present, MD, MACG
Linda Rabeneck, MD, MACG
George B. Rankin, MD, MACG
Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG
Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
Arvey I. Rogers, MD, MACG
William S. Rosenthal, MD, MACG
David B. Sachar, MD, MACG
Michael A. Safdi, MD, MACG
Richard E. Sampliner, MD, MACG
Melvin Schapiro, MD, MACG
Eugene R. Schiff, MD, MACG
Edward S. Schneir, MD, MACG
Bernard M. Schuman, MD, MACG
Marvin M. Schuster, MD, MACG
Ashok N. Shah, MD, MACG
Jerome H. Siegel, MD, MACG
E. Marvin Sokol, MD, MACG
Mitchell A. Spellberg, MD, MACG
Howard Spiro, MD, MACG
Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG
Frederick Steigmann, MD, MACG
Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
Albert C. Svoboda, Jr., MD, MACG
Juan T. Tomasini, MD, MACG
Esther A. Torres, MD, MACG
Jorge E. Valenzuela, MD, MACG
Arnold Wald, MD, MACG
Joseph E. Walther, MD, MACG
Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG
Richard L. Wechsler, MD, MACG
C. Noel Williams, MD, MACG
David W. Williams, MD, MACG
Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG
Roy K. H. Wong, MD, MACG
Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
Alvin M. Zfass, MD, MACG
Minority Digestive Health Care Award

This ACG achievement award recognizes an ACG Member or Fellow whose work in the areas of clinical investigation or clinical practice has improved the digestive health of minorities or other underserved populations of the United States. These efforts can be shown by community outreach activities through clinical or educational programs, or research in an area of digestive disease that negatively impacts minority populations such as colorectal cancer, hepatitis B and C, cirrhosis and other GI cancers.

2014 Recipient
Fritz Francois, MD, MSc, FACG

Fritz Francois, MD, MSc, FACG, is a tenured Associate Professor of Medicine and Chief of Medicine at New York University Langone Medical Center in Manhattan, New York.

Dr. Francois earned a BA with commencement speaker honors from NYU College of Arts and Science and completed his medical degree at the NYU School of Medicine, where he stayed for internship, residency, chief residency, and gastroenterology fellowship. He is an academic gastroenterologist whose research interests include esophageal disease, H. pylori, Hepatitis C and colorectal cancer screening in minority populations.

Dr. Francois has been funded by the NIH, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the American College of Gastroenterology, and the University of Malaya. His many honors include five American Society for GI Endoscopy Diversity Minority Research awards, and in 2010 he was inducted in the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He was the recipient of the Academic Champion of Health Award from the National Medical Fellowships for his work with underserved minority students, and the Hospital for Joint Disease Frauenthal award for service to human health following the earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. In 2011, Dr. Francois was selected as the recipient of the NYU Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award.

As the Associate Dean for Diversity and Academic Affairs at the NYU School of Medicine, Dr. Francois led efforts to address health disparities through medical education. While serving as the national chair of the ACG Minority Affairs Committee he developed a summer research program to address health disparities in gastroenterology, and actively mentors underrepresented trainees. In 2013, Dr. Francois was selected for the New York University Distinguished Teaching Award.
Past Minority Digestive Health Care Award Recipients

2013    Frank A. Hamilton, MD, MPH, FACG
2008    Abbasi J. Akhtar, MD, FACG
2007    LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACG
Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH, is Professor of the Practice of Public Health Leadership and Director of the Leading Change Studio at the Harvard School of Public Health. From 2009-2014, Dr. Koh served as the 14th Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), after being nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. During that time he oversaw 12 core public health offices, including the Office of the Surgeon General and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, 10 Regional Health Offices across the nation, and 10 Presidential and Secretarial advisory committees. He also served as senior public health advisor to the Secretary. During his tenure, he championed the critical public health dimensions of the Affordable Care Act, promoted the enrollment of underserved populations into health insurance coverage and was the primary architect of landmark HHS Strategic Plans for tobacco control, health disparities and chronic hepatitis. He also led interdisciplinary implementation of Healthy People 2020 and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy as well as initiatives in a multitude of other areas, such as nutrition and physical activity (including HHS activities for the First Lady’s Let’s Move! Initiative), cancer control, adult immunization, environmental health and climate change, women’s health, adolescent health, Asian American and Pacific Islander health, behavioral health, health literacy, multiple chronic conditions, organ donation and epilepsy.

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ACG President’s Special Recognition Award

The ACG President’s Special Recognition Award is presented periodically to recognize outstanding contributions that have advanced public health, the practice of medicine, clinical science, patient care or the College. Recipients are chosen by the President and subject to the approval of the ACG Board of Trustees.

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Dr. Koh was Commissioner of Public Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1997-2003) after being appointed by Governor William Weld. As Commissioner, Dr. Koh led the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which included a wide range of health services, four hospitals, and a staff of more than 3,000 professionals. In this capacity, he emphasized the power of prevention and strengthened the state’s commitment to eliminating health disparities. During his service, the state saw advances in areas such as tobacco control, cancer screening, bioterrorism response after 9/11 and anthrax, health issues of the homeless, newborn screening, organ donation, suicide prevention and international public health partnerships.

Dr. Koh graduated from Yale College, where he was President of the Yale Glee Club, and the Yale University School of Medicine. He completed postgraduate training at Boston City Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, serving as chief resident in both hospitals. He has earned board certification in four medical fields: internal medicine, hematology, medical oncology, and dermatology, as well as a Master of Public Health degree from Boston University. At Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health, he was Professor of Dermatology, Medicine and Public Health as well as Director of Cancer Prevention and Control.

He has earned over 70 awards and honors for interdisciplinary accomplishments in medicine and public health, including the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award for National Service, the Distinguished Service Award from the American Cancer Society and four honorary degrees. President Bill Clinton appointed Dr. Koh as a member of the National Cancer Advisory Board (2000-2002). He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies. A past Chair of the Massachusetts Coalition for a Healthy Future (the group that pushed for the Commonwealth’s groundbreaking tobacco control initiative), Dr. Koh was named by the New England Division of the American Cancer Society as “one of the most influential persons in the fight against tobacco during the last 25 years.” He has also received the 2012 Champion Award from the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, the “Hero of Epilepsy” Award from the Epilepsy Foundation, and the Baruch S. Blumberg Prize from the Hepatitis B Foundation. He was named to the K100 (the 100 leading Korean Americans in the first century of Korean immigration to the United States), and has received the Boston University Distinguished Alumnus Award. He enjoys the distinction of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch on two different occasions: at Nationals Park in Washington DC on behalf of HHS (2011), and at Fenway Park where he was designated a “Medical All Star” by the Boston Red Sox (2003) in recognition of his national contributions to the field of early detection and prevention of melanoma.

Dr. Koh and his wife, Dr. Claudia Arrigg, are the proud parents of three adult children.
Samuel S. Weiss Award

The Samuel S. Weiss Award was established as a service award in commemoration of the founding father of the College, Samuel S. Weiss, whose efforts and initiative resulted in the establishment of the College in 1932. It is presented periodically, and not necessarily annually, to a Fellow of the College in recognition of outstanding career service to the American College of Gastroenterology. Nominations are solicited and reviewed by the Awards Committee and the recipients must be approved by the ACG Board of Trustees.

2014 Recipient
Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG

A nationally recognized leader in the field of gastroenterology, Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG has balanced family, teaching and research, and love of country. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Miami. He was selected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, graduating from the University of Miami School of Medicine, and later selected as a distinguished alumnus in the University of Miami School of Medicine Hall of Fame. He trained in internal medicine, and gastroenterology at the University of Miami-Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Miami VA Medical Center.

Dr. Barkin is Professor of Medicine, Oncology, and Pediatrics at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and served as Chief of Gastroenterology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, Florida. Dr. Barkin is a distinguished physician, dynamic educator and lecturer, innovator, and editor and author, having published over three hundred articles and chapters, and edited sixteen books in gastroenterology.

He has been active in the American College of Gastroenterology, and was President when he created the first Women in Gastroenterology Committee, and served on it until recently. Dr. Barkin has received the ACG Auxiliary Award for the Best Paper published at the ACG Annual Meeting. His initial office in the College was Treasurer, where he and the executive committee emphasized growing the membership and improving the financial stability of the College. He has been proud to participate in ACG meetings and Scientific Programs during his entire career, and was named Master of the American College of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Barkin has served as Governor of the American College of Physicians (ACP) and subsequent member of their Board of Trustees, and has been named a Master of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Barkin is also past President of Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology.
Dr. Barkin is a Major General (Ret.) in the United States Army Reserve. During his service, he received the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Distinguished Service Medal. General Barkin’s last assignment was Commanding General of the Third Medical Command in Atlanta, Georgia, where his responsibilities included coordinating the Army’s medical assets in Southwest Asia.

Jamie is married to his lifelong sweetheart, Faith Block, MD. Their son, Dr. Jodie Barkin, is a GI fellow currently, at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (also an ACG member, and current scientific presenter, and soon to be married to Dr. Heather Block). They are Jamie’s loves.

**Past Samuel S. Weiss Award Recipients**

2013    Jack A. Di Palma, MD, FACG  
2012    Martin H. Floch, MD, MACG  
2011    Frank L. Lanza, MD, FACG  
2008    Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG  
2006    William D. Carey, MD, MACG  
2005    David Y. Graham, MD, MACG  
2004    Edgar Achkar, MD, FACG  
2002    Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG  
2001    Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG  
2000    Seymour Katz, MD, MACG  
1998    Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, FACG  
1997    Arthur H. Aufses, Jr., MD, MACG  
1996    Arvey I. Rogers, MD, MACG  
1995    Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG  
1994    J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG  
1993    Arthur E. Lindner, MD, MACG  
1992    Franz Goldstein, MD, MACG  
1991    James L. Achord, MD, MACG  
1990    Robert L. Berger, MD, MACG  
1989    Angelo E. DaGradi, MD, MACG  
1987    Joseph E. Walther, MD, MACG  
1986    Richard L. Wechsler, MD, MACG  
1984    John P. Papp, MD, MACG  
1982    Daniel Weiss, BS, MA  
1980    David A. Dreiling, MD, MACG  
1978    Henry Colcher, MD, MACG  
1976    Murrel H. Kaplan, MD, FACG  
1974    Robert R. Bartunek, MD, FACG  
1972    Milton J. Matzner, MD, FACG
ACG Governors’ Awards

The following three awards, presented for the first time in 1996, are given by the Board of Governors in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the Board and to the College.

Freshman Governor’s Award

2014 Recipient
Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG

This award is presented to a Governor in the first term of service. Nominees must demonstrate a clear commitment to the Board through activities such as service on ad hoc committees, participation in local and state legislative efforts, correspondence with constituents, participation in regional meetings, speakers bureau or other special projects. Nominees must also show potential for future growth within the organization.

Past Freshman Governor’s Award Recipients

2013    Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, FACG
2012    David T. Rubin, MD, FACG
2011    Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
2010    Costas H. Kefalas, MD, FACG
2009    James S. Leavitt, MD, FACG
2008    Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACG
2007    March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
2006    Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
2005    Edward L. Cattau, Jr., MD, FACG
2004    Myron H. Brand, MD, FACG
2003    Samir Shah, MD, FACG
2002    R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2001    Jay J. Mamel, MD, FACG
2000    Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACG
1999    Massimo Crespi, MD, FACG
1998    Rashad Dabaghi, MD, FACG
1997    Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
1996    Peter F. Purcell, MD, FACG
Senior Governor's Award

2014 Recipient
Kenneth J. Chang, MD, FACG

This award is given to a Governor in the final term of service. Candidates must demonstrate a strong commitment of service to the Board of Governors through activities such as service on ad hoc committees, participation in local and state legislative efforts, national affairs, recruitment, correspondence with constituents, participation in regional meetings, speakers bureau or other special projects.

Past Senior Governor's Award Recipients

2013  David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG
2012  James S. Leavitt, MD, FACG
2011  March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
2010  John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG
2009  Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACG
2008  David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG
2007  Scott M. Tenner, MD, MPH, FACG
2006  Barbara B. Frank, MD, FACG
2005  R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2004  Joseph W. Leung, MD, FACG
2003  Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACG
2002  Martin D. Mark, MD, FACG
2001  Timothy J. Nostrand, MD, FACG
2000  J. Mark Lawson, MD, FACG
1999  Florian M. Cortese, MD, FACG
1998  William H. Hall, MD, FACG
1997  John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACG
1996  Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACG
The William D. Carey Award

2014 Recipient
Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG

Dr. William D. Carey was elected Governor for Northern Ohio in 1987 and served as Chairman of the Board of Governors from 1988-1990. He has served the College as Treasurer and Trustee, and has chaired numerous College Committees. Dr. Carey is the first Chairman of the Board of Governors to be elected as President of the American College of Gastroenterology (1993). In honor of his years of distinguished service and because of the example he has set for other Governors, an award is given in his name.

This award is reserved for an exceptional individual who has served the Board and the College with distinction. Nominees must show clear demonstration of outstanding contributions to the College such as service within leadership positions, participation in educational efforts, committee service or participation in research related activities. Governors serving their final term or those emeritus Governors who have completed service will be eligible to receive the award. Nominees must have a strong history of meritorious service to the Board of Governors.

Past William D. Carey Award Recipients

2013    David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG
2012    Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG
2011    W. Elwyn Lyles, MD, FACG
2010    Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
2009    Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACG
2008    Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
2007    R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2006    Roy K. H. Wong, MD, FACG
2005    Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACG
2004    John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACG
2003    Ronald J. Vender, MD, FACG
2002    Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG
2001    Jack A. Di Palma, MD, FACG
2000    Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACG
1999    P. Gregory Foutch, DO, FACG
1998    Luis A. Balart, MD, MACG
1997    Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
1996    Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACG
ACG International
GI Training Grant Awards
ACG International GI Training Grant Award

The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipient of the International GI Training Grant for 2014. This program, initiated in 1995, provides partial financial support to physicians outside the United States and Canada to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in selected medical training centers in North America. One grant of $10,000 has been awarded this year.

2014 Recipient

**Oriol Sendino-Garcia, MD**
*Barcelona, Spain*

Oriol Sendino-Garcia, MD, is from Barcelona, Spain and is currently working as a gastroenterologist at the Hospital Clinic in Barcelona. He plans to study interventional endoscopy at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, California under the direction of Drs. Kenneth Binmoeller and Janak Shah. This course of study will provide and improve Dr. Garcia’s skills in performing interventional techniques with specific focus on the technical aspects of the procedures, and will enable him to develop these techniques at his home center in Spain, with the goal of providing innovative quality care to his patients.

Past International GI Training Grant Award Recipients

- 2013  Salome Bandoh, MD, Ghana
- 2012  Wiriyaporn Ridtitid, MD, Thailand
- 2011  Nikhil Anil Nadkarni, MD, India
- 2010  Avelyn Kwok, MD, Australia
- 2009  Andres Duarte Rojo, MD, Mexico
- 2008  Ling Yi Zhang, MD, MS, China
- 2007  Ian Homer Y. Cua, MD, Philippines
- 2006  Alberto Rubio Tapia, MD, Mexico
- 2005  Aldo Javier Montano-Loza, MD, Mexico
- 2004  Ender Fakioglu, MD, Turkey
- 2003  Kyoto Ito, MD, Japan
- 2002  Ratha-korn Vilaichone, MD, Thailand
- 2001  Mohamed El Sadany, MD, Egypt
- 2000  Harshad C. Devarbhavi, MD, India
- 1999  Marko Duvnjak, MD, Croatia
- 1998  Eliza Maria de Brito, MD, Brazil
Past International GI Training Grant Award Recipients, continued

1997  Jan Gunnar Hattlebakk, MD, Norway
      Marisa Fonseca Magalhaes, MD, Brazil
      Sri Prakash Misra, MD, India

1996  Dervis Bandres, MD, Venezuela
      Orsolya I. Halmos, MD, Hungary
      Issa Marie Nigl Navarrete, MD, Mexico
      Rajko Ostojic, MD, Croatia
      Seren Ozenirler, MD, Turkey
      Shayong Yu, MD, China

1995  Lars Aabakken, MD, Norway
      Carlos Midrani Boyle, MD, Mexico
      I. Soykan, MD, Turkey
      J. Woo, MD, Korea
ACG North American International GI Training Grant Award

The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipient of the North American International GI Training Grant for 2014. This program provides partial financial support to U.S. and Canadian GI Fellows in training or GI Physicians who have completed their training within the last 5 years, to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology outside of North America. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited gastroenterology fellowship program or be a GI Physician who completed their training within the last 5 years, and must also be citizens of the United States or Canada. One grant of $10,000 has been awarded this year.

2014 Recipient
Akwi W. Asombang, MD
St. Louis, Missouri

Akwi Asombang, MD, is at the University of Missouri, School of Medicine and will be going to The Cancer Disease Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia to study and describe clinical characteristics of patients with pancreatic cancer in Zambia and compare trends to cases in the USA. This training will also provide additional information regarding etiology and risk factors of pancreatic cancer, and may increase the understanding of racial differences within the USA. In addition, it will also provide information about the clinic-pathologic features of pancreatic cancer in a native African population and can be compared to the American population. This data will be used to implement diagnostic protocols, management changes and raise awareness amongst both patients and healthcare providers.

Past North American International GI Training Grant Award Recipients

2013  Ryan J. Law, MD, Rochester, MN
2012  Hamed Khalili, MD, Boston, MA
2011  Amit Bhatt, MD, Cleveland, OH
2010  Jenny Sauk, MD, New York, NY
2009  Tonya Kaltenbach, MD, Palo Alto, CA
2008  Anna M. Buchner, MD, PhD, Jacksonville, FL
ACG Auxiliary Awards

These two awards are presented by the Auxiliary to the best scientific papers submitted by a physician-in-training and by a Fellow/Member of the College. The award recipients are selected by the Educational Affairs Committee.

2014 Recipients

Colonoscopy Is Associated With a Reduced Risk of Colon Cancer and Mortality in Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, MD, MPH,1 Andrew Cagan, BS,4 Tianxi Cai, PhD,3 Vivian Gainer, MS,4 Stanley Shaw, MD, PhD,1 Susanne Churchill, PhD,4 Elizabeth Karlsin, MD, MPH,2 Shawn Murphy, MD, PhD,1 Isaac Kohane, MD, PhD,2 Katherine Liao, MD, MPH2, Gastrointestinal Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA; Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA; Partners Healthcare, Boston, MA

Dronabinol Increases Pain Threshold in Non-cardiac Chest Pain: A Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Trial

Zubair Malik, MD,1 Levent Bayman, MSc,2 Jessica Valestine, BSc,2 Ron Schey, MD, FACP,1 Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA; University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA
ACG Clinical Vignette Awards

These two awards are given to the best posters in the Clinical Vignettes Section as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted for the ACG Annual Meeting.

2014 Recipients

**Enterocutaneous Fistula Plug Placement as a Successful Endoscopic Intervention for Management of a Refractory Gastrocutaneous Fistula**
Khadija Chaudrey, MD, John Maple, DO, FACP, Oklahoma University Health Science Center, Oklahoma City, OK

**Sofosbuvir Plus Simeprevir for the Treatment of Recurrent Hepatitis C With Fibrosing Cholestatic Hepatitis After Liver Transplantation**
Danny Issa, MD,1 Bijan Eghtesad, MD,2 Nizar Zein, MD, FACP,2 Naim Alkhouri, MD, FACP,2 Richard Adams, RN,2 Ibrahim Hanouneh, MD, FACP,2 Cleveland Clinic, Department of Internal Medicine Fairview Hospital, Cleveland, OH; Cleveland Clinic, Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland, OH
ACG Colorectal Cancer Prevention Awards

As part of the ACG Colorectal Cancer Action Plan, the abstract submission category of “Colorectal Cancer Prevention” was added for presentation at the Annual Meeting. The winners of this award were judged by the Educational Affairs Committee, with input from the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Scoring Subcommittee, as the top four submissions in this category.

2014 Recipients

Impact of Retroflexion Versus Second Forward View Examination of the Right Colon on Adenoma Detection: A Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial
Vladimir Kushnir, MD,1 Young Oh, MD,2 Thomas Hollander, BS,1 Chien-Huan Chen, MD, PhD,1 Gregory Sayuk, MD, MPH,1 Nicholas Davidson, MD, FACG,1 Daniel Mullady, MD,1 Faris Murad, MD,1 Noura Sharabash, MD,1 Eric Ruettgers, MSN, RN, ANP-BC,1 Themistocles Dassopoulos, MD,1 Jeffrey Easler, MD,1 C. Prakash Gyawali, MD, FACG,1 Steven Edmundowicz, MD,1 Dayna Early, MD, FACG,1 Gastroenterology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO; Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

Withdrawal Times, Adenoma Detection Rates, and Risk of Interval Colorectal Cancer
Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG,1 Thomas Rector, PhD,1 Timothy Church, PhD,2 Frank Lederle, MD,1 Adam Kim, MD,3 Jeffery Rank, MD,3 John Allen, MD,3 Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN; Minnesota Gastroenterology, PA, Minneapolis, MN

Colorectal Cancer Patients Have Higher Rates of Advanced Features in their Diminutive Adenomas Compared to Patients Undergoing Average-Risk Screening
Amoah Yeboah-Korang, MD, MPH, MSc, Philip Vutien, MD, Kateri Evans, MS, Michael Greenspan, MD, Sohrab Mobarhan, MD, Shriram Jakate, MD, Joshua Melson, MD, MPH, Internal Medicine, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Young-Onset Colorectal Cancer: A More Aggressive Disease on the Rise
Xi Zheng, MD, PhD, Heather Yeo, MD, MHS, Doron Betel, PhD, Manish Shah, MD, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY
ACG Fellow Awards

The ACG Fellow Awards are designated to the 10 best abstracts submitted by fellows-in-training, and are selected based on scientific merit. Winning papers are selected by the Educational Affairs Committee.

2014 Recipients

Risk Factors for In-Hospital Mortality Due To Esophageal Variceal Bleeding
Paul Chang, MD, Digestive Diseases Center, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Association of Mean Vitamin D Level With Clinical Status in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A 5-Year Prospective Study
Toufic Kabbani, MD, MPH, Claudia Ramos Rivers, MD, Jason Swoger, MD, MPH, FACG, Miguel Regueiro, MD, FACG, Arthur Barrie, MD, PHD, FACG, Marc Schwartz, MD, FACG, Jana Hashash, MD, FACG, Leonard Baidoo, MD, FACG, Michael Dunn, MD, FACG, David Binion, MD, FACG, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

C. difficile-Associated Risk of Death Score (CARDS): A Novel Risk Score to Predict Mortality Among Hospitalized Patients With C. difficile Infection
Zain Kassam, MD, MPH,1 Camila Cribb Fabersunne, MD/MPH Candidate,2 Mark Smith, PhD Candidate,1 Gilaad Kaplan, MD, MPH,3 Geoffrey Nguyen, MD, PhD,4 Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, MBBS, MPH,5 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA; Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada; University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada; Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Endoscopic Radiofrequency Energy Delivery to the Lower Esophageal Sphincter for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
Seth Lipka, MD,1 Ambuj Kumar, MD, MPH,2 Joel Richter, MD, FACG,3 Digestive Diseases and Nutrition, University of South Florida, Morsani College of Medicine, Tampa, FL; University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, Department of Medicine Division of Evidence Based Medicine and Outcomes Research, Tampa, FL; University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, Department of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition, Joy McCann Culverhouse Center for Swallowing Disorders, Tampa, FL

PELD and BALF Scores Demonstrate Similar Reliability for Predicting Acute on Chronic Liver Failure and Death in Biliary Atresia Patients
Thaddaeus May, MD,1 Charles Ho, MD,2 Jacob Smith, MD,2 Ross Pepper, MD,2 Jesal Shah, MD,2 Ross Shepherd, MD,1 Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; Rice University, Houston, TX
Capnographic Monitoring Does Not Improve Detection of Hypoxemia in Colonoscopy with Moderate Sedation: A Randomized, Controlled Trial
Paresh Mehta, MD, Gursimran Kochhar, MD, Mazen Albeldawi, MD, Brian Kirsh, MD, Maged Rizk, MD, Brian Putka, MD, Binu John, MD, Yinghong Wang, MD, MPH, Nicole Breslaw, RN, John Vargo, MD, MPH, FACC, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Analysis of Exhaled Volatile Organic Compounds Reveals New Biomarkers for Irritable Bowel Syndrome
Sophia Patel, MD,¹ Nishaben Patel, MD,¹ Vera Okwu, MD,¹ Ammar Matloob, MD,¹ David Grove, PhD,² Ellen Rome, MD,³ Raed Dweik, MD,² Naim Alkhouri, MD, FACC,¹ Pediatric GI, Cleveland Clinic Children’s, Cleveland, OH; Cleveland Clinic Respiratory Institute, Cleveland, OH; Cleveland Clinic Pediatric Department, Cleveland, OH

Postoperative Mortality for the Inflammatory Bowel Diseases: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Population-Based Studies
Sundeep Singh, MD,¹ Ahmed Al-Darmaki, MD,¹ Alexandra Frolkis, PhD,² Cynthia Seow, MD,¹ Yvette Leung, MD,¹ Kerri Novak, MD,¹ Subrata Ghosh, MD,¹ Remo Panaccione, MD,¹ Gilaad Kaplan, MD,¹ Division of Gastroenterology, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada; Department of Medicine, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Topographical Mapping in a Cohort of Patients with Gastric Intestinal Metaplasia
Manish Singla, MD,¹ Steven Armbruster, MD,¹ Nisha Shah, MD,¹ Molly Burman, BSN,¹ Corinne Maydonovitch, BS,¹ Patrick E. Young, MD, FACC,¹ Jayde Kurland, MD, FACC,² Scott Itzkowitz, DO, FACC,¹ Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Washington, DC; Gastrointestinal Associates, Lima, OH

The Clinical Characteristics of HLA Genotype DQ 2.2 in a United States Adult Celiac Disease Population
Richard Wu, MD, MPH, Stephanie Moleski, MD, C. Andrew Kistler, MD, PharmD, Beth Colombe, PhD, Anthony DiMarino, MD, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research

These five awards, supported by the ACG Board of Governors, are given to the best papers as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted.

2014 Recipients

Mode of Childbirth and Long-term Outcomes in Women With Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, MD, MPH, Andrew Cagan, BS, Vivian Gainer, MS, Tianxi Cai, PhD, Stanley Shaw, MD, PhD, Susanne Churchill, PhD, Elizabeth Karlsin, MD, MPH, Shawn Murphy, MD, PhD, Isaac Kohane, MD, PhD, Katherine Liao, MD, MPH, Gastrointestinal Unit, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA; Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA; Partners Healthcare, Boston, MA

Idiosyncratic Drug-Induced Liver Injury (DILI) in the United States: A Report of 1,257 Prospectively Enrolled Patients

Naga Chalasani, MD, FACG, Herbert Bonkovsky, MD, FACG, Robert Fontana, MD, Andrew Stolz, MD, Jay Talwalkar, MD, FACG, Rajender Reddy, MD, FACG, Paul Watkins, MD, Victor Navarro, MD, Huiman Barnhart, PhD, Jiezhun Gu, PhD, Jose Serrano, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; Carolinas Health Care System, Charlotte, NC; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; UT-Southwestern, Dallas, TX; University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA; Duke Clinical Research Institute, Durham, NC; NIDDK, Bethesda, MD

Statewide, Population-Based Lynch Syndrome Screening by Microsatellite Instability Testing in Colorectal Cancer Patients ≤ Age 50: Prevalence, Determinants of Testing and Timing of Result Availability in Relation to Surgery

Jordan Karlitz, MD, Mei-chin Hsieh, MSPH, Yong Liu, BS, Christine Blanton, MD, Beth Schmidt, MSPH, Meredith Sherrill, MD, Sanjay Sikka, MD, Giuseppe Gagliardi, MD, Xiao-Cheng Wu, MD, MPH, Vivien Chen, MPH, PhD, Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA; Louisiana Tumor Registry, School of Public Health, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA
Reduced Healthcare Utilization Achieved by a Multidisciplinary Behavioral Intervention for Adolescents With Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS): Four-Year Healthcare Utilization Data Including Diagnostic Imaging Studies, Number, and Nature of Healthcare Visits

Amir Kalani, MD, PhD,1 Meghan Gilroy, MD,3 Jessica Del Pozo, PhD,2 Tashia Orr, BSc,2 Michael Lawson, MD, PhD,2 Drexel University School of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine, Philadelphia, CA; Kaiser Permanente Sacramento, Division of Gastroenterology, Sacramento, CA; University of California at Davis, Division of Internal Medicine, Davis, CA

Mean Platelet Volume, Red Cell Distribution Width to Platelet Count Index, Globulin Platelet Index, and Twelve Other Simple Non-invasive Fibrosis Scores: How Much Do Routine Blood Tests Tell About Liver Fibrosis?

Ragesh Thandassery, MD DM,1 Anil John, MD DM MRCP,1 Madiha Soofi, MD,2 Syed Mohiuddin, MBBS,1 Mohammed Elbadri, MD,1 Saad Al Kaabi, MD,1 Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Medicine, Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar; Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar

ACG/Gutrunners Award

The ACG/Gutrunners Award is presented to one recipient selected from abstracts submitted in any category that relate to original clinical research in the area of prevention or treatment of digestive disorders through nutrition or exercise. The recipient is chosen by the Educational Affairs Committee.

2014 Recipient

Reduced Healthcare Utilization Achieved by a Multidisciplinary Behavioral Intervention for Adolescents With Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS): Four-Year Healthcare Utilization Data Including Diagnostic Imaging Studies, Number, and Nature of Healthcare Visits

Amir Kalani, MD, PhD,1 Meghan Gilroy, MD,3 Jessica Del Pozo, PhD,2 Tashia Orr, BSc,2 Michael Lawson, MD, PhD,2 Drexel University School of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine, Philadelphia, CA; Kaiser Permanente Sacramento, Division of Gastroenterology, Sacramento, CA; University of California at Davis, Division of Internal Medicine, Davis, CA
ACG IBD Research Awards

These five awards are given to the best papers by fellows in the Inflammatory Bowel Disease category as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted for the ACG Annual Meeting.

2014 Recipients

Impact of Immigration on Phenotype and Severity of Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Prospective Cohort Study of Hispanics in the United States

Nirupama Bonthala, MD, Jared Macklin, MD, Syeda Hamadani, MD, Mark Salem, MD, Rahel Demisse, MD, Beverly Chen, MD, Caroline Hwang, MD, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Significance of Sessile Serrated Lesions in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Whitney Jackson, MD,1 Jean-Paul Achkar, MD,1 Lee Lili, MD,2 Xiuli Liu, MD,2 Rish Pai, MD,2 Rocio Lopez, MS,2 Daniela Allende, MD,2 Cleveland Clinic, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Cleveland, OH; Cleveland Clinic, Department of Pathology, Cleveland, OH; Cleveland Clinic, Department of Quantitative Health Sciences, Cleveland, OH

Using Genetic Databases to Explore Biological Pathways in IBD and Its Extraintestinal Manifestations

Sachin Mohan, MD, PhD, Shaffer Mok, MD, MBS, Thomas Judge, MD, Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ

Substitution with Alternative Anti-TNF-α Therapy (SaVANT): Outcomes of a Crohn’s Disease Cohort Undergoing Substitution Therapy With Certolizumab

Andrew Motlis, MD, Avinash Aravantagi, MD, Moheb Boktor, MD, Ankur Sheth, MD, FACG, Kenneth Manas, MD, James Morris, MD, FACG, Paul Jordan, MD, FACG, Felix Becker, MD, PhD, Jonathan Alexander, PhD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine - Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Shreveport, LA

Updated Incidence and Prevalence of Crohn’s Disease and Ulcerative Colitis in Olmsted County, Minnesota (1970-2010)

Raina Shivashankar, MD, William Tremaine, MD, FACG, Scott Harmsen, MS, Alan Zinsmeister, PhD, Edward Loftus, MD, FACG, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
ACG International Award

The ACG International Award is presented to one recipient selected from oral papers on the basis of abstracts submitted in any category. The primary author must not be based in or be a citizen of the U.S. or Canada and all work must have been performed outside the U.S. and Canada. The award recipient is chosen by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

2014 Recipient

SVR12 of 99% Achieved With a Ribavirin-Free Regimen of ABT-450/r/Ombitasvir and Dasabuvir in HCV Genotype 1b-Infected Patients

Andreas Maieron, MD,1 Massimo Puoti, MD,2 Jeffrey Enejosa, MD,3 Ziv Ben-Ari, MD,4 Gunnar Norkrans, MD,5 Manuel Romero-Gomez, MD,6 Wangang Xie, PhD,3 Daniel Cohen, MD,3 Thomas Podsadecki, MD,3 Pietro Andreone, MD,7 Elisabeth Hospital, Linz, Austria; A.O. Ospedale Niguarda Ca Granda, Milan, Italy; AbbVie, Inc., North Chicago, IL; The Chaim Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer, Israel; Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Göteborg, Sweden; Hospital Universitario Nuestra Senora De Valme, Seville, Spain; Dept. of Medical and Surgical Sciences, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

ACG Lawlor Resident Award

The ACG Lawlor Resident Award is presented annually in memory of the late Edward Lawlor, an executive of SmithKline & French, who had a distinguished career of outstanding contributions to the ACG and the gastroenterology community at large. The recipient is selected on the basis of abstracts submitted by residents-in-training. Abstracts should relate to clinical or research oriented work in the field of gastroenterology. The recipient is chosen by the Educational Affairs Committee.

2014 Recipient

Impact of Small Bowel Imaging on the Histological Patterns of Small Bowel Tumors: Analysis With SEER Database

Felix Lui, MD,1 Richard Shaw, PhD,2 Lauren Gerson, MD,3 Internal Medicine, California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, CA; California Pacific Medical Center - Division of Clinical Informatics, San Francisco, CA; California Pacific Medical Center - Division of Gastroenterology, San Francisco, CA
ACG/Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award

This award, presented in conjunction with the ACG’s Women in Gastroenterology Committee and supported by Naomi Nakao, MD, ScD, FACG, is given to the best paper related to identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted.

2014 Recipient

Gender Differences in Research Productivity, Academic Rank, and Career Duration Among U.S. Academic Gastroenterology Faculty
Brintha Enestvedt, MD, MBA,1 Sarah Diamond, MD,1 Charles Thomas, MD,1 Sima Desai, MD,1 Reshma Jaggi, MD,2 Colleen Schmitt, MD,2 Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Galen Medical Group, Chattanooga, TN

ACG Obesity Award

The ACG Obesity Award is given to the best paper related to original clinical or basic science oriented work in the area of obesity as it impacts gastrointestinal diseases or treatments. The recipient is selected by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted.

2014 Recipient

Acute Pancreatitis (AP) in Post-bariatric Surgery (BRS) Status: Analysis of National Trends, Complications, and Outcomes 2007-2011
Somashekar Krishna, MD, MPH, Jennifer Behzadi, MD, Alice Hinton, PhD, Samer El-Dika, MD, Jeffery Groce, MD, Hisham Hussan, MD, Darwin Conwell, MD, MS, Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH
ACG/Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award

This award, presented in conjunction with the ACG’s Women in Gastroenterology Committee, is named in memory of Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG, and is given to the best paper related to identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted.

2014 Recipient

Celiac Disease in Women With Infertility: A Meta-Analysis

Prashant Singh, MBBS,1 Shubhangi Arora, MBBS,2 Tor Strand, PhD,3 Govind Makharia, DM,2 Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India; University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway
North American Conference of Gastroenterology Fellows

These three awards were presented during the North American Conference of Gastroenterology Fellows in March 2014. A total of 100 fellows submitted their research and 20 were invited to attend the conference and present their work. Of the 20 attendees, three fellows were recognized for the outstanding research presented in their abstracts and their presentations. The conference is sponsored by the ACG, is associated with the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, and is supported in part by an unrestricted educational grants from AbbVie.

2014 Recipients

**Access to Subspecialty Care Is Associated with Improved Survival in Patients with Liver Disease: An Analysis of the Veteran’s Administration VISN 11 Liver Disease Cohort**

Jessica Mellinger, MD,1 Stephanie Moser,2,3 Deborah E. Welsh,2,3 Heather McCurdy,3 Mina Rakoski, MD,1,3 Anne Sales, PhD,2,3,4 Richard Moseley, MD,1,3 Michael Volk, MD,1 Grace Su, MD,1,3 University of Michigan, VA Center for Clinical Management Research, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, School of Nursing University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Misdiagnosis Rate of Sessile Serrated Polyps at a Large Referral Center Including the Impact on Ongoing Polyp Surveillance**

Vito Cirigliano, DO, Michael E. Goldberg, DO, Ganesh R. Veerappan, MD, Jean D. Kemp, MD, Corinne Maydonovitch, Patrick E. Young, MD, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland

**Prevalence of IL23R and ATG16L1 Variants in Hispanics with Inflammatory Bowel Disease**

Nirupama Bonthala, MD, Caroline Hwang, MD, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California