

2020 ACG President's Special Recognition Award Recipient
Sophie M. Balzora, MD, FACG



Sophie M. Balzora MD, FACG, is a Clinical Associate Professor at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine. Dr. Balzora has focused her academic efforts on improving physician engagement and enhancing the patient experience through objective structured clinical exams (OSCEs).

As Chair of ACG's Public Relations Committee, Dr. Balzora's primary goal is to disseminate the College's message of the importance of colorectal cancer awareness to the general public and arm its members with tools to do the same. She is a member and incoming Vice Chair of ACG's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and co-founder of ACG's #DiversityinGI Social Media Campaign. Dr. Balzora also serves on the Patient Education Sub-Committee of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation (CCF)'s National Scientific Advisory Committee, the social media team of the CCF's Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Journal, and as a member of Fight CRC's Health Equity Committee. She has also recently been accepted into the inaugural cohort of the Office of Diversity Affairs' Faculty Leadership Development Program through the NYU Langone Academy.

Dr. Balzora is an avid runner. She is also passionate about travel, having visited all seven continents. She currently resides in New York City with her husband and daughter.