

2020 Master Recipient
Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, MACG



Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, is the Bozymski-Heizer Distinguished Professor of Medicine at the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine, and Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at UNC.

Dr. Shaheen's research interests center on gastroesophageal reflux disease, and pre-cancerous and cancerous conditions of the esophagus. He has a clinical and research interest in early detection and treatment of cancerous and precancerous lesions of the esophagus, including endoscopic treatment of Barrett's esophagus. He has authored greater than 300 publications in these areas. He is primary or secondary author on guidelines

statements on Barrett's esophagus, GERD, eosinophilic esophagitis and the use of endoscopy. He has served as senior associate editor for *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, and on multiple other editorial boards.

Dr. Shaheen is currently principal investigator on multiple NIH grants investigating aspects of esophagus disease. He is also the co-PI of UNC's Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), and co-director of the North Carolina Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute.

Dr. Shaheen is committed to mentoring and has served as a mentor for many clinical and translational researchers, including GI fellows, medical students, and postdoctoral fellows. He completed a K24 Mid-Career Award from NIDDK to mentor clinical researchers. He received the AGA's Outstanding Mentor Award for the EGD section in 2018.

Dr. Shaheen currently serves as the Director of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education and is a member of the ACG Board of Trustees. During his tenure, the Institute developed 4 new grants programs, the Young Physicians' Leadership Scholars Program, the Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program, and multiple "Schools" in subject areas like Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Functional Bowel syndromes and Hepatology, among other initiatives. He encourages his colleagues to make an investment in the future of our profession by donating to the G.U.T. fund, which provides resources to support and expand the Institute's work.