
Samuel S. Weiss Award

The Samuel S. Weiss Award was established as a service award in commemoration of the founding father of the ACG, Samuel S. Weiss, whose efforts and initiative resulted in the establishment of the College in 1932. It is presented periodically, and not necessarily annually, to a Fellow of the College in recognition of outstanding career service to the American College of Gastroenterology. Nominations are solicited and reviewed by the Awards Committee and the recipients must be approved by the ACG Board of Trustees.

2020 Recipient

Eugene M. Bozyski, MD, MACG



Eugene M. Bozyski, MD, MACG, is Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine. He is also Adjunct Professor at Duke University Medical Center. He attended John Carroll University and graduated from Marquette University School of Medicine/Medical College of Wisconsin. He completed a rotating internship at Scripps/Mercy Hospital in San Diego and a 3-year medical residency at Marquette University School of Medicine/Medical College of Wisconsin interrupted by a 2-year stint in the U.S. Army. He then completed a GI fellowship at UNC where he was fortunate to work under great GI chiefs, Drs. John Sessions, Don Powell, David Brenner, Robert Sandler and Nicholas Shaheen,

and a fantastic group of gastroenterologists. Dr. Bozyski established the Motility Center at UNC and helped Duke University establish their unit and also led the Endoscopy Unit at UNC for many years. Along with Dr. Roy Orlando he led the UNC GI division for ~2 years.

He is a recognized expert in the field of esophageal diseases and disorders of esophageal motility, therapeutic endoscopy and inflammatory bowel disease. He spent several weeks in Germany with Dr. Laslo Safrany improving ERCP skills. He helped in establishing the Endoscopy Unit at the University of Alexandria in Egypt and served as an advisor to the University of Saratov Medical School in Russia. He is committed to excellence in the care of patients and working with GI fellows. His formal lectures are a model of clarity and exposition. He has written widely in his field and served on the editorial boards of a number of prestigious journals.

Dr. Bozyski continues to be a much sought-after speaker at national and international meetings. He has served as Governor of North Carolina for the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) on two separate occasions, and also served on both the National Affairs Committee and the Awards Committee where he was Chair from 2001-2004. He is a Master of the ACG, the American College of Physicians, and the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) and is a Fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA).

Dr. Bozyski has been very active in the American College of Physicians. He has participated in the abstract selection for the Associates Competition at the Annual Session and at regional meetings. He was a member of the MKSAP IV Board and a manuscript reviewer for the Annals of Internal Medicine and a number of other journals. He served with distinction as ACP Governor for North Carolina and has received the North Carolina Chapter's Laureate Award and was appointed as a Master in the American College of Physicians in 2002.

He is also very involved in the gastrointestinal subspecialty societies and has served on a number of committees having chaired several of them. He has been recognized by these societies and has received a number of awards, including the Distinguished Clinician Award of the AGA, the Master Endoscopist Award by the ASGE and the University of North Carolina Distinguished Faculty Award. He received the Master's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Gastroenterology from the AGA Institute in 2006 and was honored in 2007 with the establishment of The Eugene M. and Mary Kay Bozyski and William and Linda Heizer Distinguished Professorship at the University of North Carolina Medical Center. He was awarded an honorary degree in humane letters by John Carroll University in 2011 and was privileged to give the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society lecture in 2012, at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Bozyski worked part time at UNC Medical Center and the Durham/Duke VAMC for the latter part of his career and was pleased to learn that the Duke GI division was outstanding and their fellows excellent.

Past Samuel S. Weiss Award Recipients

2019	Alvin M. Zfass, MD, MACG	1997	Arthur H. Aufses, Jr., MD, MACG
2018	Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG	1996	Arvey I. Rogers, MD, MACG
2017	John W. Popp, Jr., MD, MACG	1995	Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG
2016	Richard G. Farmer, MD, MS, MACG	1994	J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG
	Burton I. Korelitz, MD, MACG	1993	Arthur E. Lindner, MD, MACG
	Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG	1992	Franz Goldstein, MD, MACG
2015	Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG	1991	James L. Achord, MD, MACG
2014	Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG	1990	Robert L. Berger, MD, MACG
2013	Jack A. Di Palma, MD, FACP	1989	Angelo E. DaGradi, MD, MACG
2012	Martin H. Floch, MD, MACG	1987	Joseph E. Walther, MD, MACG
2011	Frank L. Lanza, MD, FACP	1986	Richard L. Wechsler, MD, MACG
2008	Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG	1984	John P. Papp, MD, MACG
2006	William D. Carey, MD, MACG	1982	Daniel Weiss, BS, MA
2005	David Y. Graham, MD, MACG	1980	David A. Dreiling, MD, MACG
2004	Edgar Achkar, MD, FACP	1978	Henry Colcher, MD, MACG
2002	Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG	1976	Murrel H. Kaplan, MD, FACP
2001	Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG	1974	Robert R. Bartunek, MD, FACP
2000	Seymour Katz, MD, MACG	1972	Milton J. Matzner, MD, FACP
1998	Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, FACP		