David Y. Graham Lecturer

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2020 Lecturer
Ira M. Jacobson, MD, FACP

From Hepatitis C to COVID-19: Can We Triumph Again?

Ira Jacobson, MD, FACP, earned his BS from Yale University, and MD from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. After completing an internship and residency at the University of California San Francisco, he trained as a fellow in gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1984, he joined the faculty at Weill Cornell Medical College and New York Presbyterian Hospital.

During his 30 years at Weill Cornell, Dr. Jacobson served as Chief of the Division of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology (1998-2015) and was the Vincent Astor Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of the Center for the Study of Hepatitis C. From 2015 to mid-2017, he was Chair of Medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center. He joined the faculty of NYU Langone Health as Director of Hepatology in August 2017.

Dr. Jacobson is a Fellow of ACG, ACP, and AGA, and is a member of AASLD and EASL. In addition to an active practice with a focus on patients with liver disease, he has been an investigator in many trials on treatment for hepatitis B and C since the 1980s. He has been a PI and author of many trials on novel treatments for hepatitis C and B. His clinical research currently focuses on hepatitis B and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. He served on the Gastroenterology and Transplant Hepatology Examination Committees of the ABIM, as Associate Editor of the Journal of Hepatology, and as a reviewer for several journals. He has authored or co-authored over 250 peer-reviewed papers, chapters, reviews, including papers in the NEJM, Lancet, Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Journal of Hepatology, Journal of Viral Hepatitis, and Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology. He also edited two books on ERCP and a volume on hepatitis B for Clinics in Liver Disease. He co-chaired the annual Viral Hepatitis Congress in Frankfurt, Germany from 2012-2017.
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2018  Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP: Management of Patients With Colorectal Polyps: A Personalized Approach Based on Etiology
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2016  Philip O. Katz, MD, FACP: A View From the Other Side of the Bed: Lessons Learned
2015  Ikuo Hirano, MD, FACP: Eosinophilic Esophagitis 2015: From Acid Reflux to Food Allergy
2014  Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACP: Idiosyncratic Drug-induced Liver Injury: What Have We Learned in the Last Decade?
2013  Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACP: Leadership in Medicine 2013: Do We Need a New Approach?
2012  John S. Fordtran, MD, FACP: Factitious Disease
2011  Irving Waxman, MD, FACP: Endotherapy for Barrett’s Esophagus: Cure or Quagmire?
2010  Grace H. Elta, MD, FACP: GI Training: Where is it Headed?
2009  Peter J. Kahrilas, MD, FACP: Esophageal Motor Disorders in Terms of High Resolution Pressure Topography: What Has Changed?
2008  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: Colon Ischemia: Respice, Adspice, Prospice
2007  Walter L. Peterson, MD, FACP: Evidence-Based Medicine: What Does it Mean for Gastroenterology – Present and Future?
2006  Amnon Sonnenberg, MD, MSc, FACP: The “Incredibly Simple” Solution to the Cohort Phenomenon of Peptic Ulcer
2005  Francis K. L. Chan, MD, FACP: Use of NSAIDs in a COX-2 Restricted Environment
2004  David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: Helicobacter pylori and Gastric Cancer: The Problem – The Solution