Awardees
and Special Lecturers

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Over the last 82 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.

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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ACG Lectureships
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.

2017 Lecturer
John J. Vargo, II, MD, MPH, FACG

Are Our Patients Sleeping Safely and Soundly? The State of Endoscopic Procedural Sedation in 2017

John J. Vargo, MD, MPH, FACG, is currently the Chairman of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Cleveland Clinic. He also serves as Director of Enterprise Endoscopy Operations as well as Director of Endoscopic Research and Innovation in the Digestive Disease and Surgery Institute at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Vargo holds the Borra Family Endowed Chair in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Rochester. After completing an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Health Science Center, Dr. Vargo completed fellowships in gastroenterology and hepatology at the Cleveland Clinic. A member of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Cleveland Clinic since 1994, he has authored over 200 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Vargo’s research interests include procedural sedation, physiologic monitoring, outcomes, and training. His endoscopic practice includes ERCP, EUS, treatment of Barrett’s esophagus, advanced imaging techniques, stenting, and EMR and balloon enteroscopy. Dr. Vargo is currently a Fellow in the American College of Gastroenterology and has served on the College’s Practice Parameters Committee, Research Committee and multisociety sedation task force.
Past J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturers

2016  Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FACG: *Endoscopy 202: Preparing for the Future*
2015  David A. Johnson, MD, MACG: *Sleep Effect on GI Health and Disease: Eyes Wide Open?*
2014  Richard A, Kozarek, MD FACG: *GI and Endoscopic Training for the Future Gastroenterologist*
2013  Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG: *Avoiding Burnout: Finding Balance Between Work and Everything Else*
2012  Mark Feldman, MD, FACG: *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, FACG: *Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist: Identical or Complementary?*
2007  M. Brian Fennerty, MD, FACG: *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, FACG: *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, FACG: *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, FACG: *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*
1991  Robert H. Blank, PhD: *Rationing Medicine: Hard Choices in the 1990’s*
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, FACG (Hon.): *Recent Insights into the Pathogenesis of Chronic Diarrhea*
1986 Henry D. Janowitz, MD, FACG: *The Natural History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Therapeutic Decisions*
1985 Norton J. Greenberger, MD, FACG: (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, MACG: *From Parsnips to Pomegranates – A Look Back at Gastroenterology*
1981 Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, MACG: *Clinical Perspectives of Gastric Secretion*
1980 Charles E. Code, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The InterDigestive Gastrointestinal Housekeeper*
1979 Baruch S. Blumberg, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Relation Between HbsAG and Hepatic Carcinoma*
1978 Charles S. Lieber, MD, FACG: *Alcohol and the Liver – Progress Through 1978*
1977 Joseph B. Kirsner, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Biomedical Problems Presented by Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
1976 Basil C. Morson, MD, FACG (Hon.): *Biopsy of the Colon and Rectum in Inflammatory Disease*
1975 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACG (Hon.): *What Should Distinguish a Gastroenterologist?*
1974 Lloyd M. Nyhus, MD, FACG (Hon.): *New Frontiers in Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer*
1973 Henry L. Bockus, MD, FACG: (Hon.): *The Doctor Image*
1972 Henry Colcher, MD, MACG: *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 1972*
1971 Irving M. Arias, MD, FACG (Hon.): *Jaundice – 1972*
1970 Hans Popper, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Problem of Hepatitis*
1969 Richard Marshak, MD, FACG: *Ulcerative Granulomas and Ischemic Colitis*
1968 David A. Dreiling, MD, MACG: *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.

2017 Lecturer
Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACG

Colon Cancer: Polyps, Prevention and Progress

Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACG, is Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs, Director of the Division of Gastroenterology, and The Sholtz-Leeds Professor of Gastroenterology in the Department of Medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center / NYU School of Medicine. In his clinical practice, Dr. Pochapin specializes in advanced gastrointestinal endoscopy and focuses on the prevention, early detection, and treatment of gastrointestinal cancers. His research interests center on innovative endoscopic technologies, quality in endoscopy, and the early detection of precancerous and cancerous lesions.

Dr. Pochapin has received over 30 teaching awards, including the Elliot Hochstein Teaching Award for “the qualities of compassion, skill, and distinction as a physician and teacher” and the Humanism in Medicine Award in recognition of “compassion, sensitivity, respect, and cultural competence in the delivery of care to patients and their families.” He is the author of “What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Colorectal Cancer.”

Dr. Pochapin graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science and Engineering degree in 1984, and received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1988. He is the current Treasurer of the American College of Gastroenterology Board of Trustees.
Past Emily Couric Memorial Lecturers

2016  David E. Fleischer, MD, FACG: *Why the Esophageal Health of a Masai Tribesman in Kenya Matters to GI Docs in the U.S.*

2015  Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG: *National Registry Benchmarking for Colonoscopy Quality: The “High Road” Toward Improving the Performance of Colonoscopy and Cancer Prevention*

2014  Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG: *Cancer in IBD: The Colon and Beyond*

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

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

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

2010  David A. Johnson, MD, FACG: *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, FACG: *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.

2017 Lecturer
Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG

On Becoming a Successful Leader: An Amazing Journey or the Path to Nowhere?

Dr. Sunanda (Susie) Kane received her medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago where she also trained in the Internal Medicine residency. Her GI fellowship was at the University of Chicago where she trained under Drs. Joseph Kirsner and Stephen Hanauer. She stayed on faculty for 9 years then moved to Mayo Clinic Rochester. Her medical training was proceeded by a Master’s Degree in Biostatistics and Epidemiology from the University of Illinois in Chicago with her Master’s thesis on the relationship of oral contraceptive use and the incidence of IBD.

She is now Professor of Medicine and continues to spend 80% of her time with direct patient care either in the clinic, endoscopy lab or hospital service. She is also engaged in clinical research, teaches in the Medical School and serves as Chair of Quality for the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

She is active on several national committees and organizations including previous co-Chair of the Patient Education Committee of the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America, the Board of Trustees of the American College of Gastroenterology as an Officer and member of the GI Specialty Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine. In addition, she has served as an Associate Editor for Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics and has recently completed the second edition of her book on the self-management of IBD for patients.
Past David Y. Graham Lecturers

2016 Philip O. Katz, MD, FACG: A View From the Other Side of the Bed: Lessons Learned
2015 Ikuo Hirano, MD, FACG: Eosinophilic Esophagitis 2015: From Acid Reflux to Food Allergy
2014 Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG: Idiosyncratic Drug-induced Liver Injury: What Have We Learned in the Last Decade?
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, FACP: 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.

2017 Lecturer
Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG

Screening and Surveillance of Barrett’s Esophagus: Where Are We Now and What Does the Future Hold?

Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACG, is currently Professor of Medicine and Co-director of the GI Motility/Physiology Laboratory at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Falk received his undergraduate and medical school training at the University of Rochester in New York before going to George Washington University, Washington, DC, for his medical internship and residency. After a clinical and research fellowship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he was a member of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio for more than 23 years where he was Director for the Swallowing and Esophageal Center. While in Cleveland, he also received a master’s degree in clinical research from Case Western Reserve University.

He has been involved in clinical research in Barrett’s esophagus, gastroesophageal reflux disease, Helicobacter pylori, esophageal motility disorders, advanced esophageal imaging and therapeutics, and eosinophilic esophagitis, that has resulted in over 150 peer reviewed publications and NIH and non-NIH grants. He is currently involved in translational research studies in collaboration with basic scientists in cancer biology and pathobiology to study the role of inflammatory mediators in eosinophilic esophagitis and cell of origin of Barrett’s esophagus. Dr. Falk’s research in eosinophilic esophagitis is also focusing on clinical trials of novel therapeutic agents, clinical and biologic aspects of pediatric to adult transition, and participation in the Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease Researchers.

Dr. Falk has served nationally through professional societies, including being a Past President of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. He is a past Associate Editor of The American Journal of Gastroenterology and is the current Editor of AGA Perspectives. He is a recipient of the Sidney Cohen University of Pennsylvania GI Fellowship Teacher of the Year Award, AGA Distinguished Clinician Award, and AGA Imaging & Advanced Technology Section Research Mentor Award.
Past David Sun Lecturers

2016  Nicholas J. Talley, MD, MBBS, PhD, MMedSci, FACG: Functional Disease of the Gastrointestinal Tract: Is There a Light at the End of the Tunnel?
2015  William D. Chey, MD, FACG: Food: The Main Course to Disease and Wellness
2014  Thomas A. Scully, JD: The Cloudy Future for Physicians: Reimbursement and Practice Changes in the Post-ACA Era
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)
2011  Gregory B. Haber, MD, FACG: Challenges in ERCP: Lessons Learned
2010  Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FACG: Detente in the Therapy of GERD
2009  Fergus Shanahan, MD, FACG: Gut Microbes: From Bugs to Drugs
2008  William J. Sandborn, 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, FACG: 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?
Past David Sun Lecturers, continued

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

1983  Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACP: *The Clinical Trial*

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 Lecture

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 or discussion based on their evaluation of key controversies in clinical gastroenterology.

2017 Lecturer
Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS

Refocusing IBD Patient Management: Personalized, Proactive and Patient-Centered Care

Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS, FACP, is the Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and an Associate Professor of Medicine of The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. Dr. Siegel received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston in 1998. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Dr. Siegel served as chief medical resident at Dartmouth from 2001-2002, where he also completed a fellowship in gastroenterology. From 2004-2005, he completed a fellowship in Inflammatory Bowel Disease at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Siegel’s research interests include understanding risk/benefit trade-offs in IBD, developing models to predict outcomes in Crohn’s disease, creating tools to facilitate shared decision making, the use of telemedicine in IBD, and improving the quality of care delivered to patients with IBD. He has been funded by the NIH, AHRQ and the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation for this work. He has lectured nationally and internationally, and published numerous journal articles and book chapters on this and other topics in IBD.

Dr. Siegel is the founder of the BRIDGe group, an international research collaborative of IBD investigators. He is currently the co-chair of the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation Quality of Care Program called IBD Qorus. Dr. Siegel was inducted into the International Organization for the Study of IBD (IOIBD) in 2013. He is on the Editorial Board for Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics, and serves as a reviewer for The American Journal of Gastroenterology, Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Journal of Crohn’s and Colitis, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, The Cochrane Collaboration, and Gastroenterology.

He lives in Hanover, New Hampshire with his wife and three sons.
Past *American Journal of Gastroenterology* Lecturers

2016  Tram T. Tran, MD, FACG: *Hepatitis C: The Past, the Present and the Future*

2015  Brennan M. R. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG: *How Information Technology Will Transform Gastroenterology*

2014  Charles N. Bernstein, MD, FACG: *Treatment of IBD: Where We Are and Where We Are Going*

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: *Steroid-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*
ACG Awards
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.

2017 Recipient
Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG

Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG, is David M. Underwood Chair of Medicine in Digestive Disorders, Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical Director of the Lynda K. and David M. Underwood Center for Digestive Disorders and Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College at Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas.

A graduate of University College Cork (UCC), Ireland, Dr. Quigley trained in internal medicine in Glasgow and Manchester, UK, and in gastroenterology in Glasgow, the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota and Manchester. In 1986 he joined the faculty at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska where he ultimately served as Chief of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Returning to Cork in 1998 he served as Dean of the Medical School at UCC for 7 years and has been a principal investigator at the Alimentary Pharamabiotic Center (now Institute) since its inception. He took up his current position in January 2013.

He served as President of both the American College of Gastroenterology and the World Gastroenterology Organization and is a past editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Gastroenterology. Clinical and research interests include irritable bowel syndrome, gastrointestinal motility and the role of the gut microbiota in health and in gastrointestinal and metabolic disorders. He has authored over 900 publications and edited or co-edited 22 books or monographs. He has received numerous awards world-wide.
Past Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award Recipients

2016  Linda Rabeneck, MD, MPH, MACG
2015  Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG
2014  Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
2013  Philip O. Katz, MD, FACP
2012  David A. Johnson, MD, FACP
2011  Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACP
2010  Roy K. H. Wong, MD, FACP
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 education 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.

2017 Recipient
Amar R. Deshpande, MD, FACG

Dr. Amar R. Deshpande is Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He completed his medical degree at the University of Miami School of Medicine and then stayed at the University of Miami and Jackson Memorial Hospital for his internal medicine residency and gastroenterology fellowship.

Dr. Deshpande sees patients and does research at the University of Miami Crohn’s and Colitis Center. He is co-director of the Advanced IBD fellowship and Vice Chief for Education in the Division of Gastroenterology. He has authored many articles, book chapters, and reviews in gastroenterology and internal medicine journals with multiple presentations at national and international meetings; he is a reviewer for multiple gastroenterology journals, serves as an editor of IBD-related journals, and sits on IBD-related advisory boards. He is also a member of the ABIM Gastroenterology Board Exam Committee.

Dr. Deshpande also has a very active role in medical education at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He is Assistant Dean for Medical Education and Competency Assessment and was previously the program director of the GI fellowship, co-director of the Internal Medicine clerkship for 3rd year medical students, and director of the GI pathophysiology modules for pre-clerkship medical students, roles for which he has won numerous teaching awards.
He has been a long and passionate advocate for the large and diverse medically underserved population of South Florida. As faculty advisor of the Department of Community Service at UM, or DOCS, he oversees very talented and committed medical students who are part of a group that has won national awards for its commitment to medical philanthropy. DOCS holds health fairs in 10 different underserved communities in South Florida and operates 3 weekly student-run night clinics, providing preventive, primary, and subspecialty care to thousands of people each year with the help of hundreds of medical students and physicians. Dr. Deshpande runs other DOCS-related programs reaching out to the medically needy in his community, including overseeing dozens of students becoming certified application counselors to help uninsured patients gain access to longitudinal medical care.

Dr. Deshpande also has been able to combine his interests in gastroenterology and community service to create a few innovative programs. Along with his colleague, Dr. B. Joseph Elmunzer, he organized 3 sigmoidoscopy screening fairs over 4 years for uninsured patients in South Florida without access to colon cancer screening; this led to 150 endoscopic screenings with 50 polyps removed and high-risk patients navigated to full colonoscopy. He also implemented hepatitis C screening for hundreds of DOCS health fair patients as well as colon cancer screening through FIT; he has worked with another GI colleague, Dr. Dan Sussman, to now bring blood-based colon cancer testing to the health fairs as well.

Past Community Service Award Recipients

2016  David J. Hass, MD, FACG
2015  Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH
2014  Timothy B. Gardner, MD, FACG
2013  Richard T. McGlaughlin, MD, FACG
2012  March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
2011  Joseph D. DiMase, MD, FACG
International Leadership 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 education 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.

2017 Recipient
Mark D. Topazian, MD, FACP

Mark D. Topazian, MD, FACP graduated from Haverford College in Pennsylvania in 1980 and received his medical degree from the Yale University School of Medicine in 1985. Dr. Topazian is currently Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, where he does endoscopy and sees patients in the Mayo Pancreas Clinic. His research interests include chronic pancreatitis, pancreatic cysts, and endoscopic approaches to pancreatic and biliary disease. He and his wife Janet have 3 daughters.

Dr. Topazian has been a long-time member of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, and he serves on the CMDA CME Commission. He is a member of the Council of Chairs of the World Gastroenterology Organization. He has been active in strategic initiatives for the medically underserved in the developing world including:

1. Working with colleagues at Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Kenya, where esophageal squamous cell cancer is a leading cause of cancer death, Dr. Topazian introduced modern forms of endoscopic palliation that are now widely implemented in Kenya and neighboring countries. Together with colleagues from Tenwek and the NCI, he is participating in studies assessing the causes of endemic esophageal squamous cell cancer and has helped launch a grant-funded esophageal cancer screening and prevention program in southwestern Kenya.
2. Between 2008 and 2014 Dr. Topazian co-directed annual GI endoscopy workshops in Accra, Ghana and Ulan Bataar, Mongolia in partnership with national colleagues. The goal of these workshops is to advance the skills of endoscopists at major teaching centers throughout these regions. Colleagues from West Africa and Mongolia have also visited Mayo Clinic, staying with the Topazians and other families from their church. During the last several years these workshops have been totally directed and taught by national staff.

3. Across sub-Saharan Africa there is a pressing need for well-trained doctors, and missionary physicians and surgeons begun residency programs at multiple sub-Saharan hospitals. Dr. Topazian has taught yearly in the internal medicine residency at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon, which is now an initiative of the Mayo Clinic’s International Health Program, and a number of Mayo Clinic consultants and residents have taught there over the past several years.

4. Thiamine deficiency, the cause of beriberi, is common in parts of rural Asia and a leading cause of infant death in some Asian populations. Together with Dr. Phil Fischer of the Mayo Clinic Pediatrics department, Mayo medical students, and colleagues in Cambodia, Dr. Topazian has spearheaded a series of clinical investigations aimed at better understanding, diagnosing, and preventing this neglected tropical disease.

Past International Leadership Award Recipients

2015 Guilherme G. Macedo, MD, PhD, FACG
2014 Henry Cohen, MD, FACG
2013 Toshifumi Hibi, MD, PhD, FACG
2012 Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
2011 Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACG
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 contributions 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.

2017 Recipients

Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein, DO, MACG
Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, MACG
Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG
Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, MACG
Nicholas J. Talley, MD, MBBS, PhD, MMedSci, MACG
Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein, DO, MACG, is a Professor of Internal Medicine, Co-Director of Motility, and Director of the Constipation and Pelvic Floor Program in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Mayo Clinic Arizona, and adjunct Professor in the College of Health Solutions at Arizona State University. She is the founder and Director of the Ken and Linda Morris Weight and Wellness Solutions Program at Mayo Clinic in Arizona from 2015. She served as President of the American College of Gastroenterology in 2007-2008.

Dr. Foxx-Orenstein’s undergraduate work was done at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, and the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Her medical degree is from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, now Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa. Her training in nutrition, general gastroenterology, and therapeutic endoscopy was at the Medical College of Gastroenterology in Richmond, Virginia, where she also did 2 years of basic science research studying mechanisms of intestinal propulsion. Motility research interests lead her to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, and finally to Mayo Clinic Arizona.

Dr. Foxx-Orenstein has extensive clinical and research and clinical interest in constipation, pelvic floor disorders, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, intestinal motility disorders including pseudoobstruction, and gastrointestinal disorders associated with obesity. She had an R21, holds intramural and extramural grants, and received a philanthropic gift to begin an outcomes research clinical and research program at Mayo Clinic Arizona. She received Mayo Clinic Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2015.
Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, MACG was a Trustee of the American College of Gastroenterology from 2015-2017. She served as the Director of Clinical Research for the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program at California Pacific Medical Center, and an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Gerson was a graduate of Princeton University, SUNY Buffalo Medical School and the Stanford University School of Medicine. She completed her fellowship training in Gastroenterology at Stanford University and also obtained a Master’s Degree in Health, Research, and Policy from Stanford.

Her clinical expertise included the diagnosis and management of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), gastrointestinal motility disorders, and evaluation of gastrointestinal hemorrhage with video capsule endoscopy and deep enteroscopy. Dr. Gerson authored over 140 publications. In addition to clinical trials, her research focused on cost-effectiveness analysis and meta-analyses. She strived to provide evidence-based medical treatments for patients with gastrointestinal disorders.

On a national level, in addition to her role as a member of the ACG Board of Trustees, Dr. Gerson held many important leadership roles. She served as chair of the ACG Practice Parameters Committee from 2011-2015, and performed evidence grading for many of the clinical guidelines published by the ACG. She also co-authored important national ACG guidelines in the areas of gastroesophageal reflux, gastroparesis, small bowel bleeding, and Barrett’s esophagus. Dr. Gerson was a Senior Associate for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and served as a member for numerous committees for the ACG, AGA, and ASGE.

In recognition of Dr. Gerson’s stature and achievement in clinical gastroenterology, teaching, and because of her contribution to the College in service, leadership, and education, the College is proud to bestow to Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, the posthumous honor of Master of the American College of Gastroenterology.
Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG is the Director of Motility Laboratories at the Jay Monahan Center for Gastrointestinal Health, Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Katz received his medical degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC in 1978. He served his residency and chief residency in internal medicine, followed by a fellowship in gastroenterology, at Wake Forest University/North Carolina Baptist Hospital. He completed a faculty development fellowship at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Katz is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology.

He is a recognized national authority on esophageal disease. His research interests include the pharmacodynamic effects of proton pump inhibitors, all aspects of gastroesophageal reflux disease, esophageal motility disorders and esophageal pain perception. He has an active clinical practice, specializing in complex esophageal disease and has been a teacher and mentor to numerous GI trainees and residents.

Dr. Katz has served the American College of Gastroenterology in numerous capacities throughout his career and was privileged to serve as President from 2009-2010. He is the founding editor of the ACG Education Universe and the current co-editor. He has contributed to the publication of over 180 peer-reviewed papers, as well as numerous abstracts, books, book chapters, and monographs.
Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, MACG, was born in Philadelphia and attended Pennsylvania State University and Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He completed his Internal Medicine training at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia and then served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps for two years. Dr. Schiller moved to Texas in 1978 for training in Gastroenterology at Southwestern Medical School and then stayed on the faculty at the Medical School and was an attending physician at the Dallas VA Hospital for five years. He moved to Baylor University Medical Center in 1985 to continue research activities with Dr. John Fordtran and has been there ever since, lately as Program Director for the Gastroenterology Fellowship.

He has been involved with patient care as a founding partner of Digestive Health Associates of Texas, one of the largest single-specialty gastroenterology practices in America, and has continued with research and education activities at Baylor. He is currently an Attending Physician and Chairman of the Institutional Review Board for Human Subject Protection at Baylor, as well as Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at Texas A&M University College of Medicine, Dallas Campus. Dr. Schiller has won multiple fellow teaching awards and the Ralph Thompsett Award for Excellence in Medical Education at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas.

He has been elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians, and has been President of the Texas Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy, and President of the American College of Gastroenterology. During his presidency, the ACG Board of Trustees established the ACG Quality Council, sponsored a Train-the-Trainers—USA course, initiated the ACG Visiting Professors Program (now the ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program), and developed the ACG Case Reports Journal.
Professor Nicholas J. Talley’s current major areas of research interest are in neurogastroenterology, including investigating the role of mucosal inflammation, gut bacteria and eosinophilic gut diseases; he is considered a leading international authority in the field. He is Director of the Priority Research Centre, Digestive Health and Neurogastroenterology, and chief investigator on an extensive portfolio of research, including a recent large multicenter NIH funded randomized controlled trial in functional dyspepsia – now completed, and National Health and Medical Research Council project grants. He is invited to lecture all over the world, and is very well known for his contributions to medical education through his major textbooks including Clinical Examination (8th ed.). Professor Talley remains a practicing consultant gastroenterologist with a weekly clinic.

Professor Talley is on the medical advisory boards of high profile international patient organizations; he was a member of the Rome Foundation Board for 20 years (the authority in the classification of all the functional gastrointestinal disorders). He is editor-in-chief, The Medical Journal of Australia, Section Editor for UpToDate, and he was formally co-editor-in-chief of a major international journal, Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics; and co-editor-in-chief for six years of The American Journal of Gastroenterology. In June 2014, Professor Talley was inaugurated as one of the first 15 Fellows of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (FAHMS) and was elected to the Executive of the Academy. Professor Talley was elected President-Elect in 2012, and President (2014-2016) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. In 2016, he became the Chair of the Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges, now renamed the Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges.
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Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS, is a physician-scientist in gastroenterology specializing in pancreas disorders. Dr. Conwell received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with Honors from Ohio University, Medical Degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a Master’s Degree in Clinical Research from the University of Michigan. Dr. Conwell completed internship and residency at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio and gastroenterology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Dr. Conwell served as faculty at Cleveland Clinic for 15 years and pioneered the pancreas program. He later served on staff at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston as an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Conwell is currently Professor of Medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine where he serves as Director of the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center. He is former holder of the Charles Austin Doan Chair in Medicine and currently is the Floyd Beman Endowed Chair in Gastroenterology. Dr. Conwell is active in numerous gastrointestinal societies and is currently President-Elect of The American Pancreatic Association. He has served on several committees at the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) including the Abstract Review Committee, Research Committee and Patient Care Committee. He has also been an organizer of numerous clinical and research symposium at the annual meetings of the ACG, PancreasFest, Digestive Disease Week and American Pancreatic Association. He is a national and international invited lecturer on pancreatic diseases and has spoken at numerous medical centers, digestive disease conferences and post-graduate courses. As an educator he has won numerous medical student and GI fellowship teaching awards and has trained numerous gastroenterology fellows who have gone on to careers in both the private and academic sector.

Dr. Conwell is an NIH-funded physician-scientist with over 100 peer reviewed publications. He is currently the Principle Investigator of The Ohio State Pancreas Disorders Network, a member of the NIDDK/NCI U01 Chronic Pancreatitis, Diabetes and 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.

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Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS

Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS, is a physician-scientist in gastroenterology specializing in pancreas disorders. Dr. Conwell received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with Honors from Ohio University, Medical Degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a Master’s Degree in Clinical Research from the University of Michigan. Dr. Conwell completed internship and residency at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio and gastroenterology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Dr. Conwell served as faculty at Cleveland Clinic for 15 years and pioneered the pancreas program. He later served on staff at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston as an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Conwell is currently Professor of Medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine where he serves as Director of the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center. He is former holder of the Charles Austin Doan Chair in Medicine and currently is the Floyd Beman Endowed Chair in Gastroenterology. Dr. Conwell is active in numerous gastrointestinal societies and is currently President-Elect of The American Pancreatic Association. He has served on several committees at the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) including the Abstract Review Committee, Research Committee and Patient Care Committee. He has also been an organizer of numerous clinical and research symposium at the annual meetings of the ACG, PancreasFest, Digestive Disease Week and American Pancreatic Association. He is a national and international invited lecturer on pancreatic diseases and has spoken at numerous medical centers, digestive disease conferences and post-graduate courses. As an educator he has won numerous medical student and GI fellowship teaching awards and has trained numerous gastroenterology fellows who have gone on to careers in both the private and academic sector.

Dr. Conwell is an NIH-funded physician-scientist with over 100 peer reviewed publications. He is currently the Principle Investigator of The Ohio State Pancreas Disorders Network, a member of the NIDDK/NCI U01 Chronic Pancreatitis, Diabetes and
Pancreas Cancer (CPDPC) Consortium. Dr. Conwell has several contributions to science including: 1) development of the endoscopic pancreas function test, 2) senior investigator in the randomized controlled trial reporting the beneficial effects of lactated ringers in acute pancreatitis resuscitation, 3) published the largest study on the association between chronic pancreatitis and metabolic bone disease, 4) lead author on the American Pancreatic Association Diagnostic Guidelines in Chronic Pancreatitis and 5) senior author of the NIH white paper entitled: “Chronic Pancreatitis in the 21st Century - Research Challenges and Opportunities: Summary of a National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Workshop.”

Dr. Conwell has been an advocate to the medically underserved communities throughout his medical school training and academic career. While in medical school he was the President of the Student National Medical Association which was very active in health care advocacy for underrepresented groups. He has served at soup kitchens, homeless shelters, participated in minority health events, church health fairs and volunteered at inner city medical clinics. Dr. Conwell has continued these efforts since arriving in Columbus in 2013. Under his leadership the division is focusing major efforts to build the gastrointestinal service line at Ohio State University East Hospital. This hospital serves a predominately underrepresented minority and immigrant population in the inner city of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Conwell believes that diversity needs to be a strategy and the division has worked very hard at the recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority medical faculty to further impact healthcare for the underserved.

The division has also developed a Section for Community Engagement and Equity in Digestive Health under the leadership of Dr. Darrell Gray, which has received local and national recognition for its efforts to lessen the gastrointestinal healthcare disparities and inequities in colon cancer screening and was awarded the first ACG Grand SCOPY Award. This program has developed free / low cost colonoscopy screening and participates in a Channel 10 TV News telephone bank during March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Dr. Conwell volunteers monthly at Physicians Care Connect to provide gastrointestinal care to underinsured and uninsured populations. He also volunteers at Victory Ministries to supply food to persons in need. In collaboration with The James Comprehensive Cancer Center the Division sponsors an Annual Cancer Disparities Conference that has had participation from locally and nationally known cancer research investigators.

Dr. Conwell is honored to receive the 2017 Minority Health Care Award from the American College of Gastroenterology and wishes to thank his parents, family, friends, mentors, trainees and medical students who have supported his medical career.

**Past Minority Digestive Health Care Award Recipients**

2016 Maria T. Abreu, MD  
2014 Fritz Francois, MD, MSc, FACG  
2013 Frank A. Hamilton, MD, MPH, FACG  
2008 Abbasi J. Akhtar, MD, FACG  
2007 LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACG
Samuel S. Weiss Award

The Samuel S. Weiss Award was established as a service award in commemoration of the founding father of the ACG, 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.

2017 Recipients
John W. Popp, Jr., MD, MACG

John W. Popp Jr., MD, MACG, was born in Oak Park, Illinois in 1947. He attended Vanderbilt University (cum laude) where he met his future wife, Carol. He received his medical degree (AOA) in 1973 from the Yale University School of Medicine, where his honors included the Miriam Dasey prize, awarded to the student who by strength of character, personal integrity, and academic achievement gives promise of fulfilling the ideal of the compassionate physician. He trained at Yale in internal medicine as an intern, resident and chief resident. During his residency he received the Betsy Winters Prize, awarded by the Senior Class for excellence in the teaching of clinical medicine. Dr. Popp also served as a clinical instructor in the Yale Physician’s Assistant program.

After completing his Gastroenterology fellowship in Dr. Kurt Isselbacher’s program at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1979, he moved to Columbia, SC, where he joined a private practice. Dr. Popp held a faculty position as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, eventually chairing the Department of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition, a role he continued until his retirement from clinical practice in 2006. In 1986 he was the recipient of the Clinical Faculty Award, awarded annually by the Medical House Staff for excellence in teaching. He served as the director of the Endoscopy Lab at Richland Memorial Hospital for many years and held several leadership positions at the hospital during his practice career.

Dr. Popp was the co-founder of the South Carolina Gastroenterology Association and played an active role on its governing board. He joined the American College of Gastroenterology in 1990 and was elected its Governor for the state of South Carolina in 1992. He was named Regional Councilor in 1995, serving a 2-year term. In 1997, Dr. Popp received the Senior Governor’s Award, and in 2004 the William D. Carey award. He served as the Chair of the National Affairs committee from 1997-2000, was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1998, and was named President of the College in 2004. In 2009 Dr. Popp was recognized as a Master of the College. He continued on the ACG Board as Trustee for Administrative Affairs until 2013, receiving the President’s Recognition Award upon completion of his service to the Board.
Past Samuel S. Weiss Award Recipients

2016  Richard G. Farmer, MD, MS, MACG
      Burton I. Korelitz, MD, MACG
      Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG
2015  Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
2014  Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG
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, FACP
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, FACP
1974  Robert R. Bartunek, MD, FACG
1972  Milton J. Matzner, MD, FACG

He retired from practice in 2006 and joined Centocor (now Janssen) as a Medical Director, a position he continues to hold. In 2006 he was named delegation leader for the People to People Citizen Ambassador outreach program and over the next decade led groups of gastroenterologists to South Africa, India, China, Russia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Cuba, and Tanzania. During his practice career he served as the local investigator for over 50 clinical trials focusing on a variety of clinical conditions, with his primary interest being inflammatory bowel disease. He and his wife Carol are the proud parents of four happily married sons. They enjoy travel and spending time with their family, including 6 grandchildren.
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
David A. Schwartz, 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

2016  Tedd P. Cain, MD, FACG
2015  Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
2014  Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
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 A. 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
Whitfield L. Knapple, 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

2016  Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG
2015  David H. Cort, MD, FACG
2014  Kenneth J. Chang, MD, FACG
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
Daniel J. Pambianco, 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

2016  Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACG
2015  David A. Johnson, MD, MACG
2014  Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
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 Award

The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipient of the International GI Training Grant. 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.

Irina Cazacu, MD
Craiova, Romania

Dr. Irina Cazacu from Romania plans to study the oncologic aspects of gastroenterology and endoscopy at the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, under the direction of Dr. Manoop Bhutani. She will shadow and observe various complex endoscopic procedures in GI in cancer patients understanding their indications, findings and implications, in addition to participating in clinical research in endoscopy, including endoscopic ultrasound and confocal laser endomicroscopy. Her training will reinforce her knowledge base and expand her expertise in GI neoplasm diagnosis, risk stratification and best practices for multidisciplinary communication. Cancer mortality rates in Romania are above the European Union, and Dr. Cazacu expects this training will enable her to improve patient care in her home country.

Past International GI Training Grant Award Recipients

2016    Sally A. Bampoh, MD, Ghana
2015    Piyush Somani, MD, India
2014    Oriol Sendino-Garcia, MD, Spain
2013    Salome Bando, 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
Past International GI Training Grant Award Recipients, continued

2000  Harshad C. Devarbhavi, MD, India
1999  Marko Duvnjak, MD, Croatia
1998  Eliza Maria de Brito, MD, Brazil
1997  Jan Gunnar Hatlebakk, 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. 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 $9,000 has been awarded this year.

Tracey G. Simon, MD
Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Tracey Simon is at Massachusetts General Hospital and will be going to the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden for a total of six months to work with Dr. Jonas Ludvigsson. This training will offer her the opportunity to train in the methodology and analysis of population-based data, and with the specific study to characterize the impact of statin medications on HCV-related fibrogenesis and tumorigenesis. She will investigate the relationship between individual statin types, dosage, and the risk of fibrosis progression and incident HCC, in the nationwide cohort of Swedish patients with chronic HCV. No previously published epidemiologic study has comprehensively evaluated the impact of specific statin types or dosages upon survival and HCC risk, in a large and unselected population. The confirmation of these associations would have profound implications for our understanding of chronic liver disease progression and cancer risk, while also potentially offering clinicians a novel means of chemoprevention, for patients with chronic HCV.

Past North American International GI Training Grant Award Recipients

2016  Gene K. Ma, Philadelphia, PA
2015  Jennifer Y. Pan, MD, Stanford, CA
2014  Akwi W. Asombang, MD, Columbia, MO
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 fellow-in-training and by a physician (non-trainee). The award recipients are selected by the WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

Fellow-in-Training Recipient

*Risk of Alcohol Abuse Is Increased After Bariatric Surgery: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*

Praneet Wander, MD¹, Daniel Castaneda, MD², Joanna Dognin, PsyD³, Christopher C. Thompson, MD, MHES, FACG⁴, Violeta Popov, MD, PhD, FACP⁵; ¹Mount Sinai St. Luke’s and Mount Sinai Roosevelt, New York, NY; ²Mount Sinai St. Luke’s and Mount Sinai West Hospitals, New York, NY; ³New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY; ⁴Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

Physician (non-trainee) Recipient

*Volatile Organic Compound Biomarker Signature in Bile to Distinguish Pancreatic Cancer From Chronic Pancreatitis: A Single Blinded Study*

Udayakumar Navaneethan, MD, FACG¹, Chad Spencer, MD², David Grove, PhD³, Xiang Zhu, MS³, Mansour Parsi, MD⁴, John Vargo, MD⁴, Muhammad Khalid Hasan, MD², Robert Hawes, MD, FACG², Ji Young Bang, MD, MPH², Shyam Varadarajulu, MD², Raed Dweik, MD⁴; ¹Florida Hospital, University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Orlando, FL; ²Center for Interventional Endoscopy, Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL; ³Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland, OH; ⁴Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
ACG Case Reports Journal Awards

These two awards are given to the best posters in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category as determined by the WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

A Unique Infusion Reaction to Vedolizumab: A Case of Henoch-Schonlein Purpura
Stephanie Gold, MD¹, Shirley Cohen-Mekelburg, MD¹, Yecheskel Schneider, MD², Ellen J. Scherl, MD¹; ¹New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY; ²New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Systemic Botulism Toxicity Complicating Botulism Injection into the Pylorus to Treat Gastroparesis
Gordon Bensen, Timothy Gardner, MD, MS; Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Norwich, VT
Category Awards

These fourteen awards are presented on the basis of all abstracts submitted, with one winner in each category, excluding Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports, Endoscopy Video Forum and Pediatric GI. The award recipients are selected by the WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

Biliary/Pancreas Category

*Increasing Incidence of Malignant IPMN (m-IPMN) and Poorer Survival Among African Americans*

Felix H. Lui, MD¹, Richard Shaw, PhD², Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MA³; ¹University of California Irvine Medical Center, Anaheim, CA; ²California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

Colon Category

*Risk of Metachronous High-Risk Adenomas and Large (≥ 1 cm) Serrated Polyps in Individuals With Serrated Polyps on Index Colonoscopy: Longitudinal Data From the New Hampshire Colonoscopy Registry*

Joseph C. Anderson, MD, MHCDS¹, Amitabh Srivastava, MD², Christina Robinson, MS³, Julie Weiss, MS¹, Christopher Amos, PhD¹, Lynn Butterly, MD³; ¹Dartmouth College Geisel School of Medicine, Hanover, NH; ²Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA; ³Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category

*Colorectal Cancer Outcomes in Veterans With Non-advanced Neoplasia*

Thomas F. Imperiale, MD¹, Laura J. Myers, PhD², Eric A. Sherer, PhD³, Timothy D. Imler, MD⁴, Charles J. Kahi, MD, MSc¹, Jason Larson, BS², David F. Ransohoff, MD⁵; ¹Indiana University School of Medicine, Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN; ²Roudebush VAMC, Indianapolis, IN; ³Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA; ⁴Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; ⁵University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Category Awards, continued

**Esophagus Category**

*Effectiveness of Endoscopic Therapy in Patients With Barrett’s Esophagus (BE) With Early Cancer Is Comparable to That of BE With High-Grade Dysplasia (HGD): Results From an International, Multi-center Consortium*

Rajesh Krishnamoorthi, MD\(^1\), Varun Thiagarajan, MD\(^1\), Sreekar Vennelaganti, MD\(^2\), Alessandro Repici, MD\(^3\), Vani Konda, MD\(^4\), Irving Waxman, MD\(^4\), Stefan Seewald, MD\(^5\), Matthew Stier, MD\(^6\), Rehan Haidry, MD\(^7\), Daniel Buckles, MD\(^8\), Neil Gupta, MD\(^9\), Ajay Bansal, MD\(^10\), Sharad Mathur, MD\(^9\), Mojtaba Olyaee, MD\(^10\), Michael Bourke, MD\(^11\), Gary Falk, MD\(^12\), Prateek Sharma, MD\(^2\), Andrew S. Ross, MD\(^13\); 1Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA; 2Kansas City VA Medical Center, Kansas City, MO; 3Instituto Clinico Humanitas, Milan, Italy; 4University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; 5Hirsladen, Zurich, Switzerland; 6University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, IL; 7University College London Hospital, London, United Kingdom; 8University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS; 9Loyola University, Maywood, IL; 10University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; 11University of Sydney, Westmead, Australia; 12Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; 13Digestive Diseases Institute, Virginia Mason Clinic, Seattle, WA

**Functional Bowel Disease Category**

*In vivo Detection of Colonic Mucosal Inflammation by Confocal Laser Endomicroscopy Probe (p-CLE) in Patients With Irritable Bowel Syndrome*

Carlos Robles-Medranda, MD, Manuel Valero, MD, Miguel Soria-Alcivar, MD, Miguel Puga-Tejada, MD, MSc, Jesenia Ospina-Arboleda, MD, MSc, Haydee Alvarado-Escobar, MD, Guillermo Munoz-Jurado, MD, Roberto Oleas, Hannah Pitanga-Lukashok, MD; Ecuadorian Institute of Digestive Diseases, Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador

**General Endoscopy Category**

*Use of Diphenhydramine as an Adjunctive Sedative for Colonoscopy in Patients on Chronic Opioids: A Randomized Controlled Trial*

Salman Nusrat, MD, Mohammad F. Madhoun, MD, MSCI, Muhammad H. Bashir, MD, William M. Tierney, MD; University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK

**GI Bleeding Category**

*TC-325 (HEMOSPRAY™) versus Standard of Care in Managing Malignant Gastrointestinal Bleeding: A Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial*

Yen-I Chen, MD\(^1\), Yidan Lu, MD\(^1\), Jonathan Wyse, MD\(^2\), Waqqas Afif, MD\(^1\), Talat Bessissow, MD\(^1\), Genevieve White\(^1\), Myriam Martel, BSc\(^1\), Alan Barkun, MD, MSc, FACP\(^1\); 1McGill University Health Center, Montreal, QC, Canada; 2Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, QC, Canada
IBD Category

**Vedolizumab Levels During Induction Are Associated With Remission in Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Diseases**

Andres Yarur, MD, Alexandra Bruss, CCRC, Amir Patel, MD, Poonam Beniwal-Patel, MD, Caroline Fox, MD, Ryan Ungaro, MD, Marla C. Dubinsky, MD, Snehal Naik, PhD, Daniel Stein, MD; 1Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; 2Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY; 3Prometheus Laboratories, Inc., San Diego, CA

Interventional Endoscopy Category

**A Randomized Trial of Rectal Indomethacin and Papillary Spray of Epinephrine versus Rectal Indomethacin Alone for the Prevention of Post-ERCP Pancreatitis in High-Risk Patients**

Ayesha Kamal, MD, Venkata Akshintala, MD, Rupjyoti Talukdar, MD, Mahesh K. Goenka, DM, Rakesh Kochhar, DM, Saroj Sinha, DM, Rajesh Goud, BSc, Vijay Kumar, MBBS, B. Joseph Elmunzer, MD, Mouen Khashab, MD, Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FACP, Duvvur Nageshwar Reddy, MD, DM, FACP, Vikesh K. Singh, MD; 1Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; 2Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, MD; 3Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad, Telangana, India; 4Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, Kolkata, West Bengal, India; 5Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, Punjab, India; 6Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Kolkata, West Bengal, India; 7Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Liver Category

**Signature of Circulating microRNA (miR) Detected by NextSeq Differentiates Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) Patients With Higher Percentage Hepatic Collagen: A Potential Role for a Prognostic Biomarker**

Zobair M. Younossi, MD, MPH, FACP, Azza Karrar, PhD, Kira Tokarz, MS, Anatoly Ulyanov, PhD, Maria Stepanova, PhD, Zahra Younoszai, BS, Thomas Jeffers, BS, Sean C. Felix, BS, Daisong Tan, MD, Ahmad Moin, MD, Ramaswamy Iyer, MD, John Deeken, MD, Zachary Goodman, MD, PhD; 1Betty and Guy Beatty Center for Integrated Research, Inova Health System, Falls Church, VA; 2Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, VA; 3Center for Outcomes Research in Liver Disease, Washington, DC; 4Center For Liver Disease, Department of Medicine, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, VA
Obesity Category

*Bariatric Surgery Is Associated With Increased Risk of Acute Pancreatitis in the First 90 Days After Surgery*

Hisham Hussan, MD¹, Emmanuel E. Ugbarugba, MD, MPA¹, Michael Bailey, PhD², Kyle Porter, MAS³, Bradley Needleman, MD¹, Sabrena Noria, MD¹, Steven Clinton, MD, PhD¹, Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS², Somashekar G. Krishna, MD, MPH¹; ¹The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH; ²The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH; ³The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Practice Management Category

*Decreasing Clostridium difficile-associated Mortality Rates Among Hospitalized Patients in the United States: 2004-2014*

Manish P. Shrestha, MD, Christian Bime, MD, MSc, Sasha Taleban, MD; University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, AZ

Small Intestine/Unclassified Category

*Risk of Autoimmune Endocrinopathies in Treated Celiac Disease Patients in Olmsted County*

Shilpa Nellikkal, MBBS, Joseph Larson, BSc, Joseph A. Murray, MD, Imad Absah, MD; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Stomach Category

*Greater Impact of Wireless Motility Capsule Testing versus Gastric Emptying Scintigraphy on Clinical Decision Making in Patients With Suspected Gastroparesis: A Prospective, Multicenter Evaluation*

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Fellows-in-Training Awards

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Biliary/Pancreas Category

Enhanced Recovery in Acute Pancreatitis (RAPTor): A Randomized Controlled Trial
Elizabeth Dong, MD1, Jonathan I. Chang, MD1, Dhruv Verma, MD1, Michael Batech, DrPH2, Cecia Villarin1, Karl K. Kwok, MD1, WanSu Chen, PhD2, Bechien U. Wu, MD, MPH1; 1Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA; 2Kaiser Permanente Division of Research, Pasadena, CA

Colon Category

Fecal Microbiota Transplant Decreases Mortality in Patients With Severe and Severe-Complicated Clostridium difficile Infection, Including Cases Not Eligible for Colectomy
Yao-Wen Cheng, MD1, Emmalee Phelps, BS2, Nicholas Rogers, MD2, Sashidhar Sagi, MBBS2, Matthew Bohm, DO2, Mustapha El-Halabi, MD1, Jessica Allegretti, MD, MPH3, Zain Kassam, MD, MPH4, Huiping Xu, PhD5, Monika Fischer, MD, MSc2; 1Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; 2Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN; 3Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA; 4OpenBiome, Somerville, MA; 5Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category

Comparison of Colon Adenoma Detection Rates Using 2 Distal Colonoscope Attachments: A Single Center RCT
Joseph Marsano, MD1, Sheeva Johnson, MD, MPH2, Stephanie Yan, MD1, Amar Al Juburi, MD1, Jesse Stondell, MD1, Latifat Ali Akintade, MD1, Machelle Wilson, PhD2, Sooraj Tejaswi, MD, MSPH1; 1University of California Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA; 2University of California Davis, Sacramento, CA
Fellows-in-Training Awards, continued

Esophagus Category

*Esophageal Adenocarcinoma in a First Degree Relative Increases the Risk for Progression to Esophageal Adenocarcinoma in Patients With Barrett’s Esophagus*

Christina Tofani, MD1, Kunjal Gandhi, MD2, Joseph Spataro, MD2, Joseph Yoo, MD3, Megan Murphy, MD2, Neena Mohan, MD2, Zachary Daitch, MD4, Apeksha Shah, MD2, Raymond Janowski, MD2, Noreen Dabbish, MS5, Scott Keith, PhD5, David Kastenberg, MD2, Robert M. Coben, MD5, Sidney Cohen, MD2, Anthony Infantolino, MD6; 1Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Pennsauken, NJ; 2Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA; 3Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Bala Cynwyd, PA; 4Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA; 5Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA; 6Thomas Jefferson University Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA

Functional Bowel Disease Category

*A Phase I, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Effects of Naloxegol on Gastric, Small Bowel, and Colonic Transit in Healthy Subjects Receiving Codeine or Placebo*

Houssam Halawi, MD, Priya Vijayvargiya, MD, Irene Busciglio, BS, Ibironke Oduyebo, MD, Disha Khemani, MBBS, Michael Ryks, Deborah Rhoten, Duane Burton, MHA, Lawrence A. Szarka, MD, Andres Acosta, MD, PhD, Michael Camilleri, MD, FACG; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

General Endoscopy Category

*Inpatient Mortality After PEG versus Other Techniques of Gastrostomy Tube Placement*

Akeem O. Adebowun, MD, MPH, Marco A. Paez, MD, Gbeminiyi Samuel, MD, MPH, Musa Abdullahi, MD, Adeyinka Laiyemo, MD, MPH; Howard University Hospital, Washington, DC

GI Bleeding Category

*Comparison of Glasgow-Blatchford Score and Modified Glasgow-Blatchford Score Performance in Patients With Acute Non-variceal Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal Bleeding*

Jian Guan, MD, PhD, Evgeny Idrisov, MD, Sameen Khalid, MD, Mohamad Sharbatji, MD, Xiaoping He, MD, PhD, Christopher Armstrong, MD, Christian Colon Ripoll, MD, Alvina Munaf, MD, Ahmad Ali, MD, Fnu Asad ur Rahman, MD, MBBS, Khalid Abusaada, MD; Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL
IBD Category

Trends of Infection Prevalence in Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Effect on Hospitalization Outcomes: A U.S. Perspective 2005-2014

Paris Charilaou, MD1, Kalpit Devani, MD2, Chakradhar M. Reddy, MD3, Mark Young, MD3, Debra Goldstein, MD4; 1Saint Peter’s University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ; 2James H. Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee University, Johnson City, TN; 3East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN

Interventional Endoscopy Category

Patient-Reported Quality of Life Assessment and Utilization of Health Care After Gastric Peroral Endoscopic Pyloromyotomy (GPOEM)

Parit Mekaroonkamol, MD1, Sunil Dacha, MD1, Lei Wang, MD, PhD2, Xiaoyu Li, MD3, Yueping Jiang, MD4, Lianyong Li, MD1, Tian Li, MD5, Nikrad Shahnazav, MD1, Sonali Sakaria, MD6, Francis LeVert, MD1, Steven A. Keilin, MD, FASGE1, Field F. Willingham, MD, MPH1, Jennifer Christie, MD1, Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, FACG1; 1Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; 2Department of Gastroenterology, The Affiliated Drum Tower Hospital of Nanjing University Medical School, Nanjing, Jiangsu, People’s Republic of China; 3Emory University School of Medicine, Qingdao, Shandong, People’s Republic of China; 4The Affiliated Hospital of Qingdao University, Qingdao City, Shandong, People’s Republic of China; 5Weihai Municipal Hospital, Weihai, Shandong, People’s Republic of China; 6Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, GA

Liver Category

Toxin and Drug-Induced Hepatitis: A Nationwide Analysis of Temporal Trends, Cost of Care and Outcomes

Khwaja F. Haq, MD1, Shantanu Solanki, MD1, Priyanka Chugh, MD2, Zahava C. Farkas, DO1, Muhammad Ali Khan, MD3, Muhammad Talha Farooqui, MD4, Azam H. Burney5, Shalom Frager, MD1, Dhruv Mehta, MD1, Raja Chandra Chakinala, MD1, Lavneet Chawla, MD1, David C. Wolf, MD1; 1New York Medical College at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, NY; 2New York Medical College at Westchester Medical Center, New York, NY; 3University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN; 4University of Nevada School of Medicine, Las Vegas, NV; 5Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Obesity Category

Obesity Is Associated With Increased Colectomy Rates and Hospitalization Charges in Patients With Ulcerative Colitis Flare: A Nationwide Outcome Analysis

Daniel Castaneda, MD1, Elijah Verheyen, MD1, Ali Khan, MD2, Praneet Wander, MD2, Belen Machado, MD3, Hamid R. Sima, MD2; 1Mount Sinai St. Luke’s and Mount Sinai West Hospitals, New York, NY; 2Mount Sinai St. Luke’s and Mount Sinai Roosevelt, New York, NY; 3Fundacion Universitaria San Martin, Bogota, Distrito Capital de Bogota, Colombia
Fellows-in-Training Awards, continued

Practice Management Category

Measuring Colonoscopy Value Without Penalizing Polyp Detection
Meredith Clary, MD1, Lauren C. Dedecker, BSc2, William E. Karnes, MD, AGAF1; 1H. H. Chao Comprehensive Digestive Disease Center, University of California Irvine, Orange, CA; 2University of California Irvine Medical Center, Orange, CA

Small Intestine/Unclassified Category

The Epidemiology of Celiac Disease in Eosinophilic Esophagitis, Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis, and Eosinophilic Colitis in the United States From 2012 to 2017: Results From a Population-Based National Study
Emad Mansoor, MD1, Mohannad Abou Saleh, MBBS2, Gregory Cooper, MD3; 1University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH; 2University Hospitals of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH; 3University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

Stomach Category

Factors Associated With the Development of Gastric Cancer in FAP
Pamela Leone, MD, MPH, Gautam Mankaney, MD, Suha Abushamma, MD, Rocio Lopez, MS, MPH, Michael Cruise, MD, PhD, Lisa LaGuardia, BSN, Margaret O’Malley, BS, James Church, MD, Matthew Kalady, MD, Carol Burke, MD, FACG; Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
Gender-Based Research Awards:

Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award

This award, presented in conjunction with the ACG Women in Gastroenterology Committee and supported by Naomi Nakao, MD, ScD, FACG, is given to the best paper, from all abstracts submitted, related to identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases as determined by the WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

Recipient

A National Survey of Burnout in Gastroenterologists

Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP1, Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG2, Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACP3, Rocio Lopez, MS, MPH1, Shashank Sarvepalli, MD4, Joseph C. Anderson, MD, MHCD5, Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, FACP6, Costas H. Kefalas, MD, MMM, FACP7, Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACP8, Sarah Richman, BA9, Harry E. Sarles, MD, FACP9, Anne-Louise B. Oliphant, MPP10, Ronald J. Vender, MD, FACP11; 1Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH; 2University of Washington, Seattle, WA; 3Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 4Dartmouth College Geisel School of Medicine, Hanover, NH; 5Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL; 6Akron Digestive Disease Consultants, Inc., Akron, OH; 7Charlottesville Gastroenterology Associates, Charlottesville, VA; 8American College of Gastroenterology, Bethesda, MD; 9Digestive Health Associates of Texas, Rockwall, TX; 10Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award

This award, presented in conjunction with the ACG Women in Gastroenterology Committee, is named in memory of Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG, and is given to the best paper, from all abstracts submitted, related to identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases as determined by the WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

Recipient

Gender Disparity in Academic Gastroenterology: The Under-Representation of Women Continues

Elizabeth S. John, MD1, Jason John, BS2, Lauren Pioppo, MD1, Arjun Gupta, BA3, Amy Tilara, MD1, Sita Chokhavatia, MD4; 1Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ; 2Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, Richmond, VA; 3Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ; 4Valley Medical Group, Ridgewood, NJ
ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research

The ACG Board of Governors presents five awards on the basis of all abstracts submitted. Two are given to fellows-in-training and three are given to physicians (non-trainees). The award recipients are selected by the WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

Fellow-in-Training Recipients

*Periprocedural Fluid Type and Volume Reduce the Risk of Post-ERCP Pancreatitis in High-Risk Patients: A Secondary Analysis of a Randomized Controlled Trial*

Venkata Akshintala, MD¹, Ayesha Kamal, MD², Rupjyoti Talukdar, MD³, Rajesh Goud, BSc³, Mouen Khashab, MD¹, Vikesh K. Singh, MD¹; ¹Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, MD; ²Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; ³Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad, Telangana, India

*Validity of Non-Invasive Fibrosis Scores to Detect Advanced Fibrosis in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes With Suspected Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease*

Amandeep Singh, MD¹, Rocio Lopez, MS, MPH¹, Eric Lawitz, MD², Fred Poordad, MD², Naim Alkhouri, MD¹; ¹Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH; ²Texas Liver Institute, San Antonio, TX
Physician (non-trainee) Recipients

*Physician (non-trainee) Recipients*

**A Treat to Target Approach Decreases the Rate of CD-Related Adverse Outcomes versus a Clinical Approach in Patients With Moderate to Severely Active Crohn’s Disease: Data From CALM**

Jean-Frederic Colombel, MD1, Remo Panaccione, MD, FRCP2, Peter Bossuyt, MD3, Filip Baert, MD4, Tomas Vanasek, MD5, Ahmet Daniloioglu, MD6, Gottfried Novacek, MD7, Alessandro Armuzzi, MD8, Xavier Hebuterne, MD9, Simon Travis, MD10, Silvio Danese, MD11, Walter Reinsch, MD12, William J. Sandborn, MD13, Paul Rutgeerts, MD14, Daniel Hommes, MD15, Stefan Schreiber, MD16, Ezequiel Neimark, MD17, Bidan Huang, MD17, Qian Zhou, MD17, Wan-Ju Lee, MD17, Joel Petersson, MD17, Kori Wallace, MD17, Anne M. Robinson, MD17, Roopal B. Thakkar, MD17, Geert D’Haens, MD, PhD18; 1Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY; 2University of Calgary, Department of Medicine, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; 3Imelda General Hospital, Bonheiden, Antwerpen, Belgium; 4AZ Delta Roeselare-Menen, Menen, Antwerpen, Belgium; 5Hepato-Gastroenterologe HK, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic; 6Bezmialem Vakif University, Istanbul, Turkey; 7Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria; 8Presidio Columbus, Fondazione Policlinico Gemelli Università Cattolica, Rome, Lazio, Italy; 9Service de Gastroentérologie et Nutrition Clinique, Université de Nice-Sophia-Antipolis, Nice, Provence-Alpes-Cote d’Azur, France; 10Oxford University Hospitals, Oxford, United Kingdom; 11Istituto Clinico Humanitas, Milan, Italy; 12Medical University of Vienna, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; 13University of California, La Jolla, CA; 14University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium; 15University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA; 16University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany; 17AbbVie, Inc., North Chicago, IL; 18Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, Netherlands

**Self-administered Cognitive Behavior Therapy for IBS: The IBS Outcome Study (IBSOS) Randomized Clinical Trial**

Jeffrey Lackner, PsyD1, Darren Brenner, MD2, Rebecca Firth, MHA1, Gregory Gudleski, PhD1, Frank Hamilton, MD, MPH3, Leonard Katz, MD1, Laurie Keefer, PhD4, Susan Krasner, PhD1, Chang-Xing Ma, PhD5, Christopher Radziwon, PhD1, Michael Sitrin, MD1, James Jaccard, PhD6; 1University at Buffalo School of Medicine, Buffalo, NY; 2Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL; 3National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD; 4Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY; 5University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY; 6New York University, New York, NY

**Is Alcohol Required for Effective Pancreatic Cyst Ablation? The Prospective Randomized CHARM Trial**

Matthew T. Moyer, MD, MS, Setareh Sharzehi, MD, Heather D. Heisey, RPh, Thomas J. McGarrity, MD, John M. Levenick, MD, Amanda Cooper, MD, Abraham Mathew, MD, MSc, Jennifer L. Maranki, MD, MS, Niraj Gusani, MD, Brandy D. Headlee, PA-C, Charles E. Dye, MD; Penn State University Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA
**International Award**

The International Award is selected from the best scientific papers on the basis of abstracts submitted in any category and is presented to one recipient. The primary author may 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 WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

**Recipient**

*A Prospective Validation of Deep Learning for Polyp Auto-detection During Colonoscopy*

Pu Wang, MD¹, Xiao Xiao, PhD², Jingjia Liu, BSc², Liangping Li, MD¹, Mengtian Tu, MS¹, Jiong He, BSc², Xiao Hu, MS¹, Fei Xiong, MS¹, Yi Xin, BSc², Xiaogang Liu, MD¹; ¹Sichuan Academy of Medical Sciences & Sichuan Provincial People’s Hospital, Chengdu, Sichuan, People’s Republic of China; ²Shanghai Wision AI Co., Ltd, Shanghai, People’s Republic of China

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**Lawlor Resident Award**

The 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. The recipient is chosen by the WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

**Recipient**

*The Prevalence of Carcinoid Tumors of the Small Intestine in the USA: A Population-Based Study*

Mohannad Abou Saleh, MBBS¹, Emad Mansoor, MD², Mohammad Anindo, MBBS³, Gerard Isenberg, MD, MBA⁴; ¹University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, Westlake, OH; ²University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH; ³Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA; ⁴University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH
Pediatric GI Award

The Pediatric GI Award is selected from the best scientific papers on the basis of abstracts submitted in the Pediatric GI category and is presented to one recipient. The award recipient is chosen by the WCOG at ACG2017 Abstract Selection Committee.

Recipient

*Probiotics for the Management of Functional Abdominal Pain in Children: A Cochrane Systematic Review*

Morris Gordon, MBChB, MMed, PhD; Chris Wallace, MBChB; University of Central Lancashire, Preston, United Kingdom; Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Blackpool, United Kingdom