

# AJG SPECIAL ISSUE: **PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST**

Clinical gastroenterologists and hepatologists are unified by a singular mission: to deliver exceptional care for their patients. Although there are many stakeholders in healthcare, ranging from administrators to billers to providers, the ultimate goal of clinical care is to help patients. As the premier journal for practicing clinicians in our field, *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* is upholding its commitment to patient care by creating a special issue entirely dedicated to research highlighting the patient perspective.

## WE CALL IT **THE PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST ISSUE**

The Co-Editors are interested in high quality studies that use a **patient reported outcome (PRO)** as the primary metric of treatment success. PROs include everything from symptom reports, to quality of life measurements, to satisfaction with care—all reported directly by patients. We want to know what improves the **patient experience**, how to reduce the **burden of symptoms**, or how to improve **health-related quality of life**, no matter the intervention. We will collect the very best studies and combine them into a special issue highlighting the best, most practical, and most noteworthy studies that put patients first.

**How do you know if your study is eligible?** It's simple: if the study features a clinical intervention and includes a PRO as its primary outcome measure, then it's eligible. By "primary" we mean the study was powered, in advance, to measure the impact of an intervention on a PRO. By "PRO" we mean any of the following:

- A **symptom** measurement (e.g. heartburn, dysphagia, vomiting, abdominal pain, bloating, diarrhea, incontinence, constipation, etc.)
- A **health-related quality of life (HRQOL)** measurement (e.g. SF-36, PROMIS, IBDQ, IBS-QOL, GERDQ, or 100+ others)
- A **satisfaction** measurement (e.g. H-CAHPS, CG-CAHPS, etc)
- A measurement of patient **knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs**

*Please clearly state in your cover letter that your manuscript is intended for the special **Putting Patients First** issue of AJG. Depending upon the response to this request, some accepted manuscripts may be published in other upcoming issues of AJG.*

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