

**2020 ACG President's Special Recognition Award Recipient**  
**Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH, FACG**



Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH, FACG is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (GHN) at The Ohio State University (OSU). Additionally, he serves as Deputy Director of the Center for Cancer Health Equity at OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center and Medical Director of Healthy Communities for OSU Wexner Medical Center (OSUWMC).

Dr. Gray is a passionate advocate for diversity, equity, inclusion, and commitment engagement. In his clinical practice, research and leadership roles, his work leverages meaningful partnerships across public and private sectors to address health disparities.

Locally, he developed the Provider and Community Engagement (PACE) Program for Health Equity in Colorectal Cancer Prevention, an initiative aimed at improving colorectal cancer screening rates. Dr. Gray also co-led his health system's health equity response to COVID-19 with distribution of community-care kits. More recently, he co-developed their anti-racism action plan.

Dr. Gray has served as chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee since 2018. Under his leadership, and in collaboration with Dr. Sophie Balzora, the ACG spearheaded the #DiversityInGI campaign, instituted a diversity and inclusion corporate scorecard, and launched the Racism in Medicine webinar series. He also partnered in sustaining the Summer Scholar Program and the Prescription for Success Outreach Program and represented the Committee in regional postgraduate course lecturers on health disparities and cultural competence.

He has received numerous honors including induction into the 2017 class of the National Minority Quality Forum 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health, a National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable National Achievement Award, and multiple ACG SCOPY Awards. However, Dr. Gray believes his greatest achievements are being a husband to wife, Brittney, and father to children Harper (5), Ella (3), and Noah (19 months).

Dr. Gray is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and graduate of Morehouse College and Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center, Gastroenterology fellowship at Washington University, and public health training at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.