

2019 Master Recipient

Martin L. Freeman, MD, MACG



Martin L. Freeman, MD, MACG, is a Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, where he is Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition; Medical Director of the program for Total Pancreatectomy and Islet Autotransplantation; and Director of the Advanced Pancreaticobiliary Endoscopy Fellowship. He attended medical school at Columbia University and completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Minnesota. After becoming faculty at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, he developed an interest in the field of interventional endoscopy. Although initially focused on biliary disease, his focus soon shifted to pancreatic disease leading

to a seminal multicenter study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1996, which included the first multivariable model to predict risk factors for post ERCP pancreatitis.

Dr. Freeman then broadened his interest to pancreatic disease in general, with a special focus on acute, recurrent and chronic pancreatitis and, in 2006, coauthored the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Guidelines for Management of Acute Pancreatitis with Dr. Peter Banks. Major directions of his clinical interests and research at present include management of severe acute pancreatitis, recurrent acute pancreatitis, pancreaticobiliary cancers, and diagnosis and management of chronic pancreatitis.

Dr. Freeman served on the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from 2006-2012, has served as an abstract review committee chair and reviewer, and is a frequent speaker at both national and regional meetings for ACG. He was awarded the “Master of Endoscopy” Award in 2009 by the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) and served as President of the American Pancreatic Association in 2013.

Dr. Freeman has authored more than 200 papers, including at least 5 original manuscripts in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, and 30 book chapters, as well as leading 3 key instructional DVDs for the ASGE focused on pancreatic interventions. However, his proudest legacy includes mentoring GI fellows and faculty in the field of pancreatology, some of whom have become leaders in their own right.