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Dr. Carol A. Burke Elected President of the American College of Gastroenterology

Las Vegas, NV, October 17, 2016—Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG, was elected by the membership as the 2016-2017 President of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), a national specialty association representing almost 14,000 clinical gastroenterologists and other specialists in digestive diseases. Dr. Burke officially takes her position as President during the College's 81st Annual Scientific Meeting, held this week in Las Vegas, Nevada. In this role, Dr. Burke will direct ACG's programs, which include continuing medical education in the clinical, scientific and patient-related skills of gastroenterology, policies involving national and state medical affairs, and clinical investigation.

Currently, Dr. Burke is Vice Chair of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and holds joint appointments in the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Colorectal Surgery and the Taussig Cancer Institute at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio, where she serves as Director of the Center for Colon Polyp and Cancer Prevention and Head of the Section of Polyposis in the Sanford R. Weiss, MD, Center for Hereditary Colorectal Neoplasia.

Her area of clinical and research interests includes the prevention of colorectal neoplasia both in sporadic individuals and those with the inherited colorectal cancer syndromes. Her research on the effects of chemopreventive agents on the prevention of intestinal neoplasia has been funded by the National Cancer Institute, the National Institutes of Health, and the ACG, among others.

She is the Co-Director of the multi-disciplinary Hereditary Cancer Clinic and provides consultations including risk assessment, and endoscopic evaluation and treatment for individuals with a hereditary predisposition to cancer. She has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed publications and numerous other books and teaching materials. Dr. Burke has been involved in the education of medical students, residents and fellows since 1991 and has developed and coordinated the digestive disease curriculum for trainees in the inpatient and outpatient setting.

Dr. Burke completed medical school at the Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health, and residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital, both in Columbus, Ohio. She completed her Gastroenterology Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in 1993 and has been on the professional staff since that time. She holds leadership roles at the Cleveland Clinic and within its Digestive Disease and Surgery Institute, where she chairs the Clinical Competency Committee, Protocol Review Committee for the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Dr. Burke is a member of the National Medical Honor Society, Alpha Omega Alpha.

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Dr. Burke has served the College with loyalty and distinction for many years. She has moved through ACG's leadership ranks, first as Secretary (2012-2013), then Treasurer (2013-2014), Vice President (2014-2015), and President-Elect (2015-2016). Her active service to ACG committees includes Chair of the Finance Committee (2013-2014); Member of the Credentials Committee (2012-2013); Member of the FDA Committee and FDA Liaison Council (2011-present); Chair of the Women in Gastroenterology Committee (2001-2003); Member of the Patient Care Committee (1998-2001); Member of the Educational Affairs Committee (1999-2004); and Chair of Educational Affairs (2004-2007).

Dr. Burke is a past member of the Board of the Ohio Gastroenterology Society and is a past president of the Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Colorectal Cancer.

She has served as an Associate Editor for *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and is a reviewer for many journals including *Gut*, *Endoscopy*, *Diseases of the Colon and Rectum*, *Gastroenterology*, and *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*, to name a few.

"I joined the ACG as a trainee member, and the College has become like a family to me over the years. It has provided me research support, superb education, collegiality and an opportunity to work with an organization making a difference in the field of gastroenterology," said Dr. Burke.

"The College is dedicated to promoting best medical practices by producing clinical guidelines and providing physicians the resources they need to be at the forefront of their specialty. It has a broad and deep reach, from playing an important role in influencing national legislation to helping gastroenterologists in the smallest community hospitals deliver optimal patient care. *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, the Annual Scientific Meeting and postgraduate courses are the best in the field of clinical gastroenterology," Dr. Burke commented.

Dr. Burke and her husband, Dr. George Jurjus, a psychiatrist, reside in Shaker Heights, Ohio and have two daughters. A photograph of Dr. Burke is available by contacting mediaonly@gi.org.

About the American College of Gastroenterology

Founded in 1932, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) is an organization with an international membership of almost 14,000 individuals from 86 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 Follow ACG on Twitter [@AmCollegeGastro](https://twitter.com/AmCollegeGastro)

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