Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

The Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award, formerly the ACG Clinical Achievement Award, is presented to not more than one Member/Fellow of the College in any year and is made in recognition of distinguished contributions to clinical gastroenterology over a significant period of time. Specific criteria include, in addition to a career of distinguished clinical practice of gastroenterology, contributions in patient care, clinical science, clinical education, technological innovation, and public and community service.

2020 Recipient
William D. Chey, MD, FACG

William D. Chey, MD, FACC, AGAF, FACP, RFF received his BA degree from the University of Pennsylvania and medical degree & training in internal medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine. He completed a fellowship in gastroenterology and has remained on the faculty at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he is currently the Timothy T. Nostrand Collegiate Professor of Gastroenterology. He holds a joint appointment in the Department of Nutrition Sciences.

At Michigan, he has helped to create multiple innovative clinical programs including the Digestive Disorders Nutrition & Behavioral Health Program, the Michigan Food for Life Kitchen, and Michigan Bowel Control Program. He is also the director of the GI Physiology Laboratory at Michigan Medicine.

His research interests focus on the diagnosis & treatment of functional bowel disorders, acid-related disorders, and H. pylori infection. He is a medical innovator and entrepreneur, holding several patents. Dr. Chey has authored more than 350 manuscripts, reviews, chapters & books. He served as Co-editor-in-Chief of The American Journal of Gastroenterology (2010-2015) and founding co-Editor of Clinical & Translational Gastroenterology (2011-2014). He is current Editor-in-Chief of Current Treatment Options in Gastroenterology. He has co-authored more than 10 national and international clinical practice guidelines by the ACG, AGA, ANMS, CAG, and Rome Foundation.

Dr. Chey is a board member of the American College of Gastroenterology, Rome Foundation, American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society, GI OnDEMAND, and the International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders.

He has been elected to “Best Doctors” since 2001 and received multiple awards including Michigan Medicine’s League of Clinical Excellence, League of Research Excellence, the Dean’s Outstanding Clinician Award and the Dean’s Award for Innovation & Commercialization. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Clinician Award from the American Gastroenterological Association. In 2020, he was awarded with honorary membership to the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics.