

Training Committee

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Responsibilities as Stated in the ACG Bylaws

This Committee shall be responsible for coordinating activities, programs and outreach relating to training programs and trainee members of the College.

Objectives

1. To explore opportunities to encourage more participation by fellows-in-training in ACG.
2. To develop meetings and educational events for trainees.
3. To continue to update and expand the Trainees Section of the ACG website.
4. To promote mentoring of trainees by the College's members.

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5. To encourage the networking of trainees amongst each other and faculty at ACG meetings.
6. To encourage more interest and guidance among Internal Medicine residents in a future career in gastroenterology.

Committee Report

Postgraduate Course Trainees' Lunch Session

The Trainees' Luncheon continues to be very popular and well attended, and will continue this year in Orlando. This year's session is entitled, "The GI Job Hunt: Finding, Interviewing and Negotiating" and will feature a panel of speakers who will discuss pertinent issues to be considered as trainees begin to evaluate their future after fellowship. Each speaker will offer suggestions through their own perspective. This will be followed by a Q&A session. This session will be held on Sunday, October 15th and is being co-chaired by Akwi Asombang, MD, Robert Hirten, MD, and Kian Keyashian, MD.

GI Jeopardy

This year will mark the fourteenth year of the GI Jeopardy competition, and it seems the crowd is bigger every year. The online preliminary (pretest) round of GI Jeopardy ran in July and August and 135 GI training programs participated. This preliminary competition resulted in 5 teams being invited to the live competition, based on the number of questions correctly answered and, if necessary, the amount of time spent taking the test. The finalists this year are Duke University, Indiana University, University of California (San Francisco), University of Iowa and University of Nebraska.

Each of these programs was invited to send two competitors to attend the ACG Postgraduate Course in Orlando to compete in the live final round on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Qualifying teams received airfare and housing for the Orlando meeting. The winning team members from the live Jeopardy competition will each receive a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2018 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. By popular demand, Ronald D. Szykowski, MD, FACG, will continue as the host of GI Jeopardy Live. We expect another spirited competition this year with more audience participation questions, so come prepared to help out during the live competition!

2nd Year Fellows Course

The annual ACG 2nd Year Fellows Course will be held January 12-14, 2018, in Washington, D.C., and will be co-chaired by Drs. Pichamol Jirapinyo and Aparajita Singh. Small group breakout sessions and general sessions will again be featured as well as Hands-on sessions in endoscopy, capsule endoscopy, and manometry. Expert speakers are invited and the attendees are given one-on-one time with the experts, another unique mentoring opportunity. This course is well attended, but relies on program directors signing up fellows to attend this once in a lifetime opportunity. Due to the overwhelming demand for this course, the attendance for this meeting was increased to 125.

Board Review Question of the Week

The 2016/2017 Grand Prize Winner of the online Board Review Question of the Week competition was Dr. Sheryl Ramdass from Baystate Medical Center. She received a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2017 Annual Meeting in Orlando.

The current round of questions may be found in the Fellows in Training section of the ACG website. The Grand Prize Winner will be determined by weekly participation and the highest number of correct answers to the questions (must answer at least 75% of the questions to be eligible) and will receive a \$1,000 travel grant for the 2018 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. To stimulate ongoing participation in the Question of the Week, we have added a quarterly prize of a free access of ACG's Online Self-Assessment Test to the participant who answers the most questions correctly each quarter (must answer at least 75% of the questions each quarter to be eligible). Questions from prior years remain posted online for review at any time.

Trainee Mentoring Program

In conjunction with the Women in Gastroenterology Committee, the Training Committee will continue with the Mentoring Program. The program's objective is to provide trainees access to faculty from diverse practice models, academic departments, and geographic regions.

The program will continue to foster casual dialogue between mentors and trainees, while affording trainees the opportunity to gain valuable guidance and career advice from faculty not accessible to them in their training programs.

Hands-on Sessions for Fellows at the Annual ACG Meeting

This continues to be a popular and well attended trainee session. Laith Jamil, MD, FACP, and Vivek Kaul, MD, FACP will run the Hands-on program for fellows attending the 2017 Annual Meeting. There are specific times for "fellows only" instruction in newer endoscopic techniques at the "Hands-on Workshop Center" in the exhibit hall. The Committee recognizes that this added feature will enhance our trainees' education.

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Online ACG Case Reports Journal

The *ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ)* is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal publishing high-quality, interesting gastroenterology and hepatology case reports. Edited by GI fellows, it is published bi-weekly online for free to all readers. In addition, there are no submission or publication fees for authors. Publications are indexed on PubMed, Web of Science, and others.

ACGCRJ is very popular and will continue to afford GI trainees the opportunity to gain experience with publishing cases and reviewing manuscripts. We are currently publishing volume 4.

ACG Magazine Trainee Articles

The Training Committee members contribute articles related to GI trainees to the *ACG Magazine* such as “Optimize Ergonomics in Endoscopy.” Key objectives of the *ACG Magazine* include meeting the needs of the ACG membership, the publication’s readership, and College leadership. One critical goal for *ACG Magazine* is to strengthen readers’ connection to the College and to their GI colleagues.

Wealth Management Webinars

Starting in the Fall of 2017, ACG’s member benefits partner, Wealth Management Strategies, will offer financial webinars for GI trainees.