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New Clinical Advances in Gastroenterology

Presented at the American College of Gastroenterology's 83rd Annual Scientific Meeting

Featured Sciences Includes Colorectal Cancer, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Obesity and Bariatric Surgery, Celiac, Gut Microbiome, and More

Philadelphia, PA (October 8, 2018) – More than 5,000 gastroenterologists and other health care professionals will convene at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA for the premier clinical gastroenterology event—the American College of Gastroenterology's 83rd Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course (ACG 2018)—to review the latest scientific advances in gastrointestinal research, treatment of digestive diseases and clinical practice management.

This year's scientific presentations reveal significant findings and innovative technologies for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of digestive diseases and serious GI-related health issues, including colorectal cancer (CRC), inflammatory bowel disease, obesity and bariatric surgery, *C. difficile* infection, the gut microbiome, celiac disease and non-celiac gluten sensitivity, and colonoscopy quality.

Are gluten-free restaurant menus free of gluten? If not, which gluten-free dishes are more likely to contain gluten? Can virtual reality improve CRC patient education and screening rates, automated text message navigation enhance bowel prep and boost colonoscopy show rate, and artificial intelligence mitigate the documentation burden on clinicians performing colonoscopy? What factor may be linked to alarming recent increases in certain cancers in young adults? What does having bariatric surgery mean for one's risk of biliary disease, and what effect does bariatric surgery have on the composition of one's gut microbiome? Who needs early colonoscopy?

These are some of the intriguing clinical questions answered in the Noteworthy Abstracts selected by the ACG Public Relations Committee, whose authors provide additional perspective on their findings and explain what the clinical science means for patients. Following the links below, reporters can explore these **Noteworthy Abstracts and Author Insights** and connect with these researchers for media stories.

Please note that all research presented at ACG 2018 is strictly embargoed until Monday, October 8, 2018, at 8:00 am Eastern Daylight Time.

Helpful Links for Media on the ACG Blog

[Visit the ACG Blog](#)

On the ACG Blog is posted commentary and perspective from select authors of noteworthy findings, as well as tips to navigate the broad array of clinical research being presented at ACG 2018 by investigators working to advance digestive health and improve patient care.

[ACG 2018 Media Guide](#)

[Noteworthy Abstracts and Author Insights](#)

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

[Featured Lectures](#)

Learn more about the featured lectures by renowned experts which will showcase innovative and challenging issues in clinical gastroenterology at ACG 2018.

Navigating the Abstracts

[Final Program Book](#)

Tip: Look at pages 58-68 of the Final Program Book for the Plenary Session Oral Papers. Look at pages 28-36 for the award-winning and Presidential Posters. ACG's Presidential Posters are highly meritorious projects selected by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee, and the College recognizes excellent clinical research by organ-system category as well as research by fellows-in-training.

[Itinerary Planner](#)

Tip: Search all of the abstracts on the ACG 2018 Itinerary Planner:

- Global Search- select the “Global Search” option in the menu. This search will pull any and every instance of an entered name or keyword(s).
- Oral Papers: use the “Courses/Sessions” option, select the “Keyword Search” option, and type the word “plenary” into the search bar. The search will pull in all of the oral abstracts.
- Posters: select the “Posters” option and search by Author, Title, Number, Organ System or Date.

Media Interview Requests

Press room and video recording facilities will be available on site at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. To arrange an interview with any ACG experts or abstract authors, please contact Brian Davis of ACG via email at mediaonly@gi.org or by phone at 301-263-9000. From Monday, October

8, to Wednesday, October 10, in ACG Press Room (Room 119A at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA.)

About the American College of Gastroenterology

Founded in 1932, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) is an organization with an international membership of over 14,000 individuals from 86 countries. The College's vision is to be the pre-eminent professional organization that champions the evolving needs of clinicians in the delivery of high-quality, evidence-based and compassionate health care to gastroenterology patients. The mission of the College is to advance world-class care for patients with gastrointestinal disorders through excellence, innovation and advocacy in the areas of scientific investigation, education, prevention and treatment. www.gi.org

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