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## 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.