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New Clinical Advances in Gastroenterology

Presented at the American College of Gastroenterology's 81st Annual Meeting

Featured Science Includes C. difficile Infection, Colorectal Cancer, Alcoholic Pancreatitis, Celiac, IBD and Eosinophilic Esophagitis

Las Vegas, NV (October 17, 2016) – More than 5,000 gastroenterologists and other health care professionals from around the world will convene at The Venetian in Las Vegas for the American College of Gastroenterology's (ACG) 81st Annual Scientific Meeting to review the latest scientific advances in gastrointestinal research, treatment of digestive diseases and clinical practice management.

Innovative technologies for the diagnosis and treatment of digestive diseases, insights into prevention strategies, and new research on therapeutic approaches to serious GI-related health issues, such as *C. difficile* infection, colorectal cancer, alcoholic pancreatitis, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and eosinophilic esophagitis in adults and children, are among the highlights of this year's scientific presentations.

Can coffee drinking protect against alcoholic hepatitis? Are there gender differences in the presentation of celiac disease? Can a "medical home" keep IBD patients out of the emergency room? Is cannabis implicated in the development of acute pancreatitis? Can a "sponge on a string" detect Barrett's esophagus, a premalignant condition? These are some of the intriguing clinical questions covered in ACG's **Noteworthy Abstracts**, selected by the ACG Public Relations Committee, whose authors provide additional perspective on their findings and explain what the clinical science means for patients. Following the links below, reporters can explore these Noteworthy Abstracts and author insights, and connect with these researchers for media stories.

Please note that all research presented at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting is strictly embargoed until Monday, October 17 at 8:00 am Eastern Daylight Time.

Helpful Links for Media on the ACG Blog

[ACG 2016 Media Guide](#)

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Nominated by the ACG Public Relations Committee, this group of abstracts features scientific findings that are innovative, noteworthy for the lay reader, relevant to those who suffer from common GI problems, and which represent a significant advancement in the diagnosis and treatment of GI diseases. The Committee aims to identify novel and thought-provoking abstracts which reinforce key public health messages, such as the importance of colorectal screening, particularly for minority and at-risk populations, or which feature common GI problems in a new way.

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Tips and Tools for Navigating the Abstracts from the 2016 ACG Annual Scientific Meeting

[Review Final Program Book for ACG 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

Tip: Look at pages 55-68 for the Plenary Session Oral Papers, some of the major research being presented at the Annual Meeting.

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Tip: Search by "Course" and select "Annual Scientific Meeting" to see abstracts for the Oral Papers. Search "Posters" by Author, Title, Number, Organ System, Keyword or Date.

[Explore ACG's Award-Winning Abstracts](#)

ACG's Presidential Posters are highly meritorious projects selected by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee, and the College recognizes excellent clinical research by organ-system category as well as research by fellows-in-training.

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On the ACG Blog is posted commentary and perspective from select authors of noteworthy findings, as well as tips to navigate the broad array of clinical research being presented at ACG 2016 by investigators working to advance digestive health and improve patient care.

Media Interview Requests

Press room and video recording facilities will be available on site at The Venetian. To arrange an interview with any ACG experts or abstract authors, please contact Brian Davis of ACG via email at mediaonly@gi.org or by phone at 301-263-9000. From Monday, October 17 to Wednesday, October 19, in ACG Press Room (Room 901, Phone: 702-691-8152 at The Venetian in Las Vegas, NV.)

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

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