

University of California-Irvine Bests Cleveland Clinic for ACG 2014 GI Jeopardy Championship

The two-man University of California-Irvine team of Ketan Shah, MD, and Matthew Chin, MD, won this year's GI Jeopardy Championship held during ACG's 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course in Philadelphia. The dynamic duo beat out last year's champions, Cleveland Clinic Foundation (represented by Bradley Confer, MD, and Jamak Modaresi Esfeh), as well as teams from Massachusetts General Hospital (Jay Luther, MD, and Daniel Motala, MD), National Capital Consortium (Manish Singal, MD, and Scott Cunningham, MD), and Ochsner Clinic Foundation (Jacob Karr, MD, and Robert Smith, MD).

Besides the coveted GI Jeopardy championship trophy, the winning team will receive \$1,000 toward travel expenses to the 2015 ACG Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Gear Up for Exciting 2015 GI Jeopardy Competition

Are you and your co-fellows up for a friendly competition among GI training programs across North America? Are you ready to bring the "GI Cup" home to your institution? It's not too early to gear up

for the next round of ACG's GI Jeopardy.

The competition consists of two stages: an online preliminary round where all GI programs are invited to compete and a final round where two-person teams from the five top-scoring programs will compete in front of a live audience on October 18th at the 2015 ACG Postgraduate Course in Hawaii. Travel expenses will be covered by ACG for the 5 finalist teams.

ACG has provided both your program director and coordinator with a unique access code for your training program. The test consists of 54 questions on a variety of GI diseases and organs. This online preliminary round is designed as a group session for the program's trainees. While there is no limit to the number of trainees who may participate in the group answering the online questions, the following two rules apply: (1) only fellows-in-training may participate; and (2) each training



(above) University of California-Irvine's team of Ketan Shah, MD, and Matthew Chin, MD, won this year's GI Jeopardy Championship. Ronald Szyjkowski, MD, FACP (at left) graciously serves as the emcee for the annual competition.

program's group will be permitted to take the test only one time. Programs will be ranked based on the number of correct answers and the time it takes to complete the test.

Watch your emails this coming summer when the official competition site will be open.

We hope your training program will participate in this fun and educational event. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Susano at 301-263-9000 or via email at msusano@gi.org. ACG

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you'll enjoy world-class entertainment, a dynamic nightlife, a gourmand's paradise, and some casino action.

Course Overview

ACG's one-day Hepatitis School will be offered on Friday, January 23, from 9:00 am – 4:15 pm.

Following the Hepatitis School, the Western Regional Postgraduate Course begins at 5:00 pm with a session on the Endoscopist's Lament, which will discuss commonly encountered negative endo-

scopic findings, management recommendations for patients with pancreatic cysts, and a wrap-up of endoscopic video case presentations.

On Saturday, January 24, sessions begin at 7:15 am, and include topics such as Foregut, Hindgut, and the GI Inpatient. A special lunch presentation on quality measurements will be offered. Following lunch, attendees can choose from a hands-on session or attend one of the Debates in GI.

Register for the Western Regional Course at
<http://gi.org/education-and-meetings/regional-meetings>

Sunday morning features a talk on ACG's guideline review and the impact of ACG guidelines on practice, plus a session titled Monday Morning Office Hours, which provide case presentations of common scenarios seen in practice.

Registration and housing for the 2015 ACG Western Regional Postgraduate Course is now open. Review the course brochure at <http://goo.gl/vshia0>. ACG