ACG AWARDS & LEADERSHIP
2020-2021
Celebrating Achievement
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This year in the life of the College will be remembered as one in which our membership demonstrated extraordinary resilience in the face of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and in which the organization and its leaders reinvented ways to deliver on critical aspects of the ACG Mission and Vision. Many signature activities and programs continued to thrive despite myriad challenges, while at the same time the College created important new ways to strengthen our community, connect, learn, and advocate for patients.

LEADERSHIP

A retrospective of the year must start with the ACG leadership and recognize their extraordinary contributions and their dedication to the College, to the GI profession, to their patients, and to our world. The ACG year started with the transition of the College’s presidency in October 2020 in a ceremony that took place at a safe social distance in Central Park in New York City where David A. Greenwald, MD, FACP received his President’s Medal from outgoing president Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACP.

Under Dr. Greenwald’s leadership, the Board of Trustees rose to the many challenges facing ACG, gastroenterology and our society; the Board of Governors showed their agility and dedication; and the College’s committees continued to deliver the strong work that contributes so much to ACG’s success.

The ACG Trustees convened via Zoom for a Board Meeting March 19 and March 20, 2021 and has held all its regular Board meetings online as well as gathering for frequent Board check-ins to address pressing issues during the pandemic.
Forged from necessity during the earliest days of the pandemic, the ACG Virtual Grand Rounds webinar series has emerged as a solid source of excellent clinical education and its lectures now form the up-to-date nucleus of ACG’s online learning platform, the Education Universe. In March 2020, as most of the country began to shut down due to COVID-19, ACG was busy at work creating Virtual Grand Rounds. ACG’s leadership and the Educational Affairs Committee, chaired by Dr. Brooks Cash, recognized that with the implementation of travel restrictions and social distancing, opportunities for face-to-face education were rapidly shrinking. Our members and trainees were going to need a way to stay current on general GI education as well as the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on clinical practice.

In response, ACG quickly created a weekly series of lectures on general GI topics that convened each Thursday at Noon ET to fill a void left by the demise of live lectures. Additional special grand rounds were offered as evening webinars addressing the key issues gastroenterologists would need to understand as they were called to the front lines of the pandemic and the practical challenges of endoscopy loomed large for so many in GI. This robust program now provides a trusted source of clinical education and has expanded to include special sessions for international audiences and to tackle critical challenges such as racism in medicine. A new series of special VGRs is planned with a focus on ACG clinical guidelines.

In 2021, Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, MACG delivered one of the weekly Virtual Grand Rounds, “Preventing Esophageal Cancer.”

The Year in Review

EDUCATION

ACG Virtual Grand Rounds by the Numbers*

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Record-Setting Session with Highest Number of Logins

1466 Weekly Grand Rounds Lecture on April 30: “Celiac Disease... Or Not? A Guide to Celiac Mimickers” Dr. Amy Cuenentko

New for 2021!
- Career Edition VGRs each month
- ACG Guidelines-focused VGRs

2021 Moderators with the Most ACGVGR Sessions
- David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG
- Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG
- Kara M. DeFelice, MD
- Afrin N. Kamal, MD

* As of 9/7
So many experts and leaders contributed to ACG’s efforts to educate members about the challenges of COVID-19. Our leaders and speakers have consistently stepped up with the latest insights and helpful guidance informed by the science and mindful of the overarching public health challenges and practical considerations of caring for GI and liver patients during a pandemic. The College is particularly indebted to members of the Endoscopic Resumption Task Force under the able leadership of Dr. Costas Kefalas and Dr. Neil Stollman. Throughout the pandemic, this group’s efforts to educate, inform, and inspire have been a pillar of the College’s response to COVID.

As vaccines were developed, two leaders emerged to help interpret the science as it applied to GI and liver patients and served as role models and champions for vaccine uptake: Dr. Frank Farraye and Dr. Freddy Caldera. Their clinical and research expertise in vaccines for IBD patients and their immersion in the constantly evolving vaccine science helped inform education programs and public awareness efforts that benefited so many ACG members, their patients, and our larger world. In hosting a series of webinars and as the leaders of ACG’s “1 Fact/1 Myth” patient education campaign, Dr. Farraye and Dr. Caldera ensured that the College could provide clear communications around the latest evidence in a timely way as the world learned “on the fly” about COVID vaccines.
The ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education is the home to some of the College’s most vibrant and most meaningful endeavors – signature programs that advance the practice of gastroenterology, invest in the future of the field, and have a direct impact on the careers of so many gastroenterologists, and, ultimately, the patients they serve.

Under the leadership of Dr. Neena Abraham, the past year has witnessed new grants and new offerings, while sustaining existing programs that have become synonymous with the Institute, such as the Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program and the Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship. The primary goal of the ACG Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program is to develop future leaders in clinical gastroenterology by providing leadership and policy training to for junior faculty or private practice physicians who are less than five years out of training as well as opportunities for GI trainees in their third and fourth year of fellowship. The Institute supports dozens of visiting professorships each year that honor former ACG Institute Director, Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG and enable GI fellowship programs to have high-quality presentations by well-known faculty to bolster the training program by providing lectures, small group discussions, and one-on-one visits with trainees. Additionally, this program allows for community gastroenterologists to learn from an expert either through an evening event or medical grand rounds.

As the source of over $24.2 million in clinical research funding since 1994, the ACG Institute in 2021 recommended total funding for awards in excess of $1.9 million. The Institute launched a new award for mid-career investigators and is proud of the scope of its overall support for young investigators, including fellows, residents, and medical students. A new award co-sponsored by ASGE funds research using the dataset of the GI Quality Improvement Consortium (“GIQuIC”), the ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. For 2022, the Institute is pleased to introduce an important new “Health Equity Research Award,” a one-year grant of $50,000 in targeted research funding to produce actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or health care disparities, thereby promoting health equity.
During a tumultuous time of pandemic, the College has acted on its longstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion while using its voice, position in the GI field, and resources to address the challenges of diversity in our profession and health disparities facing our patients. Over and over again, at critical moments, ACG has stepped forward as an organization to tackle the tough issues, and, thanks to the tremendous vision and leadership of so many, has translated its ideals into action with tangible outcomes.

Chair of the ACG Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, Dr. Darrell Gray shared his perspective about ACG’s commitment to diversity at a 2020 Town Hall on Health Equity: “Diversity is intertwined into the fabric of what makes our organization great, but also makes us as a community of gastroenterologists, hepatologists, nurse practitioners, and patient advocates, even stronger. It’s not only our diversity in terms of race and ethnicity; it’s also a diversity of ideas.”

Dr. Gray, along with Vice Chair of the DEI Committee, Dr. Sophie Balzora, also represent the College within the Intersociety Group on Diversity comprised of physician leaders from AASLD, AGA, ASGE and NASPGHAN. Together with the ACG Public Relations Committee, Dr. Gray and Dr. Balzora also are the moving force behind the social media campaign #DiversityinGI, and they inspired the virtual 5K race for diversity that was a highlight of the 2020 ACG Virtual Annual Meeting and which will again be a centerpiece of the ACG 2021 experience. With this race, ACG has created a model of engaged, meaningful, collegial, and celebratory virtual events based on healthy activities that our members love and model in their own lives.

The DEI Committee has envisioned and is bringing to life a new Health Equity module for the ACG Education Universe, helped shape the RFA for the ACG Institute’s new Health Equity Research Award, continues to reach out to inspire high school students to pursue careers in medicine and science through the “Prescriptions for Success” program, and funds a Summer Scholars program to provide research experience and mentorship for medical students and residents from groups under-represented in medicine. Importantly, the committee has provided leadership and vision on a series of webinars taking on the issues of racism in medicine, and in May 2021 hosted an evening webinar, “Allyship and Action: In Solidarity Against Anti-Asian Racism.”

The ACG #DiversityinGI campaign and related virtual 5K race are a testament to the commitment of so many within the College to put a spotlight on the issues of equity and inclusion while celebrating the diversity of the GI profession.
The highly anticipated update to ACG’s Clinical Guidelines on Colorectal Cancer Screening published in the March 2021 issue of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and recommended all average risk individuals begin screening at age 45. ACG has recommended that African Americans begin screening at age 45 since 2005. The guidelines’ co-authors are Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC; Charles J. Kahi, MD, MSc, FACC; Carol A. Burke, MD, FACC; Linda Rabeneck, MD, MPH, MACG; Bryan G. Sauer, MD, MSc, FACC (GRADE Methodologist); and Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG. The new guidelines formed the centerpiece for the College’s awareness efforts during March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and generated extensive media coverage and commentary.

**New Patient Education Materials on CRC Screening During COVID-19**

To dovetail with the new guidelines, the ACG Public Relations Committee in March 2021 launched a multi-faceted education campaign with new patient education resources with information about colorectal cancer prevention, screening options, and the safety and importance of colorectal cancer screening during the coronavirus pandemic. ACG members can download an infographic, brochure, flyers, and rack cards to download and/or print, as well as and social media banners, messages, and pointers for community education from the ACG Website at [bit.ly/ACG-CRC-Toolkit](http://bit.ly/ACG-CRC-Toolkit).

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

The signature event for ACG’s socially distanced celebration of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month evolved from a suggestion by Dr. David Greenwald and Dr. Seth Gross. Tapping the energy and commitment of so many ACG members, “Ride or Stride for 45” truly showcased the incredible variety of ways that the GI community will go the distance to raise awareness of colorectal cancer. In this virtual challenge, Dr. Greenwald, Dr. Gross, Dr. Ali and the PR Committee invited the entire GI community 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.

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

ACG was proud to host a free webstream event, “Tune It Up: A Concert to Raise Awareness of Colorectal Cancer,” on Wednesday, March 31st 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. ACG’s goal was to tap the connection and energy that music creates to shine a light on the importance of colorectal cancer screening and prevention.

**“Dress in Blue Day” – All #MaskUp and Ready to Screen for CRC**

Friday, March 5, 2021 was unlike any other Dress in Blue Day ever, but, even during COVID-19, ACG members showed their masked faces for CRC awareness and ACG celebrated their undaunted support for CRC prevention via social media. While social distancing was the reality, Dress in Blue Day still offered an important opportunity to bring attention to a serious public health challenge of colorectal cancer. While many could not deliver the typical in-person education and events this year, nevertheless the GI community was able to #MaskUp and go #BlueForCRC!

Dr. David Greenwald exemplified the spirit of Dress in Blue Day in 2021 along with his masked team at The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York who sported custom tee shirts.
While 2021 is a year of leadership changes for all three of ACG’s journals, their reputation and usefulness continue to grow, and the future looks very bright. After a 6-year tenure at the helm of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, Co-Editors-in-Chief Dr. Brian Lacy and Dr. Brennan Spiegel will turn over the reins to Dr. Jasmohan Bajaj and Dr. Millie Long, both of whom have been active on the *AJG* editorial board over the years. At *Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology*, Dr. Brian Jacobson assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief from Dr. David Whitcomb, who ably led the growth of this online, open access publication. Each year on July 1st, the editorial team at *ACG Case Reports Journal* passes the torch as a new cohort of GI fellows-in-training assume responsibility for editing this online journal of interesting cases. The College recognizes with great thanks all the editors, their hardworking editorial boards and reviewers, and looks ahead with anticipation to the next era for all three journals.

In April 2021, the College proudly published the latest book by Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG, “A Look Back – Reflections on Medical History & Artifacts from the Pages of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.” With a keen eye for fascinating images and a gift for vivid and erudite descriptions, Dr. Kravetz reflects on artifacts and trends in the evolution of modern medicine and finds lessons and insights from medical antiques that remain fascinating and relevant today. At age 87, he was grateful that the pandemic gave him time from his busy teaching schedule at the University of Arizona Medical College in Phoenix to complete this book. He currently serves as a Clinical Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanism as well as a Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine and is still actively involved in teaching.
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 2021:
- Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Lacy, et al.
- Colorectal Cancer Screening 2021, Shaukat, et al.
- Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Clostridioides difficile Infections, Kelly, et al.
- Upper Gastrointestinal and Ulcer Bleeding, Laine, et al.
- Diagnosis and Management of Idiosyncratic Drug-Induced Liver Injury, Chalasani, et al.

PUBLIC POLICY

ACG’s commitment to advocacy never faltered during pandemic lockdown, and, in fact, the ACG Governors conducted their 2020 and 2021 Advocacy Days virtually, culminating in a legislative victory. After years of persistent advocacy before federal legislators by innumerable ACG leaders, Governors and members, the College was deeply gratified that Congress passed a long-overdue resolution to a problem that has been impacting GI patients for decades. The “Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act” was included in the $900 billion COVID-19 relief and stimulus agreement, and $1.4 trillion omnibus federal government spending bill cleared by Congress on December 21, 2020.

The legislation was championed in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Donald Payne, Jr. (D-NJ), who introduced the bill upon losing his father, former Rep. Donald Payne, Sr. (D-NJ) to colorectal cancer in 2012. The bill fixes an unintended coverage quirk impacting Medicare coverage of screening colonoscopy that was enacted as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (now known as the “ACA”).

The College recognizes with thanks the countless ACG members, Governors, and leaders whose unstinting efforts over the years to communicate with legislators, visit Capitol Hill, write to their Members of Congress, engage with patient advocates and allies of colorectal cancer screening and champion colorectal cancer screening at the national level all helped move this issue forward and ultimately contributed to passage of this important legislation.

The “Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act” was passed by Congress on December 21, 2020 thanks to its primary legislative champion, Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr.

The Board of Governors, Young Physician Leadership Scholars, and members of the ACG Legislative & Public Policy Council joined together to participate in the 2021 ACG Advocacy Day. The day of virtual meetings focused on sharing stories and insights with legislators and their staffs to help advance care for gastroenterology patients while educating congressional leaders on the issues that matter in clinical GI practice, including colorectal cancer screening and prevention despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governors and YPLSP participants urged their representatives to support The Safe Step Act (S. 464; H.R. 2163) and discussed telehealth legislation pending before Congress as well as policies to reduce disparities in colorectal cancer screening.

Members of the ACG Board of Governors and Legislative & Public Policy Council are instrumental in advancing ACG’s policy priorities and representing clinical GI.
LECTURESHIPS
2021
J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer

William D. Chey, MD, FACG
The End of the Beginning: Megatrends in Gastroenterology

William D. Chey, MD, FACG, received his BA degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a medical degree and training in internal medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine. He completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Following fellowship, Dr. Chey has remained at the University of Michigan, where he is currently the Timothy T. Nostrand Collegiate Professor of Gastroenterology, Director, GI Physiology Laboratory, Medical Director, Michigan Bowel Control Program, and Director, Digestive Disorders Nutrition and Behavioral Health Program. He was awarded a joint appointment in the Department of Nutrition Sciences in 2015.

Dr. Chey’s research interests focus on the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of gut-brain interaction and \textit{H. pylori} infection. He is a medical innovator and holds 3 patents. He co-founded “My Total Health,” a company developing novel health information technology solutions for persons with GI problems.

Dr. Chey has authored more than 350 manuscripts, reviews, chapters, and books. He served as Co-editor-in-Chief of \textit{The American Journal of Gastroenterology} from 2010-2015. Dr. Chey is a member of American College of Gastroenterology’s (ACG) Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Rome Foundation. He will become ACG Secretary in 2021.

In 2014, Dr. Chey was inducted into the Clinical Excellence Society of the Department of Medicine, received the Dean’s Outstanding Clinician Award, and was inducted into the League of Research Excellence at the University of Michigan. In 2015, he was inducted into the Clinical Excellence Society at UM and received the Distinguished Clinician Award from the American Gastroenterological Association. In 2019, he received the Dean’s Award for Innovation and Commercialization. In 2020, Dr. Chey was awarded the prestigious Berk-Fise Clinical Achievement Award from the ACG.

1 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.
Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH, FACG

*Changing the Narrative on Colorectal Cancer Prevention: Translating Stories to Partnership, Policy, and Practice*

Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH, FACG, is a gastroenterologist, public health professional, and researcher whose work aims to advance health equity through innovation in care delivery, community engagement, and addressing drivers of health outside of the walls of healthcare. He served as Medical Director of Healthy Communities and Deputy Director of the Center for Cancer Health Equity at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and Comprehensive Cancer Center, respectively. There, Dr. Gray founded the Provider and Community Engagement Program for Health Equity in Colorectal Cancer Prevention, an initiative recognized with a National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable National Achievement Award and multiple ACG SCOPY Awards. Dr. Gray now serves as the inaugural Chief Health Equity Officer for Anthem, Inc.

Within the ACG, Dr. Gray is Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. He also serves on FightCRC’s medical advisory board, the editorial advisory board for *Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology*, and the board of directors for the Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists.

Dr. Gray is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and graduate of Morehouse College and Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center and Gastroenterology fellowship at Washington University. He subsequently earned a Master's in Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health as a Commonwealth Fund Fellow.

Dr. Gray has received numerous awards in recognition of his clinical, research, and leadership accomplishments, yet he considers his roles as husband to wife Brittney and father to children Harper, Ella, and Noah as his crowning achievements.

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.
Marla C. Dubinsky, MD

Navigating the Road From Precision to Prevention in IBD

Marla C. Dubinsky, MD, is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY. Dr. Dubinsky received her medical degree from Queen’s University, Canada. She completed her pediatric residency at Alberta Children’s Hospital, Calgary, Canada, and her clinical fellowship in gastroenterology and nutrition at Sainte-Justine Hospital at the University of Montreal, Canada. She completed her research fellowship in IBD at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, where she served as the Director of the Pediatric IBD Center before going to Mount Sinai as the Chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition at the Mount Sinai Kravis Children’s Hospital and Co-Director of the Susan and Leonard Feinstein IBD Clinical Center. Dr. Dubinsky is also the Co-Director of the IBD Preconception and Pregnancy Planning Clinic at Mount Sinai. She is the Co-Founder of Mi-Test Health, and Cornerstones Health which is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing and transforming communication between health care providers, patients, and industry partners through creative, comprehensive, and expert-based educational program. She is also the Co-Founder of Trellus Health, a resilience-driven connected health solution for chronic conditions.

Dr. Dubinsky has been engaged in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) clinical and translational research for over two decades. Dr. Dubinsky’s primary research focuses on developing predictive models and web-based decision support tools that integrate clinical and biomarkers to predict the natural history of IBD and response to therapy. She has a keen interest in personalized medicine in IBD and her research uncovers predictors of rapid disease progression with the goal of preventing complications by altering treatment plans. Dr. Dubinsky is the principal investigator of multiple large longitudinal cohorts including the Road to Prevention Multiplex Family Program at Mount Sinai with over 700 enrolled participants with a goal of using multi-omic data to predict the development of IBD in unaffected family members and co-investigator of the Risk Stratification and Identification of Immunogenetic and Microbial Markers of Rapid Disease Progression in Children with Crohn’s Disease (RISK) study and senior author on the manuscript presenting a model to predict the natural history of pediatric Crohn’s disease. Dr. Dubinsky is very committed to women’s reproductive health in IBD and, in addition to her research in this field, she is the co-founder of WECARE in IBD, an organization dedicated to the health of women with IBD. She has lectured widely, both nationally and internationally, and has published in more than 220 peer-reviewed journals, including Gastroenterology, Lancet, JAMA, The Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, The Journal of Crohn’s and Colitis, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, and The American Journal of Gastroenterology.
Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG

Colon Polyps: Going and Gone

Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG, was born in Shanghai, China and came to live in Kankakee, Illinois when he was five years old and later moved to New Jersey until attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. While at MIT he was the coxswain of the crew team which won every race in his senior year and then won their event at the Henley Royal Regatta in England. He went on to attend Boston University Medical School where he was on scholarship and worked three jobs: one was on the Third Surgical Service at Boston City Hospital where he arose at 4:30 each morning to draw blood on 60 surgical patients. In the evening he worked in the laboratory at Deaconess Hospital and at a private mental infirmary.

He came to New York for internship and residency as well as a GI fellowship and has stayed at Mount Sinai Hospital ever since. During his GI fellowship, fiberoptic instruments were acquired but the teachers of rigid instruments paid them little attention. In the next three years advances in technology overcame the two instructors of rigid procedures who resigned and Dr. Waye became the new chief of endoscopy as fiberoptic scopes completely replaced the rigid instruments. Following completion of training he went into private practice but remained chief of endoscopy for over 20 years. Dr. Waye developed an interest in colonoscopy when those instruments first came out and also in ERCP. Dr. Waye traveled to Japan to learn how to do ERCP and came back to perfect the technique and then introduced this procedure to New York where he traveled on weekends around the city to teach ERCP at various hospitals. When the era of therapeutic ERCP began, Dr. Waye made a decision that he would rather perform colonoscopy and devoted himself to that technique.

During 51 years in private practice, he developed techniques that circumvented the need for fluoroscopic imaging during colonoscopy and various new approaches to the performance of colonoscopy and polypectomy. While in private practice, he wrote seven books including the major text on colonoscopy and became a professor of medicine. Dr. Waye has written over 200 papers in peer reviewed journals and has lectured and participated in live endoscopy demonstrations in every continent with the exception of Antarctica. He has been made an honorary member of seven gastroenterology and endoscopy societies. In his spare time, he pursued an interest in magic and was often the evening entertainment at international GI conferences. Dr. Waye has served as President of the ACG, the ASGE, and more recently, the World Endoscopy Organization. He was a founding member of the New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and also served as its President. He was also President of the Mount Sinai Alumni Association and received its highest honor, the Gold Headed Cane Award. He has been given the highest honor of the ACG and the ASGE, the Samuel S. Weiss Award and the Schindler Award, respectively. Dr. Waye joined the full time staff of the Division of Gastroenterology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai 5 years ago and developed the Center for Advanced Colonoscopy and Therapeutic Endoscopy at Sinai (CACTES). He retired from practice on the last day of 2019.

Since then, Dr. Waye traveled to Ethiopia and Uganda to teach seminars in colonoscopy. He has continued to teach and is the first person to train doctors in endoscopy remotely via the Zoom platform.

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.
Hidden in Plain Sight: Bringing Women Into the Scope of Gastroenterology

Amy Oxentenko, MD, FACP

Amy Oxentenko, MD, FACP, is a Professor of Medicine, and serves as Chair of Medicine for Mayo Clinic in Arizona. She completed Residency, Chief Residency, and GI Fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, being a recipient of the IM Residency’s Outstanding Achievement Award, the GI Division’s Bargen Award, and the Institutional Mayo Brothers’ Distinguished Fellowship Award. She served as APD for both the GI Fellowship and IM Residency before taking over as PD of the GI Fellowship/Advanced Fellowship Programs, later serving as IM Residency PD for one of the largest GME programs in the country, a role she served for 7 years. Dr. Oxentenko has served as Associate Chair for Education for GI and an Associate Chair for the Department of IM.

She is a prior Co-Director and Co-Editor of Mayo's GI Board Review Course and Book, respectively, and has been an author and editor for GI MKSAP. Dr. Oxentenko has served as the GI content writer for the IM In-Training Examination. She is past Chair of ACG’s Women in GI and Self-Assessment Test Committees, a past member of ACG’s Training, Educational Affairs and Professionalism Committees, and helped create and Co-Chaired the ACG Train-the-Trainer program, and serves on the WGO’s TTT Program Advisory Committee. She is a prior ACG representative for the Multi-Society GI Program Director Caucus.

Dr. Oxentenko received the ACG/Salix Leadership Training Award and attended the High Potential Leadership Program at Harvard Business School. She serves on the Executive team of the ACGME Review Committee, and has served as Senior Associate Editor for The American Journal of Gastroenterology. She was a recipient of the Department of IM Distinguished Contributions to Medical Education Award, Mayo’s Program Director of the Year Award, and Mayo’s prestigious Distinguished Educator Award. She joined the ACG Board of Trustees in 2017 and currently serves as Secretary for 2020-21.
Nicholas J. Talley AC, MD, PhD, MACG

Distinguished Laureate Professor Nicholas J. Talley, AC, MD, PhD, MACG, is currently the Director of the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Digestive Health at the University of Newcastle, Australia. He is a clinician, educator and researcher, with extensive experience as a leader in the medical and University sectors. He holds current formal academic appointments at Mayo Clinic, University of North Carolina and the Karolinska Institute.

Dr. Talley is a neurogastroenterologist and highly successful original investigator funded in the past by NIH and currently by NHMRC. His focus has been on research translation, and in recent years the work has concentrated on subtle intestinal inflammation, the microbiome and unexplained gut symptoms. He has published over 1000 papers in the peer-reviewed literature and is considered one of the world’s most influential clinician-researchers. Dr. Talley’s work in eosinophilic gut diseases and their pathophysiological link to functional gut disorders has been ground-breaking. He is listed on Google Scholar as Australia’s most cited academic with more than 126,000 citations, and has been listed in the past among the top 400 most highly cited living biomedical researchers and is the most cited gastroenterology researcher.

Dr. Talley is the Editor-in-Chief of the Medical Journal of Australia (since 2015). He is also a leading medical educator and the author of the highly regarded textbooks Clinical Examination and Examination Medicine. In June 2014, Dr. Talley was inaugurated as one of the first 15 Fellows of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (FAHMS) and was elected to the Executive of the Academy.

Dr. Talley was Co-Editor-in-Chief of The American Journal of Gastroenterology from 2004-2009 and served on the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Board of Trustees from 2003-2009.

Dr. Talley was on the consultant staff at Mayo Clinic for 12 years in Rochester, Minnesota, where he held the rank of Professor of Medicine and Professor of Epidemiology and was Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, from 2007-2010.

Dr. Talley previously held an appointment as Pro Vice-Chancellor of Global Research from 2015-2019 and Pro Vice-Chancellor (and Dean) of the Faculty of Health and Medicine at the University of Newcastle from 2010-2015 and was seconded to be the Deputy Vice-Chancellor-Research (Acting) at the University of Newcastle from June 2013 to March 2014.

Dr. Talley is a Senior Staff Specialist and gastroenterologist at John Hunter Hospital and attends clinic and endoscopy lists on a weekly basis. He is a Master of the ACG, and a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (and Past President 2014-2016), the Royal College of Physicians (both London and Edinburgh), the American College of Physicians, and the American Gastroenterological Association. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

Dr. Talley was made a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for his contributions to medicine in 2018.

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.
V. G. Mohan Prasad, MD

V. G. Mohan Prasad, MD, from India, a gastroenterologist of 34 years of service, has served as a National President of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology and Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopists of India. He is currently the Chairman and Chief Gastroenterologist of the VGM Hospital – Institute of Gastroenterology in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. He served as an Adjunct Professor for the same University for 5 years, and presently he is an Advisory Member of the National Board of Examinations, Government of India. Dr. Prasad is the inventor of Endoscopic Collagen Spray for hemostasis of GI Bleeds and healing of ulcers for which he was conferred an Honorary Fellowship by the Royal College of Edinburgh, UK.

He is a two-time winner of the Guinness World Record for creating Hepatitis Awareness on World Hepatitis Day 2012 with 3,500 children and 2013 with 13,522 children under one roof.

In 1998, as Deputy Governor for Rotary District 3200, he launched a Hepatitis B vaccination project for children of twelve districts to vaccinate 100,000 children, requiring 300,000 doses of vaccines. The cost of a Hepatitis B vaccine was unaffordable for the masses. Dr. Prasad personally negotiated with the Chairman of Shanta Biotechnique and reduced the cost of a pediatric dose from $10 to .90¢ US per dose, forcing all companies in India to reduce the HB vaccine cost to .90¢ US per dose. This project was successfully completed with 1 million doses.

While the prevalence of HCV in India is 1%, the prevalence in the 21 villages of Annur is 10 to 13%. Seventy free screening camps for HBV and HCV have been done and for 700 patients, free eradication of HCV was carried out.

The town of Udumalpet in South India with a population of 100,000 was devoid of Blood Banks. Saving the lives of bleeders was close to impossible. Dr. Prasad initiated a Rotary Matching Grant Project with the US and India. In 1999, IMA Rotary Blood Bank was inaugurated at Udumalpet. Even in 2021 it is the solo Blood Bank at Udumalpet catering to a population of 200,000 (More than 100,000 units of blood have been given at an affordable cost).

Dr. Prasad is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, US for Global Polio Eradication Initiative. He formed a charitable AAGG TRUST and donated a Wedding Hall whose income since 1985 goes for education and health care expenditure of the needy with a free clinic at Udumalpet treating 35,000 patients (1990 – 2005) and a Free Liver Wellness Clinic for the poor at Coimbatore, since 2015.

Dr Prasad also started the VGM Foundation, which organizes web lectures for doctors and lay public in addition to a monthly teaching program for the postgraduates in Gastroenterology namely ‘SAGE’ since January 2021. In January 2021 he published a 400-page textbook on APD.
Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, MACG

Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, MACG, is the Clifford Joseph Barborka Professor of Medicine and Medical Director of the Digestive Health Center at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine since 2014. He received his medical degree from the University of Illinois Chicago, and completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Chicago in 1982. In 1999, he was named the Joseph B. Kirsner Chair in Medicine and was designated Chief of the Section of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the University of Chicago from 1999-2014.

Dr. Hanauer is a Fellow and past President of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and former Chair of the American Gastroenterological Association’s (AGA) Inflammation, Immunology, and IBD Section. He is also a prior member of the Gastroenterology Specialty Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a member and former-Chairman of the International Organization for Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Among his many honors, Dr. Hanauer received the AGA’s Fiterman Foundation Joseph B. Kirsner Award in Gastroenterology and the Janssen Award for Clinical Excellence. He has served as a member of the U.S. FDA Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee since 1987, he Chaired the Committee from 1998-2000, and he presently serves the Center for Drug Development and Research as a Special Consultant defining new guidelines for clinical evaluation of IBD patients. In February 2020, he received the Great Teachers Award from the National Institute of Health (NIH) and in October 2020, received the Master of the ACG.

He is an Internationally recognized expert on the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease and advisor on the development of multiple leading IBD drugs. Dr. Hanauer has expertise in designing and leading clinical studies for IBD related therapies and has acted as a clinical investigator and/or advisor to pharmaceutical companies in the development of most of the leading IBD therapies.

Dr. Hanauer has authored over 475 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous books and book chapters, abstracts, monographs, and editorials. He is the former Editor-in-Chief of Nature Clinical Practice Gastroenterology & Hepatology and has served on the editorial boards of Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, The American Journal of Gastroenterology and Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. He has been a reviewer for NEJM, Annals of Internal Medicine, Lancet, Gastroenterology and numerous specialty journals.

In addition to his passion for clinical care, Dr. Hanauer considers his greatest accomplishment to be the mentorship of numerous trainees and young faculty. He is extremely proud of the successes of such notable trainees as Drs. Brett A. Lashner (prior editor IBD), Sunanda V. Kane (past ACG President), Laura E. Raffals (Mayo Clinic), David T. Rubin (The Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation), Russell D. Cohen (University of Chicago IBD Center), Geert D’Haens (Amsterdam, prior President of ECCO), Filip Baert (Leuven Belgium), Miles P. Sparrow (Melbourne, Australia), Scott D. Lee (University of Washington), Themis Dassopoulos (Baylor Scott & White), Henit A. Yanai (Jerusalem), amongst many other local, regional, national, and international IBD experts. They will forever be his most relevant legacy.
Dawn T. Provenzale, MD, FACG  
(1955-2021)

The American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) celebrates the life of Dawn T. Provenzale, MD, FACG, and recognizes her numerous contributions to clinical research, education, mentorship, and patient care. At the time of her death in April 2021, Dr. Provenzale served as Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology at the Duke University School of Medicine and as Director of the Cooperative Studies Program Epidemiology Center at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

She was a co-investigator on a Veterans Administrations trial, “Colonoscopy vs. Fecal Immunochemical Test in Reducing Mortality from Colorectal Cancer (CONFIRM)” with Dr. Jason Dominitz and Dr. Douglas Robertson.

She served as a Member of ACG’s Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2007. Dr. Provenzale chaired the College’s Research Committee from 2000 to 2004, and in this role was an At-Large member of the Board of the ACG Institute. She was an associate editor of The American Journal of Gastroenterology from 1998 to 2003.

Within a short time after her arrival at Duke in 1992, Dr. Provenzale initiated the first training program in health services research in gastroenterology in the United States. Over the last 25 years, this program has trained numerous undergraduates, medical students, graduate students, and junior faculty.

Dr. Provenzale made important contributions to the understanding of colorectal cancer screening and surveillance, Barrett’s esophagus surveillance, and the risk of esophageal cancer, and inflammatory bowel disease. As the Director of GI Outcomes Research at Duke University, she headed a research program that integrates observational research, and measurement of patient-centered outcomes in gastrointestinal cancer screening, surveillance and quality of care with a focus on genetic epidemiology, health services genomics in gastroenterology and gastrointestinal cancer. She served as Chair of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guideline Committee for Colorectal Cancer Screening.

Dr. Provenzale graduated with Distinction with a BS in Nursing from Cornell University. She received her MD from Albany Medical College and completed her residency training at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and fellowships in gastroenterology and clinical decision making at New England Medical Center in Boston. In 1991 she earned a master’s degree in epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. In 1999 and 2001, she received the American College of Gastroenterology Governors Award for Excellence in Clinical Research – Best Scientific Paper. In 2008, she was recognized with the AGA Foundation’s 2008 Outstanding AGA Women in Science.
Satish S. C. Rao, MD, PhD, FACP

Professor Satish S. C. Rao, MD, PhD, FRCP (LON), AGAF, FACP, is the J. Harold Harrison, MD, Distinguished University Chair in Gastroenterology and Founding Director, Digestive Health Center and Clinical Research Center, and tenured Professor of Medicine and Director, Neurogastroenterology/Motility at Augusta University. He received his MD from Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, India; his PhD from the University of Sheffield, UK; and Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) in London, UK. He completed his internal medicine training at several academic centers in the UK and clinical research fellowships in gastroenterology at the Universities of Sheffield and Liverpool, UK. He is past President of the American Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society.

His research interests in neurogastroenterology/motility have focused on gaining mechanistic insights, developing novel diagnostic tools, and pioneering innovative treatments for constipation, dyssynergic defecation, fecal incontinence, IBS, food intolerance, gas, bloating and small intestinal bacterial and fungal overgrowth (SIBO/SIFO), and visceral pain. Having identified dyssynergic defecation, a problem that affects one third of constipated patients, he pioneered its remedy, biofeedback therapy, as well as other novel treatments, including sensory adaptation training for rectal hypersensitivity. His innovations include several novel tests: translumbosacral anorectal magnetic stimulation for pelvic floor neuropathy, esophageal balloon distention for chest pain, fructose and fructan breath tests, and assessment of bi-directional gut and brain interactions in humans. His latest invention, translumbosacral neuromodulation therapy (TNT), is revolutionizing treatment for fecal incontinence. He has been awarded 4 patents.

Dr. Rao is a National Institutes of Health-funded principal investigator for over 20 years and currently holds NIH U01 and RO-1 grants. Dr. Rao has edited 10 books, including Clinical and Basic Neurogastroenterology & Motility (2020) with 50 percent of chapters written by his mentees. He has published over 500 peer-reviewed articles with 24,000 citations, an H index of 88 and i10 index of 240. An astute clinician, Dr. Rao has been selected as one of the “Best Doctors in America” for over 25 years. He has mentored over 100 post-doctoral fellows, graduate research assistants, and physicians from across the world, many of whom are leaders and professors in their own countries and directors of Neurogastroenterology/Motility. Thirty-three of his mentees have received national/international research awards – a testament to his dedication as a distinguished mentor. He has been invited as visiting professor to lecture in over 150 medical schools and 40 national/international societies in 36 countries, including live demonstrations of motility procedures.

His meritorious research and academic contributions have been recognized by national and international awards including the ACG Auxiliary Research Award and ACG Presidential Poster Awards. He is a brilliant role model and sought-after educator who has been awarded the ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship, AGA Distinguished Educator Award, and Medical College of Georgia Mentoring Excellence Award. Dr. Rao is one of a rare breed of academicians who has excelled as an internationally renowned researcher, distinguished educator, outstanding physician and a superb academic role model and mentor.
Nalini M. Guda MD, FACG

Nalini M. Guda MD, FACG, is currently the President of GI Associates, Wisconsin, the largest single specialty gastroenterology practice in Wisconsin. He is also an adjunct Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. He is actively involved with endoscopic training and medical education and serves as the program director for the advanced endoscopy fellowship sponsored by GI Associates. He has served as faculty in several live national and international endoscopy workshops. He is involved in collaborative research with investigators from various institutions in the United States and abroad. Dr. Guda has 67 peer-reviewed publications and 12 book chapters. He is one of the Associate Editors of Digestive Endoscopy and regularly serves as peer reviewer for several other journals. He was recently recognized by the Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India with a lifetime honorary membership for all of his contributions to gastrointestinal endoscopy in India. He serves on various hospital committees and is actively involved with practice management and patient care issues. He was consistently voted by his peers as “Best Doctor” and “Top Doctor” in the Milwaukee area. He is the co-founder of the Midwest Endoscopy group which conducts an annual meeting to connect regional endoscopists/gastroenterologists for education and research.

Dr. Guda is dedicated to the mission of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) in the U.S. and abroad, currently functioning as the ACG Governor for Wisconsin. He also served as a member of the ACG Training Committee from 2017-2020. For the last few years, he has been very active in increasing the footprint of ACG among gastroenterologists in India, by encouraging membership in the College. He has advocated for the endorsement by the ACG of various regional and international educational programs in India, thus creating a mutually beneficial relationship. During the pandemic, he has co-directed ACG-endorsed educational activities in India and Southeast Asia to share knowledge regarding management of endoscopy services during COVID-19. He serves as the co-director for the annually held ‘Best of ACG’ program in India. His active contributions to the field of endoscopy and medical education have been recognized by other organizations as well, notably he recently received the “Honorary Distinguished Educator Award” from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE).

“It is very humbling to receive this award from ACG. It is a great honor and a privilege to be recognized, and I am thankful to my peers and mentors who inspire me every day. A lot can be achieved by international collaborations and working collectively on a global scale. The pandemic has certainly posed some challenges but, thanks to technological advances, it has also become easier to connect and collaborate with anyone and anywhere in the world. I am glad that the leadership of ACG is working to increase the membership of the organization globally and bring the world of gastroenterologists together. It is a great time to work together.”

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.
Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH, FACG, is the inaugural Chief Health Equity Officer for Anthem, Inc., a role he assumed in August 2020. In this role, he is an architect of strategy to advance health equity across all Anthem lines of business with the aim of improving the delivery of equitable whole-person care to its more than 45 million members and cultivating healthier communities in which they reside.

Prior to joining Anthem, Inc., Dr. Gray was an Associate Professor of Medicine at The Ohio State University where he served in multiple roles including Director of Community Engagement and Equity in Digestive Health within the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition; Medical Director of Healthy Communities for The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center; and Deputy Director of the Center for Cancer Health Equity at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. His work leveraged meaningful partnerships across public and private sectors in Ohio and nationally to reduce health disparities and the drivers of health among diverse populations. This was exemplified, in part, in his founding of the Provider and Community Engagement Program for Health Equity in Colorectal Cancer Prevention, co-leading Ohio State’s health equity response to COVID-19 and co-designing the health enterprise’s anti-racism action plan.

As an advocate for vulnerable and underserved populations, Dr. Gray serves in multiple national and local organizations aiming to reduce disparities in health and health care through innovation in community engagement, care delivery, research, and patient and provider education. Within the ACG, Dr. Gray is Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. He also serves on the medical advisory board for FightCRC, the board of directors for the Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists, and board of directors for Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, a non-profit organization that helps immigrants and refugees become self-sufficient in Central Ohio.

Additionally, Dr. Gray utilizes scholarly and multimedia platforms to disseminate best practices in advancing health equity. He’s published in high-impact journals including *Nature Reviews, The Lancet,* and *The American Journal of Gastroenterology,* to name of few, on topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion. His work has also been highlighted in *The New York Times* and *Forbes.*

Dr. Gray is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and graduate of Morehouse College and Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center and gastroenterology fellowship at Washington University. He subsequently earned a Master’s in Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health as a Commonwealth Fund Fellow.

Dr. Gray has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions to team-based science, community engagement, clinical care, and diversity, equity, and inclusion, yet he considers his roles as husband to wife Brittney and father to children Harper, Ella, and Noah as his crowning achievements.

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.
2021 Master of the American College of Gastroenterology Recipients

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.

David E. Bernstein, MD, MACG

David E. Bernstein, MD, MACG, is the Head of the Liver Sub-Specialty Service Line, Vice Chair of Clinical Trials, Chief, Division of Hepatology, and Director of the Sandra Atlas Bass Center for Liver Diseases for the Northwell Health System. He is a Professor of Medicine and Educational Science at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

Dr. Bernstein graduated from SUNY-Stony Brook School of Medicine, completed his medical residency at Montefiore Medical Center and his fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at the University of Miami-Affiliated Hospitals under the direction of Dr. Eugene Schiff.

Dr. Bernstein is a clinical investigator interested primarily in the management and treatment of liver diseases, with most of his work concentrated on developing new treatments for viral hepatitis, primary biliary cholangitis, and fatty liver disease. Dr. Bernstein has authored or co-authored more than 300 original scientific manuscripts, reviews, book chapters, and abstracts. He has been the principal investigator in more than 200 clinical trials.

Dr. Bernstein has been involved in shaping public policy and education regarding liver diseases in New York State. He served as a special consultant to the New York State Department of Health and in that role has helped develop and implement New York State’s 5-year Strategic Plan for Viral Hepatitis, as well as worked with the group developing the guidelines used for the treatment of hepatitis C in New York State. He regularly leads telemedicine conferences for public health providers, prison health providers, and federally qualified health care centers to educate these providers and has made himself available as a special consultant to these centers for individual case questions.

Dr. Bernstein served two terms as ACG Governor for Long Island, is the co-director of the ACG Hepatology School and the ACG Hepatology Circle and has served on numerous ACG committees over the past 25 years. He was named the American Liver Foundation Physician of the Year in 2016 and has been honored by the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of New York, the Nassau County Holocaust Memorial Center, and North Shore University. In 2015, he was the recipient of the SUNY-Stony Brook School of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award.

He and his wife, Helen, live on Long Island, New York, and have remained active in community affairs supporting many non-profit organizations. His greatest joys are enjoying spending time with his two adult children, playing golf and tennis, hiking and birdwatching, and traveling with his family.
2021 Master of the American College of Gastroenterology Recipients (cont.)

**R. Bruce Cameron, MD, M.A.T., MACG**

R. Bruce Cameron, MD, M.A.T., MACG, was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, he received his Master of Arts in Teaching from John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, and was an inner-city junior high science teacher in Cleveland, Ohio. He went on to receive his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (CWRU) and completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in gastroenterology at CWRU and University Hospitals of Cleveland in 1984. He was in private practice in medicine and gastroenterology for the first half of his career before forming a small group gastroenterology practice with an independent ambulatory endoscopy center within University Hospitals Community Practice Plan. He served as the director of endoscopy until his retirement. The teaching of clinical medicine and gastroenterology to students, residents, and fellows remained a priority throughout his career. He retired from active practice of gastroenterology in 2020 and has remained active in volunteer preclinical teaching at CWRU where he is Clinical Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Cameron is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, American Gastroenterological Association, and the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). In the ACG, Dr. Cameron has served as Governor of Northern Ohio, Region III Counselor, member of the National Affairs Committee, member of the Membership Committee, Chair of the Practice Management Committee, and member of the Board of Trustees. He has represented the ACG at the AMA CPT Committee, the ASGE Practice Management Committee, the Ohio Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee, and the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Board of Directors. He currently represents the ACG at the AMA Relative Value Update Committee since 2013, AMA House of Delegates since 2015, and is a member of the Legislative and Public Policy Council since its inception.

In Cleveland, he has served on the boards and has also been President of the Northeast Ohio Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio (AMCNO), and the Cleveland Medical Library Association. He is currently on the board of the AMCNO Educational Foundation.

Dr. Cameron has received numerous honors and awards including University Hospitals/CWRU Community-Based Teaching Award 1998 and 2018, the CCFA Northeast Ohio Premiere Physician Award 2009, the ACG Freshman Governor Award 2002, ACG President’s Service Award 2004, ACG Senior Governor Award 2005, and the ACG William D. Carey Award 2007. He has been listed in Best Doctors in America, Top Doctors, and Becker’s ASC Review as a Gastroenterologist and as an ASC Physician Industry Leader ‘to know’.

**Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, MACG**

Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, MACG, is Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic Florida where he has been on staff since 1992. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee and his medical degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Vanderbilt University and completed a combined clinical and research fellowship at Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. DeVault was Chair of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Mayo Clinic Florida from 2005-2010 and Chair of the Department of Medicine from 2010-2020. He is a member of the Executive Operating Team of Mayo Clinic Florida and chairs the Florida Personnel Committee. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and currently is a member of the Gastroenterology Board for the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. DeVault has been involved in the College since fellowship. He was Governor for Northern Florida, co-author of several versions of ACG practice guidelines for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, one of the original advocates for an ACG website, Co-Editor of the Education Universe, and member of many committees (Educational Affairs, Finance, Archives, Practice Parameters, Publications, Research, and others). Dr. DeVault served as an Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and was a member of the Board of Trustees, advancing to become President from 2015-2016.

Dr. DeVault conducts research on disorders affecting all aspects of the esophagus and has written over 300 book chapters, abstracts, editorials, and original articles on subjects ranging from treatment of GERD, dysphagia, esophagitis, and Barrett’s esophagus to laparoscopic anti-reflux surgery and managed care issues in the treatment of GERD. He also has interest in gastrointestinal health in the third world, improving professionalism in both trainees and practicing physicians and in the development of a diverse and effective health care workforce.

Dr. DeVault and his wife Shelley have been married for over 35 years and have 7 children. They enjoy time on their small farm raising horses, chickens, and alpacas. He believes that “involvement in the College has produced many life-long friendships, which is the most important outcome from our time in the ACG. We raised our children in the College and our lives have been much richer because of our time with our ACG family!”
Ronnie Fass, MD, MACG

Ronnie Fass, MD, MACG, is the Medical Director of the Digestive Health Center, Chairman of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and head of the Esophageal and Swallowing Program at the MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio. He is also a tenured Professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Fass did his internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, where he later became a Chief Resident. He then completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of California in Los Angeles where he focused on GI motility and functional bowel disorders.

Dr. Fass has been active in various positions with the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG). He was a member of the Publications Committee (1998-2001), Research Committee (1998-2001), ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education Board of Directors, Educational Affairs Committee (2006-2012), Accreditation of ACG sponsored courses subcommittee (2006-2012), FDA Related Matters Committee (2007-2013), ACG Task Force on academic clinical education (2009), and esophageal abstract review committee (multiple times). He also served as the Chair of the Practice Parameters Committee (2003-2007), Educational audiocassette subcommittee (2007-2010) and program evaluation and quality presentation subcommittee (2006-2007). Currently, he serves as a member of the ACG Digital Communications and Publications Committee and the GI OnDEMAND Task Force Steering Committee.

Dr. Fass has also served in leadership positions in many other societies including the American Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society, the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), Rome IV, and the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). Currently, Dr. Fass serves as a committee member of the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO), the American Foregut Society (AFS), and the International Society of Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE). In addition, he is currently a member of the EndoFlip experts panel working group, Rome V for functional esophageal disorders and the multi-society guidelines for endoscopy credentialing.

Dr. Fass is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology and the Journal of Neurogastroenterology and Motility. He is a frequent lecturer and presenter and is a reviewer for more than 70 journals. Cumulatively, he has served on the editorial board of 27 journals.

Dr. Fass is the recipient of the AGA Award for Digestive Sciences in Clinical Research, the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System Investigator of the Year Award, and the International Foundation of Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Senior Clinical Investigator Award. He has received the University of Arizona Dean’s Research Award, the Glaxo Institute of Digestive Health Clinical Research Award twice, the ACG Research Award three times, the American Medical Association Resident-Mentor Award twice, and The American Journal of Gastroenterology Outstanding Reviewer Award.

Dr. Fass has published more than 500 articles, editorials, and commentaries. He has published three books and has written 62 book chapters including 2 in UpToDate.

Francisco C. Ramirez, MD, MACG

Francisco C. Ramirez, MD, MACG, was born in Peru, completed his medical school studies at Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Lima, Peru, graduating at the top 10% of his class. He then came to the United States in 1985 and completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at SIU School of Medicine at Springfield, Illinois. During the last year of his residency, he was awarded the Barry Breen Memorial Award for outstanding medical resident.

Dr. Ramirez completed his gastroenterology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, including a Tier I year in therapeutic endoscopy and an extra year of clinical research with Dr. David Graham.

After completing his GI training, he moved to Arizona in 1992 and has remained there since. He first worked at the VA Medical Center in Phoenix for 18 years and then he moved to the Mayo Clinic Scottsdale where he has worked for the past 10 years. He is currently Professor of Medicine, Associate Chair for Staff Development for the Department of Medicine, and Director of Endoscopy at Scottsdale.

He joined ACG during his first year of fellowship and has actively participated in different College Committees including: Professional Issues, Publications, Credentials, Nominating, Educational Affairs, Public Relations, and Research. He served as ACG Governor for Arizona and as Director of the ACG-WGO Train the Trainers (USA) for Junior Faculty and is currently serving on the ACG Education Universe editorial board. In addition to his involvement at ACG, Dr. Ramirez served as President of the Phoenix Society of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Ramirez’s passion has been patient care, education, clinical research, and innovative endoscopy. He has been GI Fellowship Program Director at both the VA Hospital (where he trained over 50 fellows during his tenure) and Mayo Clinic Scottsdale (where he has trained over 25 fellows) many of whom have remained practicing outstanding gastroenterology in Arizona and gone on to academic medicine. Dr. Ramirez has had abstract presentations at all ACG meetings since 1992 with over 150 abstracts presented including 15 oral presentations. Most of these have been in his role as mentor of gastroenterology fellows-in-training throughout the years. He also has over 140 publications in peer-reviewed journals.

He has been married to his school of medicine classmate Dr. Patricia Rocha for over 35 years. They have two children, Gabriela and Sebastian, and a wonderful granddaughter, Isabella Sofia, who is 18 months old.
David A. Johnson, MD, MACG, is Professor of Medicine and Chief of Gastroenterology at Eastern VA Medical School Norfolk, Virginia. Despite his primary focus on the clinical practice of gastroenterology, he has published extensively in the internal medicine/gastroenterology literature, contributing over 600 articles, chapters, invited reviews, and abstracts in peer-reviewed journals and books. His areas of expertise focus on esophageal reflux disease, gut microbiome, sleep disorders, and colorectal cancer screening.

Additionally, he co-edited the American College of Physicians (ACP) book *Dyspepsia*, the 2005 and 2010 GI Clinics of North America series on “Obesity Issues for Gastroenterologists,” an ACP module on CRC screening, “The Gut Microbiome: New Understanding and Translational Opportunities for Disease” and “Sleep Effect on Gastrointestinal Health and Disease: Opportunities for Promoting Health and Optimizing Disease Management.” He has been co-primary of a 2021 VA Catalyst grant to study microbial effects on GERD.

His ACG roles have included President; Board of Trustees; Governor for Virginia; ACG Institute Board; GIQuIC Board and Treasurer; Chair, ACG Quality Council Task Force and Nominating Committee; Committee Member: Awards, Credentials, Educational Affairs, and Publications. He co-chaired the ACG North American Conference of GI Fellows meeting for 17 years and was co-director for the ACG Annual Postgraduate Course in 1994, co-founded/chaired the National Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee, the GI Multi-Society CRC Screening Task Force and the ACG guidelines for CRC screening. He coauthored 17 national guidelines, was a member of the CDC Task Force for quality colonoscopy, Gastroenterology Technical Advisory Chair for the National Quality Forum (NQF), as well as steering committee member of the quality outcomes NQF task force. He participated in all GI-related task force activities from 2005-2011 and chaired three task force meetings.

His honors include Master of the ACP, Master of the ACG, National Institutes of Health Great Teacher, ACG Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award, ACG William D. Carey Award, AGA Distinguished Educator Award, Virginia GI Society Master of Gastroenterology and Presidential Award, EVMS Distinguished Faculty Award, and EVMS Dean’s Outstanding Faculty Award. ACG lectureships include the Emily Couric Memorial Lecture, *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* Lecture, The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecture and the David Sun Lecture.

He served on the ABIM Board of Examiners in gastroenterology and currently serves on the Maintenance of Certification Board. His editorial roles include co-editor, *Reviews in Gastroenterological Disorders*, as well as *Journal Medicine*; section editor, *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*; co-editor, ACG Education Universe; and GI editor for *Medscape Gastroenterology, GI Viewpoints, GI Consultant Corner*, and esophageal section *Journal Watch Gastroenterology (NEJM)*.

He directed the first published study on the value of colonoscopy for colon cancer screening (1988) and was the physician who worked with Virginia State Senator Emily Couric to put through the historic first legislation to mandate colon cancer screening with colonoscopy as the preferred standard. This initiative first in Virginia, has set the model for other states which have followed with similar legislation mandating CRC screening.
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.

2021 Junior Governor’s Award

Alyn L. Adrain, MD, FACG

Alyn L. Adrain, MD, FACG, is ACG Governor for Rhode Island. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University and is in private practice in Providence.

A graduate of Brown University Medical School, Dr. Adrain did her medical residency and served as Chief Resident at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Oakland, California. She then completed fellowships in gastroenterology and advanced therapeutic endoscopy at Temple University Hospital.

Dr. Adrain has served as President of the Rhode Island Gastroenterology Association, as well as President of the Rhode Island Medical Society. She is currently representing Rhode Island physicians as a delegate to the American Medical Association, and is on the Board of Directors for the Rhode Island Medical Society, in addition to her role as ACG Governor.

Dr. Adrain is passionate about advocating for her patients and profession on a state and national level. Dr. Adrain has been an instrumental advocate for the ACG Board of Governors at the national level. On the state level, she has testified at the state House on numerous pieces of legislation of importance to healthcare. She partnered with the Rhode Island chapter of the American Cancer Society, as well as key contacts in state legislature to pass a bill to require private insurers to cover colon cancer screening without cost sharing starting at age 45, and after positive stool-based testing. After three years of advocacy, the bill was signed into law this year.

Dr. Adrain is the proud mother of 2 adult children and lives in Providence, Rhode Island, with her rescue dog, Leroy. She enjoys bicycling, SCUBA, boating, skiing, traveling, and spending time with her enormous extended family.
2021 ACG Governors’ Awards (cont.)

2021 Senior Governor’s Award

Jeffry L. Nestler, MD, FACP

Jeffry L. Nestler, MD, FACP, has been the ACG Governor for Connecticut since 2015, a member of the ACG Practice Management Committee, and a member of the ACG Endoscopy Resumption Task Force. He was Co-Course Director of the 2018 ACG Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course in Boston. He has advocated on behalf of the ACG for the last 6 years.

Dr. Nestler has been a tireless advocate on local insurance coverage and reimbursement issues impacting ACG members and patients in Connecticut. He led a coalition of Connecticut physicians to establish Connecticut as the second state to mandate reimbursement for colorectal cancer screening. His focus is providing high quality GI care in a cost-efficient environment.

He trained in internal medicine and gastroenterology at the New York–Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. He is currently President of Connecticut GI PC, the largest independent GI practice in New England. He serves as the Division Director of Gastroenterology at Hartford Hospital, Co-Medical Director of the Digestive Disease Center, and an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Connecticut. His clinical expertise is in pancreaticobiliary disorders.
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 served the College as Treasurer and Trustee, and has chaired numerous College committees. Dr. Carey was 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 is 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.
2021 ACG International GI Training Grant Award

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.

Evaristus S. Chukwudike, MBBCh, FWACP
Calabar, Nigeria

Dr. Evaristus Chukwudike from Nigeria plans to study at Brown University / Rhode Island Hospital, under the direction of Dr. Steven Moss and Dr. Akwi Asombang. He will observe and understand patient flow and resource utilization in a resource-rich setting compared to low and middle-income countries with the focus on inpatient consultations and endoscopy, and have the chance to observe interventional endoscopic procedures such as endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) with emphasis on the pre-procedural, intra-procedural and post-procedural evaluation. He hopes to strengthen research collaboration with Dr. Moss on Helicobacter pylori research with the focus of studying H. pylori antibiotic resistance pattern, and the association between genotypes and severity of gastric mucosal inflammation. This training will offer him the opportunity to compare patient flow in resource-rich settings especially in the areas of inpatient consults and endoscopic procedures taking note of the barriers to setting up efficient healthcare in resource-limited settings. The knowledge acquired from this training will also enable him to scale up approaches to change the behavior and utilization of healthcare resources in resource-poor settings as well as enhance quality improvement process and explore ways to ensure that resources are utilized to deliver care that is evidence-based. Dr. Chukwudike will observe the pre-procedural, intra-procedural and post-procedural evaluation of patients for EUS and ERCP which will create a future opportunity to further his training in these vital areas of gastroenterological practice. His goal is to research the prevalence of H. pylori genotypes and antibiotic resistance to previously efficacious antibiotics to address the antibiotic resistance rates in Nigeria which can reach up to 100%, a major reason for eradication failure.

Artemis Trikola, MD, MPH, MSc
Athens, Greece

Dr. Artemis Trikola from Greece will study at Massachusetts General Hospital, Center for Neurointestinal Health, under the direction of Dr. Christopher Velez. She will: 1) gain comfort with outpatient functional and gastrointestinal motility disorder management; 2) achieve level 2 competence in foregut, bowel, and hindgut motility diagnostic testing modalities; and 3) participate in both research and didactic learning. Visiting, interacting, and gaining the experience of a well-known department and the esteemed faculty in this specific field of neurogastroenterology, which is not as well established in the Greek healthcare system, will serve as an outstanding value for her hospital and for Dr. Trikola. The acquired information and knowledge will be transferred to her home institute and will serve as an opportunity to broaden their present knowledge and to improve the quality of their daily practice. Foregut and hindgut motility diagnostic modalities are inaccessible to most healthcare professionals in Greece, and she is strongly motivated to fill this gap. Finally, participating in educational and research activities of MGH will be a unique experience for her career path, that could be fulfilled only in such a respectful center of excellence, since research opportunities are quite limited in her country.
Dr. Giselle Mahoro is currently a first year GI Fellow at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She will be going to the University Teaching Hospital of Kigali in Rwanda to train under the supervision of Dr. Jean Damascene Kapakambira for four months. Dr. Mahoro aspires to have a career in global health and gastroenterology, and believes this experience will serve as a foundation to her future endeavors.

Screening for colorectal cancer is rare in Rwanda as there are very few gastroenterologists in the country. Colonoscopy is mostly performed only for diagnostic purposes. There is also very limited data on colorectal cancer in the Rwandese population. The financial support received from ACG will give her the opportunity to spend four months at Kigali University Teaching Hospital (CHUK); a large referral hospital with six trained endoscopists. As a second year fellow, she will spend 2 months doing clinical gastroenterology and improving her technical skills in endoscopy while also gaining the confidence to perform these procedures under less than ideal circumstances. She will also learn about the IRB process and connect with local internal medicine residents who are interested in gastrointestinal research. She will then return as a third-year fellow for an additional 2 months with the goal of conducting clinical research. She is particularly interested in the risk factors and burden of colorectal cancer in the Rwandese population.

The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipient of the North American International GI Training Grant Award. 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. One grant of $10,000 has been awarded this year.
2021 Abstract Awards

2021 ACG AUXILIARY AWARDS
These two awards are presented by the Auxiliary to the best scientific paper or poster submitted by a fellow-in-training and by a physician (non-trainee). The award recipients are selected by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Fellow-in-Training Recipient
To Scope or Not to Scope? Clearance for Transesophageal Echocardiography in Cirrhotics: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
Banreet Dhindsa, MD1, Michelle Le, DO1, Alexander Praus, MD1, Yassin Naga, MD2, Syed Mohsin Saghir, MD2, Harmeet Mashiana, MBBS1, Amaninder Dhaliwal, MD3, Saurabh Chandan, MD4, Daryl Ramai, MD, MS5, Shailender Singh, MD1, Ishfaq Bhat, MD1, Douglas Adler, MD6; 1University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; 2University of Nevada School of Medicine, Las Vegas, NV; 3University of South Florida Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL; 4Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, NE; 5University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT; 6University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT

Physician (non-trainee) Recipient
Real World Dispensary Data for IBD Patients Using Medical Cannabis
Jami A. R. Kinnucan, MD, FACP1, Arun Swaminath, MD2, Maheep S. Sangha, MD2, Joanna S. Zeiger, MS, PhD1; 1University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI; 2Northwell Health, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, NY; 1Canna Research Foundation, Boulder, CO

ACG CASE REPORTS JOURNAL AWARDS
These two awards are given to the best posters in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Accelerated Balloon-Retrograde Transvenous Obliteration (BRT0): An Effective Bow & Arrow in the Arsenal Against Isolated Gastric Varices (IGV)
Smit S. Deliwal1, Murtaza S. Hussain1, Anoosha Ponnapalli, MD1, Samuel Igbiniedion, MD2, Mamoon Elbedawi, MD, FACP1, Anish Bansal, MD3, Saurabh Chawla, MD, FACP4; 1Michigan State University at Hurley Medical Center, Flint, MI; 2LSU HSC Shreveport, Shreveport, LA; 3Hurley Medical Center, Flint, MI; 4Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARDS
These thirteen 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
Novel High-Pressure Water Jet-Based System Effectively Decreases Bioburden in the Preprocessing of Duodenoscope’s Elevator Mechanism Immediately After an ERCP: Preliminary Findings of a Pilot Study
Kapil Gupta, MD, Yazan Abboud, MD, Kenneth Park, MD, Quin Liu, MD, Srinivas Gaddam, MD, Simon Lo, MD; Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Colon Category
CP101, an Investigational Orally Administered Microbiome Therapeutic, Increases Intestinal Microbiome Diversity and Prevents Recurrent C. difficile Infection: Results From a Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial
Sahil Khanna, MBBS, MS1, Colleen R. Kelly, MD, FACP2, Thomas Louie, MD3, Monika Fisher, MD, MSc4, Susy Hota, MD, MSc5, Bharat Misra, MD6, Nicholas W. Van Hise, PharmD7, Eugene F. Yen, MD, MBA, FACP8, Jeff S. Bullock, MD9, John Pullman, MD10, Richard Nathan, DO11, Michael Silverman, MD12, Ian Davis, MD13, Sarah McGill, MD, MS14, Ylaine Gerardin, PhD15, Josh S. Silva, BS15, Darrell Pardi, MD, MS1, Robert Orenstein, DO16, Ari Grinspan, MD17, Najwa El-Nachef, MD18, Colleen S. Kraft, MD, MSc19, Shrish Budree, MD15, Thomas J. Borody, MD, PhD, DSc, FRACP, FACP20, Zain Kassam, MD, MPH15, Jessica R. Allegretti, MD, MPH, FACP21; 1Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, 2Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Lifespan Physician Group Gastroenterology, East Providence, RI, 3University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada, 4Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN, 5University of Toronto and University Health Network, Toronto, ON, Canada, 6Borland Groover Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, 7Metro Infectious Disease Consultants, Burr Ridge, IL, 8University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, 9University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT, 10University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA, 11University of California, San Diego, CA, 12University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 13University of California, San Francisco, CA, 14University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 15Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, 16Borland Groover Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, 17Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, 18Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 19University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA, 20University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, 21University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI
Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category
Prospective Randomized Trial Comparing Endocuff-Assisted Colonoscopy vs G-EYE Balloon-Assisted Colonoscopy: A Multicenter Study
Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG1, Ralf Kiesslich, MD2; 1NYU Langone Health, New York, NY, 2Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany

Esophagus Category
Neutrophil to Lymphocyte Ratio: A Novel Circulating Biomarker, Predicts Progression in a Large Multicenter Barrett’s Esophagus Cohort
Siddharth Agarwal, MBBS1, Lovekiran Singh, MD2, D. Chamil Codipilly, MD2, Kenneth Wang, MD3, Cadman L. Leggett, MD4, Navej Buttar, MD1, Prasad G. Iyer, MD, MSc, FACG5; 1Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN; 2Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Shreveport, LA; 3Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN; 4Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport, Shreveport, LA; 5Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN

Functional Bowel Disease Category
Development and Validation of a Novel Scoring System for Bloating and Distension: The Mayo Bloating Questionnaire
Brian E. Lacy, MD, PhD, FACG1, David J. Cangemi, MD2, Journey L. Wise, MD, Michael Crowell, PhD2; 1Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, 2Mayo Clinic Health System, Jacksonville, FL, 3Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ

General Endoscopy Category
Mean Adenomas Per Colonoscopy Is Inversely Associated With Post Colonoscopy Colorectal Cancers: Data From the New Hampshire Colonoscopy Registry Validating This Quality Measure
Joseph Anderson, MD1, William Hisey, MS2, Christina Robinson, MS3, Todd Mackenzie, PhD4, Lynn Butterly, MD2; 1White River Junction VA Medical Center, Hanover, NH, 2Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, NH, 3Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, NH, 4Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, NH

IBD Category
IBD Patients’ Treatment Preferences Are Heterogeneous, but Largely Affected by the Avoidance of Abdominal Pain and Side Effects (P-POWER IBD Study)
Corey Siegel, MD, MS1, Edouard Louis, MD2, Barbara James, PhD3, Sebastian Heidenreich, PhD4, Nicolas Kruicen, MD5, Subrata Ghosh, MD, FRCP, FRCPE, FRCP, FCAHS5; 1Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL, 2Mayo Clinic Health System, Jacksonville, FL, 3Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ, 4Institute of Translational Medicine, College of Medical and Dental Sciences, University of Birmingham, Cork, Cork, Ireland

Interventional Endoscopy Category
Prospective Comparison of Functional Lumen Imaging Probe and High Resolution Esophageal Manometry to Assess Clinical Response After Per-Oral Endoscopic Myotomy
John DeWitt, MD1, Robert Siwiec, MD1, William Kessler, MD1, Thomas Nowak, MD1, John Wo, MD1, Toyia James-Stevenson, MD1, Sarah Stainko, RN1, Mohammad Al-Haddad, MD2; 1Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, IN, 2Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

Liver Category
Effect of Fecal Microbiota Transplant on Hepatic Encephalopathy Varies by Donor and Recipient Factors
Patricia P. Bloom, MD1, John Donlan2, Mariam Torres Soto, BA, MA3, Michael Daidone, BA4, Elizabeth Hohmann, MD4, Raymond Chung, MD4; 1University of Michigan, Plymouth, MI, 2Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 3Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, 4Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Obesity Category
Combination Therapy Yields Similar Efficacy and Improved Safety Compared to Surgical Revision for the Management of Weight Regain Following Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass
Pichamol Jirapinyo, MD, MPH1, Joyce C. Zhou, MD, Christopher C. Thompson, MD, MSc, FACG1; 1Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

Practice Management Category
Shazia Ali, MD1, Reezwana Chowdhury, MD2, Krystle Bittner, MPH3, Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG4, Shivangi Kothari, MD, FACG5; 1The Permanente Medical Group, San Jose, CA; 2Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Columbia, MD; 3University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY; 4Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 5University of Rochester Medical Center, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY

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**Small Intestine Category**
*Phase II Trial of Weekly Erlotinib Dosing to Reduce Duodenal Polyp Burden Associated With Familial Adenomatous Polyposis*
N. Jewel Samadder, MD, Nathan Foster, MS, Ryan McMurray, MS, Carol A. Burke, MD, Elena Stoffel, MD, Priyanka Kanth, MD, Rohit Das, MD, Marcia Cruz-Correa, MD, Eduardo Vilar Sanchez, MD, Michelle Westover, BS, Ellen Richmond, RN, Gary Della’Zanna, DO, Luz Maria Rodriguez, MD, Eva Szabo, MD, David Zahrieh, PhD, Paul Ryan McMurray, MS, Carol A. Burke, MD, Elena Zhang, MD, PhD, David Y. Graham, MD, MACG

**Colon Category**
*Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Is Sufficient for Evaluation of Diarrhea in Patients With Suspected Immunotherapy-Mediated Colitis*
Divya M. Chalikonda, MD, Daniel Scanlon, BA, Ian Holmes, MD, Muhammad Bashir, MD, Alex Schlachterman, MD, Anand R. Kumar, MD, MPH, Austin Chiang, MD, MPH, Thomas E. Kowalski, MD, Tina Boortalary, MD, David E. Loren, MD, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Bethlehem, PA

**Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category**
*Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates at HRSA-funded Health Centers in the United States Lag Behind the National Rate*
Megan R. McLeod, MD, MS, Matthew Y. Zhao, BS, Liu Yang, MD, MPH, Folasade May, MD, PhD, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

**Esophagus Category**
*Long-Term (> 5 Year) Outcomes of Endoscopic Resection for T1 Esophageal Adenocarcinoma: A Multicenter Cohort Study*
Kevin Song, MD, Allon Kahn, MD, Shivani Thanawala, MD, Siddharth Agarwal, MD, Nicholas M. McDonald, MD, Gary Falk, MD, MS, FACG, Gregory Ginsberg, MD, Herbert Wolfsen, MD, Francisco C. Ramirez, MD, FACG, Kenneth Wang, MD, Prasad G. Iyer, MD, MSc, FACG

**Stomach Category**
*Rapid Prediction of H. pylori Antibiotic Resistance Using Next Generation Sequencing of Stool Samples Compared to Gastric Biopsies*
Steven Moss, MD, Amporn Atsawarunguangkit, MD, Long Dang, MD, David Chua, MD, Yi Zhou, PhD, Zhao Zhong Chong, MD, PhD, Hongjun Zhang, MD, PhD, David Y. Graham, MD, MACG; Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University, North Kingstown-Providence, RI, Brown University, Providence, RI, Long Phi Dang, MD, Inc., Westminster, CA, Summit Digestive, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, American Molecular Laboratories, Vernon Hills, IL, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

**OUTSTANDING RESEARCH BY FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING AWARDS**

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**Biliary/Pancreas Category**
*Safety and Efficacy of Fluoroscopic Forceps Biopsy of Indeterminate Biliary Structures*
Divya M. Chalikonda, MD, Daniel Scanlon, BA, Ian Holmes, MD, Muhammad Bashir, MD, Alex Schlachterman, MD, Anand R. Kumar, MD, MPH, Austin Chiang, MD, MPH, Thomas E. Kowalski, MD, Tina Boortalary, MD, David E. Loren, MD, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Bethlehem, PA, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

**Functional Bowel Disease Category**
*Utilizing Anorectal Manometry to Predict the Phenotype of Patients Who Will Benefit From a Squatting Assist Stool*
Lauren Ulsh, MD, Linda Nguyen, MD, Brooke Gurland, MD, Lelia Neshatian, MD, MSc; Stanford University Medical Center, Menlo Park, CA, Stanford University, Redwood City, CA

**General Endoscopy Category**
*Foreign Body Ingestion: A Hard Pill to Swallow*
Philip J. Riddle, MD, Hata Mujadzic, MD, Shayan Noorani, DO, Heather Peluso, DO, Marwan Abougergi, MD; University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, SC, Prisma Health-University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, SC, Prisma Health Upstate, Simpsonville, SC, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

**GI Bleeding Category**
*Implication of Blood Transfusion in Mortality in Non-Variceal and Variceal Upper GI Bleeding – Is It the Same for Both?*
Dhruvil Radadiya, MD, Viraj Shah, MD, Kalpit Devani, MD, Don Rockey, MD; University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas city, KS, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, University of South Carolina, Greenville, SC, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
Socioeconomic Factors, Not Disease Severity or Treatment Regimen, Most Important in Identifying COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitant IBD Patients
Zoya Grigoryan, MD1, Maheep S. Sangha, MD1, Laura Durbin, MPH1, James Mackey, MPH1, Keith Sultan, MD2, Arun Swaminath, MD; 1Northwell Health, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, NY; 2Northwell Health, North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Long Island, NY

New Automated Cleaning System Is More Effective in Reducing Bioburden vs Standard Manual Clean in Duodenoscopes
Michael O’Donnell, MD, MBA, Adam Goodman, MD, Rabia De Latour, MD, David Poppers, MD, PhD, Gregory Haber, MD, Seth A. Gross, MD, FACP; New York University Langone Medical Center, New York, NY

Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder in Patients Admitted with Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease: A Retrospective Cohort Study
Patrick Twohig, MD, MPH, Lauren Keim, MD, Michelle Le, DO, Nathalie Khoury, MD, Wuttiporn Manatsathit, MD, Aliena A. Balasanova, MD, Marco A. Olivera-Martinez, MD, Thoetchai Peeraphatdit, MD; University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

Effect of Blinding on Weight Loss in Patients Undergoing Intragastric Balloon Placement: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
Eric Swei, MD1, Andrew Spiel, MD2, Shelby Sullivan, MD1, Pichamol Jirapinyo, MD, MPH2; 1University of Colorado Hospitals, Aurora, CO; 2University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI; 3Brigham & Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

Optimizing Endoscopy Procedure Documentation Improves Guideline Adherent Care in Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding
Timothy Yen, MD1, Sarguni Singh, MD2, Jeannine M. Espinoza, BA2, Jonathan Pell, MD2, Frank I. Scott, MD, MSCE2, Swati Patel, MD3; 1University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, CO, 2University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO, 3University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, CO

Diagnosing Celiac Disease in Adults Without the Need for Biopsy, Is It Possible? A Retrospective Study on Anti-Tissue Transglutaminase Antibody Titers and Duodenal Biopsy Results
Kenza Achtoutal, MD, Marie-Pier Bachand, MD; Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, PQ, Canada

Are H. pylori Biopsies Warranted in Patients With Prior Negative Results?
Joyce Loh, MD1, Carol Rouphael, MD1, John McMichael, BSc1, Ruishen Lyu, BS1, Benjamin Click, MD, MS2; 1Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH, 2Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH

Effect of Hormone Replacement Therapy on Gastrooesophageal Reflux Disease and Barrett’s Esophagus in Post-Menopausal Women
Sherif Saleh, MD1, Fahmi Shibli, MD1, Josue Davila, MD1, Nabil El Hage Chehade, MD1, Ronnie Fass, MD2; 1MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH, 2Esophageal and Swallowing Center, MetroHealth Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

This award, presented in conjunction with the ACG Women in Gastroenterology Committee and supported by Naomi Nakao, MD, ScD, FACG, is given to the best paper or poster, from all abstracts submitted, related to identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.
ACG GOVERNORS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

The ACG Board of Governors presents five awards chosen from among all abstracts submitted. The award recipients are selected by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Fellow-in-Training Recipients

*Increased Risk of Hospitalization, Surgery and Venous Thromboembolism Among Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Malnutrition in a Large, Community-Based Healthcare System*

Liat Gutin, MD1, Shiyun Zhu, MPH2, Aida Shirazi, PhD1, Jeffrey Lee, MD, MPH1, Fernando Velayos, MD, MPH1; 1Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco, CA; 2Kaiser Permanente Division of Research, Oakland, CA

*Lack of Correlation Between Gluten Intake and Celiac Disease Prevalence: A Geo-Epidemiologic Analysis*

Claire Jansson-Knodell, MD1, Isabel Hujoel, MD2; 1Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH; 2Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, 3SUNY Health Sciences University, Brooklyn, NY; 4Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH

*Enrollment Rate of African Americans in a Colon Cancer Screening Trial at a Historically Black College and University Is Similar to Other Patient Populations*

Krystal Mills, MD1, Benjamin D. Renels, MD2, Hope Nyinya-muntu, RN1, Signe Fransen, MSC1, Paula Adamson, MD4, Chuanbo Xu, PhD1, Jeffrey Gregg, MD3, Adam M. Parker, MD5, Sarah Glover, DO5, Robert Adelman, PhD6, Priscilla Penu, MD, MSC1, Theodore Levin, MD7, Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH8, Julia Liu, MD1; 1Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; 2Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; 3Freenome Inc, South San Francisco, CA; 4University of Louisville, Louisville, KY; 5University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS; 6University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY; 7Kaiser Permanente Division of Research, Oakland, CA; 8University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Physician (non-trainee) Recipients

*Snare Tip Soft Coagulation (STSC) After Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR) of Large (>20 mm) Non Pedunculated Colorectal Polyps: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Outcomes*

Saurabh Chandan, MD1, Antonio Facciorusso, MD, PhD2, Daryl Ramai, MD3, Smit Deliwalla, MD4, Babu Mohan, MD5, Lena L. Kassab, MD6, Peter Draganov, MD7, Mohamed Othman, MD8, Gursimran S. Kochhar, MD9; 1Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, NE; 2University of Foggia, Foggia, Puglia, Italy; 3Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY; 4Hurley Medical Center, Flint, MI; 5University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT; 6Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 7University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; 8Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; 9Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA

*Vonoprazan Dual and Triple Therapy for Helicobacter pylori Eradication*

William D. Chey, MD, FACC1, Francis Mégraud, MD, PharmD, PhD2, Loren Laine, MD, FACC3, Luis J. López, MD4, Barbara Hunt, MS5, Neila Smith, MD5, Eckhard Leifke, MD4, Nancianne Knipfer, PhD5, Colin W. Howden, MD, FACC6; 1Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI; 2INSERM U1053 BaRiToN & University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux, Aquitaine, France; 3Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT; 4Guardian Angel Research Center, Tampa, FL; 5Phathom Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Buffalo Grove, IL; 6University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Germantown, TN

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*Multimodal Circulating Tumor DNA (ctDNA) Blood-Based Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening Test Demonstrates Clinically Meaningful Sensitivity Across Multiple Clinical Parameters*

Hee Cheol Kim, MD1, Seung Tae Kim, MD1, Yupeng He, PhD2, Paul Sample, PhD2, Victoria Raymond, MS3, Ariel Jaimovich, PhD2, AmirAli Talasaz, PhD2, Jeeyun Lee, MD, 1Samsung Medical Center, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine, Seoul, Seoul-t’ukpyolsi, Republic of Korea, 2Guardant Health, Redwood City, CA, 3Guardant Health, Inc., Redwood City, CA

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*A Gastroenterology-Based Multi-Disciplinary Weight Management Program Reduces Acid Suppression Therapy in Patients With GERD: A Prospective Cohort Study*

Aiya Aboubakr, MD1, Gaurav Ghosh, MD2, Michele Yeung, MD1, Reem Sharalah, MD, MSC1, Sonal Kumar, MD1, Carolyn Newberry, MD4; 1New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY, 2New York Presbyterian - Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY, 3Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY, 4New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY
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Throughout the past year, as well as since the beginning of the pandemic, the Board of Trustees has been focused on continuing to meet the changing needs of the membership and our patients. To do so, they have been deeply engaged in collaborating with each other, the committee chairs as well as the staff. The results have been a significant source of pride – the range and quality of the College’s programs has continued to grow notwithstanding the challenges inherent in shifting much of the education to a virtual platform while looking forward to a “new normal” that will once again allow the College to provide not only top quality clinical education and practice resources but also the important opportunities to gather with one another, learn from one another and enjoy the collegiality that is a hallmark of our organization.

A key operating philosophy of the College has long been to “meet members where they are.” This shows up organizationally, with the 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. The COVID-focused education and practice resources delivered in real-time has continued throughout this year in the work of the COVID Task Forces, as well as our education and journal leadership.

The Board of Trustees represents a diverse geographical and subspecialty group as well as a wide variety of practice settings. This diversity has allowed the Board of Trustees to provide key guidance and direction for developing and continuing the strong, scientific clinical foundation supported by practical tools for practice management that have been employed throughout this year notwithstanding the challenges faced by our members as well as the organization itself. This combination of broad representation as well as a focused mission and vision of the organization that concentrates exclusively on the needs of GI clinicians and their practices has led to the College being the organizational home for a record number of members this year. The Board of Trustees recognizes the outstanding efforts of the administrative staff in helping to build an incredibly strong organization that was well positioned to thrive even in these most challenging times.
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In April the ACG Governors joined the Young Physician Leadership Scholars and members of the ACG Legislative & Public Policy Council to participate in the 2021 ACG Advocacy Day. The ACG Governors served as “team leaders” in these individual meetings. Overall, 110 ACG members participated in over 215 meetings covering 46 states. Key Messages and Specific Legislative Requests:

- Limiting the Use of Step Therapy
- Supporting Telehealth
- Support Policies to Reduce Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Screening

The Board of Governors were upon to help resolve common issues/challenges at the state and local level. The Board of Governors works 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 2021: improving maintenance of certification, preventing reimbursement cuts, education on private equity and various GI practice business models, promoting telehealth, and limiting prior authorizations and medication formulary changes.

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THE ACG INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH 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 growing 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 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.

**Introducing The Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity (The LE&E Center)**

*From a foundation of skilled leadership, furthering equity in gastroenterology and fostering equitable health care.*

The ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education is proud to announce the launch of The LE&E Center, an entity within the Institute that provides resources and a forum to envision new paradigms for effective clinician-leadership.

The leadership of the College and the ACG Institute believe that effective and ethical leadership in medicine must extend beyond top notch clinical care and inherently recognize, embrace, and promote both equity in our profession and equitable care for patients in ways that foster a healthier and more equitable society. We believe everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve their full health potential – to enjoy health equity.

**Why Leadership, Ethics and Equity Matter**

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. The times call for great leadership and demand true equity. The LE&E Center aims not only to meet the moment, but also transform the future.

What LE&E Will Do

The LE&E Center will educate and cultivate the pipeline of well-prepared leaders in gastroenterology, promote the practical application of ethical leadership, and fund research to produce actionable science that will translate into reducing disparities in health and/or health care, advance health equity, and improve patient outcomes.

The LE&E Center will bring together existing initiatives of The ACG Institute focused on leadership training and consolidate new programs and research funding along with transformational tools and experiences. The programs under the new LE&E Center include:

- The ACG Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program
- The ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program
- Prescription for Success: Careers in Medicine – ACG High School Visit
- ACG Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity & Ethical Care
- The ACG Health Equity Research Award

A Vision and Mission for the LE&E Center

The work of the new LE&E Center will be grounded in its Vision and Mission Statements and guided by an Advisory Board appointed by the Institute Director and comprised of leaders with experiences, expertise, and personal attributes that embody the qualities of leadership, ethics and equity incorporated in the Center’s mandate.

The LE&E Center aims not only to meet the moment, but also transform the future.

LE&E Center Vision Statement

The LE&E Center is a forum to envision new paradigms for ethical and effective clinician-leadership, serving as the locus of innovative programs that build the capacity for transformational leadership in gastroenterology, and as the source of research funding to produce actionable science that will translate into reducing disparities in health and/or health care and improving health equity and patient outcomes.

LE&E Center Mission Statement

Our mission 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.

Programs of the ACG Institute

Clinical Research Awards

The ACG Institute recommended funding of over $1.9 Million for clinical research in 2021, and will support the 2022 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)
- NEW! Health Equity Research Award ($50,000 / 1-year)
- Clinical Research Award ($50,000 / 1-year)
- Pilot Research Award ($15,000 / 1-year)
- Resident Clinical Research Award ($10,000 / 1-year/ travel to ACG2022)
- Medical Student Research Award ($5,000 / 6-10 weeks / travel to ACG2022)
Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program

The goal of the program is to provide young physicians with a comprehensive skill set that will serve as a foundation for the development of leadership and physician advocacy skills. The next class will meet at ACG 2021, and will convene again in Washington, D.C. with the ACG Governors in April 2022 for the legislative fly-in.

Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships

The goal of this program, which honors former ACG Institute Director, Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, is to enable GI fellowship programs to have high-quality visiting professors to bolster the training program by providing lectures, small group discussions, and one-on-one visits with trainees and faculty. Additionally, this program allows for community gastroenterologists to learn from an expert either through an evening event or medical grand rounds. This year, ACG has added the new ACG Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care to serve as a Visiting Professor to help educate institutions on the best ways to create awareness around the issues and challenges related to delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision making.

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 in the treatment of GI diseases and endoscopy during the pregnancy and postpartum period. The comprehensive monograph is expected to be released in late 2022 and has an editorial team of both gastroenterologists and OB/GYNs. Topics to be covered include liver disease during pregnancy, IBD during pregnancy, and advanced endoscopic procedures in pregnancy.

The G.U.T. Fund

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 & Ethical Care, Junior Faculty Development Awards, Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program, Advanced Leadership Development Program, Scholarships for High School Students through the Prescriptions for Success High School Visit initiative, and much more.

The G.U.T. Fund is supported by the ACG community, individual gifts, and industry contributions. Annually, thousands of ACG members and supporters make philanthropic gifts that take the programs of the ACG Institute from GOOD to GREAT. Top industry donors receive recognition at the ACG Annual Meeting and throughout the year and individual donors are recognized in the ACG Institute Annual Report. Donors may make annual contributions or multi-year gifts in order to meet their philanthropic goals. Testamentary gifts and planned gifts are encouraged as a way 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 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 ACG Institute Annual Report available online or at ACG 2021.
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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 2021 the College has 24 separate committees, many of which have a number of subcommittees to handle the expanding workload 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.
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 Provider Committee was approved and established by the ACG Board of Trustees in 2018 with a diverse group of initially ten members, expanded in 2021 to 30 members from various practice backgrounds and locations.

Introduction to GI Module

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, is developing 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. Ten modules have been identified and include the areas of: esophagus, IBD, GI bleeding, functional, pancreaticobiliary, small bowel, stomach, mixed subject area, hepatology and colon. An additional module for the in-patient APP, “Essentials for the APP Hospitalist,” is in development.

The content presentations are 15-30 minutes in length so users can easily complete each talk. Users will be able to obtain CME credits by answering 3-4 questions at the conclusion of each presentation. This program can readily be integrated into an APP Orientation Program for GI/Hepatology Practices.

The Basics of IBD module was the first to be launched on the ACG website in 2021 and includes 8 talks. The module features a comprehensive educational program that provides clinical updates in IBD and is designed to allow the APP learner to increase their knowledge and develop strategies that can be implemented into practice.

Advanced APP Curriculum

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

Other 2021 Projects

1. Committee members participated and provided feedback at the ACG 2021 Annual Meeting Planning Subcommittee meeting in January 2021, held virtually.

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.

3. APP Committee Member, Monica Nandwani, DNP, participated as a moderator for the ACG Virtual Grand Rounds: Allyship and Action: In Solidarity Against Anti-Asian Racism, May 13, 2021: https://universe.gi.org/contentitem.asp?c=16051
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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

The Archives Committee is working to highlight the past achievements of the American College of Gastroenterology to inform the future of the organization.

Several activities are ongoing:

- **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 2021, the exhibit will feature a walking tour of key sections of the recently published *A Look Back: Reflections on Medical History & Artifacts from the Pages of The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

- **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 are completing 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 FODMAPs 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.

- **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 the medical device collection with commentary by Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG. 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, and edited by Lawrence Schiller, MD, MACG, has been published by the ACG. The book (ISBN: 978-0-578-75242-6) is currently available for purchase at a special ACG member reduced price - [https://members.gi.org/store](https://members.gi.org/store)
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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

The Committee’s nominees for 2021 are as follows:

**Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award:**
Nicholas J. Talley, AC, MD, PhD, MACG

**Community Service Award:**
Virukalpatti G. Mohan Prasad, MD

**Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Award:**
Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, MACG, Dawn T. Provenzale, MD, FACC, Satish S. C. Rao, MD, PhD, FACC

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award:**
Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH, FACC

**International Leadership Award:**
Nalini M. Guda, MD, FACC

**Master Awards:**
David E. Bernstein, MD, MACG, R. Bruce Cameron, MD, MACG, Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, MACG, Ronnie Fass, MD, MACG, Francisco C. Ramirez, MD, MACG

**Samuel S. Weiss Award:**
David A. Johnson, MD, MACG

These names were presented to the Board of Trustees for discussion and were approved.

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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](https://webfiles.gi.org/docs/about/ACGBylaws.pdf).
ACG’s Committees (cont.)

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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, 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 by conference call in October 2020, January 2021, April 2021, and June 2021. The Committee reviewed a total of 264 applications for Membership, Fellowship, and International Membership and made the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

- 6 candidates were elected directly to Fellowship
- 70 candidates were advanced to Fellowship
- 106 candidates were elected to Membership
- 76 candidates were elected to International Membership
- 10 applications were deferred

The Chairman reviewed and approved 948 applications for Resident/Trainee Membership and approved 348 applications for Associate and Advanced Practice Provider Membership from August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021.

The total number added to the rolls by this report is therefore 1,484

The Committee will meet during the October Annual Meeting to consider additional applications for the period of June 2021 through October 2021.
**DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS**
- Parakkal Deepak, MD, FACG, Chair
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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**

**2021 Committee Highlights: New Directions and New Offerings**

*New Evidence-Based Journals Summary Publication, Dr. Philip S. Schoenfeld, Editor*

The development and launch of a new ACG publication featuring evidence-based structured abstracts on key articles from the GI literature in major U.S. and international journals, thanks to the leadership of Dr. Philip Schoenfeld and the editorial guidance and support of Claire Neumann, ACG’s Managing Editor. The new publication is called “Evidence-Based GI: An ACG Publication” and its tagline is “Clinical take-aways and evidence-based summaries of articles in GI, Hepatology & Endoscopy.”

*ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ)*

The committee helps support the GI fellows-in-training who serve on the ACGCRJ Editorial Board. Dr. Deepak helped review the 44 applications for positions on the 2021-2022 board and is proud of the appointment of Katherine A. Falloon, MD, and Judy A. Trieu, MD, MPH, as the 2021-2022 Co-Editors-in-Chief of *ACG Case Reports Journal*, the College’s open-access, peer-reviewed journal edited exclusively by GI fellows.

This longstanding fellow-run journal represents the College’s commitment to supporting gastroenterology trainees by promoting academic and professional growth. *ACG Case Reports Journal* provides a platform for medical students, residents, and fellows interested in gastroenterology and hepatology to contribute to medical literature. [acgcasereports.com](http://acgcasereports.com)

The July 2021 – June 2022 ACGCRJ Editorial Board is comprised of:

**Co-Editors-in-Chief**
- Katherine A. Falloon, MD, Cleveland Clinic
- Judy A. Trieu, MD, MPH, Loyola University Medical Center

**Associate Editors**
- Amporn Atsawarunruangkit, MD, Brown University
- Divya Chalikonda, MD, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
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- Malav Parikh, MD, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University
- Hirsh Trivedi, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Mike Wei, MD, Stanford University

**Twitter Feed for ACG’s Three Journals**

@AmJGastro *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*

Since its launch in late September 2020, the @AmJGastro Twitter feed has grown to over 2,700 followers as of August 2021. Since March of
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE (cont.)

2021, it has consistently surpassed 100,000 tweet impressions each month. Active dialogue with clinicians who have been sharing links and comments on ACG guides as well as media coverage of ACG guidelines have in large part driven Twitter engagement for @AmJGastro. We have seen activity around AJG articles from Twitter-based journal clubs, especially GI Journal Club (@GIJournal). The College routinely re-tweets @AmJGastro posts through its Twitter handle @AmCollegeGastro, which has in excess of 25,600 followers, to extend the reach and familiarize the GI community about the Red Journal handle.

@ACG_CTG Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology
CTG launched a Twitter presence in May 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 ACG Case Reports Journal
ACG Case Reports Journal is the latest journal to launch a Twitter Feed in July 2021 to coincide with the new editorial team. The highly visual nature of this online open access journal offers strong imagery for social media posts and another avenue for authors to reach the GI community with interesting cases.

ACG Magazine
ACG Magazine is a glossy print quarterly publication offered as a signature benefit of ACG membership. As of August 2021, ACG Magazine has published 18 issues since its launch in early 2017 and featured original contributions by scores of ACG members.

Cover Story “Leading the Way in Advancing Health Equity”
In the 2021-1 Spring Issue, Dr. Sophie Balzora, Dr. Darrell Gray, and Dr. Renee Williams shared key insights from a Town Hall on Health Equity at ACG 2020 and reflected on the role of ACG members in combatting health inequities and what we can do to continue progress.

Cover Story “Emotional Intelligence”
The cover for the 2021-2 Summer issue was “Emotional Intelligence” inspired by a new video learning module developed for the ACG Education Universe by three physicians who were formerly part of the ACG Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program (YPLSP), Dr. Uchenna Agbim, Dr. Sara Ancello and Dr. Divya Bhatt. The overview of this topic was written by Dr. David Hass, co-director of YPLSP for the ACG Institute.

New Magazine Section: Trainee Hub
At the committee’s November meeting 2020, Dr. Shifa Umar, at the time a third year fellow at Allegheny Health Network, 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 last year 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 is 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.

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.

ACG Blog
ACG Blog (gi.org/ACG-Blog) and the weekly Blog Blast email newsletter receive positive engagement and visibility among ACG members. These serve as platforms 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. 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 on the Blog.
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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 best 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.

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 on November 9, 2020. In total, the race raised more than $30,000 to support the ACG Summer Scholars Program.

2. The Committee led a webinar series entitled “Racism in Medicine,” the most recent of which was hosted in May 2021 and addressed “Allyship and Action: In Solidarity Against Anti-Asian Racism.”

3. The Summer Scholars Program subcommittee, led by Dr. Somaya Albhaiasi, selected Nicolette Veracruz from Central Michigan University (Mentor: Tiffany Taft, MD - Northwestern
ACG’s Committees (cont.)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE (cont.)

University Feinberg School of Medicine) and Darius Whitmore-Carter from Morehouse School of Medicine (Mentor: Baharak Moshiree, MD, FACG - Atrium Health). Darius’s abstract submission to the ACG Annual Meeting was selected for poster presentation (P1431A: Prevalence of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) in an Underserved Community Internal Medicine Practice in Charlotte, North Carolina).

4. The Committee partnered with the ACG Institute in the creation of the inaugural Health Equity Research Award and issuing the RFP on July 23, 2021.

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.

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.

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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
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (cont.)

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. 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 2021 to plan the educational offerings for the 2021 Annual Meeting, which is now being held as a hybrid event but live in Las Vegas and with virtual components in October 2021. The Abstract Selection Subcommittee then met in July 2020 to select oral presentations, poster presentations, and abstract awards for the 2021 meeting.

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The Abstract Selection Subcommittee met in July 2021. Over 3,700 abstracts were submitted, and nearly 70 of the top-rated abstracts were selected for oral presentation.

For the ninth 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 9th 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 2021.

Forty-one of the top abstracts were identified as award recipients, with $41,000 to be distributed among award winners, including: 2 ACG Auxiliary Awards, 2 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.

More than 3,100 abstracts were selected for poster presentation in 2021. 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 Las Vegas.

The final program for the ACG 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting was developed collaboratively after extensive discussion with the Educational Affairs Committee, chaired by Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACP, with input from ACG President David A. Greenwald, MD, FACP, and the ACG Board of Trustees. The program includes 15 bonus (previously breakfast) sessions, 12 clinical symposia, nearly 70 oral presentations, and more than 3,100 poster presentations.

On Friday, October 22, 2021, three additional educational offerings are available:

1. GI Pathophysiology Course – led by Course Co-Directors Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS, FACP, and Ikuo Hirano, MD, FACP, will feature live and streaming sessions from 7 am-12:30 pm Pacific.

2. What’s New in GI Pharmacology Course – led by Course Co-Directors Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACP, and William D. Chey, MD, FACP, will feature live and streaming sessions from 1:45 pm-5:20 pm Pacific.

3. Practice Management Summit 2021: Defining a New Normal – led by Course Co-Directors Sapna V. Thomas, MD, FACP, and Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACP, will feature live sessions from 7:55 am-4:55 pm Pacific, with on-demand sessions available following the course.

New for 2021 – Access to courses on the digital platform will be available to both live and virtual attendees until March 31, 2022.

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 23-24, 2021, the Postgraduate Course will be held under the leadership of Course Co-Directors David J. Hass, MD, FACP, and Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACP. The Self-Assessment Test, prepared under the direction of Christine Y. Hachem, MD, FACP, 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 answer 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:

**2021 Meetings**

- **ACG Southern Regional Postgraduate Course & ACG’s IBD School**
  December 3-5, 2021
  Renaissance Nashville Hotel
  Nashville, Tennessee

**2022 Meetings**

- **ACG Board of Governors/ASGE Best Practices Course & ACG Functional GI Disorders School**
  January 28-30, 2022
  The Aria
  Las Vegas, Nevada

- **ACG/FGS Annual Spring Symposium**
  March 11-13, 2022
  Naples Grande Beach Hotel
  Naples, Florida

- **ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course**
  March 18-20, 2022
  Hilton New Orleans Riverside
  New Orleans, Louisiana

- **ACG Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course & ACG’s Hepatology School**
  April 1-3, 2022
  The Seaport Boston Hotel
  Boston, Massachusetts

- **ACG Midwest Regional Postgraduate Course**
  Date and Property TBA
  Indianapolis, Indiana

**ACG/VGS/ODSGNA Regional Postgraduate Course**
September 9-11, 2022
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

**ACG 2022**
October 21-26, 2022
Charlotte Convention Center
Charlotte, North Carolina

**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 [satest.gi.org](http://satest.gi.org) and [sapmoc.gi.org](http://sapmoc.gi.org) to make ABIM’s MOC process as easy as possible to fulfill.

ACG continues to offer ABIM MOC points for all of the live meetings including regional courses as well as all of the courses at ACG 2021, and new for 2021, the bonus sessions will also include ABIM MOC points.

**ACG Online Self-Assessment Test**
The 2019 through 2021 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. ACG members may earn up to 10 free hours of CME credit each year and can obtain additional CME credit at reduced rates.
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (cont.)

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 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 Noon-1:00 pm Eastern. They are open-access and offered on a variety of clinical GI topics. Additional special evening webinars were offered on topics such as Reopening Your GI Endoscopy Practice, Gastrointestinal Manifestations of COVID-19, and Racism in Medicine. For 2020, 39,774 attendees participated across 55 webinars. For 2021, 36 webinars were offered in the first half of the year to 11,166 attendees. 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. To date, 6 webinars aligned with 6 countries or regions have already been offered as part of this partnership offering. 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 2021 international courses for endorsement by the College:

2021 Courses

Midterm Endocon 2021
World Endoscopy Organization
January 22-24, 2021
Virtual

JGA 16th Annual Meeting
Japanese Gastroenterology Association
February 19-20, 2021
Osaka, Japan & Virtual

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Organizacion Panamericana de Gastroenterologia (OPGE)
July 14-16, 2021
Virtual

Mexican Association of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting
November 12-16, 2021
Guadalajara, Mexico & Virtual
FDA RELATED MATTERS COMMITTEE

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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 2021 is under the leadership of Chair Eric Shah, MD, MBA, FACG.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACG-FDA Fellowship Program

Due to COVID-19, the ACG-FDA fellowship program was put on hold. The Committee hopes to resume the application process in the summer of 2021.

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 Committee annually reviews applications and selects candidates for this ACG-FDA Fellowship Program.

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 RELATED MATTERS COMMITTEE (cont.)

ACG Sponsorship of FDA GREAT VI Conference
The ACG was recently invited to participate and cosponsor the recent FDA Gastroenterology Regulatory Endpoints and the Advancement of Therapeutics (GREAT) Workshop in July 2021. This two-day workshop focused on eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders and celiac disease. ACG has co-hosted the conference with the FDA and other organizations in previous years as well.

Committee Workshops at the ACG Annual Meeting
The Committee holds ACG-FDA joint workshops at the ACG Annual Meeting, including events discussing endpoints for IBD, EoE, bowel preparation products, and biologic drugs/biosimilars in IBD. The Committee is currently planning this session jointly with the ACG Innovation & Technology Committee, focusing on artificial intelligence in gastroenterology.

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 Employees Participating in Committee Activities
While ACG has regular contact with the FDA and is often invited to participate in FDA-related events, the Committee would like to bolster this collaborative relationship with the FDA in 2021. The Committee will begin inviting FDA employees to participate in committee calls and meeting, helping to serve as a special-advisor role to vet and recommend committee activities.

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.
FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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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 2022 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 2020 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 ago and has provided both security and flexibility that has enabled effective short and long-term planning. In a year as challenging as 2021 has been, along with the College’s ability to thrive notwithstanding the cancellation of live meetings in 2020 and beyond, the financial security of the College has been even more important and helpful.

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. The Committee is also responsible for overseeing and, when necessary, altering the College’s Investment Policy. The College has fulfilled our investment goals to date and is closely watching 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
FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (cont.)

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, 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 2021 is under the leadership of Chair Vivek Kaul, MD, FACP. 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.

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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 Innovation & Technology Joint Committee Workshop at 2021 ACG Annual Meeting
The ACG FDA Related Matters Committee has held workshops at the ACG Annual Meeting with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including events discussing endpoints for IBD, EoE, bowel preparation products, and biologic drugs/biosimilars. This year’s session will be jointly-sponsored by the ACG Innovation & Technology Committee, focusing on artificial intelligence in gastroenterology.

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
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.

2021 International Training Grant Awardees
Dr. Evaristus Chukwudike from Nigeria will study at Brown University / RI Hospital, under the direction of Dr. Steven Moss. His clinical and research interests are *Helicobacter pylori*, gastric cancer, and endoscopy and the ACG grant will enable him to further develop the skills needed to advance his research career and support his professional development.
Dr. Artemis Trikola from Greece will study at Massachusetts General Hospital, Center for Neurointestinal Health, under the direction of Dr. Christopher Velez. She will: 1) Gain comfort with outpatient functional and gastrointestinal motility disorder management; 2) Achieve level 2 competence in foregut, bowel, and hindgut motility diagnostic testing modalities; 3) Participate in both research and didactic learning.

**2021 North American International Training Grant Awardee**

Dr. Giselle Mahoro is currently a first year GI Fellow at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She will be going to the University Teaching Hospital of Kigali in Rwanda to train under the supervision of Dr. Jean Damascene Kapakambira for four months. Dr. Mahoro aspires to have a career in global health and gastroenterology, and believes this experience will serve as a foundation to her future endeavors.

**ACG Endorsement / Participation in International Meetings and Webinars**

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 and webinars through participation of ACG leaders as faculty. The following were endorsed/supported in 2021.

**Meetings**

**ACG Endorsement / Participation in 2021 International Meetings:**

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  July 14–16, 2021
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  ACG sponsored 4 faculty members for this meeting.

**Webinars**

- May 20, 2021: Central America, “Guidelines for IBS”
- June 5, 2021: Pakistan, “Hepatocellular Carcinoma”
- November 2021: Italy, “Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Pancreatitis”
- Additional webinars with Israel and China are in preliminary stages.

**New Initiatives**

The Committee has created three subcommittees:

1. **Social Media**
   - Launched a new ACG International Facebook page
   - Collaborating with ACG’s International Governors
   - Working with ACG’s social media staff for international colon cancer awareness

2. **International Training Grants**
   - Will generate a list of possible training centers if an international applicant can’t identify a host center. This will be organized by sub-specialty, such as advanced endoscopy, IBD, hepatology, etc.

3. **International Webinar Series**
   - Working with international Governors to gauge interest among international GI societies
   - Building on the webinar series that was started with OPGE in 2020 the Committee is proposing that the host society/country be rotated monthly with a goal of having a webinar for each continent.
   - Document developed to give guidance for co-sponsoring society
ACG’s Committees (cont.)

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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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 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 2021 is under the leadership of Chair James Hobley, MD, MSc, FACG.

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).

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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 Washington D.C. fly-in.
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.
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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 16,000 members with continued growth in all categories of membership. ACG Governors, under the leadership of the Regional Councilors, who along with the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors comprise the Membership Committee, continue to promote ACG membership locally. ACG Governors continue to play an active role in seeking out members who may qualify for Fellowship in the College and encouraging such members to apply for FACG 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.

Membership Recruitment
The Committee launched a year-long recruitment campaign reaching out to nonmember GI clinicians in the United States. The campaign is geared around each of the applications deadlines, showcasing the themes of Belonging, Solutions, and Knowledge.

International Membership
International membership continues to increase due to our partnership with a firm that is sponsoring nearly 600 GI physicians from India. This firm will also be sponsoring an additional 200 to 300 for the 2022 membership year.
ACG’s Committees (cont.)

PATIENT CARE COMMITTEE

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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 Web site’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.

New Media Subcommittee
The newly established New Media Subcommittee is responsible for reaching patients and providing patient education materials in innovative ways and through new platforms. The Subcommittee has begun to present relevant content in new and engaging ways including Instagram Live discussions, patient-centered podcasts, and a patient centered YouTube Channel, https://bit.ly/3sGah6J.

Patient Care Website Updates
2021 has been a busy year for the committee. The year started with a comprehensive review of the ACG Patient Care webpage, patients.gi.org. Following the review, 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 care pages with the addition of sharing tools, enhanced printing options, and an assessment of pages for appropriate health literacy. For IBS Awareness Month this year, useful patient tools such as the IBS Symptom Tracker and the IBS Treatment Checklist were updated on the site, and there was an addition of a new IBS Infographic.

Patient Brochures
ACG, with the help of the patient care committee, has also developed the following brochures based on patient care topics:
CRC: https://webfiles.gi.org/links/committees/Public%20Relations/2021CRC-infographic.pdf
IBS: https://webfiles.gi.org/images/patients/IBS-infographic.pdf

Cross Committee Collaboration
Patient Care partnered with the PR committee on the #FightTheFlu campaign and Flu and COVID immunization webinars

Ongoing Priorities
• Ongoing review and updates to GI health topics via patients.gi.org
• Identify gaps in Patient Education content on gi.org
• The newly established New Media Subcommittee producing new media content including monthly Instagram Live discussions and the development of questions for the AJG co-editors-in-chief’s interview with the author of a key article in the journal highlighting important clinical science
• Expand patient care pages that are translated into Spanish and other languages
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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. We emailed Pediatric GI Fellowship Program Directors to make them aware of the opportunity for their fellows to apply for open positions on the 2021-2022 Editorial Board for ACG Case Reports Journal.
3. The Committee worked with the ACG Education staff for the second consecutive year to secure American Board of Pediatrics MOC points for the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course.
4. Dr. Thomas Attard's manuscript on Hereditary Polyposis transition guidance was published in AJG: ACG Clinical Report and Recommendations on Transition of Care in Children and Adolescents With Hereditary Polyposis Syndromes

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5. Dr. Cheryl Gariepy has submitted a guidance document on transitioning pediatric patients with chronic pancreatitis to adult care to AJG and a manuscript revision is underway.
6. Drs. Thomas Attard, Girish Hiremath and Kaylan Ray Parashette were appointed mentors/advisors to the ACG Case Reports Journal Editorial Board.
7. Dr. Sandeep Gupta’s report on Pediatric Eosinophilic GI Disorders was added to the ACG Education Universe.
8. 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.
9. 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.

The Committee is designing a survey study to address gaps in training that adult GI attendings encounter when taking care of adolescents and young adults. The survey would be disease specific – short gut, nutrition parental and enteral, IBD, EOE, cloacal malformation, neurological conditions with GI needs, and endoscopy.
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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**

**Practice Management Summit at ACG 2021: “Defining a New Normal”**

The Committee plans and hosts the ACG Practice Management Course/Summit during the ACG annual meetings. This year’s course is “The Practice Management Summit 2021: Defining a New Normal.”

This year’s course directors are Sapna V. Thomas, MD, FACG, and Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACG.

**Practice Management Committee Work Retreat**

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 provided feedback for the ACG Practice Management Course. This year’s retreat was cancelled due to the pandemic, but the Committee hopes to host a work retreat in 2022.
**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-lead 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 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 set up telehealth services.

The committee has published several toolbox topics as articles in 2021 issues of *ACG Magazine*, as well as a 2021 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 pursuit 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, five practice guidelines were published in The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG) in 2021, four guidelines are being reviewed or are nearing completion, and twenty guidelines are in development.

The following five guidelines were published in AJG in 2021:

- Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (January 2021)
- Colorectal Cancer Screening 2021 (March 2021)
- Upper Gastrointestinal and Ulcer Bleeding (May 2021)

- Diagnosis and Management of Idiosyncratic Drug-Induced Liver Injury (May 2021)
- Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Clostridioides difficile Infections (June 2021)

The following guidelines are undergoing revisions or are nearing completion:

- Management of Benign Anorectal Disorders
- Diagnosis and Management of Barrett’s Esophagus
- Acute On Chronic Liver Failure
- Diagnosis and Management of Gastroesophageal

The following seventeen guidelines are currently in development:

- Acute Liver Failure
- Acute Lower GI Bleeding
- Acute Pancreatitis [Update]
- Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease
- Approach to Submucosal Masses of the GI Tract
- Barrett’s Esophagus
- Bariatric Endoscopy
- Biliary strictures
- Celiac Disease [Update]
• Complications of ERCP
• Gastric Premalignant Conditions
• Gastroparesis
• Gastrointestinal Polyp Syndrome
• Management of Gastroparesis
• Nutrition in Liver Disease
• Pregnancy in IBD
• Submucosal Masses of the GI Tract

The following three guidelines are being developed with other societies.

**Joint Guidelines**

• Antiplatelet and Anticoagulation in the Periprocedure Setting. *ACG/CAG (Canadian Association of Gastroenterology) Joint Publication.*
• Management of Constipation. *ACG/AGA Joint Publication.*
• Role of Radiology in GI Bleeding. *ACG/Society of Radiology Joint Publication.*

**IBD Rapid Update/Living Document**

• A task force and process have been developed to continually update the College’s existing IBD guidelines (Crohn’s Disease, IBD Preventive Care and Ulcerative Colitis) to keep with the pace of novel, high-impact studies.

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

**Role of the 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). The evidence-based statements are highlighted in each section of the guideline and are also summarized at the end of each guideline document. A panel of ACG GRADE team members use the GRADE system software program to assist the authors in assessing the level of evidence for each statement based on assessment of the articles of the highest evidence for each statement. The College has 6 formally trained GRADE methodologists for this role. A new development in 2021 is that the secondary GRADE methodologist can be listed as an author on the publication if they meet the four qualifications of authorship as per the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) recommendations:

1. Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
2. Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
3. Final approval of the version to be published; AND
4. Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

**Publication Process**

Once each guideline is completed, the publishing process has been streamlined so that reviews are performed by at least two members of the Committee, a member of the ACG Board of Trustees, and an Associate Editor from *The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG).* The authors then receive a streamlined set of comments in order to direct potential revisions. The final drafts of all guidelines are then reviewed by the entire ACG Board of Trustees prior to publication. All completed guidelines are available on the ACG website and mobile app, as well as PubMed. In addition, the AJG Podcast features interviews with authors of recent published guidelines and a patient-facing segment is recorded for the Patient Care Committee.

The Committee had a virtual Zoom meeting in spring 2021, and is meeting in person at ACG 2021 in Las Vegas on Monday, October 25.
Professionalism Committee

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

Battling Physician Burnout

Much of the work of the Committee has been related to physician burnout. We continue to work on the Burnout Survey led by Carol A. Burke MD, FACP, and others. This 60 question Burnout Survey was sent to ACG members in 2014. This has yielded rich data, and two abstracts which were presented at the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG 2017.

While significant analyses of the data have been completed, the Committee Chair, Joseph C. Anderson, MD, MHCDS, FACP, has spent many hours reanalyzing the data. This has been a significant undertaking given the large number of variables that were included in the survey. Drs. Christina M. Surawicz, Carol A. Burke, Mohammad Bilal, Jill K. J. Gaidos, Amy S. Oxentenko and Joseph C. Anderson are currently writing a paper on burnout which combines all of the surveys described below. Our data are unique since the member data predate COVID. Furthermore, our fellow data represent the largest sample for survey burnout. The authoring team hopes to publish the manuscript in The American Journal of Gastroenterology.

The Committee has worked with the Training Committee to address burnout in fellows in training. A survey was developed jointly by the two committees and was sent to all fellows last fall. As with the member survey, we plan to submit these data combined with other survey data.

We have also conducted a survey to assess the impact of COVID on fellow burnout based on a suggestion from the ACG Board of Trustees. We also developed a survey which assessed the program directors’ perception of their trainee’s burnout levels.

The Committee is considering an in-depth examination of burnout in order to develop solutions for burnout. Since burnout is likely a heterogeneous phenomenon, with many causes, a comprehensive evaluation with structured surveys of trainees and program directors will be essential. The project would likely require the Committee to partner with professionals who are trained in qualitative methods. ACG members who have such training and are interested in working on this project should contact the ACG office.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACG Public Relations Committee includes an active and dedicated group of clinicians who support the College’s educational priorities and interface with consumer media and the medical press. Key objectives are to identify and promote clinical research findings and to raise awareness of GI and liver diseases. The PR Committee helps to shape the College’s social media presence and participate in the vibrant conversation relating to clinical GI happening on ACG’s social media channels including Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. Among its key priorities are a signature event, the SCOPY Awards, and annual awareness campaign 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.

2020-2021 Highlights: New Ways to Create Engagement and Awareness During Challenging Times

#DiversityinGI Virtual 5K

This virtual event in the fall of 2020 raised over $30,000 for the ACG Summer Scholars Program thanks to over 500 registrations and generous sponsorship support from Braintree Pharmaceuticals and Ironwood. ACG members embraced a virtual race and celebrated of the diversity of the GI profession. When the College launched the ACG 2020 #DiversityinGI Virtual 5K, no one could have imagined the high levels of enthusiasm, intensity of the rivalries, the incredible sense of fun, or the serious depth of commitment among so many ACG members, their friends, families and colleagues—all of whom showed their support and commitment to diversity in GI, and shed a light on a critical issue in gastroenterology and medicine.

The social media posts, special runs organized by some of the GI training programs, and the tremendous sense of camaraderie were all so gratifying to race Co-Chairs Dr. Sophie Balzora and Dr. Darrell Gray. Champions from the 5K Race committee—all of them serious runners—added their voices and encouragement, while turning in some impressive race times.

1Fact/1 Myth Social Media Campaign with ACG’s Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

To support the College’s commitment to use facts to help dispel myths and misconceptions about COVID-19 vaccines, the PR Committee collaborated with the ACG Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and supported a campaign developed under the leadership of Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, MACG, Freddy Caldera, DO, MS, and Tauseef Ali, MD, FACP. Their leadership was essential to this effort to address COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and promote vaccine confidence. The campaign included a suite of materials and resources

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for ACG members to serve as trusted messengers about the COVID-19 vaccine. The objective was to empower gastroenterologists and members of the GI care team as champions and educators in fighting misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines. All the messages and resources feature facts drawn verbatim from materials published and updated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Key goals of #1Fact/1Myth initiative included positioning ACG members and the College as champions in promoting vaccine confidence and serving as “myth busters,” encouraging social media as a way to positively influence vaccination decisions of peers, patients, friends, and family, and addressing the significant challenge to increase acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines among GI and liver patients and the general public.

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

The signature event for ACG’s socially distanced celebration of March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month evolved from a suggestion by Dr. David Greenwald and Dr. Seth Gross. Tapping the energy and commitment of so many ACG members discovered during last fall’s #DiversityinGI virtual 5K, “Ride or Stride for 45” truly showcased the incredible variety of ways that the GI community will go the distance to raise awareness of colorectal cancer. In this virtual challenge, Dr. Greenwald, Dr. Gross, Dr. Ali and the PR Committee invited the entire GI community 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.

The outpouring of support and participation by so many ACG members across the country and around the world was gratifying, while the photos of incredible locations for exercise were inspiring. Through social media posts, our members shared strong messages about the importance colorectal cancer screening. On March 13, a dedicated group of Peloton fans enjoyed a group ride, while a challenge to all the GI training programs for a virtual 5K on March 27 created opportunities for group runs and a sense of excitement and purpose at the end of March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month “Dress in Blue Day” – All #MaskUp and Ready to Screen for CRC

Friday, March 5, 2021 was unlike any other Dress in Blue Day ever, but even during COVID-19 ACG members showed their masked faces for CRC awareness and ACG celebrated their undaunted support for CRC prevention. While social distancing was the reality, Dress in Blue Day still offered an important opportunity to bring attention to a serious public health challenge of colorectal cancer. While many could not deliver the typical in-person education and events this year, nevertheless the GI community was able to #MaskUp and go #BlueForCRC!

New Patient Education Materials on CRC Screening during COVID-19

In March 2021, the PR Committee launched a multi-faceted education campaign with new patient education resources with information about colorectal cancer prevention, screening options, and the safety and importance of colorectal cancer screening during the coronavirus pandemic. The materials were written to reflect new recommendations from the 2021 ACG CRC Screening guidelines. ACG members can download an infographic, brochure, flyers, and rack cards to download and/or print, as well as and social media banners, messages, and pointers for community education from the ACG Website at bit.ly/ACG-CRC-Toolkit.

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

ACG was proud to host a free webstream event, Tune It Up: A Concert to Raise Awareness of Colorectal Cancer, on Wednesday, March 31st featuring dynamic performances by a talented collective of musicians. Concert Director Benjamin H. Levy, III, MD a member of ACG’s PR Committee, organized an impressive evening of music. ACG’s goal was to tap the connection and energy that music creates to shine a light on the importance of colorectal cancer screening and prevention.

The virtual concert included messages from celebrity cancer advocate Katie Couric and performances by notable stars such as GRAMMY® Award winning singer/songwriter Lisa Loeb, Rufus Wainwright, Tim Reynolds, violinist Hilary Hahn, Jazz Trumpeter Kermit Ruffins, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra along with a group of musicians from a wide range of genres who all donated their time and performances to support colorectal cancer awareness efforts.

Listen: Explore vibrant performances and discover new artists when you listen to the recording at gi.org/concert.
**Colorectal Cancer Radio Media Tour with ACG Board of Governors**

Working with radio producers from News Generation, the PR Committee and ACG Board of Governors conducted a large number of radio interviews reaching over 11.7 million listeners in target markets across the country in March 2021. The following ACG Governors were part of this effort: Dr. Tauseef Ali, Dr. Aline Charabaty, Dr. Sita Chokhavatia, Dr. Dayna Early, Dr. Joyann Kroser, Dr. Baha Moshiree, Dr. Shireen Pais, Dr. Alison Schneider, and Dr. Sapna Thomas. They were joined by members of the ACG Public Relations Committee Dr. Sophie Balzora and Dr. Reezwana Chowdhury, along with ACG President Dr. David Greenwald and Dr. James Hobley chair of the College's Legislative & Public Policy Council.

**SCOPY Awards 2021**

For the 2021 SCOPY Awards (Service Award for Colorectal Cancer Outreach, Prevention & Year-Round Excellence) in a year when so much of March CRC Awareness Month happened through virtual events, the PR Committee was so grateful to have received a tremendous number of submissions. A strong group projects from across the country demonstrated tremendous commitment to CRC education against the odds. The 7th Annual SCOPY Awards will be announced at an event on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 3:30 pm PDT in Mandalay Bay Ballroom L.
ACG’s Committees (cont.)

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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ACG Grant Review Process

This February, the ACG Research Committee met via Zoom over three days, to review the submissions for the ACG 2021 Research awards. This hard-working group expertly pivoted to complete an extensive review of all submitted grants. In assessing the applications for 2021, 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 2021 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 2021 Clinical Research

For 2021, the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education awarded $1,926,744 in support of outstanding clinical research in gastroenterology based on the review and recommendations of the ACG Research Committee. This year, ACG will support two Junior Faculty Development Awards at an overall level of $900,000 over 3 years, an investment that recognizes and supports promising clinical researchers. There were 38 applications for this career development award.

The Research Committee recommended funding for two new grant categories, one award for the Bridge Funding Research Award at a level of $300,000 – for bridge funding designed to support established investigators who experience a lapse in federal funding, and one investigator received the new joint ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, at a level of $50,000.

From among 70 submissions for the 2021 Clinical Research Award and Pilot Research Award, the Research Committee recommended funding for 7 investigators for a total of $249,790. A total of 2 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 of three Medical Resident Clinical Research Awards for a total of $30,000 and two Medical Student Research Awards for a total of $7,075.

Junior Faculty Development Award

The College is proud to support two Junior Faculty Development Awards this year. The ACG Junior Faculty Development Grant is a three-year award designed to support a junior faculty member of 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 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 two Junior Faculty Development Awards recommended by the ACG Research Committee at their February 2021 meeting:

Eileen Carpenter, MD, PhD: University of Michigan — The Tumor Immune Microenvironment and Pancreatic Cancer Chemoresistance
Nicole Rich, MD: UT Southwestern — Sex and Gender Disparities in Hepatocellular Carcinoma Incidence and Prognosis

ACG Mid-Career / Senior Clinical Scientist Bridge Funding Award

New this year, the College offered Bridge funding awards of up to $300,000 for original clinical research. This is a two-year award designed to provide bridge funding to established investigators who has evidence of recent concluded or newly anticipated federal funding, at $150,000 per year for each of the two years.

Johane Allard, MD: Toronto General Hospital — Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: Relationship between Hepatic Gene Expression, Intestinal Microbiome and Disease Severity

ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

New this year, the College, in partnership with ASGE, supported 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).

Jason Dominitz, MD, MHS: University of Washington School of Medicine — Comparison of Colonoscopy Quality Metrics Among Individuals Undergoing Diagnostic Colonoscopy for an Abnormal Fecal Occult Blood Test, Abnormal FIT-DNA Test or Average Risk Screening Colonoscopy in a National Colonoscopy Registry

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 2021 Clinical Research Awards (up to $50,000)

Freddy Caldera, DO, MS: University of Wisconsin- Madison — Immunogenicity and Safety of a COVID 19 Vaccine in Patient with Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Liver Transplant Recipients
Girish Hiremath, MD, MPH: Monroe Carell Jr Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, Vanderbilt University Medical Center— Metagenomics and Metatranscriptomics to Unravel Host-Microbiome Cross-talk in Children with Eosinophilic Esophagitis
ACG’s Committees (cont.)

RESEARCH COMMITTEE (cont.)

Neil Marya, MD: University of Massachusetts Medical School — Development and Validation of a Cytology-based Convolutional Neural Network Model for the Diagnosis of Cholangiocarcinoma

Amanda Muir, MD, MTR: Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia — Evaluating Eating Behaviors in Children with Eosinophilic Esophagitis

Robert Wong, MD, MS, FACP: Stanford University School of Medicine/Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System — Evaluating Epidemiology and Outcomes of Patients with Hepatitis B Virus and Tuberculosis Co-Infection Across Two Unique Hepatitis B Cohorts

ACG 2021 ACG Clinical Research Awards – Pilot Grants (up to $15,000)

Michael Li, MD: Brigham and Women’s Hospital — Predictors and Outcomes of Steroid-Refractory Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Hepatitis

Guilherme Piovezani Ramos, MD: Mayo Clinic — The Use of the Metabolome to Improve Clinical Outcomes in Checkpoint Inhibitor Associated Colitis

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 on a mentor who is an ACG member. Both of these types of awards support travel to the ACG Annual Scientific meeting as part of the experience.

2021 Medical Resident Clinical Research Award (up to $10,000)

Chansong Choi, MD, MS: Mayo Clinic — Exploration of Sarcopenia Index (SI) Among Patients with Cirrhosis

Roupen Djinbachian, MD: University of Montreal — Effect of Serrated Polyps at Index Colonoscopy on Risk of Metachronous High-Risk Adenomas

Achintya Singh, MBBS, MD: Cleveland Clinic Foundation — Predictors for Recurrence of Ampullary Polyps after Endoscopic Papillectomy: A Multicenter, Retrospective Study

2021 Medical Student Research Award (up to $5,000)

Chung-Heng (Peter) Liu, BS, MS: Drexel University College of Medicine — Clinical Predictors of Intensive Care Unit Transfer in Admitted Patients with Cirrhosis

Matthew Zhao, BS: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA — The Role of Chronic Kidney Disease in the Development of Hepatic Encephalopathy Following Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt Placement for Refractory Ascites
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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS
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 24th. The luncheon will feature a faculty panel to discuss “Gastroenterology Beyond the Clinic.”

GI Jeopardy
This year will mark the nineteenth 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 149 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 Baylor College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science (Jacksonville), Scripps Clinic / Scripps Green Hospital, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics and University of North Carolina Hospitals.

Each of these programs was invited to designate two competitors for the final round on Saturday, October 23rd. Qualifying teams received airfare and housing for the Las Vegas meeting. The winning team members from the live Jeopardy competition will each receive a $1,000 travel grant toward the 2022 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. 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 (cont.)
The annual ACG 2nd Year Fellows Course will resume in January 2022 in the Washington, D.C. area, after its cancellation in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will be chaired by Adam C. Ehrlich, MD, MPH, FACG, Elizabeth R. Paine, MD, FACG, and Abbas H. Rupawala, 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 (cont.)
The 2020/2021 Grand Prize Winner of the online Board Review Question of the Week competition was Dr. Amol Agarwal, MD, from the University of Maryland. He received a $1,000 travel grant toward the 2021 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. 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 2022 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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 (cont.)
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 3, 2021, with over 450 attendees, to provide guidance to prospective applicants into the Match application process.

ACG’s Committees (cont.)

Trainee Mentoring Program
In conjunction with the Women in Gastroenterology 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.

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 first webinar, “Work Life Balance,” took place on February 17, 2021. 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 bi-weekly online for free to all readers. In addition, there are no submission or publication fees for authors. Publications are indexed on PubMed, PubMed Central, EBSCO, EMBASE, Google Scholar, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), and Web of Science’s Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). 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 8.
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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, FACG, 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. This year’s workshop is co-chaired by Drs. Swapna Gayam and Jami Kinnucan. Presentations will include Networking and Negotiation, ABCs of Private Practice, ABCs of Academic Practice, and Work-Life Balance. Panel sessions for private practice and academic interests have been included, and all trainees are invited to participate. The workshop normally held on the Friday of the October Annual Meeting has been moved to January 2022 and will be offered virtually. A live question and answer session, and breakout discussions specific to private practice and academics will be offered. These informative and fun live sessions for the fellows will also include a debate between some of the experts.

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. Jana Al Hashash and Julie Tobak are serving as co-chairs of the luncheon with panelists from various backgrounds of the GI field such as academics, private practice, advanced endoscopy etc. providing their experience and tips for success for the female trainees and faculty. The 2021 session was held on September 14th as part of the ACG Virtual Grand Rounds Career Series webinars. The webinar featured a dynamic panel which included women gastroenterologists from different GI subspecialties, from different parts of the country, and with different career paths in order to create a well-represented cohort to answer questions and offer
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advice and guidance on issues of being a female subspecialist, balancing career and family, and opportunities for women in GI. The webinar was moderated by Drs. Jana Al Hashash and Julie Tobak and the panelists were Drs. Lin Chang, Lavanya Vishwanathan, Aasma Shaukat, Kumkum Patel, Vonda Reeves, Shireen Pais and Danielle Marino.

**Celebrating Diversity in ACG Happy Hour**

This reception is held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and is open to all attendees and their guests. It is an opportunity to meet other members, exchange ideas, and find out more about the activities of the Women in GI Committee and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. This year’s reception will be held at the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas on Sunday, October 24th from 5:15 pm-6:00 pm and will be hosted by Dr. Shivangi Kothari, Chair of the Women in GI Committee and Dr. Darrell Gray, Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

**Virtual Grand Rounds – Career Edition**

The Committee, in collaboration with the Training Committee, started a series of monthly Career edition webinars to help fellows and faculty address various issues like work life balance, how to edit videos, billing tips for the new attending, career transitions etc. 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. These have been very well attended and received by the ACG members.

**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. Dr. Pooja Singhal is overseeing the Mentoring Program on behalf of the Women in GI Committee.

**Female Representation and College Participation**

Dr. Pegah Hosseini-Carroll is 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.

**Women in GI on the ACG GI Circle Initiative**

The Women in GI Online Task force has been actively meeting to discuss revamping and increasing engagement of ACG members in the Women in GI Circle. Those discussions led to a decision to meet members where they are and shift to monthly Twitter chats and use this venue to encourage participants to continue the conversation in the Circle.

The Twitter chats occur each month on the first Wednesday of the month. The first chat took place on January 6, 2021. The topic was Tips for Negotiating and was led by Drs. Reena Chokshi and Lisa Jones. The February chat was on microaggressions and was very informative, engaging and very well received. It was led by Drs. Anita Afzali and Renee Williams. We have since had chats on mentorship, sleep health and leveraging emotional intelligence.

**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, is working towards publishing a third monograph to address the current best approaches in the treatment of GI diseases and endoscopy during pregnancy and the postpartum period. 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 will be detailed, and
peer reviewed with each section written by experts invited from each subspecialty of GI. Proposed topics include:

- 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
- Abdominal imaging in pregnancy
- Use of GI medications and pharmacotherapy in pregnancy

**Gender-Based Research Awards**

There are two gender awards. The first is offered in memory of Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG, who was a prior Chair of the Women in GI Committee. The second gender award is supported by Naomi L. Nakao, MD, FACG. Each award includes a check for $1,000. Abstracts submitted to the Annual Meeting involving gender-based research are reviewed and two are selected to receive these awards. This year’s awardees are:

**ACG/Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award**

*Effect of Hormone Replacement Therapy on Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease and Barrett’s Esophagus in Post-Menopausal Women*

Sherif Saleh, MD1, Fahmi Shibli, MD1, Josue Davila, MD1, Nabil El Hage Chehade, MD2, Ronnie Fass, MD2; 1MetroHealth Medical Center, Cleveland, OH, 2Esophageal and Swallowing Center, MetroHealth Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

**ACG/Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award**

*Association Between Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Fibrosis Severity: A Retrospective Cohort Analysis*

Sindhura Kolli, MD1, Sharnendra Sidhu, MD1, Soonwook Hong, MD1, Kristen Dammeyer1, Eli Rapoport1, Vlad Obsekov, MD1, Gabrielle Maranga, MPH1, Holly F. Lofton, MD1, Violeta Popov, MD, PhD2; 1New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY; 2NYU Langone School of Medicine, New York, NY

**Well Being and Work-Life Balance Task Force**

A new survey was developed and disseminated to the membership, “Assessing Parental Leave Policies and Pregnancy Outcomes in GI” which includes fertility and pregnancy outcomes issues and how work choices are affected. The results from the survey have been accepted for presentation at the ACG Annual Meeting in Las Vegas.

**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, Kavya Sebastian, Audrey Calderwood and Shivangi Kothari 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 created a Musculoskeletal Injuries in Endoscopy Survey that was rolled out at the 2018 Annual Meeting and evaluated whether being female puts a gastroenterologist at a greater risk for endoscopy related injuries. The findings of the survey have been converted into a manuscript which was published in the *AJG* March 2021 Special Issue “Women’s Health in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.”
The American Journal of Gastroenterology

Since it began publishing in 1934 as the official peer-reviewed journal, The American Journal of Gastroenterology 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. We celebrate the outstanding tenure of our outgoing editorial team led by Dr. Brian E. Lacy and Dr. Brennan M. Spiegel and welcome the new Editors-in-Chief, Dr. Jasmohan S. Bajaj and Dr. Millie D. Long.

Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology

The College expanded its publishing titles with the creation of its first 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. 2021 saw a transition from the outgoing and inaugural Editor-in-Chief, Dr. David C. Whitcomb to Dr. Brian C. Jacobson.
**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, was 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.
The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG) continues to thrive under the co-leadership of Brian E. Lacy, MD, PhD, FACG, and Brennan M. R. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG. Senior Associate Editor Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACG, exited the Editorial Board in January 2021, and Sophie M. Balzora, MD, FACG, joined in her place.

In 2020, the Journal saw submissions increase by 49.6% compared to 2019, with 4,086 submissions. As of July 31, 2021, submissions were down 21.5% compared to 2021, but increased by 23.9% compared to the same period in 2019. In 2020, the acceptance rate for main articles (Articles, Brief Communications, Reviews, and Red Section) was 9.7%—a 3.3% increase from 2019. The increase in submissions and rise in acceptance rate for these main article types is related, and the acceptance rate is expected to stabilize in 2021.

The 2020 increase in manuscripts was most likely due to the coronavirus 2019 pandemic (COVID-19), as medical journals across the board experienced a similar increase. Not only did authors have more time to write due to stay-at-home orders, but the Journal received 441 COVID-19-related articles (11% of total submissions). The first COVID-19 related article was submitted on February 23, 2020 [“A COVID-19 case with positive RT-PCR test in the fecal sample.”] AJG took a different route in publishing COVID-19 papers, in that the accepted manuscript was published online prior to copyediting or typesetting. This sped up publication by about four weeks, allowing information about the new pathogen to be disseminated quickly. The Journal added a new COVID-19 Article box to the main website and opened the articles so that they could be read freely. A disclosure was placed at the top of the accepted manuscript notifying readers that it was the accepted version, and still needed formatting and review before being published in its final form. This industry accepted method of publishing accepted manuscripts prior to editing could be considered for journal articles moving forward.

Like the other ACG journals, AJG launched a Twitter account [@AmJGastro]. The account is monitored by Associate Editor Walter Chan, MD, MPH, FACG, and the ACG Communications team (Anne-Louise Oliphant and Becky Abel). As of July 31, 2021, the Twitter account has 2,785 followers, and has posted 578 tweets. Visual abstracts, article figures, or screen shots of the typeset article are usually posted with the tweets.

The following five guidelines were published in AJG in 2021:

- Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (January 2021)
- Colorectal Cancer Screening 2021 (March 2021)
- Upper Gastrointestinal and Ulcer Bleeding (May 2021)
- Diagnosis and Management of Idiosyncratic Drug-Induced Liver Injury (May 2021)
- Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Clostridioides difficile Infections (June 2021)

As of July 2021, AJG’s impact factor rose to 10.864, up from 10.171. Of the top five cited papers from 2018-2019, four were ACG Clinical Guidelines.

As 2021 ends, so does Dr. Lacy and Dr. Spiegel’s six-year co-editorship. In January 2022, Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACG, and Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACG, will step up to lead the Journal and continue on the path set by the current editors.
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ACG LEADERSHIP
Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology (CTG) ended 2020 with a change in editorship as David C. Whitcomb, MD, PhD, FACG, handed the reins to Brian C. Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACG. Dr. Jacobson brought on a team of new Associate Editors as Max Petrov, MD, MPH, PhD; Michael Scharl, MD; and Field Willingham, MD, MPH, ended their term. John Kim, MD; Violeta Popov, MD, PhD, FACG; and Eugenia Shmidt, MD, joined David Levinthal, MD, PhD; Elena Stoffel, MD, MPH; and Andrew Tai, MD, PhD, to complete the CTG Editorial Board as Associate Editors. Dr. Whitcomb deserves congratulations for the increase in the 2020 impact factor (released July 2021), which rose from 3.968 to 4.488.

Dr. Jacobson implemented changes in editorial workflow and use of the Editorial Manager (EM) submission system. Editors began using the Discussion feature of EM, which acts like a message board for editors to share their opinion on articles. This feature connects all communications directly to the manuscript file, making it easier to track the editor decision process.

Similarly to AJG, CTG saw a rise in submissions in 2020, increasing by 38.1% from 2019 to 2020. While submissions in 2021 have slowed, Journal submissions are up 25.8% compared to the same period in 2019. Two new article types were introduced in July 2021: Brief Reports and the Clinician’s Toolbox: Understanding Our Tests. The Clinician’s Toolbox explores a single diagnostic test used in gastroenterology, pancreatology or hepatology. An overview of the test, its indications, how it is performed, performance characteristics (sensitivity, specificity, positive- and negative-predictive values and likelihood ratios), conditions that make the test results inaccurate and how to manage such results, how clinicians should incorporate the testing into clinical care/research studies, a brief discussion of any alternative tests that may replace or complement the test, and relevant billing and cost information are covered in each article. The Brief Report format allows for novel findings or highly impactful preliminary data deemed likely to alter clinical care or set a new direction in research are encouraged. The manuscripts are shorter than standard articles, limited to 1,000 words.

CTG’s online presence has expanded in 2021. Firstly, an interview with Dr. Jacobson was published on the ACG website so the readers and members could get to know the new Editor-in-Chief. Secondly, a featured article carousel was developed for the Journal website, incorporating images to highlight the articles. Authors are encouraged to submit a visual abstract for their articles, which can be featured in the carousel. If no visual abstract is submitted, a figure may be used from the manuscript, or an image is used from iStock photo and selected by the Managing Editor, Claire Neumann.

Lastly, a CTG Twitter account was launched in June 2021 [@ACG_CTG]. Less than 2 months later, the Journal has 332 followers and has posted 50 tweets.

The Editorial Board is exploring the peer review process, and have added a question to both the submission process and peer review evaluation asking for reviewers and authors’ thoughts on the types of peer review (single, double, open). While the Journal retains a single blind peer review process for now, in order to stay competitive with other academic journals, peer review processes need to be monitored. Editors will discuss the results at the CTG Editorial Board meeting at ACG 2021.
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ACG Case Reports Journal is an open-access 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.

Expecting an increase in submissions in 2020, the Digital Communications and Publications Committee and the ACGCRJ Editorial Board recommended an additional Editor-in-Chief and an additional Associate Editor, which turns over in July of every year. Additionally, a mentorship program was approved, and 12 volunteers from the Digital Communications and Publications Committee and 3 volunteers from the Pediatric GI Committee were matched into mentor groups with the ACGCRJ Editorial Board to discuss decisions and reviews. Each mentor volunteers 10-12 hours per month.

The 12-member Editorial Board saw a 56% increase in original submissions throughout 2020. As of July 2021, we saw a further 14% increase, but the submissions number is returning to pre-pandemic level. Due to this increase, the acceptance rate dropped from 29.1% to 17.4% to ensure the quality of the published manuscripts. As manuscript submissions increase, expanding the peer reviewer pool is key to avoid reviewer fatigue. Over the past 12 months, 54% of reviewers queried agreed to review a manuscript for ACGCRJ, and 94% of reviewers returned the manuscript review on time (within 14 calendar days).

The Journal launched a Twitter account [@ACGCRJ] in July 2021, and in the first month there were 25 tweets, reaching the 204 followers. The new Editorial Board was announced on Twitter, along with headshots of all Associate Editors and the Co-Editors-in-Chief. Since the feed started, the most tweeted article was from February 2020, “Gastric Electrical Stimulators Causing Erosion Through the Colonic Wall.” This article was downloaded four times per day in July, on average.

More than a year into the pandemic, the editorial team has persevered due to their ability to adapt and their dedication to the Journal amidst these challenging circumstances. Ahmad N. Bazarbashi, MD, and Isabel A. Hujoel, MD, finished out their pandemic year as Co-Editors-in-Chief and passed the torch to Katherine A. Falloon, MD, of the Cleveland Clinic, and Judy A. Trieu, MD, MPH, of Loyola University Medical Center. Neal Mehta, MD; Sobia Laique, MD; Sanchit Gupta, MD; Ramzi Mulki, MD; and Cassandra Fritz, MD, also rotated off the editorial board this past summer.

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2019 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG: Mentoring Mentors
2018 Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG: Management of Patients With Colorectal Polyps: A Personalized Approach Based on Etiology
2017 Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG: 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, FACG: Eosinophilic Esophagitis 2015: From Acid Reflux to Food Allergy
2014 Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG: 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, FACG: Factitious Disease
2011 Irving Waxman, MD, FACG: Endotherapy for Barrett’s Esophagus: Cure or Quagmire
2010 Grace H. Elta, MD, FACG: GI Training: Where Is It Headed?

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2020 Ira M. Jacobson, MD, FACG: Chronic Pancreatitis
2019 Laura E. Batts, MD, FACG: The Role of the Immunocompromised Host
2018 Joseph D. Murray, MD, MACG: Liver Transplant – The Role of the Gastroenterologist
2017 Reginald B. Chandra, MD, FACG: Small Bowel Pathology
2016 Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG: Malignant Obstructive Jaundice: A Real Challenge
2015 Jeffrey A. Miers, MD, FACG: Pathophysiology of Gallstone Formation: Romancing the Stone
2014 William A. Wiesner, MD, FACG: GI Diseases in the Immunocompromised Host
2013 Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACG: Bile Ducts, Common Duct Stones, and Pancreatitis
2012 William R. Schiller, MD, FACG: Esophageal Surgery – The First 25 Years
2011 Scott J. Boley, MD: Colon Ischemia – The First 25 Years
2010 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: Jeopardizing the Stone
2009 Irwin M. Steinberg, MD, FACG: Esophageal Disease
2008 Christopher C. Thompson, MD, FACG: Foregut Endotherapy: Cutting Edge Technology for 2020 and Beyond
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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: Respice, 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

Past Emily Couric Memorial Lecturerers

2020 Katie Couric: From Grief to Advocacy to Activism
2019 Suresh T. Chari, MD, FACP: Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer: Problems, Promise, and Prospects
2018 David A. Greenwald, MD, FACP: 80% Colorectal Cancer Screening by 2018: How Did We Do and Where Do We Go From Here?
2017 Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACP: Colon Cancer: Polyps, Prevention, and Progress
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...
2009 Dennis J. Ahnen, MD: The Adenoma-Carcinoma Sequence Revisited–Has the Era of Genetic Tailoring Finally Arrived?
2008 Kenneth E. L. McColl, MD: Why Has Adenocarcinoma Moved from the Stomach to the Esophagus and Where Does Sex Come In To It All?
2007 Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG: Pancreatic Cancer: Present Understanding and Future Prospects
2006 Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG: What is Needed to Transform Colonoscopy into a Truly Protective Strategy Against Colorectal Cancer?

Past Jerome Marks Memorial Lecturerers

2012 Lawrence S. Friedman, MD, FACP: Gastroenterology Then and Now – 1932-2012