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Celebrating Achievement



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The Year in Review

2021-2022: Triumphant Return to Live Learning

The ACG 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting will go down in the history of the College as a triumphant return to in-person clinical education after the disconnection and distance enforced by the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, the past year will be remembered as one in which ACG's unique brand of connection and collegiality made a powerful difference in the GI community, strengthening the bonds that make the College feel like a "professional family" for so many.

● ● ● REUNITED

The hallmark of the ACG 2021 meeting was the energy and excitement witnessed among our members re-connecting in Las Vegas, despite COVID's ongoing challenges. In response to the pandemic's limitations, right from the start in 2020 ACG nimbly and effectively evolved our educational programs to offer flexible online options to fulfill one of the major pillars of ACG's mission, clinical education. But the lesson of ACG 2021 is that gathering in-person for live learning, dialogue, and scientific exchange endures as a core value for the College.

The tenor of the meeting was widespread enthusiasm and gratitude to reconvene with colleagues along with deep care for each other and for public health as attendees honored masking requirements in place at the time in Las Vegas.



ACG Board of Trustees, October 2021



The theme of the ACG 2021 meeting – “Vaxxed and Masked, Learning Together” – sent a strong, clear message that gastroenterologists and the GI community are role models during the trials of the pandemic.

EDUCATION

In no domain has the College proved its adaptability and commitment to GI clinicians more than in clinical education during the challenging era of the pandemic. ACG has maintained a clear and consistent dedication to the highest standards of educational excellence by stepping up to offer programs that meet ACG learners where they are and evolving our courses in smart ways to create meaningful learning opportunities. In 2021-2022, ACG made a priority to hold meetings in person when we could do so safely, but also provided online options and strengthened the Virtual Grand Rounds program in new and important ways. The return to live learning was critical to the success of the past year, but all programs offered hybrid options with live and digital components to maximize the reach and impact of the College's educational mission.



ACCME Accreditation with Commendation

In late 2021, The College was recognized for its outstanding achievements in continuing medical education and implementation of best practices by the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). ACG was also honored with this distinction in 2009 and 2015.

These talks add to the value of ACG's online learning platform, the Education Universe, where all the recordings may be accessed with a free login. Special topic VGR presentations for international audiences, a series of VGRs dedicated to ACG's new clinical guidelines, as well as sessions dedicated to career development topics were among the highlights of the year.

New GI APP Training Series

Providing clinical education and immersion in GI and hepatology to advanced practice providers is a meaningful resource for the cohort of the College's APP members but also a valuable asset for the physicians and practices with whom APPs work. In the past year, new APP education modules have been developed and added to the ACG Education Universe on colon, basics of IBD, GI bleeding, esophagus, pancreatobiliary, stomach, small bowel, and mixed subject area.

The ACG GI APP Training Series can be found here:
<https://education.gi.org/search?special=app>

ACG Virtual Grand Rounds

In the past year, the ACG Virtual Grand Rounds weekly webinar series every Thursday at Noon Eastern added a second time slot at 8pm Eastern to extend its reach for busy clinicians and continued to deliver a solid source of up-to-date clinical education for the GI community. Since this program was launched in 2020 in the earliest days of the pandemic, a consistently excellent core of lectures on critical topics in gastroenterology, hepatology, and endoscopy has now surpassed over 69,000 interactions with learners in more than 200 presentations.



In 2022, Dr. Jennifer Horsley-Silva delivered one of the most popular weekly Virtual Grand Rounds of the year on Eosinophilic Esophagitis.

ACG VIRTUAL GRAND ROUNDS BY THE NUMBERS*

NUMBER OF SESSIONS **202** TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS **MORE THAN 69,000** NUMBER OF FACULTY **367** NUMBER OF MODERATORS **215**

* As of 9/15

RECORD-SETTING SESSIONS WITH HIGHEST NUMBER OF LOGINS



Functional Dyspepsia:
How to Deal with the Burn and the Bloat
Scott L. Gabbard, MD, FACP



Feeding Tubes:
What GI's Need to Know in 2022
John C. Fang, MD



Current and Emerging Options for
the Diagnosis and Management of EoE
Jennifer Horsley-Silva, MD

WATCH & LEARN:
All Virtual Grand Rounds recordings are available at education.gi.org

NEW! 8PM REBROADCAST of the NOON THURSDAY WEBINARS

- GUIDELINES COVERED IN 2022
- Diagnosis and Management of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
 - Management of Benign Anorectal Disorders
 - Diagnosis and Management of Barrett's Esophagus
 - Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure
 - Management of Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets
 - Diagnosis and Management of Cancer Risk in the Gastrointestinal Hamartomatous Polyposis Syndromes

PATIENT ADVOCATE WEBINARS

- CRC Survivor & Advocate Allison Rosen on the Patient Journey: What GI Clinicians Need to Know Now
- Empowering Patients Through the Transition of Care in IBD

●●● PUBLIC POLICY

A Proposed Medicare Change Beginning January 2023 is a Win for Patients!

Thanks to ACG advocacy efforts and the work of the CRC advocacy community, CMS in a recent proposed rule expanded colorectal cancer screening under Medicare to waive cost-sharing for a follow-up colonoscopy to a positive stool-based colorectal cancer screening test. CMS also proposes to cover the service for individuals 45 years of age and above.

New threats to physician reimbursement in the proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule promulgated in July are the focus of an important initiative under the leadership of the ACG Legislative & Public Policy Council to educate regulators and put a spotlight on the negative potential impact on patient care of devastating downward trends in payment for critical GI procedures.

A Day of Legislative Advocacy to Advance ACG's Public Policy Priorities

With the opportunity to gather in-person in April 2022, ACG's Advocacy Day was a powerful testament to the commitment of clinical gastroenterologists to advance the interests of patients and the GI profession with legislators and regulators. On April 7, 2022, the Board of Governors, Board of Trustees members, Young Physician Leadership Scholars, and members of the Advanced Leadership Development Program joined together to participate in Washington, DC.

The critical focus of ACG Advocacy Day was sharing stories and insights with legislators and their staff to help advance care for gastroenterology patients while educating congressional leaders on the issues that matter in clinical GI practice, particularly step therapy reform, access to quality care for Medicare beneficiaries, and the burdensome challenges of prior authorization.

In a morning briefing, the group heard from a number of congressional leaders including U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA), a hepatologist and ACG Fellow. An ACG delegation met with Dr. Meena Seshamani who is the Director of Medicare at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Chair, ACG Board of Governors
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Vice Chair, ACG Board of Governors
Dayna S. Early, MD, FACC



2022 ACG Advocacy Day: "A Day of Legislative Advocacy to Advance ACG's Public Policy Priorities."

Key Messages and Specific Legislative Requests ACG Advocacy Day

- › **Support The Safe Step Act (S.464; H.R.2163)**
The bill requires insurers regulated under ERISA to implement a clear and transparent process to request an exception to a step therapy protocol.
- › **Fix Prior Authorization for Medicare Beneficiaries (S.3018/H.R.3173)**
ACG urged Congress to adopt the "Improving Seniors' Access to Care Act" that protects Medicare Advantage patients from time-consuming practices and removes barriers to medically necessary care.
- › **Addressing Threat of Significant Medicare Cuts**
ACG advocates addressed the risk to patient access and quality of care from potential Medicare cuts at a time when GI practices are facing mounting financial pressures.



L to R: Yakira David, MD; Christopher Velez, MD; Nicolette Rodriguez, MD; Jennifer Cai, MD; Akwi Asombang, MD



The ACG Board of Governors and members of the Young Physician Leadership Scholars 2021-2022 cohort in Washington for ACG Advocacy Day April 7, 2022



L to R: Shifa Umar, MD; Prasad G. Iyer, MD, MSc, FAGG; Susan Lou, MD; John T. Bassett, MD, FAGC



L to R: Dr. James Hobley; Dr. Neelima Reddy; U.S. Senator, Bill Cassidy, MD, FAGC (R-LA)



L to R: ACG Executive Director, Brad Stillman; Dr. Mark Pochapin; Dr. Patrick Young; Dr. Dayna Early; ACG VP of Public Policy, Brad Conway; Dr. James Hobley; Dr. Jannel Lee-Allen; Dr. Samir Shah, ACG President at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



L to R: Allon Kahn, MD; Indu Srinivasan, MD; Jonathan A. Leighton, MD, FAGC

ACG Fighting for You: Stop Medicare Cuts Now!

Louis J. Wilson, MD, FAGC, Chair of the College's Legislative and Public Policy Council, shared his assessment of proposed rules for Medicare that represent a destructive blow to every medical practice that depends on Medicare in a blog post in July on the heels of proposed rules from CMS: "Medicare reimbursements are, yet again, under threat of destructive and unreasonable cuts. Once again, these cuts are due to an antiquated and broken Medicare reimbursement system and budgeting rules. The ACG Legislative & Public Policy Council has been sounding the alarm over these issues to Congress during the 2022 ACG Advocacy Day, and during my briefings with the U.S. House of Representatives' Doctors Caucus. Make no mistake, these cuts are dangerous to patients, anti-physician practice, and must be changed. It's time for ACG members to act. We will help lead the way for clinical GI and will also strongly encourage other professional associations to make stronger efforts for both a short-term patch, but also a long-term solution, that fixes this system. Our practices and patients are depending on us."



Chair, ACG Legislative & Public Policy Council
Louis J. Wilson, MD, FAGC



PATIENT VOICES

The College uplifted and amplified the experiences of patients in high profile and meaningful ways in the last year with participation in national events, cover stories on *ACG MAGAZINE*, and as speakers for Virtual Grand Rounds.

Fight CRC's United in Blue

The urgency of colorectal cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers and particularly the voices of those diagnosed with early onset disease were front and center at Fight Colorectal Cancer's "United in Blue" installation and rally in March 2022 in Washington, DC. President-Elect Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACP, represented the College and clinical GI in addressing the crowd gathered on the National Mall. The dramatic installation of 27,400 blue flags near the U.S. Capitol was a visual representation of those younger than 50 who will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2030. Dr. Pambianco shared the podium with NCI Director Dr. Ned Sharpless, several Members of Congress, and patient advocates in a moving event that called on Congress to do more to address young onset CRC disease.



Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACP, addresses Fight CRC's "United in Blue" Rally in March 2022



Tina Aswani Omprakash Cover Article

Dr. Parakkal Deepak, Chair of ACG's Digital Communications & Publications Committee, introduced the College to Tina Aswani Omprakash, a Crohn's disease patient and MPH candidate at Mt. Sinai in New York. Ms. Omprakash is a well-respected patient advocate who wrote a thoughtful personal reflection featured on the cover story of *ACG MAGAZINE*'s Winter 2021 Issue 4. She recounted her health journey and her experience founding a non-profit, the South Asian IBD Alliance (SAIA, southasianibd.org) in her first person narrative, "Starting a Conversation for South Asians Living with IBD."



Allison Rosen ACG Virtual Grand Rounds

Stage II colorectal cancer survivor, patient advocate, and cancer educator Allison Rosen presented ACG Virtual Grand Rounds on March 17, 2022. Ms. Rosen is currently Director of Project ECHO at the American Cancer Society and worked most recently at Dan Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor. In her talk, "The CRC Patient Journey: What GI Clinicians Need to Know Now," Ms. Rosen shared her personal story and emphasized the challenges of early age onset CRC and the importance of considering all signs or symptoms, regardless of the patient's age. In a candid and thoughtful presentation, she discussed shared decision making and empathy as best practices. A recording is available of this session, which was moderated by Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACP, at gi.org/ACGVGR.

●●● INSTITUTE



Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), FACG, Director of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education.

Many of the most impactful and meaningful initiatives within the College are fostered through the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education thanks to the vision and leadership of its Director, Dr. Neena Abraham, and a dedicated Institute Board of Directors. With the launch of the Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity in October 2021, the ACG Institute has created a forum to envision new paradigms for effective clinician-leadership.

The mission of the LE&E Center is to elevate leadership competencies in GI clinicians, to advance equity in gastroenterology, to educate and cultivate the pipeline of well-prepared clinician-leaders, to promote the practical application of ethical leadership, and to invest in promising research that strengthens equitable health care. A meaningful focus on leadership, ethics, and equity matters because effective clinician-leaders must be well prepared to meet the demands, complexity, and responsibilities of current medical practice, and to navigate future challenges as champions of equitable health care.



Read the LE&E Center Launch Statement gi.org/LEECenter

Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care

As a cornerstone of the offerings of the new LE&E Center, the ACG Institute created the Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care as part of the well-regarded Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship program. The inaugural year of this new lectureship saw a large number of GI fellowship programs requesting Visiting Scholars through this program that aims to create awareness around the issues and challenges related to delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision making.



ACG Past President and ACG Institute Director Emeritus, Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, presents a plaque to Tyler Berzin, MD, FACG, in April at the Cleveland Clinic for the Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship named in Dr. Achkar's honor.



Record-Setting Investment in Clinical Research

As the source of over \$27 million in clinical research funding since 1994, the ACG Institute in 2022 recommended total funding for awards in excess of \$2.2 million. This financial pledge is the largest in the history of the College and would not have been possible without the hard work of the ACG Research Committee under the leadership of Dr. Timothy Gardner and generous support for the Institute's G.U.T. Fund.

●●● INSTITUTE, *continued*

Advanced Leadership Development Program

The new ACG Institute Advanced Leadership Development Program provides mid-career physicians (10-20 years post-fellowship) with an opportunity to further develop comprehensive leadership skills. The program includes advocacy training, online and in-person learning, as well as one-on-one mentoring with the goal of developing a cohesive group of peer leaders who will serve as problem-solving consultants for each other and the College. Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACG, David J. Hass, MD, FACG, and Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG, direct this new program.



The 2021-2022 ACG Institute ALDP cohort in Washington, DC in April 2022

Early Career Leadership Program (Formerly Young Physician Leadership Scholars)

The Early Career Leadership Program (ECLP) is a signature program of the ACG Institute's Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity. ECLP (formerly the Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program) empowers young gastroenterologists to grow leadership and advocacy abilities to advance the future of GI. The goal of the program is to provide early career physicians with a comprehensive skill set that will serve as a foundation for the development of leadership and physician advocacy skills, with a focus on building aptitude in executive decision-making, critical thinking, and understanding organizational behavior. The Program is directed by Allon Kahn, MD, and Elizabeth R. Paine, MD, FACG, both YPSLP alumni.



The 2021-2022 ACG Institute YPLSP cohort in April 2022, now known as the Early Career Leadership Program.

●●● COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND ENDING DISPARITIES



Chair, ACG DEI Committee
Sophie M. Balzora, MD, FACC

ACG's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is stronger than ever. Matching our intentions with action and backing them with resources is the defining theme of the past year. ACG broadened and deepened its longstanding commitment to cultivate diversity, inclusion, and representation in the GI profession and to address health disparities facing GI and liver patients. New targeted research awards, a larger cohort of Summer Scholars, a new scholarship for high school students to start the pipeline of careers in medicine and science early, and comprehensive educational module on health equity and DEI are highlights of an active year. The #DiversityinGI virtual 5K and social media campaign continued its tradition of visibility and support across the GI community, building momentum, celebrating diversity, and raising funds.

"Health Equity and DEI in GI" Education Module

The DEI Committee envisioned and brought to life a comprehensive new educational module "Health Equity and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Gastroenterology" that was launched in 2021 via the ACG Education Universe. The module features 14 presentations including talks such as "Eliminating Racism in Science and Healthcare: Historical Perspective and Current Opportunities" and "Providing Culturally Competent Care."



Health Equity Research Award (HERA)

The new HERA Award is offered through the ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education's Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity. The first two awards of \$50,000 each were granted in 2022 to support actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities, thereby promoting health equity. A larger grant amount for HERA in 2023 of \$75,000 increases the investment in promising investigators and will allow grantees to deepen and extend the reach of their projects.



HERA 2022 Grantee, Maya Balakrishnan, MD, MPH
Baylor College of Medicine
"Improving Outcomes Among Mexican and Central American Patients with NAFLD"



HERA 2022 Grantee, Rachel Issaka, MD, MAS
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
"A Pilot Video Intervention to Decrease Fear of Colonoscopy in a Safety-Net Healthcare System"

Early Cultivation of the Pipeline for Medicine and Science

A new scholarship of \$1,000 for education expenses is now part of ACG's "Prescription for Success" outreach program to cultivate interest in careers in medicine and science among high school students. Each year since 1999, members of the ACG DEI Committee visit a local high school in the city hosting the College's Annual Scientific Meeting. The inaugural awards in 2021 went to three juniors from Rancho High School in Las Vegas, NV.



L to R: Miah Solis, Olivia Fenkell, and Marc Natali are part of the Rancho Pre-Medical Academy magnet program and received scholarships for college expenses through ACG's Prescription for Success Program.



DiversityinGI Virtual 5K and Social Media Campaign

Together with the ACG Public Relations Committee, Dr. Balzora and Dr. Darrell Gray are the moving force behind the social media campaign #DiversityinGI and the 5K virtual race that helps to grow of the spirit of inclusion, representation and community that is at the center of the life of the College. Proceeds from corporate sponsorships for this event help support stipends for medical students who participate in the ACG DEI Committee's Summer Scholars Program for those from groups under-represented in medicine.

●●● COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND ENDING DISPARITIES, *continued*

Summer Scholars Mentoring Program

ACG recognizes the tremendous need to enrich our field with clinicians and scientists from underrepresented groups in medicine (URM – inclusive of Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American and Pacific Islanders) and cultivate a digestive health community that more closely reflects our patient populations. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee sponsors a formalized summer mentorship and clinical research program for medical students as one pipeline to increase representation of underrepresented groups in medicine in academic gastroenterology careers.

2022 ACG Summer Scholars



Marie-Lise Chrysostome
Drexel University
College of Medicine



Daniel Huynh
Renaissance School of
Medicine at Stony Brook
University



Joseph N. Chibueze
Lewis Katz School of Medicine
at Temple University

Intersociety Group on Diversity

Since 2020, Dr. Sophie Balzora and Dr. Darrell Gray represented the College within the Intersociety Group on Diversity (IGD) comprised of physician leaders from AASLD, ACG, AGA, ASGE and NASPGHAN. In 2022 Dr. Somaya Albhaisi, a member of the College's DEI Committee, replaced Dr. Balzora as the second of ACG's two IGD representatives.

Formed in 2020, the IGD works collaboratively across the five gastroenterology professional societies to guide, support, and advance diversity, equity and inclusion in the GI field. IGD serves as a cooperative forum for new ideas and cultivates conversation among GI society DEI leaders whose dedicated work together advances the entire profession.

In 2022, the IGD introduced a new Resource Guide highlighting the five societies' individual DEI initiatives, research opportunities, pipeline development programs, education, and awards in a helpful at-a-glance format with links to learn more.

Review the IGD Resource Guide at bit.ly/IGD-DEI-Resources.

IGD: INTERSOCIETY GROUP ON DIVERSITY					
Resources to Advance Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Gastroenterology and Hepatology from the Five GI Societies: AASLD ACG AGA ASGE NASPGHAN					
	AASLD	ACG	AGA	ASGE	NASPGHAN
Research & Pipeline Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Center for Precision Health Research (CPHR) • Research Grant Development Awards • Clinical, Translational, and Cell-Based Research Grants (CTCR) • Acceleration grants to support research in underserved populations • Pilot Projects Award • Education grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Equity Research Award (HERA) • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGA Research Award for Health Equity Research • AGA Research Award for Health Equity Research • AGA Research Award for Health Equity Research • AGA Research Award for Health Equity Research • AGA Research Award for Health Equity Research • AGA Research Award for Health Equity Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations • Research grants to support research in underserved populations
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●●● COLORECTAL CANCER: 45 IS THE NEW 50

“45 is the New 50” was ACG’s key theme for 2022 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. A suite of new educational materials and social media banners was introduced this year and featured prominently the College’s messaging with patients and the public. The ACG Public Relations Committee was the driving force to create these high impact educational resources which are informed by the College’s evidence-based CRC screening guidelines. Download materials: bit.ly/ACG-CRC-Toolkit.

Ride or Stride for 45: A Healthy Challenge to Promote Colorectal Cancer Screening Starting at Age 45



In this virtual challenge, the entire GI community was invited to bike, hike, run, walk or row 45 miles in March (or 45 minutes per day during the month) to show support and enthusiasm for preventing colorectal cancer beginning at age 45 for all average risk adults. A highlight of this virtual event was a Peloton group ride on March 12th in which dedicated fans had an intense workout with instructor Alex Toussaint, who shared his personal family history of colorectal cancer and gave ACG a shout out during the ride. The high degree of enthusiastic participation among ACG members who shared their accomplishments via social media was inspiring.

Tune It Up: A Virtual Concert to Raise Awareness of Colorectal Cancer

ACG was proud to host another free webstream event, “Tune It Up: A Concert to Raise Awareness of Colorectal Cancer,” on March 31, 2022 featuring dynamic performances by a talented collective of musicians. Concert Director Benjamin H. Levy, III, MD, a member of ACG’s Public Relations Committee, organized an impressive evening of music as a follow-up to his SCOPY-award winning concert in 2021. The 2022 event brought new artists and new performances to shine a light on colorectal cancer awareness using the power of music and artistry.



Listen to a recording of the 2022 “Tune It Up: A Virtual Concert to Raise Awareness of Colorectal Cancer at gi.org/concert.



Morehouse School of Medicine GI and Internal Medicine on Dress in Blue Day, Friday March 4, 2022.



CRC public awareness messaging for 2022

●●● ACG JOURNALS THRIVING

Dr. Jasmohan Bajaj and Dr. Millie Long took the helm as Co-Editors-in-Chief of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* with the January 2022 issue. Thanks to their vision and leadership they are redefining the future of the College's flagship publication. In their first year, among a number of significant moves to strengthen the Red Journal, the Co-EICs have launched important new initiatives such as "RCT Rapid Review" for expedited peer review of select submissions and "Hassle-Free Submissions" to make initial submissions easier for excellent clinical research. This format-free approach aims to reduce the workload for authors. The Co-EICs issued their first call-for-manuscripts for papers pertaining to the "GI Lifespan" to augment the understanding of GI disorders across the age spectrum from pediatric to geriatric populations.



At *Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology*, Editor-in-Chief Dr. Brian Jacobson and his editorial board continue to publish highly regarded papers on promising topics at the intersection of clinical care and basic science in this online, Open Access publication. The editorial team at *ACG Case Reports Journal* turns over its leadership each year on July 1st as a new group of GI fellows take over responsibility for editing this Open Access journal with interesting cases.

The College acknowledges with deep thanks all ACG journal editors along with their hardworking editorial boards and many reviewers.



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Launch of Evidence-Based GI in October 2021 and New Audio Summaries

Evidence-Based Gastroenterology launched as a new digital publication for ACG members in October, 2021. In his introductory editorial, Editor-in-Chief Philip Schoenfeld, MD, MEd, MScEpi, FACC, wrote, “Our goal is straightforward: to provide structured abstracts and expert commentary on the best clinical GI, hepatology, and endoscopy research published in the leading general medicine journals as well as European GI journals.” To make this new publication even more accessible and useful, the editors have also introduced new podcast-style audio summaries for the articles. Each week on Wednesday, the *EBGI* social media ambassadors issue a “Tweetorial” social media summary with highlights of key articles.



ACG Clinical Guidelines

The College is grateful for the work of the Practice Parameters Committee and editorial contributions of the Red Journal to bring to life evidence-based clinical guidelines that are such an important resource for the GI community.

ACG Clinical Guidelines published in the past year:

- Management of Benign Anorectal Disorders, Wald, *et al.*
- Diagnosis and Management of GERD, Katz, *et al.*
- Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure, Bajaj, *et al.*
- American College of Gastroenterology-Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets During Acute Gastrointestinal Bleeding and the Periendoscopic Period, Abraham, *et al.*
- Diagnosis and Management of Barrett’s Esophagus, Shaheen, *et al.*
- Gastroparesis, Camilleri, *et al.*

●●● PRACTICE MANAGEMENT TOOLBOX



Insights to Help GI Practices Thrive

Gastroenterologists in private practice find themselves working in a time of unprecedented transformation. Pressures are high as they make important management decisions that profoundly affect their business future, their private lives, and their ability to provide care to patients. The Practice Management Committee has a mission to bring practicing colleagues together to explore solutions to overcome management challenges, to improve operations, enhance productivity, and support physician leadership. It was in this spirit that the Practice Management Toolbox was created as a series of short articles, written by practicing gastroenterologists, that provide members with easily accessible information to improve their practices. Explore: gi.org/practice-management/toolbox.

LECTURES SHIPS



2022 J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer

i The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer, formerly known as the Stuart Lecturer, is a person prominent in gastroenterology or a related area. This individual is nominated by the President and the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This lectureship was established in recognition of the significant contributions made by J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG, to clinical gastroenterology during his long and distinguished clinical and academic career. A nationally and internationally renowned physician and teacher, Dr. Berk also served as ACG President from 1975-1976.



Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS, FACC

The Promise and Progress of New Approaches to Treating the Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS, FACC, is the Chief of the Dr. Henry D. Janowitz Division of Gastroenterology at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, and the Dr. Burrill B. Crohn Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He was awarded his MD at Boston University School of Medicine and completed an internship and residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He received his fellowship training in gastroenterology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and also completed a Master of Science in Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Sands was a faculty member at Harvard Medical School and Medical Co-Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Crohn's and Colitis Center, and then served as the Acting Chief of the Gastrointestinal Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital before moving to Mount Sinai in 2010.

Dr. Sands is a Fellow of the ACG and AGA. Additionally, he has served as the Chair of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Clinical Research Alliance, and Chair of the Immunology, Microbiology and IBD Section of the AGA. He served as an Associate Editor for the journal *Gastroenterology*. Dr. Sands is widely published in the area of inflammatory bowel diseases, with numerous publications in journals such as *Gastroenterology*, *Gut*, and the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In addition to his extensive research background, Dr. Sands is internationally renowned for his expert care of complex inflammatory bowel disease.



Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC

Colon Cancer Screening: What Do We Need to Build and Who Will Come?

Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC, serves as the Director of Outcomes Research in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at NYU Langone Health. Dr. Shaukat also has dual appointments as the endowed Robert M. and Mary H. Glickman Professor of Medicine and Gastroenterology in the Department of Medicine and Professor in the Department of Population Health. In addition to her role within the division, she serves as co-director of translational research education and careers in the Clinical and Translational Science Institute and is a staff physician at the New York Harbor VA Medical Center. Before joining NYU Langone, Dr. Shaukat served on the faculty at the University of Minnesota Medical School, where she was a professor of medicine and public health and section chief of gastroenterology service at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System. An alum of the Aga Khan University Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan, Dr. Shaukat obtained a Master of Public Health in international health and epidemiology from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She went on to complete her residency in internal medicine at the State University of New York School of Medicine in Buffalo, New York, and a fellowship in gastroenterology at Emory University.

A highly regarded clinician, distinguished epidemiologist, and prolific researcher, Dr. Shaukat has published extensively on colorectal cancer screening, prevention, and quality indicators for colonoscopy. She has pioneered some of the foundational studies on the reduction in morbidity and mortality related to colon cancer screening and, most recently, served as first author on the newly updated ACG Clinical Guidelines: Colorectal Cancer Screening 2021 published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. Her research has been consistently funded by organizations such as the National Institutes of Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, American College of Gastroenterology, and American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

Dr. Shaukat has published more than 180 peer-reviewed articles in numerous top-tier medical publications, authored a number of textbook chapters, and serves on multiple editorial boards. She is a thought leader and has given numerous keynote presentations both nationally and internationally. She has served on several review panels and holds leadership roles with numerous professional organizations and task forces, including the U.S. Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer, the American Society of Clinical Investigation, chair of the Young GI members committee for the WGO, chair of the GI field advisory board for Veterans Health Administration, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Quality and Safety Committee, and the American Gastroenterological Association Clinical Practice Updates Committee.

2022 Emily Couric Memorial Lecturer

ACG LECTURESHIPS

i The Emily Couric Memorial Lecture was developed by the ACG, the Virginia Gastroenterological Society (VGS) and the Old Dominion Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (ODSGNA) to honor Virginia State Senator Emily Couric, who lost her battle with pancreatic cancer in October of 2001. Senator Couric was a strong advocate for healthcare issues, particularly in her instrumental work to pass the nation's first legislation mandating health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening. The Emily Couric Lecturer is someone prominent in the field of GI cancer related topics. This individual is nominated by the President following consultation with the VGS and the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

2022 David Y. Graham Lecturer

❶ The David Y. Graham Lecturer is a distinguished individual in the field of gastroenterology. The presenter is chosen by the President and is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This named lectureship was established in 2004 in recognition of the many contributions to clinical gastroenterology by David Y. Graham, MD, MACG. The lectureship was made possible through a donation by Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., and Meretek Diagnostics, Inc. Dr. Graham gave the inaugural presentation.



Emeran A. Mayer, MD

Why Do All Diseases Start in the Gut?

Emeran A. Mayer, MD, is a Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA with joint appointments in Psychiatry and Physiology. He is

the Executive Director of the G. Oppenheimer Center for

Neurobiology of Stress and Resilience and Founding Director of the UCLA Microbiome Center at UCLA.

Dr. Mayer is one of the pioneers and leading researchers in the role of brain gut interactions in health and chronic disease. He has been continuously funded by the NIH for the past 30 years and has published close to 400 scientific papers, co-edited 3 books, and published the best-selling *The Mind Gut Connection* book in 2016 and *The Gut Immune Connection* book in June 2021. He is the recipient of the 2016 David McLean Award from the American Psychosomatic Society and the 2017 Ismar Boas Medal from the German Society of Gastroenterology and Metabolic Disease.

Dr. Mayer's most recent work has focused on alterations in the bidirectional communications within the brain gut microbiome system and their role in chronic inflammatory and functional diseases of the gut, obesity, and cognitive decline.



Sanjiv Chopra, MD

The Two Most Important Days: Reflections on Lasting Happiness and Living With Purpose

Sanjiv Chopra, MD, is professor of medicine and former faculty dean for Continuing Medical Education at Harvard Medical School. He is also the James Tullis Firm Chief,

Department of Medicine, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

For 12 years, he led the most robust academic Continuing Medical Education enterprise in the world, reaching out to 80,000 clinicians in 150 countries each year. Dr. Chopra is also editor-in-chief of the hepatology section of UpToDate, an online resource used by more than 600,000 physicians worldwide for clinical decision-making at point of care.

Dr. Chopra was designated a Master of the American College of Physicians in 2009, and has earned a number of awards, including the AGA's Distinguished Educator Award. In 2012, he was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for "Exemplifying outstanding qualities in both one's personal and professional lives while continuing to preserve the richness of one's particular heritage."

Dr. Chopra is a best-selling author and a sought after motivational speaker throughout the United States and abroad.

2022 David Sun Lecturer

ACG LECTURESHIPS

i The David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education was established by Mrs. Sun in memory of her husband. Dr. Sun died at the peak of his career. He was an outstanding gastroenterologist and investigator. The speaker, with a distinguished background in gastroenterology or an allied field, is chosen by the President and Course Directors of the Postgraduate Program subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2022 The American Journal of Gastroenterology Lecture

i *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* lecture was established in 2003 to provide a forum for the Editors of the College's flagship scientific publication to select a key scientific topic for debate or discussion based on their evaluation of key controversies in clinical gastroenterology.



Patrick S. Kamath, MD

The Transformative Power of Research Carried Out by Busy Clinicians

Patrick S. Kamath, MD, is a professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. His research interests include acute-on-chronic liver failure, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, polycystic liver disease, Budd-Chiari syndrome and hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia. Dr. Kamath is internationally renowned as a leading researcher in hepatology and has also won numerous awards as an educator. Dr. Kamath completed his MBBS from St. John's Medical College, Bangalore University, and his DM (Gastroenterology) and MD (Internal Medicine) from Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research.

Dr. Kamath has contributed to recently published research on management of acute-on-chronic liver failure and on prevention and treatment of cirrhotic complications, including management of hepatic encephalopathy in the hospital, primary prophylaxis of variceal bleeding, and prevalence and prediction factors of infections in patients with cirrhosis. He and his co-workers were instrumental in developing the Model for End-Stage Liver Disease (MELD) score, which is used worldwide to determine prognosis in liver disease and prioritize organ allocation for liver transplantation. Dr. Kamath also serves as a co-investigator in the Translational Research and Evolving Alcoholic Hepatitis Treatment (TREAT) consortium. This collaboration among researchers at Mayo Clinic, Indiana University, and Virginia Commonwealth University is aimed at improving understanding of alcoholic hepatitis and developing novel therapies to treat it. It is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Kamath works to improve understanding of the mechanisms and complications of liver disease, in the hopes of developing new strategies of prevention and treatment that will improve quality of life and overall outcomes for patients with various liver diseases. His current focus is on finding ways to improve survival in patients with acute-on-chronic liver failure. He is also dedicated to the education of the next generation of physicians, who will further advance this work.

AWARDS



2022 Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

i 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.



Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACC

Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACC, is a Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She has a busy clinical practice that reflects her expertise in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), which is also the focus of her research work encompassing new therapies, gender-specific issues, and medication adherence.

Dr. Kane is a prolific researcher and writer, having published over 200 original articles, reviews, and book chapters along with the first two editions of a book for patients on self-management of IBD. She is a passionate teacher, not just to students in the medical school, trainees, and colleagues, but also to patients in her previous role as Chair of the National Patient Education Committee for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. She was the first female Associate Editor for *Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics* and serves in editorial roles for other journals, and is the Section Editor for IBD for *UpToDate* as well.

Amongst many leadership positions that Dr. Kane holds within Mayo Clinic is the Associate Chair of Patient Experience within the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and Physician Chair of the Mayo Quality Academy Fellow Subcommittee. The pinnacle of her leadership journey was being President of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) in 2018-2019. Dr. Kane also served on and chaired several ACG Committees including Finance and Budget, Nominating, and Women in Gastroenterology, and served on the Board of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education. She also just completed a 5-year service on the Gastroenterology Specialty Council of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

For all those academic pursuits, her first love remains the clinic. She has a large practice of IBD patients with whom she has formed long lasting bonds. Her office is filled with presents, cards, and tokens of appreciation that she treasures as reminders of her responsibility and duty to her patients.



Jean S. Wang, MD, PhD, FACC

Jean S. Wang, MD, PhD, FACC, is a Professor of Medicine at Washington University in Saint Louis where she serves on the Community Outreach and Engagement Leadership Team and the Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities Leadership Team at the Alvin J. Siteman Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Wang has been a passionate advocate for colorectal cancer screening throughout her career and has been very active in statewide and regional efforts to increase screening. She has been interviewed numerous times on local television and radio stations and has also given many talks to local churches and community groups over the years. Dr. Wang volunteers her time on the weekends at health fairs throughout Missouri where she often travels with the inflatable colon to educate the community on colorectal cancer and the importance of screening. Working with Siteman Cancer Center, she has trained community health workers and established a free colorectal cancer screening program utilizing FIT tests in the most underserved areas of the Saint Louis region. She has served on the ACG Patient Care Committee since 2017.

In 2018, Dr. Wang co-founded the Missouri Colorectal Cancer Roundtable in collaboration with the Missouri Cancer Consortium, American Cancer Society, and the Missouri Department of Health. This statewide group is modeled after the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, with the mission of increasing colorectal cancer screening rates in the state of Missouri. The Missouri Colorectal Cancer Roundtable was instrumental in fostering collaborations among university academic centers and the Missouri Department of Health which led to Missouri receiving grant funding from the CDC National Colorectal Cancer Control Program to increase colorectal screening rates across the state. Through this work, the Missouri Roundtable has been involved with multiple Federally Qualified Healthcare Center networks across the state of Missouri to implement evidence-based interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening. In addition, Dr. Wang is working with the Missouri Department of Health on a statewide colorectal cancer screening campaign targeting over 40,000 Missouri state employees. Dr. Wang has also served on the Missouri Cancer Consortium Executive Committee, where she has worked with other community organizations and the Missouri Department of Health to develop and implement the State Cancer Action Plan, where colorectal cancer screening was made a state priority. Through her role leading the Missouri Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, she has also advocated for the importance of colorectal cancer screening through meetings with state legislators and the Missouri Governor. She was honored to receive the ACG SCOPY Effective Advocacy Award in 2019 for her efforts.

Dr. Wang received her undergraduate and medical degrees from Brown University. She then completed her residency in internal medicine and fellowship in gastroenterology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. She subsequently completed a PhD in Clinical Investigation at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She lives in Saint Louis, Missouri, with her husband Michael and children, Matthew and Madeline.

2022 Community Service Award Recipient

i The Community Service Award is bestowed upon an ACG Member who has initiated or has been involved in volunteer programs or has provided extensive volunteer service post-training. The service must have been performed on a completely voluntary basis and not for the completion of training or position requirements. Such service may include but is not limited to the following: community education programs (e.g., colon cancer awareness); working in free clinics; mentoring advocacy groups or local government committees; teaching in underserved schools related to health education; and political work on committees for comprehensive health insurance or other issues.

2022 The Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Award

i The Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Award recognizes an ACG Member who has provided meaningful and sustained contributions to trainees/colleagues in gastroenterology. Such contributions could include mentorship or teaching to help develop the mentees': (1) overall scientific growth and career or life planning; (2) practice of high-level clinical gastroenterology; (3) skills to perform high quality clinical research; (4) skills to present and publish results of clinical research, or quality improvement; (5) involvement in professional society, healthcare organization or leadership development. In 2022, this award is being given to the following two individuals.



Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG

Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG, earned his bachelor's degree with honors from The College of the City of New York and his medical degree from The State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. He then did his postgraduate medical education, including a fellowship in gastroenterology, at The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, after which he served in the Army as a gastroenterologist stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. After his military discharge, Dr. Brandt joined the staff of Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York, where he currently is the Emeritus Chief of Gastroenterology and Professor of Medicine and Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dr. Brandt's main areas of interest are vascular and ischemic disorders of the gastrointestinal tract, especially ischemic colitis, and *C. difficile* colitis. Dr. Brandt was one of the pioneers of fecal microbiota transplantation to treat recurring *C. difficile* colitis. He also has had a long-standing interest in irritable bowel syndrome, the patient-doctor relationship, and how a patient's psychological makeup influences his/her illnesses and treatments.

The author or editor of more than 850 publications and 10 books, Dr. Brandt was one of the three editors of the standard textbook in gastroenterology (*Sleisenger and Fordtran's Gastroenterology and Liver Disease*) for 15 years; he also served for ten years as Associate Editor for the Focal Points section of *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Dr. Brandt is a Master of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and has received many awards and honors, including the Distinguished Educator Award from both the AGA and ASGE; the ACG Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award; and the William Dock M.D. Master Teacher Award in Medicine of SUNY (Downstate). In 2018, Dr. Brandt was awarded the Alumni Association Achievement Medallion for Distinguished Service to American Medicine by Downstate Medical Center. He served on ACG's Board of Trustees for 13 years before being elected President of the ACG (1992-1993). He served three terms as a member of the ABIM subspecialty section in gastroenterology. Dr. Brandt has been Visiting Professor at many institutions throughout the United States and has given over 600 lectures nationally and internationally. He is an honorary member of the Puerto Rican, Argentine, and Dominican Republic's Societies of Gastroenterology. Dr. Brandt is a member of the Albert Einstein's Leo M. Davidoff Society for excellence in teaching of medical students and was named the Montefiore Staff and Alumni Association's Honoree in 1999. Since 1994, he has been listed every year in Best Doctors in America and since 1998 in Who's Who. Dr. Brandt is also an Honorary Police Surgeon for the New York Police Department.



Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG

Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG, is Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle. She graduated with honors from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in 1973. She completed internal medicine residency and a gastroenterology fellowship (the first woman fellow) at the University of Washington, following which she joined the faculty in the Gastroenterology Division (the first woman faculty member). She spent her entire academic at UW, based at the county hospital, Harborview Medical Center, where she served as Chief of Gastroenterology for 20 years. For many years she chaired the medical school's Committee on Women in Medicine and Science and set up programs for career advancement and professional and personal satisfaction for all faculty. In 2002, she was appointed the inaugural Assistant (then Associate) Dean for Faculty Development, a position she held until retiring in 2018.

Her research interests included the role of colorectal biopsy in inflammatory bowel disease and infectious colitis, the role of HPV in anal cancer, clinical trials of the probiotic *S. boulardii* in antibiotic associated diarrhea and recurrent *C. difficile* infection (CDI), and the use of fecal microbiota transplant in recurrent CDI.

While she has been active in other societies, and was President of the Western Association of Physicians, it is her involvement in the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) that has been most meaningful. She served as ACG President in 1998-1999. Dr. Surawicz also served as ACG Governor for Washington from 1989-1992 and on the Board of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education from 1995-2000 and 2004-2011. In addition, she served and chaired several ACG Committees including the Awards and Professionalism Committees and was a Senior Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

She is proud of the accomplishments of her many mentees and students, and grateful for the support given by her husband and children over these many years.

2022 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

i The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award recognizes an ACG Member whose work in the areas of clinical practice, research, teaching and/or leadership has demonstrated an emerging or sustained commitment to the values of diversity, health equity, and inclusion. These efforts are demonstrated by the awardee's significant contributions to promote diversity, inclusion, and/or cultural competency including, but not limited to, the development of educational programs or curricula, community engagement initiatives, research, or promotion of pathways or programs to support individuals from racial, ethnic, and/or gender groups that are under-represented in medicine. Such endeavors may be through mentorship, sponsorship or cultivation of partnerships that advance the diversity, equity, or inclusion within medicine.



Rachel B. Issaka, MD

Rachel Issaka, MD, is a gastroenterologist, Assistant Professor, and the Kathryn Surace-Smith Endowed Chair in Health Equity Research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHCRC) and the University of Washington (UW). She is the Director of the FHCRC/UW Medicine Population Health Colorectal Cancer Screening Program. Dr. Issaka's research focuses on decreasing colorectal cancer mortality through increased screening in medically underserved populations. Her work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Dr. Issaka has contributed to national medical practice guidelines for the Centers for Disease Control, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, and the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable. In 2020, she was selected to serve on an expert panel advising the President's Cancer Panel and the COVID-19 Prevention Network, a group formed to provide oversight for National Institutes of Health funded COVID-19 vaccine trials. Dr. Issaka has published in high-impact journals including *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, *The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology*, and *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* on topics varying from pandemic-related disparities in cancer care to options for CRC screening. Her research and contributions in these spheres have also been featured in *The New York Times*, *Reuters*, and *Scientific American* and quoted in media outlets including NPR, *Time Magazine*, and *U.S. News & World Reports*.

In addition to her scholarly work, Dr. Issaka is a leader in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts nationally and in her local community. She is a co-founder and board member of the Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists, an organization that aims to improve gastrointestinal health outcomes in Black communities, foster networking, and scholarship among its members, develop the pipeline of Black gastroenterologists and hepatologists, and promote health equity in the fields of gastroenterology and hepatology. She is involved in efforts to improve the health of Black and other racial/ethnic minority communities and does so by partnering with local organizations, churches in minority communities, and serving on the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.

Dr. Issaka completed her gastroenterology fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco where she also earned a master's degree in clinical research. She completed her internal medicine residency at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, where she served as chief resident and obtained her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School.



Seshadri T. Chandrasekar, MD, FACC

Professor Seshadri T. Chandrasekar, MD, FACC, fondly called TSC, is the Chairman and Chief Gastroenterologist of MedIndia Hospitals, a stand-alone GI institution in Chennai, India, affiliated with The Tamilnadu State Dr. M. G. R. Medical University, where he sits as a distinguished Professor. A multi-gold medalist from his graduate medical school, Madurai, India, he took his MD and gastroenterology fellowship at the prestigious Post Graduate Institute (PGIMER),

Chandigarh. Then, after serving as faculty at the Madras Medical College, he established a new department of gastroenterology at the Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore, India.

Dr. Chandrasekar pioneered many cutting-edge endoscopic procedures since 1990 and demonstrated many of these interventional endoscopy procedures live in gastroenterology workshops across India, South Asia, and Africa. He has organized several international and national conferences and delivered many prestigious orations and invitational lectures at numerous International conferences. He is credited with noteworthy scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals and serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Digestive Endoscopy*, the *Indian Journal of Gastroenterology*, and *Hepatology*.

He created Teaching CD-ROMs on 14 GI Endoscopy topics and donated them to medical colleges across India. He has trained hundreds of gastroenterology fellows, and many of his mentees have become leaders in India and other South Asian countries. He served as the President of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG) in 2016 and introduced ACG-ISG collaborative lectures in the national ISG conference.

Undeterred by the pandemic, he passionately organized 16 international webinars endorsed by ACG and ASGE and witnessed the attendance of several thousand delegates worldwide. He also launched consultdocnow.com, Liver door-bell, and Obesity preventive kit—all web-linked network initiatives—as well as an emergency digital medical care card and COVID-19 hygiene app for public benefit.

Dr. Chandrasekar created “Braille Charts on Hygiene” and distributed them in several health camps organized for the blind. His pilot projects, on assessment of nutrition and IQ for career counselling for school children with visual and hearing impairments, were later converted into state-funded projects. A TEDx invited speaker, Dr. Chandrasekar, continues to guide young professionals worldwide in the art of interventional Gastroenterology.

The Hon'ble President of India bestowed him the 'Best Individual' award and Padma Shri award, one of the highest civilian awards, for his outstanding services to gastroenterology and humanity. He has been awarded the ACG Community Service Award, the ASGE International Service Award, and Master award by the World Gastroenterology Organisation (MWGO). He also received the Fellowships (FRCP) of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Edinburgh, London, Glasgow and Ireland. He was awarded D.Sc. by the state medical university, Chennai.

He is thankful for the unrelenting support by his wife, Sharmila, and married son, Dr. Viveksandeep, a Gastroenterologist at Augusta University Hospital in the USA, and daughter, Rashmica, an engineer living with her husband in Germany.

2022 International Leadership Award

i The International Leadership Award is given to an ACG Member in recognition of outstanding and substantial contributions to gastroenterology, to the College and to the international gastroenterology community. Substantial contributions internationally may include, but are not limited to, the training of individuals from other countries who have gone on to become leaders in gastroenterology in their community, leadership in international organizations that has resulted in improvement in the care of patients, and participation in humanitarian efforts. Nominations are solicited and reviewed by the Awards Committee with input from the International Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors. The recipient must be approved by the ACG Board of Trustees. The award will be given when appropriate at the ACG Annual Meeting and may not necessarily be given annually.

2022 Master of the American College of Gastroenterology Recipients

i As a result of their recognized stature and achievement in clinical gastroenterology and/or teaching, and because of their contributions to the College in service, leadership, and education, the following individuals have been recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees for designation as Master.



Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), MACG

Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), MACG, is a Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic and a Consultant in the Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology and Health Care Policy Research. She completed her medical school training at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (1994), internal medicine residency at the University of Alberta (1997), and GI fellowship (1999), advanced therapeutic endoscopy fellowship (2000), and post-doctoral research training (2001) at McGill University Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dr. Abraham is the Medical Director of the Mayo Clinic CardioGastroenterology Clinic, which uses a multi-specialty collaborative care model to improve clinical outcomes for cardiac patients at risk of gastrointestinal bleeding. She is the primary author of the 2022 “ACG-CAG Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets During Acute Gastrointestinal Bleeding and the Periendoscopic Period,” and since 2008 she has authored an additional seven national and international practice guidelines related to antithrombotic drug management and acute gastrointestinal bleeding. She is a federally funded investigator at the intersection of cardiology and gastrointestinal disorders, investigating how antithrombotic drugs contribute to gastrointestinal bleeding in cardiac patients, the elderly, and highly co-morbid.

Dr. Abraham is the first female Director of the American College of Gastroenterology Institute for Clinical Research and Education (2020-ongoing) and a member of the ACG Board of Trustees (BOT) and ACG BOT Executive Committee. Under her leadership, the ACG Institute has surpassed the \$2 million mark in annual funding for competitively awarded clinical research, and in 2021 she launched the ACG Institute Center for Leadership, Ethics, and Equity (LE&E Center). This new Institute Center develops and funds programs promoting ethical physician-leadership and leadership training (the Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program, the Early Career Leadership Program, and the Advanced Leadership Development Program); scientific discovery to reduce health disparities and advance health equity (the Health Equity Research Awards); and educational activities that support the College’s commitment to increasing diversity, equity, and ethical care in our profession (the ACG Institute Visiting Scholars in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care, and the Prescriptions for Success High School Program). In 2023, the LE&E Center will launch the Clinical Research Leadership Program designed to ensure funded ACG investigators have the leadership skills to maintain successful research programs and mentor the next generation of clinical investigators.

Dr. Abraham was a member of the ACG Research, Women’s, and Public Relations Committees before serving as a Trustee of the ACG (2009-2015) and on the ACG Institute Board (2017-2020). She was the Course Director for the ACG Postgraduate Course (2008), the ACG ABIM Recertification and Maintenance of Competence course (2011-2014), and the first ACG Women in Gastroenterology Forum (2014). At the 2020 ACG Annual Postgraduate Course, Dr. Abraham was honored to deliver the David Sun Lecture on CardioGastroenterology, and in 2021 she was recognized as the Healo & American College of Gastroenterology Disruptive Innovator in Clinical Medicine.



Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, MACG

Qiang Cai, MD, PhD, MACG, is a graduate of Jiangxi Medical College (1982) in China. After graduating from the medical college, he worked in Peking Union Medical College Hospital, one of the best hospitals in China, where he began his career in gastroenterology under the tutorship of Drs. Xiao-Qian Zhang, Min-Zhang Chen, Shou-Po Chen, and Yuan-Fang Chen. There, he obtained his master's degree in gastrointestinal physiology in 1986 and served as a junior faculty member in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology before moving to the United States in 1987.

In 1992, Dr. Cai obtained his PhD in gastrointestinal physiology from Cornell University, where he studied intestinal calcium absorption under the guidance of Dr. Robert H. Wasserman, the father of intestinal calcium binding protein. He completed his second internal medicine residency training at Marshfield Clinic, one of the training facilities of the University of Wisconsin, and his second gastroenterology fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Cai joined the faculty team at the Division of Digestive Diseases, Department of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine in July 2001. He was a Professor of Medicine and the only master physician then in the division. He also directed the advanced endoscopy fellowship program for 10 years before he was invited as a Professor of Medicine and the Director for the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Louisiana State University Health Science School of Medicine, Shreveport, Louisiana in April 2021.

Dr. Cai's main research interests are therapeutic endoscopic procedures. He is an author of over 100 peer-review journal papers and editor for three books.

Dr. Cai has been a member of ACG for 24 years, and a fellow of ACG for 17 years. He was an invited speaker for many ACG regional courses and national annual scientific meetings. Dr. Cai has served on many ACG Committees including the Research Committee, Training Committee, International Relations Committee, Educational Affairs Committee, and Credentials Committee. He also chaired the International Relations Committee from 2010-2013 and served as ACG Governor for Georgia from 2017-2021. He was a Director of both ACG's regional and national hands-on endoscopy courses and a Director of a regional ACG Postgraduate Course. In addition, Dr. Cai was an Associate Editor for *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* for 6 years.

In 2015, Dr. Cai, together with the ACG International Relations Committee and ACG staff, established the "ESD with Asian Experts" as a session at ACG's national hands-on endoscopy course. The session has been offered every year since.



W. Elwyn Lyles, MD, MACG

W. Elwyn Lyles, MD, MACG, was born and raised in Mangham, Louisiana. After graduating from Northeast Louisiana University with a Bachelor of Science, he attended Louisiana State University School of Medicine Shreveport where he was awarded his medical degree. He completed his internal medicine internship at the University of Florida in Jacksonville. Dr. Lyles completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Tennessee – Memphis, and later completed a gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Florida – Jacksonville. Following his fellowship, Dr. Lyles joined the United States Air Force as a commissioned officer at Eglin Air Force Base where he served for two years. He began his private practice in Alexandria, Louisiana, in 1994, where he served the Central Louisiana region for twenty years. Since 2014, Dr. Lyles has been employed as a gastroenterologist by Blount Memorial Physician Group in Maryville, Tennessee.

Dr. Lyles is currently a Fellow of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and serves on the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Institute Board. He served on the ACG Board of Trustees from 2006-2012, as ACG Governor for Louisiana from 2005-2008, and on multiple Committees including the ACG Patient Care Committee and Publications Committee which he chaired from 2004-2006. Dr. Lyles has represented the ACG on the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Board of Directors. He has received several honors including the ACG Board of Governors (BOG) William D. Carey Award in 2011 and ACG BOG Service Awards in both 2005 and 2006.

Dr. Lyles was a founding member of the Louisiana GI Society and served the institution as its inaugural President. At the regional level, he served as President of the Rapides Parish Medical Society. Currently, Dr. Lyles serves as an Adjunct Professor and lecturer at the Lincoln Memorial University – DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The years with the ACG have produced many life-long friendships which Dr. Lyles enjoys to this day. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, football, and hiking in the beautiful mountains of eastern Tennessee with his wife Rhonda. They enjoy spending time with their children and many grandchildren.



Guilherme Macedo, MD, PhD, MACG

Professor Guilherme Macedo, MD, PhD, MACG, is the Director of the Gastroenterology Department of Centro Hospitalar Universitario São João Porto, Portugal, and an invited full Professor at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Porto. He also leads the World Gastroenterology Organisation Gastroenterology and Hepatology Training Center in Porto.

After his GI fellowship, he received advanced training in hepatology in Paris, France, and Freiburg, Germany, and began his academic career at the Faculty of Medicine in 1994. That year he attended his first ACG Annual Scientific Meeting, in San Francisco. During the following years, Prof. Macedo was awarded fellowships in ACG, AASLD, and AGA, while he actively produced intensive clinical work, especially in the fields of hepatology and endoscopy, locally pioneering the endo-hepatology concept in recent years. Throughout his career he has received numerous national awards and honors and was distinguished with the ACG International Leadership Award in 2015.

Prof. Macedo has served as President of the Portuguese Association for the Study of Liver Disease, President of the Portuguese Society of Endoscopy, and he is currently the President of Portuguese Society of Gastroenterology. He served as ACG Governor for Portugal for 2 terms (2007-2013) and was a member of the ACG International Relations Committee (2013-2019). Included in his clinical work he is actively involved in community health programs and fostered several ongoing projects particularly with vulnerable populations (prisoners, homeless and substance abuse organizations.)

He has more than 400 publications to his credit in indexed journals and has lectured extensively on many clinical and training aspects of gastroenterology. His passion for teaching and mentoring underlies his commitment with the WGO Train the Trainers Program, over the last 15 years, nurturing and organizing several standard and advanced courses on leadership and management. After serving as Chair of the WGO Foundation, he is the current President of the World Gastroenterology Organisation.

He has very eclectic personal interests, with a special focus on movies, music, pop art and soccer, in accordance with his role at the Board of the Superior Council of FCPorto over the last 20 years. Prof. Macedo has been blessed with everlasting support from his family (wife, three children and grandson), faithful friends, and a Bernese Mountain dog.



Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, MACG

Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, MACG, received his MD from the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. He then traveled south to Richmond for training in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia, many years before any formal training in hepatology ever existed.

Dr. Shiffman joined the faculty at VCU/MCV in 1989 and became Chief of Hepatology and Medical Director of the Liver Transplant Program six months later. Over the next 20 years, he directed clinical trials at VCU which helped define treatments for chronic viral hepatitis B and C viruses, issues related to liver transplantation, TIPS, and many other liver diseases. He co-chaired two NIH consensus conferences, one on TIPS and the other on living donor liver transplant and received five NIH sponsored grants to define treatments for PBC, PSC, HCV, HBV and living donor liver transplantation. During this time, he became recognized as an international hepatology key opinion leader and was a frequent speaker at national and international meetings. He has given lectures in 42 states, 35 countries, 6 continents, has published over 360 articles in peer reviewed journals, and edited 5 books and/or journal supplements on liver disease.

Dr. Shiffman left the VCU Medical Center in 2009 to join Bon Secours Mercy Health and start the Liver Institute of Virginia. This community practice has grown to seven providers in two Virginia cities 70 miles apart, and cares for patients with all types of liver diseases, provides pre-transplant assessment and management, post-liver transplant care, treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma, and conducts numerous clinical research trials.



Stuart J. Spechler, MD, MACG

Stuart J. Spechler, MD, MACG, has been Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Co-Director of the Center for Esophageal Diseases at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas, and Co-Director of the Center for Esophageal Research at the Baylor Scott & White Research Institute since January 2017. From July 1997 to December 2017, Dr. Spechler was the Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology for the VA North Texas Healthcare System, Professor of Medicine, and holder of the Berta M. and Cecil O. Patterson Chair in Gastroenterology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He also had been the Director of the Center for Swallowing Disorders at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts from July 1990 to June 1997.

Dr. Spechler's research has focused primarily on disorders of the esophagus, especially GERD, Barrett's esophagus, eosinophilic esophagitis, and esophageal motility disorders. He has chaired three VA Cooperative Studies on medical and surgical treatments for gastroesophageal reflux disease and published the results of those studies in *JAMA* and in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. He described the condition known as "short-segment Barrett's esophagus" in 1994. He has made important contributions to understanding the complex relationship between GERD and eosinophilic esophagitis and was the first to propose the notion that a clinical response to PPIs neither rules in GERD nor rules out eosinophilic esophagitis. Dr. Spechler was also the first to propose that achalasia and other esophageal motility disorders might have an allergic etiology, and that eosinophilic esophagitis might have mucosal-predominant and muscle-predominant forms.

He has published more than 400 scientific reports, editorials, review articles, and book chapters on esophageal disorders. He is best known for his work in the areas of GERD, Barrett's esophagus, eosinophilic esophagitis, and esophageal motility disorders. Dr. Spechler has served on the editorial boards of numerous journals including *Gastroenterology*, *Gut*, *Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, *Nature Reviews in Gastroenterology*, *Current Opinion in Gastroenterology*, *Digestive Diseases and Sciences*, *Diseases of the Esophagus*, and *Foregut*.

Dr. Spechler served as the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Governor for Massachusetts (1992-1994) and was the senior author of the 2021 "ACG Clinical Guideline for the Diagnosis and Management of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease."

Of all his professional accomplishments, Dr. Shiffman is most proud of the work he has done with and for the ACG. He joined the College and attended his first meeting in 1990. He served on several committees including Membership and Educational Affairs where he promoted the growth of hepatology membership and liver disease topics at ACG meetings. He was co-director of the Postgraduate Course in 1995, the last ACG Annual Scientific Meeting held in New York City. He conceived and has co-directed Hepatitis School, a one-day program held in conjunction with an ACG Postgraduate Regional Course. Hepatitis School began its run in May 2013, morphed into Hepatology School in August 2018 and spawned the equally successful IBD and Functional GI Disorders Schools. Dr. Shiffman had the great honor to serve as a Trustee of the College between 2004 and 2009.

He is married to Lori and they have four children: Josh, Ben, Rachel, and Nathan. They have two grandchildren: Aubree Briggs (age 2) and Jackson Shiffman (age 1).

Dr. Shiffman's secret claim to fame is that he grew up in the small town of Bethel, New York, 2 miles from the Woodstock Festival site of 1969, attended the Festival all 3 days and retains his original unused ticket in perfect condition.

2022 NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence

i The NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence recognizes a distinguished nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is an ACG APP Member and has shown long-standing contributions to advancing clinical practice in the field of gastroenterology (GI) and hepatology. These efforts are demonstrated by the awardee's substantial contributions in GI in the areas of practice expertise, leadership, mentoring, and collaborative activities that have an impact at the state, regional, national or international level. This award is being given for the first time in 2022 to the following two individuals.



Monica Nandwani, DNP, RN, FNP-BC

Monica Nandwani, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, began her gastroenterology advanced practice provider career at Johns Hopkins where she completed a year-long gastroenterology nurse practitioner fellowship, the first of its kind, in 2011. She worked at the Center for Neurogastroenterology and Motility at Johns Hopkins until 2016 when she moved to Northern California to assume the role as the first nurse practitioner at the Stanford Esophagus Center. She has provided motility interpretation education to physician and advanced practice provider trainees during her time at Hopkins and at Stanford. In 2019, she was promoted to Manager of Advanced Practice Providers at Stanford Health Care's Center for Advanced Practice providing administrative and programmatic support for the organization's over 600 APPs.

Originally from Bacolod City, Philippines, also known as the "City of Smiles," she came to the United States after high school to spend the year as a foreign exchange student and ended up pursuing a career in nursing. She completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Nursing at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at the Duke University School of Nursing.

Passionate about education, APP professional development, quality improvement, and evidence-based practice, she is a member of the ACG Advanced Practice Providers Committee. She has presented at various national GI conferences and co-authored a variety of publications including an article on 'Incorporating Advanced Practice Providers into Gastroenterology Practice.'

In her free time, she enjoys hiking, exploring new restaurants, and travelling with her family. She is grateful to her physician and APP mentors in gastroenterology who have guided and supported her through the years and to the College and Awards Committee for their work and advocacy in creating an award that recognizes and highlights the contributions of APPs in gastroenterology and hepatology.



Kimberly D. Orleck, PA-C

Kim Orleck, PA-C, received her undergraduate degree from Emory University in Atlanta, GA, and attended Emory University School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program for a Masters in Medical Science. She also holds a Master's in Public Health in nutrition from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and she is a registered dietician.

She began her career in gastroenterology upon joining Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates in 2009. Over the last 12 years, her role has evolved from primarily clinical to a mix of clinical and administrative. She has practiced both inpatient and outpatient GI at Atlanta Gastroenterology's Emory Midtown Hospital location. In 2015, she took on the role of Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Supervisor for Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates. In that position, Ms. Orleck developed a successful recruiting, onboarding, training, and continuing education program for their then 35 APPs. As the practice has grown and partnered with United Digestive, she has been instrumental in leading the practice in the utilization of APPs and subsequently was promoted to Director of Advanced Practice Providers for United Digestive in 2021. Ms. Orleck now leads a team of 80 APPs in 3 states (and growing).

In addition to her clinical and administrative position with Atlanta Gastro/United Digestive, she also holds a part-time faculty position with the Emory University Physician Assistant Program. She teaches at both Emory University and Mercer University PA programs in addition to precepting PA students from Emory, Mercer, and Augusta University. She also leads Emory University's GI board review annually. She is the chair of education for GHAPP (Gastroenterology and Hepatology Advanced Practice Providers) and on the Advanced Practice Providers and Practice Management Committees for ACG.

Ms. Orleck is passionate about APP education, professional growth, development, and leadership. In her free time, she loves spending time with her 8-year-old twins (boy/girl), 5-year-old son, and husband. She is a fitness enthusiast, a loyal Peloton rider, and avid runner. She has completed over 10 half and full marathons and is looking forward to her next half marathon this fall.

2022 Samuel S. Weiss Award

i 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.



Delbert L. Chumley, MD, MACG

Delbert L. Chumley, MD, MACG, was born and raised in San Antonio, TX, where he attended Central Catholic High School and has spent the last four decades in private practice. After graduating from Texas A&M University, he received his medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, where he remained for his post-graduate education serving as Chief Resident in internal medicine and completing a fellowship in gastroenterology in 1976.

Afterwards, he moved back to his hometown and established Gastroenterology Consultants of San Antonio which has grown into a 28-physician group.

Dr. Chumley is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP), a Master of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and continues to maintain a clinical faculty appointment of Professor of Medicine at The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio.

He has held several hospital and professional appointments and remains very active in organized medicine, legislative affairs, and development of medical education programs. In recent years, Dr. Chumley has served as President of the Texas A&M Medical and Dental Society, President of the Texas Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy, President of the Bexar County Medical Society, and President of the ACG (2010-2011). He also served as ACG Governor for Southern Texas from 1990-1996 and served and chaired several ACG Committees including the Nominating, Finance and Budget and Membership Committees. He is currently serving on the Board of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education.

Dr. Chumley has received numerous honors and awards including: ACG Governor's Award, 1996; ACG William D. Carey Award, 2000; Texas Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Marcel Patterson – Robert Nelson Award, 2002; ACP Texas Chapter Laureate Award, 2007; *San Antonio Business Journal* Healthcare Heroes Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013; University of Texas Medical Branch Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2016; Texas Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Patient Advocacy Award, 2019; and Bexar County Medical Society Golden Aesculapius Award, 2020.

He and his wife of 48 years, Louise, have remained active in community affairs supporting numerous nonprofit organizations including serving as co-chairs for the American Cancer Society Cattle Barons Gala. Dr. Chumley most recently served on the Board of Directors for BioMedSA which focuses on the growth of biomedical research in San Antonio and as Trustee for Administrative Affairs on the ACG Board of Trustees.

He and Louise enjoy spending time at their second home in Rockport, fishing in Aransas Bay, attending Texas A&M home football games, and supporting the Spurs. They obtain the greatest pleasure, however, enjoying their three adult children and their spouses and their five grandkids.

2022 ACG Governors' Awards

The following three awards, presented for the first time in 1996, are given by the Board of Governors in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the Board and to the College.

2022 Junior Governor's Award

i The ACG Junior Governor's Award is given to an ACG Governor in the first term of service. Nominees demonstrate a clear commitment of service to the Board of Governors and show potential for future growth within the organization. Awardees have demonstrated service on ad hoc committees, national affairs, local and state legislative efforts, recruitment, correspondence with constituents, participation in regional meetings, speakers bureau or other special projects.



Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACG

Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACG, is ACG Governor for Mississippi. She is in private practice in Flowood, is the Co-Founder of the Mississippi Colorectal Round Table, and mother of three entertainment industry executives and one researcher.

A graduate of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN, Dr. Reeves completed her medical residency in Internal Medicine and her fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Dr. Reeves is passionate about advocating for her patients and profession on a state and national level and has been an instrumental advocate since beginning her tenure. She has attended the ACG Governor's fly-in to advocate for her patients and practices across her home state of Mississippi. She is a Course Director for the ACG Practice Management Summit at ACG's 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting and is a current member of the ACG Awards Committee.

2022 Senior Governor's Award

i The ACG Senior Governor's Award is given to an ACG Governor in the second or third term of service. Awardees have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Board of Governors in various areas such as service on ad hoc committees, national affairs, local and state legislative efforts, recruitment, correspondence with constituents, participation in regional meetings, speakers bureau or other special projects.

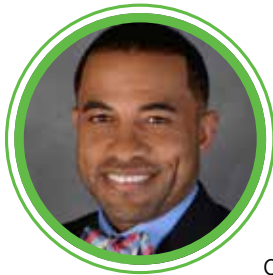


Tauseef Ali, MD, FACG

Dr. Tauseef Ali, MD, FACG, has been the ACG Governor for Oklahoma since 2017. He is currently a member of the ACG Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Legislative and Public Policy Council, Membership Committee, and Nominating Committee, and is the current chair of the Public Relations Committee. Since becoming ACG Governor for Oklahoma, he has advocated tirelessly on behalf of patients and practices throughout his home state, emphasizing the importance of laws minimizing prior authorization and step therapy requirements for patients.

Dr. Ali graduated from King Edward Medical College, Pakistan. He completed his residency and fellowship at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He was a CCFA visiting IBD fellow at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Ali is a gastroenterologist and IBD specialist at SSM Health Saint Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma. He is executive medical director of the SSM Health Digestive Institute and director of the Crohn's and Colitis Center. He also serves as clinical faculty at the University of Oklahoma and adjunct faculty at Oklahoma State University. He is the author of the book, "Crohn's and Colitis for Dummies," by Wiley Publishers. He regularly tweets through his educational Twitter account, @ibdtweets, using it to further advocate and to further educate colleagues.



James C. Hobley, MD, MSc, FACC

James C. Hobley, MD, MSc, FACC, is a Trustee on the ACG Board of Trustees, a past member of the Legislative and Public Policy Council and previous Chair of the committee from 2020-2021, as well as a former member of the ACG Membership Committee, Credentials Committee, and Minority Affairs and Cultural Diversity Committee. Following in the footsteps of Dr. Carey and other previous Award winners, Dr. Hobley served as the ACG Governor for Louisiana from 2014-2020, Dr. Hobley is incredibly active in advocacy for patients on the state level in Louisiana on behalf of ACG and other patient advocacy organizations, and nationally by participating in numerous virtual “Governors Advocacy Series” meetings with members of Congress and their staff and ACG Advocacy Fly-ins.

Dr. Hobley has been in private practice at GastroIntestinal Specialists in Shreveport, Louisiana, since 2006 and is on the Board of Directors for GI Specialists. He practices general gastroenterology and is a past President of the Louisiana Gastroenterology Society.

Dr. Hobley completed his undergraduate education at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA, and received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey, PA. He completed his residency at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA, in Internal Medicine, and his fellowship at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA, in Gastroenterology/Hepatology.

Dr. Hobley is married to his best friend Marie-Alice and together they share six wonderful children.

2022 William D. Carey Award

i Dr. William D. Carey was elected Governor for Northern Ohio in 1987 and served as Chairman of the Board of Governors from 1988-1990. He has served the College as Treasurer and Trustee, and has chaired numerous College Committees. Dr. Carey is the first Chairman of the Board of Governors to be elected as President of the American College of Gastroenterology (1993). In honor of his years of distinguished service and because of the example he has set for other Governors an award will be given in his name.

This award is reserved for an exceptional individual who has served the Board and the College with distinction. Nominees must show clear demonstration of outstanding contributions to the College such as service within leadership positions, participation in educational efforts, committee service or participation in research related activities. Governors serving their final term or those emeritus Governors who have completed service will be eligible to receive the award. Nominees must have a strong history of meritorious service to the Board of Governors.

2022 ACG International GI Training Grant Awards

2022 International GI Training Grant Recipients

i The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipients of the International GI Training Grant. This program, initiated in 1995, provides partial financial support to physicians outside the United States and Canada to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in selected medical training centers in North America. Two grants of \$10,000 have been awarded this year.



Stella-Maris Chinma Egboh, MD, MSc
Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, Nigeria

Dr. Stella-Maris Chinma Egboh from Nigeria plans to study advanced endoscopic procedures and their role in the management of gastrointestinal cancers at the Massachusetts General Hospital under the direction of Akwi Asombang, MD, MPH, FACG.

The skills obtained during this training will enable her to find innovative ways by which the burden of gastrointestinal cancers can be reduced in low resource countries like Nigeria and especially the optimal utilization of endoscopic services in screening, diagnosis, and surveillance of gastrointestinal cancers.



Kartik Natarajan, MBBS, MD
Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

Dr. Kartik Natarajan from India plans to study advanced endoscopy techniques and skills including ESD, POEM, EMR, STER, therapeutic endoscopic ultrasound, and metabolic and bariatric endoscopic procedures, at the Mayo Clinic Rochester under the direction of Prasad G. Iyer, MD, MSc, FACG. He will use his training to establish services at Apollo Hospital, a leading medical center in Chennai, India, for needy patients and to train other gastroenterologists who wish to specialize in advanced endoscopy.



Rahul S. Dalal, MD, MPH
Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Rahul S. Dalal from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, plans to study at Odense University Hospital, Center for Clinical Epidemiology in Denmark under the direction of Dr. Bente Norgard.

His principal objective is to compare the incidence of IBD-related complications and adverse events among patients receiving various analgesic therapies utilizing population-based data from Danish registries. The planned studies will deepen the understanding of the prognostic impact of the use of these analgesics, which is important for clinicians globally who are faced with the challenges of identifying a safe pain regimen for patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.



Andrew M. Moon, MD, MPH
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dr. Andrew Moon from the University of North Carolina plans to study at the Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer (BCLC) under the direction of Dr. Maria Reig.

He will perform a patient-level data meta-analyses to explore overall survival and optimal patient characteristics for SBRT in HCC. This project has the potential to inform future clinical trials, shape BCLC treatment guidelines and redefine clinical care for HCC. This training and research collaboration will provide him with important skills in research methodology and incorporation of research findings into multidisciplinary care pathways for patients with HCC.

2022 North American International GI Training Grant Recipients

i The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipients of the North American International GI Training Grant. This program provides partial financial support to U.S. and Canadian GI fellows in training or GI physicians who have completed their training within the last 5 years, to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology outside of North America. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited gastroenterology fellowship program or be a GI physician who completed their training within the last 5 years, and must also be citizens of the United States or Canada. Two grants of \$10,000 have been awarded this year.

2022 Abstract Awards

● OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARDS

These fourteen awardees are selected from among all abstracts submitted, with one winner in each category, excluding Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports, Endoscopy Video Forum and Pediatric GI. The award recipients are selected by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Biliary/Pancreas Category

Impact of Pancrelipase on Stool Frequency and Consistency in Patients With Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency Due to Chronic Pancreatitis or Pancreatic Surgery: Analysis of Randomized Trial Patient-Reported Daily Symptoms

Jodie A. Barkin, MD¹, DIALA Harb, PharmD, PhD², Jun Yu, MD, PhD³, Jens Kort, MD, PhD², Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG¹; ¹University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; ²AbbVie, Inc., North Chicago, IL; ³AbbVie Inc., Mettawa, IL

Colon Category

An Interim Analysis of a Phase 3, Open-Label Study Indicates Efficacy and Safety of RBX2660 in Patients With Recurrent Clostridioides difficile Infection

Sahil Khanna, MBBS, MS, FACG¹, Erik R. Dubberke, MD, MSPH², Whitfield L. Knapple, MD³, Paul Feuerstadt, MD, FACG⁴, Maha Assi, MD, MPH⁵, Samson Ng, PharmD⁶, Beth Guthmueller, AS⁷; ¹Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, ²Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO, ³Arkansas Gastroenterology, North Little Rock, AR, ⁴PACT Gastroenterology Center and Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT, ⁵University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita, KS, ⁶Ferring Pharmaceuticals, Parsippany, NJ, ⁷Rebiotix Inc., a Ferring Company, Roseville, MN

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category

Risk Factors for 5-Year Post-Colonoscopy Colorectal Cancers (PCCRCs)

Thomas F. Imperiale, MD¹, Laura J. Myers, PhD², Timothy E. Stump, MA¹, Patrick O. Monahan, PhD¹, Barry Barker, MA³, Charles J. Kahi, MD, MS⁴; ¹Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN, ²Roudebush VAMC, Indianapolis, IN, ³Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN, ⁴Indiana School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

Esophagus Category

Dupilumab Improves Clinical, Symptomatic, Histologic, and Endoscopic Aspects of EoE up to 24 Weeks: Pooled Results From Parts A and B of Phase 3 LIBERTY-EoE-TREET

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Functional Bowel Disease Category

Clinical Utility of Anorectal Manometry and Balloon Expulsion Testing to Predict Outcomes With Community-Based Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy: A Pragmatic Clinical Trial of Patients With Chronic Constipation

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General Endoscopy Category

High Quality Index Colonoscopies Decrease the Risk for Advanced Outcomes at 10-Year Follow-Up Colonoscopy in Low-Risk Patients With No Index Adenomas or Serrated Polyps

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GI Bleeding Category

Safety and Efficacy of Hemorrhoidal Artery Embolization in Patients Refractory to Conservative Management

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IBD Category

Benefits of High versus Low Dose Upadacitinib as Maintenance Treatment in Ulcerative Colitis Patients Who Were Responders to 8-week Induction with Upadacitinib: Results From the U-ACHIEVE Phase 3 Maintenance Trial

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Interventional Endoscopy Category

Are Advanced Endoscopy Fellows in the United States Achieving Adequate ESD Experience?

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Liver Category

The Global Landscape of Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: Results From the Global Burden of Disease Study, 1990-2019

Yichen Wang, MD¹, Mark M. Aloysius, MD, PhD², Bing Chen, MD³, Howard Chung, MD⁴, Beishi Zheng, MD⁵, Tian Li, MD⁶, Xin Zheng, DO⁷, Yuntao Zou, MD⁸, Xiaoquan Huang, MD⁹; ¹Trinity Health of New England, Springfield, MA, ²The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, ATSU-SOMA, Scranton, PA, ³New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY, ⁴New York University School of Medicine, Brooklyn, NY, ⁵Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center, Brooklyn, NY, ⁶State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, ⁷Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA, ⁸Saint Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ, ⁹Zhongshan Hospital of Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Obesity Category

Monoclonal Antibodies (mAbs) to Glucose-Dependent Insulinotropic Polypeptide (GIP) Prevent and Treat Obesity in Wild-Type (wt) and Leptin-Deficient (ob/ob) Mice

Michael Wolfe, MD, FACP¹, Patrick H. Griffin, MD², Sireesh Appajosyula, PharmD², Michael O. Boylan, PhD²; ¹Case Western Reserve University, Bal Harbour, FL; ²Meters, Raleigh, NC

Practice Management Category

Characteristics and Healthcare Patterns of Super-Utilizers Among Patients Hospitalized With a GI Diagnosis

Vivek Kumar, MD, Ebrahim Barkoudah, MD, MPH, David X Jin, MD, MPH, Peter A Banks, MD, Julia Y. McNabb-Baltar, MD, MPH; Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Small Intestine Category

Iron Deficiency and the Development of Celiac Disease

Isabel Hujoel, MD¹, Margaux Hujoel, PhD²; ¹University of Washington, Seattle, WA; ²Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School; Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, Seattle, WA

Stomach Category

Combining Surgical Pyloroplasty and Gastric Electrical Stimulation in Gastroparetic Patients Is Superior to Pyloroplasty Alone:

A Randomized Double Blind Placebo Control Trial

Irene Sarosiek, MD¹, Ryan Torelli, ², Mohammad Bashashati, MD¹, Jesus Diaz, MD¹, Oswaldo Padilla, MD¹, Bright Tamis, MD¹, Sherif E. Elhanafi, MD¹, Brian Davis, MD¹, Richard W. McCallum, MD¹; ¹Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, TX, ²Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, El Paso, TX

● OUTSTANDING RESEARCH BY FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING AWARDS

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Biliary/Pancreas Category

Results of First Round of Enrollment from the Screening for Pancreatic Cancer in High-Risk Individuals (Pancreas Scan Study): A Prospective Multi-Center Study

Ishani Shah, MD¹, Andy Silva-Santisteban, MD¹, Katharine A. Germansky, MD¹, Rishi Pawa, MBBS², Vladimir Kushnir, MD³, Arvind Trindade, MD⁴, Jiannis Anastasiou, MD⁵, Kara L. Raphael, MD⁶, Girish Mishra, MD², Sumant Inamdar, MD⁵, Benjamin Tharian, MD⁵, Mandeep S. Sawhney, MD¹; ¹Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, ²Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, Winston-Salem, NC, ³Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO, ⁴Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Long-Island Jewish Hospital, Great Neck, NY, ⁵University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR, ⁶Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Northwell Health, North Shore University Hospital, Great Neck, NY

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Colon Category

Distal Cap-Assisted Endoscopic Mucosal Resection Is a Safe and Effective Technique for Resection of Non-Lifting or Adherent Colorectal Polyps: An International, Multicenter, Retrospective Study

Scott R. Douglas, MD¹, Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG², Alessandro Repici, MD³, Melissa Kelly, BSN, RN, CGRN⁴, Wes Heinle, MPH⁵, Matthew T. Moyer, MD, MS⁶; ¹Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA, ²Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN, ³Humanitas Clinical & Research Center, Rozzano, Molise, Italy, ⁴Penn State Health, Hershey, PA, ⁵Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA, ⁶Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category

Improving Adherence to Colorectal Cancer Screening Recommendations for First-Degree Relatives of Patients With Advanced Adenomas

Connie Wang, MD¹, Nghiem B. Ha, MD, MAS¹, Alec Faggen, MD², Tanya Khan, MD¹, Cary Kraft, MD¹, Yao-Wen Cheng, MD¹, Daniel Selvig, MD¹, Najwa El-Nachef, MD³, Aparajita Singh, MD¹; ¹University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA; ²UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco, CA; ³University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Esophagus Category

Cannabis Interferes With Deglutitive Inhibition Assessed by Response to Multiple Rapid Swallows During High-Resolution Esophageal Manometry

Kevin Song, MD¹, Diana Snyder, MD², Michael Crowell, PhD¹, Marcelo F. Vela, MD¹; ¹Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ; ²Mayo Clinic Rochester, Rochester, MN

Functional Bowel Disease Category

Evaluation of Probiotic Use, SIBO, and Lactatemia in Patients With Brain Fogginess, Gas, and Bloating

Adil Ghafoor, MD, Asad Jehangir, MD, Yun Yan, PhD, Amanda Laufer, PA-C, Amol Sharma, MD, Satish Rao, MD; Augusta University, Augusta, GA

General Endoscopy Category

Cap Assisted Endoscopic Treatment of Esophageal Food Bolus and/or Foreign Body Ingestion: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Babu P. Mohan, MD, MS¹, Jay Bapaye, MD², Syed Hamaad Rahman, DO³, Priyadarshini Loganathan, MD⁴, Arunkumar Muthusamy, MD⁵, Daryl Ramai, MD, MPH¹, Suresh Ponnada, MD⁶, Saurabh Chandan, MD⁷, John Fang, MD¹; ¹University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT, ²Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, NY, ³Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Dallas, TX, ⁴UT Health, San Antonio, TX, ⁵Cedar Valley Medical Specialists, Waterloo, IA, ⁶Carilion Roanoke Memorial Center, Roanoke, VA, ⁷CHI Health Creighton School of Medicine, Omaha, NE

GI Bleeding Category

Should Prophylactic Endotracheal Intubation Be Performed in Upper GI Bleeding? A Meta-Analysis

Syed Bilal Pasha, MD¹, Zahid Ijaz Tarar, MD¹, Harleen K. Chela, MD², Aidan McDermott, ¹Yezaz Ghouri, MD¹, Matthew Bechtold, MD, FACG; ¹University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, ²University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO

IBD Category

Maternal and Neonatal Outcomes in Vedolizumab and Ustekinumab Exposed Pregnancies: Results From the PIANO Registry

Rishika Chugh, MD¹, Millie Long, MD, MPH, FACG², Kimberly Weaver, MD³, Dawn Beaulieu, MD⁴, Ellen J. Scherl, MD⁵, Uma Mahadevan, MD¹; ¹University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, ²UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, ³University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, ⁴Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN, ⁵Weill Cornell Medicine, New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY

Interventional Endoscopy Category

Safety of Endoscopic Pancreatic Necrosectomy Compared With Radiologic or Surgical Necrosectomy: A Nationwide Inpatient Analysis

Daryl Ramai, MD, MSc¹, Joseph Heaton, MD², Dan McEntire, MD³, Saurabh Chandan, MD⁴, Banreet S. Dhindsa, MD⁵, Amaninder Dhaliwal, MD⁶, Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG⁷; ¹University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT; ²The Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY; ³University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, UT; ⁴CHI Health Creighton School of Medicine, Omaha, NE; ⁵University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; ⁶McLeod Digestive Health Center, Florence, SC; ⁷Centura Health-Porter Adventist Hospital, Salt Lake City, UT

Obesity Category

Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty

Michael G. Daniel, MD¹, Cassandra D.L. Fritz, MD, MPH², Tsehay Abebe, MD³, Ahmad Bazarbashi, MD³, Shelby Sullivan, MD⁴, Su-Hsin Chang, PhD³, Vladimir Kushnir, MD³; ¹Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, VA; ²Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO; ³Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO; ⁴University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center, Aurora, CO

Practice Management Category

Gastroenterology Consults Had Little Utility Prior to Transesophageal Echocardiograms in a Prospective Cohort Study

Joseph Mizrahi, MD¹, Leslie Klyachman, MD¹, Anika Paradkar, MD¹, Eyal Menashe, MD¹, Jade Marhaba, MD¹, Daniel S. Jamorabo, MD²; ¹Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook, NY; ²Stony Brook Medicine, Stony Brook, NY

Small Intestine Category

Common Variable Immunodeficiency-Like Enteropathy Associated With Rituximab B-Cell Depletion Therapy

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Stomach Category

Does Aortic Stenosis Impact the Prevalence and Outcomes of Gastric Antral Vascular Ectasia? A Retrospective Study of 85,000 Patients

Mohammad Aldiabat, MBBS¹, Yazan Aljabiri, MBBS², Ali Horoub, MD³, Yassine Kilani, MD², Fnu Farukhuddin, MD³, Mubarak Yusuf, MD³, Odai Alkhdour, MD⁴, Sura Issa, MD⁵; ¹NYU Langone Hospital - Long Island, New York, NY; ²NYCHHC/Lincoln Medical Center, Bronx, NY; ³NYCHHC/Lincoln Medical Center, New York, NY; ⁴Yarmouk University, Irbid, Irbid, Jordan; ⁵The University of Jordan, New York, NY

● ACG AUXILIARY AWARDS

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Comparison of Baveno VI Criteria, Expanded Baveno VI Criteria, Chess Alarm Score and Other Noninvasive Scores for Predicting Esophageal Varices and Varices Needing Treatment

Nimy John, MD, Yash Shah, MD, Cody J. Timmermann, MD, Fares Mashal, MD, Matthew G. Deneke, MD, Mary Rude, MD, Ragesh B. Thandassery, MD, DM; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

Development and Validation of a Clinical Tool to Identify Patients Who Do Not Need Biopsies When Eosinophilic Esophagitis Is Suspected

Amrit K. Kamboj, MD¹, Cary C. Cotton, MD, MPH², Liang Yen Liu, BS³, June Tome, MD¹, Diana Snyder, MD⁴, Jeff Alexander, MD⁴, Karthik Ravi, MD¹, William Harmsen, BS¹, Evan Dellon, MD, MPH⁵, David A. Katzka, MD⁶; ¹Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, ²University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, ³Mayo Clinic, Alix School of Medicine, Rochester, MN, ⁴Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, ⁵University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC, ⁶Columbia University, New York, NY

Artificial Intelligence and High-Resolution Anoscopy: Automatic Identification of Anal Squamous Cell Carcinoma Precursors Using a Convolutional Neural Network

Miguel Mascarenhas, MD¹, Lucas Spindler, MD², Nadia Fathallah, MD², Tiago Ribeiro, MD¹, Joao Afonso, MD³, João Ferreira, PhD⁴, Guilherme Macedo, MD, PhD¹, Vincent De Parades, MD, PhD²; ¹Centro Hospitalar de S. João, Porto, Portugal, ²Hospital Paris Saint Joseph, Paris, Ile-de-France, France, ³Centro Hospitalar de São João, Porto, Portugal, ⁴FEUP: Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto, Porto, Portugal

● ACG CASE REPORTS JOURNAL AWARDS

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A Superfood With a Dark Side: A Case of Severe Liver Injury Due to Turmeric

Angeline Liu, MD¹, Paul Chang, MD²; ¹Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, Pasadena, CA; ²Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Endoscopic Management of Obstructing Pouch Twist

Sriya Pokala, ¹, Bo Shen, MD²; ¹Columbia University Irving Medical Center, Columbia, MO; ²Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York, NY

● ACG/NAOMI NAKAO GENDER-BASED RESEARCH AWARD

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Females Are at Lower Risk of Mortality as Compared to Males When Admitted for Esophageal Variceal Bleeding: A National Inpatient Sample Analysis

Aalam Sohal, MD¹, Hunza Chaudhry, MD², Armaan Dhaliwal, MBBS³, Piyush Singla, MBBS⁴, Raghav Sharma, MBBS⁵, Gagan Gupta, MBBS⁶, Dino Dukovic⁷, Devang Prajapati, MD¹; ¹UCSF Fresno, Fresno, CA; ²UCSF-Fresno, Fresno, CA; ³University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; ⁴Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, Punjab, India; ⁵Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences, Jalandhar, Jalandhar, Punjab, India; ⁶Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, Phillaur, Punjab, India; ⁷Ross University School of Medicine, Anaheim, CA

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Females May Be at Higher Risk of Severe and Dysplastic Fundic Gland Polyposis: An 844-Patient Analysis

Chase L. Meyer, DO¹, Charlie Altfillisch, MD², Kyle Yuquimpo, DO³, Katy Jackson, MD, MPH⁴, Robert Montgomery, PhD¹, Daniel C. Buckles, MD⁵, Rashna Madan, MBBS⁶, Ajay Bansal, MD⁷; ¹University of Kansas, Kansas City, KS; ²University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, MO; ³University of Kansas Medical Center, Lenexa, KS; ⁴The University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; ⁵Kansas University, Kansas City, KS; ⁶Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; ⁷University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS

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Fellow-in-Training Recipients

Risk of Esophageal Cancer in Achalasia: A Matched Cohort Study Utilizing the Veterans Affairs Achalasia Cohort (VA-AC)

Eric E. Low, MD, MPH¹, Joshua Demb, PhD, MPH², Shailja Shah, MD, MPH¹, Ranier Bustamante, MPH², Lin Liu, PhD², Rena Yadlapati, MD, MS³, Samir Gupta, MD⁴; ¹University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, ²VA San Diego, San Diego, CA, ³University of California San Diego School of Medicine, La Jolla, CA, ⁴Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System, University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA

Impact of Holding Immunosuppressive Therapy in Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Around the Time of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Administration on Humoral Immune Response and Development of COVID-19 Infection

Kiran Motwani, MD¹, Jana G. Hashash, MD, MSc², Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, MACG³, Michael Kappelman, MD⁴, Kimberly Weaver, MD⁴, Xian Zhang, PhD⁵, Millie Long, MD, MPH, FACG⁶, Raymond Cross, MD¹; ¹University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD, ²Mayo Clinic Florida, Jacksonville, FL, ³Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, ⁴University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, ⁵University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC, ⁶UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Physician (non-trainee) Recipients

Virtual Reality Improves Symptoms of Functional Dyspepsia: Results of a Randomized, Controlled, Double-Blind Pilot Study

David Cangemi, MD¹, Marilia Montenegro, MD¹, Brennan Spiegel, MD², Brian E. Lacy, MD, PhD, FACG¹; ¹Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, ²Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Doppler Ultrasound of the Portal Vein Assessed via Artificial Intelligence With and Without AFP Can Identify Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Jose D. Debes, MD, PhD¹, David Jonason, MD², Tiancong Cheng, BS¹, Ju Sun, PhD¹; ¹University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, ²University of Minnesota Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN

Autoimmune Pancreatitis Secondary to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy (Type 3 AIP): Insights into a New Disease from Clinical Review and Serial Pancreatic Imaging

Anusha S. Thomas, MD, Michael Abreo, BS, Ahmed Sayed Ahmed, Yinghong Wang, MD, PhD, Sireesha Yedururi, MD, Suresh Chari, MD; MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

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High 1-Year Survival Rate of Unresectable Pancreatic Cancer Size Smaller Than 4 cm in Diameter Treated With Concurrent EUS-RFA: An Average Treatment Effect on the Treated Weighted Survival Analysis

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Longitudinal Analysis of Gluten-Free Dietary Adherence and Psychosocial Health in Gluten-Associated Disorders: The UCLA Celiac Collective

Anna H. Lee, MD¹, Sonya Dasharathy, MD², Punya Chittajallu, MD², Janelle E. Smith, MS, RD³, Nancee Jaffe, MS, RD², Lucia Chen, MS¹, Jeffrey Lackner, PsyD⁴, Eric Esrailian, MD, MPH¹, Lin Chang, MD¹, Guy A. Weiss, MD⁵; ¹University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, ²UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, ³UCLA, Santa Ana, CA, ⁴University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, ⁵University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

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A key operating philosophy of the College has long been to “meet members where they are.” This shows up organizationally, with our Board of Governors representing the membership at the state and local level but also in the type of education and other resources we produce and provide. While the College has continued to provide COVID focused education and practice resources delivered in real time, we have continued to focus on our broader educational mission through programs, Journals and other member and patient resources.

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In April, the U.S. ACG Governors joined members of the Board of Trustees, the Young Physician Leadership Scholars and members of the ACG Legislative & Public Policy Council in Washington D.C.

to participate in the 2022 ACG Advocacy Day. The ACG Governors served as the “team leader” in these individual meetings. Overall, 118 ACG members participated in 200 meetings covering 46 states. Key messages and specific legislative requests included:

- Limiting the Use of Step Therapy by Supporting the Safe Step Act
- Supporting the Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act of 2021 – This legislation reforms the prior authorization process in Medicare Advantage.
- Support Policies and Efforts to Prevent Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Cuts

The Board of Governors were called upon to help resolve common issues/ challenges at the state and local level. Working to resolve these issues in concert with relevant ACG Committees, the ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council, and the ACG Board of Trustees. Among the issues in 2022: revitalizing the National Affairs Action Network (NAAN), improving maintenance of certification, preventing reimbursement cuts, education on private equity and various GI practice business models, promoting telehealth throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, limiting prior authorizations, minimizing step therapy requirements, and medication formulary changes.

Please continue to contact your ACG Governor on these and other important issues.





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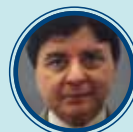
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THE ACG INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

THE ACG INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION promotes the College's commitment to clinical research and physician and patient education. The ACG Institute's record to date is a source of pride, particularly its significant and expanding support of young clinical investigators.

The ACG Institute has grown since its introduction in 1994, both in terms of the breadth of its investment in clinical GI investigators and the scope of its activities, which now include leadership development and education for physicians and patients.

The success of the ACG Institute is due, in large part, to the commitment and support of the ACG Institute Board of Directors, the ACG Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors, and all the members who have participated in and continue to be part of, the Institute's work.

NEW! Learn more about the Institute programs and commitment to learning, leadership, and clinical research in the *Institute in Focus* – a booklet showcasing the programs and important deadlines for the Institute's various offerings.

The ACG Institute Center for Leadership, Ethics and Equity (The LE&E Center)

The LE&E Center addresses the contemporary need for leadership training, equitable delivery of care, and ethically based decision-making with a suite of training programs and activities to provide transformational tools and experiences to GI clinicians. The programs under the LE&E Center include:

- **NEW** – The ACG Clinical Research Leadership Program
- **NEW** – The ACG Early Career Leadership Program
- The ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program
- The ACG Health Equity Research Award
- The ACG Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity & Ethical Care
- Scholarships for High School Students Through the Prescriptions for Success: Careers in Medicine High School Visit



Clinical Research Awards

The ACG Institute awarded over \$2.2 million in funding for clinical research in 2022 and will support the 2023 ACG Clinical Research awards for the following categories:

- Junior Faculty Development Award (\$450,000 total / \$150,000 per year)
- Established Investigator Bridge Funding Award (\$300,000 total / \$150,000 per year)
- ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (\$50,000 / 1 or 2-year)
- ACG Health Equity Research Award (\$75,000 / \$50k year-one, \$25k year-two based on progress)
- Clinical Research Award (\$50,000 / 1-year)
- Pilot Research Award (\$15,000 / 1-year)
- Resident Clinical Research Award (\$10,000 / 1-year plus travel to ACG 2023)
- Medical Student Research Award (\$5,000 / 6-10 weeks / plus travel to ACG 2023)

ACG Clinical Research Leadership Program

This new signature program of the ACG Institute's Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity will help train clinical investigators as scientific leaders, team managers, financial stewards of research dollars, and mentors. This unique interactive program will provide funded ACG clinician investigators with the skill set to start, grow, and successfully maintain an independent research program.

The program aims to provide leadership training for early to mid-career clinical investigators who are U.S.-based ACG member physicians (between 2-15 years out of fellowship training) with active or recent ACG or federal funding as a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator.

ACG Early Career Leadership Program

The Early Career Leadership Program develops future leaders in clinical gastroenterology by providing leadership and policy training to early career physicians who have completed one full year of practice and within five years of their terminal GI fellowship training. Participants are immersed in effective leadership, impactful networking, emotional intelligence, negotiation, group dynamics, and team-building coursework. The next class will meet at ACG 2022 and convene again in Washington, DC, with the ACG Governors in April 2023 for the legislative fly-in.



2021 / 2022 ACG Early Career Leadership Program Participants

ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program

The Advanced Leadership Development Program aims to develop a cohesive group of peer leaders who will serve as problem-solving consultants for each other and the College. This program offers mid-career physicians (10-20 years post-fellowship completion) the opportunity to deepen comprehensive leadership skills and provides advocacy training. The first cohort met in 2022, and the program includes in-person and online courses.



2022 ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program Participants

The ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education (cont.)

ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships

This program, which honors former ACG Institute Director Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, enables GI fellowship programs to host high-quality visiting professors to enhance the training program by providing lectures, small group discussions, and one-on-one visits with trainees and faculty. Additionally, this program allows community gastroenterologists to learn from an expert through an evening event or medical grand rounds. This year, the LE&E Center expanded the program to support six ACG Visiting Scholars in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care. These diversity scholars educate institutions on the best ways to create awareness around the issues and challenges of delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision-making. The ACG Visiting Scholars are an initiative of the LE&E Center.

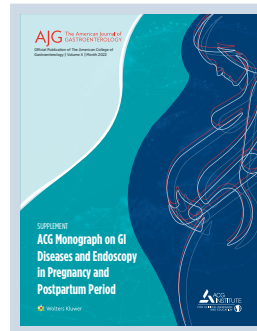


Marcelo F. Vela, MD, MSCR, FACC, visits the fellows at Tufts Medical Center



Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, and Tyler Berzin, MD, at Cleveland Clinic

ACG Monograph on GI Diseases and Endoscopy in Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period



Cover of ACG Monograph on GI Diseases and Endoscopy in Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period

In partnership with the ACG Women in GI Committee, the ACG Institute is publishing a third monograph to address the current best approaches to treating GI diseases and endoscopy during pregnancy and postpartum. This comprehensive monograph will be released in October 2022 and has an editorial team of gastroenterologists, OB/GYNs and a neonatal pharmacologist. Topics to be covered include liver disease during pregnancy, IBD during pregnancy, and advanced endoscopic procedures in pregnancy.

The G.U.T. Fund

The Fund Grows, Uplifts & Transforms clinical GI.

The G.U.T. Fund is the ongoing campaign of the ACG Institute that makes possible innovative Institute programs such as the ACG Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care, Junior Faculty Development Awards, Early Career Leadership Program, Advanced Leadership Development Program, the Clinical Research Leadership Program, and much more.

The G.U.T. Fund is supported by the ACG community, individual gifts, and industry contributions. Thousands of ACG members and supporters annually make philanthropic gifts that take the programs of the ACG Institute from GOOD to GREAT. Donors may make annual contributions or multi-year gifts to meet their philanthropic goals. Testamentary gifts and planned gifts are encouraged to guarantee the work of the ACG Institute far into the future and for ACG members to leave a lasting legacy of their life's work.

Additional Programs

To learn more about the ACG Institute's programs or to support the work of the Institute through the G.U.T. fund, please visit: www.gi.org/acg-institute or read the *Institute in Focus* booklet available online or at ACG 2022.

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ACG'S COMMITTEES

2021–2022

THE COMMITTEES OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GASTROENTEROLOGY are where most of the “real” work of the College takes place day to day. Many of the most important and impactful policy decisions and new and ongoing projects and initiatives approved by the Board of Trustees begin with ideas generated and developed by various College committees. Indeed, the College leadership has often said that the committees are the lifeblood of ACG.

In 1985, the College already had 18 different committees with over 100 members serving on them. By contrast, in 2022 the College has 24 separate committees, many of which have a number of subcommittees to handle the expanding workload for these critical pieces of our organization. Today, there are more than 700 members serving on committees. This level of engagement and participation provides a critical source of growth, strength, and leadership for the College. As the number of members in the organization has grown and the scope of activities has expanded exponentially, it is the committees that have been the engine driving this growth and making membership in the College ever more valuable and meaningful for our members and their patients.

We invite you to take some time to review the incredible work and accomplishments of the ACG committees which is being done on your behalf as a member of the College. The committee membership has been selected for the next year and work is already underway. However, if you see something that sparks your interest for further engagement with your College, please visit the Committee section of the ACG website and fill out the online Join A Committee Form. Committee appointments are made each summer by the incoming ACG President and President-elect.



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OBJECTIVES

1. Develop and provide relevant educational and professional resources for GI and Hepatology APPs.
2. Identify challenges in APP practice, share ideas, define best practices and create solutions that enhance delivery of services for patients.
3. Increase APP awareness of and engagement with the College.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Advanced Practice Providers Committee was approved and established by the ACG Board of Trustees in 2018 with a diverse group of initially ten members and expanded in 2022 to over 30 members from various practice backgrounds and locations.

ACG APP GI Training Series: Introduction to GI Modules

The primary goal of the Committee is to provide education and resources to advanced practice providers to further advance knowledge and best practices in gastroenterology and hepatology.

The Committee, in conjunction with the Educational Affairs Committee and the Education Universe editors, has developed an online GI education series for APPs. This curriculum is a series of modules that covers both organ systems and disease states in gastroenterology and hepatology. It is geared towards APPs new to practice or new to GI. Eleven modules were identified and include the areas of: colon, esophagus, Essentials for the APP Hospitalist, functional, GI bleeding, hepatology, IBD, mixed subject area, pancreaticobiliary, small bowel, stomach. Published modules are available for use on the ACG Education Universe: <https://universe.gi.org/appmodule.asp>. Content presentations are 15-30 minutes in length so users can easily complete each talk. Users can obtain CME credits by answering questions at the conclusion of each presentation. This program can be readily integrated into an APP Orientation Program or used for adjunctive learning for all GI/Hepatology Practices.

Advanced APP Curriculum

Stage two of the online curriculum development will be the development of advanced education modules in areas of IBD and hepatology, geared for the experienced APP.

NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence

The NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence was developed as part of the 2022 ACG Awards. The APP Awards Subcommittee reviewed nominations and forwarded recommendations to the ACG Awards Committee for both

community and academic practice recipients. This award represents an opportunity to recognize an NP or PA who is a member of the College and has shown long standing contributions to advancing clinical practice for both community practice and academic practice. We are excited to announce the recipients of this inaugural award are Monica Nandwani, DNP, RN, FNP-BC and Kimberly D. Orleck, PA-C. We encourage all ACG members to nominate an outstanding NP or PA for next year's award. Three letters of recommendation are required for candidates and the award nomination guidelines can be found on the ACG website: <https://gi.org/about/awards/award-nomination-guidelines>.

Practice Management Subcommittee

The goals of the Practice Management Subcommittee are to provide APP members with information relevant to APPs such as practice operations, quality, safety, coding and reimbursement. The subcommittee will work with the ACG Practice Management Committee to develop a Toolbox article covering practice management topics pertinent to APPs.

Social Media and Member Engagement Subcommittee

The goals of the Social Media Subcommittee are to: increase awareness of ACG resources and topics pertaining to APPs via various social media platforms; to increase APP engagement; to create a venue to connect APPs with colleagues from across the United States and the world. In July 2022, the subcommittee launched the ACG GI APP Group on Facebook and the membership is growing rapidly. If you are an ACG APP member interested in joining the conversation with your colleagues via a private Facebook group, please send an email to info@gi.org and we will provide more information on access.

Other 2022 Projects

1. APP Committee members participated in the ACG 2022 Annual Meeting Planning Subcommittee meeting in January 2022.
2. ACG APP Resource Center: this is found under the membership tab on the main ACG website: <https://gi.org/advanced-practice-providers>

Features of the webpage include an ACG APP monthly member spotlight, links to educational resources, training and fellowship programs, ACG member benefits and resources, career opportunities, clinical guidelines, access to the GI Circles, professional development resources and patient education materials.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for gathering, assembling, maintaining and restoring records, photographs and historical memorabilia relating to past and present College activities, and organizing and displaying these materials periodically to the Membership, and compiling articles or monographs relating to the history of the College.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Update on current and ongoing activities:

- **Historical Exhibit at ACG Annual Meeting**
An important initiative of the Archives Committee is the Historical Exhibit produced by ACG staff and displayed during the Annual Meeting. For 2022, the exhibit is focused on celebrating ACG's 90th Anniversary through a visual timeline that marks "How it Started – How it's Going." These historical displays will illustrate and celebrate how the College's mission and vision are being met through relevant and creative new programs.
- **90th Anniversary Celebration**
ACG's 90th Anniversary is being highlighted through articles in *ACG Magazine* and through displays at the Annual Meeting in Charlotte. The celebration also marks the early stages of planning for ACG's centennial in 2032.
- **A Look Back: Reflections on Medical History & Artifacts from the Pages of The American Journal of Gastroenterology**
The "A Look Back" article series appeared from 1999-2010 in the Red Journal, featuring Dr. Robert E. Kravetz's medical device collection and commentary. More recently, these same articles have been re-published regularly in the *ACG Magazine*. These items and more from Dr. Kravetz's collection are featured in a new 200-page book authorized by the Board of Trustees, championed

by the Archives Committee, edited by Lawrence Schiller, MD, MACG, and published by the ACG. The book (ISBN: 978-0-578-75242-6) is currently available for purchase at a special ACG member reduced price and can be found at <https://members.gi.org/store>.

- **ACG Past Presidents' Interviews**
For almost 30 years, video recordings of interviews with ACG Past Presidents have been collected and digitized. These are being reviewed by members of the Archives Committee and inventoried. It is anticipated that selected parts will be used in video histories, at breaks during the Annual Meeting, and as part of ACG exhibits at regional and national meetings.
- **ACG Member Recognition**
Each year the American College of Gastroenterology recognizes physicians who have reached 25 and 50 years of membership with a pin and certificate. In addition, members who advance to Fellowship in the College receive a copy of the 75th Anniversary Book.
- **Historical Articles for ACG Magazine**
The Archives Committee has three ongoing historical series that are published in the *ACG Magazine*. The first group are articles produced by our previous chair, Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG, entitled "A Look Back." These articles describe artifacts that illustrate the history of gastroenterology. A second group of articles, "50 and 25 years ago in the Red Journal," highlights the development of our field over the last half century. Finally, the Archives Committee has sponsored a third series of articles, "The Discoverers," focusing on the contributions of individual gastroenterologists. The first of these featured Dr. Peter Gibson describing the development of the low FODMAP diet, the second is an interview with Dr. John Fordtran about the discovery of GoLYTELY[®], and the third was an interview with Dr. Douglas Drossman about the evolution of the concept of Disorders of Gut–Brain Interaction. Additional articles are in production.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for coordinating all awards presented by the College, including plaques or certificates of appreciation and consideration of new awards.

OBJECTIVES

1. Comprehensive evaluation of award nominees.
2. Review and Update the Awards section of ACG website.

COMMITTEE REPORT

New Award: NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence

In the fall of 2021, the ACG Advanced Practice Providers Committee worked with the Awards Committee to develop a new award that would recognize a distinguished Advanced Practice Provider (nurse practitioner or physician assistant) who has shown long-standing contributions to advancing clinical practice in either the community practice setting or the academic practice setting in the field of gastroenterology. The NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence received approval from the ACG Board of Trustees in January 2022, and the inaugural recipients will be honored at the 2022 Leadership Dinner awards ceremony in Charlotte, North Carolina.

2022 Award Recipients

Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG

Community Service Award:

Jean S. Wang, MD, PhD, FACG

Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Award

Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG

Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

Rachel Issaka, MD

International Leadership Award

Seshadri T. Chandrasekar, MD, FACG

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws of the College and recommending changes or additions to the Board of Trustees and Membership.

OBJECTIVES

1. Monitor the programs, committees, and College activities, in order to incorporate any applicable changes or updates to the Bylaws.
2. Make suggestions to the Board of Trustees as appropriate regarding changes or updates to the Bylaws.
3. Promulgate changes to the Bylaws to the membership.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee had no Bylaws changes to recommend this year.

The Bylaws are available for all members to review on the ACG website at <https://webfiles.gi.org/docs/about/ACGBylaws.pdf>.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all applications for Associate Membership, Advanced Practice Provider Membership, Resident/Trainee Membership, Membership, International Membership and Fellowship, and shall report its recommendations to the Board of Trustees at least twice annually.

OBJECTIVES

1. Evaluate applications for membership to the College.
2. Work with the Governors so that criteria for Advancement to Fellowship are clear and encourage them to review membership yearly and contact members who seem eminently qualified for advancement.
3. Work with the Governors so that criteria for direct election to Fellowship are clear.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credentials Committee met in-person in October 2021 and by Zoom meeting in January 2022, April 2022, and June 2022. The Committee reviewed a total of 610 applications for Membership, Fellowship, and International Membership and made the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

- 1 candidate was elected directly to Fellowship
- 73 candidates were advanced to Fellowship
- 139 candidates were elected to Membership
- 397 candidates were elected to International Membership

The Chairman reviewed and approved 1,090 applications for Resident/Trainee Membership and approved 453 applications for Associate and Advanced Practice Provider Membership from August 1, 2021-July 31, 2022. The total number added to the rolls by this report is 2,080. The Committee will meet during the October Annual Meeting to consider additional applications.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall have primary responsibility for oversight and strategic direction of the College websites and member publications, and shall curate content from ACG's official scientific journals.

OBJECTIVES

1. Advise the College staff on the general direction, and key objectives for scientific, member communications and online communities.
2. Curate the content on the College's Website and provide insight and user feedback.
3. Serve as the Editorial Board for the *ACG Magazine*.
4. Mentor the *ACG Case Reports Journal* Editorial Board.
5. Identify appropriate communication channels.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Evidence-Based GI, An ACG Publication, Dr. Philip S. Schoenfeld, Editor



Evidence-Based Gastroenterology (EBGI) launched in October 2021 and has been innovating and expanding its offerings. The monthly content can be accessed either as individual articles via gi.org/EBGI or as full issues formatted as a PDF

that can be downloaded for easy reading. As an ACG member publication, *EBGI* aims to fill an unmet need for members in private practice who do not have institutional access to non-ACG subscription publications. *EBGI* resides behind a login on the ACG website.

The editors have introduced new audio summaries (podcast style recordings) for each article that are located on the Audio Summaries page of the *EBGI* section of the ACG Website or via the ACG Podcasts page (gi.org/podcast). These short (~15 minute) conversations between

Dr. Schoenfeld and the reviewers offer quick-take aways and highlight the clinical applicability of the *EBGI* summaries.

Another new feature of *EBGI* is a series "In Case You Missed It" that summarizes landmark randomized controlled trials from the past 3 to 5 years that impact clinical practice guidelines. Consistent with the mission of *Evidence-Based GI*, summaries focus on RCTs published in non-GI journals (e.g., *New England Journal of Medicine*, *JAMA*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, etc.) and provide structured abstracts about study design and results.

ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ)

Return of "Beyond the Case" Podcast Series

The 2021-2022 CoEICs reprised the *ACGCRJ* podcast series, "Behind the Case." The first installment in January 2022, "Infectious Abscess as Complication of Steroid Injection with Dilatation of Refractory Upper Gastrointestinal Strictures." Dr. John Fang discusses how to treat upper gastrointestinal strictures using dilation combined with intralesional steroid injection. Other *ACGCRJ* podcasts featured conversations with Dr. Tarun Rustagi and Dr. Nicholas McDonald.

Listen: gi.org/journals-publications/acgcrpodcasts



DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE (cont.)

Committee Support for ACGCRJ Editorial Board

The Digital Communications & Publications Committee helps support the GI fellows-in-training who serve on the *ACGCRJ* Editorial Board. Dr. Deepak helped review the 37 applications for positions on the 2022-2023 board which started its tenure in July 2022 with ten members under the leadership of Co-Editors-in-Chief Nicholas McDonald, MD and Tomoki Sempokuya, MD.



Members of 2020-2021 *ACGCRJ* Editorial Board

Social Media for ACG's Three Journals

@AmJGastro – Twitter Feed for The American Journal of Gastroenterology

Since its launch in late September 2020, the @AmJGastro Twitter feed has grown to more than 5,800 followers as of August 2022, up from 3,200 followers as of October 2021. Since March of 2021, it has consistently surpassed 100,000 tweet impressions each month. Active dialogue with clinicians who have been sharing links and comments, as well as media coverage, on ACG guidelines have in large part driven Twitter engagement for @AmJGastro. The College routinely re-tweets @AmJGastro posts through its Twitter handle @AmCollegeGastro, which has in excess of 31,800 followers with a goal of extending the reach and familiarizing the GI community with Red Journal science.

@ACG_CTG – Twitter Feed for Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology

CTG launched a Twitter presence in May 2021 and has 584 followers as of August 2022, up from 392 followers as of October 2021. The open access nature of this publication is ideal for social media sharing and Editor-in-Chief Brian C. Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACP, is actively engaged in sharing articles. The editors are committed to engaging via social media about key articles and interacting with authors. Dr. Jacobson hopes to extend the reach of *CTG* internationally and sees Twitter as an important tool.

@ACGCRJ – Twitter Feed for ACG Case Reports Journal

The 2021-2022 Co-EICs of *ACG Case Reports Journal*, Dr. Judy Trieu and Dr. Katie Falloon, requested a Twitter feed which launched in late June 2021 as they took over the journal July 1, 2021. The Twitter Feed @ACGCRJ has more than 750 followers as of August 2022, up from fewer than 500 in October 2021. A highlight of the *ACGCRJ* Twitter feed in 2021 was the informative series, "Meet Our 2021-2022 Associate Editors," that was shared in the days surrounding the ACG 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting. For this Twitter feed, authors are a key source of posts, and the ACG media team also supports this by tweeting a different case each week.

#EBGI Tweetorials: A New Tradition Each Wednesday

EBGI Social Media Editor Joseph Sleiman, MD, a second year GI fellow at the University of Pittsburgh has organized a team of "EBGI Social Media Ambassadors" who are contributing to a highly engaging new series of "Tweetorials" on *EBGI* articles. Each Wednesday at 6 pm Eastern, one of their team posts a multi-part overview of the article in the emoji-focused, high impact style. This is proving to be an effective way to grow engagement with the new publication, involve fellows, and tap into their social media skills. The tweets are shared by the College's @AmCollegeGastro Twitter feed and tagged #EBGI.



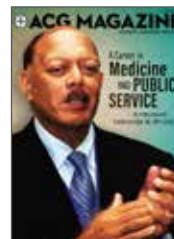
Joseph Sleiman, MD

ACG MAGAZINE

ACG MAGAZINE is a glossy print quarterly publication offered as a signature benefit of ACG membership. As of August 2022, *ACG MAGAZINE* has published 21 issues since its launch in early 2017 and featured original contributions by scores of ACG members. The editorial team is always eager to hear from College members with story ideas and professional news.



Winter 2021, Issue 4: Digital Communications & Publication Committee Chair Dr. Deepak introduced the magazine editorial team to Tina Aswani Omprakash, a Crohn's disease patient and MPH candidate at Mt. Sinai in New York. Ms. Omprakash is a well-respected patient advocate whose thoughtful personal reflection was the cover story in Winter 2021. She recounted her experience founding a non-profit, the South Asian IBD Alliance (SAIA, southasianibd.org), in her cover story, "Starting a Conversation for South Asians Living with IBD."



Spring 2022, Issue 1: "A Career in Medicine and Public Service." This issue featured an interview with Frank Hamilton, MD, MACG, who shared insights into his career at NIDDK, fostering diversity and advancing research for more than 50 years in an interview with ACG Past President Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, MACG.



Summer 2022, Issue 2: The cover story, “Speaking Out: Inclusion and Challenges for LGBTQ+ in Gastroenterology,” was suggested by Dr. Shifa Umar, editor of the magazine’s Trainee Hub Section. Dr. Umar invited another fellow, Dr. Nikki Duong of VCU, to collaborate in inviting LGBTQ+ fellows and faculty to comment on their experience and to share their journey in GI. The commentators offer specific strategies and critical actions needed to improve care

for LGBTQ+ patients and reflect on ways to create a culture of inclusion and promote diversity and equity in gastroenterology.



Fall 2022, Issue 3: The fall issue was a special food-themed issue and the cover story was “GI at the Table: Using a Clinic-to-Farm-to-Table Approach in Gastroenterology.” The issue included another installation in the popular “ACG Foodies” Culinary Connections series, including a supplement with recipes and reflections. The magazine team is grateful to authors Christina Tennyson, MD; Vani Paleti, MD; and Savita Srivastava, MD; and Pat Banks who shared

not only their insights and expertise on the field of culinary medicine, but also some wonderful photographs of their experience growing, preparing, and fermenting fresh food.

Magazine Special Section: Trainee Hub

At the Committee’s November meeting 2020, Dr. Shifa Umar, at the time a third year fellow at Allegheny Health Network and later an advanced endoscopy fellow at Mayo Clinic, suggested the idea of a new section for *ACG MAGAZINE* dedicated to stories of interest and relevance to GI fellows. She took initiative to become the first section editor for the new “Trainee Hub.” For the inaugural offering, she interviewed Dr. Lauren Feld, who in 2020 published a personal reflection in *AJG* on interviewing for GI fellowship during her pregnancy. Dr. Umar has also interviewed Dr. Judy Trieu who was on the faculty of the January 2021 “Navigating, Networking, Negotiating Your First Job” workshop presented by the ACG Women in GI Committee. This Q&A between Dr. Umar and Dr. Trieu in *ACG MAGAZINE* was an opportunity to create additional visibility for the recording from this session and highlight take-aways that Dr. Umar hopes will help fellows achieve success in life after training.



Shifa Umar, MD

Thanks to Dr. Umar’s vision and leadership, these articles have generated attention among GI fellows and beyond. In the Winter 2021 Issue 4, Dr. Umar conceived of “What Makes a Good Endoscopy Educator: Perspectives from Gastroenterology Fellows and Faculty” and invited nine GI fellows and twelve nationally known faculty to comment. The results were thoughtful, diverse, and inspiring. The conversation on social media generated by this piece was exciting to witness.

“GI Eye” Photo or Image

A new feature was introduced to *ACG MAGAZINE* in 2021, “GI Eye.” Originally conceived as a forum for GI clinicians whose hobby and passion is photography to share well-composed photos from their lives and travels of any (non-endoscopic) subject that captures their imagination, the section has expanded to feature original artwork as well. The response to this special feature has been very positive and other photographers and creatives are welcome to submit images.

- Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACC, photograph, “Peace in the Rockies” (2021-3)
- Mark Pochapin, MD, FACC, photograph, “Winging It” (2021-4)
- John G. McCarthy, MD, MAJ, MAC, USA, acrylic painting, “FIT Positive” (2022-1)
- Irving M. Pike, MD, MACG, photographs, “Yosemite Views” (2022-2)

Book Reviews

Several members of the Committee have contributed book reviews to *ACG MAGAZINE*:

- Fazia A. Mir, MD, reviewed *Work Clean* by Dan Carnas (2021-3)
- Parrakal Deepak, MD, FACC, reviewed *The 6 Ds of Fecal Microbiota Transplantation: A Primer from Decision to Discharge and Beyond* by Jessica R. Allegretti, MD, MPH, and Zain Kassam, MD, MPH (2021-4)
- Jill K. J. Gaidos, MD, FACC, reviewed *Curbside Consultation in IBD: 49 Clinical Questions*, Third Edition 2021, Slack Books, David T. Rubin, MD, FACC; Sonia Friedman, MD, FACC; Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, MACG (2022-2)

Ways to Contribute to ACG MAGAZINE

ACG MAGAZINE seeks to identify contributors and story ideas which strengthen readers’ connection to the College and to their GI colleagues. *ACG MAGAZINE* serves as a venue to showcase the expertise and insights of ACG volunteer leaders, including the ACG Governors, the Practice Management Committee, and the Public Relations Committee, among others. This demonstrates to readers the close connection their colleagues have with the College, the opportunity to contribute to ACG efforts, and how the College and the membership at large benefit from ACG member participation. *ACG MAGAZINE* welcomes story suggestions from all College members on an ongoing basis: ACGMag@gi.org. Read all issues of *ACG MAGAZINE* by visiting gi.org/ACGMagazine.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE (cont.)

Cross-Committee Collaborations

The Digital Communications & Publications Committee and the *ACG MAGAZINE* editorial team are grateful to several ACG committees for partnerships in publishing articles of interest to the College's membership. Several notable and longstanding collaborations have been an important part of the success of the magazine. Recent examples of articles developed through committees and featured in the pages of *ACG MAGAZINE* include:

Collaboration with Practice Management Committee

- Nuts & Bolts Negotiating an Insurance Contract, Ralph D. McKibbon, MD, FACP, Suriya Sastri, MD, FACP, and Shajan Peter, MD, FACP (2021-1)
- Pharmaceutical and Device Research: A "Win-Win" For Your Patients and Your Practice, Deepinder Goyal, MD, MSCR, and Shajan Peter, MD, FACP (2021-3)
- Fat(ty Liver) is Our Future, Bennie Upchurch, MD, FACP, and Frank Nemec, MD, FACP (2021-3)
- Leveraging the EHR to Your Advantage: Make the Electronic Beast Work for You!, Manoj K. Mehta, MD, FACP, and Frank Nemec, MD (2021-4)

Collaboration with Professionalism Committee

Dr. Richard Bloomfeld, Chair of the Professionalism Committee reached out to the magazine team about contributing articles to the "Getting it Right" section of the magazine on topics relating to physician professionalism. The authors are encouraged to provide actionable information and relevant take-aways in a writing style of "news you can use" rather than an academic tone. The goal is a short overview and recommended resources for further reading.

- I Had a Complication – Now What?, Mohammad Bilal, MD, and Richard Bloomfeld, MD, FACP (2022-1)
- How to Respond to A Legal Summons, Andrew Feld, MD, JD (2022-2)

Collaboration with Women in GI Committee

- Conversations with Women in GI: Jill J. K. Gaidos, MD, FACP, and Jessica Allegretti, MD (2021-2)
- Conversations with Women in GI: Dr. Gaidos and Christina M. Surwaricz, MD, MACG (2021-3)
- GI Jane: Life in the Trenches ACG Women in GI Committee Reflects on Barriers to Success for Female Gastroenterologists and Offers Strategies for Change, Lavanya Viswanathan, MD, *et al.* (2022-1)
- Conversations with Women in GI: Dr. Gaidos and Lauren Nephew, MD (2022-2)

Weekly E-Newsletter

The weekly email newsletter receives positive engagement and visibility among ACG members. It serves as a platform to promote critical deadlines and administrative news and to feature content from *AJG*, *CTG* and the *ACG Case Reports Journal*, the Practice Management Toolbox, and the ACG Education Universe Video of the Week. The ACG President also publishes views and updates via the e-newsletter. News surrounding topics like clinical research awards and colorectal cancer awareness activities, e.g., SCOPY Awards and advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill, are also featured.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for heightening awareness of issues and strategies related to diversity, equity and inclusion by which the College can better serve the interests of all members and their patients. The Committee will work collaboratively with other committees in providing input through a healthy equity lens on programming such as educational, research and community engagement activities conducted by the College. This includes serving as an advisory group to the College on health disparity-related issues among racial, ethnic, gender, LGBTQ+ and other minority groups that the College can be a leader in addressing through programming for all members and patients. The Committee will also promote and advocate for inclusive representation in College leadership and work with other committees to increase participation, visibility, and advancement of members from underrepresented backgrounds in College-related activities such as appointments as faculty of ACG educational programs.

OBJECTIVES

1. To heighten awareness of issues and strategies related to diversity, equity and inclusion by which the College can best serve the interests of all members and their patients.
2. To work collaboratively with other committees in providing input through a healthy equity lens on programming such as educational, research and community engagement activities conducted by the College. This includes serving as an advisory group to the College on health disparity-related issues among racial, ethnic, gender, LGBTQ+ and other minority groups that the College can be a leader in addressing through programming for all members and patients.

3. To promote and advocate for inclusive representation in College leadership and work with other committees to increase participation, visibility, and advancement of members from underrepresented backgrounds in College-related activities such as appointments as faculty of ACG educational programs.
4. To help educate students from minority populations and underserved groups about careers in medicine and gastroenterology, through outreach, mentorship and research opportunities.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee continues to work harmoniously to fulfill its mission to inform the College about health care issues among diverse population groups through a variety of programs:

1. Drs. Gray and Balzora co-led the #DiversityinGI 5k which concluded in early November 2021. In total, the race raised more than \$15,000 to support the ACG Summer Scholars Program.
2. The Summer Scholars Program subcommittee, led by Dr. Somaya Albhaisi, selected the following recipients for the program:
 - a. Daniel Huynh (Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University); Mentor: Dr. Christopher Vélez (Center for Neurointestinal Health at Massachusetts General Hospital), and Dr. Micaela Atkins (Massachusetts General Hospital)
 - b. Marie-Lise Chrysostome (Drexel University College of Medicine); Mentor: Dr. Sameer Prakash (University of Iowa)
 - c. Joseph Chebueze (Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University); Mentor: Dr. Helen Burton Murray (Massachusetts General Hospital)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE (cont.)

3. The Prescriptions for Success Program awarded three junior high school students from Rancho High School in Las Vegas, Nevada — Olivia Fenkell, Marc Natali, and Miah Solis — for the inaugural ACG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Healthcare Scholarship, which includes an award of \$1,000 for those students who are interested in higher education and a career focused on healthcare.
4. The Committee partnered with The Equity Think Tank and the ACG Institute's LE&E Center on the creation of the inaugural Health Equity Research Award (HERA) and issuing the RFP on July 23, 2021. The 2022 recipients, Maya Balakrishnan, MD, MPH, of Baylor College of Medicine and Rachel Issaka, MD, MAS, of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, each received a \$50,000 grant. In 2023, the HERA will increase to a two-year award of \$75,000 (\$50k in year-one and \$25k in year-two based on project progress), with applications due December 5, 2022.
5. Drs. Gray and Balzora and members of the Intersociety Group on Diversity joined Dr. Folasade May and her team at UCLA in co-writing the initial manuscript from the workforce survey that was distributed across all GI societies in early winter. The aim of the study was to assess current perspectives of racial and ethnic workforce diversity and healthcare disparities among gastroenterology and hepatology professionals nationwide. The publication entitled "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Gastroenterology and Hepatology: A Survey of Where We Stand" was jointly published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, *Gastroenterology*, *GIE* and *Hepatology*.
6. The Health Equity Education subcommittee, led by Dr. Philip Okafor, established a calendar of programming for ACG Virtual Grand Rounds and the ACG Education Universe including the following topics: Systemic Racism in Healthcare, Distrust in Health Care, Diversity in GI Medical Education, GI Cancer Disparities, Liver Transplant Continuum Among Marginalized Populations, and IBD Disparities in Minority Communities. The module for the ACG Universe entitled "Health Equity and DEI," went live on the ACG website on January 7, 2022.
7. At the ACG Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC, a Bonus On-Demand Session entitled, "Leadership, Diversity, Ethical Care, and Equity" will have Dr. Balzora serve as moderator and the following talks and speakers: Dr. Sonali Paul – "Comprehensive Care of Common GI Conditions for LGBTQI+ Communities"; Dr. Cassandra Fritz – "Allyship for URIMs in GI: Challenges and Solutions to Satisfy an Unmet Need"; and Lauren Nephew – "The Impact of Social and Structural Determinants of Health on Vulnerable Populations With Chronic Liver Disease Epidemiology and Solutions."
8. Committee members are represented in recent publications that discuss issues of diversity, equity, and/or inclusion, but by no means is this an exhaustive list:
 - "A Team Approach to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Gastroenterology," *Gastroenterology*, August 2022
 - "Overcoming the Challenges and Mitigating the Disparities in our LGBTQI+ Patients," *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, September 2021
 - "Inflammatory bowel disease in underserved populations: lessons for practice," *Current Opinions in Gastroenterology*, July 2022
 - "Artificial intelligence in gastroenterology and hepatology: how to advance clinical practice while ensuring health equity," *Gut* June 2022
 - "The Impact of Social Determinants of Health on Disparities in Inflammatory Bowel Disease," *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology* March 2022

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for all Postgraduate educational activities of the College including the Annual Postgraduate Course and the Scientific Program for the Annual Meeting of the College (including the solicitation of abstracts, the selection and invitation of special guest speakers, and the printing and distribution of the final Scientific Program). It shall be responsible for reviewing and approving all continuing education courses submitted to the College for approval or co-sponsorship, and enforcing all administrative and financial guidelines for the conduct of such courses. The Director of the Annual Postgraduate Course of the College shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop the final program for the Annual Scientific Meeting, including clinical symposia, bonus (formerly breakfast) sessions, and abstract presentations.
2. Develop CME and MOC activities, including Regional Postgraduate Courses, one-day Courses/Schools, Self-Assessment Tests, Virtual Grand Rounds, etc.
3. Curate and archive current content and develop new content for the Education Universe.
4. Evaluate and endorse international meetings to address the needs of our international members.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Educational Affairs Committee is committed to maintaining ACG's role as a leading provider of high quality continuing medical and professional education for digestive disease health care providers. The Committee continues to establish state-of-the-art educational activities in a variety of venues and formats to allow ACG members and others to be lifelong learners regarding the prevention, treatment, and cure of digestive diseases.

EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (cont.)

The Committee does so by soliciting suggestions and recommendations from our distinguished members and Fellows, as well as reviewing member-based needs assessment data, and data analyses of attendee evaluations from past meetings. The Committee looks forward to and will continue to bring quality CME to clinicians in the field of gastroenterology.

The Educational Affairs Committee and its Subcommittees met on three occasions over the last year. The full committee met in October to discuss the past and upcoming year. The Annual Meeting Program Planning Subcommittee met in January 2022 to plan the educational offerings for the 2022 Annual Meeting. ACG 2022 is being offered as a hybrid event both live in Charlotte and with virtual components in October 2022. The Abstract Selection Subcommittee then met in July 2022 to select oral presentations, poster presentations, and abstract awards for the 2022 meeting.

ACG 2022

The Abstract Selection Subcommittee met in July 2022. Over 4,400 abstracts were submitted, and nearly 70 of the top-rated abstracts were selected for oral presentation.

For the tenth year, the College offered an Endoscopy Video Forum abstract category. Video abstracts focusing on endoscopic techniques, as well as challenging or unique cases, were invited for submission. Six abstracts were selected for presentation at the 10th Annual Endoscopy Video Forum. Authors of accepted videos will present their videos in person and answer questions from the judges and the audience. During the session, the audience, along with the judges, will vote to select the best video of ACG 2022.

Forty-two of the top abstracts were identified as award recipients, with \$42,000 to be distributed among award winners, including: 3 ACG Auxiliary Awards, 2 *ACG Case Report Journal Awards*, 28 Outstanding Research Category Awards (14 specifically for Trainees), 5 ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research, 2 Gender-Based Research Awards (the ACG/Naomi Nakao and ACG/Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Awards), 1 International Award, and 1 Lawlor Resident Award. In addition, late breaking abstracts of exceptional scientific merit were considered for oral presentation at the Annual Meeting.

3,675 abstracts were selected for poster presentation in 2022. Experts and College leaders will once again be asked to select the top presenter from their assigned categories and award them with an Outstanding Poster Presenter designation, distinguished by a red ribbon on the poster in Charlotte as well as a certificate of recognition following the meeting.

The final program for the ACG 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting was developed collaboratively after extensive discussion with the Educational Affairs Committee, chaired by Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACC, with input from ACG President Samir A. Shah, MD, FACC, and the ACG Board of Trustees. The program includes 24 bonus (formerly breakfast) sessions, 12 clinical symposia, nearly 70 oral presentations, and 3,675 poster presentations.

On Friday, October 21, 2022, three additional educational offerings are available:

1. GI Pathology and Imaging Course – led by Course Co-Directors Olga C. Aroniadis, MD, MSc, FACC, and Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, MHCM, FACC, will feature live and streaming sessions from 7:00 am-12:30 pm Eastern.
2. What's New in GI Pharmacology Course – led by Course Co-Directors Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACC, and William D. Chey, MD, FACC, will feature live and streaming sessions from 1:45 pm-5:20 pm Eastern.
3. Practice Management Summit 2022: Mounting Pressure for GI Practices: But a Toast to Survival! – led by Course Co-Directors Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACC, and Manoj K. Mehta, MD, FACC, will feature live sessions from 1:45 pm-5:30 pm Eastern, with on-demand sessions available following the course.

New for 2022 – Access to courses on the digital platform will be available to both live and virtual attendees until March 31, 2023.

Virtual-only attendees will be able to select an All Access Pass that includes all three ACG Friday courses paired with the Postgraduate Course and the Annual Scientific Meeting. A second all access pass option allows for the addition of the ASGE Friday Endoscopy Course.

On October 22-23, 2022, the Postgraduate Course will be held under the leadership of Course Co-Directors Christina Y. Ha, MD, FACC, and Colleen R. Kelly, MD, FACC. The Self-Assessment Test, prepared under the direction of Christine Y. Hachem, MD, FACC, with content from the Postgraduate Course faculty and Educational Affairs Committee members, will be distributed once again in booklet form to all in-person Postgraduate Course attendees; online access will be provided for ALL Postgraduate Course attendees.

After completion of the SAT, learners will receive:

- A personalized scoring profile, including overall and category scores as well as comparison data to their peers.
- Detailed answers and explanations.
- Supporting references with links in the online version to PubMed for further study.
- An evaluation form to obtain AMA PRA Category 1 credits™ and ABIM MOC points.

Additional Educational Initiatives/Projects

Live Educational Offerings

In addition to planning this year's Annual Meeting educational activities, the Educational Affairs Committee has continued to work on the following future educational initiatives and projects:

2022 Meetings

ACG Southern Regional Postgraduate Course & ACG's NEW! Endoscopy School

December 2-4, 2022
Grand Hyatt Nashville
Nashville, Tennessee

2023 Meetings

ACG Western Regional Postgraduate Course & ACG's Hepatology School

January 27-29, 2023
Caesars Palace
Las Vegas, Nevada

ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course

February 24-26, 2023
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
New Orleans, Louisiana

ACG/FGS Annual Spring Symposium

March 10-12, 2023
Hyatt Regency Coconut Point
Naples, Florida

ACG Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course & ACG's Functional GI Disorders School

June 2-4, 2023
Westin Washington DC
Washington, DC

ACG Midwest Regional Postgraduate Course

Date and Property TBA
Minneapolis, Minnesota

ACG/VGS/ODSGNA Regional Postgraduate Course & ACG's NEW Endoscopy School

September 8-10, 2023
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

ACG 2023

October 20-25, 2023
Vancouver Convention Center
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Navigating the ABIM's MOC Program

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) continues to update the requirements for its Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. ACG strives to do everything it can to make ABIM's MOC process simple for members to navigate. As such, the College has MOC modules available for members at education.gi.org to make ABIM's MOC process as easy as possible to fulfill.

ACG continues to offer ABIM MOC points for all live meetings including the regional postgraduate courses, Friday Schools, as well as all the courses and bonus sessions at ACG 2022.

ACG Online Self-Assessment Test

The 2020 through 2022 Self-Assessment Tests (SAT) are available online, with each test featuring more than 300 multiple choice questions organized by organ system. The online SAT tracks user responses, provides overall/category scores and comparison data to other test-takers, as well as detailed explanations for each answer, and linked references for further study. This user-friendly study tool is an excellent choice for members who are preparing for the board/recertification exam, need CME/MOC credits, or are simply looking for a way to keep current in gastroenterology.

ACG Education Universe

The ACG Education Universe is an online, self-directed CME program that provides a way for all gastroenterologists to access outstanding tools in preparing for the GI boards, recertification, or obtaining necessary CME credits outside of the ACG meetings. Users can choose the topics they want to learn about, the format of the information, and how much time they want to devote to learning any given topic. A wide variety of educational materials including lectures, journal articles, and learning modules allow the user to cater to his or her needs and interests. The system also tracks how much CME users earn and can print certificates, or a statement of CME credits completed.

The ACG Education Universe also hosts a "Training Pathway" available to GI Program Directors and fellows that provides educational materials (lectures, journal articles, and self-assessment test questions) organized into categories that align with the GI Core Curriculum. Program Directors have the ability to assign homework to their GI trainees, comprised of content of their choosing, and monitor the trainees' progress and completion of assignments.

The Training Pathway also includes "A Gastroenterology Fellowship Program Director's Toolkit: Utilizing Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) to Teach and Evaluate Fellows' Performance in Communication, Professionalism, and Other Key ACGME Competencies." ACG worked with NYU Langone School of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, to develop and make this Toolkit available. It includes all of the necessary instructions, materials, and templates needed for a training program to offer a comprehensive OSCE program. The materials include detailed clinical scenarios with

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evaluation objectives and related ACGME milestones; OSCE station set-up instructions; in-depth character profiles and dialogue cues for the standardized patients or professionals; instructions for the participating fellows; checklists to assist the standardized patient and faculty observers in providing verbal feedback to the fellows; sample fellow report cards and evaluation surveys; and instructions on how to use these materials. Importantly, each clinical case is developed with the goal of evaluating the fellows' performance in accordance with designated ACGME milestones.

Virtual Grand Rounds

In response to the changing needs of GI clinicians during the COVID-19 pandemic, ACG began offering Virtual Grand Rounds in March 2020. These weekly webinars are offered on Thursdays from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Eastern and are rebroadcast from 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Eastern. They are open-access and offered on a variety of clinical GI topics. Registration for this popular activity has surpassed 65,000 clinicians. The College plans to continue offering these Virtual Grand Rounds as a valuable element of ACG's educational programming. The majority of Virtual Grand Rounds are offered for both CME and ABIM MOC points.

International Monthly Webinar Series

The OPGE (Pan American GI Society) Monthly Webinar series was initiated in March 2019. Starting in March 2021, this opportunity was opened up to all international GI societies. Past and future topics can be accessed at <https://gi.org/education/international-virtual-grand-rounds>.

International Endorsed Courses

In an effort to expand the ACG's educational offerings to our international members, the Committee approved the following 2022 international courses for endorsement by the College:

GI Diseases – Impedance & Impetus Webinars

MedIndia Hospitals & Academy
October 30, 2021
November 27, 2021
December 17, 2021
January 29, 2022

Hot Debates in Gastroenterology Webinars

MedIndia Hospitals & Academy
February 26, 2022
March 19, 2022

IBD Update 2022

Yashoda Hospital, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, India
March 19-20, 2022

The 5th International Meeting on Intestinal Diseases in Conjunction with the Annual Congress of the Korean Association for the Study of Intestinal Diseases (IMKASID 2022)

The Korean Association for the Study of Intestinal Diseases
BEXCO, Busan, South Korea
May 13-14, 2022

Portuguese Digestive Disease Week

Porto, Portugal
June 22-25, 2022

PulmoGut 2022

Egyptian Association for Research and Training in HepatoGastroenterology (EARTH)
Grand Nile Tower
Cairo, Egypt
August 11-12, 2022

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This Committee shall be responsible for maintaining and strengthening the College's relationship with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), as well as providing topical information to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and other ACG publications and meetings regarding GI drugs and devices that have been reviewed and/or approved by the FDA.

OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain and enhance an ongoing relationship with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA):
 - To serve in an advisory role concerning gastroenterology products.
 - To assess impact of FDA decisions regarding drugs/devices and to inform ACG leadership and members.
 - To provide suggestions for the FDA GI Drug Advisory Committee.
 - To develop and maintain collaborative programs with the FDA.
2. Provide updates, via *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, SmartBrief, the ACG website, other media, and workshops or symposia, for our members on key issues stemming from FDA policies or decisions.
3. Serve as a resource for members to report adverse events (AEs) more easily.

The FDA Related Matters Committee in 2022 is under the leadership of Chair Eric Shah, MD, MBA, FACC.

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The ACG-FDA Fellowship Program

The ACG-FDA fellowship program continues to be on hold due to COVID-19. The Committee hopes to resume the application process in 2023.

In October 2012, the ACG Board of Trustees approved the creation of the ACG-FDA GI Fellows Program. The program provides funding to support up to two fellows to participate each year along with a stipend to attend the ACG Annual Meeting to present and discuss the fellow's experiences. The fellow(s) will subsequently become a member of the FDA Related Matters Committee.

FDA Network of Experts

The College is also a member-organization of the FDA's "Network of Experts." This program is a vetted network of partner organizations and their member scientists, clinicians and engineers who can provide the FDA rapid access to expertise when it is needed to supplement existing knowledge and expertise within the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) and the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER).

FDA Committee Manuscripts

The Committee routinely drafts manuscripts related to the FDA and clinical gastroenterology. These manuscripts are published in the Red Section of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* or hosted on the FDA Committee section of the ACG website.

FDA Safety Alerts & Meetings

The Committee continues to highlight and notify ACG members when the FDA publishes safety alerts and other regulatory updates pertaining to clinical gastroenterology. ACG notifies membership through various communications tools and social media. The ACG FDA Related Matters Committee continues to host these safety alerts and recalls on ACG's website. Committee members continue to monitor and attend important hearings at the FDA on behalf of the College.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

In cooperation with the Treasurer, this Committee will develop an annual operating budget and submit it to the Board of Trustees for approval. It will be the responsibility of this Committee to review the financial conditions of the College on a continuing basis and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding dues, investments, contributions and all other financial aspects of the College.

OBJECTIVES

1. Conduct annual audit and budget review.
2. Work with the Executive Director to prepare a new budget for presentation to the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting.
3. Review the performance of the College's investment reserves.
4. Continue to refine the oversight functions of this Committee in the activities of the College.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance and Budget Committee reviews the overall financial status of the ACG and the ACG Institute. When appropriate, they make recommendations on how to finance the College's activities and maintain adequate financial reserves, including recommending a budget for the coming year. The 2023 budget has been developed and approved by the Committee and sent to the Board of Trustees for review and approval. This year, the Committee reviewed the audited 2021 Financial Statements for the College and the ACG Institute and recommended approval by the Board of Trustees.

Previously, the College implemented changes to the cash balance reserve policy employed by the College recommended by the Committee which resulted in additional funds being made available to support the investment reserves of both the College and the Institute. Last year also marked the implementation of the new endowment spend model that provides additional annual revenue to support the College budget each year based on an agreed upon percentage of investment reserves that was put forth by the Committee in 2019. The objective is to protect the investment principle while allowing the maximum amount of funds

possible to support programs and services for the College membership on an ongoing basis. This model is now in place for both the College and the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education where it was successfully implemented several years earlier and has provided both security and flexibility that has enabled effective short and long-term planning. As we continue to operate during these tumultuous times, the College has benefited enormously from the financial security that the careful financial stewardship over many years has provided to the College for the benefit of the membership.

This Committee continues to oversee transfers of funds to the ACG and the ACG Institute's investment reserves to provide for the ACG and the ACG Institute's long-term financial security and resource growth for the College in accordance with ACG policy, regardless of the ups and downs in the investment markets. The Committee is also responsible for overseeing and, when necessary, altering the College's Investment Policy. Though it has been a very rough year in the stock market, the College has continued to fulfill our investment goals and is closely listening to recommendations of the investment managers regarding short- and long-term market movement.

The College and the ACG Institute continue to follow an investment policy which has multiple independent money managers following the same policy to enable easier comparison. The College's investments are currently split among two investment firms each relying on independent money managers following the same overall investment policy. The Committee continues to be positioned to compare performance of one firm against the other as well as against key broader market benchmarks. This permits the Committee to consider restructuring our distribution and perhaps changing one of the managers depending on return-on-investment analysis. Performance evaluation is reviewed monthly by our Executive Director and Vice President, Finance and quarterly by the Committee. The Committee has also elected to continue its practice of holding an in-person meeting with one of the investment firms during the Annual Meeting where they will see a presentation of the College's performance as well as the overall market situation.

Since the changes put into place in 2008, the cost to manage the investment funds has been treated as a budgeted expense item rather than a deduction from the investment accounts. The Board of Trustees agreed with the Committee that this would not only increase transparency of the cost of investment management but also increase the investment yield over the long term. The ACG Investment Guidelines are reviewed at least annually and received some minimal updates in 2018 to adjust some of the limits on various classes of investment holdings. The cash balance reserve policy requires that 50% of the annual operating budget to be available in either cash or other liquid assets.

We are continuing to consider and review different investment vehicles for the College's financial reserves, including a property investment which includes the College's new home, and all of which will adhere to the investment policies of the College.

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OBJECTIVES

To evaluate innovation and technology needs in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology for our members.

The Innovation and Technology Committee in 2022 is under the leadership of Chair Vivek Kaul, MD, FACC. The Committee was formed in late 2018 and comprised of liaisons from related ACG committees, to align work and avoid duplicative projects. There are other members of the committee with specific expertise in GI technology.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Tech Assessments and Subject-Matter Expertise

ACG routinely receives coverage-determination assessment requests from insurers dealing with new technology. This Committee provides the subject matter experts and formulates ACG's response/feedback to these organizations.

ACG Members Education

The Committee provides educational guidance on new technology and endoscopy, focusing on practical tips for the GI clinician and use of technology as a means to reduce physician burnout. The Committee works with ACG course directors and leaders to help develop this guidance.

ACG Technology E-Blasts

The Committee develops a series of technology e-blasts providing a brief summary of technology-related abstracts presented at previous ACG Annual Meetings.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for developing materials and program concepts to address the needs and interests of the College's international membership and promoting the ACG in the international community.

OBJECTIVES

1. Examine the Annual Meeting for enhancements that would make it more attractive and comfortable to international members by identifying topics of global interest.
2. Consider issues that would make membership of the ACG more attractive and feasible for international gastroenterologists.
3. Consider tangible benefits of membership for international members.
4. Review College publications to identify those which would have value to international members.
5. Establish guidelines for co-sponsorship of carefully selected international meetings by the ACG; coordinate planning of these programs working closely with the Educational Affairs Committee.
6. Oversee the applications and selection of the recipients of the International Training Grants and review the formal final report from the recipients of their experience, including a letter from their mentor.
7. Evaluate the international component of the ACG website.

8. Work with the Board of Governors to clarify roles and responsibilities of International Governors.
9. Perform periodic surveys of international members regarding ACG services to work towards developing materials and programs specifically designed to address the needs and interests of our international members.
10. Host the International Attendee Reception at the ACG Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Highlights of Committee Efforts and Successes this Year

- Collaborated with ACG staff to more intensely market the International GI Training Grants which led to a robust response from applicants this year: 8 applications for the International Grant and 5 for the North American Grant. Two awardees were funded for each grant.
- Systematically polled prior grant recipients in order to understand the costs of their international experience to inform a possible change in award monies.
- Have made or are in the process of making several improvements to the grant application process, including requiring a letter of support from host institutions, offering feedback for promising applications that were not awarded, changing the rubric to lessen bias towards research-oriented applications, requiring a budget and acting as "matchmaker" for interested international applicants to find a host program in North America.

- Reviewed the ACG website in relationship to international members and communicated suggestions for improvements to ACG staff.
- Continued to build our Facebook page and sponsor international webinars given by ACG faculty.

International Training Grants

The Committee is responsible for soliciting applicants and evaluating proposals for two international training grants. One grant supports a gastroenterologist from outside the U.S. to come for training in North America. The other, provides support to send a member practicing in North America for short-term specialized training abroad. The applications were reviewed and scored by the Grant Review Subcommittee, and subsequently discussed by the full Committee, with approval of the Board of Trustees.

2022 International Training Grant Awardees

Dr. Kartik Natarajan from India plans to study advanced endoscopy techniques and skills including ESD, POEM, EMR, STER, therapeutic endoscopic ultrasound and metabolic and bariatric endoscopic procedures, at the Mayo Clinic Rochester under the direction of Dr. Prasad G. Iyer. He will use his training to establish services at his hospital in Chennai, India for needy patients and to train other gastroenterologists.

Dr. Stella-Maris Chinma Egboh from Nigeria plans to study advanced endoscopic procedures and their role in the management of gastrointestinal Cancers at the Massachusetts General Hospital under the direction of Dr. Akwi Asombang. The skills obtained during this training will enable her to find innovative ways by which the burden of gastrointestinal cancers can be reduced in low resource countries like Nigeria and especially the optimal utilization of endoscopic services in screening, diagnosis, and surveillance of gastrointestinal cancers.

2022 North American International Training Grant Awardees

Dr. Andrew Moon from the University of North Carolina plans to study at the Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer (BCLC) under the direction of Dr. Maria Reig. He will perform a patient-level data meta-analyses to explore overall survival and optimal patient characteristics for SBRT in HCC. This project has the potential to inform future clinical trials, shape BCLC treatment guidelines and redefine clinical care for HCC. This training and research collaboration with investigators from the BCLC will provide him with important skills in research methodology and incorporation of research findings into multidisciplinary care pathways for patients with HCC. Through this experience, Dr. Moon will gain an invaluable skillset that will support his long-term career pathway as a hepatologist practicing in a multidisciplinary HCC clinic and researcher who aims to improve outcomes for HCC patients.

Dr. Rahul Dalal from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, plans to study at Odense University Hospital, Center for Clinical Epidemiology in Denmark under the direction of Dr. Bente Norgard. His principal objective is to compare the incidence of IBD-related complications and

adverse events among patients receiving various analgesic therapies utilizing population-based data from Danish registries. The planned studies will deepen the understanding of the prognostic impact of the use of these analgesics, which is important for clinicians globally who are faced with the challenges of identifying a safe pain regimen for patients with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Subcommittees

Social Media

- Oversees the ACG International Facebook page, whose membership is now over 1415
- Collaborate with ACG's International Governors
- Work with ACG's social media staff for international colon cancer awareness and other initiatives

International Training Grants

- Many changes were implemented or proposed this year (see previous page in *Highlights* section)
- Will generate a list of possible training centers for international applicants who can't identify a host center. This will be organized by sub-specialty, such as advanced endoscopy, IBD, etc.

International Webinar Series

- The subcommittee is working with the ACG International Governors and international GI Societies to create joint webinars.
- In 2022, the following international webinars took place:
 - March 22, 2022: Pakistan Society for the Study of Liver Diseases, "What's New in the Treatment of Hepatitis Delta"
 - March 31, 2022: Italian Society of Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy, "Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Pancreatitis"
 - June 25, 2022: Indian Society of Gastroenterology, "Biologics in IBD: Different Perspectives"

ACG Endorsement / Participation in International Meetings

The Committee works with international societies to identify opportunities for the College to affiliate with international societies, as well as to endorse and support international meetings through participation of ACG leaders as faculty. The following were endorsed/ supported in 2022:

ACG Endorsement / Participation in 2022 International Meetings:

GI Diseases – Impedance & Impetus Webinar

MedIndia Hospitals & Academy
January 29, 2022
ACG endorsed this webinar.

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Japanese Gastroenterology Association 18th Annual Hybrid Meeting

February 11-12, 2022

Tokyo, Japan and Virtual

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Emirates Gastroenterology & Hepatology Society Annual Hybrid Conference

February 11-12, 2022

Dubai and Virtual

ACG sponsored 2 faculty members for this meeting.

Pakistan Society Gastroenterology & GI Endoscopy Annual Meeting (Virtual)

February 24-26, 2022

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Hot Debates in Gastroenterology Webinar

MedIndia Hospitals & Academy

February 26, 2022

ACG endorsed this webinar.

Egyptian Society for The Study of Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease Virtual Conference

March 1-2, 2022

ACG sponsored 3 faculty members for this meeting.

Hot Debates in Gastroenterology Webinar

MedIndia Hospitals & Academy

March 19, 2022

ACG endorsed this webinar.

IBD Update 2022

March 19-20, 2022

Somajiguda, Hyderabad, India

ACG endorsed this course.

Best of ACG India (Virtual)

April 17, 2022

April 24, 2022

ACG sponsored 5 faculty members for this meeting.

Association of West Indian Gastroenterologists (AWIG) Annual Meeting

April 28-May 1, 2022

Montego Bay, Jamaica

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

The 5th International Meeting on Intestinal Diseases in Conjunction with the Annual Congress of the Korean Association for the Study of Intestinal Diseases (IMKASID 2022)

May 13-14, 2022

ACG endorsed this course.

Portuguese Digestive Disease Week

Porto, Portugal

June 22-25, 2022

ACG endorsed this course.

Central American Gastroenterology Association Meeting

July 28-30, 2022

El Salvador

ACG sponsored 2 faculty members for this meeting.

Brazilian IBD Week

August 24-28, 2022

Sao Paulo, Brazil

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Colombian Society of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting

September 15-17, 2022

Cartagena, Colombia

ACG sponsored 2 faculty members for this meeting.

Mexican Association of Gastroenterology National Gastroenterology Week

November 18-22, 2022

Merida, Yucatan, Mexico

ACG will sponsor 2 faculty members for this meeting.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

The ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council will engage in policy development and provide analysis regarding national affairs, public policy, and practice management to improve the legislative, regulatory, and practice management activities, and provide for a process to better align these initiatives to enable practicing gastroenterologists to provide optimal patient care.

OBJECTIVES

The ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council is designed to align the legislative, regulatory, practice management activities, and related communications of the College.

The role of the ACG Board of Governors in public policy has grown significantly in recent years with the annual Washington D.C. fly-in, among other programs. This presented an opportunity to institute changes that will make the College more responsive and effective for the membership. The ACG Board of Trustees in 2016 commissioned an “ACG Public Policy Task Force” to improve the legislative, regulatory, and practice management activities, and provide for a process to better align these initiatives to serve the needs of practicing gastroenterologists. Among the Task Force’s recommendations was the creation of the ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council.

The ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council in 2022 is under the leadership of Chair Louis Wilson, MD, FACC.

The Council is made up of a Council Chair, Chair of ACG Board of Governors (Council Vice-Chair), Vice-Chair and Past-Chair of ACG Board of Governors, 5 U.S. Regional Councilors, Chair and Vice-Chair of ACG Practice Management Committee, Chair of FDA-Related Matters Committee, Chair of ACG Quality Council, various ACG Physician Representatives to outside organizations, 6 At-Large ACG members, and the ACG Vice-President (liaison to ACG Board of Trustees, 1-year term).

The Council reviews feedback from the ACG Board of Governors, projects underway/planned by the ACG Practice Management and FDA Related Matters Committees, as well as ACG’s current state/national advocacy initiatives. From there, the Council will finalize recommendations regarding ACG’s public policy and practice management initiatives, including:

1. Recommending agenda and topics for the ACG Board of Governors and ACG Advocacy Day.
2. Recommending feedback/topics from ACG Governors for the ACG Practice Management and FDA Related Matters Committee’s consideration.
3. Recommending topics to pursue at the state and local level, and identifying key stakeholders and local partners.
4. Aligning these recommendations across the College’s relevant committees of jurisdiction, coalitions, and leadership.
5. Working with the College’s communications teams and committees to develop communications strategy, highlighting these initiatives to the ACG membership at-large.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Council continues to provide educational and membership guidance based on the feedback and recommendations from the ACG Governors and relevant committees, including:

1. Providing health practice legal and coding advice via Ann Bittinger, Esq., and Arlene Morrow. These membership benefits help ACG members navigate through the myriad of legal and coding challenges GI practices face on a day-to-day basis. Working with the ACG Practice Management Committee throughout the year, these consultants will also participate in the Practice Management Summit at ACG 2022.

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COUNCIL (cont.)

2. Webinars that are part of the Virtual Grand Round (VGR) series, including a series on private equity in GI practices. The second webinar in this series was held in March 2022: "PRIVATE EQUITY IN GASTROENTEROLOGY I Chose the Private Equity Model: Reflections and Guidance," featuring Vonda Reeves, MD, MBA, FACP, Stephen Amann, MD, FACP, and Scott Fraser, MBA. The webinar was moderated by Daniel Pambianco, MD, FACP, and Samir Shah, MD, FACP.
3. Leading an ACG membership survey on prior authorizations. This survey was accepted in the Red Journal and was incorporated in the 2022 ACG Advocacy Day agenda, as a way to emphasize the need for policy changes.
4. Revitalizing the ACG National Affairs Action Network (NAAN). This group was created by the Policy Task Force and approved by the Board in 2016. Together with the ACG Governors, the NAAN will build off the momentum of the ACG Advocacy Day and continue to focus on furthering ACG's advocacy priorities on prior authorization, step therapy, and preventing looming Medicare reimbursement cuts. Dr. Wilson and the NAAN are encouraging ACG members to get active in the state and local Town Hall meetings and events, joining a "physician advisory board" of policymakers, and working with the state GI/medical societies. For example, in April and May 2022, Dr. Wilson discussed ACG advocacy priorities with the House Doctors Caucus, per an invitation from Ronny Jackson, MD (R-TX). A number of ACG Governors and members of the Legislative and Public Policy Council have also participated in a new advocacy series alongside policy consultants organizing a "Virtual Coffee and Conversation" with members of Congress and their staff.
5. Developing ACG's public policy priorities for 2023 and the 2023 ACG Advocacy Day.
6. Working with relevant ACG committees to further ACG's quality objectives.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for encouraging qualified individuals to apply for membership in the College and for assessing the value of membership, ensuring that the College addresses the needs and desires of all its constituents, enhancing membership participation in College activities, and facilitating communications with potential applicants.

OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure the continued membership growth of the ACG in all categories.
2. Recruit more women, under-represented minorities, advanced practice providers, and practice leadership (e.g., managers) into the membership.
3. Continue outreach to GI Program Directors and GI trainees for membership.
4. Recognize the impact of membership diversity through programs and projects designed to meet the specific and unique needs of different groups of College members.
5. Provide our members with tools and resources to allow them to provide the best care for their patients.
6. Support our members with resources and mentorship to enhance their professional success.
7. Continue efforts to encourage qualified members to apply for Advancement to Fellowship in the College.
8. Evaluate member satisfaction and institute follow-up on issues to ensure continued member satisfaction and increase participation in College activities.
9. Provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees on membership issues, requests, retention, and recruitment.

COMMITTEE REPORT

ACG membership has grown to well over 17,000 members with continued growth in all categories of membership. The Membership Committee is led by the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors and comprised of the ACG Governors Regional Councilors, and at least one representative from each of the following: an advanced practice provider, a trainee member, an early career/junior faculty member and a member in private practice. ACG Governors continue to promote membership locally and play an active role in seeking out members who may qualify for Fellowship in the College and encouraging such members to apply for FACP status.

The Committee has been working on the following initiatives over the past year:

ACG Committee Cross Collaboration

The Membership Committee is cross collaborating with the Practice Management and Innovation and Technology Committees to develop a comprehensive manual for non-clinical endoscopy center staff to serve as an educational tool for our members and their staff. The Committee also collaborated with the APP Committee to create video clips to be used in new member recruitment.

Membership Recruitment

The Committee built upon last year's recruitment campaign reaching out to nonmember GI clinicians and advanced practice providers in the United States. The campaign is geared around each of the application deadlines, showcasing the themes of Belonging, Solutions, and Knowledge.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

The Committee shall be responsible for educating the membership in all matters pertaining to office management, patient education, and practice of gastroenterology.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide up-to-date, balanced education on gastrointestinal disease and procedures to patients
2. Stewardship of the content of the ACG Patient website
3. Increase Patient Engagement with the College

COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACG Patient Care Committee is charged with developing educational materials for ACG members and patients. Digital health information is an important resource for patients and the Committee works to ensure the College is offering accurate and up-to-date topics via the ACG Website's Patient Education pages at patients.gi.org.

A major activity of the Committee is to oversee and update sections of the patient education site.

Patient Education Website Updates

2022 has been a busy year for the Committee. The year consisted of updating the ACG Patient Education website, patients.gi.org, to make sure the content is recent and relevant. Committee members were asked to update the content and create new content in areas that are regularly seen in practice but not included in the previous patient care resources. The Committee has also begun to enhance the usability of the patient education pages by working with experts to make sure each page meets a 6th grade literacy level and modifications to make the website look more modern and contain more images and diagrams. Next steps include enhanced searchability, the addition of QR Codes, and the addition of sharing tools.

ACG and GastroGirl Podcasts and Red Journal Questions

The New Media Subcommittee presents relevant content in new and engaging ways including patient-centered podcasts and patient-centered questions submitted to the Red Journal editors who record a new topic each month. GastroGirl hosts a podcast each month where Jacqueline Gaulin interviews expert physicians on various patient-centered topics.

Epic One-Pager

ACG will be partnering with Epic to add clinical resources for patient files that physicians can print as part of the patient after-visit summary. These one-pagers will be a simple summation of the particular disease state they are dealing with and will have a QR code that leads them to the ACG Patient Education site. These documents will include IBD centered documents that will be produced in conjunction with the Chron's and Colitis Foundation.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for promoting the exchange through the College both for what ACG can do to better serve the interests of pediatric gastroenterologists and pediatric patient populations and serving generally as a channel through which pediatric gastroenterologists can contribute to the improvement and benefit of the College and its members, assisting with efforts to actively encourage membership of pediatric gastroenterologists in the College, developing means to increase participation and visibility of pediatric gastroenterologists within the College generally, encouraging submission of papers relating to pediatric gastroenterology to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, and identifying and bringing forth ideas to make the ACG Annual Meeting more attractive to pediatric gastroenterologists.

OBJECTIVES

1. Increase the membership level of pediatric gastroenterologists in the ACG.
2. Promote the benefits of ACG membership for pediatric gastroenterologists.
3. Increase level of involvement in the ACG Annual Meeting by pediatric gastroenterologists.
4. Encourage the submission of abstracts for the Annual Meeting.
5. Encourage the submission of manuscripts to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.
6. Encourage increased Committee representation by pediatric gastroenterologists.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We continue to reach out to all Pediatric GI Fellowship Program Training Directors by email to encourage pediatric GI fellows to join the ACG and attend the Annual Meeting.
2. The Committee worked with the ACG Education staff for the third consecutive year to secure American Board of Pediatrics MOC points for the 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course.
3. Dr. Cheryl Gariepy submitted a guidance document on transitioning pediatric patients with pancreas disease to adult care to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. The manuscript was published online in August and will be included in the print edition of the 2023 *AJG* Special Issue: Lifespan of GI.
4. We have supported the ACG and NASPGHAN's position on the ban of rare earth magnets from the market due to serious injuries sustained by children who accidentally ingest them.
5. Future project: Assessing adult GI practitioner readiness for providing care to adolescent and young adult patients with special GI needs as they transition from pediatric care to adult health care models.

Subcommittee members, Drs. Inessa Normatov, Adnan Altaf, and Joseph Runde are designing a survey study to address gaps in training that adult GI attendings encounter when taking care of adolescents and young adults.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for developing the practice management course held at the ACG Annual Meeting, any other regional or national practice management courses, coordination of College publications and educational efforts related to managed care issues and representation of the clinical GI practitioner concerns and perspectives to insurers, health plans, networks and other payor related entities.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop and produce an effective annual Practice Management Course, which is held in conjunction with the ACG Annual Meeting.
2. Expand practice management sessions at the College's Regional Postgraduate Courses.
3. Develop, expand, and update educational materials for the Practice Management section of the ACG website and Education Universe, including the "ACG Practice Management Toolbox."
4. Create practice management resources to enable members to be more effective and efficient in their practices.
5. Work in conjunction with other committees such as Legislative Affairs and Public Policy and FDA Related Matters, in order to develop and disseminate practical information expeditiously to ACG members.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Practice Management Committee in 2022 is under the leadership of Chair Stephen T. Amann, MD, FACC.

Practice Management Summit at ACG 2022: "Mounting Pressures from GI Practices. But a Toast to Survival"

The Committee plans and hosts the ACG Practice Management Course/Summit during the ACG Annual Meeting. This year's course focuses on challenges GI practices face today, but also celebrates GI practices for continuing to successfully navigate our way through the patient care and operational challenges brought by COVID-19.

This year's course directors are Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACC, and Manoj Mehta, MD, FACC.

Practice Management Committee Work Retreat

The ACG Practice Management Committee holds an annual work retreat and focuses efforts on fine-tuning and providing suggestions for the Practice Management Toolbox, as well as generating a comprehensive list of ideas for future topics. They also discuss and provide feedback for the ACG Practice Management Course. This year's retreat was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Committee hopes to host a work retreat in 2023.

Practice Management Committee Toolbox

The Toolbox is a series of short articles, written by committee members, that provide ACG members with easily accessible information to improve their practices. Each article covers an issue important to private practices and physician-led clinical practices. They include a brief introduction, a topic overview, specific suggestions, helpful examples, and a list of resources or references. The Practice Management Committee is confident this series will provide a valuable resource for members striving to optimize their practices.

The Committee continues to produce and solicit new content for the Toolbox. Recent examples include healthcare compliance, improving phone management and patient flow, tips on contract negotiations with insurers, and a guide to setting up telehealth services.

The Committee has published several toolbox topics as articles in 2022 issues of *ACG MAGAZINE*, as well as a 2022 Practice Management Toolbox Highlights e-magazine.

The members of the Practice Management Committee continue to strive to serve the ACG membership. We are eager to keep everyone informed on current policies impacting your GI practice, but also arm you with the tools necessary to thrive in turbulent practice environments. We will continue to pursue new projects and generate ideas to help our members with practice operations and management. We are always open to and appreciate feedback from members of the College.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for reviewing state-of-the-art research and establishing peer-reviewed consensus recommendations for publication by the College regarding the then-current viewpoint of several key experts on the treatment of digestive disorders by gastroenterologists and other physicians.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop practice guidelines that reflect the current, state-of-the-art scientific work based on the principles of evidence-based medicine.
2. Update previously published guidelines as new information becomes available.

COMMITTEE REPORT

This year again was very productive for the Practice Parameters Committee. At the time of this report, 5 practice guidelines were published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG)* in 2022, 3 guidelines are being reviewed or are nearing completion, and 21 guidelines are in development.

The following five guidelines were published in *AJG* in 2022:

- Diagnosis and Management of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (January)
- Acute On Chronic Liver Failure (February)

- Diagnosis and Management of Barrett's Esophagus (April)
- American College of Gastroenterology-Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets During Acute Gastrointestinal Bleeding and the Periendoscopic Period (April)
- Gastroparesis (August)

The following four guidelines are currently in editorial review:

- Management of Patients with Acute Lower Gastrointestinal Bleeding
- Biliary Strictures
- Diagnosis and Management of Celiac Disease [Update]
- Diagnosis and Management of Subepithelial Lesions

The following fifteen guidelines are currently in development:

- Acute Pancreatitis [Update]
- Acute Liver Failure
- Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease [Update]
- Approach to Biliary Strictures
- Bariatric Endoscopy
- Complications of ERCP
- Focal Liver Lesions
- Gastric Premalignant Conditions
- Gastroparesis

- Gastrointestinal polyp syndrome
- *Helicobacter pylori* [Update]
- Management of Gastroparesis
- Nutrition in Liver Disease
- Pregnancy in IBD
- Submucosal Masses of the GI Tract

The following two guidelines are being developed with other societies.

Joint Guidelines:

- Management of Constipation
ACG/AGA Joint Publication
- Role of Radiology in GI Bleeding
ACG/Society of Radiology

Rapid Update

To keep with the pace of novel, high-impact studies, a task force and process have been developed to continually update the College's existing IBD guidelines:

- Rapid Update in Crohn's Diseases
- Rapid Update in Ulcerative Colitis
- Rapid Update in Preventative Care in IBD

For each of the above guidelines, an authoring panel of topic experts will be or has been invited to participate, and a member of the Committee has been assigned to each guideline to assure that the timeline is followed.

GRADE Methodologists

For each guideline, the GRADE system is utilized to evaluate the strength of the recommendations (from high to low) and the overall quality of evidence (strong or conditional). In 2022, the Committee added 5 new GRADE Methodologists. The new members attended in-person training at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in May 2022. The new GRADE team members are:

- Edward Barnes, MD, MPH
UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- Shilpa Grover, MD, MPH
Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA
- John Kim, MD, MS
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- Emad Qayed, MD, MPH
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- Shailja Shah, MD, MPH
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Meeting Summary

The Committee has met twice in 2022, with a virtual meeting in January and an in-person meeting in May at DDW. Additionally, the subcommittees have met twice to discuss and develop future guidelines. The Committee is meeting at ACG 2022 in Charlotte on Monday, October 24.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

The Professionalism Committee shall be responsible for promoting professionalism within the ACG, gastroenterology, and medicine. The Committee will be the College's primary forum for maintaining and promoting professionalism, focusing on patient-centered care, improving the patient-physician relationship and providing resources for the College's membership to address issues of personal wellbeing.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACG Professionalism Committee has completed membership surveys on the issue of physician burnout. The results of these surveys along with what we have learned and what we can do to mitigate physician burnout was presented at an ACG Virtual Grand Rounds entitled "Mitigating Burnout in Gastroenterologists" by Dr. Joseph Anderson, former Chair of the Professionalism Committee. A full manuscript is in preparation.

The Committee has also been working to bring education on professionalism issues to the members. These are issues that often are not taught during medical training. Dr. Mohammad Bilal spearheaded a project on how to behave professionally when we encounter a procedural complication and a piece entitled, "I Had a Complication - Now What?" was published in *ACG MAGAZINE*. Dr. Andrew Feld led a project on how to behave professionally when faced with an adverse action such as a medical malpractice complaint or a state medical board notification and a piece was published in *ACG MAGAZINE* entitled, "How to Respond to a Legal Summons."

The Professionalism Committee is now working with the Practice Management Committee on a series of toolbox pieces designed to help our members mitigate burnout. This effort is being coordinated by Dr. Patrick Twohig and will focus on actionable items including how to reclaim your schedule, how to improve your use of the EMR, how to focus on wellness, and how to seek mental health assistance if needed.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for coordinating all public relations activities between the College and the professional and lay public.

COMMITTEE REPORT

About the PR Committee

An active and dedicated group of clinicians support the College's educational priorities and interfaces with consumer media and the medical press. Identifying and promoting excellent clinical research and elevating the reputation of the College with consumer and health media are key objectives for the PR Committee. Work to raise awareness of GI and liver diseases throughout the year and in conjunction with various health observances is a priority. The PR Committee helps to enhance the College's social media presence and participates in the conversation relating to clinical GI happening on ACG's social media channels including Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. Signature initiatives of the PR Committee include the annual SCOPY Awards along with innovative public awareness efforts in conjunction with Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The PR Committee is charged with a review of research abstracts presented at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting with a goal of identifying innovative and newsworthy GI clinical science as the basis for the College's media outreach.

Social Media Supports ACG's Strategic Communications Goals

ACG's social media engagement shifted in new and important ways during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially the way that the GI community engaged with the College surrounding the ACG 2020 Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting and supported ACG in bringing this unprecedented event to life meaningfully during a time of social distancing. Since then, this new spirit of meaningful engagement, celebration, and community building has pervaded ACG's social media feeds. In 2021, with the return

to a live meeting in Las Vegas during the ongoing challenges of COVID, social media was an essential strategic communications tactic. The College relied upon a strong social media presence to reinforce the sense of collegiality and community both on site at the Las Vegas meeting and to connect with remote participants. Social media has emerged as a critical channel to showcase clinical science presented at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting as investigators share their findings with the larger GI community and build their professional reputations.

ACG now has more than 31,900 followers on Twitter as of August 2022. While the steady growth in this metric is impressive, what stands out is the tone of the conversation ACG is having with the GI community: positive, enthusiastic, personal, and meaningful. Twitter is helping ACG connect, share clinical and professional insights, and advance awareness of ACG's priority programs.



Initiatives that rely upon social media as core component such as ACG's #DiversityinGI Virtual 5K in 2020 and 2021, as well as the 2021 #RideOrStrideFor45 Virtual Challenge in March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month are great examples of how the College generates good will and creates high levels of awareness for key ACG priorities in new ways only possible because of ACG's social media presence.

The ACG Twitter feed is full of examples of vibrant engagement by College members communicating about critical topics such as the experiences of GI fellows, women in GI, and the #ACGfoodies, a group of physicians active on Twitter who are sharing their interest in gut health, cooking and nutrition. The ACG Twitter feed is being used to showcase excitement by authors and readers about Red Journal science, promulgate new ACG guidelines, and highlight fun personal perspectives

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as well as congratulations and kudos for professional achievements. Mentors are introducing and celebrating their mentees, mentees are honoring and thanking their mentors, and issues that matter in clinical GI are front and center in the conversation via @AmCollegeGastro and #Gitwitter.

#ACG2021 Engagement and Influencers

For the ACG 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting, Twitter engagement with the College using the hashtag #ACG2021 peaked on Monday, October 25, 2021 at over 10 million impressions and the meeting was mentioned in over 2,100 tweets that day alone. So many ACG leaders were involved at the ACG 2021 Annual Meeting helping the College share clinical research, create a sense of community and amplify ACG's theme of **#VaxxedNMasked Learning Together!** The support of ACG by these "influencers" helped the College convey a powerful statement about the GI community and its commitment to public health during the pandemic.

#IRL In Real Life Social Media Meetup at #ACG2021

Members of the PR Committee were instrumental in creating excitement for an in-person gathering of ACG social media users in Las Vegas at ACG 2021 on October 25, 2021. This event was only promoted via social media, no mention on the website or email, just Twitter. The crowded room, high energy, and positive response provided proof of concept for this type of gathering.



ACG #IRL In Real Life Social Media Meetup at ACG 2021

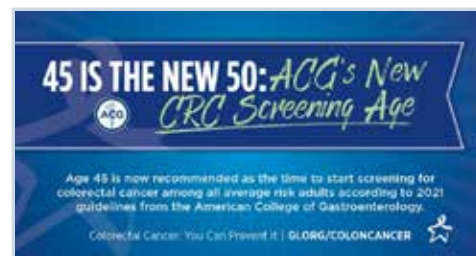
2021 #DiversityinGI Virtual 5K

In its second year, this virtual event attracted generous sponsorships as Ironwood returned as a sponsor and AbbVie added its sponsorship support. All proceeds benefit the ACG Summer Scholars mentorship program for medical students and residents from groups underrepresented in medicine. These funds are in addition to funds raised thanks to generous sponsorships from Ironwood and Braintree/Sebelia in 2020. Participation in 2021 was robust with over 250 registrations, several GI fellowship programs organized in-person events to gather fellows and their families for a walk/run, and two different stalwart groups of ACG runners gathered in the early dawn hours in Las Vegas to go for a run together and show their solidarity and support for diversity in GI.



Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Highlights 2022

"45 is the New 50" was ACG's key theme for 2022 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. A new set of educational materials and social media banners was created and shared with the ACG membership and featured prominently the College's messaging with patients and the public and enhanced the offerings of the ACG Colorectal Cancer Community Education Toolkit.



Ride Or Stride For 45 Virtual Challenge

In this virtual challenge, the entire GI community was invited to bike, hike, run, walk or row 45 miles in March (or 45 minutes per day during the month) to show support and enthusiasm for preventing colorectal cancer beginning at age 45 for all average risk adults. A highlight was a Peloton group ride on March 12th in which dedicated fans had an intense workout with instructor Alex Toussaint, who shared his personal family history of colorectal cancer and gave ACG a shout out during the ride.



Dr. Andrew Moon of UNC Chapel Hill was at the top of the leaderboard after 45 grueling minutes. Strong participation and real dedication marked the second year of this inspiring virtual event.



ACG Promotional Partnerships

The College was invited to consider two promotional partnerships for community awareness events during March CRC Month. After reviewing and discussing the parameters of ACG's support, the Committee agreed to help use social media and email to get the word out about these walks. ACG PR Chair Dr. Ali organized a walk on March 30 as a highlight of the meeting of the Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) and more than 200 participants walked at Scissor Tail Park in Oklahoma City, OK. ACG Governor for Georgia, Dr. Julia Massaad, asked if ACG would be a promotional partner along with ASGE for the Emory Division of Gastroenterology's community walk to raise awareness of colorectal cancer on March 20. ACG used its social media channels to promote and celebrate both of these events.



Dress in Blue Day 2022

ACG celebrated "Dress in Blue Day" on Friday, March 4, 2022. This national awareness day is an opportunity for the entire GI community to put the spotlight on colorectal cancer prevention. The College used social media

and email to share photos from ACG members, amplify their messages, and applaud all the creative ways they are "true blue" for CRC screening.

Dr. Pambianco at Fight CRC's "United in Blue" Installation

On March 16, 2022 on the National Mall, ACG President-Elect Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACC, represented ACG in a rally sponsored by advocates from Fight Colorectal Cancer at their "United in Blue" installation. ACG is one of the organizations standing with this group of CRC patients, survivors, and caregivers who gathered in Washington, DC, to visit with legislators and bring attention to colorectal cancer and the trends in young-onset disease.



Tune It Up Concert March 31, 2022

For the second year, Dr. Benjamin Levy of the ACG Public Relations Committee invited musical guests for this virtual event that brought together the ACG community to focus attention on colorectal cancer screening. ACG's goal was to tap the connection and energy that music creates to shine a light on the importance of colorectal cancer

prevention. The College is deeply grateful to all the artists who contributed performances to "Tune It Up: A Concert to Raise Colorectal Cancer Awareness" for their support. Artists Hilary Hahn, Rufus Wainwright, Ben Folds, Tim Reynolds, and Aoife O'Donovan headlined a musical program that included rock singer/songwriter Ben Kweller and operatic baritone Will Liverman along with a performance by The Knights with violinist Gil Shaham in a special program. Listen to the recording at gi.org/concert.

The College was grateful to Dr. Mark Pochapin for hosting a special broadcast of SiriusXM Chief's Rounds to bring attention to the concert with ACG's Dr. Aasma Shaukat and Dr. Austin Chiang who was visiting NYU Langone on the day of the broadcast. Musical guests included concert director Dr. Ben Levy and singer/songwriter Maddie Poppe and K.F. Jacques, an artist whose work spans hip-hop and opera. Dr. Levy was also featured on Chicago's WGN Channel 9 Morning News on March 29th.

PR Committee member Dr. Ben Levy was concert master for the 2021 and 2022 "Tune It Up" concerts.



Bridging Medicine and Music: CRC Seminar & Concert

ACG Governor for Northern California, Ronald Hsu, MD, FACC, organized a virtual Colon Cancer Prevention Seminar and Concert, "Bridging Medicine & Music" on Saturday, February 19, 2022. ACG served as a promotional partner for this event organized by Dr. Hsu, who invited many physician experts to present at an educational roundtable discussion on colorectal cancer. For the second

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half of the program, Dr. Hsu was a guest violinist with the Davis Senior High School Baroque Ensemble for a performance that included music by Vivaldi, Marai, Purcell, and Pachelbel, among others.

Dr. Ronal Hsu, Governor for Northern California, organized a concert and CRC seminar in February.

Radio Media Tour

Working with radio producers from News Generation, the PR Committee and ACG Governors conducted a large number of radio interviews, reaching over 11.2 million listeners in target markets across the country in March 2022. The following ACG Governors were part of this effort: Dr. Patrick Young, Dr. Tauseef Ali, Dr. Aline Charabaty, Dr. Dayna Early, Dr. Joseph Anderson, Dr. Vonda Reeves, and Dr. Jose Nieto. They were joined by Dr. James Hobley, along with ACG President Dr. Samir Shah.



World IBD Day

The Committee developed a new infographic and supported social media outreach for World IBD Day on May 19, 2022. The educational flyer featured statistics as well as recommendations on preventive health and vaccines derived from

ACG's guidelines. A review of tips to maximize a visit to the doctor and links to learn more were part of this one-pager that the Committee plans to offer as a customizable download for practices. For patients with IBD, ACG's message: "You Are Not Alone." The College also included a reference to The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation's "Open Restroom Movement" and info to download their bathroom locator app. ACG staff coordinated with Foundation staff and the Foundation amplified ACG's social media posts on May 19, 2022.

World Digestive Health Day 2022

The College was honored to participate with the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) in observing World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) on Sunday, May 29, 2022. ACG supported WGO in its objectives to raise global understanding of recent epidemiologic trends and risk factors for CRC and to promote efforts to resume and optimize CRC screening efforts around the world. ACG's traditional focus for WDHD is to put a spotlight on ACG's educational resources for patients and physicians with the call-to-action: "Watch. Listen. Learn." With email and social media outreach, ACG shared a link to a dedicated WDHD page on the ACG website with



articles, podcasts, and video presentations that dovetail with WGO's theme for 2022: "Colorectal Cancer Prevention: Getting Back on Track."

ACG 2022 Social Media Meetup and Awards Program

The committee plans to build on the success and enthusiasm of the 2021 #IRL In Real Life Meetup at #ACG2021 gathering last fall in Las Vegas and again convene a reception on Monday, October 24, in Charlotte, NC at ACG 2022. The goal is to continue the positive momentum from last year and formalize the event a bit with a short awards program that recognizes outstanding social media engagement by ACG members. The Committee will collaborate with *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* team and the ACG Women in GI Committee on specific awards honoring individuals whose exemplary use of social media educates, uplifts, or illuminates key issues in clinical gastroenterology and hepatology and/or supports connections and fosters community in the field of GI.

SCOPY Awards 2022

Now in its eighth year, the 2022 SCOPY Award will honor 26 winners for outstanding patient education and public awareness initiatives to promote colorectal cancer screening. The Committee tasks a small review group with assessing the merits, originality, and impact of the submissions. The annual awards ceremony at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2022 is an opportunity to bring together committed GI physicians and their staffs to celebrate the best, most creative and most innovative ways to carry the lifesaving message of colorectal cancer screening. Over the years, this event has developed into a high-energy forum for sharing practical examples of successful public awareness campaigns initiated by gastroenterologists, their staffs, and GI fellows.



Review of "Newsworthy" Abstracts

In August, the Committee undertakes one of its most significant tasks, the review of scientific abstracts to identify those with particularly "newsworthy" findings. The PR Committee's goal is to identify "hot topics" as well as noteworthy clinical science. These abstract selections serve as the clinical/scientific basis for press outreach and a series of informative "Author Insights" that are published on the ACG e-newsletter, and selected posters receive a special designation in the poster hall, both onsite and online.

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ACG Grant Review Process

This January, the ACG Research Committee met via zoom over three days, to review the submissions for the ACG 2022 Research awards. This hard-working group expertly pivoted to complete an extensive review of all submitted grants. In assessing the applications for 2022, the ACG Research Committee utilized the Cadmium grant system. All grants were evaluated on a nine-point scale in line with NIH grant scoring practices. After preliminary review and scoring by three assigned reviewers, applications were further discussed, and a priority score for funding was assigned.

The Committee's typical process is that approximately one-third of the lowest scoring grants are triaged without extensive discussion, and the rest have extensive discussion and re-scoring by the Committee at the meeting. The Committee pays meticulous attention to conflicts of interest and rigorously assesses the scientific merits and feasibility of all grants.

After prioritizing the quality of the science, the Committee discusses the appropriate cut-off lines denoting science of adequate quality to merit funding. Each applicant, whether successful or not, receives a written critique of the grant so that improvements can be planned for subsequent submissions either to the College or elsewhere. Overall, the investigators selected for the 2022 ACG clinical research awards were the top candidates of an outstanding group of applicants and should produce research of which the College will be proud.

Funding for 2022 Clinical Research

For 2022, the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education awarded \$2,218,535 in support of outstanding clinical research in gastroenterology based on the review and recommendations of the ACG Research Committee. This year, ACG will support four Junior Faculty Development Awards at an overall level of \$1,800,000 over 3 years, a substantial investment that recognizes and supports promising clinical researchers. There were 29 applications for this career development award.

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The Research Committee recommended funding for one new grant category, the Health Equity Research Award, to support actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities. Two investigators received funding at a level of \$50,000 per award.

This year the Committee funded an award for the ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. This joint society award supports a study utilizing data from the GIQuIC quality benchmarking registry.

From among 71 submissions for the 2022 Clinical Research Awards and Pilot Research Awards, the Research Committee recommended funding for 8 investigators for a total of \$231,589. A total of 3 investigators received pilot awards at the \$15,000 level with the remainder receiving clinical research awards at the \$50,000 level.

The Medical Resident Clinical Research Award and the Medical Student Research Award categories recognize and support promising trainees as they develop careers in clinical research in gastroenterology and hepatology. Additionally, these awards provide an opportunity to travel to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting. For these award categories, the Research Committee recommended funding five Medical Resident Clinical Research Awards for a total of \$49,924 and three Medical Student Research Awards for a total of \$15,000.

Junior Faculty Development Award

The College is proud to support four Junior Faculty Development Awards this year. The ACG Junior Faculty Development Grant is a three-year award designed to support a junior faculty member with outstanding promise to establish an independent, productive career in gastroenterology or hepatology. The primary goal of this career development grant of \$150,000 per year for each of the three years is to assist promising clinical researchers to develop research and careers that have a direct bearing on clinical gastrointestinal practice. This includes assistance to a junior faculty investigator to ensure that a major portion of the investigator's time is protected for clinical research.

The ACG Board of Trustees approved four Junior Faculty Development Awards recommended by the ACG Research Committee at their February 2022 meeting:

Sarah Lieber, MD, MSCR: University of Texas Southwestern — *Survivorship After Liver Transplantation: Mapping Phenotypes to Identify At-Risk Survivors Needing Intervention*

Emily Lopes, MD: Massachusetts General Hospital — *Prevention of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Unaffected First-Degree Relatives*

Nikhilesh Mazumder, MD, MPH: University of Michigan — *The Application of Artificial Intelligence, Bedside Monitoring, and Patient Reported Outcomes to Improve Patient Safety and Symptom Relief after Paracentesis*

Amelie Therrien, MD, MSc: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center — *Heterogeneity and Clinical Significance of Mast Cells in Celiac Disease and Other Gluten Related Disorders*

Health Equity Research Award

New this year, the College offered Health Equity Research Awards of up to \$50,000 for actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities, thereby promoting health equity. This one-year award provides funding to faculty or practicing gastroenterologists/hepatologists in the community who have pilot data for funding at \$50,000 for one year.

Maya Balakrishnan, MD, MPH: Baylor College of Medicine — *Improving Outcomes Among Mexican and Central American Patients with NAFLD*

Rachel Issaka, MD, MAS: Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center — *A Pilot Video Intervention to Decrease Fear of Colonoscopy in a Safety-Net Healthcare System*

ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

The College, in partnership with ASGE, supports one or two-year awards of up to \$50,000 for projects involving the use and outcomes of gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy within the GI Quality Improvement Consortium (GIQuIC).

Seth Crockett, MD, MPH: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — *Assessing Variability in Polypectomy Practices and Post-Polypectomy Adverse Events Among US Endoscopists: Towards Defining Metrics for Polypectomy Quality*

Clinical Research Award

Each year, the College offers Clinical Research Awards of up to \$50,000 for original clinical research. The mission of this awards program is to fund innovative research that is patient-care oriented. The Committee also considers proposals for pilot awards (up to \$15,000) within this category.

ACG 2022 Clinical Research Awards (up to \$50,000)

Imran Aziz, MD: Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and University of Sheffield — *Randomized Trial: Effectiveness and Acceptability of Dietary Therapies in Functional Dyspepsia*

Phillip Gu, MD: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center — *Thinking Outside the Bowel: The Prognostic Potential of the Mesentery for Post-Operative Recurrence in Crohn's Disease*

Daniel Freedberg, MD, MS: Columbia University Medical Center — *How the Brain and the Gut Determine Post-COVID-19 Irritable Bowel Syndrome*

Millie Long, MD, MPH, FACG: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — *Risk of Skin Cancer with Novel Biologic Therapies in Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

Yael Nobel, MD: Columbia University Irving Medical Center — *The Gut Microbiome in Hepatocellular Carcinoma*

ACG 2022 Clinical Research Awards – Pilot Grants (up to \$15,000)

Joy Chang, MD, MS: University of Michigan — *Evaluating the Value and Use of GI OnDEMAND: A Pilot Study of a Digital Nutrition Intervention*

Christopher Chu, MD: Children’s Hospital Los Angeles — *Muscular Ultrasonography as a New Measure of Sarcopenia and Malnutrition in Children*

Rajesh Shah, MD, MS: Baylor Scott and White — *Impact of Biofilms and Microbial Composition on Cancer Outcomes in Early Onset Colorectal Cancer*

Medical Residents and Medical Students Awards

These grant categories provide support for research by junior colleagues. The Medical Resident Clinical Research Award offers up to \$10,000 for original research under the mentorship of a more senior ACG member. The Medical Student Research Award offers a summer research experience for medical students, supporting up to \$5,000 in living expenses, to be completed under the supervision of a mentor who is an ACG member. These two award types will support travel to the ACG Annual Scientific meeting as part of the experience.

2022 Medical Resident Clinical Research Award (up to \$10,000)

Erik Anderson, DO, PhD, MS: SUNY Downstate Medical Center — *Detection of Circulating Tumor DNA from Colorectal Cancer Patient Sera Using Primer Extension PCR*

Abel Joseph, MD: Cleveland Clinic — *Deep Learning System for Differentiation of Malignant from Benign Lymph Nodes on EUS Staging of Esophageal Cancer: A Pilot Study*

Lovekirat Dhaliwal, MD: Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport — *Incidence and Predictors of Barrett’s Esophagus after a Negative Index Endoscopic Evaluation: An Analysis Using the GIQuIC Database*

Alexandra Willauer, MD: University of Cincinnati Medical Center — *Modeling Viral Replication in Vitro Using Human Liver Organoids Derived from Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells: A Pilot Study to Determine the Effects of Sex on Ntcp Receptor Expression*

Richard You Wu, MD, PhD: University of Toronto — *The Impact of Maternal Disease on Human Milk Oligosaccharide Expression and Neonatal Outcomes in Pregnant Women with IBD*

2022 Medical Student Research Award (up to \$5,000)

Pierce L. Claassen, BS: Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine — *A Single-Center Study Evaluating the Demographic Features, Diagnostic Work-Up, Management, Health Outcomes, and ICD-10 Diagnostic Accuracy of Irritable Bowel Syndrome in a Veteran Population*

Shahrin Islam, BS, MS: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA — *Using Telehealth to Improve the Quality of Care Delivered to Veterans with Chronic Hepatitis B Infection*

Michael H. Le, BS, MS: The Robert Larner, MD College of Medicine at the University of Vermont — *State and County-Level Prevalence and Forecasting of Chronic Liver Disease in the United States*

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This Committee shall be responsible for coordinating activities, programs and outreach relating to training programs and trainee members of the College.

OBJECTIVES

1. To explore opportunities to encourage more participation by fellows-in-training in ACG.
2. To develop meetings and educational events for trainees.
3. To continue to update and expand the Trainees Section of the ACG website.
4. To promote mentoring of trainees by the College's members.
5. To encourage the networking of trainees amongst each other and faculty at ACG meetings.
6. To encourage more interest and guidance among Internal Medicine residents in a future career in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Postgraduate Course Trainees Luncheon

The popular Trainees' Luncheon at the Annual Meeting will resume this year on Sunday, October 23rd. The luncheon will feature a faculty panel to discuss "Life After Training: Choosing Your Path After Fellowship".

The panel will include Lauren Khanna, MD, MS, and Amaninder Dhaliwal, MD, to discuss subspecialty fellowships, Mohammad Bilal, MD, to discuss clinical educators, Nicholas Shaheen, MD, MPH, MACG, to discuss academic medicine, and Viral Patel, MD, to discuss private practice.

GI Jeopardy

This year will mark the twentieth year of the GI Jeopardy competition, which remains very successful and more and more popular among trainees. The online preliminary (pre-test) round of GI Jeopardy ran early-July through early-August and 139 GI training programs participated. This preliminary competition resulted in 5 teams being invited to the live competition, based on the number of questions correctly answered and, if necessary, the amount of time spent taking the test. The finalists this year are Brooklyn Hospital Center, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, St. Luke's Hospital, Tufts Medical Center, and University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Each of these programs was invited to designate two competitors for the final round on Saturday, October 22nd. Qualifying teams received airfare and housing for the Charlotte meeting. The winning team members from the live Jeopardy competition will each receive a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2023 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada. We expect another spirited competition this year with audience participation questions, so come prepared to help out during the live competition!

2nd Year Fellows Course

The annual ACG 2nd Year Fellows Course will take place in January 2023 in the Washington, D.C. area. It will be chaired by Derrick Eichele, MD, Hala Fatima, MD, and Marianna Papademetriou, MD. Small group breakout sessions and general sessions will again be featured as well as Hands-on sessions in endoscopy, capsule endoscopy, and manometry. Expert speakers are invited, and the attendees are given one-on-one time with the experts, another unique mentoring opportunity. Program directors are invited in August to nominate a 2nd year fellow from their program to attend the course. After the nomination period closes, the College randomly selects 125 fellows and fully funds their travel for the course.

Board Review Question of the Week

The 2021/2022 Grand Prize Winner of the online Board Review Question of the Week competition was Dr. Divya Ashat, MD, from the University of North Carolina Hospitals. She received a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2022 Annual Meeting in Charlotte.

The current round of questions can be found in the Trainees section of the ACG website. The Grand Prize Winner will be determined by weekly participation and the highest number of correct answers to the questions (must answer at least 75% of the questions to be eligible) and will receive a \$1,000 travel grant for the 2023 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada.

To stimulate ongoing participation in the Question of the Week, we also offer a quarterly prize of free access to one of ACG's Online Self-Assessment Tests for the participant who answers the most questions correctly each quarter (must answer at least 75% of the questions each quarter to be eligible).

Online Resources for Residents

Dr. Mohammad Bilal is leading the Committee's efforts to create an online resource center for GI fellowship applicants. The webpage was added on May 1, 2021, to the Trainees section of the ACG website. This includes new resources for residents interested in GI fellowship and will guide them through the GI fellowship match and throughout the start of their fellowship training. In addition, the subcommittee held a Virtual Grand Rounds webinar on May 11, 2022, with over 430 attendees, to provide guidance to prospective applicants into the Match application process. Following the success of the two virtual events, the Committee will host an in-person event at the Annual Meeting specifically designed for residents. "Navigating the GI Match - Tips and Tricks for Applicants" will take place on Monday, October 24th, from 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

Online Career Resources for GI Trainees

Dr. Meir Mizrahi is leading the Committee's effort to expand ACG's online resources for GI trainees during fellowship and entering practice. The subcommittee is working on the content of the website page, aimed at offering online career resources for trainees. These resources will cover four broad categories: 1. Practice Models: Private Practice vs. Academics; 2. Job Application Process; 3. Financial Planning; 4. Transition from Trainee to Attending.

Trainee Mentoring Program

In conjunction with the Women in Gastroenterology Committee and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, the Training Committee will continue with the Mentoring Program. The program's objective is to provide residents and fellows in training access to faculty from diverse practice models, academic departments, and geographic regions. The program will continue to foster casual dialogue between mentors and mentees, while affording residents and trainees the opportunity to gain valuable guidance and career advice from faculty not accessible to them in their training programs.

At the Annual Meeting in Charlotte, on Sunday, October 23rd, a reception will be held for participants of the ACG Mentoring Program, giving mentors and mentees the opportunity to meet in person to connect, discuss goals, and reflect on their experiences together.

Virtual Grand Rounds – Career Edition

In conjunction with the Women in Gastroenterology Committee, the Training Committee launched a new Virtual Grand Rounds series geared to trainees and junior faculty. The most recent webinar, "Taking on Leadership Roles: Where to Start", took place on August 10, 2022. Sessions are held once a month (typically the third Wednesday of the month) and feature a 20-minute expert talk, followed by a 40-minute Q&A session with up to 4 panelists.

ACG Case Reports Journal

The *ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ)* is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal publishing high-quality, interesting gastroenterology and hepatology case reports. Edited by GI fellows, it is published online for free to all readers, and feature images and videos in addition to case descriptions. In addition, there are no submission or publication fees for authors. *ACGCRJ* is fully indexed, and while it does not have an impact factor, the journal is included in the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index, which is included in their Core Collection. *ACGCRJ* is very popular and will continue to afford GI trainees the opportunity to gain experience with publishing cases and reviewing manuscripts. We are currently publishing volume 9.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for identifying and evaluating issues that pertain to women in the field of gastroenterology and formulating means to assure that desired goals are met.

OBJECTIVES

1. Encourage participation, membership, and advancement of female gastroenterologists in the ACG.
2. Promote research and understanding of the gender differences in gastrointestinal diseases.
3. Encourage women to pursue a career in gastroenterology and provide resources to aid in their success.
4. Foster mentors for students, residents, and fellows in medical training programs.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Navigating, Networking and Negotiating Your First Job Workshop

This annual program, started under the direction of Sunanda Kane, MD, MSPH, FACP, was offered for the first time at the College's Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course in October 2008. The workshop was developed to provide fellows and junior faculty the skills needed when negotiating for positions, and the tools for effective networking, both essential in the development of effective leaders. On January 8, 2022, the workshop was held virtually by co-chairs Drs. Swapna Gayam and Jami Kinnucan. This workshop will go back to being held in-person at the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 21 from 5:45 pm to 9:00 pm, and it is co-chaired by Drs. Yesenia Greeff and Kathryn Hutchins.

Career Opportunities for Women in GI Luncheon

This program, piloted in 1998 and offered annually since 2000 (previously known as the Fellowship Recruitment Initiative), is an innovative career symposium held in conjunction with the ACG Postgraduate Course. The program is directed toward female residents, trainees, and junior faculty. Female ACG members from a variety of gastrointestinal subspecialties and practice settings give an overview of their career choices in gastroenterology and engage in dialogues about how to be a successful woman in GI. Drs. Paula Adamson and Neena Mohan are serving as co-chairs this year. The luncheon will take place at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 22 from 12:20 pm to 1:35 pm.

Virtual Grand Rounds – Career Edition

The Committee, in collaboration with the Training Committee, host a series of monthly Career edition webinars to help fellows and faculty address various issues like ergonomics, work-life balance, mentor and mentee relationships, and taking on leadership roles. Sessions are held once a month (typically on the third Wednesday of the month) and feature a 20-minute expert talk, followed by a 40-minute Q&A session with up to 4 panelists. Attendance varies on the popularity of a topic. Drs. Julie Yang and Naemat Sandhu are co-chairs of this task force.

Mentoring Program

Based in part upon the results of a mentoring study conducted by the Women in GI Committee and published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* in May 2010, a mentoring program was developed that is a joint effort between the Women in GI Committee and the Training Committee to provide mentorship to residents and fellows who may not have it available to them at their home institutions. The program launched July 1, 2010, and to date, more than 345 fellows and 58 mentors have been involved in the mentoring program. Mentor profiles are posted to

the Trainees' Section of the ACG website, allowing residents and fellows to review profiles (arranged alphabetically and by type of mentorship desired) and submit their requests for mentors to the ACG office. Mentors are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Drs. Yong Yan Cui, Stephanie Gold, and Claire Jansson-Knodell are overseeing the Mentoring Program on behalf of the Women in GI Committee.

Female Representation and College Participation

Drs. Pegah Hosseini-Carroll and Swapna Gayam are co-chairing the Task Force for FACG Advancement, with the initial goal being to increase the number of female members who have achieved FACG status, which would lead to comparable rates of FACG status between men and women in the College. The goal is to promote the talents of women who have been active within the ACG and to help develop future leaders of the College. The Committee is creating a Top 10 List of why someone should get FACG status, and tips on how to apply. The task force is interviewing women on how FACG has helped them in their careers. A final document will be published on the ACG e-newsletter and shared through an email marketing campaign, encouraging more women to apply for FACG.

Women in GI Online Task Force

The goal of the Women in GI Online Task Force is to increase the online presence of women in GI, and to promote ACG initiatives and projects focused on Women in GI. This task force is co-chaired by Drs. Judy Trieu, Lydia Aye, and Shima Ghavimi.

They recently highlighted a publication in the ACG Magazine, "Speaking Out: Inclusion and Challenges for LGBTQ+ in Gastroenterology", for Pride Month in June with a podcast episode and a Twitter chat on June 8. In September, the task force will do a Twitter Chat on the Pregnancy Monograph and will do a podcast on Allyship. The task force is considering branching out to TikTok and Instagram. There is also a plan to create a podcast series focused on women leaders in GI. These will be interviews asking how they got their start and serve primarily as advice and sharing of stories.

ACG Monograph on GI Diseases and Endoscopy in Pregnancy and Post-Pregnancy Period

The results of the last U.S. census in 2010 showed that more than half the population is female. In order to provide the best care to all patients, clinical gastroenterologists must understand how gender differences impact digestive disorders. To address this, the American College of Gastroenterology published the first monograph on the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders during pregnancy in 1994 and followed-up with a second monograph in 2007. The ACG Women in GI Committee under the leadership of its Chair, Shivangi T. Kothari, MD, FACG, published a third monograph to address the current best approaches in the treatment of GI diseases and endoscopy during pregnancy and the postpartum period in October 2022. The publication will be a supplement to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* featuring an updated review on the treatment of GI diseases and endoscopy during pregnancy and the postpartum period. The monograph will update and help gastroenterologists, obstetricians, and non-gastroenterologists understand and manage gastrointestinal problems that can occur or worsen during pregnancy (or are unique to pregnancy).

It is intended to provide an update to providers and patients regarding current best practices and management algorithms for GI diseases in pregnancy that are reflective of the significant advancements in the field over the last decade. The monograph was co-edited by Shivangi T. Kothari, MD, FACG, Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG, and Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG. The Associate Editors are Lori M. Gawron, MD, MPH, FACOG, Martha B. Kole-White, MD, FACOG, and Jason Sauberan, PharmD. It is detailed, and peer-reviewed with each section written by experts invited from each subspecialty of GI and include topics such as:

- Constipation and hemorrhoids
- Fecal incontinence and diarrhea
- Endoscopy and sedation in pregnancy
- Advanced endoscopic procedures in pregnancy
- Heartburn, nausea, and vomiting during pregnancy
- Hyperemesis gravidarum and nutritional support
- Liver disease in pregnancy
- Surgery in pregnancy
- IBD in pregnancy

Women in GI in the ACG MAGAZINE Initiative

The Women in GI in the ACG MAGAZINE Initiative Task Force provides regular content on issues related to women in gastroenterology as well as profiles of female ACG members in various types of practices and at various stages in their careers to provide insight into various career paths, types of careers and strategies for success. Drs. Jami Kinnucan and Asma Khapra are the current co-chairs.

Education and Promotion of CRC Screening in Women

This initiative was started in 2015 to support the ACG sponsored 80% by 2018 Initiative. Drs. Marianne Ritchie-Gordon, Sudha Pandit, and Victoria Howard are working to develop projects that will expand the education and promotion of CRC screening in women.

Supporting Women in Advanced Endoscopy Initiative

This task force was created in 2016 after several Women in GI Committee members expressed interest in finding ways to provide support and promote careers for women in advanced endoscopy. Several areas of concern within this group include the risk of radiation overall, as well as during pregnancy, and the risk of injury due to the number and volume of endoscopic procedures. The focus of this task force is to identify gaps in our support of this particular group of women in GI and determine ways to best provide that support. The task force, led by Drs. Nayna Riyat and Uzma Siddiqui are planning to create an educational program for fellows prior to applying for the match on Advanced Endoscopy. This program would help entice more women to go into the field of advanced endoscopy.

Well Being and Work-Life Balance Task Force

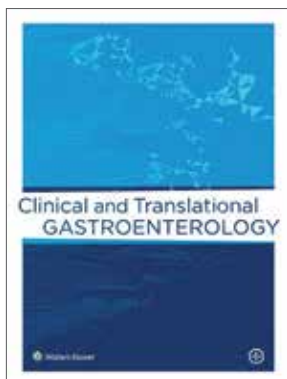
The task force, led by Drs. Tamara Brodsky, Calley Levine, and Sangeeta Agrawal are working with the Practice Management Committee to create a smart phrases list for in-patient and outpatient. Once complete, this will live in the Practice Management Toolbox and be a resource for all ACG members.

ACG'S ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS



The American Journal of Gastroenterology

Since it began publishing in 1934 as the official peer-reviewed journal, *The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG)* has been considered the American College of Gastroenterology's flagship journal and the crown jewel of the organization. It has long been the leading general GI clinical journal and impacts the delivery of quality care on a daily basis. The College remains committed to publishing the most relevant high quality clinical gastroenterology and hepatology science in the form of original research, review articles and consensus papers related to new therapeutic modalities as well as disease management. Other notable sections include the Red Section, ACG Clinical Guidelines and images and videos of the month. Each issue of the Red Journal includes CME opportunities. Every member of the College receives a free subscription to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. Led by co-Editors-in-Chief Jasmohan Bajaj, MD, MS, FACP, and Millie Long, MD, MPH, FACP, the international editorial board looks for cutting edge manuscripts that can be adapted immediately to clinical practice.



Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology

The College expanded its publishing titles with the creation of a Gold Open Access Journal, *Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology (CTG)* in 2016. With an eye toward bridging the gap from bench to bedside, *CTG* looks to fulfill an unmet need for clinicians and scientists by welcoming novel cohort studies, early-phase clinical trials, qualitative and quantitative epidemiologic research, hypothesis-generating research, studies of novel mechanisms and methodologies including public health interventions, and integration of approaches across organs and disciplines. *CTG* also welcomes hypothesis-generating case series, methods papers, and translational research with clear applications to human physiology or disease. Led by Editor-in-Chief Brian Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACP, in 2022, the Journal moved to a double-blind peer review process, overall seen as a more impartial process that limits biases.



ACG Case Reports Journal

The College leadership recognized that the changing nature of academic publishing, which discouraged publication of case reports due to their low likelihood of citation an important avenue for GI and hepatology trainees as well as private practitioners to publish scientific papers in peer reviewed journals, was becoming extremely difficult. *ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ)*, published by the American College of Gastroenterology provides an Open Access peer-reviewed publishing outlet for GI fellows, private practice clinicians, and other healthcare providers to share interesting case reports. *ACGCRJ* publishes case reports, images, videos, and letters to the editor in all topics of gastroenterology and hepatology. The Journal editorial team is made up exclusively of GI fellows-in-training who work under the oversight of the Digital Publications and Communications Committee.

The *ACGCRJ* was created to help fulfill ACG's commitment to providing growth and learning opportunities for GI and hepatology fellows, and helps fellows meet core curriculum requirements for non-patient care activities. All case submissions must have a GI and hepatology fellow-in-training or a resident interested in pursuing fellowship as the lead author. Cases authored by private practice clinicians and other healthcare providers who might traditionally face difficulty publishing with leading journals are also welcome. ACG members have all publication fees waived as part of their exclusive member benefit.



Evidence-Based Gastroenterology

ACG Evidence-Based GI (EBGI) evaluates research articles published across GI and Hepatology journals by using evidence-based criteria to identify the highest quality studies, write structured abstracts, and provide expert commentary on the article. The summaries are written by the Associate Editors, who comment on articles published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and other high-impact journals. The criteria from the “User’s Guides to the Medical Literature: A Manual for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice, 3rd edition” (2015) is used to create structured abstracts, assess the methodologic quality of studies, and explain study results for practitioners with limited knowledge of statistics. This new member benefit aims to fill an unmet need for members in private practice who do not have institutional access to non-ACG subscription publications. Members can

catch up on research quickly, keeping up to date on studies and trends in GI. Look for thematic issues delivered to your inbox monthly. Additionally, podcasts of each article are available to the public and indexed on audio services such as Spotify and iTunes.

The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG) finishes its first year under the co-leadership of new the new Editors-in-Chief (EICs) Jasmohan Bajaj, MD, MS, FACC, and Millie Long, MD, MPH, FACC. The co-EICs spent the last few months of 2021 selecting their editorial board, bringing on new members while retaining some from the previous board to bring a balance of old and new to ensure continuity of journal content. The new co-EICs also rebuilt the Editorial Advisory Board, increasing the number from 49 to 70. Advisory Board members were tasked with completing at least 4 reviews per year, providing feedback on published issues, and reviewing at least 1 RCT selected by the editors for rapid review.

The new Editorial Board and larger Editorial Advisory Board has led to many new initiatives this year. In January, the Journal moved to publishing accepted articles online with the goal of a manuscript being posted and indexed in PubMed within 10 days. With expedited processing in mind, *AJG* began the RCT rapid review initiative in February 2022. All submitted RCTs are evaluated at submission by the editors to select papers that have the potential to change practice, add to the literature, and have the greatest impact on GI and hepatology research. Expediting the review process allows for clinicians to incorporate results straight from the journal page to the bedside quickly, but still undergoing a rigorous review process. Reviewers are asked to submit their reviews within 5 days, and the average time from submission to first decision for expedited RCTs is 10 days. As of August 1, 54% of submitted RCTs were selected for rapid review, with 25% of those accepted.

At the March editorial retreat in Orlando, Florida, the editorial board focused on how the journal can better serve its authors and reviewers. Recognizing that many of the requirements in the Instructions for Authors were cumbersome, the editors implemented a hassle-free submission policy for initial submissions. Authors can now submit manuscripts without formatting for every article type. This format-free approach will reduce the workload for authors who have already spent time researching and writing the manuscript.

Tables, figures, and supplementary material can all be included in a single submission file, with images embedded into the text, which can also make it easier on the reviewers who can view the additional materials within the document easily. Recognizing that reviewers

take on papers on their own time and provide valuable feedback to the Journal, the editors sent out a survey to all registered reviewers in August to see how the ACG can better recognize and reward reviewers for their monumental efforts.

At the retreat, the editors also dissected the role of special issues, and analyzed previously published issues. The 2016 and 2020 “Negative Issue” have shown to be very popular, and the editors voted to add a “Null” category to the Journal to encourage submission of negative studies outside of special issues. Numerous topics were discussed for upcoming special issues, and the call for papers for the “Lifespan of GI” issue began July 1. The issue will focus on understanding the outcomes for individuals of all ages with digestive disorders in pediatric to geriatric populations and is scheduled to publish in Winter 2023.

The editors remain dedicated to publishing important content. In 2022, the Journal published 7 Guidelines, 15 COVID-related articles, and the “Food as Medicine” special issue. Additionally, a new Red Section category “Guide to the Guidelines” summarizes important points for each guideline in an easily digestible format. The ACG Communications team has been essential in assisting with the dissemination of content on social media and to the press leading to 5 articles published in 2022 having Altmetric scores of over 150. The Altmetric score is based on the number of news articles, tweets, and shares an article receives. The top scoring article of 2022 so far is “A Smartphone Application Using Artificial Intelligence Is Superior To Subject Self-Reporting When Assessing Stool Form,” by Pimentel et al., with a score of 678—the article was reported on by 83 news outlets around the world. Other high-ranking articles include “Pickle Juice Intervention for Cirrhotic Cramps Reduction,” and 3 guidelines: “Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure,” “Diagnosis and Management of Barrett’s Esophagus,” and “American College of Gastroenterology-Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Clinical Practice Guideline: Management of Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets During Acute Gastrointestinal Bleeding and the Periendoscopic Period.”

The editors and editorial board are excited to see what year 2 of their term will hold, and welcome feedback on what members want to see featured the pages of *AJG*.

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Clinical and Translational GASTROENTEROLOGY

The editors of ***Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology (CTG)*** began 2022 with a focus on reviewers. As reviewers are a vital piece of the editorial process and serve as the foundation of medical advancement—all papers submitted to the Journal undergo rigorous review—the editors aimed to improve the quality of reviews and help reviewers understand the publication process and their role within it. After examining the results of a survey of both authors and reviewers in Fall 2021, the Journal transitioned from a single-blind to double-blind peer review system. The reviewers no longer have access to the author and institution list in an effort to institute a more impartial process that limits biases and results in higher quality peer review. Authors are instructed to avoid first person self-referencing and allusions to affiliations as much as possible, and the editorial office combs each submission to ensure proper blinding. Editors have access to a title page with author and institutional information, conflicts of interest, study registration numbers, and author contributions. The Journal has received letters of support from reviewers, and also feedback on where to improve the process and pointing out potential limitations. Overall, the rate of reviewers declining to review has not changed from 2021 to 2022—32% of reviewers query decline which is inline with the other 2 ACG Journals.

Another innovation that the editorial board developed to help reviewers is a reviewer rubric. This step-by-step form guides reviewers through the expected elements of a peer review, including the originality, strengths and weaknesses of the study, and how to provide constructive suggestions for improvements. Reviewers are sent the rubric with the reviewer instructions and are also given the scoring guide editors use when evaluating the reviews. Reviewers can receive scores and feedback directly from the editor to improve future reviews. The rubric also aids editors in selecting reviewers for future submissions, continuing to strengthen the peer review rigor of the Journal. High scoring reviewers will be recognized at the Academic Publication Reception at the Annual Meeting in October.

CTG's online presence continues to expand in 2022. The Journal website was reconfigured, adding a featured article carousel on the main page. Additionally, readers can now quickly view the Highly Cited and Reader Favorites article through the top tool bar. These pages are updated regularly so readers can discover new articles each time they visit the site. The Journal's twitter page features 176 tweets and 584 followers, gaining an average of 4 new followers each week. The ACG Communications team supports the social media efforts of the Journal by highlighting articles on Twitter, Facebook, and the ACG e-newsletter each week. The highest shared article was published in March, "Detection of Early-Stage Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma From Blood Samples: Results of a Multiplex Biomarker Signature Validation Study." The article has an Altmetric score of 519, and was featured by 66 news outlets across the globe. The article has been viewed over 1,500 times and has been cited twice in the first half of the year.

The editorial board meets monthly to review the editorial process and statistics, and to brainstorm new topics and methods to draw authors to the Journal. Future endeavors include posting the editorial turnaround times and acceptance rate on the main Journal page so authors know what to expect from the Journal. Since 2020, the Journal's acceptance rate has dropped from 27.0% to 21.3%, and time from acceptance to publication has decreased from 2 months in 2020 to 1 week as the Journal began publishing accepted articles online in January of this year.

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ACG CASE REPORTS JOURNAL

ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGRJ) is an open-access (OA) peer-reviewed journal overseen by gastroenterology and hepatology fellows to help determine case studies and images for publication to benefit trainees, as well as established physicians, in the management and treatment of conditions and diseases within the field. The Journal is indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), PubMed/PubMed Central, and the Web of Science. Clarivate, the company that calculates impact factors, has announced that all journals within the Web of Science Core Collection will receive a 2023 impact factor—including *ACG Case Reports Journal*. The Journal's first impact factor will be announced in June 2024.

The Journal began instituting an OA fee of \$500 for accepted articles submitted on or after January 1, 2022. This licensing fee allows the Journal to lift the restrictions on the number of pages it publishes each year, leading to improved publication times as articles can be published within weeks of acceptance instead of months. The OA fee is waived for all ACG members. As of August 1, 2022, the Journal has collected OA fees on 30% of accepted articles. Authors who require Resident/Trainee Membership at article acceptance are encouraged to join, and their OA fee is waived once they send the editorial office their ACG membership number. This encourages growth in ACG membership and allows the Journal to publish without page limits each year.

Three articles were featured on the “Behind the Case” podcast in the first half of 2022. The selected articles were a case report, “Infectious Abscess as Complication of Steroid Injection with Dilation of Refractory Upper Gastrointestinal Strictures” by Rebecca Voaklander, MD, and John Fang, MD; an image, “Endoscopic Mucosotomy and Lumen-Apposing Metal Stent Placement for the Management of a Closed Colorectal Anastomosis,” by Sergio Sánchez-Luna, MD, Zain A. Sobani, MD, and Tarun Rustagi, MD; and a letter from the editor, “Learning From Highly Effective Teams: What Can We Apply to the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Unit Team?” by Nicholas M. McDonald, MD. All “Behind the Case” podcasts are available through the gi.org podcasts page, Spotify, iTunes, Stitcher, and Google Podcasts.

In its second year on social media, the Journal account increased its Twitter followers by 78%, and tweeted 195 times. Editors are

encouraged to promote articles, and the ACG Communications team manages the account. Social media promotion of articles has led to increased promotion, and the article “Severe Hepatocellular Liver Injury After COVID-19 Vaccination Without Autoimmune Hepatitis Features: A Case Series” which was published in the April 2022 issue of the journal has been tweeted 573 times in 11 countries giving it an Altmetric score of 310. Since publication, the article has been viewed 10,985 times, or just over 101 times per day. This is the second highest Altmetric score for the journal, with the first being the 2019 article “An Unusual Finding of a Ladybug on Screening Colonoscopy,” which has an Altmetric score of 2245. The “ladybug” article has been featured on over 15 news outlets, and in 2022 continues to receive just under 7 view per day.

Journal editors reviewed 1,168 submissions in 2021. The increase of submissions seen in 2020, which was tied to authors having more time due to COVID, has slowed, and in 2021 the Journal received 21.3% fewer manuscripts from 2020, but saw an increase of 28.6% from 2019. Articles related to the liver continue to be the largest category of papers, increasing from 17.8% of all submissions in 2019 to 22.1% of submissions in 2022. The acceptance rate in 2021 dropped to an all time low of 15.9%, but is rebounding as submission levels return to pre-pandemic norms. In 2021, 53.3% of invited reviewers agreed to complete a review, and in 2022, 40.2% of invited reviewers have agreed (data through July 31). In 2021, 88.2% of reviewers submitted their reviews within the 14 day window, and the number has improved in 2022 to 90.4% of reviewers. In addition to the yearly reviewer acknowledgement published in the Journal, in July 2022 the Journal recognized the reviewers who completed reviews in the first half of the year on a combined Journal page [<https://gi.org/reviewer-acknowledgments>].

The 2021-2022 co-Editors-in-Chief completed their terms on June 30, 2022, and passed the torch to Nicholas McDonald, MD, of the University of Minnesota, and Tomoki Sempokuya, MD, of the Nebraska Medical Center Omaha. The new editorial board appreciates the mentors from the Digital Communications and Publications Committee who volunteer with the Journal.

Number of Submissions				Acceptance Rate (%)				Journal Turnaround Time First Decision (Days)			
2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019	2020	2021	2022
908	1484	1168	514	29.5	17.4	15.9	17.4	37.1	28.6	33.7	43.2

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EVIDENCE-BASED GI AN ACG PUBLICATION



Evidence-Based Gastroenterology (EBGI) is a member-only publication that launched in October 2021 in conjunction with the ACG Annual Meeting. Each month, Associate Editors review selected GI and hepatology related articles that are published in non-GI journals, providing a structured abstract that outlines the main question the article addresses, details the design, setting, patient groups, and the interventions used, and discusses the results and outcomes. Editors provide a commentary on why the article is important and how the conclusions compare with their own practice. Lastly, the editors identify areas for future research on the subject.

An electronic table of contents with links to each article is sent to all members each month, reaching over 25,000 people on average. The email provides a summary of each article within the issue. The publication has seen a steady open and click through rates in 2022.

There have been 8 issues published featuring 30 articles. The editors curated a thematic issue in May titled “In Case You Missed It,” which featured RCTs published in the past 3-5 years that have impacted clinical practice guidelines. The editors are planning a special issue for the 1-year anniversary that includes updates to the articles already published, and a second thematic issue on studies from VA hospitals in honor of Veteran’s Day in November.

Each issue is accompanied by audio summaries with the editors discussing their analysis, and Editor-in-Chief, Phil Schoenfeld, MD, MEd, MScEpi, FACC, asking questions that go outside the published article. The audio summaries are included in the table of contents and are free to the public. As of July 2022, the summaries have been indexed as podcasts on Spotify, iTunes, Google Podcasts, and Stitcher.



The publication is heavily promoted on social media, and social media editor Joseph Sleiman, MD, organizes tweetorials of articles using a team of social media ambassadors who use coordinated hashtags and promote *EBGI* articles on their personal Twitter pages. The target audience on social media is GI fellows and trainees. The tweetorials can be made into slides easily to be used by journal clubs. Additionally, Dr. Sleiman has recruited social media ambassadors for *EBGI* who promote the publication at their institution and on their personal social media pages. #MondayNightIBD, #TuesdayNightIBS, and @GIJournalClub from Oklahoma City have used the *EBGI* tweetorials to initiate discussions. This fall, the editors plan to personally reach out to fellowship programs nationwide to promote the publications and encourage use of the evidence-based summaries for local journal clubs.

The *EBGI* editorial board meets monthly to vet newly published articles to be featured. Additionally, Dr. Schoenfeld attended the editorial board meeting of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG)* at DDW this past May to discuss cross-publication promotion. *EBGI* aims to feature one article from *AJG* in each issue, and the published *AJG* article will feature a custom content indicator on the electronic table contents that directs the reader to the *EBGI* summary. The editors hope to work together more with the Red Journal editors in the future as they continue to build the publication. The *EBGI* editorial board evaluates each issue, and will be undertaking a redesign of both the electronic table of contents and the article format in early Fall 2022.

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 C. Noel Williams, MD, MACG
 David W. Williams, MD, MACG
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 2018 Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG
 2017 John W. Popp, Jr., MD, MACG
 2016 Richard G. Farmer, MD, MACG
 Burton I. Korelitz, MD, MACG
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 2015 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
 2014 Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG

2013 Jack A. Di Palma, MD, MACG
 2012 Martin H. Floch, MD, MACG
 2011 Frank L. Lanza, MD, FACG
 2008 Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG
 2006 William D. Carey, MD, MACG
 2005 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG
 2004 Edgar Achkar, MD, FACG
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 2001 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
 2000 Seymour Katz, MD, FACG
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 1997 Arthur H. Aufses, Jr., MD, MACG
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 1993 Arthur Lindner, MD, MACG
 1992 Franz Goldstein, MD, MACG
 1991 James L. Achord, MD, MACG
 1990 Robert L. Berger, MD, FACG
 1989 Angelo E. DaGradi, MD, MACG
 1987 Joseph E. Walthers, MD, MACG
 1986 Richard L. Wechsler, MD, FACG
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 1982 Daniel Weiss, BS, MA
 1980 David A. Dreiling, MD, MACG
 1978 Henry Colcher, MD, MACG
 1976 Murrel H. Kaplan, MD, FACG
 1974 Robert R. Bartunek, MD, FACG
 1972 Milton J. Matzner, MD, FACG

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2021 Alyn L. Adrain, MD, FACG
 2020 Anne G. Tuskey, MD, FACG
 2019 Harish Gagneja, MD, FACG
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 2017 David A. Schwartz, MD, FACG
 2016 Tedd P. Cain, MD, FACG
 2015 Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
 2014 Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
 2013 Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, FACG
 2012 David T. Rubin, MD, FACG
 2011 Carol D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
 2010 Costas H. Kefalas, MD, FACG
 2009 James S. Leavitt, MD, FACG
 2008 Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACG
 2007 March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
 2006 Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
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 2004 Myron H. Brand, MD, FACG
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2002 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACC
2001 Jay J. Mamel, MD, FACC
2000 Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACC
1999 Massimo Crespi, MD, FACC
1998 Rashad Dabaghi, MD, FACC
1997 Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
1996 Peter F. Purcell, MD, FACC

PAST SENIOR GOVERNOR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

2021 Jeffrey L. Nestler, MD, FACC
2020 Wilmer Rodriguez, MD, FACC
2019 Stephen T. Amann, MD, FACC
2018 Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC
2017 Whitfield L. Knapple, MD, FACC
2016 Vivek Kaul, MD, FACC
2015 David H. Cort, MD, FACC
2014 Kenneth J. Chang, MD, FACC
2013 David E. Bernstein, MD, FACC
2012 James S. Leavitt, MD, FACC
2011 March E. Seabrook, MD, FACC
2010 John R. Saltzman, MD, FACC
2009 Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACC
2008 David A. Greenwald, MD, FACC
2007 Scott M. Tenner, MD, MPH, FACC
2006 Barbara B. Frank, MD, FACC
2005 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACC
2004 Joseph W. Leung, MD, FACC
2003 Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACC
2002 Martin D. Mark, MD, FACC
2001 Timothy J. Nostrant, MD, FACC
2000 J. Mark Lawson, MD, FACC
1999 Florian M. Cortese, MD, FACC
1998 William H. Hall, MD, FACC
1997 John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACC
1996 Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACC

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2020 Whitfield L. Knapple, MD, FACC
2019 Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACC
2018 Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACC
2017 Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACC
2016 Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACC
2015 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG
2014 Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACC
2013 David A. Greenwald, MD, FACC
2012 Samir A. Shah, MD, FACC
2011 W. Elwyn Lyles, MD, FACC

2010 Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
2009 Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACC
2008 Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
2007 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACC
2006 Roy K. H. Wong, MD, FACC
2005 Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACC
2004 John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACC
2003 Ronald J. Vender, MD, FACC
2002 Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACC
2001 Jack A. Di Palma, MD, FACC
2000 Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACC
1999 P. Gregory Foutch, DO, FACC
1998 Luis A. Balart, MD, MACG
1997 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
1996 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACC

PAST NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GI TRAINING GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2021 Giselle Mahoro, MD
2020 Edward Barnes, MD, MPH
2019 Robert J. Huang, MD
2018 Hassan Siddiki, MD, MS, Chapel Hill, NC
2017 Tracey G. Simon, MD, Boston, MA
2016 Gene K. Ma, Philadelphia, PA
2015 Jennifer Y. Pan, MD, Stanford, CA
2014 Akwi W. Asombang, MD, Columbia, MO
2013 Ryan J. Law, MD, Rochester, MN
2012 Hamed Khalili, MD, Boston, MA
2011 Amit Bhatt, MD, Cleveland, OH
2010 Jenny Sauk, MD, New York, NY
2009 Tonya Kaltenbach, MD, Palo Alto, CA
2008 Anna M. Buchner, MD, PhD, Jacksonville, FL

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2021 Evaristus S. Chukwudike, MBBCh, FWACP
Artemis Trikola, MD, MPH, MSc
Vikrant Sood, MD
2019 Luis Raúl Valdovinos Garcia, MD, Mexico
2017 Irina Cazacu, MD, Romania
2016 Sally A. Bampoh, MD, Ghana
2015 Piyush Somani, MD, India
2014 Oriol Sendino-Garcia, MD, Spain
2013 Salome Bandoh, MD, Ghana
2012 Wiriyaporn Ridditid, MD, Thailand
2011 Nikhil Anil Nadkarni, MD, India
2010 Avelyn Kwok, MD, Australia
2009 Andres Duarte Rojo, MD, Mexico
2008 Ling Yi Zhang, MD, MS, China
2007 Ian Homer Y. Cua, MD, Philippines

2006 Alberto Rubio Tapia, MD, Mexico
2005 Aldo Javier Montano-Loza, MD, Mexico
2004 Ender Fakioglu, MD, Turkey
2003 Kyoto Ito, MD, Japan
2002 Ratha-korn Vilaichone, MD, Thailand
2001 Mohamed El Sadany, MD, Egypt
2000 Harshad C. Devarbhavi, MD, India
1999 Marko Duvnjak, MD, Croatia
1998 Eliza Maria de Brito, MD, Brazil
1997 Jan Gunnar Hatlebakk, MD, Norway
Marisa Fonseca Magalhaes, MD, Brazil
Sri Prakash Misra, MD, India
1996 Dervis Bandres, MD, Venezuela
Orsolya I. Halmos, MD, Hungary
Issa Marie Nigl Navarrete, MD, Mexico
Rajko Ostojic, MD, Croatia
Seren Ozenirler, MD, Turkey
Shayong Yu, MD, China
1995 Lars Aabakken, MD, Norway
Carlos Midrani Boyle, MD, Mexico
I. Soykan, MD, Turkey
J. Woo, MD, Korea

PAST J. EDWARD BERK DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS

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2021 William D. Chey, MD, FACC: *The End of the Beginning: Megatrends in Gastroenterology*
2020 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *A Septuagenarian's Evolving Reflections on the Practice of Medicine*
2019 Linda Rabeneck, MD, MPH, MACG: *Post-Colonoscopy Colorectal Cancer: How Are We Doing?*
2018 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACC: *Fake News and Alternative Facts on Personalized Medicine in IBD*
2017 John J. Vargo, II, MD, MPH, FACC: *Are Our Patients Sleeping Safely and Soundly? The State of Endoscopic Procedural Sedation in 2017*
2016 Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FACC: *Endoscopy 2020: Preparing for the Future*
2015 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG: *Sleep Effect on GI Health and Disease: Eyes Wide Open?*
2014 Richard A. Kozarek, MD, FACC: *GI and Endoscopic Training for the Future Gastroenterologist*
2013 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG: *Avoiding Burnout: Finding Balance Between Work and Everything Else*

PAST J. EDWARD BERK DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS (cont.)

- 2012 Mark Feldman, MD, FACC: *Is Gastric Secretion Still Relevant?*
- 2011 Seymour Katz, MD, MACG: *Management of the Elderly IBD Patient: A Wake-up Call*
- 2010 Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG: *Academic Mentoring*
- 2009 Michael F. Sorrell, MD, FACC: *Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist: Identical or Complementary?*
- 2008 Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG: *Advances in Colonoscopy: New Platforms, New Techniques, New Imaging Technology: What Do They Mean?*
- 2007 M. Brian Fennerty, MD, FACC: *Alice in Wonderland: The Endoscopist of the Future and the Gastrointestinal Mucosa Through the 'New' Looking Glass*
- 2006 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG: *Eosinophilic Esophagitis: New Disease or Old Friend in Disguise?*
- 2005 Bruce R. Bacon, MD, FACC: *Hereditary Hemochromatosis - What We Have Learned Since the Discovery of HFE*
- 2004 Brian Saunders, MBBS, MD, MRCP: *Colonoscopy in Evolution*
- 2003 Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG: *Demystifying Motility; Gut Motor Dysfunction in Clinical Practice*
- 2002 Roger Williams, CBE, MD: *Improved Treatments for Decompensated Liver Disease Including Liver Support Devices*
- 2001 Richard P. MacDermott, MD, FACC: *Immunology and Therapy of IBD*
- 2000 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Patients' Attitudes and Apprehensions About Endoscopy: Calming Troubled Waters*
- 1999 Marcia Angell, MD: *Evaluating Media Stories of Health Risk*
- 1998 Kees Huibregtse, MD: *The Endoscopic Approach to Benign Bile Duct Strictures and Leaks*
- 1997 David Wingate, MD: *Small Bowel Motility - Out of the Closet and into the Clinic*
- 1996 Guido Tytgat, MD: *Conditions Mimicking Crohn's Disease*
- 1995 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: *Peptic Ulcer Disease: The Rest of the Story*
- 1994 Eugene R. Schiff, MD, FACC: *Long Term Treatment of Chronic Viral C Hepatitis*

- 1993 Jerome Kassirer, MD, FACC: *Making Decisions with Patients: Fixing the Flaws*
- 1992 Willis C. Maddrey, MD, FACC: *Chronic Hepatitis - 1992*
- 1991 Robert H. Blank, MD: *Rationing Medicine: Hard Choices in the 1990's*
- 1990 Vay Liang Go, MD: *Brain-Gut Interaction: Relevance to Clinical Gastroenterology*
- 1989 Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock: *Liver Disease - The Next Decade*
- 1988 Thomas Almy, MD (Hon.): *The Gastroenterologist and The Graying of America*
- 1987 John Fordtran, MD, FACC (Hon.): *Recent Insights into the Pathogenesis of Chronic Diarrhea*
- 1986 Henry D. Janowitz, MD, FACC: *The Natural History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Therapeutic Decisions*
- 1985 Norton J. Greenberger, MD, FACC (Hon.): *Pathophysiological Approach to the Patient with a Diarrheal Disorder*
- 1984 Henri Sarles, MD: *Management of Pain in Chronic Pancreatitis*
- 1983 Denis P. Burkitt, MD: *The Role of Fibre in the Prevention of Common Intestinal Disease*
- 1982 Howard A. Spiro, MD, FACC: *From Parsnips to Pomegranates - A Look Back at Gastroenterology*
- 1981 Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, FACC: *Clinical Perspectives of Gastric Secretion*
- 1980 Charles E. Code, MD, FACC (Hon.): *The InterDigestive Gastrointestinal Housekeeper*
- 1979 Baruch S. Blumberg, MD, FACC (Hon.): *The Relation Between HBsAG and Hepatic Carcinoma*
- 1978 Charles S. Lieber, MD, FACC: *Alcohol and the Liver: Progress Through 1978*
- 1977 Joseph B. Kirsner, MD, FACC (Hon.): *The Biomedical Problems Presented by Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- 1976 Basil C. Morson, MD, FACC (Hon.): *Biopsy of the Colon and Rectum in Inflammatory Disease*
- 1975 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACC (Hon.): *What Should Distinguish a Gastroenterologist?*
- 1974 Lloyd M. Nyhus, MD, FACC (Hon.): *New Frontiers in Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer*
- 1973 Henry L. Bockus, MD, FACC (Hon.): *The Doctor Image*

- 1972 Henry Colcher, MD, FACC: *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 1972*
- 1971 Irving M. Arias, MD, FACC (Hon.): *Jaundice-1972*
- 1970 Hans Popper, MD, FACC (Hon.): *The Problem of Hepatitis*
- 1969 Richard H. Marshak, MD, FACC: *Ulcerative Granulomas and Ischemic Colitis*
- 1968 David A. Dreiling, MD, FACC: *Basic Mechanism in Pancreatic Secretion*

PAST DAVID SUN LECTURERS

- 2021 Jerome D. Wayne, MD, MACG: *Colon Polyps: Going and Gone*
- 2020 Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), FACC: *Cardiogastroenterology: Intersectional Thinking to Meet New Clinical Needs*
- 2019 Miguel D. Regueiro, MD, FACC: *The IBD Medical Home and Neighborhood: It Takes a Village*
- 2018 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG: *Translational Approaches to Common GI Diseases... Thinking Out of the Box...The Future is Now!*
- 2017 Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FACC: *Screening and Surveillance of Barrett's Esophagus: Where Are We Now and What Does the Future Hold?*
- 2016 Nicholas J. Talley, MD, MBBS, PhD, MMedSci, FACC: *Functional Disease of the Gastrointestinal Tract: Is There a Light at the End of the Tunnel?*
- 2015 William D. Chey, MD, FACC: *Food: The Main Course to Disease and Wellness*
- 2014 Thomas A. Scully, JD: *The Cloudy Future for Physicians: Reimbursement and Practice Changes in the Post-ACA Era*
- 2013 Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH: *Gastroenterology and Public Health in the Era of Health Reform*
- 2012 Douglas A. Drossman, MD, MACG: *Helping Your Patient by Helping Yourself: How to Improve the Patient-Physician Relationship*
- 2011 Gregory B. Haber, MD, FACC: *Challenges in ERCP—Lessons Learned*
- 2010 Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FACC: *Détente in the Therapy of GERD*
- 2009 Fergus Shanahan, MD, FACC: *Gut Microbes: From Bugs to Drugs*
- 2008 William J. Sandborn, MD, FACC: *The Future Direction of IBD Care*

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- 2007 H. Worth Boyce, Jr., MD, MACG: *Esophageal Dilatation: A Perspective of 45 Years of Experience: Pearls, Perils and Pitfalls*
- 2006 Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FACP: *Natural Orifice Transgastric Endoscopic Surgery: Dawn of a New Era*
- 2005 Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG: *Optimizing the Impact and Safety of Colonoscopy in Colon Cancer Prevention*
- 2004 Richard L. Sampliner, MD, FACP: *Current Controversies in Barrett's Esophagus*
- 2003 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Superior Mesenteric Arterial Emboli and Acute Mesenteric Ischemia: An Update*
- 2002 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACP: *The Differential Diagnosis of Colitis*
- 2001 Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACP: *Chronic Diarrhea*
- 2000 Teresa Wright, MD: *Hepatitis C in the Next Decade*
- 1999 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP: *New Therapies for the Treatment of IBD*
- 1998 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: *Treatment of H. pylori – 1998*
- 1997 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, FACP: *Alcoholic Liver Disease*
- 1996 Rodger Haggitt, MD, FACP: *Dysplasia in Ulcerative Colitis: A 20-Year Odyssey*
- 1995 David Skinner, MD: *Esophageal Surgery – 1995*
- 1994 Thomas Starzl, MD: *Gastrointestinal Organ Transplantation for the 1990s – An Outcome Analysis. Can We Afford the Technology in the Era of Cost Containment?*
- 1993 Cyrus E. Rubin, MD, FACP: *Small Bowel Pathology*
- 1992 Peter Cotton, MD, FACP: *Malignant Obstructive Jaundice: A Real Challenge*
- 1991 Sum P. Lee, MD, FACP: *Pathophysiology of Gallstone Formation: Romancing the Stone*
- 1990 Marvin Sleisenger, MD: *GI Diseases in the Immunocompromised Host*
- 1989 Laszlo Safrany, MD, FACP: *Bile Ducts, Common Duct Stones, and Pancreatitis*
- 1988 Scott J. Boley, MD: *Colon Ischemia – The First 25 Years*
- 1987 William Y. Chey, MD, FACP: *Ulcerogenic Tumor Syndrome in 1987*

- 1986 David H. Van Thiel, MD, FACP: *Liver Transplant – The Role of the Gastroenterologist*
- 1985 James W. Freston, MD, FACP: *The Therapy of Peptic Ulcer Disease: Where are We?*
- 1984 Henri Sarles, MD: *Pathogenesis of Alcoholic Chronic Pancreatitis – A Secretary Concept*
- 1983 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACP: *The Clinical Trial*
- 1982 Sidney J. Winawer, MD, FACP: *Surveillance of GI Cancer*
- 1981 Paul D. Webster, III, MD, FACP: *Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis*
- 1980 Paul Sherlock, MD, FACP: *Current Concepts of the Epidemiology and Etiology of Colorectal Cancer*
- 1979 I. N. Marks, MD, FACP: *Crossroads in Peptic Ulcer Therapy*
- 1978 Rosalyn S. Yalow, PhD: *Radioimmunoassay in Gastroenterology*
- 1977 J. Edward Berk, MD, FACP: *New Dimensions in the Laboratory Diagnosis of Pancreatic Disease*

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- 2021 Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACP: *Hidden in Plain Sight: Bringing Women Into the Scope of Gastroenterology*
- 2020 Christopher C. Thompson, MD, MSc, FACP: *Foregut Endotherapy: Cutting Edge Technology for 2020 and Beyond*
- 2019 Ciarán P. Kelly, MD, FACP: *Celiac Disease: Myths and Mysteries*
- 2018 Nicholas J. Talley, AC, MD, MBBS, PhD, MMedSci, MACG: *What Causes Functional GI Disorders? The Latest Data and Insights*
- 2017 Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS: *Refocusing IBD Patient Management: Personalized, Proactive, and Patient-Centered Care*
- 2016 Tram T. Tran, MD, FACP: *Hepatitis C: The Past, the Present, and the Future*
- 2015 Brennan M. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACP: *How Information Technology Will Transform Gastroenterology*
- 2014 Charles N. Bernstein, MD, FACP: *Treatment of IBD: Where We Are and Where We Are Going*

- 2013 David T. Rubin, MD, FACP, & Stephen M. Collins, MBBS: *The Emerging Role of the Microbiome in the Pathogenesis and Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- 2012 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Fecal Transplantation for Persistent C. difficile Infection*
- 2011 Professor Peter Gibson: *Food Choice as a Key Management Strategy for Functional Gastrointestinal Symptoms*
- 2010 Douglas A. Drossman, MD, MACG: *Abuse, Trauma and GI Symptoms: Is There a Link?*
- 2009 Loren A. Laine, MD, FACP: *PPI-Clopidogrel Interaction: Fact or Fiction?*
- 2008 Christopher C. Thompson, MD, FACP: *Endoscopic Management of Obesity; and Michael Sarr, MD: Reoperative Bariatric Surgery, When to and Not to*
- 2007 Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FACP, & Jeffrey L. Ponsky, MD, FACP: *NOTES: Just Because We Can, Should We?*
- 2006 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG, Robert E. Schoen, MD, MPH & Gregory S. Cooper, MD, FACP: *Colon Cancer Screening: When to Start and Stop*
- 2005 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP & William J. Sandborn, MD, FACP: *Steroid-Refractory Severe Acute Ulcerative Colitis: Infliximab or Cyclosporine*
- 2004 Arthur Boudreaux, MD, Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG & Gregory Zuccaro, Jr., MD, FACP: *The Use of Anesthesia in Endoscopy – A Critical Examination*
- 2003 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG & Jay L. Goldstein, MD, FACP: *Emerging Data on NSAIDs, GI Complications and Implications for Your Practice*

PAST DAVID Y. GRAHAM LECTURERS

- 2021 Marla C. Dubinsky, MD: *Navigating the Road From Precision to Prevention in IBD*
- 2020 Ira M. Jacobson, MD, FACP: *From Hepatitis C to COVID-19: Can We Triumph Again?*
- 2019 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP: *Mentoring Mentors*
- 2018 Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP: *Management of Patients With Colorectal Polyps: A Personalized Approach Based on Etiology*
- 2017 Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACP: *On Becoming a Successful Leader: An Amazing Journey or the Road to Nowhere?*

- 2016 Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG: *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, MACG: *Leadership in Medicine 2013: Do We Need a New Approach?*
- 2012 John 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: Respite, 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: *Use of NSAIDs in a COX-2 Restricted Environment*
- 2004 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: *Helicobacter pylori and Gastric Cancer: The Problem - The Solution*
- 2016 David E. Fleischer, MD, FACP: *Why the Esophageal Health of a Masai Tribesman in Kenya Matters to GI Docs in the U.S.*
- 2015 Irving M. Pike, MD, FACP: *National Registry Benchmarking for Colonoscopy Quality: The "High Road" Toward Improving the Performance of Colonoscopy and Cancer Prevention*
- 2014 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP: *Cancer in IBD: The Colon and Beyond*
- 2013 Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACP: *Can We Prevent Cancer in Barrett's Esophagus?*
- 2012 Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP: *Optimizing the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Hereditary Colorectal Cancer*
- 2011 Robert H. Hawes, MD, FACP: *Current Diagnosis and Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas*
- 2010 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG: *Colon Cancer Screening: Evolution to Eradication...*
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