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The Year in Review: 2024-2025

Updated Clinical Guidance Advances Clinical Practice, Improves Patient Care

The College is committed to supporting GI clinicians by providing up-to-date clinical guidance and recommended quality measures. Since July 2024, the College has published nine clinical guidelines and five multi-society publications. Beginning in October 2024, the College began publishing one-page Guideline Highlights summaries for each guideline, which are reviewed by the respective guideline authors and capture key takeaways for the busy clinician. As new therapies emerge and our understanding of digestive diseases expands, ACG Clinical Guidelines are updated or newly issued to reflect these changes and provide the latest recommendations to support high-quality patient care.

LEADERSHIP

The College is grateful to those leaders who volunteer their considerable time, talents, and expertise to benefit the life of the College. ACG's strength and effectiveness are only possible thanks to the commitment of the ACG Officers and Trustees, the vibrant engagement of the ACG Board of Governors, and the significant contributions of so many leaders. ACG recognizes with thanks all who serve on committees, as faculty for our educational programs, as editors and reviewers for our journals and publications, as representatives for ACG and GI across medicine, as advocates before legislators and policymakers, and all those who give freely of themselves as educators, champions, and role models.

Welcome, New Trustees!

ACG welcomes new members of the Board of Trustees: Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG (Vice Chair, ACG Board of Governors); Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACP (Trustee); and Jay N. Yepuri, MD, FACP (Trustee).



Vice Chair, ACG Board of Governors
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GIQuIC Board of Directors

Colleen R. Schmitt, MD, MHS, FACP, MASGE, was appointed President of the GI Quality Improvement Consortium, Inc. (GIQuIC), a national endoscopic registry and clinical benchmarking tool for gastroenterologists that is jointly managed by ACG and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). Dr. Schmitt has served on the GIQuIC Board of Directors since 2015 and recently retired from the gastrointestinal specialty arm of Galen Medical Group in Chattanooga, TN, where she served as President.



Colleen R. Schmitt, MD, MHS,
FACP, MASGE

Thank You, Outgoing Governors, for Your Service to ACG

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North Carolina

●●● PUBLIC POLICY

Supreme Court Upholds Preventive Care Access, But Concerns Remain

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 6-3 in *Kennedy v. Braidwood* to uphold the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force's (USPSTF) role in recommending which services must be covered with no cost sharing for patients under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) – a significant decision that ACG hopes will protect decades of colorectal cancer (CRC) screening progress.

“Gastroenterologists know firsthand that limiting access to colorectal cancer screening would have deadly consequences,” said ACG President Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACG. “We appreciate that the Supreme Court heard the College’s warning and urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to maintain the USPSTF’s essential role moving forward.”

Previously this spring, ACG represented the interests of GI providers and patients by submitting a “friend of the court” amicus brief. ACG championed the lifesaving benefits of CRC screening and alerted the court of the practical implications of eliminating the ACA’s preventive services mandate.

The Supreme Court’s ruling also affirmed the HHS Secretary’s power to appoint or replace USPSTF members, as well as accept or reject their recommendations. In this context, ACG now urges Secretary Kennedy to maintain the integrity and independence of USPSTF members and the task force’s existing role within the ACA, ensuring its recommendations remain the gold standard for clinicians, patients, insurers, and policymakers.

➡ Read more: bit.ly/braidwood-ruling

●●● PUBLIC POLICY, *continued*

ACG Advocacy Day

On Thursday, April 3, more than 100 ACG leaders from 45 states met with your House Representatives and Senators. Across more than 200 meetings, our tireless advocates expressed the continued challenges we face within gastroenterology, while highlighting key legislative opportunities that would benefit our patients and practices.

The highlight of the day was our annual luncheon, where five Members of Congress and two senior Congressional staffers offered a wide array of perspectives. Collectively, they addressed the relevance of patient and physician advocacy on Capitol Hill and provided insight into the current Congress' health policy priorities. We are grateful to all of our speakers: GOP Doctors' Caucus members Rep. Andy Harris, MD (R-MD) and Rep. Rich McCormick, MD (R-GA); Small Business Committee Chair Rep. Beth Van Duyne (R-TX); two newly elected physicians, Rep. Herb Conaway, MD (D-NJ) and Rep. Maxine Dexter, MD (D-OR); Drew Keyes, senior policy advisor for House Speaker Mike Johnson; and Abigail Chance, professional staff member on the House Ways and Means Committee.

As our group reflected at the end of the day, advocacy in Washington, DC, reminded us of the Confucius quote: "It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop." Though we discussed similar issues as in years past, it was encouraging to hear many stories of Congressional meetings where staff recognized our Governors and our legislative priorities. Our hope is that the frustration we conveyed and the legislative opportunities discussed have laid the groundwork for meaningful progress.

As always, we are grateful to the College's leadership; to ACG President Amy Oxentenko, MD, MACG; to Louis Wilson, MD, FACG, Chair of our Legislative & Public Policy Council; as well as everyone who dedicated time and effort to the success of our 2025 Advocacy Day!

Men's Health Caucus

On May 1, 2025, Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA) and Rep. Rich McCormick, MD (R-GA) announced they will serve as co-chairs for the bipartisan Congressional Men's Health Caucus, alongside Reps. Neal Dunn (R-FL), Ted Lieu (D-CA), and Rob Menendez (D-NJ).

At a press conference, Rep. Carter reflected on the leadership of the late Rep. Donald Payne, Jr., a past chairman of the caucus and champion of colorectal cancer screening, among many other men's health and preventive care issues.

ACG Executive Director Brad Stillman also offered remarks about the critical importance of colorectal cancer screening and a reminder that "45 is the new 50!" ACG is honored to partner with Congress to inspire men everywhere to take charge of their health and looks forward to future collaboration with the caucus.



ACG Executive Director Brad Stillman speaks at a press conference for the Congressional Men's Health Caucus.



L-R: Rep. Rob Menendez (D-NJ), Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA), Rep. Rich McCormick, MD (R-GA), ACG Executive Director Brad Stillman, and founder and president of the Men's Health Network, Ronald Henry, JD

●●● PUBLIC POLICY, *continued*

Practice Management Work Retreat

From March 14-16, 2025, the ACG Practice Management Committee met in New Orleans, LA, to develop new resources for GI practices, including the annual Practice Management Summit at ACG 2025. The committee also published the latest Practice Management Toolbox articles, featuring guidance on building a weight loss program and incorporating imaging for metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease. The Practice Management Committee is excited for new collaborations with other committees in the years ahead, ensuring ACG remains the home for clinical GI and for providers at all stages of their career.



The ACG Practice Management Committee convenes for a group retreat in March 2025.

●●● EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Clinical education and skills development are critical to providing the highest quality patient care. The ACG Educational Affairs Committee and Chair Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, MHCM, FACG, have selected the best clinical abstracts and educational sessions for the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting in Phoenix, AZ, to keep the GI community up to date on the latest advances. This includes clinically relevant didactic sessions, scientific presentations, and many opportunities for interaction with expert faculty and colleagues.



Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, MHCM, FACG,
Chair, Educational Affairs



IBD 101 Faculty

IBD 101

In September 2024, Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, MACG; Lisa B. Malter, MD, FACG; David P. Hudesman, MD, FACG; and David T. Rubin, MD, FACG, co-directed an introductory IBD course for first-year fellows as a one-day live course in collaboration with NYU Langone Health. In addition to a powerhouse faculty, the “secret sauce” of IBD 101 is the use of Group-Observed Structured Clinical Examination simulation rotations.

●●● EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS, *continued*

ACG Virtual Grand Rounds

ACG Virtual Grand Rounds continue to provide up-to-date educational content to busy clinicians. Since March 2020, the webinars have generated more than 93,000 interactions with learners in more than 472 sessions. This weekly webinar series provides opportunities for the GI community to access free clinical education at noon and 8 pm ET. Notable expert faculty cover ACG guidelines and clinical challenges in gastroenterology, hepatology, and endoscopy, while special ACG VGRs focus on career development topics and collaborations with international GI societies. Learn more and explore future programs at gi.org/ACGVGR. All past lectures become part of the ACG Education Universe online learning platform where they can be accessed with a free login.

ACG VIRTUAL GRAND ROUNDS BY THE NUMBERS*

NUMBER OF SESSIONS **472**

TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS
MORE THAN 93,000

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

* As of 8/21



The ACG Educational Affairs Committee held its summer work session at ACG Headquarters in July 2025, selecting the best clinical science for oral papers, posters, and videos at ACG 2025.

ACG Educational Affairs Committee at ACG Headquarters

●●● JOURNALS AND PUBLICATIONS

ACG Clinical Guidelines

ACG clinical guidelines are developed through the College's Practice Parameters Committee and published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. In 2025, the College has published seven clinical guidelines and six multi-society publications.

- Diagnosis and Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- Diagnosis and Management of Gastric Premalignant Conditions
- Malnutrition and Nutritional Recommendations in Liver Disease
- Ulcerative Colitis in Adults
- Management of Crohn's Disease in Adults
- Preventive Care in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Perioperative Risk Assessment and Management in Patients with Cirrhosis

Guideline Highlights summaries were developed for each guideline. These one-page resources capture key takeaways and are reviewed by the respective guideline authors. **View the Guidelines, Highlights, and podcasts at gi.org/guidelines.**



Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACC
AJG Co-Editor-in-Chief



Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACC
AJG Co-Editor-in-Chief

●●● JOURNALS AND PUBLICATIONS, *continued*

Multi-Society Publications

- Quality Indicators for Colonoscopy
- Quality Indicators Common to All Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Procedures
- Quality Indicators for Upper GI Endoscopy
- Optimizing Bowel Preparation Quality for Colonoscopy: Consensus Recommendations by the U.S. Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer
- Quality Indicators for EUS
- Maternal and Neonatal Outcomes in Vedolizumab- and Ustekinumab-Exposed Pregnancies: Results From the PIANO Registry

New: The ACG Monograph on Geriatrics and GI

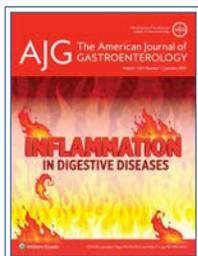
The monograph serves as a comprehensive practice update on the care of older adults with overlapping GI conditions, addressing gap areas in need of future research. It highlights differences in clinical presentation and management of gastroenterological conditions that are unique to older adults, and features seven chapters of concise, clinically relevant summaries on the latest scientific insights.

The ACG GI in Pregnancy Monograph Podcast

A series of podcasts based on the ACG Pregnancy Monograph were produced in conjunction with the ACG Women in GI Committee. Committee members spoke with section authors on topics including inflammatory bowel disease, constipation, sedation, heartburn, and liver disease. **Listen at bit.ly/acg-pregnancy-podcast.**



Special Issues



In January, a special issue, “Inflammation in Digestive Diseases,” featured a collection of articles, guidelines, and reviews centered on the role of inflammation in the immune system and its impact on the digestive system.



In August, *AJG* published a special issue on patient-centered outcomes, seeking to highlight and amplify patient voices and reinforce the enduring commitment of the ACG and Red Journal to keep patients with digestive disorders front and center.

ACG Guide to the Guidelines

The second volume of the *ACG Guide to the Guidelines* series by Brennan M. R. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG and Hetal A. Karsan, MD, FACG, launched at ACG 2024 in Philadelphia. Each chapter includes carefully selected vignettes designed to illustrate key concepts from guidelines, followed by a conversation-style discussion and a multiple-choice quiz. Dr. Spiegel and Dr. Karsan also co-directed a well-attended and highly engaging evening course at ACG 2024 covering topics in both Volume 1 and Volume 2. Volume 3 will be released at ACG 2025 in Phoenix, AZ.

Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology

Brian C. Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACG, serves as Editor-in-Chief of *Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology (CTG)*, a double-blind, peer-reviewed, open access, online journal dedicated to innovative clinical work in GI, pancreatology, and hepatology. *CTG* also welcomes hypothesis-generating studies, methods papers, and translational research with clear applications to human physiological processes or diseases involving the gastrointestinal system. The Journal's collaboration with the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) continued this year as members of the International Editorial Board attended the *CTG* Editorial Board meeting at DDW in San Diego this past May.



Brian C. Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACG,
CTG Editor-in-Chief

●●● JOURNALS AND PUBLICATIONS, *continued*

ACG Case Reports Journal

The 2024-2025 Co-Editors-in-Chief of *ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ)* were Muhammad Nadeem Yousaf, MD, and Prateek S. Harne, MBBS, MD. Under their leadership, the editorial board highlighted Cases of the Month and produced one or more *Behind the Case* podcasts each month. Edited exclusively by GI fellows, *ACGCRJ* provides an open access, peer-reviewed publishing outlet for GI fellows, private practice clinicians, and other healthcare providers to share interesting case reports. New for the 2025-2026 term are three internal medicine residents who will serve as *ACGCRJ* social media ambassadors.



Prateek S. Harne, MBBS, MD
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ACGCRJ Co-Editor-in-Chief



Joseph C. Anderson, MD, FACG, EBGI Co-Editor-in-Chief



Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG, EBGI Co-Editor-in-Chief

Evidence-Based GI

Joseph C. Anderson, MD, FACG, and Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG, took the helm as *EBGI* Co-Editors-in-Chief after founding editor Philip Schoenfeld, MD, MEd, MScEpi, FACG, completed his term. *EBGI* provides structured abstracts on the best clinical GI, hepatology, and endoscopy research published in U.S.- and non-U.S.-based general medicine journals using evidence-based methods. Each abstract is paired with editorial commentary on how physicians can apply this research to their practice.

Ergonomics for Endoscopy

A comprehensive guide to applying ergonomic principles to the endoscopy suite. With contributions from leading experts, this guide provides a roadmap for navigating and implementing practical ergonomic interventions to ensure the health and safety of your team. A portion of the proceeds will help fund endoscopy ergonomic research through the University of California Center for Ergonomic Endoscopy.

●●● COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

For 2025, the College's CRC Month celebration featured advocacy, music, and patient education! During March and throughout the year, ACG's goal is to inspire, uplift, and celebrate our members in their efforts to increase visibility of CRC prevention while providing educational resources, tools, messaging, and graphics to support their efforts with patients and in their communities. Explore patient handouts, including translations into many languages: bit.ly/ACG-CRC-toolkit

CRC Month was off to a great start with "Dress in Blue Day" on Friday, March 7, 2025.

The ACG Board of Trustees shows its dedication to colorectal cancer screening!



Austin Gastroenterology



LBJ Hospital



Wilcox Medical Center, Hawaii Pacific Health



Valley Medical Group

●●● COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, *continued*

Joining Forces with Patient Advocates in Washington, DC

On March 10, 2025, on the National Mall, ACG President Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACG, represented the College at the “United in Blue” rally and installation organized by the advocacy group Fight Colorectal Cancer. ACG is proud to be part of a coalition of organizations standing with CRC patients, survivors, and caregivers who gathered to visit with legislators and bring attention to colorectal cancer, the trends in young-onset disease, and to demand that Congress prioritize CRC research and screening. A dramatic installation of 27,400 blue flags near the U.S. Capitol was a powerful visual representation of those younger than 50 who are projected to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2030 unless we do more to educate, screen, and raise awareness.



Dr. Amy Oxentenko addressing the United in Blue rally in Washington, DC.



Colon Cancer Coalition President Chris Evans with Dr. Oxentenko



ACG Expands Partnership with the Colon Cancer Coalition

ACG proudly expanded its partnership with the Colon Cancer Coalition, sponsoring their popular “Get Your Rear In Gear” 5Ks and other events throughout the country. The proceeds from these events stay local, ensuring they support their communities by raising screening rates, reducing health disparities, researching early-onset CRC, helping patients and caregivers, and more.

Tune It Up Concert for Colorectal Cancer Awareness

An evening of musical inspiration on March 26th marked the end of CRC Awareness Month, when Benjamin H. Levy, III, MD, of the ACG Public Relations Committee organized a virtual concert featuring artists from a wide array of musical genres who donated their performances. ACG’s Tune It

Up Virtual Concert to Raise Awareness of Colorectal Cancer included performers such as legendary band Blues Traveler, Lisa Loeb, Rufus Wainwright, violinist Hilary Hahn, Adam Lambert, Switchfoot, Michael Franti & Spearhead, and more.



➔ You can listen to a recording of this program at gi.org/concert.



Dr. Benjamin Levy

●●● DIVERSITY IN GI

Early bird runners gathered as champions of #DiversityinGI in Philadelphia during ACG 2024. Dedicated co-leaders rallied the groups and led the charge up the Rocky Steps at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Thank you to Ironwood Pharmaceuticals for generously sponsoring this event since 2020! The #DiversityinGI virtual 5K and fun runs benefit the ACG DEI Committee’s Summer Scholars Program.



ACG Diversity in GI morning fun runners

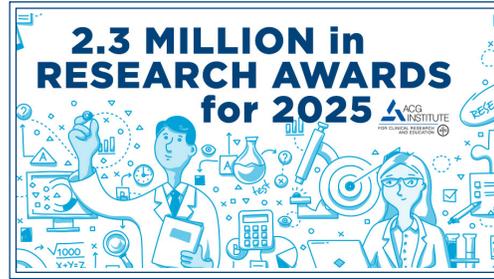
●●● ACG INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Many of the most impactful and meaningful initiatives within the College are fostered through the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education. Through its Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity, the ACG Institute supports rich opportunities for ACG members to develop clinician leadership at all career stages. The Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships strengthen educational experiences for GI trainees, and the Visiting Scholars in Equity, Diversity & Ethical Care create awareness around the issues and challenges related to delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision making.



Institute In Focus 2025-2026 reports on myriad activities and accomplishments while sharing key program deadlines and upcoming highlights.

bit.ly/acg-institute-2025



In 2025, the Institute awarded \$2.3 million to support outstanding clinical research in gastroenterology. Since 1994, the ACG Institute has supported 764 investigators with more than \$34.2 million in funding.

2025 ACG Institute Clinical Research Awards

2025 ACG Junior Faculty Development Grant



Claire Beveridge, MD
Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Alternatives to Endoscopic Biopsies in Eosinophilic Esophagitis



Erica J. Brenner, MD, MSCR
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Safety and Effectiveness of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs in Women with Crohn's Disease



Phillip Gu, MD
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
A Multiorgan Radiomic Approach Towards Precision Medicine in Acute Severe Ulcerative Colitis

2025 ACG Established Investigator Bridge Funding Award



Lynn F. Butterly, MD, FACC
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
Optimizing Colorectal Cancer Prevention Through Population-Based Investigation of Serrated Polyps



Andrea Shin, MD, MSCR
University of California, Los Angeles
Microbiome Endophenotypes Over Time in Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

●●● ACG INSTITUTE, *continued*



2025 ACG Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award

Monica Tincopa, MD, MSc
University of California, San Diego
Advancing Health Equity for Hispanic Adults With MASLD Through Patient-Focused, Stakeholder-Informed, Tailored, Non-Invasive Screening, Risk Stratification, and Treatment



2025 ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Lauren D. Feld, MD
University of Massachusetts Chan School of Medicine
Adenoma Detection Rate, Patient Sex, and Endoscopist Gender: Understanding the Interplay and Implications for Colonoscopy Quality Assessment

➔ To see all 2025 grantees, visit gi.org/research-grant-recipient.

Leadership YOU

The ACG Institute and The Center for Leadership, Ethics and Equity support four distinct leadership programs, with each program being tailored to a specific career stage. In a new initiative, the leadership programs offered by the Institute convened over one weekend, June 6-8, 2025, in Washington, DC, for Leadership YOU. Leadership YOU provided an opportunity for program participants in all four cohorts to network and engage in shared learning sessions, in addition to cohort-specific professional development.

➔ Visit gi.org/leadership-you to learn more.



ACG's Emerging Leadership Program, Early Career Leadership Program, Clinical Research Leadership Program, and Advanced Leadership Program convened for the first Leadership YOU weekend in June.

●●● TRAINEES & TRAINING COMMITTEE

North American Conference of GI Fellows

Since 1990, ACG has sponsored the North American Conference of GI Fellows (NACGF). GI fellows have a unique opportunity to present their research to colleagues in a small group setting and receive coaching on presentation skills from experienced faculty. Congratulations to the 2025 NACGF Distinguished Achievement Awardees:

- Krystal Mills, MD
- Alicia Muratore, MD, MBA
- Walker D. Redd, MD

These fellows presented at the conference and were scored highly by the faculty on their presentation skills including confidence while presenting, clear and concise slides, and ample time allowance for Q&A from the audience. The winning presenters received a \$1,000 travel stipend to attend ACG 2025 in Phoenix, AZ.

Summer Scholars Program

The Summer Scholars Program is an initiative of the ACG Committee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion that pairs medical students from groups underrepresented in medicine with mentors for a research project and provides a stipend of \$5,000.

Congratulations to the 2025 ACG Summer Scholars! These promising medical students will undertake a summer research experience in GI with a mentor:



Sunita Brimmer
Sam Houston State
University



Mentor: Eric D. Shah, MD,
MBA, FACP, University of
Michigan



Benedicte Deshommes
Quinnipiac University



Mentor: Natalee S.
Campbell, MD, Mayo Clinic,
Scottsdale



Kiana Nowlin
SUNY Upstate Norton
College of Medicine



Mentor: Kajali Mishra, MD,
Cook County Hospital,
Chicago



NACGF Distinguished Achievement
Awardees and Faculty

New Membership Category: Medical Student Member

In October 2024, the Board of Trustees approved a bylaws change to add a new membership category, Medical Student Member. This new opportunity encourages medical students to get involved with ACG early in their training, providing access to helpful resources and networks of support as they move toward residency.

●●● KUDOS & FUN

Anne-Louise B. Oliphant, MPP, Retires After Nearly 30 Years of Service

In March 2025, Anne-Louise B. Oliphant, MPP, retired as ACG Vice President of Communications after nearly 30 years of service to the College. Her expertise and creativity spanned organization wide, supporting leadership, the ACG Institute and its Clinical Research Awards, external and internal communications, policy efforts, ACG journals, and promotion of clinical and professional opportunities to members.

Some of Anne-Louise's greatest strengths are in forging meaningful connections with others and adding a personal touch, making members feel like part of the ACG family. Her knowledge of ACG and its members is unparalleled, having experienced the rapid growth of the College and its members' many moves from fellowship to practice and advancement into leadership positions in GI and hepatology.

Anne-Louise plans to dedicate the years ahead to pursuing her passion of oil painting and focusing on her well-being, family, and friendships. The College gratefully acknowledges her service and dedication, as well as the lasting impact she has made on the organization and its members.

Fostering Engagement and Connection

In honor of Dr. Amy Oxentenko's presidential year, here is a photo from the ACG Board of Trustees' group dinner at its June meeting. The Board discussions and decisions are always inspired by time together during their three meetings each year. The October Board meeting takes place at the Annual Scientific Meeting while the Board's January meeting coincides with the Best Practices Course in alternate years. The June Board meeting includes families and spouses, the opportunity to engage with senior staff, and the chance to connect on personal and professional levels in ways that build trust and camaraderie and strengthen the Board's commitment to each other and to the organizational health of the College.



Anne-Louise B. Oliphant, MPP





LECTURES SHIPS



2025 J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer

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



Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS

Redesigning the Delivery of IBD Care for the Future

Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS, is the Director of the Center for Digestive Health, Section Chief of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and the Co-Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. He is the Constantine and Joyce Hampers Professor of Medicine and a Professor at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. Dr. Siegel's research interests include understanding risk/benefit tradeoffs in IBD, developing models to predict outcomes in Crohn's disease, creating tools to facilitate shared decision-making, expanding telemedicine services to patients with IBD living in rural locations, and improving the quality of care delivered to patients with IBD. He has been funded by the NIH, AHRQ, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust for this work. He has lectured nationally and internationally and published numerous journal articles and book chapters on this and other topics in IBD. Dr. Siegel is the founder of the BRIDGe group, an international research collaborative of IBD investigators. He is currently the co-chair of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Quality of Care Program (IBD Qorus). Dr. Siegel was inducted into the International Organization for the Study of IBD (IOIBD) in 2013 and he received the Sherman Prize in 2023. He lives in Hanover, New Hampshire with his wife and three boys.



Lewis R. Roberts, MB, ChB, PhD, FACP

Prospects for Improvement in Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Dr. Lewis R. Roberts is the Peter and Frances Georgeson Professor in Gastroenterology Cancer Research and Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Mayo Clinic, where he is Co-Principal Investigator of the Mayo Clinic Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) in Hepatobiliary Cancers. Dr. Roberts is a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology, American College of Physicians, the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, the American Gastroenterological Association, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the African Academy of Sciences, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He serves on the Boards of Scientific Counselors of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Roberts' research focuses on molecular mechanisms of liver and biliary carcinogenesis; biomarkers for diagnosis of liver, bile duct and pancreas cancers; and prevention, diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis and liver cancer, with a particular interest in immigrant African communities in the U.S. as well as in Africa. He has authored over 500 articles, book chapters and letters, and co-edited the book "Evaluation and Management of Liver Masses." He serves as President of Africa Partners Medical, a non-profit organization focused on improving healthcare delivery in Africa through medical education, practical skills training, provision of medical equipment and supplies, and health advocacy; as President of the West Africa Institute for Liver and Digestive Diseases Foundation; and as a member of the Advisory Council for The Hepatitis Fund. Dr. Roberts is a founding member of the Africa HepatoPancreatoBiliary Cancer Consortium.

2025 Emily Couric Memorial Lecturer

i The Emily Couric Memorial Lecture was developed by the ACG, the Virginia Gastroenterological Society, and the Old Dominion Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates in honor of Virginia State Senator Emily Couric, who died of pancreatic cancer in October 2001. Senator Couric was a strong advocate for health care issues, particularly in her instrumental work to pass the nation's first legislation mandating health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

2025 David Y. Graham Lecturer

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



Dayna S. Early, MD, FACP

Sedation for Endoscopy: Facing the Future With Eyes Wide Open

Dayna Early, MD, FACP, is a Professor of Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, at Washington University in St. Louis. She is also the Director of Endoscopy at Barnes Jewish Hospital.

Dr. Early is a Fellow of the ACG and the ASGE, a past Chair of the ACG Board of Governors, and a current member of the ACG Board of Trustees. She is the co-editor of the Red Section of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and has co-directed the ACG/ASGE Best Practices Course, as well as co-directed and spoken at ACG regional courses. In 2024, she received the ASGE Endoscopic Research Mentoring Award.

Dr. Early completed her internal medicine residency and GI fellowship at Vanderbilt University. She then joined the faculty at the University of Missouri where she developed a GI practice at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, before joining the faculty at Washington University in St. Louis in 2001. Her clinical and research interests are colorectal cancer screening, endoscopic education, Barrett's esophagus treatment, and pancreatic cancer screening. She has authored numerous abstracts and peer-reviewed manuscripts, and has mentored numerous GI and advanced endoscopy fellows.



Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD, MACG

The Workforce of the Past and Present — Building Bridges Over Ever-Changing Waters for the Workforce of the Future

Rosemarie Fisher, MD, MACG, is a gastroenterologist who treats patients for a variety of conditions, including malnutrition and short bowel syndrome, and cares for patients who need nutritional support. She also treats patients with irritable bowel syndrome.

“I truly enjoy talking to patients and helping them deal with their illnesses,” says Dr. Fisher. “The role of nutrition support in maintaining a patient’s health is part of this.” She says the best part of her work is being able to help people through difficult times and then continue to follow them for years.

Dr. Fisher is Professor Emeritus of Medicine (Digestive Diseases) at Yale University. She has focused her research on various clinical projects related to both gastrointestinal diseases and nutritional support. She is director of the Yale New Haven Hospital Nutritional Support Team, which has provided her with a multitude of opportunities for the clinical investigation of patients undergoing nutritional support, she says.

In addition to her general GI practice, Dr. Fisher continues to supervise GI Fellows at their continuity clinic. She credits her patients with her continued love of patient care, nutrition and clinical GI and her fellows and residents who keep her young and involved in their education and lives.

2025 ACG Trailblazer Lecturer

ACG LECTURESHIPS

i Established in 2025, the Trailblazer Lecturer is a distinguished individual in the field of medicine, gastroenterology, or hepatology who has done groundbreaking work and is recognized as a pioneer in the field or in the life of the College. The presenter is chosen by the President and Course Directors of the Postgraduate Program and is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This newly established lectureship replaces The David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education (1977-2024).

2025 *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* Lecturer



Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACP

Gastroparesis Management: Can the Glass Ever Be Half Full?

Baharak “Baha” Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACP, is a Professor of Medicine and Director of Motility in the Division of Gastroenterology at Wake Forest Medical University at Atrium Health, in Charlotte, NC. She received a master’s degree in clinical investigation and her medical degree from the University of Florida and completed residency at Virginia Commonwealth University. She later returned to the University of Florida for a gastroenterology fellowship with a focus on functional bowel diseases and motility disorders. Baha Moshiree is the newest PI on the NIH Gastroparesis Consortium where she focuses on research in gastroparesis, intestinal pseudo-obstruction, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), and cystic fibrosis. She is an associate editor for the Red Journal. She has also served on the ACG Prior Authorization Task Force, on the ACG Research Committee, and was a Course Co-Director for the ACG 2023 Annual Postgraduate Course in Vancouver. Baha is now Co-Director of the ACG’s Functional GI and Motility Disorders School. Baha is also the Education Chair for the American Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society.

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

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2025 Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

i The Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award, formerly the ACG Clinical Achievement Award, is presented to not more than one Member/Fellow of the College in any year and is made in recognition of distinguished contributions to clinical gastroenterology over a significant period of time. Specific criteria include, in addition to a career of distinguished clinical practice of gastroenterology, contributions in patient care, clinical science, clinical education, technological innovation, and public and community service.



Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, MACG

Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, MACG, is currently a Professor of Medicine at The University of Virginia. He was on staff at Mayo Clinic Florida from 1992-August of 2025. 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 trained by many amazing mentors including Dr. Donald Castell (first director of the ACG Institute) and former presidents of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG); Drs. Phil Katz and Joel Richter. In addition to these leaders of the College, he had many other mentors within Mayo, within the College and throughout the world!

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 was a member of the Executive Operating Team of Mayo Clinic in Florida for 12 years. He is a fellow of The American College of Physicians and currently is Chair of the Gastroenterology Board and a Councilor of 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 web site, 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*. He was a member of the Board of Trustees and then advanced through officer positions to serve as 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 antireflux 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 39 years and have 7 children. They enjoy time on their farm raising horses, chickens and alpacas. They recently transitioned that farm (Sunny Acres Alpacas) to Central Virginia. Involvement in ACG has produced many life-long friendships which he sees as the most important outcome from his time in the College. "When you are deeply involved in the ACG, you raise your children in the College, and your lives become much richer because of the time with the ACG family!"



Trupti S. Shinde, MD

Trupti S. Shinde, MD, is a board-certified Gastroenterologist, founder and president of the Citrus Colorectal Cancer Foundation, and a passionate advocate for community health. As a managing senior partner at Gastroenterology Associates, a leading single-specialty practice with multiple office and endoscopy center locations, she has dedicated her career to providing high-quality care and advancing digestive health

Dr. Shinde serves as the Director of Suncoast Endoscopy Center and is a core faculty member for the Gastroenterology Fellowship and faculty member of residency program at HCA Florida Citrus Hospital/USF Morsani College of Medicine where she mentors the next generation of specialists. Her commitment to colon cancer awareness has earned her the prestigious SCOPY Award from the American College of Gastroenterology for her year-round outreach and education efforts. She also received the Healthcare Humanitarian Hero Award for her efforts from her local Community.

A tireless community educator, Dr. Shinde has written numerous articles on healthy diets and the role of food and spices in disease prevention, presented widely on colon cancer screening, and is currently collaborating with an education foundation to launch a youth nutrition program aimed at fostering lifelong healthy habits.

She is also the founder and administrator of the international Facebook group Mom Docs Travel Together, a community of over 2,000 female physicians worldwide. The group offers a safe, empowering space for women doctors—especially single physicians—to connect, travel, and share ideas in a supportive environment.

Beyond medicine, Dr. Shinde is a philanthropist and entrepreneur. Through her foundation, she provides critical emotional, financial, and educational resources to those affected by colorectal cancer. She also co-manages Anshivali Residential Rentals with her husband, reflecting her business acumen.

Dr. Shinde is known for her boundless energy, compassionate leadership, and belief that with determination and a heart for service, nothing is impossible. She continues to inspire as a physician, mentor, advocate, and community builder.

2025 Community Service Award

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

2025 Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Awards

i The Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Award recognizes an ACG Member who has provided meaningful and sustained contributions to trainees/colleagues in gastroenterology. Such contributions could include mentorship or teaching to help develop the mentees': (1) overall scientific growth and career or life planning; (2) practice of high-level clinical gastroenterology; (3) skills to perform high quality clinical research; (4) skills to present and publish results of clinical research, or quality improvement; (5) involvement in professional society, healthcare organization or leadership development. In 2025, this award is being given to the following two individuals.



Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACP, AGAF

Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACP, AGAF, a renowned leader in the field of gastroenterology. She is currently the Director of Outcomes research in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, has dual appointments as the endowed Robert M. and Mary H. Glickman Professor of Medicine and Gastroenterology and Professor in the Department of Population Health, at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. She also serves as co-director of translational research education and careers in the CTSI at NYU Langone, co-Program Director for the KL2 Program and is a staff physician at the New York Harbor Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Her research includes the study of colorectal cancer risk factors, screening modalities, long-term outcomes, and quality indicators for colonoscopy. Additionally, her work focuses on ways to minimize barriers and improve in underserved communities, including in Brooklyn.

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

Dr. Shaukat has a strong record of mentorship, of trainees from undergraduate level to junior faculty. She has published over 110 peer reviewed studies with mentees as first author, is primary mentor for 4 K awardees and serves on the mentoring committee for 8 K awardees. Her mentees have developed independent careers and are highly successful clinically and academically. She has won numerous awards for her mentorship and teaching in residency, fellowship, and as a faculty mentor.

Dr. Shaukat has published more than 300 peer-reviewed articles in numerous top-tier medical publications, including a first author paper in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, authored a number of textbook chapters, and serves as the senior associate editor of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. She has served on numerous ACG committees, was ACG Governor for Minnesota (2013-2018), served on the ACG Institute Board (2020-2023), and in 2022 was appointed to the Board of Trustees of ACG. Dr. Shaukat is a thought leader and has given numerous keynote presentations both nationally and internationally. She has served on several review panels and holds leadership roles with numerous professional organizations and task forces, including the U.S. Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer, Chair of the Young GI Committee of the WGO, Chair of the GI field advisory board of the Veterans Healthcare Administration, and member of American Society of Clinical Investigation



Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG

Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG, is Director of Health Services Research at Cedars-Sinai, where he holds the George and Dorothy Gourrich Chair in Digital Health Ethics and leads the Cedars-Sinai Center for Outcomes Research and Education (CS-CORE). As Founding Director of the Cedars-Sinai Master's Degree Program in Health Systems Science, he has helped train the next generation of healthcare leaders in digital health, health analytics, and cost-effectiveness analysis.

Nationally recognized for pioneering digital health and medical extended reality (MXR), Dr. Spiegel's multidisciplinary team at Cedars-Sinai developed one of the world's most widely documented clinical VR programs, establishing immersive therapeutics as a tool for conditions ranging from pain and anxiety to IBS and IBD. His work has been featured in outlets such as *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, and his book *VRx: How Immersive Therapeutics Will Revolutionize Medicine* was named a *Wired Magazine* top science book. His most recent book, *Pull: How Gravity Shapes Your Body, Steadies the Mind, and Guides Our Health*, focuses on the new field of "biogravitational medicine" and is inspired by an article, "Gravity and the Gut," that he published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Dr. Spiegel has authored or co-authored over 300 peer-reviewed articles, editorials, and medical textbooks, including two landmark book series that have profoundly shaped GI education: the *Acing the GI Board Exams* series, and the *American College of Gastroenterology's (ACG) Guide to the Guidelines* trilogy, which distills and explains all 80+ ACG clinical practice guidelines for clinicians and trainees worldwide. These resources are widely used to support gastroenterologists in clinical practice and to prepare the next generation for board certification.

Within the ACG, Dr. Spiegel has served in multiple high-impact leadership roles. He is the immediate past Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, where he led the journal through a period of unprecedented growth and innovation. He is a Governor for Southern California and past Chair of the ACG Research Committee, where he helped guide research priorities and programs for the College. Through these roles—and as an educator, mentor, and author—he has advanced ACG's mission of promoting clinical excellence, research, and education in gastroenterology.

Dr. Spiegel's research program has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the State of California, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, PCORI, the VA, and others. He continues an active clinical and academic teaching practice at Cedars-Sinai and is a frequently invited speaker at national and international events.

Dr. Spiegel is deeply honored to receive the ACG Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Award and is grateful to his mentors, colleagues, and especially to his learners for inspiring his lifelong commitment to medical education and advancing the field of gastroenterology.

2025 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

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



Aline Charabaty, MD, FACC

Aline Charabaty, MD, FACC, is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the Clinical Director of the IBD Center at Johns Hopkins-Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, DC. She completed her medical school at St Joseph University in Lebanon, and her internal medicine residency and GI fellowship at Georgetown University Hospital, where she joined the GI faculty and established and led the IBD Center

for 13 years before joining the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 2019. She was selected as a Washingtonian Top Doctors by her peers on consecutive years and recognized for her work for the IBD community with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Excellence in Medicine Award in 2020.

Dr. Charabaty is a strong advocate for improved access to comprehensive quality care to all patients with IBD and is passionate about facilitating IBD education for clinicians at all stages of career. Dr. Charabaty uses social media to educate, sponsor and advocate, and is the founder of @MondayNightIBD, a CME platform that brings clinicians together to discuss the science and nuances of IBD management. The intentional selection of faculty, patient advocates and trainees' teams, as well as the choice of educational topics, aim to highlight and amplify diverse (and often under-represented) experiences, expertise and voices. She received the Healio Gastroenterology Disruptive Innovator Award for this initiative at the 2019 American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Annual Meeting. More recently, she spearheaded the Collaborative Care in IBD, partnering with GI organizations and advocacy groups to promote inclusive and patient-centered communication between clinicians and patients and to shed light on patients' unmet needs, especially patients from underrepresented communities (Black, Hispanic, South-Asian, Middle Eastern, LGBTQ+ and more).

Dr. Charabaty's involvement with professional societies is aligned with her passion for education and her advocacy for the GI profession and for the under-represented. She led the DC Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Mission Committee from 2012-2019, served on the Foundation's National Scientific Advisory Committee Patient Education Committee, Physician Education Committee and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *Crohn's & Colitis 360* journal. Dr. Charabaty is the ACG Governor for Washington, DC, a member of the ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council and represents ACG at the Digestive Disease National Coalition. She is actively involved with ACG's educational meetings and advocacy work on the Hill. She has also served as a member of the AGA Diversity Committee and is currently serving as a Vice-Chair of the AGA Research Foundation. Dr. Charabaty is a dedicated advocate for the advancement of women in the field of GI and has lectured and published in peer-reviewed journals on the topics of gender equity and leadership. She is the co-Founder of Scrubs & Heels, a foundation focused on empowering women with the leadership skills, networking and mentorship resources they need to carve a successful career in GI that is aligned with their values.



Akwi W. Asombang, MD, MPH, FACG

Akwi W. Asombang, MD, MPH, FACG, is an interventional gastroenterologist and the Director of Global Health Programs in Gastroenterology at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Harvard Medical School. Her area of interest is medical education, training, and gastrointestinal cancers. She completed her advanced endoscopy fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medicine Center (BIDMC), Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts. She

completed her gastroenterology fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis, Missouri and NIH Fogarty International Clinical Research fellowship. Prior to her fellowships she completed a combined Internal Medicine/Pediatrics residency at Saint Louis University (SLU) School of Medicine, Missouri and her MPH at SLU School of Public Health. She received her medical degree from Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India and attained her Master of Science in Bioethics at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Asombang continues to explore ethical challenges in global health. She has extensive service to multiple national professional societies and experience in global health including clinical experience in Zambia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana and India. She is the co-founder of Pan-African Organization for Health, Education and Research (POHER) – a non-governmental organization mobilizing healthcare resources in Africa. She is the founder of The African Association of Future gastroenterologists (AAFGE), a platform to mentor and support early career gastroenterologists, gastroenterology fellows, residents and medical students interested in gastroenterology. She is one of the founding members of the African Hepatopancreatobiliary Cancer Consortium, an organization founded in 2021 with the objective of expanding knowledge and developing a skilled network of experts on liver, biliary, and pancreatic cancers in Africa and worldwide.

Dr. Asombang has received numerous national and international awards. She was a recipient of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) International GI Training Grant in 2012 and has mentored multiple ACG International GI Training Grant recipients.

She established a collaboration that led to the development of the first sustainable ERCP services in Nigeria. Using an innovative bolus-training method, she trained a surgical endoscopist to perform ERCPs, led training of endoscopy nurses and technicians on skills needed to assist in ERCP, trained radiology technicians in proper equipment setup and support during the procedure, provided consultation to the anesthesiology team on appropriate positioning and sedation, and led training of nurses on pre-op, intra-op and post-op nursing care of ERCP patients. As a result of the program, more than 1000 ERCPs have been performed.

2025 International Leadership Award

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

2025 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.



William D. Chey, MD, MACG

William D. Chey, MD, MACG, AGAF, FACP, RFF, received a medical degree & training in Internal Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine. He completed a fellowship in Gastroenterology and has remained as faculty at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he is the H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastroenterology. He holds a joint appointment as a Professor of Nutrition Sciences. He was appointed Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology in 2022.

Dr. Chey's research interests focus on the diagnosis & treatment of disorders of gut-brain interaction and *H. pylori* infection. He has published more than 500 peer-reviewed manuscripts, reviews, book chapters and books and has authored more than 10 national and international clinical practice guidelines. He has mentored more than 70 students, residents, fellows and junior faculty, many of which are leaders in Gastroenterology. He is a medical innovator and holds several patents.

Dr. Chey is former co-Editor-in-Chief of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* (2010-2016) and founding co-Editor-in-Chief of *Clinical & Translational Gastroenterology*. He served on the Editorial Board of the Rome IV and Rome V manuscripts and books.

Dr. Chey has held multiple leadership positions in national and international societies. He is a former Council member of the American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Rome Foundation and as Vice President of the International Foundation of GI Disorders.

Dr. Chey has been a member of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Board of Trustees since 2010. He has served on the ACG Institute Board of Directors and multiple ACG committees including Educational Affairs, Finance and Budget, International Relations, and Practice Parameters. He has been honored with invitations to deliver the David Sun Memorial Lecture (2015) and the J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecture (2020) at the ACG Annual Meeting. He received the ACG Berk-Fise Award in 2020. He will become President of the American College of Gastroenterology in October 2025.



Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD, MACG

Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD, MACP, MACG, FRCP (London), AGAF, FAASLD, is Professor Emeritus of Medicine (Digestive Diseases) at Yale University. Numerous mentors and advisors throughout her education and training (impossible to name and thank all) held her career interest in digestive diseases instead of general surgery, completing medical school at Tufts University, Residency in IM at Montefiore-Einstein Medical Center, Fellowship at the Royal Free Hospital (London) and Yale, and becoming Chief of Gastroenterology at the West Haven. There she realized her greater love for clinical (patient-based) research, rather than bench research, and her desire to have a greater involvement in resident/fellow education and training policies, trainee wellness and resilience and nutrition support. In 1987 she became the first Program Director, and thus the first woman in that position of Yale's IM Program.

In 1988 she became the first woman Trustee to sit on the Board of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), being involved in multiple committees of the organization, as well as those of the AGA, the AASLD and various regulatory bodies. As PD for IM, and then the first Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, her educational activities expanded into other groups including those responsible for not only GI training, but also IM and other specialties. Over the years, all of these activities have included a foremost interest in the involvement, support and advancement of women in her first love of GI, but also medicine in all of the specialties and the wellness of those in the profession of medicine, both locally and nationally. Examples include FDA GI Drugs Advisory Committee (Chair); AAMC (Board of Directors; Chair, Council of Faculty and Academic Societies; Chair, Group on Resident Affairs); ACGME (Chair, IM-RRC); ABIM GI Board Development; Governor's Council CT Chapter of the ACP; Gold Humanism Honor Society Advisory Council (Chair); Sandra and Arnold P. Gold Foundation (Trustee).

She has received multiple honors including one of the first Parker J. Palmer "Courage to Lead" Awards from the ACGME; the Dema Daley Founder's Award of APDIM; the Janssen Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Gastroenterology, one of the 2008 "Outstanding AGA's Women in Science"; the AAMC Distinguished Service Member and two that have been named after her - the Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD Leadership Award for Excellence in GME (by Yale); the Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD, MACP Woman Leadership Award (CT-ACP). The IM Department has established the Rosemarie L. Fisher Visiting Professorship which is in its 7th year.

Meanwhile she continues her practice in general GI with a focus on nutrition support and short bowel syndrome and supervising GI Fellows as their continuity clinic. She credits her patients with her continued love of patient care, nutrition and clinical GI and her fellows and residents who keep her young and involved in their education and lives!

Most of all, she gives her husband John the credit, love and kudos for supporting her in these efforts. She says that she doesn't know how he has dealt with this, he himself being an extremely busy Professor of Cardiac Electrophysiology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She thinks it has something to do with the amount of commuting they have had to do between New Haven and the Bronx. Their lives are increasingly made richer by their two children and now 5 grandchildren.



David A. Greenwald, MD, MACG

David A. Greenwald, MD, MACG, is currently the Director of Clinical Gastroenterology and Endoscopy at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Previously, he was the Fellowship Program Director in Gastroenterology at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine for nearly two decades and was an Associate Division Director of the Division of Gastroenterology at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. He is a Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine and the Medical Director of the Upper West Side Ambulatory Surgery Center.

Dr. Greenwald graduated with a BA degree from Wesleyan University, and attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he earned an MD. He did a residency in Internal Medicine followed by a Gastroenterology Fellowship, both at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Greenwald was President of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) in 2020-2021, and previously was Chair of the Board of Governors and a member of the Board of Trustees. He served as a Board Member of the GI Quality Improvement Consortium (GIQuIC). He received the William D. Carey Award from the ACG in 2013 for service to the Board and the ACG after receiving both the Junior and Senior Governor's Awards. He is a past president of the New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, currently serves as that organization's Education Director, and has co-directed its annual Postgraduate Course for over a decade.

Dr. Greenwald was recognized by ASGE with a Master Endoscopist Award in 2006 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2024. He served as Chairman of the ASGE's Public and Member Outreach Committee. He has been a member of the Steering Committee of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and is now the Co-Chair of that organization's Public Relations and Social Media Committee. In New York, he is the Co-Chair of the Citywide Colorectal Cancer Control Coalition (C5). Dr. Greenwald served for many years as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on GI Endoscopy for the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). His interests in endoscopy include new technology, reprocessing and infection control in endoscopy, training, quality in endoscopy, sedation, patient preparation, GERD, colorectal cancer screening and prevention, and capsule endoscopy.



Jonathan A. Leighton, MD, MACG

Jonathan A. Leighton, MD, MACG, is currently a Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona and for the past 35 years has primarily focused on the care of patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). He has held numerous leadership positions over the past 33 years. He is most proud of his roles as Chair of the Outpatient Practice subcommittee, Medical Director of the Office of Mayo Clinic Experience, and Director of the Office of Joy and Wellbeing. He is past Chair of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Division. During his tenure at Mayo Clinic, he served as Vice Chair of the Clinical Practice Committee and was a member of the Executive Operations Team during which time he focused on strategic planning. He was also Vice-Chair of the Department of Medicine and under his leadership, led the strategic initiative for Practice Redesign in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Leighton has a special interest in outpatient workflow and redesign to improve overall efficiency and experience for patients and their families. He is the current Chair for the Committee on Professional Enhancement at Mayo Arizona.

In addition to patient care and administration at Mayo Clinic in Arizona, he also was involved in clinical research. He has participated in numerous inflammatory bowel disease clinical drug trials that have led to the approval of new biologic and small molecule therapies for both Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. In addition to his research in IBD, he also focused his clinical research career on small bowel imaging including capsule endoscopy and deep enteroscopy, with a particular focus on small bowel bleeding.

Dr. Leighton has been active in the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) for many years. He served on multiple committees and was Chair the Educational Affairs Committee, the Finance and Budget Committee and the Nominating Committee. He was an Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, served on the ACG Institute Board and was appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees in 2013. He was President of ACG in 2023-2024.

Over the years, Dr. Leighton has been very involved in the Arizona Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. He was past chair of the Arizona CCF Medical Advisory Committee and past President of the Arizona CCF Chapter Board of Directors. The Arizona Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation recognized Dr. Leighton as the Foundation's 2024 Champion of Mission.

Dr. Leighton has also been involved with the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO) and currently serves as Chair of the Scientific Programs Committee. Dr. Leighton is passionate about global health learning and collaborating with our international colleagues and societies. Through his leadership roles at the Mayo Clinic, ACG and WGO, he has learned the importance of both physician well-being and the patient experience as they journey through the healthcare environment. For our patients, service delivered is as important as the clinical outcomes we are trying to achieve. Focusing on the patient and delivering on the promise of the best human experience will always be the right thing to do.



Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACG

Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACG, AGAF, is Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic Rochester and currently serves as Vice Dean of Practice across all Mayo Clinic sites.

Dr. Oxentenko completed her IM Residency, Chief Residency and GI Fellowship at Mayo Clinic Rochester, being the recipient of the IM Residency's Outstanding Achievement Award, GI Division's Bargen Award, and Institutional Mayo Brothers' Distinguished Fellowship Award. After joining the faculty at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, she served as Program Director of Mayo's GI Fellowship and Advanced GI Fellowship Programs, later transitioning to the role of IM Residency Program Director and serving as Associate Chair for Education for GI and Associate Chair for Residency Programs for the Department of IM. She then transitioned to Chair of Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Arizona in 2020.

In fall of 2022, she transitioned into her current role as Vice Dean of Mayo Clinic Practice and serves on the CPCs for all Mayo Clinic sites. She also serves as the physician sponsor for the Physician Leadership Business Academy, a joint leadership program between Mayo Clinic and Arizona State University for new department and division chairs across Mayo Clinic sites. Additionally, she is Vice Chair for Mayo's People & Culture Committee and serves as a trained executive coach for Mayo Clinic faculty.

She is past Chair of the American College of Gastroenterology's (ACG) Women in GI and Finance and Budget Committees, and has served on numerous other ACG committees. She co-created and co-chaired the ACG Train-the-Trainers USA Program and is past Vice Chair for the World GI Organization Train-the-Trainer Program (having served as faculty for numerous WGO TTT programs) and has served on the WGO Nominating Committee. Dr. Oxentenko has served as a Senior Associate Editor for *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. She has been a member of the ACG Board of Trustees since 2017, serving as ACG President from October 2024-October 2025.

She has been heavily involved in national educational efforts and CME, serving as prior Co-Director of Mayo's GI Board Review Course and Co-Editor for the Mayo GI Board Review Book. She has written for GI MKSAP 14 and 15 and was the GI Book Editor for MKSAP 16 and 17. She has served as the GI content writer for the IM In-Training Examination. She Chaired the American Gastroenterological Association's (AGA) Maintenance of Certification Subcommittee, and was Associate Editor of AGA's Board Review program, DDSEP 8. She has also Chaired the ACG Self-Assessment Test Subcommittee. She served on the Internal Medicine ACGME Review Committee for 8 years, serving on the Executive Committee and as Vice Chair from 2022-2025.

She has been the recipient of Mayo's Department of IM Distinguished Contributions to Medical Education Award, Mayo Clinic School of GME Program Director of the Year Award, Minnesota's ACP Laureate Award and was awarded the Mayo Clinic Distinguished Educator Award. She was named the 2020 Woman Disruptor of the Year by Healio GI and has been named as one of the "top 100 alumni" by her undergraduate alma mater.



Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, MACG

Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, MACG, joined Charlottesville Gastroenterology Associates in 1989, now part of GastroHealth of Charlottesville. He earned his medical degree from the American University of the Caribbean in 1982 and completed his internal medicine residency at the Guthrie Clinic, where he served as Chief Medical Resident in 1985. He went on to complete a gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Virginia in 1987 and remained on faculty as an Assistant Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Pambianco previously served as Director of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and Co-Director of Biliary Lithotripsy at UVA before transitioning to private practice. He is the founder and former Medical Director of Charlottesville Medical Research (CMR), where he served as principal investigator for biliary lithotripsy, computer-assisted personalized propofol sedation and bariatric clinical trials with endoscopic bariatric gastric balloons and over a 150 clinical trials. His work has included trial design, publications, and consulting for industry partners.

He also served as Chair of the Endoscopy/Motility Laboratory at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville. Dr. Pambianco has authored multiple peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, with publications appearing in *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*, *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics*, *Clinical Therapeutics*, *Digestive Diseases & Sciences*, *Gastroenterology*, and *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. He is a frequent speaker at national and international gastroenterology conferences.

His leadership roles include Past President of both the Virginia Gastroenterology Society (VGS) and the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), where he also chaired the Board of Governors, Practice Management Committee, and several other key committees since 1994. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for both ACG and VGS. He is a Fellow of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), and the Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research. Dr. Pambianco is an active member of the medical staff at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital and Practice Manager of GastroHealth of Charlottesville.



Mark B. Pochapin, MD, MACG

Mark B. Pochapin, MD, MACG, FASGE, FACP, is the Sholtz-Leeds Professor of Medicine, Director of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs in the Department of Medicine at NYU Grossman School of Medicine / NYU Langone Health. A nationally recognized physician, educator, and leader, Dr. Pochapin is known for his expertise in gastrointestinal cancer prevention, quality improvement in endoscopy, and medical education.

Dr. Pochapin earned his Bachelor of Science and Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College. He completed his residency and chief residency in internal medicine at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in gastroenterology at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dr. Pochapin's clinical and research work is centered on the prevention, early detection, and treatment of gastrointestinal cancers, particularly colorectal and pancreatic cancers. He helped pioneer the use of linear endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) with fine-needle aspiration (FNA) in New York, establishing it as a diagnostic tool for pancreatic cancer.

For more than 25 years, Dr. Pochapin has played a pivotal role in national efforts to increase colorectal cancer screening rates. He has held leadership positions with the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT), the New York Citywide Coalition for Colon Cancer Control (C5), and served on the Board of Directors for the GI Quality Improvement Consortium (GIQuIC). His academic efforts have focused on colorectal cancer screening, quality metrics, and emerging technologies in endoscopy.

As an educator, Dr. Pochapin has been recognized with more than 30 teaching and mentorship awards. These include the Physician of the Year Award, the Humanism in Medicine Award, and twice the Elliot Hochstein Teaching Award, voted on by graduating classes at Weill Cornell Medical College. In 2022, he was honored with a Special Achievement Award from the Weill Cornell Alumni Society for his significant contributions to healthcare and medical science.

At NYU Langone, Dr. Pochapin received the 2019 Master Clinician Award and the 2021 Clinical Faculty Mentor of the Year Award. Nationally, he was honored with the 2022 Healio Lifetime Disruptor Award in Gastroenterology, and in 2024, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) presented him with the Berk-Fise Award for distinguished lifetime achievement.

Under his leadership for over 13 years, NYU Langone's Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology has grown into a world-class program focused on excellence, equity, education, and research. With over 150 faculty members recruited, the GI division, together with GI surgery, is ranked top 5 nationally by U.S. News & World Report.

Dr. Pochapin currently hosts two alternating weekly national radio shows on SiriusXM Doctor Radio—"Chiefs Rounds" and "Medicine Grand Rounds"—bringing expert insights and health education to a broad public audience. He is a past president of the ACG and, in 2020, received a special recognition by the ACG called "The Beacon Award" for his national leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Samir A. Shah, MD, MACG

Samir A. Shah, MD, MACG, is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Chief of Gastroenterology at the Miriam Hospital, and a partner with Gastroenterology Associates Inc. in Providence, RI, powered by the GI Alliance. A magna cum laude graduate of Brown University with a degree in Biochemistry, he received his MD from Harvard Medical School. After a residency in Internal Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, he stayed on for a GI fellowship and was awarded a Howard Hughes Postdoctoral Fellowship for Physicians, working in Cox Terhorst's lab and seeing IBD patients with Dr. Mark Peppercorn.

He joined the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) as a GI fellow in 1995, had his first major publication in the Red Journal, and participated in the North American Conference of GI Fellows (NACGF). He was assigned to the Practice Management Committee and mentored by Drs. Harry Sarles, Del Chumley, David Johnson, and Irving Pike. As ACG Governor for RI, he was elected Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board of Governors. His ACG service includes multiple committees, as well as faculty for the ACG's IBD Circle and IBD School. Elected Trustee (2013-2024), he was an officer of the College and served as ACG President (2021-2022) returning to NACGF as faculty. He takes credit for proposing the APP membership category as Chair, Membership Committee.

Dr. Shah's clinical focus is inflammatory bowel disease/general gastroenterology. He is most proud of his advocacy through the ACG, including representing the College to the Digestive Diseases National Coalition (DDNC) where he served as president from 2018-2020, and engagement with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, IBD Qorus and IBD Live.

The co-author of more than 200 abstracts/book chapters/articles, he has delivered over 100 invited presentations. He loves teaching/mentoring trainees, and, to date, all his residents have matched in GI fellowship programs. His honors include the Brown University Teaching Recognition Award, the Dean's Teaching Excellence Certificate, Brown University's Excellence in Teaching Award for Clinical Faculty, and the Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching. ACG honors include the Freshman Governor's Award and the William D. Carey Award. The New England Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America named him Humanitarian of the Year for 2009 and a co-recipient of the Joan Cutler Lifetime achievement award in 2020. In 2023, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the DDNC.

Being part of the ACG family is the most meaningful part of his career, with the capstone of serving as President. Though he expected to make lasting friendships, he never expected the ACG would allow his rock and roll dreams to come true in co-founding ACG's official band, The Beacons, where he is lead cowbell and a singer. He is humbled to join the past and current ACG Masters, including his father, Dr. Ashok N. Shah (1939-2023) who was honored as "MACG" in 2007.

2025 Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Awards

i The intent of the Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Award is to recognize a distinguished nurse practitioner or physician assistant who has shown long-standing contributions to educating and mentoring NPs/PAs in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology (GIH). The candidate has made meaningful contributions in teaching by demonstrating mentorship, preceptorship, curricula development, and/or other activities that have an impact in educating and developing future NPs/PAs in the field of GIH.



Victoria S. Louwagie, DMSc, PA-C

Victoria S. Louwagie, DMSc, PA-C, is a passionate clinician, medical educator, leader, and researcher. She has been a clinically practicing Physician Associate in gastroenterology and hepatology since 2011. She earned her undergraduate degree in biology, holds a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies and completed a Doctorate in Medical Science with a concentration in healthcare administration and management.

She is an Assistant Professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. She is a member of the Mayo Clinic Academy of Education Excellence, where she holds the rank of *Excellence in Teaching* at the Associate level and *Excellence in Education Administration and Leadership* at the Senior Fellow level. She served as Clinical Co-Director and Faculty member with the Mayo Clinic PA Program from 2021-2023.

Presently, she serves as the principal educator of the Adult and Pediatric Medicine Gastroenterology Unit within the Mayo Clinic PA Program. She has proudly and intentionally curated, crafted, and maintains a digestive disease curriculum that ensures learners progress beyond passive knowledge to true clinical competence. By aligning content with key concepts in memory retention, application, and analysis, she supports long-term learning and decision-making. Her ultimate goal is to prepare learners who are not only knowledgeable but also entrustable to deliver safe and thoughtful individualized care in digestive disease medicine.

She is deeply passionate about medical education and education research. Her educational leadership and innovative work in mentoring have earned her invitations to speak at local, regional, and national conferences. Internationally, she has presented on modern Physician Associate digestive disease education to audiences at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. She is a renowned author with her body of work published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Associates*, *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*, *The Journal of Nurse Practitioners*, *Journal of Allied Health*, and *American Journal of Transplantation*.

A dedicated preceptor, she has had the privilege of mentoring numerous students and early career professionals who have gone on to become successful and compassionate nurses and clinicians. Her research in education continues to pioneer modern mentoring models for health profession students and practicing clinicians alike, helping to shape the future of clinical education across healthcare fields.

She is deeply grateful to those who invested in her—those who taught her the art of clinical medicine with a patient-centered focus, those who modeled excellence in medical education, and the mentors who have guided and continue to advise her. She meaningfully acknowledges her family for their unwavering support of her time, effort, and passion to digestive health and medicine.



Jessica Crimaldi, MSN, NP-C, CMSRN

Jessica Crimaldi, MSN, NP-C, CMSRN, was born and raised in the greater Cleveland area. She attended Cleveland State University (CSU) for her BSN; during her time at CSU she had the opportunity to work at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation in a 3-year internship entitled the “Nursing Experiential Program.” In this role she had the opportunity to learn many of the roles on a typical nursing unit while working 1 year as a Unit Secretary, 1 year as a Nurse Assistant and 1 year as a Nurse Intern.

She started her nursing career on an inpatient Internal Medicine and Telemetry Teaching Unit where she worked as an RN while completing her MSN at the University of Akron. Since graduation in 2015 she has worked as a Nurse Practitioner in the Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition caring for inpatients with gastrointestinal and liver disorders at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

In addition to her clinical role, she is also the Advanced Practice Provider Manager for over 70 Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition APPs. She is the Co-Director for the nation’s first Inflammatory Bowel Disease APP Fellowship which is embarking on its fourth year. She has presented nationally and published in *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners (JNP)*. She is Faculty for Gastroenterology and Hepatology Advanced Practice Providers (GHAPP) National Organization and Milestone APP.

When she is not busy with work Jessica is a wife, parent of 2 young children and dog mom. She is a foster parent and passionate about foster care advocacy. She enjoys being outdoors, hiking and spending time with family and friends.

2025 NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence

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



Sharon Dudley-Brown, PhD, FNP-BC

Sharon Dudley-Brown, PhD, FNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP, currently holds a faculty appointment in the School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. She is also a Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Delaware, teaching in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. She has been a family nurse practitioner for the

past 30+ years, working in a variety of settings including primary

care, urgent care, and more recently in gastroenterology. Her current practice at Johns Hopkins is in the Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, where she independently manages patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), and collaborates with physicians in the IBD center at Johns Hopkins. She was awarded a Miller-Coulson Clinical Excellence award at Johns Hopkins in 2017. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (2011) and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (2018).

She is an internationally recognized leader in gastroenterology nursing and served as a visiting professor and consultant in New Zealand in 2011, sharing her experience in nursing education and gastroenterology. She has numerous publications and has presented nationally and internationally in the field of IBD, gastroenterology and nursing. She is a co-editor of the seminal textbook *Translation of Evidence into Nursing and Health Care*, now in its 4th edition.

She also serves in leadership capacities with several gastroenterology and nursing organizations such as the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation (CCF), the Society of Gastrointestinal Nurses and Associates (SGNA), and the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA). She is a founding member of the executive committee of GHAPP: Gastroenterology and Hepatology Advanced Practice Providers, a newly formed organization dedicated to the education of nurse practitioners and physician assistants by their peers, in the field of gastroenterology & hepatology.



Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, MACG

Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, MACG, is a Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She has a busy clinical practice that reflects her expertise in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), which is also the focus of her research work.

Along with over 200 original research articles she just completed the third edition of a book for patients on self-management of IBD co-authored by Dr. Frank Farraye. She is a passionate teacher to patients, trainees and colleagues as reflected in her previous role as Chair of the National Patient Education Committee for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, Course Director of the ACG North American Conference for GI Fellows with Drs. David Johnson and Philip Katz, the co-creator of ACG's IBD School along with David Rubin, the Course Director of the 2007 ACG Postgraduate Course with Drs. Steve Hanauer and Nicholas Shaheen, IBD School with Drs. Lisa Malter, David Huseman and David Rubin, and the inaugural Advanced Leadership Program with Drs. David Hass and Mark Pochapin. The highlight of Dr. Kane's ACG service was being President of the College in 2018-2019 after serving as Chair of the Women in GI Committee, Chair of the ACG Quality Council, and creator and first Director of the Networking and Negotiation Skills Workshop and then on the Board of Trustees.

All of this leadership training has led to her current positions that she holds within Mayo Clinic as the Assistant Chair of Patient Experience within the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical Director for the Office of Patient Experience for Mayo Clinic as well as the first Chief Patient Experience Officer for the Mayo Enterprise.

2025 Samuel S. Weiss Award

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

2025 ACG President's Special Recognition Awards

i The ACG President's Special Recognition Award is presented periodically to recognize outstanding contributions that have advanced public health, the practice of medicine, clinical science, patient care or the College. Recipients are chosen by the President and subject to the approval of the ACG Board of Trustees.



Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG

Robert E. Kravetz, MD, FACP, MACG, graduated from New York University College of Medicine in 1958. Following his Internal Medicine training and two years with the US Indian Public Health Service, Phoenix, Arizona, he accepted a fellowship in gastroenterology at Yale training with Dr. Howard Spiro. Upon completion he moved back to Phoenix in 1965 and opened his practice using rigid endoscopes prior to fiberoptics!

During that time, he founded the Phoenix Society of Gastroenterology which is still active today. He established the first Center for Liver Disease and Alcoholism in Arizona. During practice years, he trained residents on a regular basis.

In 1977 he joined the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG). Over the years he served on a variety of committees. However, his main activity was membership and Chair of the Archives Committee where he curated numerous exhibits about the history of gastroenterology for past ACG Annual Meetings. He became a Master of the College in 2002 and was the recipient of the prestigious Weiss Award in 2008.

In 1999, he retired from active practice to pursue his interest in the History of Medicine and collection of medical antiques. They are displayed in 40 donated cases at various medical locations in Phoenix. He has lectured extensively on medical history and wrote and published three books on the subject.

He was also one of the authors in the publication celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the College in 2007. During a 10-year period starting in the late 90's, he wrote a monthly article for the Red Journal describing a variety of medical antiques. His most recent elegant publication illustrated with vibrant color photographs *A LOOK BACK: Reflections on Medical History* (2020) showcases those articles.

In 2013, a new professional life in academic medicine arose when he was recruited by the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix for a teaching position. He is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and a Clinical Professor in the Department of Bioethics and Humanism. He teaches first- and second-year students clinical medicine, directs a 4th year elective in the History of Medicine, and taught a course on History of Medical Ethics in the Bioethics Master's program. His Medical Museum at the College is one of the only ones West of the Mississippi. At age 91, he is the oldest member of the faculty in the entire University.

Dr. Kravetz is an advocate for teaching students Humanism in Medicine and the Doctor-Patient relationship. His 2008 publication "*MEDICAL HUMANISM – Aphorisms from the Bedside Teachings & Writings of Howard Spiro, MD,*" (his mentor) was distributed gratis to 7000 students and physicians. He looks upon each day as an adventure and opportunity to learn something new. His motto is *Carpe Diem*.



Louis J. Wilson, MD, FACC

Louis J. Wilson, MD, FACC, is an independent physician, trained and board certified in Internal Medicine, Nutrition Science, and Gastroenterology, and is devoted to his patients, his community, and his profession. After 7 years of solo practice, he created and still manages a single specialty community practice that provides almost all gastroenterology inpatient and outpatient care across 17 counties of North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. Patients are treated comprehensively, with emphasis on prevention and evidence-based treatments, but also nutrition and wellness. His energies are also diligently applied to being an innovative leader, entrepreneur, and inventor.

Giving back to his community and colleagues through leadership and advocacy is important to him. He has authored many papers, posters, and presentations in the areas of healthcare operations, economics, leadership, and policy. His work at the America College of Gastroenterology (ACG) includes Chair of the Practice Management Committee (2017-2020) and two years on the ACG COVID “Resuming Endoscopy” Task Force. During that time, the popular “Practice Management Toolbox” was created featuring dozens of high impact articles on the ACG website to help physicians thrive in their practices. Currently Dr. Wilson is finishing his fourth year as Chair of the ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council which directs legislative policy for the ACG in Washington, DC, and communicates updates to the Colleges’ members.

In 2018 Dr. Wilson received the ACG “Community Service Award” for his work in disaster relief in the U.S.A. and around the world. Serving as President of the Texas Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy from 2020 to 2022 during the COVID pandemic was a tremendously rewarding challenge. In September 2024, he was humbled to receive the 2024 Marcel Patterson-Robert Nelson Award, the highest honor by the TSGE, as a gastroenterologist who has made a “significant contribution” to the field.



2025 ACG Governors' Awards

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

2025 Junior Governor's Award

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



Rohit Singhania, MD, SM, FACC

Rohit Singhania, MD, SM, FACC, AGAF, FCCF, is currently serving as the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Governor for Connecticut. He is the Section Chief of Gastroenterology at Manchester Memorial Hospital, a partner at Connecticut GI, and an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

Dr. Singhania earned his medical degree from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi, one of the most competitive and prestigious medical institutions in India. He completed his internal medicine residency at Jacobi Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, followed by a gastroenterology fellowship at Columbia University and an advanced transplant hepatology fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York. He also holds a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

His clinical interests include quality improvement in endoscopy, integrated GI care delivery, and clinical trials in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Dr. Singhania has served as principal investigator in several Phase 3 IBD trials and has published research in leading journals such as *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* and *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. His early work on colon polyp epidemiology has helped inform colorectal cancer screening guidelines.

Dr. Singhania has co-authored content for ACG's GI.org and *ACG MAGAZINE*, served as an abstract reviewer, and received multiple ACG abstract awards. He was named a Fellow of the ACG in 2017, AGAF in 2020, and received the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Fellowship (FCCF) in 2024. He remains passionate about teaching and mentorship through his faculty role at UConn.

He enjoys engaging in advocacy through the annual ACG Governors Fly-In and is committed to improving physician wellness and patient access to GI care. Dr. Singhania also helped launch the IBD Clinic at Baystate Health and has contributed to numerous regional and national educational initiatives.

Outside of work, Dr. Singhania lives in Suffield, Connecticut with his wife and two children. He enjoys playing tennis, following women's basketball (especially Caitlin Clark), experimenting with dal tadka recipes in his Instant Pot, and staying curious about the future of artificial intelligence in medicine. He looks forward to continuing his service to ACG in the years ahead.

2025 Senior Governor's Award

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



Adam B. Elfant, MD, FACC

Adam B. Elfant, MD, FACC, is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and serves as the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Governor for Southern New Jersey. Dr. Elfant graduated from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in 1989 and completed a residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Gastroenterology at Cooper University Hospital, followed by a fellowship in Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy at The Wellesley Hospital in Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Elfant returned to Cooper University Hospital to become the Director of Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Endoscopic Oncology, launching a program that has grown into one of the largest and most respected in the state. He was named Head of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in 2018. Over the last 30 years, Dr. Elfant has led and supported the development of numerous programs in collaboration with other divisions and public entities. These include free colon cancer screening with colonoscopy for indigent populations, genetic screening programs for gastrointestinal malignancies, multidisciplinary programs for the management of pancreatic cystic disease, and an aerodigestive program. He has authored over 80 peer-reviewed publications and has been an invited speaker at regional, national, and international meetings.

Dr. Elfant's dedication to the ACG is highlighted by his four terms as Governor and his service as a Regional Councilor. He has attended all of the Annual ACG Fly-In Advocacy Days in Washington, DC, during his terms and has worked with local legislators on behalf of the GI community. His legislative efforts have helped mandate coverage for propofol sedation, preserve access to telehealth, and secure insurance coverage for biologic therapy. Dr. Elfant has also served on the ACG Practice Parameters Committee and as a journal and abstract/poster reviewer for the ACG Annual Meetings. His commitment to special projects and his advocacy for legislative goals and patient protections have been integral to his service. In recognition of these efforts, Dr. Elfant has received the ACG Governor Service Award three times during his career.



Patrick E. Young, MD, FACG

Patrick E. Young, MD, FACG, is an honors graduate of the US Naval Academy and the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. He trained in Internal Medicine at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, in Gastroenterology at the National Capitol Consortium, and in interventional endoscopy at the University of Maryland.

He served in the US Navy for 21 years including deployments to the Middle East as the only gastroenterologist in theater and as the Director of Medical Operations (Chief Medical Officer) of the hospital ship USNS Comfort for the humanitarian assistance mission Operation Continuing Promise 2011. He was the gastroenterology program director at the National Capital Consortium (2012-2017) and oversaw all Navy gastroenterology as the Consultant to the Surgeon General from 2013-2017. He served as a gastroenterology consultant to the White House Medical Unit from 2012-2018. He has earned numerous awards for leadership, teaching, mentorship, and clinical care. He is currently a Professor of Medicine and the Director of the Digestive Health Division at the Uniformed Services University.

Dr. Young has had the privilege of serving in the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) for two decades. His committee assignments have included the Educational Affairs, Public Relations, Training, and Patient Care Committees. He was Chair of both the Credentials and Membership Committees and was the Vice Chair of the Legislative and Public Policy Committee. He served as ACG Governor for the Military from 2013-2018 and as the Vice Chair (2018-2020) and Chair (2020-2022) of the Board of Governors. He has happily acted as an ACG mentor since the inception of the program. In addition, he serves as a Trustee for the American College of Gastroenterology.

His clinical and research interests include cancer prevention and detection, the ergonomics of endoscopy, leadership development, and emotional intelligence – specifically self-awareness and resilience. His less scholarly pursuits include trail running, mountain and road biking, fly-fishing, and basically anything that gets him out of the hospital and into the beauty of creation. He is also a bassist and singer for the ACG's official band, the Beacons.

2025 William D. Carey Award

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

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

2025 ACG International GI Training Grant Awards

2025 International GI Training Grant Recipients

i The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipient 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 \$15,000 have been awarded this year.



Mukesh Kumar Ranjan, MD

Chitwan, Nepal

Dr. Mukesh Kumar Ranjan from Nepal is currently an Associate Professor at Chitwan Medical College. His interest is in IBD which is on the rise in Nepal where the treatment of IBD poses a challenge due to the resource-limited setting, where there is an unmet need for trained IBD physicians.

He will study at Massachusetts General Hospital at the Crohn's and Colitis Center under the direction of Dr. Ashwin Anathakrishnan for two months. His objectives are to 1) acquire skills in performing intestinal ultrasound and understanding its role in the management of patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD); and 2) to learn about recent treatment practices and advances in IBD management. Nepal is a developing nation with an increasing burden of IBD and an opportunity to learn at a dedicated IBD training center will help Dr. Ranjan bring advanced and innovative ideas and knowledge to his society.



Oluwafunmilayo Adeniyi, MD

Lagos, Nigeria

Dr. Oluwafunmilayo Adeniyi from Nigeria is currently an Associate Professor/Pediatrician at the University of Lagos and a clinical researcher who is part of a case reporting group documenting the epidemiology of IBD in sub-Saharan Africa.

She will study at Massachusetts General Hospital under the direction of Drs. Akwi Asombang and Awab Ali Ibrahim for six months. Her clinical and academic interests center on addressing the growing burden of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in resource-limited settings. She is seeking advanced training in pediatric IBD to deepen her knowledge and technical skills. This opportunity will equip her to address urgent gaps in subspecialty care and research back home, particularly in areas such as diagnostics, multidisciplinary management, and the development of regionally appropriate treatment protocols.



Roupén Djinbachian, MD
Montréal, Québec, Canada

Dr. Roupén Djinbachian is a gastroenterologist at the Montreal University Hospital Center and his interests revolve around therapeutic endoscopy, particularly the endoscopic treatment of early GI cancers.

He plans to study at the Hôpital Édouard-Herriot in Lyon, France under the direction of Professor Mathieu Pioche for a one-year advanced endoscopy fellowship. His interests revolve around therapeutic endoscopy, particularly the endoscopic treatment of early GI cancers. Dr. Djinbachian's motivation for this additional training is driven by the urgent need to acquire third space endoscopy skills and to leverage them in improving minimally invasive care for early gastrointestinal cancers in Canada. This unique opportunity will allow him to address a critical gap in his current practice and elevate the standard of oncologic care for his patients. In Canada – and particularly in Quebec – advanced endoscopic resection techniques such as endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) and other third-space procedures (e.g., endoscopic intermuscular dissection, POEM and G-POEM) remain nearly nonexistent in routine practice.

2025 North American International GI Training Grant Recipient

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

2025 Abstract Awards

● OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARDS

These 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

Characterizing Treatment Satisfaction and Health-Related Quality of Life of Patients With Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI) Taking Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement Therapy (PERT): Findings From the PACT-CP Registry

Jodie A. Barkin, MD, FACG¹, Ismail Aouadi, MStat², Jane Diamond, MS, FNP-BC³, Janine Twal, PharmD², Jennifer Pack, MSN, ACNP-BC², Trudi Delk, PharmD², Cindy Frommor, BS⁴, Dianne Nguyen, MD², David C. Whitcomb, MD, PhD⁵; ¹University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; ²Nestlé Health Science, Bridgewater, NJ; ³Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL; ⁴PPD Observational Studies, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA; ⁵University of Pittsburgh, UPMC and Ariel Precision Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA

Colon Category

Comparative Efficacy of Precut Endoscopic Mucosal Resection and Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection for Colorectal Polyps: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Aamir Saeed, MD¹, Saira Yousof, MD¹, Marjan Haider, MD², Ghulam Ali Hasnan, MBBS³, Hina Akbar, MD⁴, Sachit Sharma, MD⁵, Umar Hayat, MD⁶, Umer Farooq, MD⁷, Manesh Gangwani, MD⁸, Muhammad Hashim Hayat, MD⁹, Zohaib Ahmed, MD¹⁰, Muhammad Aziz, MBBS¹¹, Mark Radlinski, MD¹, Faisal Kamal, MD¹²; ¹Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN; ²Trinity Health Ann Arbor Hospital, Ypsilanti, MI; ³Dr Grays Hospital NHS Grampian, Elgin, Scotland, United Kingdom; ⁴King Edward Medical University, Chattanooga, TN; ⁵Richmond Gastroenterology Associates, Richmond, VA; ⁶Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA; ⁷Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO; ⁸University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR; ⁹Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; ¹⁰University of Toledo College Medicine and Life Sciences, Toledo, OH; ¹¹Bon Secours Mercy Health, Toledo, OH; ¹²Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category

Validation of a Colorectal Cancer Risk Prediction Tool Using 2 Large National Cohorts

Jennifer K. Maratt, MD, MS¹, LaKeisha Boyd, MS¹, Jason Browne, MD¹, Nour Hamade, MD², Yunpeng Yu, MS¹, Kai Wang, PhD³, Mingyang Song, MD, ScD³, Charles Kahi, MD, MS¹, Thomas Imperiale, MD¹; ¹Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; ²The Queens Medical Center, Honolulu, HI; ³Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA

Diet, Nutrition, and Obesity Category

Clinical Outcome at 18 Month Follow-Up of 3 Endoscopic Gastroplasty Techniques: A Single Center, Randomized Controlled Trial

Salvatore Francesco Vadal di Prampero, PhD¹, Monika Bulajic², Milutin Bulajic, MD, PhD, FACG¹; ¹Isola Tiberina Hospital - Gemelli Isola, Rome, Lazio, Italy; ²University of Rome, Rome, Lazio, Italy

Esophagus Category

Automated Detection of Barrett's Esophagus Dysplasia Using Deep Learning With Pathology Foundation Models on a Large Multicenter Cohort of Whole Slide Images

Don C. Codipilly, MD¹, Amirali Khosravi, MD¹, Jaidip Jagtap, PhD¹, Jason Lewis, MD², Catherine Hagen, MD¹, Shajan Peter, MD³, Vani Konda, MD, FACG⁴, Fouad Otaki, MD⁵, Sachin Wani, MD⁶, Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, MACG⁷, David Katzka, MD⁸, Bradley Erickson, MD, PhD¹, Prasad Iyer, MD, MS⁹; ¹Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; ²Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL; ³University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; ⁴Baylor Scott & White Medical Center, Dallas, TX; ⁵Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR; ⁶University of Colorado-Anschutz Campus, Aurora, CO; ⁷University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC; ⁸Columbia University, New York City, NY; ⁹Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ

Functional Bowel Disease Category

Abnormalities in Regional Gut Transit Correspond Poorly With Presenting Gastrointestinal Symptoms

Baha Moshiree, MD¹, Thomas Abell, MD², Ashok Attaluri, MD³, William Chey, MD, FACG⁴, Michael Cline, DO⁵, William L. Hasler, MD⁶, Vincent Ho, MD⁷, Braden Kuo, MD⁸, Allen Lee, MD, MS⁹, Amir Masoud, MD¹⁰, Richard McCallum, MD, FACG¹¹, Eamonn M. Quigley, MD, MACG¹², Irene Sarosiek, MD¹¹, Satish SC. Rao, MD, PhD, FACG¹³, Mayra Sanchez, MD¹⁴, Abigail Stocker, MD², Brian Surjanhata, MD¹⁵, Jerry Zhou, PhD⁷, Anthony Lembo, MD, FACG¹⁶; ¹Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC; ²University of Louisville, Louisville, KY; ³University of Kansas Health System, Olathe, KS; ⁴University of Michigan Health, Ann Arbor, MI; ⁵Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; ⁶Mayo Clinic Arizona, Scottsdale, AZ; ⁷Western Sydney University, Campbelltown, New South Wales, Australia; ⁸Center for Neurointestinal Health, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; ⁹University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, MI; ¹⁰Hartford Healthcare/Connecticut GI, Madison, CT; ¹¹Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, TX; ¹²Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX; ¹³Augusta University Medical Center, Augusta, GA; ¹⁴Hartford HealthCare's Neurogastroenterology and Motility Center, Fairfield, CT; ¹⁵Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; ¹⁶Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH

General Endoscopy Category

Colonoscopy Compression Device Significantly Reduces Ergonomic Risk for Endoscopy Staff: A Multi-Center Study

Lauren Shea, MD¹, Divya Ashat, MBBS², Anthony Beisler, MD³, Danielle DeLeeuw⁴, Jeffrey Goldman, MD, MBA², David Gutman, MD⁵, Noufal Jajeh, MD³, Jill Lee⁵, Rick Norton⁵, Timothy Peterson, MD⁴, Brandon Scott, DO⁵, Tamara James, MA⁶; ¹St. Peter's Health, Helena, MT; ²University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, Iowa City, IA; ³Mary Rutan Health, Bellefontaine, OH; ⁴Meeke Memorial Hospital & Clinics, Litchfield, MN; ⁵Portneuf Medical Center, Portneuf, ID; ⁶Duke University Health System, Durham, NC

GI Bleeding Category

Reduction of Clinically Significant Gastrointestinal Bleeding After Aortic Valve Replacement

Gin Yi Lee, MD¹, Chuan Lu, MD², Ronaldo C. Fabiano, MD¹, Yee Hui Yeo, MD³; ¹Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; ²Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA; ³Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

IBD Category

Feasibility of Intestinal Ultrasound in Pregnant Patients with IBD: A Safe and Reliable Modality for Disease Monitoring

Oscar Noble, MD¹, Ana Paola Islas Guerra, MD¹, Hannah O'Neill, MD², Poojasree Pasupuleti, MS¹, Christopher Fan, MD³, Bincy Abraham, MD, MS, FACG⁴; ¹Houston Methodist Hospital, Lynda K. and David M. Underwood Center for Digestive Health / Houston Methodist Research Institute, Houston, TX; ²Houston Methodist-Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Houston, TX; ³Houston Methodist Hospital, Lynda K. and David M. Underwood Center for Digestive Health / Houston Methodist Research Institute, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University, Houston, TX; ⁴Methodist-Weill Cornell, Houston, TX

Infections and Microbiome Category

Helicobacter pylori Pathogenic Factors and Their Interactions With the Gastric Microbiome

Camilia Metadea Aji Savitri, MD¹, Takashi Matsumoto, MD, PhD¹, Kartika Afrida Fauzia, MD, PhD², Ricky Indra Alfaray, MD, PhD³, Langgeng Agung Waskito, MD, PhD³, Yudith Annisa Rezkitha, MD³, Husin Thamrin, MD³, Tomohisa Uchida, MD, PhD¹, Muhammad Miftahussurur, MD, PhD³, Yoshio Yamaoka, MD, PhD¹; ¹Oita University, Yufu, Oita, Japan; ²The National Research and Innovation Agency, Bogor, Jawa Barat, Indonesia; ³Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, Jawa Timur, Indonesia

Interventional Endoscopy Category

Rigidizing the Path to Precision: A Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluating a Novel Overtube for Colonic Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection: Feasibility, Safety, and Efficacy Outcomes

Tara Keihanian, MD, MPH, Fares Ayoub, MD, Mai Khalaf, MD, Ghena Khasawneh, MD, Haydee Rochits Cueto, MD, MPH, Salmaan A. Jawaid, MD, Mohamed O. Othman, MD; Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Liver Category

Fibro-GPT: A Large Language Model for Accurate Prediction of Advanced Fibrosis and Hepatic Decompensation in MASLD

Basile Njei, MD, PhD, MPH¹, Nelvis Njei, PharmD, MS², Ysabel Ilagan-Ying, MD³, Omar Al Ta'ani, MD⁴, Sarpong Boateng, MD, MPH⁵, Yazan Al Ajlouni, MD, Mphil⁶, Bubu Banini, MD, PhD³; ¹VA Connecticut Healthcare System and Yale University, West Haven, CT; ²Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, Ellicott City, MD; ³Yale University, New Haven, CT; ⁴Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA; ⁵Yale New Haven Health, Bridgeport, CT; ⁶Montefiore Medical Center, New York, NY

Practice Management Category

Pre-Charting Reinvented: Real-World Evaluation of a Gastroenterology-Specific AI Tool to Improve Care Quality and Physician Efficiency

Omeed Alipour, MD¹, Ganesh Krishnan, MSc², Chandan Kaur, MBA, MSc², Richard Manfreedy, MD³; ¹Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, San Jose, CA; ²Acucare AI, San Francisco, CA; ³Cedar Valley Digestive Health Center, Waterloo, IA

Small Intestine Category

Risks of Gastrointestinal Malignancies in Short Bowel Syndrome Patients Treated With Teduglutide: Results From TriNetX

Nurlan Aliyev, MD¹, Anasua Deb, MD², Bilal Niazi, MD², Ahmad Nawaz, MBBS³, Faruq Pradhan, MBBCh², Fedja A. Rochling, MBBCh, MBA⁴; ¹University of Nebraska Medical Center, Elkhorn, NE; ²University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; ³SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY; ⁴UNMC, Omaha, NE

Stomach and Spleen Category

Artificial Intelligence-Based Radiomics for Non-Invasive Detection of Lymph-Node Metastasis in Gastric Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Diagnostic Test Accuracy

Zainab Hussein¹, Mohamed A. B. Elnaggar, MD², Ahmed Bahnasy, MD³, Mohamed Yasser Elnaggar, MBBCh, MSc⁴, Mark Nasseem, MBBCh⁵, Basant Elsayed, MBBCh⁶, Areeba Mariam Mehmoo⁷, Ahmed Ahmed⁸, Ismail Elkhattib, MBBCh⁹; ¹Minia University, Minia, Al Minya, Egypt; ²Hartford Healthcare, Hartford, CT; ³Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; ⁴Mansoura University, Mansoura, Ad Daqahliyah, Egypt; ⁵Ain Shams University, Cairo, Al Qahirah, Egypt; ⁶Ain Shams University, Cairo, Ad Daqahliyah, Egypt; ⁷Dr.Faisal Masood Teaching Hospital, Sargodha, Punjab, Pakistan; ⁸Al-Azhar University Faculty of Medicine Damietta, Damietta, Dumyat, Egypt; ⁹University of Nebraska, Hartford, CT

2025 Abstract Awards (cont.)

● OUTSTANDING RESEARCH BY FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING AWARDS

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Biliary/Pancreas Category

Associations Between Early Fluid Resuscitation, SIRS Status, and BUN Changes in Acute Pancreatitis: Real World Results From the APPRENTICE Consortium

Daniel Marino, MD, MBA¹, Stacey Culp, PhD², Peter Lee, MBBCh², Jordan Burlen, MD³, Raj Shah, MD³, Tamas Gonda, MD¹, Georgios I. Papachristou, MD, PhD²; ¹NYU Langone Health, New York, NY; ²The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH; ³College of Medicine, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Colon Category

Prevalence of High-Grade Dysplasia and Invasive Cancer in Small Polyps Among Average-Risk Adults Undergoing Screening Colonoscopy

Hassam Ali, MD¹, Jinye Liu, DO², Rami Basmaci, MD², Sarah Jahangir, MD², Dushyant S. Dahiya, MD³, Rahul Pamarthy, MD², Umar Hayat, MD⁴, Eslam Ali, MD², Mohamad Khalaf, MD¹, Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACC⁵; ¹East Carolina Gastroenterology, Greenville, NC; ²East Carolina University Medical Center, Greenville, NC; ³University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, KS; ⁴Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA; ⁵Center for Advanced Therapeutic (CATE), Centura Health, Porter Adventist Hospital, Peak Gastroenterology, Denver, CO

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category

Examining Colorectal Cancer Screening Patterns Across US Counties Using Geospatial Analysis Pre- and Post-COVID-19

Ahmed Al Qady, MD¹, Wafa Aldhaleei, MD², Akshaya Bhagavathula, PhD³; ¹University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; ²Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; ³North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

Diet, Nutrition, and Obesity Category

Trends and Disparities in Mortality From Obesity-Associated Gastrointestinal Cancers in the United States, 1999-2020: A CDC WONDER Analysis

Usama Sakhawat, MD¹, Usman Mazhar, MBBS², Ahmed Shehadah, MD³, Hafsa Ali, MBBS⁴, Daniyal Abbasi, MBBS⁵, Ali Hamza, MBBS⁶, Fnu Veena, MD⁷, Muhammad Hamza Rafique, MD⁸, Usama Bilal, MBBS⁹, Maham Waqar, MBBS¹⁰, Allah Dad, MD¹¹, Sheena Shamoan, MD¹², Muhammad Arham¹³, Faseeh Haider, MD¹⁴, Faizan Ahmad, MD¹⁵, Fatima Binte Athar, MBBS¹⁶, Moheudin Khan, MD¹, Toseef Javaid, MD¹; ¹United Health Services, Wilson Medical Center, Johnson City, NY; ²Rawalpindi Medical University, Pakistan, Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan; ³United Health Services, Wilson Medical Center, Binghamton, NY; ⁴Allama Iqbal Medical College, Manama, Al Muharraaq, Bahrain; ⁵Islamabad Medical and Dental College, Islamabad, Islamabad, Pakistan; ⁶Army Medical College, Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan; ⁷BronxCare Health System, Bronx, NY; ⁸Woodhull Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY; ⁹Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi, Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan; ¹⁰Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan; ¹¹Shiekh Zayed Medical College Rahim Yar Khan, Pakistan, Kot Addu, Punjab, Pakistan; ¹²University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY; ¹³Sheikh Zayed Medical College, Pakistan, Rahim Yar Khan, Punjab, Pakistan; ¹⁴Allama Iqbal Medical college, Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan; ¹⁵Duke University, Durham, NC; ¹⁶Karachi Medical and Dental College, Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan

Esophagus Category

Epithelial Interleukin-8 in Eosinophilic Esophagitis: A Potential New Marker for Disease Activity and Lamina Propria Fibrosis

Sharef Al-Mulaabed, MD¹, Yamen Smadi, MD¹, Mary Schreck, PhD², Noah Stoeckel, MS³, Nidhi Kapoor, PhD³; ¹Center for Digestive Health and Nutrition, Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital, Orlando, FL; ²Orlando Health Medical Group Pediatrics Specialty Practice; Orlando Health, Orlando, FL; ³Specialty Diagnostic Clinical and Translational Research Lab, Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Orlando, FL

Functional Bowel Disease Category

Translumbosacral Neuromodulation Therapy Reverses Neuropathy in Patients With Fecal Incontinence

Karlo Fidel, MD¹, Yun Yan, PA-C¹, Jenna Clukey, MS², Kyle Staller, MD, MPH², Braden Kuo, MD³, Shaheen Hamdy, MD⁴, Deepak Ayyala, MR¹, Satish S.C. Rao, MD, PhD, FACC¹; ¹Augusta University Medical Center, Augusta, GA; ²Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; ³Center for Neurointestinal Health, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; ⁴The University of Manchester, Manchester, England, United Kingdom

General Endoscopy Category

Randomized Controlled Trial of Holding Versus Continuing GLP-1 or GIP Agonists Before Upper Endoscopy (OCULUS Trial)

Akram I. Ahmad, MD¹, Zaid Ansari, MD¹, Tasneem Jamal Al-Din, MD¹, Ashraf Almomani, MD¹, Michael A. Nicolais, BS¹, Alaina Miller, BS², Sara Valencia, MD², Arjun Chatterjee, MD³, Samita Garg, MD², Jeffrey Jacobs, MD, MBA⁴, John Vargo, MD², Tilak Shah, MD¹; ¹Cleveland Clinic Florida, Weston, FL; ²Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH; ³Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; ⁴Cleveland Clinic Florida, Davie, FL

GI Bleeding Category

Oral Vonoprazan Is Noninferior to Intravenous Proton Pump Inhibitors for Peptic Ulcer Rebleeding: A Matched Cohort Analysis of Clinical Outcomes

Saqr Alsakameh, MD, MS¹, Mohamad Adam, MD², Razan Aburumman, MD³, Osama Asad, MD², Abdulla Massad, MD⁴, Yazan Abboud, MD⁵, Yassine Kilani, MD⁶, Mohammad Bilal, MD, FACG⁷; ¹Mayo Clinic, Kansas City, MO; ²University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO; ³Henry Ford Health, Detroit, MI; ⁴University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX; ⁵Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ; ⁶Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO; ⁷University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, CO

IBD Category

Real-World Utility of Vedolizumab Clinical Decision Support Tool for Crohn's Disease

Anish Kuriakose Kuzhianjal, MBBS, MD, MRCP¹, Sarah Rhodes, MSc, PhD², Bernadett Farkas, MD³, Irene Latras-Cortés, MBBS, MD, MS⁴, Emily Granger, MBChB⁵, Stefanos Kateroglou, MD, MRCP¹, Nzubechukwu Samuel. Ozokwelu, MBBS, MRCP⁶, Usman Saleem Raza, MBBS, MRCP⁷, Emma Nixon, MRCP⁸, Livia Lontai, MD⁹, Orsolya Menyhart, MD¹⁰, Tibor Gyökere, MD¹¹, Mostafa I. Afifi, MBBCh, BSc¹², Klaudia Farkas, MD, PhD³, Tamás Molnár, MD, PhD³, Parambir S. Dulai, MD¹³, Jimmy Limdi, MD¹⁴; ¹Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester, England, United Kingdom; ²University of Manchester, Manchester, England, United Kingdom; ³University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary; ⁴León University Hospital, León, Castilla y Leon, Spain; ⁵East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust, Blackburn, England, United Kingdom; ⁶Northern Care Alliance, Greater Manchester, England, United Kingdom; ⁷Salford Royal Hospital, Salford, England, United Kingdom; ⁸Northern Care Alliance, Salford, England, United Kingdom; ⁹Semmelweis University, Budapest, Budapest, Hungary; ¹⁰Semmelweis University, Budapest, Budapest, Hungary; ¹¹Central Hospital of Northern Pest- Military Hospital, Budapest, Budapest, Hungary; ¹²East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust, Chorley, England, United Kingdom; ¹³School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL; ¹⁴Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust and University of Manchester, Manchester, England, United Kingdom

Infections and Microbiome Category

CFTR Modulators Are Not Associated With Reduction in Cancer Incidence: A Propensity Matched Analysis of 15,280 Cystic Fibrosis Patients

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Interventional Endoscopy Category

Effectiveness and Safety of EUS-Guided Gallbladder Drainage vs EUS-Guided Bile Duct Drainage in Patients With Malignant Biliary Obstruction After Failed ERCP: A Propensity-Score Matched International Multicenter Study

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Liver Category

Statin Use Is Associated With Reduced Risk of Hepatic Decompensation and Overall Mortality in Patients With Compensated Cirrhosis: A Propensity Score-Matched Analysis of a Population-Based Cohort of 14,034 Adults

Mohammed Abu-Rumailhe, MD¹, Abdallah Hussein, MD², Bisher Sawaf, MD³, Yusuf Omar Hallak, MD¹, Sana Rabeeah, MD¹, Tarek Abou Rashid, MD⁴, Obada Daaboul, MD⁵, Elias Battikh, MD⁶, Amine Rakab, MD⁷, Monica Tincopa, MD⁸; ¹The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH; ²Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Camden, NJ; ³University of Toledo Medical Center, Toledo, OH; ⁴MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC; ⁵Southern Illinois University, Springfield, IL; ⁶John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Toledo, OH; ⁷Weill Cornell Medicine, Doha, Ad Dawhah, Qatar; ⁸UCSD, San Diego, CA

Practice Management Category

Transforming the Gastroenterology Morbidity and Mortality Conference: A Multicenter, Fellow-Led Approach to Systems Thinking, Equity, and Safety Culture

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Small Intestine Category

Non-Celiac Wheat Sensitivity in Refractory Functional Dyspepsia and Irritable Bowel Syndrome: A Prospective, Randomized Study

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Stomach and Spleen Category

A Vegan and Allergy-Friendly Alternative for Gastric Emptying Scintigraphy: Validation in Healthy Participants

Kara J. Jencks, MD, Nada Abdelnaem, MD, Irene Busciglio, BS, Paula Carlson, BS, Duane Burton, MHA, Michael Ryks, BS, Derek R. Johnson, MD, Patrick Navin, MBBS, Corrie Bach, MD, Andrew M. Paulsen, PharmD, David J. Bartlett, MD, Michael Camilleri, MD, DSc; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

● ACG APP OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

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Implementation of a Nurse Practitioner-Led Rapid Access Clinic for Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Quality Improvement Project

Megan Pearce, DNP, APRN, FNP-C¹, Donna Ortiz, DNP, APRN, FNP-C², Catherine Nadeau, ARNP³, Jennifer Seminerio, MD²; ¹AdventHealth, Orlando, FL; ²AdventHealth Orlando, Orlando, FL; ³University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

● ACG AUXILIARY AWARDS

These three awards are presented by the Auxiliary and selected from among all abstracts submitted by fellows-in-training. The award recipients are selected by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Bile Acid Malabsorption Is Common in Celiac Disease, Especially After Cholecystectomy

John Damianos, MD, Katherine S. King, MS, Alex Lee, BS, Michael Camilleri, MD, DSc, Joseph Murray, MD, Adam C. Bledsoe, MD; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Early versus Delayed Cholecystectomy in Patients Admitted for Choledocholithiasis: Impact on Biliary Complications and Role of Sphincterotomy or Stenting

Jessica El Halabi, MD, MBI, Arpita Jajoo, MD, Yana Cai, MD, Aditya Chandrashekar, MBBS, Jianing Li, MD, Alistar Kent, MD, Venkata Akshintala, MD, PhD; The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Impact of Social Determinants of Health in Non-Dysplastic Barrett's Esophagus Surveillance: An Analysis Using the GIQuIC Database

Lovekirat Singh Dhaliwal, MD¹, Jennifer Holub, MPH², Saurabh Chawla, MD, FACG³, Prasad Iyer, MD, MS⁴, Allon Kahn, MD, FACG⁵; ¹Emory University School of Medicine, Decatur, GA; ²GI Quality Improvement Consortium, Ltd., North Bethesda, MD; ³Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; ⁴Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ; ⁵Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, Scottsdale, AZ

● ACG CASE REPORTS JOURNAL AWARDS

These two awards are selected from among all abstracts submitted in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Fellow-in-Training Recipient

Pilot Study of a Novel Device for Endoscopic Vacuum Therapy for Anastomotic Leak

Maria A. Cassera, MD, Liam Hilson, MD, Anand C. Baxi, MD, Anand Singla, MD, Michael Saunders, MD, Adam W. Templeton, MD; Digestive Health Center University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA

Physician (non-trainee) Recipient

Use of Tumor-Informed Circulating Tumor DNA and EUS for the Detection of Rectal Cancer Recurrence After Total Neoadjuvant Therapy

Douglas Faigel, MD¹, Tonia Young-Fadok, MD¹, William Rule, MD¹, Christina Wu, MBBS²; ¹Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ; ²Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ

● ACG/RADHIKA SRINIVASAN GENDER-BASED RESEARCH AWARD

This award, presented in conjunction with the ACG Women in Gastroenterology Committee, is named in memory of Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG. It is selected from among all abstracts submitted and given to the abstract that best identifies gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Impact of MELD 3.0 on Gender Disparity in Simultaneous Liver-Kidney Transplantation in the US

Ragesh Thandassery, MD¹, Allison Wells, MS, BS², Suria Devarapalli, DO³, Tamar Taddei, MD⁴; ¹University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR; ²University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR; ³University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR; ⁴Yale School of Medicine & VA Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven, CT

● 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

Real-World Study of Biopsy Practices During Food Impactions in the Emergency Department: Multi-State GI Practice

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Sulfate-Based Regimens Improve Bowel Preparation Quality and Reduce Costs Compared to High-Volume PEG-Based Regimens: A Retrospective Analysis

Benjamin Schwartz, MD, Brendan McQuillen, MD, MS, Michael Brown, MD; Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Physician (non-trainee) Recipients

Clinical and Endoscopic Improvements with Risankizumab Treatment in Patients With Moderate-to-Severe Crohn's Disease Who Previously Failed Ustekinumab

Jessica R. Allegretti, MD, MPH¹, Javier Zambrano, MD², Daniel O'Brien, PhD², Jameson Crowley, PhD³, Fernando Aponte, MD², Yafei Zhang, PhD², Jeanie K. Meckes, PhD², Christian Maaser, MD⁴; ¹Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; ²AbbVie Inc., North Chicago, IL; ³AbbVie Inc., North Chicago, IL; ⁴Ambulanzzentrum Gastroenterologie, Klinikum Lüneburg, Lüneburg, Hamburg, Germany

Impact of Sleep Positioning Device on Acid Exposure and Outcomes in Lung Transplant Recipients With Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

Manik Aggarwal, MD¹, Lucy Thuita, MS², Adam Kichler, DO³, Zubin Arora, MD⁴, Yi L. Qin, MD⁵, Scott L. Gabbard, MD, FACG⁶; ¹Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; ²Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; ³Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA; ⁴MNGI Digestive Health, Minneapolis, MN; ⁵Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH; ⁶Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Shaker Heights, OH

Treatment With Resmetirom for up to Two Years Led to Improvement in Liver Stiffness, Fibrosis Biomarkers, Fibrosis Scores, and Portal Hypertension Risk in 122 Patients With Compensated MASH Cirrhosis

Naim Alkhouri, MD, MHSc¹, Rebecca Taub, MD², Dominic Labriola, PhD², Xiaomin Lu, PhD², Sam Moussa, MD³, Mazen Nouredin, MD⁴; ¹Arizona Liver Health, Phoenix, AZ; ²Madrigal Pharmaceuticals, West Conshohocken, PA; ³University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix, AZ; ⁴Houston Research Institute and Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX

● ACG HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH AWARD

This award, supported by the ACG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, is selected from among all abstracts submitted, and is given to the best abstract that details identification of and/or interventions centered on health equity issues or health care-based disparities in gastrointestinal diseases. The award recipient is chosen by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

The Impact of Body Mass Index (BMI) and Obesity on Liver Transplant Outcomes: A Retrospective Analysis of a Single Center 8-Year Experience

Mohammed Abusuliman, MD¹, Ali Kadouh, MD², Agustín Gavidia Rosario, MD², Razan Aburumman, MD², Anju Pradeep, MD¹, Jared Klutke, MD¹, Tobias Cox, MD³, Amr Abusuliman, MD⁴, Yara Dababneh, MD¹, Muhammad Zarrar Khan, MD¹, Syed-Mohammed Jafri, MD²; ¹Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI; ²Henry Ford Health, Detroit, MI; ³Wayne State School of Medicine, Detroit, MI; ⁴Tanta University, Qoutour, Al Gharbiyah, Egypt

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● ACG INTERNATIONAL AWARD

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“Early Is Not Always Better”: Impact of Endoscopy Timing in Cirrhotic Patients with Acute Variceal Bleeding - An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Adnan Bhat, MD¹, Anchit Chauhan², Muhammad Hamza, MBBS³, Mariam Zahid⁴, Asad Iqbal⁵, Marhaba Fatima⁶, Saniya Ishtiaq⁷, Kinza Jawed, MBBS⁸, Ayesha Arshad, MBBS⁹, Mariam Shahabi, MBBS⁹, Omar Al-Radideh, MD¹⁰; ¹University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; ²Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, Delhi, India; ³Saidu Medical College Swat, Saidu Sharif, North-West Frontier, Pakistan; ⁴Karachi Medical and Dental College, Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan; ⁵Bacha Khan Medical College, Mardan, North-West Frontier, Pakistan; ⁶People’s University of Medical and Health Sciences for Women, Nawabshah, Sindh, Pakistan; ⁷Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan; ⁸Aga Khan University, Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan; ⁹Dow Medical College, Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan; ¹⁰University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL

● ACG LAWLOR RESIDENT AWARD

The Lawlor Resident Award is presented annually in memory of the late Edward Lawlor, an executive of SmithKline & French, who had a distinguished career of outstanding contributions to the ACG and the gastroenterology community at large. The recipient is selected on the basis of abstracts submitted by residents-in-training. The recipient is chosen by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Reducing Inappropriate Proton Pump Inhibitor Prescribing in Non-Critically Ill Hospitalized Patients: A Single Center Quality Improvement Project

Matthew Ryan, MD¹, Christopher Ma, MD², Ami Panara Shukla, MD², Marlene Onaindia, PharmD², Sebastian Suarez, MD, MPH²; ¹University of Miami, Miami, FL; ²University of Miami Health System, Miami, FL

● ACG MEDICAL STUDENT OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

This award is selected from among all abstracts submitted in any category by a medical student, and is presented to one recipient. The award recipient is chosen by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

Impact of GLP-1RA Therapy on Esophageal Motility Patterns

Annie L. Wang, BS, BA¹, Laura Bach, DO², David A. Leiman, MD, MSHP³; ¹Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC; ²Duke University, Durham, NC; ³Duke Clinical Research Institute, Durham, NC

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Carvedilol Equals Endoscopic Band Ligation for Preventing First Variceal Bleed and Death: An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of 8 Randomized Controlled Trials

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Curcumin Enema as a Novel Adjunctive Treatment in Distal Ulcerative Colitis

Shakhawat Hossain, MD¹, Maknun Nahar, MPH², Md. Makhsudul Alam, MD¹; ¹Rangpur Medical College, Rangpur, Bangladesh; ²Bangladesh Open University, Rangpur Sadar, Rangpur, Bangladesh

Role of “MANLATA Model” in Predicting Recurrence in Patients With Hepatocellular Carcinoma Undergoing Trans Arterial Chemo-Embolization

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This College is fully engaged in building on its core competencies of clinical education and practice management support in recognition of the changing GI landscape as well as the growing challenges faced by clinical medicine and society at large. The ongoing pressures of cuts in reimbursement, especially under the Medicare program, challenges and interference in practice by insurers and pharmacy benefit managers, and uncertainty in clinical research funding cry out for concerted action and the College is deeply engaged in these efforts. Opportunities to improve clinician wellness is part of our efforts to meet the ever-changing needs of our broad and diverse membership as we study the workforce challenges in medicine and explore practical ways to address them. We are proud to continue and enhance our most popular programs and resources while taking steps to further embrace technology to develop new programs and further expand collaboration both in person and virtually. Meeting the needs of all our members with broad programming such as the hybrid Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course and regional programs with more day long “schools” focused on IBD, the forthcoming metabolic school, endoscopy, and others, combined with targeted programs for membership groups such as Fellows-in-Training and Advanced Practice Providers, remain the hallmarks of the College. These represent important opportunities to gather with one another, learn from one another, and enjoy the collegiality that is a hallmark of our organization.

This key operating philosophy of the College to “meet members where they are” shows up throughout our organization, with our Board of Governors representing the membership at the state and local level but is also reflected in the type of education and other resources we produce and provide for members and patients alike.

The Board of Trustees represents a diverse geographical and subspecialty group as well as a 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. Combined with our updated mission and vision of the organization that continues to concentrate exclusively on the needs of GI clinicians and their practices, has led to the College being the professional home for a record number of members this year.

The College has implemented enhancements and changes directly resulting from the October 2024 update to the ACG Strategic Plan as we set the course for the next few years of our organization. The focus of our College continues to be meeting the future needs of our growing and diverse membership.



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2025 ACG Advocacy Day and Governors Meeting: The ACG Board of Governors hosted the annual advocacy day on April 3, 2025, together with the 2025 Early Career Leadership Program cohort, the ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council, and members of the ACG Board of Trustees. Altogether,

- Over 100 ACG leaders attended the advocacy day;
- 45 states and 107 unique U.S. House congressional districts were represented;
- Over 200 meetings scheduled/attended.

The Legislative and Public Policy Council hosted a luncheon in the U.S. Capitol Building, where five Members of Congress and two senior Congressional staffers offered a wide array of perspectives. Collectively, they addressed the relevance of patient and physician advocacy on Capitol Hill and provided insight into the current Congress' health policy priorities.

This Year's Key Messages and Legislative Requests:

- The Reducing Medically Unnecessary Delays in Care Act (H.R. 2433). This physician-led, bipartisan legislation from former Rep. Mark Green, MD (R-TN), Rep. Greg Murphy, MD (R-NC), and Rep. Kim Schrier, MD (D-WA) would require all Medicare plans to have only medically necessary prior authorization policies for both prescription drugs and services. It also requires all appeals and peer-to-peers be conducted by a doctor in the same specialty as the patient's condition.
- The Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act (H.R. 879), and reforms to the Medicare physician reimbursement system that center patient access to care, while ensuring pay keeps up with inflation and the cost of providing services.
- Expanding the definition of a "preventive service" to surveillance colonoscopy. Efforts to secure appropriations language that guides action at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Opposing proposed research cuts.
- Local issues impacting ACG members and constituents in respective districts/states.

Recent ACG Governor State Advocacy Efforts: The Board of Governors continues to serve as the lynchpin for ACG's advocacy efforts, especially at the state level. These efforts are increasingly important as legislative challenges and dysfunction persist at the federal level. Recent ACG advocacy efforts at the state level include opposing a Rhode Island legislature state budget amendment requiring physician practices to report costs to the RI HHS, urging Medicare quality reporting exemptions for those GI practices located in states impacted by natural disasters, and passing colorectal cancer screening insurance protections and prior authorization reforms in state houses across the U.S.

Governors Partnering with Patient Advocacy Groups: The Board of Governors will continue to foster partnerships with patient advocacy groups in the U.S. and abroad. The goals of this initiative would allow ACG Governors to be leaders in their local communities, participate in local events, and for the ACG to develop stronger advocacy ties with patient groups.

ACG Governor Communications: The ACG Board of Governors recognizes the importance of maintaining consistent lines of communication with the members at large. The Governors continue to send regular updates and personalized messages to ACG members in their respective states, regions, and countries. These emails provide updates on recent ACG meetings, courses, clinical guidance, patient education, as well as advocacy efforts. The Governors will continue to send out updates three to four times each year, as well as ad hoc emails per the request of the ACG Governor.



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THE ACG INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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

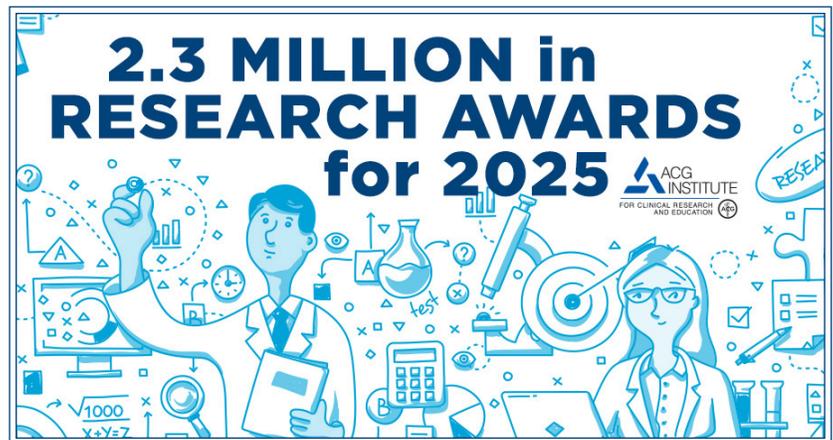
The ACG Institute has grown since its introduction in 1994, both in terms of the breadth of its investment in clinical GI investigators and the scope of its activities, which now include leadership development and education for physicians and patients.

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

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

Clinical Research Awards

The ACG Institute awarded over \$2.3 million in funding for clinical research and will support the 2025 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)
- Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award (\$75,000 / \$50k year-one, \$25k year-two based on progress)
- Clinical Research Award (\$100,000 / 1-year) – NEW! Increased Funding Amount
- Pilot Research Award (\$30,000 / 1-year) – NEW! Increased Funding Amount
- Resident Clinical Research Award (\$10,000 / 1-year / plus travel to ACG 2025)
- Medical Student Research Award (\$5,000 / 6-10 weeks / plus travel to ACG 2025)

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

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

- Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award
- ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships *with content related to ethical decision making, disparate health outcomes, and equitable care*
- Scholarships for High School Students through the Prescriptions for Success: Careers in Medicine High School Visit



The ACG Institute and LE&E Center support four distinct leadership programs, under Leadership YOU – each program is tailored to a different career stage, and Leadership YOU provides an opportunity for all four cohorts to network and learn together during one weekend.

- Emerging Leadership Program (3rd and 4th year of GI fellowship training)
- Early Career Leadership Program (1-5 years post-fellowship completion)
- Advanced Leadership Program (10-20 years post-fellowship completion)
- Clinical Research Leadership Program (clinical investigators with recent funding, 2-15 years post-fellowship completion)

The LE&E Center Emerging Leadership Program

The LE&E Center Emerging Leadership Program provides leadership training for fellows-in-training who are U.S.-based ACG member physicians **(in their 3rd and 4th year of GI fellowship training)** to explore their leadership potential. This program will reach fellows-in-training to develop, build, and maintain success as future leaders. Participants are immersed in coursework covering the skills needed as they look ahead to their career post-fellowship and begin to take on more leadership roles. The program includes a mix of lectures, Q&A, breakout sessions, role-playing exercises, and networking.



2025 ACG Emerging Leadership Program Participants & Faculty

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

The LE&E Center Early Career Leadership Program

The LE&E Center Early Career Leadership Program develops future leaders in clinical gastroenterology by providing leadership and policy training to early-career U.S.-based ACG member physicians **(1-5 years post-fellowship completion)**. These physicians have completed one full year of practice after their terminal GI or hepatology fellowship and are in their first five years of clinical practice. This immersive program covers topics including impactful networking, negotiation, group dynamics, and team building. Additionally, this cohort participates in policy advocacy on Capitol Hill with the ACG Governors.



2025 ACG Early Career Leadership Program Participants & Faculty

The LE&E Center Advanced Leadership Program

The LE&E Center Advanced Leadership Program aims to develop a cohesive group of peer leaders who will serve as problem-solving consultants for each other and the College. This program offers mid-career U.S.-based ACG member physicians **(10-20 years post-fellowship completion)** the opportunity to deepen comprehensive leadership skills.



2025 ACG Advanced Leadership Program Participants & Faculty

The LE&E Center Clinical Research Leadership Program

The LE&E Center Clinical Research Leadership Program provides leadership training for early to mid-career clinical investigators who are U.S.-based ACG member physicians **(between 2-15 years out of fellowship training)** with active or recent ACG or Federal funding as a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator. The program will help train clinical investigators as scientific leaders, team managers, financial stewards of research dollars, and mentors. This unique interactive program will provide funded ACG clinician investigators with the skill set to start, grow, and successfully maintain an independent research program.



2025 ACG Clinical Research Leadership Program Participants & Faculty



Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award

The ACG Institute is proud to announce that the Health Equity Research Award is now re-named in honor of the life and legacy of Leonidas H. Berry, MD, MACG. The College and the ACG Institute recognize his contributions to gastroenterology, and tireless efforts to end discrimination in medicine and medical schools. The Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award supports targeted research up to \$75,000 (\$50,000 year-one, \$25,000 year-two, based on progress) to produce actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities, thereby promoting health equity.

ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships *with content related to ethical decision making, disparate health outcomes, and equitable care*

This program, which honors former ACG Institute Director Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, enables GI fellowship programs to host high-quality visiting professors to enhance the training program by providing lectures, small group discussions, and one-on-one visits with trainees and faculty. Additionally, this program allows community gastroenterologists to learn from an expert through an evening event or medical grand rounds.

The ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships provide on site lectures and grand rounds as a resource for fellows-in-training. This may include an added component of creating awareness around issues and challenges of delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision making in addition to a disease state topic driven visit. This year, the LE&E Center supported five visits that included topics of equity, diversity, and ethical care.

Scholarships for High School Students

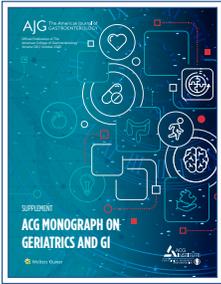
The LE&E Center supports scholarships to local high school students interested in the field of medicine, supporting the pipeline of future healthcare providers. The high school students are invited to apply after participating in the ACG DEI Committee’s Prescriptions in Success: High School visit, which is held in conjunction with the ACG Annual Meeting at a local high school.



Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACC, visits the fellows at Wayne State University



Adjoa Anyane-Yeboah, MD served as the Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity & Ethical Care at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Chicago



New: The ACG Monograph on Geriatrics and GI

The ACG Institute and LE&E Center are proud to share the Monograph on Geriatrics and GI, published as a supplement to the October 2025 issue of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. This comprehensive practice update on the care of older adults with overlapping GI conditions, also addresses gap areas in need of future research. The monograph highlights differences in clinical presentational and management of gastroenterological conditions that are unique to older adults and features seven chapters of concise, clinically relevant summaries on the latest scientific insights.

Editors: Adam S. Faye, MD, MS, Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, MACG, and Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG

Read the ACG Geriatrics and GI Monograph: amjgastro.com

Supporting the Work of the Institute – The G.U.T. Fund

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

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

Additional Programs

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

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ACG'S COMMITTEES

2024-2025

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 2025 the College has 24 separate committees, many of which have a number of subcommittees to handle the expanding workload for these critical pieces of our organization. Today, there are nearly 900 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 and new terms start in October.



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OBJECTIVES

1. Develop and provide relevant educational and professional resources for Gastroenterology and Hepatology APPs.
2. Identify and address challenges in APP practice by sharing ideas, defining best practices, and presenting solutions that improve patient care delivery.
3. Increase APP awareness of, and active engagement with, the College.
4. Provide a forum for APPs in gastroenterology and hepatology to connect, collaborate and network.
5. Promote and optimize the role of APPs to expand practice capacity, improve efficiency, and advance the quality of GI care.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACG Advanced Practice Providers Committee was established by the ACG Board of Trustees in 2018. The Committee was initially comprised of a group of ten members. By 2025, it has expanded to 41 members representing a wide range of practice settings and geographic locations. The Committee's work is supported by 5 subcommittees: Education, Awards, Mentorship, Practice Management, and Social Media & Member Engagement.

If you are an APP ACG member interested in joining the APP Committee beginning in the fall of 2026, visit the ACG website for more information: gi.org/about/committees.

Education Subcommittee

ACG APP GI Training Series: Introduction to GI Modules

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

In collaboration with the Educational Affairs Committee and the Education Universe editors, the APP Committee has developed the ACG APP GI Training series – a comprehensive online curriculum designed specifically for APPs.



The series includes modules covering both organ systems and disease states in gastroenterology and hepatology, all accessible on the ACG Education Universe: education.gi.org/search?events=150. As of August 2025, these modules have been viewed more than 60,655 times.

The APP GI Training Series can be readily integrated into APP orientation programs, used as adjunctive learning in GI/Hepatology practices, or leveraged to obtain continuing education credit toward certification requirements. These modules undergo periodic reviews and updates to remain relevant and consistent with current guidelines and best practices.

There are a total of 14 APP modules (12 core modules and 2 advanced) encompassing 123 lectures in content areas including: colon, esophagus, functional, GI bleeding, hepatology, advanced hepatology, IBD (plus the 2025 supplement), advanced IBD, in patient, mixed subject area, pancreaticobiliary, small bowel, and stomach. These modules are presented by APP and physician content experts and provide a total of 55.75 CME credits and 8.75 Pharmacology CE credits. Users can obtain CME credits by answering questions at the conclusion of each presentation. Content presentations are 15-30 minutes in length so users can easily complete each lecture.

This year the Committee added 12 new presentations to existing modules:

1. Anal Cancer Guidelines – Colon Module
2. *Clostridium difficile* Infection – Colon Module
3. Opioid Induced Constipation – Colon Module
4. Eosinophilic Esophagitis – Esophagus Module
5. Esophageal Motility Disorders – Esophagus Module
6. Hepatic Encephalopathy – Hepatology Module
7. Patient Education & Efficiency Charting – Mixed Subject Area Module
8. GLP-1 Agonists – Mixed Subject Area Module
9. Approach to the Bloating Patient – Mixed Subject Area Module

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Advanced Practice Providers Committee (cont.)

10. Sexually Transmitted Infections – Mixed Subject Area Module
11. Introduction to the Gut Microbiome & Microbiota – Mixed Subject Area Module
12. Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth & Intestinal Methanogen Overgrowth – Small Bowel Module

In addition, the following 5 talks originally presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting were added as an IBD Supplement module:

1. Management of Complex Crohn's Disease
2. Positioning IBD Therapies for UC: Where to Start and When to Switch
3. Risks of Adverse Side Effects With New IBD Therapies: Selecting Treatment Based on Safety
4. Improving Outcomes for the Hospitalized IBD Patient: Strategies for Optimizing Inpatient Care
5. The Crohn's Disease Patient Presenting With Obstructive Symptoms – What Is the Best Intervention?

APP Scholarship Program

ACG recognizes that limited CME funding can be a barrier for APPs wishing to attend the ACG Annual Meeting & Postgraduate Course. To help address this need, the college established the APP Scholarship Program, which awards a limited number of scholarships in the form of a stipend — up to \$2,000 each — to support APP attendance at these events. Scholarship recipients must be an ACG member in good standing, a nationally certified nurse practitioner or physician assistant through their respective accrediting organizations and actively practicing in gastroenterology and/or hepatology with a minimum of 1 year of experience in GI and/or hepatology.

Congratulations to the 2025 scholarship recipients: Amia Bolin, NP, Jordyn Dalby, NP, Sabrina Daughtry, NP, Ashley Foster, NP, Christine Obregon, NP, Emily Raffay, PA-C, Amy Seale, NP, Stephanie Vogel, NP, Lindsey Weiss, NP

Awards Subcommittee

NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence

Established in 2022, this award represents an opportunity to recognize up to two NPs/PAs who are members of the College and have shown long standing contributions to advancing clinical practice, professional growth, and patient care. Nominations are reviewed by the APP Awards Subcommittee and forwarded to the ACG Awards Committee for final selection.

This year's recipient is Sharon L. Dudley-Brown, NP.

Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Award

Established in 2024, the Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Award recognizes a distinguished NP or PA who has shown long-standing contributions to educating and mentoring APPs in the field of gastroenterology and/or hepatology. Recipient(s) demonstrate excellence in mentorship, preceptorship, curriculum development and/or other educational activities that have a lasting impact on the profession.

This year's recipients are Jessica E. Crimaldi, NP-C and Victoria S. Louwagie, DMSc, MS, PA.



We encourage all ACG members to nominate an outstanding NP or PA for next year's awards. Full nomination guidelines for both awards can be found on the ACG website: gi.org/about/awards/award-nomination-guidelines.

APP Abstract Award

Created in collaboration with the Educational Affairs Committee in 2024, the APP Abstract Award recognizes excellence in research among certified NPs and PAs. One award of \$1,000 is presented to the primary author of the top-ranked abstract submitted by an APP.

This year's recipient of the APP Abstract Award is Donna Ortiz, DNP, APRN, FNP-C. Stop by the exhibit hall in Phoenix to view her poster (#5314 on Tuesday, October 28) – "Implementation of a Nurse Practitioner-Led Rapid Access Clinic for Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Quality Improvement Project".

Mentorship Subcommittee

The Mentorship Subcommittee is committed to identifying and addressing the mentoring needs of GI APPs. Its mission is to foster professional and personal growth by building meaningful mentor-mentee relationships that extend beyond individual institutions and promote peer networking across the broader GI community.

Following a 2024 needs assessment survey, 16 small groups were formed, pairing 49 mentors with mentees in targeted areas such as early-career development, leadership, sub-specialization, teaching, industry, well-being and public speaking.

The program kicked off in March 2025 with a virtual orientation and resource toolkit, followed by small group meetings in April. Throughout the year, participants will engage in guided discussions, peer support, and skill-building activities.

Planned evaluations in 2026 will measure impact, gather feedback and help refine future offerings. This initiative represents one of the first structured mentorship programs for APPs in gastroenterology, with the goal of sharing results to advance mentorship best practices across the specialty.

Practice Management Subcommittee

The Practice Management Subcommittee works to provide APP members with timely, practical information on practice operations, quality, safety, coding, and reimbursement. In partnership with the Practice Management Committee, the APP subcommittee published its second toolbox article in November 2024 entitled "Optimizing the Role of the APP in GI". This article, aimed at physicians, practice managers/administrators, and APP leaders, provides insights into key areas such as role clarity, practice models, subspecialty clinics, productivity metrics, compensation, professional development, and the future of GI APP practice. It complements the first APP toolbox

article, “Incorporating APPs into GI Practices” which was published in July 2023.

In collaboration with the Education Subcommittee, the Practice Management subcommittee also organized the second annual APP Networking Lunch at the Annual Meeting in Phoenix, entitled “Beyond the Clinic: APP Networking for Career Growth in GI.” This event is free for APP attendees and is designed to expand professional networks, foster mentorship and provide career development tools to support long-term career growth both within and beyond the clinical setting. The luncheon will feature a dynamic panel of six committee members representing diverse geographic regions, clinical environments, and career stages. Panelists will share insights from their professional journeys, discuss strategies for career growth and offer guidance on navigating evolving roles within GI practices.

Social Media and Member Engagement Subcommittee

The APP Social Media and Member Engagement Subcommittee aims to increase awareness of ACG resources and APP-related topics across various social media platforms, strengthen engagement among APP members, and create a venue for APPs to connect with colleagues nationally and internationally.

To support these goals, the subcommittee has created two online communities — the ACG GI APP Group on Facebook and the Advanced Practice Providers Working in Gastroenterology and Hepatology on LinkedIn. If you are an ACG APP member interested in joining the conversation with your colleagues via either group, please use the QR codes below:

Facebook Group:



LinkedIn Group:



In addition, the subcommittee hosts virtual social meetings designed to foster networking, share experiences, and build professional relationships among APPs across the country.

Other Projects

1. APP Committee representatives participated in the ACG 2025 Annual Meeting Planning Subcommittee meeting in January 2025.
2. ACG APP Resource Center - Located under the membership tab on the main ACG website: gi.org/advanced-practice-providers.

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

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The Archives Committee is 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 Membership, and compiling articles or monographs relating to the history of the College.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Update on current and ongoing activities:

Historical Exhibit at ACG Annual Meeting

An important initiative of the Archives Committee is the Historical Exhibit produced by ACG staff and displayed during the Annual Meeting. For 2025, the exhibit will focus on preserving the legacy of clinical gastroenterology through the historical medical device collection of Robert E. Kravetz, MD, FACP, MACG. The exhibit will include information on the Dr. Robert Kravetz, MD Medical Museum at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, which is walking distance from the Arizona Convention Center and ACG 2025 Annual Meeting.

Centennial Celebration Preparations

ACG's centennial will take place in 2032. Early planning for this milestone has begun to include the gathering of historical documents, interviews, and events.

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 200-page book authorized by the Board of Trustees, championed by the Archives

Committee, and edited by Lawrence Schiller, MD, MACG. The book (ISBN: 978-0-578-75242-6) will be available for Annual Meeting attendees to pick up for free in Phoenix. Additionally, eight (8) complimentary copies of the book have been sent to more than 200 GI fellowship program directors throughout the United States. Several program directors subsequently contacted ACG to request additional complimentary copies, which have been provided.

ACG Past Presidents' Interviews and Oral Histories

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. Additionally, the oral histories of noteworthy leaders will be taken through virtual interviews.

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 *A Look Back: Reflections on Medical History & Artifacts from the Pages of The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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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 Awards Committee made a recommendation to the ACG Board of Trustees that all ACG Presidents be appointed as a Master of the College at the beginning of their presidency in recognition their leadership accomplishments, and this was approved at the June Board meeting. At this year's Leadership Dinner, all Past Presidents who were not already a Master, and ACG's current President, Dr. Amy S. Oxentenko will be appointed, along with President Elect, Dr. William D. Chey.

2025 Award Recipients

Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

Kenneth R. DeVault, MD, MACG

Community Service Awards

Trupti S. Shinde, MD

Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Awards

Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACP
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Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Award

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

Aline Charabaty, MD, FACP

International Leadership Award

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Master Awards

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Samuel S. Weiss Award

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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 webfiles.gi.org/docs/about/ACGBylaws.pdf.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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

OBJECTIVES

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credentials Committee met in person in October 2024 and by Zoom meeting in January 2025, April 2025, and June 2025. The Committee reviewed a total of 218 applications for Membership, Fellowship, and International Membership and made the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

- 57 candidates were advanced to Fellowship
- 149 candidates were elected to Membership
- 56 candidates were elected to International Membership

The Chairman reviewed and approved 1585 applications for Student/Resident/Trainee Membership and approved 574 applications for Associate and Advanced Practice Provider Membership from August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025.

The total number added to the rolls by this report is therefore 2364.

The Committee will meet during the October Annual Meeting to consider additional applications for the period of June 2025 through October 2025.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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

OBJECTIVES

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

ACG Guidelines Highlights

The collection of one-page takeaways from new ACG guidelines continues to grow. Below are the guideline topics that have been or are nearing being finalized and posted to the ACG website, the Red Journal website, and/or printed and mailed with the journal, as well as the member who developed the summary with input from the guideline author(s).

- **Focal Liver Lesions (2024) – online only**
 Dr. Christina Awad, reviewed by Dr. Catherine Frenette, Dr. Andrew Moon, and Dr. Robert Wong
- ***Helicobacter pylori* (2024) – online only**
 Dr. Erica Duh, reviewed by Dr. William Chey and Dr. Shailja Shah
- **Eosinophilic Esophagitis (2025)**
 Dr. Erica Duh, reviewed by Dr. Evan Dellon
- **Gastric Premalignant Conditions (2025)**
 Dr. Carl Kay, reviewed by Dr. Douglas Morgan
- **Crohn's Disease (2025)**
 Dr. Erica Duh, reviewed by Dr. Christina Ha

- **Preventive Care in IBD (2025)**
 Dr. Erica Duh, reviewed by Dr. Francis Farraye and Dr. Freddy Caldera
- **Malnutrition and Nutritional Recommendations in Liver Disease (2025)**
 Dr. Christina Awad, reviewed by Dr. Craig McClain
- **Perioperative Risk Assessment and Management in Patients with Cirrhosis (2025)**
 Dr. Christina Awad, reviewed by Dr. Nadim Mahmud
- **Ulcerative Colitis (2025)**
 Dr. Erica Duh, reviewed by Dr. Millie Long
- Online-only Highlights for older ACG Guidelines are in development by Dr. Neeral Shah and Dr. John Hickman, with assistance from residents at UVA Health:
 - Lower GI Bleeding
 - Acute Liver Failure
 - Chronic Idiopathic Constipation
 - Barrett's Esophagus

Thank you to Dr. Moon, Dr. Duh, Dr. Kay, ACG Art Director Emily Garel, ACG Senior Communications Manager Becky Abel, and ACG Director of Scholarly Publishing and Managing Editor Claire Neumann for their ongoing work on this series.

ACG Case Reports Journal Editorial Board

The Committee both helps support the GI fellows-in-training who serve on the *ACG Case Reports Journal* Editorial Board and includes former Co-EICs of *ACGCRJ*.



Dr. Moon helped review the applications for positions on the 2025-2026 board, with five Associate Editors returning for a second term.

Digital Communications and Publications Committee (cont.)



In early July, the College announced two co-Editors-in-Chief – Daniyal Abbas, MD, Harlem Hospital Center, and Dushyant Dahiya, MD, University of Kansas – as well as the slate of Associate Editors.

Social Media for ACG's Three Journals & Evidence-Based GI: An ACG Publication

Trends in followers via X (formerly Twitter) for ACG's journals and publications:

- @AmJGastro** X Feed for *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*
- @ACG_CTG** X Feed for *Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology*
- @ACGCRJ** X Feed for *ACG Case Reports Journal*
- @ACG_EBGI** X Feed for *Evidence-Based GI*

Since its launch in late September 2020, the @AmJGastro X feed has grown to more than 15,200 followers as of July 2025, up from 12,500 followers in August 2024. Active dialogue with authors who have been sharing links and comments on Red Journal papers and media coverage of ACG guidelines have in large part driven X engagement for @AmJGastro.

The College routinely supports and amplifies the Red Journal's social media presence by sharing @AmJGastro posts through its X handle, @AmCollegeGastro, with a goal of extending the reach and familiarizing the GI community with Red Journal science. The @AmCollegeGastro X feed for ACG launched in August 2010 and has grown to more than 41,100 as of July 2025, up from 39,700 in August 2024.

@ACG_CTG – X Feed for Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology

CTG launched a X presence in May 2021 and has more than 1,240 followers as of July 2025, up from 1,050 followers as of August 2024. The open access nature of this publication is ideal for social media sharing.

@ACGCRJ – X Feed for ACG Case Reports Journal

The ACGCRJ X feed launched in late June 2021 and now has approximately 1,950 followers as of July 2025, up from 1,550 followers in August 2024. In Summer 2025, the College announced new Social Media Ambassadors for ACGCRJ:

- Harsimran Kalsi, MD**, University of Central Florida/HCA Florida North Florida Hospital, Lead Social Media Ambassador
- Aya Akhras, MBBS**, HCA Florida Aventura Hospital, Associate Ambassador
- Taha Bin Arif, MD**, Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Associate Ambassador

@ACG_EBGI – X Feed for Evidence-Based GI: An ACG Publication

Launched in June 2023, *EBGI* has approximately 2,930 followers as of July 2025, up from 2,380 in August 2024. In Summer 2025, the College announced two new *EBGI* Social Media Associate Editors, who will lead the *EBGI* Social Media Ambassadors:

- Clive Miranda, DO, MSc**, Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, NE
- Sean-Patrick Prince, MD, MPH**, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

ACG MAGAZINE

ACG MAGAZINE has been published since 2017 and serves as a forum for College news, member perspectives, human interest articles, patient education pieces, and highlights from ACG's journals and publications. As of August 2025, *ACG MAGAZINE* has published 34 issues since its launch in early 2017.

Trainee Hub Section Editors

In Spring 2025, the College welcomed one Section Editor and three Associate Editors who will brainstorm relevant topics and draft and edit articles for the Trainee Hub section of *ACG MAGAZINE*. The editors are as follows:

- Natalie Wilson, MD**, UNC School of Medicine, Section Editor
- Tessa Herman, MD**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Associate Editor
- Clive Miranda, DO, MSc**, Creighton University Medical Center, Associate Editor
- Eleazar Montalvan, MD**, Yale School of Medicine, Associate Editor

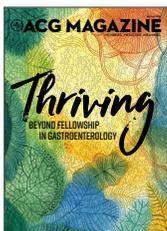
The Trainee Hub Team will author an article for each issue of *ACG MAGAZINE*. The first of these articles – titled "The First-Year GI Fellow Handbook: Lessons for Thriving (Not Just Surviving)" and written by Dr. Miranda – will run in the Fall 2025 issue.

Recent Issues



ACG MAGAZINE Winter 2024

This special issue features articles on the importance of creating a professional environment focused on well-being, the role of faith and spirituality in personal and professional lives, practical tips for establishing balance, and a look at how ACG members stay inspired to make exercise part of their routines. The cover story is by ACG President Jonathan A. Leighton, MD, FACC, and his Mayo colleagues Cynthia Stonnington, MD, and Mr. Keith Jones. Read: bit.ly/acg-mag-winter-2024



ACG MAGAZINE Spring 2025

In the first issue of 2025, GI experts and emerging leaders share their words of wisdom for entering the workforce after fellowship in the cover story, “Thriving Beyond Fellowship in Gastroenterology.” Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD, FACC, speaks with ACG Trustee Jill K. J. Gaidos, MD, FACC, about her career in medical education and establishing a niche in GI nutrition, and an ACG Guideline Highlight on

Diagnosis and Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis. Read: bit.ly/acg-mag-spring-25



ACG MAGAZINE Summer 2025

The summer issue of *ACG MAGAZINE* features a cover story by Dr. David Greenwald, “Fostering High-Performing Teams in the Endoscopy Suite: Cultivating Teamwork and Enhancing Quality.” This story also includes “Teamwork Tips” submitted by members of the ACG Practice Management Committee. Other articles not mentioned in the collaborations below include the Trainee Hub article,

“Interviewing for GI Fellowship – Tips and Tricks for Applicants” by Dr. Clive Miranda, a wrap-up from ACG Advocacy Day 2025 by Sita S. Chokhavatia, MD, MACG, and Harish K. Gagneja, MD, MACG, ACG Board of Governors Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, and “A Prescription for Optimal Patient Care: Embedding Clinical Pharmacists into GI Practice,” by Committee member and clinical pharmacist Dr. Shubha Bhat.

ACG MAGAZINE Fall 2025

The Fall 2025 *ACG MAGAZINE* cover story will feature interviews with ACG’s past women presidents, reflecting on their presidencies and lessons learned during their careers. In addition, this issue will feature the return of longstanding *ACG MAGAZINE* contributor Ann Bittinger, Esquire. In her “Law Mind” column, Bittinger will share insights on legal considerations for artificial intelligence in GI.

Ways to Contribute

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, exhibiting to members 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/ACG-Magazine.

Cross-Committee Collaborations

ACG committees are a rich source for articles of significant interest for *ACG MAGAZINE*. Also, the Red Journal Editorial Board occasionally refers manuscripts to *ACG MAGAZINE* that are not the right fit for the journal but may be appropriate for the magazine. Recent examples of articles developed through committees and editorial referral include:

AJG Editorial Board Referral

- Increasing Access to Colonoscopies for Under-Resourced Patients: Success of a Free Community Clinic and Academic Medical Center Partnership (2025-1)

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- ACG Summer Scholars: Shaping the Future of Gastroenterology Through Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2025-1)

Innovation and Technology Committee

- Spotlight on Innovation: Reframing Constipation Evaluation with RED for General Gastroenterology, Featuring Dr. Eric Shah (2025-3)

Women in GI Committee

- Conversations with Women in GI: Dr. Gaidos and Dr. Rosemarie Fisher (2025-1)
- Conversations with Women in GI: Dr. Jill Gaidos and Anne-Louise Oliphant (2025-2)

International Relations Committee

- International Training Grant, Dr. Kerry-Ann Penn-Brown, University Hospital of the West Indies, Jamaica, to Massachusetts General Hospital (2025-2)
- North American International Training Grant, Dr. Shria Kumar, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine to University of Oslo, Norway (2025-2)
- North American International Training Grant, Dr. Dora Huang, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School (2025-3)

Patient Care Committee

- “About Lifestyle and MASLD” (2025-2)
- “Diagnosis and Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis” (2025-3)

Practice Management Committee

- “Recruitment Toolbox: 10 Cardinal Rules,” Practice Management Toolbox, Dr. Andy Tau, Dr. Lanre Jimoh, and Dr. Syed Hussain (2025-2)

Practice Parameters Committee Patient One-Pagers on ACG Guidelines

- About *Helicobacter pylori* (2024) with authors Dr. William Chey and Dr. Colin Howden. Translated into Spanish by Apex translation services and reviewed for accuracy and readability by ACG Public Relations Committee member Dr. Eduardo Rodriguez.

ACG Blog (gi.org/ACG-Blog) and “Know ACG. Know GI.” 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*, *ACG Case Reports Journal*, *Evidence-Based GI*, and the Practice Management Toolbox. The ACG President also publishes views and updates via the ACG Blog. The Blog also features news focused on topics like clinical research awards, colorectal cancer awareness activities, e.g., SCOPY Awards, and advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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OBJECTIVES

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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:

DEI URIM Awareness Months

The DEI URIM Awareness Months Co-Leads along with subcommittee members put together month-long, weekly spotlights highlighting individuals/organizations that have enriched the field of gastroenterology for the following:

- Black History Month: gi.org/2025/01/31/black-history-month-2025
- Women's History Month: gi.org/2025/03/06/womens-history-month-2025

ACG URIM Luncheon

The DEI Committee will be holding the second annual "ACG URIM Luncheon: A Time to Shine – Underrepresented in Medicine" on Sunday, October 26, 2024, from 12:20 pm – 1:35 pm, in Phoenix during the Annual Meeting. The luncheon will be led by Drs. Lanla Conteh, MD, MPH, MBA and Dominique Howard, MD, FACP. Panelists will include Drs. Darwin Conwell, Renee Williams, Kira Newman, and Freddy Caldera. The Committee looks forward to welcoming attendees to this exciting learning luncheon which will focus on a variety of career paths, mitigating and overcoming unique obstacles faced by URIMs and honing the art and skill of networking.

Summer Scholars Program

The Summer Scholars Program is a formalized mentorship and clinical research program designed to help increase representation of underrepresented groups in medicine in academic gastroenterology careers. The program is an 8 to 10-week structured clinical research experience for medical students in the U.S. from underrepresented racial/ethnic minority groups. Three students are chosen from the pool of applicants, paired with research mentors who share similar clinical research interests in the fields of gastroenterology and hepatology, and awarded a \$5,000 stipend. At the end of the program, the students are required to submit a progress report and an abstract to a local, regional, or national conference.

The Summer Scholars Program subcommittee, led by Dr. Shifa Umar, selected the following recipients for the 2025 program:

- Sunita Brimmer (Sam Houston State University – College of Osteopathic Medicine); Mentor: Eric D. Shah, MD, MBA, FACP (University of Michigan)
- Benedicte Deshommes (Frank H. Netter School of Medicine – Quinnipiac University); Mentor: Natalee S. Campbell, MD (Mayo Clinic – Scottsdale)
- Kiona Nowlin (Norton College of Medicine – SUNY Upstate Medical University) Mentor: Kajali Mishra, MD (Cook County Hospital – Chicago)

Prescriptions for Success Program

The Prescriptions for Success Program will be held at Phoenix Bioscience High School in Phoenix, on Tuesday, October 28. The ACG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Healthcare Scholarships will be awarded after the program and consists of an award of \$1,000 for up to three students who are interested in higher education and a career focused on healthcare.

Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award (HERA)

The Committee partners with the ACG Institute's LE&E Center on the Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award (HERA). The 2025 recipient, Monica Tincopa, of the University of California San Diego, received a two-year award of \$75,000 (\$50k in year-one and \$25k in year-two based on project progress) and will be researching "Advancing Health Equity for Hispanic Adults With MASLD Through Patient-Focused, Stakeholder-Informed, Tailored, Non-Invasive Screening, Risk Stratification, and Treatment." Applications for 2026 are due by December 1, 2025.

DEI Virtual Grand Rounds

Dr. Christopher Velez, MD will be moderating a Virtual Grand Rounds on August 7, 2025, from Noon – 1 pm EST to highlight the work that has been done under the Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award type as well as cover opportunities and methods on funding health equity research.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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

OBJECTIVES

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Educational Affairs Committee is committed to maintaining ACG's role as a leading provider of high quality continuing medical and professional education for digestive disease health care providers. The Committee continues to establish state-of-the-art educational activities in a variety of venues and formats to allow ACG members and others to be lifelong learners regarding the prevention, treatment, and cure of digestive diseases. 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 2025 to plan the educational offerings for the 2025 Annual Meeting. ACG 2025 is being offered as a hybrid event both live in Philadelphia and with virtual components in October 2025. The Abstract Selection Subcommittee then met in June 2025 to select oral presentations, poster presentations, and abstract awards for the 2025 meeting.

ACG 2025

The Abstract Selection Subcommittee met in June 2025. Over 7,300 abstracts were submitted, and 69 of the top-rated abstracts were selected for oral presentation.

For the thirteenth 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 13th 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 2025.

Forty-five of the top abstracts were identified as award recipients, with \$45,000 to be distributed among award winners, including: 3 ACG Auxiliary Awards, 2 ACG Case Reports Journal Awards, 30 Outstanding Research Category Awards (15 specifically for Trainees), 1 Outstanding Research Award by an APP, 5 ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research (2 specifically for Trainees), 1 Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award, 1 Health Equity Research Award, 1 International Award, 1 Lawlor Resident Award, and 1 Medical Student Award. This year was also the second time ACG awarded 3 International Travel Grants to presenting authors from countries classified by the World Bank as Lower to Lower-Middle Income (LLMI). The goal of these grants is to encourage research in gastroenterology in LLMI countries and inspire researchers to present their research at the ACG Annual Meeting. In addition, late breaking abstracts of exceptional scientific merit were considered for oral presentation at the Annual Meeting.

Over 6,400 abstracts were selected for poster presentation in 2025. 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 Philadelphia as well as a certificate of recognition following the meeting.

The final program for the ACG 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting was developed collaboratively after extensive discussion with the Educational Affairs Committee, chaired by Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, MHCM, FACG, with input from ACG President Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACG, and the ACG Board of Trustees. The program includes 8 ignite sessions (formerly breakfast) sessions, 12 clinical symposia, nearly 70 oral presentations, and over 6,400 poster presentations.

On Friday, October 24, 2025, seven additional educational offerings are available:

1. **NEW! Joint ASGE/ACG Endoscopy Course** – led by Course Co-Directors Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG, FASGE; Vanessa M. Shami, MD, FACG, FASGE; Sachin B. Wani, MD, FASGE, will feature live and streaming sessions from 7:25 am – 5:30 pm Mountain Time.
2. **What's New in GI Pharmacology Course** – led by Course Co-Directors Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACG, and Shailja C. Shah, MD, MPH, will feature live and streaming sessions from 7:55 am – 11:45 am Mountain Time.
3. **GI Pathophysiology Course** – led by Course Co-Directors Darwin L. Conwell, MD, MS, FACG, Rachel B. Issaka, MD, and Joy J. Liu, MD, will feature live and streaming sessions from 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm Mountain Time.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Educational Affairs Committee (cont.)

4. **NEW! Advanced Practice Provider Leadership Summit** – led by Sarah M. Enslin, PA-C, Monica R. Nandwani, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, and Dayna S. Early, MD, FACP, will feature live sessions from 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm Mountain Time, with on-demand sessions available following the course.
5. **Practice Management Summit: “Research to Reality: Enriching Clinical Practice”** – led by Course Co-Directors: Andy Tau, MD, and Kunjali Padhya, MD, FACP, will feature live sessions from 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm Mountain Time, with on-demand sessions available following the course.
6. **WISE GI: Women’s Initiative for Success and Elevation in Gastroenterology Course** – led by Course Co-Directors: Calley H. Levine, MD, FACP, and Judy A. Trieu, MD, MPH, will feature live sessions from 1:45 pm – 6:30 pm Mountain Time, with on-demand sessions available following the course.
7. **ACG Guide to the Guidelines Course** – led by Course Co-Directors: Brennan M. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACP, and Hetal A. Karsan, MD, FACP, will feature live sessions from 6:45 pm – 9:30 pm Mountain Time, with on-demand sessions available following the course.

On October 25 – 26, 2025, the Postgraduate Course will be held under the leadership of Course Co-Directors Tauseef Ali, MD, FACP, and Linda Anh B. Nguyen, MD, FACP. The Self-Assessment Test, prepared under the direction of Amol Sharma, MD, MSc, 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 answers and explanations.
- Supporting references with links in the online version to PubMed for further study.
- An evaluation form to obtain *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™* and ABIM MOC points.

Access to courses on the digital platform will be available to both live and virtual attendees until March 31, 2026.

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:

2025 Meetings

ACG’s Hepatology School & ACG Southern Regional Postgraduate Course
December 5-7, 2025
Renaissance Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee

2026 Meetings

ACG’s IBD School & 2026 ACG Board of Governors/ASGE Best Practices Course Agenda
January 30- February 1, 2026
Mandalay Resort
Las Vegas, Nevada

ACG’s Endoscopy School & ACG/LGS Regional Course
March 6-8, 2026
Holton New Orleans Riverside
New Orleans, Louisiana

ACG’s Hepatology School & ACG/FGS Annual Spring Symposium
March 20-22, 2026
Hyatt Regency Coconut Point
Naples, Florida

ACG’s IBD School & ACG’s Esophagus School
June 5-7, 2026
Marriott Metro Center
Washington, DC

ACG’s Functional GI Disorders School & ACG Midwest Regional Postgraduate Course
August 14-16, 2026
Fort Pontchartrain Hotel
Detroit, Michigan

NEW! ACG’s Metabolic & Obesity School & ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course
August 28-30, 2026 (NEW WEEKEND!!!)
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

ACG 2026
October 9-14, 2026
Music City Center
Nashville, Tennessee

NEW! ACG’s Metabolic & Obesity School & ACG Southern Regional Course
December 4-6, 2026
Hyatt Regency Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

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 [satstest.gi.org](https://www.satstest.gi.org) and [sapmoc.gi.org](https://www.sapmoc.gi.org) to make ABIM’s MOC process as easy as possible to fulfill.

ACG continues to offer ABIM MOC points for all live meetings including the regional postgraduate courses, Friday Schools, as well as all the courses and bonus sessions at ACG 2025.

ACG Online Self-Assessment Test

The 2023 through 2025 Self-Assessment Tests (SAT) are available online, with each test featuring 300 multiple choice questions organized by organ system. The online SAT tracks user responses, provides overall/category scores and comparison data to other test-takers, as well as detailed explanations for each answer, and linked references for further study.

This user-friendly study tool is an excellent choice for members who are preparing for the board/recertification exam, need CME/MOC credits, or are simply looking for a way to keep current in gastroenterology.

ACG Education Universe

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

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

The Training Pathway also includes “A Gastroenterology Fellowship Program Director’s Toolkit: Utilizing Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) to Teach and Evaluate Fellows’ Performance in Communication, Professionalism, and Other Key ACGME Competencies.” ACG worked with NYU Langone School of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, to develop and make this Toolkit available. It includes all of the necessary instructions, materials, and templates needed for a training program to offer a comprehensive OSCE program. The materials include detailed clinical scenarios with evaluation objectives and related ACGME milestones; OSCE station set-up instructions; in-depth character profiles and dialogue cues for the standardized patients or professionals; instructions for the participating fellows; checklists to assist the standardized patient and faculty observers in providing verbal feedback to the fellows; sample fellow report cards and evaluation surveys; and instructions on how to use these materials. Importantly, each clinical case is developed with the goal of evaluating the fellows’ performance in accordance with designated ACGME milestones.

Virtual Grand Rounds

In response to the changing needs of GI clinicians during the COVID-19 pandemic, ACG began offering Virtual Grand Rounds in March 2020. These weekly webinars are offered on Thursdays from

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Eastern and are rebroadcast from 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Eastern. They are open-access and offered on a variety of clinical GI topics. Registration for this popular activity has surpassed 90,000 clinicians. The College plans to continue offering these Virtual Grand Rounds as a valuable element of ACG’s educational programming. The majority of Virtual Grand Rounds are offered for both CME and ABIM MOC points. If you are not able to join the Virtual Grand Rounds live, they are all archived on the ACG Education Universe (education.gi.org).

International Webinar Series

The OPGE (Pan American GI Society) Webinar series was initiated in March 2019. Starting in March 2021, this opportunity was opened up to all international GI societies. Past and future topics can be accessed at 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 2025 international courses for endorsement by the College:

ESDE Live Endoscopy 2025

Egyptian Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
Arabic Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
January 24 – 25, 2025

Digestive Endoscopy Workshop (DEW-2025) 9th edition

Hotel Taj Coromandel, Chennai, India
February 22 – 23, 2025, followed by
Hands-on Training February 24 – 25, 2025

International Webinars on Gastroenterology An Initiative of MedIndia Academy & Hospital

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (India time)

April 24, 2025: 1. Type 2 Diabetes – Current Guidelines & Management, and 2. Diabetes & GI Tract

May 29, 2025: 1. Systemic Hypertension Management Protocols, and 2. Pharmacotherapy of Portal Hypertension in the background of Systemic Hypertension

June 26, 2025: 1. Current Management of Dyslipidemia in 2025, and 2. Fat & Liver

July 31, 2025: 1. Pharmacotherapy of Obesity, and 2. Endoscopic & Surgical Management of Obesity

August 28, 2025: 1. Doctor & Law, and 2. Doctor & Ethics

September 11, 2025: 1. Doctor & Research, and 2. Doctor & Research Grants

October 16, 2025: 1. Doctor & Finance, and 2. Doctor & Entrepreneurship

November 20, 2025: Research Methodology – Part 1: 1. How to choose a research question?, and 2. Choosing the most appropriate study design

December 4, 2025: Research Methodology – Part 2: 1. How to analyze the data?, and 2. Manuscript writing and publication!

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

OBJECTIVES

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

The FDA Related Matters Committee in 2025 is under the leadership of Amanda Cartee, MD, FACC.

FDA and Innovation Technology Committee Joint-Committee Workshop at ACG 2025

The Committee is planning a joint workshop with the Innovation & Technology Committee during the 2025 annual meeting.

FDA Committee Manuscripts

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

FDA Network of Experts

The College is also a member-organization of the FDA's "Network of Experts." This program allows 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 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 communication 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 (when possible).

FDA Employees Participating in Committee Activities

The Committee will still invite FDA employees to participate in committee calls and meetings, helping to serve as a special-advisor role to provide guidance and recommend committee activities.

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 financial audit, 990 tax filing, 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 investments and reserves.
4. Continue to refine this Committee's oversight functions in the College's activities.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance and Budget Committee reviews the overall financial status of the ACG and the ACG Institute. When appropriate, the committee makes recommendations on how to finance the College's activities and maintain adequate financial reserves, including recommending a budget for the coming year. The 2026 budget draft will be reviewed and approved by the Committee and sent to the Board of Trustees for review and approval at the Annual Meeting in late October. The committee will also review drafts of the audited 2024 Financial Statements for the College and the ACG Institute, as well as a draft of the 990 tax form, and recommend approval by the full Board of Trustees.

In recent years, the College has implemented an endowment spend model that provided additional revenue to support – if needed – the College's annual operating budget based on an agreed upon percentage of investment reserves put forth by the Committee (currently 3.5%). The goal is to protect the investment principal while allowing the maximum amount of funds possible to support programs and services for the College membership. This model is 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. As we continue to operate during these times of uncertainty for GI practices in all settings, the College has benefited enormously from the financial security that the careful financial stewardship over many years has provided to the College for the benefit of the membership.

This Committee continues to oversee transfers of funds to the ACG and the ACG Institute's investment reserves to provide for the ACG and the ACG Institute's long-term financial security and resource growth for the College in accordance with ACG policy, regardless of the ups and downs in the investment markets. The Committee is also responsible for overseeing and, when necessary, altering the College's Investment Policy. The past two years have seen a rebound in the market after a very rough 2022 in the stock and bond markets, and this year has been off to another strong start allowing the College to continue to fulfill our investment goals and objectives. We are watching market changes and rely on recommendations from the investment managers regarding short- and long-term market movements.

The College's (and Institute's) investments are currently split between two investment firms, each relying on independent money managers following the same overall investment policy which gives flexibility in what specific investments or investment classes are employed. This model allows the Committee to compare one firm's performance against the other and against key broader market benchmarks. This permits the Committee to consider restructuring our distribution or asset allocation, and changing one of the managers if needed, depending on return-on-investment analysis. Performance evaluation is reviewed monthly by our Executive Director and Vice President, Finance and quarterly by the Committee. An analysis of asset allocation overlap between the two brokers revealed that less than 10% of total assets held in both portfolios overlap. The Committee has also chosen to continue holding an in-person meeting with one of the investment firms during the Annual Meeting to review overall performance and analyze current financial trends or market highlights.

Since 2008, when the two current brokerage firms were selected, the cost to manage the investment funds has been treated as a budgeted expense item rather than a deduction from the investment gain/loss 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 minor updates in 2021 to adjust some of the limits on various classes of investment holdings at the request of the investment managers in response to the pandemic impacts on the markets. The cash balance reserve policy requires that 50% of the annual operating budget to be available in either cash or other liquid assets.

We continue to consider and review different investment vehicles for the College's financial reserves, including a property investment which includes the College's new office building which staff moved into at the beginning of 2023, and other small investment opportunities that align with the mission and investment policy of ACG.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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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 2025 is under the leadership of Chair, Vladimir Kushnir, MD, FACG. The committee roster is comprised of liaisons from related ACG committees, to align work and avoid duplicative projects. There are other members of the committee with specific expertise in GI technology.

COMMITTEE REPORT

'Best of ACG 2024 Abstracts' Virtual Grand Rounds

In March, committee members developed and presented an ACG VGR, reviewing innovative abstracts from the ACG 2024 annual meeting. Presenters included Neal Mehta, MD on advanced endoscopy, Daniel Guerrero Vinsard, MD on AI, Eka Gupta, MD on general GI, and Sangeeta Agrawal on liver.

Innovation & Technology Podcast Series: "Brains and Guts" Season 2

The Innovation & Technology Committee continues to release episodes of its GI innovation podcast, "Brains & Guts". The podcast is hosted on an ongoing basis by Toufic Kachaamy, MD, FACG and Vladimir Kushnir, MD, FACG (Committee Chair), with committee members contributing to guest and topic selection, question development, and more.

This year, the season will address the impact of artificial intelligence in gastroenterology. As of this writing, episodes have featured Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH on the leadership perspective and future opportunities; Rajesh Keswani, MD on improving endoscopy quality; and Brennan Spiegel, MD, FACG on ethical considerations. More episodes will be released throughout the year.

Planning for 2025 Annual Meeting Activities

The committee is in the early stages of planning activities for this year's annual scientific meeting, likely to be similar to the two events from 2024 – the Joint Committee Workshop with the FDA-Related Matters Committee, and an innovation booth tour and cocktail reception.

The committee also hosted its inaugural industry booth walking tour at ACG 2024, with the goal of learning about the latest technology at ACG 2024 and cultivating new relationships between industry partners and committee members. The committee expects a similar experience for 2025.

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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.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

International Relations Committee (cont.)

COMMITTEE REPORT

International Training Grants

The Committee is responsible for soliciting applicants and evaluating proposals for two International GI 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. This year, two recipients were selected for the International Training Grant and one for the North American International Training Grant.

2025 International Training Grant Awardees

Dr. Mukesh Kumar Ranjan from Nepal is currently an Associate Professor at Chitwan Medical College and plans to study at Massachusetts General Hospital at the Crohn's and Colitis Center under the direction of Dr. Ashwin Anathakrishnan for two months. His objectives are to 1) acquire skills in performing intestinal ultrasound and understanding its role in the management of patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD); and 2) to learn about recent treatment practices and advances in IBD management. Nepal is a developing nation with an increasing burden of IBD and an opportunity to learn at a dedicated IBD training center will help Dr. Ranjan bring advanced and innovative ideas and knowledge to his society.

Dr. Oluwafunmilayo Adeniyi from Nigeria is currently an Associate Professor/Pediatrician at the University of Lagos and plans to study at Massachusetts General Hospital under the direction of Drs. Akwi Asombang and Awab Ali Ibrahim for six months. Her clinical and academic interests center on addressing the growing burden of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in resource-limited settings. She is seeking advanced training in pediatric IBD to deepen her knowledge and technical skills. This opportunity will equip her to address urgent gaps in subspecialty care and research back home, particularly in areas such as diagnostics, multidisciplinary management, and the development of regionally appropriate treatment protocols.

2025 North American International Training Grant Awardees

Dr. Roupen Djinbanchian is a gastroenterologist at the Montreal University Hospital Center and plans to study at the Hôpital Édouard-Herriot in Lyon, France under the direction of Professor Mathieu Pioche for a one-year advanced endoscopy fellowship. His interests revolve around therapeutic endoscopy, particularly the endoscopic treatment of early GI cancers. Dr. Djinbanchian's motivation for this additional training is driven by the urgent need to acquire third space endoscopy skills and to leverage them in improving minimally invasive care for early gastrointestinal cancers in Canada. This unique opportunity will allow him to address a critical gap in his current practice and elevate the standard of oncologic care for his patients. In Canada – and particularly in Quebec – advanced endoscopic resection techniques such as endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) and other third-space procedures (e.g., endoscopic intermuscular dissection, POEM and G-POEM) remain nearly nonexistent in routine practice.

Other Initiatives

ACG Partnership with The African Esophageal Cancer Consortium (AfrECC)

The Committee is pleased to announce a new partnership with The African Esophageal Cancer Consortium (AfrECC) which is dedicated to reducing the burden of esophageal cancer in Africa through clinical care, education, prevention and research. The organization was formed in 2016 and has grown from 23 members in four countries to more than 175 members in eight countries. More information about AfrECC is available on their website at www.afreccfoundation.org.

In 2025, the College sponsored faculty for four AfrECC meetings and we are continuing to explore other opportunities.

Social Media

- Oversees the ACG International Facebook page, whose membership is over 4,000, and frequently posts ACG content to members
- Collaborates with ACG's International Governors
- Works with ACG's social media staff for international colon cancer awareness and other initiatives

International Webinar Series

- The subcommittee is working with the ACG International Governors and international GI Societies to create joint webinars.
- In 2025, the following international webinars occurred/will occur:
 - January 29, 2025: Peruvian Gastroenterology Association, "ACG *H. pylori* Guidelines" (Spanish language webinar)
 - February 19, 2025: Chinese Society of Gastroenterology, "Current Management of Acute Pancreatitis"
 - June 2, 2025: Brazilian Federation of Gastroenterology, "Role of the Microbiota in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases"
 - July 16, 2025: Colombian Association of Gastroenterology, "Understanding both *C. diff* and Alpha-Gal Syndrome for the Gastroenterologist"
 - August 13, 2025: World Gastroenterology Organisation, "Celiac Disease from a Global Perspective: What is New?"
 - November 11, 2025: Argentine Society of Gastroenterology, "Celiac Disease" (Spanish language webinar)

International Abstract Travel Grants

The International Travel Grants consist of a stipend in the amount of \$2000 each to the presenting author of the three best abstracts submitted by international authors from countries classified by the World Bank as Lower to Lower-Middle Income. The goal of these grants is to encourage research in gastroenterology in Lower to Lower-Middle income countries and inspire researchers to present their research at the ACG Annual Meeting. Recipients are required to attend the ACG Annual Meeting in-person to receive their grant funding. Authors must not be based in or be a citizen of the U.S. or Canada and all work must have been performed outside the U.S. and Canada.

The 2025 Recipients are: Ashesh Das, MBBS (India), Shakhawat Hossain, MD (Bangladesh), and Raja Taha Yaseen TY. Khan, MBBS, FCPS, ESEGH (Pakistan).

International Lunch Session at ACG 2025

Building on the success of the International Attendee Breakfast Session what was held at ACG 2024 in Philadelphia, the Subcommittee is holding an International Attendee Lunch Session on October 27th at ACG 2025 in Phoenix. The focus of this luncheon, geared to attendees from outside the U.S., is “Global Perspectives in Gastroenterology and Hepatology: Focus on IBD and MASLD.”

International Attendee Reception at ACG 2025

The Committee is pleased to continue to support the International Attendee Reception which takes place on Sunday, October 26th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at ACG 2025 in Phoenix.

ACG Endorsement / Participation in International Meetings

The Committee works with international societies to identify opportunities for the College to affiliate with international societies, as well as to endorse and support international meetings through participation of ACG leaders as faculty. The following were endorsed/supported in 2025:

ACG Participation at 2025 International Meetings:

Japanese Gastroenterology Association 21st Annual Meeting

February 21 – 22, 2025

Tokyo, Japan

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Nigeria Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Meeting

April 4 – 11, 2025

Abuja, Nigeria

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology and GI Endoscopy Annual Meeting

April 17 – 20, 2025

Peshawar, Pakistan

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Association of West Indian Gastroenterologists (AWIG) Annual Meeting

May 1 – 3, 2025

Grand Cayman

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Pan American Organization Week of Digestive Diseases

August 28 – 31, 2025

Lima, Peru

ACG sponsored 2 faculty members for this meeting.

Mexican Association of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting

November 14-18, 2025

Veracruz, Mexico

ACG is sponsoring 2 faculty members for this meeting.

WGO Gastroenterology and Hepatology Training Center Porto

November 21, 2025

Porto, Portugal

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Emirates International Gastroenterology & Hepatology Conference 2025

December 5-7, 2025

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

ACG co-sponsored this course.

Moroccan Society of Digestive Diseases 49th Annual Congress

December 11-13, 2025

Agadir-Taghazout, Morocco

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

The ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council will engage in policy development and provide analysis regarding national affairs, public policy, and practice management to improve and align 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council in 2025 continued under the leadership of Chair Louis Wilson, MD, FACP.

The Council is made up of a Council Chair; Chair, Vice-Chair, Past-Chair and 5 U.S. Regional Councilors of the ACG Board of Governors; Chair of ACG Practice Management Committee; Chair of FDA-Related Matters Committee; various ACG Physician Representatives to outside organizations; the ACG Vice President; as well as at-large ACG members.

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 state/national advocacy initiatives and partnerships with patient advocacy groups. The Council will finalize recommendations regarding ACG's public policy and practice management initiatives, including:

1. Recommending agenda and topics for the ACG Board of Governors and ACG Advocacy Day.

2. Recommending feedback/topics from ACG Governors for the ACG Practice Management and FDA Related Matters Committee's consideration.
3. Recommending topics to pursue at the state and local level and identifying key stakeholders and local partners.
4. Aligning these recommendations across the College's relevant committees of jurisdiction, coalitions, and leadership.
5. Working with the College's communications teams and committees to develop communications strategies, 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 20,000 members with continued growth in all categories of membership. The Membership Committee is led by the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors and comprised of the ACG Governors Regional Councilors, and at least one representative from each of the following: an advanced practice provider, a trainee member, an early career/junior faculty member and a member in private practice. ACG Governors continue to promote membership locally and play an active role in seeking out members who may qualify for Fellowship in the College and encouraging such members to apply for FACP status.

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

Physician Recruitment Campaign

The Membership Committee worked with ACG Staff and completed a competitive analysis to assist in new member recruitment. The Campaign focused on instilling a sense of community, showcasing ACG resources and highlighting why ACG is unique, relevant, and valuable to the individual and to the professional.

Advanced Practice Provider Outreach

The Committee worked with ACG staff to increase outreach to the APP community to keep them informed on all the benefits available to APPs.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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

OBJECTIVES

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACG Patient Care Committee is charged with developing educational materials for ACG members and patients. Digital health information is an important resource for patients and the Committee works to ensure the College is offering accurate and up-to-date topics via the ACG website's patient education pages at gi.org/patients. A major activity of the Committee is to oversee and update sections of the patient education site.

Patient Care Website Updates

2025 has been a busy year for the Committee. The year consisted of redesigning and launching the NEW ACG Patient Care webpage, gi.org/patients, to improve accessibility and to better highlight education resources for patients. Committee members have been asked to update the digestive health topic 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 by working with experts towards making sure each page meets a 6th grade literacy level and modifications to make the website look more modern and contain more images and diagrams.

ACG and GastroGirl Podcasts and Red Journal Questions

The Committee aims to present relevant content in new and engaging ways including patient-centered podcasts and patient-centered questions submitted to the Red Journal editors who record a new topic each month. GastroGirl hosts a podcast each month in collaboration with the Patient Care Committee, where Jacqueline Gaulin interviews expert physicians on various patient-centered topics, suggested by Committee members.

Epic Dot Phrases Project

The Patient Care Committee is collaborating with the PR Committee to develop dot phrases that Epic users can insert into patient notes. These dot phrases will be created by the subcommittee tasked with working on this project. The phrases will pull in text from digestive health topics on ACG patient site. The Committee aims to encourage ACG members to use the variety of patient materials available and to ultimately drive more patients to the ACG patient site. Once the dot phrases have been created, the Committee plans to develop quick tutorials to educate members on how to use dot phrases and to promote the resource to members.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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

OBJECTIVES

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We continue to reach out to all Pediatric GI Fellowship Program Training Directors by email to encourage pediatric GI fellows to join the ACG and attend the Annual Meeting.
2. The Committee worked with the ACG education staff for the sixth consecutive year to secure American Board of Pediatrics MOC points for the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course.
3. Pediatric to Adult Transition of Care Survey – Subcommittee members, Drs. Inessa Normatov, Yolanda Rivas, Ashwin Agrawal, Adnan Altaf, Girish Hiremath, Sandeep Gupta, and Joseph Runde designed a survey focusing on transition of care in patients with developmental disabilities and complex medical needs. The aim of the survey is to assess the self-perceived readiness of the accepting GI physicians in caring for these patients as well as their current practice set-up. The survey was sent to ACG physician members in January 2025, and results will be shared with the membership in the coming months.

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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, to develop and disseminate practical information expeditiously to ACG members.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACG Practice Management Committee is under the leadership of Sapna Thomas, MD, FACG. The Committee is 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.

Practice Management Committee Work Retreat

The Committee hosted its annual in-person work retreat in March 2025, during the ACG/LGS Regional Course in New Orleans, LA. The retreat was highly productive, with robust discussions on current issues in practice management and collaborative work on toolboxes and other committee initiatives.

Practice Management Committee Toolbox

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

Prior Authorization in GI: Tips from the ACG Prior Authorization Task Force

The ACG Prior Authorization Task Force has developed an automated template letter generator, as an update to the Practice Management Toolbox. This new tool will simplify administrative processes and lessen the burden on GI practices. The Committee and Task Force are soliciting feedback from ACG members and practices who have downloaded the letters, in order to improve the process and add new letters to the online generator. The Committee is exploring ideas to further automate the online generator and incorporating new technologies.

Practice Management Summit at ACG 2025

The 2025 ACG annual meeting practice management course will be held on Friday, October 24th. This year's course directors are Andy Tau, MD and Kunjali Padhya, MD, FACG.

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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

The past year was again very productive for the Practice Parameters Committee. Seven practice guidelines were published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG)* in 2025. As of submitting this report in July 2025, 25 guidelines are in development including two rapid update guidelines (IBD – Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease). Over

the past 3 years, the Committee has completed and published 16 guidelines. In his third year as Chair, Bryan Sauer, MD, MSc (Clin Res), FACC nominated Nayantara Coelho-Prabhu, MD, FACC as Vice Chair. Dr. Coelho-Prabhu will step up to be the Committee Chair in October 2026.

Guideline Status

Published in 2025:

- January: Diagnosis and Management of Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- March: Diagnosis and Management of Gastric Premalignant Conditions
- May: Malnutrition and Nutritional Recommendations in Liver Disease
- June: Ulcerative Colitis in Adults
- June: Management of Crohn's Disease in Adults
- July: Preventive Care in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- September: Perioperative Risk Assessment and Management in Patients with Cirrhosis

Practice Parameters Committee (cont.)

The following 23 guidelines are currently in development:

- Acute Kidney Injury in Cirrhosis
- Bariatric Endoscopy
- Biliary Emergencies
- Diagnosis and Management of Small Bowel Bleeding
- Diverticular Disease
- Dysplasia and IBD
- Esophageal Physiologic Testing
- Extra-esophageal Reflux
- Gastrointestinal polyp syndrome
- Hepatic Encephalopathy
- Hepatitis B Virus Reactivation
- MASH
- Management of Immunotherapy Induced Gastrointestinal, Pancreatic, and Hepatic Toxicity
- Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis: Management of IBD in the Setting of PSC
- Perioperative Risk Assessment and Management of Patients with Chronic Liver Disease
- Portal Hypertensive Bleeding
- Perioperative Management of IBD
- Pancreatic Cysts
- Pediatric IBD: Crohn's Disease
- Pediatric IBD: Ulcerative Colitis
- Preventative Care in Patients with Cirrhosis
- Primary Biliary Cirrhosis
- Treatment of Pouchitis
- Rapid Update: Ulcerative Colitis
- Rapid Update: Crohn Disease

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.

Subcommittees

With over 65 members of the Committee, subgroups were formed to focus on guideline development within major areas of GI. These subcommittees meet twice per year outside of the bi-annual meetings and are tasked with suggesting guideline topics based on current literature, clinician needs, and timing of other society guidelines. The Chair would like to thank the subcommittee leaders for their work during the year to ensure a full pipeline of guidelines in the coming year: Brijen J. Shah, MD, Joseph K. Lim, MD, FACP, Nayantara Coelho-Prabhu, MD, FACP, Walter W. Chan, MD, MPH, FACP, and Sunil G. Sheth, MD, FACP.

Meeting Summary

The Committee met at an in-person meeting in May at DDW in San Diego, and each of the Committee's sub-committees met twice virtually to discuss developments in their fields that would warrant updates or new guidelines. The next Committee is meeting at ACG 2025 in Phoenix, AZ on Monday, October 27.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

ACG Member Lounge

The Professionalism Committee is excited to launch the ACG Member Lounge at this year's Annual Meeting in Phoenix. The lounge offers members a place to relax and enjoy light snacks, personally recharge with a back massage by a licensed massage therapist or electronic foot massage, recharge your phone or computer at the charging station and connect with other members.

ACG Wellness Central

The Committee has reviewed and updated the ACG Wellness Central page on the website (gi.org/practice-management/acg-wellness-central) and added new sections including Ergonomics, EMR Workflows, Mindfulness and Team Based Care. This page is a multi-media resource that is intended to be the go-to resource for ACG members seeking information on promoting wellness and mitigating burnout.

ACG Virtual Grand Rounds

The Chair of the Professionalism Committee presented at an ACG Virtual Grand Rounds on "EMR Efficiencies" in May 2025.

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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

About the Public Relations (PR) Committee

The Committee's overall goals are to enhance the reputation of the College and raise awareness of GI and liver diseases throughout the year and in conjunction with various health observances. Identifying and promoting excellent clinical research and elevating the College's standing with consumer and health media are key objectives for the PR Committee. An active and dedicated group of clinicians supports the College's educational priorities and interfaces with consumer media and the medical press.

The PR Committee helps to enhance the College's social media presence and participates in the conversation relating to clinical GI happening on ACG's social media channels including X, LinkedIn, Facebook, and BlueSky. Signature initiatives of the PR Committee include the annual SCOPY Awards along with innovative public awareness efforts in conjunction with Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The PR Committee is charged with a review of the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting research abstracts with a goal of identifying innovative and newsworthy GI clinical science as the basis for the College's media outreach.

Strategic Communications Goals: Awareness of ACG, Gastroenterology and Digestive Health

The core objectives of ACG's PR and communications efforts are to:

- celebrate the ACG membership and the GI community;
- advance public awareness of the field of gastroenterology and digestive health;

- spotlight excellent clinical research in GI, hepatology, and endoscopy; and
- serve as a source of credible, accessible, and impactful patient education and disease awareness materials for College members, patients, the media, and the general public.

Through the College's digital presence and social media channels, the PR Committee amplifies the activities of our ACG members and aims to build community for the College. Social media is a critical channel to feature clinical science presented at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting, as investigators share their findings with the larger GI community and build their professional reputations.

ACG now has more than 41,100 followers X as of July 2025 (up from 39,700 a year ago). While there has certainly been considerable change on X in recent years, ACG continues to grow its community of followers and drive the conversation within GI while celebrating and connecting with the generation of gastroenterologists who use social media to network and share clinical and professional insights. Overall, physician engagement with social media helps advance awareness of the GI field and ACG's priority programs. In addition, LinkedIn is another important platform for the College to share news, key programs, and priorities, including public policy updates.

ACG 2024

#DiversityinGI Virtual 5K and Morning Fun Runs at ACG 2024 in Philadelphia

The PR Committee collaborated with the DEI Committee on this event celebrating the diversity of the GI community during the weeks leading up to and during the ACG 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting. This event garnered industry sponsorship at the level of \$15,000 from Ironwood. Proceeds from the Race go to the DEI Committee's Summer Scholars mentorship program for medical students from groups under-represented in medicine.



For 2024, four early morning “fun runs” were planned for the Philadelphia meeting with different team leaders, including Committee Chair Dr. Reezwana Chowdhury and Member Dr. Dana Lukin, and past PR

Committee Chair Dr. Sophie Balzora. Each day at 6:45 am ET, the stalwart #DiversityinGI Fun Runners gathered for some collegiality and attempted the ascent of the Rocky Steps at the Philadelphia Art Museum.

The PR Committee is very grateful to the following group leaders:

- Saturday, October 26 at 6:45 am ET (Co-Leaders Dr. Aasma Shaukat & Dr. Sara Goff)
- Sunday, October 27 at 6:45 am ET (Co-Leaders Dr. Sophie Balzora & Dr. Patrick Young)
- Monday, October 28 at 6:45 am ET (Co-Leaders Dr. Reezwana Chowdhury & Dr. Dana Lukin)
- Tuesday, October 29 at 6:45 am ET (Co-Leaders Dr. Grant Hutchins & Dr. Baha Moshiree)



Early morning Fun Runners trek down the “Rocky Steps” in Philadelphia at ACG 2024

The Committee takes tremendous pride in the GI community’s commitment to colorectal cancer prevention and to embracing patient education and advocacy in their local communities. Since 2015, ACG has recognized highly creative, innovative, and impactful CRC awareness efforts by ACG members with SCOPY awards.



Participants in the combined SCOPY and Social Media Acumen Awards event Monday, October 28, 2024, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA



In conjunction with the SCOPY Awards reception, Dr. Chowdhury recognized 27 **Social Media Acumen Award** winners, selected by ACG staff and current and rising leaders in the College, to recognize their use of social media for connection, education, storytelling, advancing the GI profession, and educating patients.

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Highlights



The College’s CRC Month celebration featured advocacy, music, physical activity, patient education, and kicked off with an invitation to the larger GI community to show their

true colors by wearing blue – the signature hue of CRC awareness – for “Dress in Blue Day” on Friday, March 7, 2025.

2025 Dress in Blue Day Highlights

While much of the action for Dress in Blue Day happens on social media, the PR Committee encourages members to share photos with the ACG Communications team who each year shares and celebrates these photos widely. Here is a selection from 2025:



Clockwise from top left: Austin Gastroenterology; LBJ Hospital; Wilcox Medical Center, Hawaii Pacific Health; and Valley Medical Group



L: Co-leaders Dr. Reezwana Chowdhury (with sign) next to Dr. Dana Lukin & Dr. Jonathan Leighton; R: Co-leaders Dr. Sophie Balzora (with sign) & Dr. Patrick Young (center)

#ACG2024 Social Media Engagement and Media Coverage

For ACG 2024, X engagement with the College using the hashtag #ACG2024 peaked from Sunday, October 27, through Tuesday, October 29, 2024, with a total estimated 9.5 million impressions and more than 11,000 posts in the week surrounding the meeting. X continues to be an important tool for GI physicians to share clinical and professional insights, advance awareness of ACG’s priority programs, and connect with members of the College.

SCOPY Awards

On the 10th anniversary of the annual awards program, an impressive group of 26 winners were honored with ACG’s Service Award for Colorectal Cancer Outreach, Prevention & Year-Round Excellence. The SCOPY Award recognizes community education and public awareness efforts to advance colorectal cancer screening and prevention by ACG members and their staff.



ACG's Committees (cont.)

Public Relations Committee (cont.)



The ACG Board of Trustees shows its dedication to colorectal cancer screening!

ACG CRC Community Education Toolkit

This year, the PR Committee facilitated additional translations of ACG's primary CRC infographic into Farsi, Urdu, and Dari, as well as Turkish. These materials can be downloaded at bit.ly/CRC-Infographic-Translations.

United in Blue

On Sunday, March 9, 2025, Dr. Chowdhury, ACG members, and College staff volunteered to help advocates from Fight Colorectal Cancer install the flags on the National Mall for its "United in Blue" display. A dramatic installation of 27,400 blue flags on the National Mall near the U.S. Capitol served a powerful visual representation of those younger than 50 who are projected to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer by 2030.



27,400 blue flags were installed on the National Mall, representing the number of Americans under age 50 who are projected to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer by 2030.

The next day, ACG President Amy S. Oxentenکو, MD, MACG, represented ACG and gave brief remarks at the Fight Colorectal Cancer "United in Blue" rally in Washington, DC. ACG is proud to be one of the organizations standing in solidarity with this group of CRC patients, survivors, and caregivers who gathered to visit with legislators and bring attention to colorectal cancer, the trends in young-onset disease, and to advocate that Congress prioritize CRC research and screening.



Dr. Oxentenکو addressing the United in Blue rally in Washington, DC.

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Concert

"Tune It Up: A Concert to Raise Awareness of Colorectal Cancer" returned on the evening of March 28, 2025, under the direction of ACG Public Relations Committee member and concertmaster Dr. Benjamin Levy. Dr. Levy invited an incredible array of musical guests, including Blues Traveler, Adam Lambert, Hilary Hahn, Lisa Loeb, and many more for this virtual event that tapped the connection and energy that music creates to shine a light on the importance of colorectal cancer prevention. **Stream the concert recording at gi.org/concert.**

Review of "Newsworthy" Abstracts

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

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

The ACG Research Committee is responsible for the annual review of applications for Clinical Research Awards and Junior Faculty Development Awards funded under the auspices of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education. The Research Committee makes recommendations for clinical research funding to the ACG Board of Trustees, which approves the awards.

COMMITTEE REPORT

ACG Grant Review Process

In January 2025, the ACG Research Committee met via Zoom and in person to review the submissions for the ACG 2025 Clinical Research Awards. This hard-working group completed an extensive review of all submitted grants. In assessing the applications for 2025, the ACG Research Committee utilized the Cadmium grant system. All grants were evaluated on a nine-point scale in line with NIH grant scoring practices. After preliminary review and scoring by three assigned reviewers, applications were further discussed, and a priority score for funding was assigned.

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

After prioritizing the quality of the science, the Committee discusses the appropriate cut-off lines denoting science of adequate quality to merit funding. Each applicant, whether successful or not, receives a written critique of the grant so that improvements can be planned for subsequent submissions either to the College or elsewhere. Overall, the investigators selected for the 2025 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 2025 Clinical Research

For 2025, the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education awarded \$2.3 Million in support of outstanding clinical research in gastroenterology based on the review and recommendations of the ACG Research Committee. This year, ACG will support three Junior Faculty Development Awards at an overall level of \$150,000 over 3 years, a substantial investment that recognizes and supports promising clinical researchers. There were thirty-three applications for this career development award.

ACG will support two Established Investigator Bridge Funding Awards at \$600,000 in total, over two years (\$150,000 per year), to sustain competitive, patient-oriented research programs during a gap in federal funding.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Research Committee (cont.)

The Research Committee recommended funding for the Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award, re-named in honor of the life and legacy of Leonidas H. Berry, MD, MACG, ACG's first African American member (1946) and champion of social change to desegregate hospitals and medical schools. Funding was recommended to support one awardee at the funding level of \$75,000 (\$50,000 year one and \$25,000 year two). This award supports actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities.

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

From among forty-one submissions for the 2025 Clinical Research Award and Pilot Research Award, the Research Committee recommended funding for six investigators for a total of \$229,982. Two investigators received pilot awards at the \$15,000 level, and four received 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 three Medical Resident Clinical Research Awards for a total of \$29,954 and three Medical Student Research Awards for a total of \$12,600.

Junior Faculty Development Award

The College is proud to support three Junior Faculty Development Awards this year. The ACG Junior Faculty Development Grant is a three-year award designed to support junior faculty members with outstanding promise to establish an independent, productive career in gastroenterology or hepatology. The primary goal of this career development grant of \$150,000 per year for each of the three years is to assist promising clinical researchers in developing research and careers that have a direct bearing on clinical gastrointestinal practice. This includes providing 50% protected time for clinical research.

The ACG Board of Trustees approved three Junior Faculty Development Awards recommended by the ACG Research Committee at their January 2025 meeting:

Claire Beveridge, MD: Cleveland Clinic — *Alternatives to Endoscopic Biopsies in Eosinophilic Esophagitis*

Erica J. Brenner, MD, MSCR: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — *Safety and Effectiveness of Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs in Women with Crohn's Disease*

Phillip Gu, MD: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center — *A Multiorgan Radiomic Approach Towards Precision Medicine in Acute Severe Ulcerative Colitis*

Established Investigator Bridge Funding Award

The ACG Established Investigator Bridge Funding Award is a two-year award supporting 30% protected time as bridge funding for established investigators. This bridge funding grant of \$150,000 per year for 2 years is designed to help researchers principally focused on digestive or liver diseases and to sustain their competitive, patient-oriented research programs during a gap in federal program funding. This year's recipients are:

Lynn F. Butterly, MD, FACC: Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center — *Optimizing Colorectal Cancer Prevention Through Population-Based Investigation of Serrated Polyps*

Andrea Shin, MD, MSCR: University of California, Los Angeles — *Microbiome Endophenotypes Over Time in Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)*

Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award

The Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award supports up to \$75,000 for actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities, thereby promoting health equity. This two-year award provides funding to faculty or attending physicians who have completed all their training and are practicing gastroenterologists/hepatologists in the community, who have pilot data for funding at \$75,000 (\$50,000 year one and \$25,000 year two based on progress). This year's recipient is:

Monica Tincopa, MD, MSc: University of California, San Diego — *Advancing Health Equity for Hispanic Adults With MASLD Through Patient-Focused, Stakeholder-Informed, Tailored, Non-Invasive Screening, Risk Stratification, and Treatment*

ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

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

Lauren D. Feld, MD: University of Massachusetts Chan School of Medicine — *Adenoma Detection Rate, Patient Sex, and Endoscopist Gender: Understanding the Interplay and Implications for Colonoscopy Quality Assessment*

Clinical Research Awards

The College offers Clinical Research Awards of up to \$50,000 each year 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.

2025 ACG Clinical Research Awards (up to \$50,000)

Siyan Cao, MD, PhD: Washington University in St. Louis — *Type 2 Immunity in Predicting Response to Dupilumab in Patients With Eosinophilic Esophagitis*

Colleen R. Kelly, MD, FACC: Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School — *Exploring Predictors of Relapse in Microscopic Colitis*

Amiko Uchida, MD: University of Utah — *Microbial Metabolites for Eosinophilic Esophagitis*

Tiange P. Zhang, MD: University of Southern California — *Crowdsourced Culturally Tailored Education to Enhance Steatotic Liver Disease Knowledge and Care Seeking*

2025 ACG Clinical Research Awards – Pilot Grants (up to \$15,000)

Diana Jo, MD: Children's National Hospital — *The Role of Oral Bacteria in the Gut of Children With Newly Diagnosed Crohn's Disease*

Alexandra Strauss Starling, MD: University of Pennsylvania — *Characterization of the Cellular Landscape of Esophageal Lichen Planus*

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 provides a summer research experience for medical students, supporting up to \$5,000 in living expenses, to be completed under the supervision of a mentor who is an ACG member. These two award types will support travel to the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting as part of the experience.

2025 Medical Resident Clinical Research Award (up to \$10,000)

Kiandokht Bashiri, MD, MSc: Georgetown University/MedStar Washington Hospital Center — *Neutrophil-Lymphocyte Ratio as a Marker of Anti-TNF Therapy Response in IBD Using the SPARC Dataset*

Allison Carroll, MD: Massachusetts General Hospital — *Investigating the Impact of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists on Hepatocellular Carcinoma Risk Using a Protein-Based Prognostic Liver Signature*

Christiane Gafrey, MBChB: University of Toronto — *Exploring Perceptions of Inflammatory Bowel Disease Care Among Immigrant Women of Reproductive Age: A Focus Group Study*

2025 Medical Student Research Award (up to \$5,000)

Emma Dester, BS, MS: Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine — *Measuring the Association Between Pre-Operative Pelvic Floor Dysfunction on Anorectal Manometry and Inflammatory Complications of the Pouch in Patients With Ileal Pouch-Anal Anastomosis: A Retrospective Chart Review*

Jose Luis Orozco, BS: University of California, Davis — *Analyzing the Effects of Dietary Fatty Acids on Sex-Specific Changes in Colorectal Cancer Pathways After Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass*

Anjali Patel, BA: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School — *Investigating the Role of Crohn's Disease Genetic Risk in Shaping Host Response to Gut Microbial Exposures*

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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

Trainee Courses

Chief Fellows Course

The 2025 Chief Fellows Course was held in the Washington, DC, area on May 30 – 31 and co-directed by Adam Ehrlich, MD, MPH, FACC, Ariel Aday, MD,

and Rebecca Matro, MD. Over 130 rising Chief Fellows from across the country were nominated by their program directors and 60 were selected at random to attend the course, which was designed to prepare them for this complicated role. In addition to dedicated networking sessions, attendees learned best practices in working with leadership to effect change, identifying their own leadership styles and conflict resolution. Program directors will be invited in early 2026 to nominate their rising Chief Fellow to attend the June 2026 course, where 120 fellows will be invited to participate.



2nd Year Fellows Course

The 20th annual ACG 2nd Year Fellows Course was held on January 17 – 19, 2025 in the Washington, DC, area. It was co-chaired by Saurabh Chawla, MD, FACC, Bradford Chong, MD, and Xiao Jing (Iris) Wang, MD. The course featured general sessions and small group breakouts

tailored to the learning needs of 2nd year fellows, in addition to Hands-on sessions led by experts in endoscopy, capsule endoscopy, and esophageal manometry. The attendees had the opportunity to interact one-on-one with the experts for a unique mentoring opportunity. Program directors are invited each July 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. Based on the continuous success and excellent feedback from training programs, ACG will offer two 2nd Year Fellows Courses beginning in December 2026, allowing up to 250 fellows to participate in the conference.

Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course Trainee and Resident Events

Trainee Lounge at ACG 2025

The Trainee Lounge will return to ACG 2025, allowing residents and GI fellows to network, grab a snack, challenge their co-fellows to a match of foosball or Pacman, and learn how to become engaged in the College. This space will also be used for several formal and informal sessions for trainees throughout the Annual Meeting. The lounge will be open from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm from Saturday, October 25th – Tuesday, October 28th.

GI Jeopardy

This year will mark the 22nd year of the GI Jeopardy competition, which remains very successful and increasingly popular among trainees. The online preliminary (pre-test) round of GI Jeopardy ran from early-July through early-August. This preliminary competition resulted in five teams being invited to the live competition, based on the number of questions correctly answered and the amount of time spent taking the test. The finalists this year are Cleveland Clinic Foundation, National Capital Consortium, Naval Medical Center (San Diego), UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine/UCLA Medical Center and University of Missouri – Columbia.

Each of these programs was invited to designate two competitors for the final round on Saturday, October 25th, and qualifying teams received airfare and housing for the Philadelphia meeting. The winning team members from the live Jeopardy competition will each receive a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. We expect another spirited competition this year, with Dr. Nabil Fayad returning as emcee, so come prepared to cheer on the participants!



Postgraduate Course Trainees Luncheon

The popular Trainees' Luncheon at the Annual Meeting will resume this year on Sunday, October 27th. The luncheon will feature a faculty panel to discuss “From Fellow to Flourishing: Embracing the Next Step”, discussing early career experiences and important considerations for choosing a career path post Fellowship.

The panel will feature Justine Hum, MD, Folasade May, MD, PhD, MPhil, and Andy Tau, MD. Aaron Goldberg, MD, FACP, Brian Kim, MD, and Sunhee (Sandra) Park, MD, FACP, are the Co-Chairs for this event.

Fireside Chat with ACG Leadership

The Committee will once again hold a “Fireside Chat with ACG Leadership” in the Trainee Lounge on Monday, October 27th, from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Panelists include past presidents and board members. Fellows will engage with panelists in an informal Q&A, moderated by Dr. Mohammad Bilal, on different leadership trajectories and how involvement in the ACG and national organizations can bring fulfillment throughout their careers.

The star-studded panel this year includes Dayna Early, MD, FACP, Lawrence Schiller, MD, MACG, Samir Shah, MD, MACG, and Patrick Young, MD, FACP.

Deciphering Your First Employment Contract

The Committee will host a session geared towards senior GI fellows, addressing the nuances of contract negotiations on Monday, October 27 from 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm. The Healthcare Attorney, Ann M. Bittering, JD will share tips and tricks for fellows navigating their first contract after fellowship. This session is free and open to all trainees.

Residents' Event: Navigating the GI Match – Tips and Tricks for Applicants

The Committee will host its fourth annual session at the Annual Meeting specifically designed for residents. Dr. Brijesh Patel will moderate “Navigating the GI Match – Tips and Tricks for Applicants” on Monday, October 27th, from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Invited panelists include Program Directors Saurabh Chawla, MD, FACP, Yesenia Greeff, MD, FACP, Kathryn Hutchins, MD, FACP and Douglas Simonetto, MD.

Residents' Event: Ask the Fellows

The Committee will host “Ask the Fellows” on Tuesday, October 29th, from 10:35 am – 11:30 am in the Trainee Lounge. This exciting opportunity for Residents hoping to match into GI Fellowship will be led by Dr. Joseph Sleiman. Residents will network and ask questions in an informal gathering with GI Fellows.

Other Activities and Programs

Online Resources for Residents

Drs. Rebecca Matro and Yesenia Greeff are leading the Committee's efforts to update the online resource center for current GI Fellows and recent graduates. Updated resources on topics such as the initial job search, international medical graduate considerations and navigating different career paths.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Training Committee (cont.)

Dr. Ariel Aday is leading the Committee's efforts to develop a comprehensive guide to support residents that have recently matched into gastroenterology fellowship. The ACG Resident Resources Subcommittee aims to foster a smoother, more supported transition into GI fellowship. The curated resources are not meant to be prescriptive but rather to serve as a flexible guide that trainees can use at their own pace based on their interests, needs, and schedules.

The Resident Resources' subcommittee held its annual Special Virtual Grand Rounds on April 16, 2025, with a record attendance of over 500 attendees, to provide guidance to prospective applicants preparing to apply for Gastroenterology & Hepatology Fellowship. If you missed the live webinar, you can watch a recording in the ACG Education Universe here: education.gi.org/presentations/universe_17839.

Board Review Question of the Week

The 2024-2025 Grand Prize Winner of the online Board Review Question of the Week competition was Dr. Umer Farooq, MD, from SSM Health/Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He received a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2025 Annual Meeting in Phoenix.

The current round of questions can be found in the Trainees section of the ACG website. The Grand Prize Winner is determined by weekly participation and the highest number of correct answers to the questions and will receive a \$1,000 travel grant for the 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

We also offer a quarterly prize of online access to one of ACG's Self-Assessment Tests for the participant who answers the most questions correctly each quarter. To be eligible, participants must answer at least 75% of the questions each quarter.

Trainee Mentoring Program

This past August, the Mentoring subcommittee, led by Dr. Nikki Duong, presented a webinar focused on Leveraging the Mentor-Mentee Relationship. The webinar featured brief talks from leading experts on topics such as family planning during fellowship and tips for optimizing the mentor-mentee relationship. ACG's mentoring program offers fellows in training access to faculty and GI leaders from across the country. The program fosters casual dialogue between mentors and mentees in areas ranging from clinical careers to work-life balance. Trainee participants build relationships and gain valuable career guidance from faculty not accessible to them in their training programs. During the 2024-2025 program cycle, over 40 current fellows were mentored by GI leaders and over 70 Internal Medicine residents were mentored by recent graduates and current GI Fellows.

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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 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 workshop was developed to provide fellows and junior faculty with the skills needed when negotiating for positions and the tools for effective networking, both essential in the development of effective leaders. This workshop will be held in person at the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 24, from 5:45 pm to 9:00 pm, and it is co-chaired by Drs. Sarah Malik and Emily Leven.

Career Opportunities for Women in GI Luncheon

This innovative career symposium, held in conjunction with the ACG Postgraduate Course, is tailored for female residents, trainees,

and junior faculty. It features female ACG members from various gastrointestinal subspecialties and practice settings, who provide insights into their career choices in gastroenterology and discuss strategies for succeeding as women in the field. Drs. Alana Persaud and Rabia de Latour are serving as co-chairs this year. The luncheon will take place during the Postgraduate Course on Saturday, October 25, from 12:20 pm to 1:35 pm.

Leadership Conference

Led by Drs. Amanda Pressman and Kathryn Hutchins, this Leadership Conference—originally hosted by the Women in GI Committee prior to the pandemic—was successfully reinstated this past year. Held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, in New Orleans, the day before the ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course, the ACG Leadership Conference focused on strategies for balancing career and personal life to promote success in GI leadership. The program addressed the unique challenges faced by gastroenterologists and offered insights on building resilience, achieving professional growth, and maintaining long-term career satisfaction in today's evolving healthcare dynamic.

Women in GI Online Task Force

The goal of the task force is to increase the online presence of women in GI, and to promote ACG initiatives and projects focused on women in GI. This task force is co-chaired by Drs. Irma Hashmi and Lauren Feld. This task force has successfully created a series of podcasts based on the ACG Pregnancy Monograph which is available on the ACG website, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Women in Gastroenterology Committee (cont.)

GI Workshop

The GI Workshop Task Force, led by Drs. Calley Levine and Judy Trieu, will continue the half-day course at ACG 2025 on Friday, October 24, from 1:45 PM to 6:30 PM. Titled Women's Initiative for Success and Empowerment in Gastroenterology Leadership (WISE GI), the course focuses on professional development and networking for female gastroenterologists, including senior fellows and attendings at all stages of their careers. It is open to those in both private and academic practice.

Nursing Room/Childcare

This task force, led by PA Victoria Howard and Dr. Sara Horst has coordinated with staff to offer live streaming of sessions in the nursing room and has established a multi-faith prayer room for all attendees, which will be open daily. They have also arranged childcare services for those traveling with young children.

Well-Being and Work-Life Balance Task Force

Led by Drs. Tanya Bruckel and Tamara Koritarov, the task force has successfully coordinated another yoga session at the Annual Meeting. This session, open to all attendees, will take place on Sunday, October 26, from 6:00 am to 7:00 am.

Regional Breakfast Round Tables

Led by Drs. Sheila Rustgi and Kerri Glassner, this task force has created and will host three women's networking breakfast sessions at select regional courses during 2025.

ACG MAGAZINE Articles

The Committee is currently looking for volunteers to write articles with a goal of one per year.



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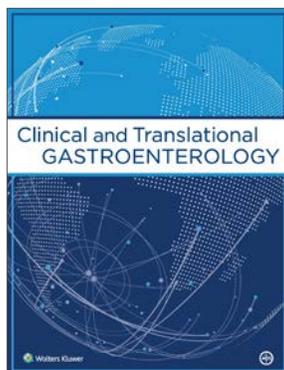
ACG'S ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS



The American Journal of Gastroenterology

Since it began publishing in 1934 as the official peer-reviewed journal, *The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG)* has been considered the American College of Gastroenterology's flagship journal and the crown jewel of the organization. It has long been the leading general GI clinical journal and impacts the delivery of quality care on a daily basis. The College remains committed to publishing the most relevant high quality clinical gastroenterology and hepatology science in the form of original research, review articles

and consensus papers related to new therapeutic modalities as well as disease management. Other notable sections include the Red Section, ACG Clinical Guidelines, and images and videos of the month. Each issue of the Red Journal includes CME opportunities. Every member of the College receives a free subscription to *AJG*. Led by co-Editors-in-Chief Jasmohan Bajaj, MD, MS, FACP, and Millie Long, MD, MPH, FACP, who began their second 3-year term in January 2025. The international editorial board looks for cutting edge manuscripts that can be adapted immediately to clinical practice.



Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology

The College expanded its publishing titles with the creation of a Gold Open Access journal, *Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology (CTG)*, in 2010. 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. The Journal practices double-blind peer review, with increases impartiality and aims to prevent potential biases from influencing the reviewers' opinion. Led by Editor-in-Chief Brian Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACP, *CTG* announces the development of its first International Editorial Board that includes members of the World Gastroenterology Organisation.



ACG Case Reports Journal

The *ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ)* was launched in 2013 in recognition of the changing nature of academic publishing, which discouraged publication of case reports due to their low likelihood of citation—an important avenue for GI and hepatology trainees as well as private practitioners to publish scientific papers in peer reviewed journals. *ACGCRJ* provides an Open Access, peer-reviewed publishing outlet for GI fellows, private practice clinicians, and other healthcare providers to share interesting and unique case reports. *ACGCRJ* publishes case reports, images, videos, and letters to the editor in all topics of gastroenterology and hepatology. The editorial team is made up exclusively of GI fellows. Applications open each January for editorial positions, and the editorial calendar year runs July 1-June 30. 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. Publication fees for ACG members are waived as part of their exclusive member benefit.



Evidence-Based Gastroenterology

ACG Evidence-Based GI (EBGI) evaluates GI and Hepatology research articles published by using evidence-based criteria to identify the highest quality studies. The editors create structured abstracts outlining the published study, and provide expert commentary on the article. Led by co-Editors-in-Chief Joseph C. Anderson, MD, FACP and Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACP, the summaries are written by the Associate Editors, who comment on articles published in non-GI focused, high impact journals as well as those published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. The criteria from the “User’s Guides to the Medical Literature: A Manual for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice, 3rd edition” (2015) is used to create the structured abstracts, assess the methodologic quality of studies, and explain study results for practitioners with limited knowledge of statistics. *EBGI* aims to fill an unmet need for members in private practice who do not have institutional access to non-ACG subscription publications. Readers can catch up on research quickly, keeping up to date on studies

and trends in GI. Podcasts of each article are available and indexed on audio services such as Spotify and iTunes. The *EBGI* Social Media Ambassadors create weekly tweetorials of articles covered in each issue. Tweetorial slides can now be download for use in Journal Clubs.

AJG The American Journal of GASTROENTEROLOGY

The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG) continues to thrive under the co-leadership of co-Editors-in-Chief (EICs) Jasmohan Bajaj, MD, MS, FACP, and Millie Long, MD, MPH, FACP, who began their second 3-year term in January 2025. Since their start, the EICs tasked themselves with focusing on the reader, author, and reviewer to ensure a well-rounded journal experience. The editors remain dedicated to publishing important content for clinicians and family practice providers.

The Journal continues to include Special Issues and published 2 in 2025. In January, the Inflammation Issue featured a collection of articles, guidelines, and reviews centered on the role of inflammation in the immune system and its impact on the digestive system. The broad variability in both the consequences and diagnosis of inflammation across the digestive system is highlighted throughout this issue. The second Special Issue of the year published in August, and focused on patient reported outcomes. The editors sought to highlight and amplify patient voices directly through a Red Section piece featuring 5 patients and 1 caregiver who struggled with liver disease, gastroparesis, and IBD. The interviewees provide a reminder to clinicians that patients and families receiving care face multiple issues that may interfere with adequate and timely receipt of care prescribed. The inspiration for this special issue came from the enduring commitment the ACG and Red Journal have towards keeping patients with digestive disorders front and center. As we head towards 2026, the editors look forward to the next Special Issue “Artificial Intelligence Clinical Applications in GI and Hepatology.” Studies emphasizing performance comparison of AI to conventional decision making and AI cost-effectiveness analyses were selected for the issue to be published in the Spring. Look for the next call for papers on the second Special Issue of 2026 on prevention.

In March 2026, the Editorial Board will be traveling to Savannah, Georgia for a 3-day retreat where the next round of Special Issues, editorial policies, and publication strategy will be developed. The Editorial Board is looking forward to the chance to meet in-person in the “Hostess City of the South.”

As the editors look to stay abreast of best publication practices, the Journal became a signing member of the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) this year. DORA is a worldwide initiative that seeks to improve the ways in which the outputs of scholarly research are evaluated through practical and robust approaches to research assessment. Combined with metrics such as the Journal Impact Factor, Altmetric Score, and h-index, DORA ensures that the Journal’s authors and their funders can be confident in the quality of their publications in the Red Journal.

As always, the Journal would not be able to produce any content without input from our hard-working reviewers. We are indebted to our talented pool of reviewers who help to ensure that we publish the best clinical science in gastroenterology and hepatology. This is the third year that we are proud to offer complimentary ACG memberships to reviewers who complete at least five high-quality reviews for *AJG* in a calendar year. Our first reviewers to earn the honor for 2025 are Daniel Aillaud De Uriarte, MD, Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, MBBS, MPH, FACP, Eric Shah, MD, FACP, Carolin Schneider, MD, and Joseph Anderson, MD, MHCDS, FACP. We will be celebrating our top journal reviewers at the Academic Publications Reception on Sunday, October 26. Look for our listing of other reviewers acknowledged at the ACG Annual Meeting in Phoenix.

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The Journal's collaboration with the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) continued this year as members of the International Editorial Board (IEB) attended the *CTG* Editorial Board meeting at DDW in San Diego this past May. This partnership showcases the editors' dedication to the promotion of optimal care of gastrointestinal and liver disorders worldwide. The IEB contributed ideas on widening the Journal's social media outreach and developing new article types. After board discussion, the editors moved to expand the current Clinician's Toolbox series. New categories of this article type include understanding our conditions, tests, standardized assessments, treatments or procedures. Visit the Journal's Instructions for Authors page for more information on these new categories.

The Journal website has been updated to include our RCT Corner, where readers can find all the randomized controlled trials in one place. The editors encourage you to browse this collection when looking for high-impact research.

The Journal editors continue to publish interesting content, and *CTG*'s articles continue to garner attention. The June 2025 publication of "The Impact of Endoscopic Gastric Remodeling (EGR) on Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)" by Jirapinyo and colleagues concluded that in practice, EGR may be considered a preferred option to co-manage both obesity and GERD, particularly in the lower obesity class. The article was featured on Medscape this past July. An article from the March issue of the Journal, "Secondary Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis Prophylaxis Is Associated With a Higher Rate of Infections other than Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis in 2 US-Based National Cirrhosis Cohorts " by Silvey and colleagues garnered high social media attention on both X and Bluesky as readers discussed secondary spontaneous bacterial peritonitis prophylaxis and an increase in infections such as UTI, pneumonia, bacteremia, and *C. difficile*. If you missed these articles when they were published, be sure to keep on top of the newest publications by signing for *CTG*'s advance access and e-table of contents alerts.

The editors wish to thank all the reviewers and authors who make publication possible, as well as the editors of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* for their continued support in sending high quality content our way through the transferred submission process. We look forward to more special issues, cross-association collaboration, and continued publication of interesting and innovative articles in 2026.

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ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ) is an open-access (OA), peer-reviewed journal, which is edited exclusively by GI fellows, and provides a 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 is indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), PubMed/PubMed Central, and the Web of Science.

At the start of their term in July 2024, Co-Editors-in-Chief (EICs) Muhammad Nadeem Yousaf, MD and Prateek S. Harne, MBBS, MD met with members of the ACG Scholarly Publications staff to plan their goals and initiatives for the term. With an eye toward getting more trainees involved with the journals during residency, the EICs proposed a new Social Media Ambassador role open to internal medicine residents. The application drew a strong pool of 58 candidates and 3 were selected to begin working with the journal starting in the 2025-2026 term.

Additionally, the EICs wished to provide strong, consistent mentorship opportunities to the editorial board during their term. To that end, they recruited respected, experienced members of the GI community to offer mentorship sessions on a wide variety of GI topics to the editorial board at monthly meetings.

Finally, the EICs continued to highlight authors and selected cases through the Case of the Month and Behind the Case Podcast features. Each month, a different editor selected an article to write a brief commentary on. Both the commentary and associated publication were featured on the front page of the *ACGCRJ* website. Additionally, each editor produced a podcast with different authors and subject area experts each month. Podcasts are posted on the ACG website and all major streaming services, reaching over 1,100 followers combined on our largest 3rd party platforms, Spotify and Apple Podcasts. During the 2024-2025 term, all editors successfully completed both a Case of the Month commentary and podcast recording in addition to managing their workload in the manuscript review process. This was no small feat, given a sharp increase from 973 submissions received in 2023 to 1,096 received in 2024.

The 2024-2025 EICs completed their terms on June 30, 2025, and passed the torch to Daniyal Abbas, MD, of Harlem Hospital Center, New York, NY, and Dushyant Dahiya, MD, of University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. The new editorial board appreciates the support from the Digital Communications and Publications Committee.

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EVIDENCE-BASED GI AN ACG PUBLICATION



Evidence-Based Gastroenterology (EBGI) launched in October 2021 in conjunction with the ACG Annual Meeting. Each month since, Associate Editors review selected GI and hepatology related articles that are published in non-GI journals, providing a structured abstract that outlines the main question the article addresses, details the design, setting, patient groups, and the interventions used, and discusses the results and outcomes. Editors provide a commentary on why the article is important and how the conclusions compare with their own practice. Lastly, the editors identify areas for future research on the subject. The publication's goal is to highlight key GI articles published in general medical journals to assist practitioners and fellows in staying up to date on important articles and information that readers may not have free access to otherwise. Podcasts are produced for each summary and available on iTunes, Spotify, and directly through the *EBGI* article on the ACG website. This year 2 new co-Editors-in-Chief stepped up to curate the publication: Joseph C. Anderson, MD, MHCDS, FACP of White River Junction VAMC and the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, New Hampshire, and Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACP of Stanford University School of Medicine, California. The publication said farewell to the founding Editor-in-Chief, Philip Schoenfeld, MD, MSc, MScEpi, FACP, as he completed his 3-year term.

The Editorial Board underwent other changes with the new editorship. The board welcomed Mohammad Bilal, MD, FACP, Nikki Duong, MD, and Margaret Zhou, MD, MSc as Associate Editors. Additionally, the *EBGI* Social Media (SoMe) Ambassadors have become more involved with the publication content, acting as both contributing writers and podcast hosts.

Throughout the year, SoMe Ambassadors have remained deeply engaged in expanding the journal's reach through high-yield educational tweetorials, turning complex articles into digestible content for both clinicians and trainees. In addition to social media

engagement, the ambassadors have translated these tweetorials into formal PowerPoint presentations, supporting journal club discussions across training programs nationwide. They have also collaborated closely with *EBGI* editors to begin drafting concise article summaries that will further enhance accessibility and readership. Among the highlights of the year was their robust #EBGIVsCRC campaign during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March, led by Noor Syed, MD, and Romy Chamoun, MD. This multi-week initiative included Preventive Power Week, driven by Peter Bhandari, MD, Chidi E. Omaliko, MD, and Kuntal Bhowmick, MD, which spotlighted CRC risk factors and prevention strategies. Romy Chamoun, MD, and Eleazar Montalvan-Sanchez, MD, created engaging content around the clear liquid diet, including videos and a creative supermarket shoot to simplify bowel prep guidance. Anoushka Dua, MD, and Swati Patel, MD, MS explored hereditary CRC risk, while Hannah Fiske, MD, and Samir Shah, MD, MACG tackled CRC in IBD patients through expert Q&A Twitter threads. Clive Miranda, DO, conducted a compelling interview with CRC survivor and physician Amanda Duggan, MD, which received over 12.3K views. The month wrapped with a collaborative #ScopingSundays session between Romy Chamoun, MD, and Umer Farooq, MD titled "#CRCPrevention – From Screening to Resection." Altogether, this multifaceted campaign elevated public awareness, promoted early screening at age 45, and reflected the ambassadors' commitment to innovative, patient-centered education.

EBGI continues to highlight the ACG Guidelines, and featured the Eosinophilic Esophagitis Guideline in the February issue, the Ulcerative Colitis Guideline in the August issue, and the Crohn's Disease Guidelines in the September issue. Additionally, the ACG-ASGE joint publications on quality indicators were covered, ensuring that cross-society publications are supported by the ACG. All ACG guidelines and *EBGI* are free to view. *EBGI* covers papers published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *JAMA*, and *Lancet*, among others.

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PAST NP/PA AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

2024 Christie L. Morrison, NP
Mary S. Vetter, ANP-BC
2023 Terasa Astarita, MS, APRN, ANP-BC, BCPA
Andrea A. Gossard, CNP
2022 Monica Nandwani, DNP, RN, FNP-BC
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PAST SAMUEL S. WEISS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GASTROENTEROLOGY RECIPIENTS

2024 Irving M. Pike, MD, MACG
2023 Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG
2022 Delbert L. Chumley, MD, MACG
2021 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG
2020 Eugene M. Bozymski, MD, MACG
2019 Alvin M. Zfass, MD, MACG
2018 Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG
2017 John W. Popp, Jr., MD, MACG
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2015 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
2014 Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG
2013 Jack A. Di Palma, MD, MACG
2012 Martin H. Floch, MD, MACG
2011 Frank L. Lanza, MD, MACG
2008 Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG
2006 William D. Carey, MD, MACG
2005 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG
2004 Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
2002 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG
2001 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
2000 Seymour Katz, MD, MACG
1998 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
1997 Arthur H. Aufses, Jr., MD, MACG
1996 Arvey I. Rogers, MD, MACG
1995 Jerome D. Wayne, MD, MACG
1994 J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG
1993 Arthur Lindner, MD, MACG
1992 Franz Goldstein, MD, MACG
1991 James L. Achord, MD, MACG
1990 Robert L. Berger, MD, MACG
1989 Angelo E. DaGradi, MD, MACG

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1986 Richard L. Wechsler, MD, FACG
1984 John P. Papp, MD, MACG
1982 Daniel Weiss, BS, MA
1980 David A. Dreiling, MD, MACG
1978 Henry Colcher, MD, MACG
1976 Murrel H. Kaplan, MD, FACG
1974 Robert R. Bartunek, MD, FACG
1972 Milton J. Matzner, MD, FACG

PAST JUNIOR GOVERNOR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS (formerly the Freshman Governor's Award)

2024 Kunjali T. Padhya, MD, FACG
2023 Christine Y. Hachem, MD, FACG
2022 Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACG
2021 Alyn L. Adrain, MD, FACG
2020 Anne G. Tuskey, MD, FACG
2019 Harish Gagneja, MD, FACG
2018 Tauseef Ali, MD, FACG
2017 David A. Schwartz, MD, FACG
2016 Tedd P. Cain, MD, FACG
2015 Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
2014 Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
2013 Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, FACG
2012 David T. Rubin, MD, FACG
2011 Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
2010 Costas H. Kefalas, MD, FACG
2009 James S. Leavitt, MD, FACG
2008 Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACG
2007 March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
2006 Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
2005 Edward L. Cattau, Jr., MD, FACG
2004 Myron H. Brand, MD, FACG
2003 Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG
2002 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2001 Jay J. Mamel, MD, FACG
2000 Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACG
1999 Massimo Crespi, MD, FACG
1998 Rashad Dabaghi, MD, FACG
1997 Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
1996 Peter F. Purcell, MD, FACG

PAST SENIOR GOVERNOR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

2024 Ronald K. Hsu, MD, FACG
2023 Russell D. Cohen, MD, FACG
2022 Tauseef Ali, MD, FACG
2021 Jeffrey L. Nestler, MD, FACG
2020 Wilmer Rodriguez, MD, FACG
2019 Stephen T. Amann, MD, FACG
2018 Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG
2017 Whitfield L. Knappe, MD, FACG
2016 Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG

2015 David H. Cort, MD, FACG
2014 Kenneth J. Chang, MD, FACG
2013 David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG
2012 James S. Leavitt, MD, FACG
2011 March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
2010 John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG
2009 Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACG
2008 David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG
2007 Scott M. Tenner, MD, MPH, FACG
2006 Barbara B. Frank, MD, FACG
2005 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2004 Joseph W. Leung, MD, FACG
2003 Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACG
2002 Martin D. Mark, MD, FACG
2001 Timothy J. Nostrant, MD, FACG
2000 J. Mark Lawson, MD, FACG
1999 Florian M. Cortese, MD, FACG
1998 William H. Hall, MD, FACG
1997 John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACG
1996 Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACG

PAST WILLIAM D. CAREY AWARD RECIPIENTS

2024 March Seabrook, MD, FACG
2023 Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG
2022 James C. Holey, MD, MSc, FACG
2021 Costas H. Kefalas, MD, MMM, FACG
2020 Whitfield L. Knappe, MD, FACG
2019 Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACG
2018 Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
2017 Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACG
2016 Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACG
2015 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG
2014 Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
2013 David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG
2012 Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG
2011 W. Elwyn Lyles, MD, FACG
2010 Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
2009 Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACG
2008 Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
2007 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2006 Roy K. H. Wong, MD, FACG
2005 Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACG
2004 John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACG
2003 Ronald J. Vender, MD, FACG
2002 Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG
2001 Jack A. Di Palma, MD, FACG
2000 Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACG
1999 P. Gregory Foutch, DO, FACG
1998 Luis A. Balart, MD, MACG
1997 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
1996 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACG

PAST NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GI TRAINING GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2024 Dora Huang, MD, New York, NY
Shria Kumar MD, MSCE, Miami, FL
2023 Yuying Luo, MD, New York, NY

2022 Rahul S. Dalal, MD, MPH, Boston, MA
Andrew M. Moon, MD, MPH, Chapel Hill, NC
2021 Giselle Mahoro, MD, Philadelphia, PA
2020 Edward Barnes, MD, MPH, Chapel Hill, NC
2019 Robert J. Huang, MD, Stanford, CA
2018 Hassan Siddiki, MD, MS, Chapel Hill, NC
2017 Tracey G. Simon, MD, Boston, MA
2016 Gene K. Ma, Philadelphia, PA
2015 Jennifer Y. Pan, MD, Stanford, CA
2014 Akwi W. Asombang, MD, Columbia, MO
2013 Ryan J. Law, MD, Rochester, MN
2012 Hamed Khalili, MD, Boston, MA
2011 Amit Bhatt, MD, Cleveland, OH
2010 Jenny Sauk, MD, New York, NY
2009 Tonya Kaltenbach, MD, Palo Alto, CA
2008 Anna M. Buchner, MD, PhD, Jacksonville, FL

PAST INTERNATIONAL GI TRAINING GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2024 Coskun Demirtas, MD, Istanbul, Turkey
Kerry-Ann Penn-Brown, MD, St. Catherine, Jamaica
2023 Partha Pal, MD, DNB, Hyderabad, India
2022 Stella-Maris Chinma Egboh, MD, MSc, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, Nigeria
Kartik Natarajan, MBBS, MD, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
2021 Evaristus S. Chukwudike, MBChB, FWACP, Calabar, Nigeria
Artemis Trikola, MD, MPH, MSc, Athens, Greece
2019 Vikrant Sood, MD, New Delhi, India
2018 Luis Raúl Valdovinos Garcia, MD, Mexico
2017 Irina Cazacu, MD, Romania
2016 Sally A. Bampoh, MD, Ghana
2015 Piyush Somani, MD, India
2014 Oriol Sendino-Garcia, MD, Spain
2013 Salome Bandoh, MD, Ghana
2012 Wiriyaporn Ridditid, MD, Thailand
2011 Nikhil Anil Nadkarni, MD, India
2010 Avelyn Kwok, MD, Australia
2009 Andres Duarte Rojo, MD, Mexico
2008 Ling Yi Zhang, MD, MS, China
2007 Ian Homer Y. Cua, MD, Philippines
2006 Alberto Rubio Tapia, MD, Mexico
2005 Aldo Javier Montano-Loza, MD, Mexico
2004 Ender Fakioglu, MD, Turkey
2003 Kyoto Ito, MD, Japan
2002 Ratha-korn Vilaichone, MD, Thailand
2001 Mohamed El Sadany, MD, Egypt
2000 Harshad C. Devarbhavi, MD, India
1999 Marko Duvnjak, MD, Croatia
1998 Eliza Maria de Brito, MD, Brazil
1997 Jan Gunnar Hatlebakk, MD, Norway
Marisa Fonseca Magalhaes, MD, Brazil
Sri Prakash Misra, MD, India

- 1996 Dervis Bandres, MD, Venezuela
Orsolya I. Halmos, MD, Hungary
Issa Marie Nigl Navarrete, MD, Mexico
Rajko Ostojic, MD, Croatia
Seren Ozenirler, MD, Turkey
Shayong Yu, MD, China
- 1995 Lars Aabakken, MD, Norway
Carlos Midrani Boyle, MD, Mexico
I. Soykan, MD, Turkey
J. Woo, MD, Korea

PAST J. EDWARD BERK DISTINGUISHED LECTURERS (formerly ACG Distinguished Lecture)

- 2024 Michelle A. Anderson, MD, MSc: *Exploring New Frontiers: Innovations Shaping the Future of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*
- 2023 Amrita Sethi, MD: *Changing the Course of Pancreatic Cancer: Identifying Innovation in Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment*
- 2022 Bruce E. Sands, MD, MS, FACP: *The Promise and Progress of New Approaches to Treating the Inflammatory Bowel Diseases*
- 2021 William D. Chey, MD, FACP: *The End of the Beginning: Megatrends in Gastroenterology*
- 2020 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *A Septuagenarian's Evolving Reflections on the Practice of Medicine*
- 2019 Linda Rabeneck, MD, MPH, MACG: *Post-Colonoscopy Colorectal Cancer: How Are We Doing?*
- 2018 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP: *Fake News and Alternative Facts on Personalized Medicine in IBD*
- 2017 John J. Vargo, II, MD, MPH, FACP: *Are Our Patients Sleeping Safely and Soundly? The State of Endoscopic Procedural Sedation in 2017*
- 2016 Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FACP: *Endoscopy 2020: Preparing for the Future*
- 2015 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG: *Sleep Effect on GI Health and Disease: Eyes Wide Open?*
- 2014 Richard A. Kozarek, MD, FACP: *GI and Endoscopic Training for the Future Gastroenterologist*
- 2013 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG: *Avoiding Burnout: Finding Balance Between Work and Everything Else*
- 2012 Mark Feldman, MD, FACP: *Is Gastric Secretion Still Relevant?*
- 2011 Seymour Katz, MD, MACG: *Management of the Elderly IBD Patient: A Wake-up Call*
- 2010 Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG: *Academic Mentoring*
- 2009 Michael F. Sorrell, MD, FACP: *Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist: Identical or Complementary?*

- 2008 Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG: *Advances in Colonoscopy: New Platforms, New Techniques, New Imaging Technology: What Do They Mean?*
- 2007 M. Brian Fennerty, MD, FACP: *Alice in Wonderland: The Endoscopist of the Future and the Gastrointestinal Mucosa Through the 'New' Looking Glass*
- 2006 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG: *Eosinophilic Esophagitis: New Disease or Old Friend in Disguise?*
- 2005 Bruce R. Bacon, MD, FACP: *Hereditary Hemochromatosis – What We Have Learned Since the Discovery of HFE*
- 2004 Brian Saunders, MBBS, MD, MRCP: *Colonoscopy in Evolution*
- 2003 Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG: *Demystifying Motility: Gut Motor Dysfunction in Clinical Practice*
- 2002 Roger Williams, CBE, MD: *Improved Treatments for Decompensated Liver Disease Including Liver Support Devices*
- 2001 Richard P. MacDermott, MD, FACP: *Immunology and Therapy of IBD*
- 2000 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Patients' Attitudes and Apprehensions About Endoscopy: Calming Troubled Waters*
- 1999 Marcia Angell, MD: *Evaluating Media Stories of Health Risk*
- 1998 Kees Huibregtse, MD: *The Endoscopic Approach to Benign Bile Duct Strictures and Leaks*
- 1997 David Wingate, MD: *Small Bowel Motility – Out of the Closet and into the Clinic*
- 1996 Guido Tytgat, MD: *Conditions Mimicking Crohn's Disease*
- 1995 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: *Peptic Ulcer Disease: The Rest of the Story*
- 1994 Eugene R. Schiff, MD, FACP: *Long Term Treatment of Chronic Viral C Hepatitis*
- 1993 Jerome Kassirer, MD, FACP: *Making Decisions with Patients: Fixing the Flaws*
- 1992 Willis C. Maddrey, MD, FACP: *Chronic Hepatitis – 1992*
- 1991 Robert H. Blank, MD: *Rationing Medicine: Hard Choices in the 1990's*
- 1990 Vay Liang Go, MD: *Brain-Gut Interaction: Relevance to Clinical Gastroenterology*
- 1989 Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock: *Liver Disease – The Next Decade*
- 1988 Thomas Almy, MD (Hon.): *The Gastroenterologist and The Graying of America*
- 1987 John Fordtran, MD, FACP (Hon.): *Recent Insights into the Pathogenesis of Chronic Diarrhea*

- 1986 Henry D. Janowitz, MD, FACP: *The Natural History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Therapeutic Decisions*
- 1985 Norton J. Greenberger, MD, FACP (Hon.): *Pathophysiological Approach to the Patient with a Diarrheal Disorder*
- 1984 Henri Sarles, MD: *Management of Pain in Chronic Pancreatitis*
- 1983 Denis P. Burkitt, MD: *The Role of Fibre in the Prevention of Common Intestinal Disease*
- 1982 Howard A. Spiro, MD, FACP: *From Parsnips to Pomegranates – A Look Back at Gastroenterology*
- 1981 Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, FACP: *Clinical Perspectives of Gastric Secretion*
- 1980 Charles E. Code, MD, FACP (Hon.): *The Interdigestive Gastrointestinal Housekeeper*
- 1979 Baruch S. Blumberg, MD, FACP (Hon.): *The Relation Between HBsAG and Hepatic Carcinoma*
- 1978 Charles S. Lieber, MD, FACP: *Alcohol and the Liver: Progress Through 1978*
- 1977 Joseph B. Kirsner, MD, FACP (Hon.): *The Biomedical Problems Presented by Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- 1976 Basil C. Morson, MD, FACP (Hon.): *Biopsy of the Colon and Rectum in Inflammatory Disease*
- 1975 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACP (Hon.): *What Should Distinguish a Gastroenterologist?*
- 1974 Lloyd M. Nyhus, MD, FACP (Hon.): *New Frontiers in Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer*
- 1973 Henry L. Bockus, MD, FACP (Hon.): *The Doctor Image*
- 1972 Henry Colcher, MD, FACP: *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 1972*
- 1971 Irving M. Arias, MD, FACP (Hon.): *Jaundice-1972*
- 1970 Hans Popper, MD, FACP (Hon.): *The Problem of Hepatitis*
- 1969 Richard H. Marshak, MD, FACP: *Ulcerative Granulomas and Ischemic Colitis*
- 1968 David A. Dreiling, MD, FACP: *Basic Mechanism in Pancreatic Secretion*

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- 2024 Christine A. Sinsky, MD, MACP: *Creating a Manageable Cockpit for Physicians*
- 2023 Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACP: *In With the New, While Managing the Old: How to Care for the Changing Face of Those With Liver Disease*
- 2022 Sanjiv Chopra, MD: *The Two Most Important Days: Reflections on Lasting Happiness and Living With Purpose*

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- 2021 Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG: *Colon Polyps: Going and Gone*
- 2020 Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), FAGC: *Cardio gastroenterology: Intersectional Thinking to Meet New Clinical Needs*
- 2019 Miguel D. Regueiro, MD, FAGC: *The IBD Medical Home and Neighborhood: It Takes a Village*
- 2018 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG: *Translational Approaches to Common GI Diseases... Thinking Out of the Box...The Future is Now!*
- 2017 Gary W. Falk, MD, MS, FAGC: *Screening and Surveillance of Barrett's Esophagus: Where Are We Now and What Does the Future Hold?*
- 2016 Nicholas J. Talley, MD, MBBS, PhD, MMedSci, FAGC: *Functional Disease of the Gastrointestinal Tract: Is There a Light at the End of the Tunnel?*
- 2015 William D. Chey, MD, FAGC: *Food: The Main Course to Disease and Wellness*
- 2014 Thomas A. Scully, JD: *The Cloudy Future for Physicians: Reimbursement and Practice Changes in the Post-ACA Era*
- 2013 Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH: *Gastroenterology and Public Health in the Era of Health Reform*
- 2012 Douglas A. Drossman, MD, MACG: *Helping Your Patient by Helping Yourself: How to Improve the Patient-Physician Relationship*
- 2011 Gregory B. Haber, MD, FAGC: *Challenges in ERCP—Lessons Learned*
- 2010 Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FAGC: *Détente in the Therapy of GERD*
- 2009 Fergus Shanahan, MD, FAGC: *Gut Microbes: From Bugs to Drugs*
- 2008 William J. Sandborn, MD, FAGC: *The Future Direction of IBD Care*
- 2007 H. Worth Boyce, Jr., MD, MACG: *Esophageal Dilatation: A Perspective of 45 Years of Experience: Pearls, Perils and Pitfalls*
- 2006 Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FAGC: *Natural Office Transgastric Endoscopic Surgery: Dawn of a New Era*
- 2005 Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG: *Optimizing the Impact and Safety of Colonoscopy in Colon Cancer Prevention*
- 2004 Richard L. Sampliner, MD, FAGC: *Current Controversies in Barrett's Esophagus*
- 2003 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Superior Mesenteric Arterial Emboli and Acute Mesenteric Ischemia: An Update*
- 2002 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FAGC: *The Differential Diagnosis of Colitis*

- 2001 Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FAGC: *Chronic Diarrhea*
- 2000 Teresa Wright, MD: *Hepatitis C in the Next Decade*
- 1999 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FAGC: *New Therapies for the Treatment of IBD*
- 1998 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: *Treatment of H. pylori – 1998*
- 1997 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, FAGC: *Alcoholic Liver Disease*
- 1996 Rodger Haggitt, MD, FAGC: *Dysplasia in Ulcerative Colitis: A 20-Year Odyssey*
- 1995 David Skinner, MD: *Esophageal Surgery – 1995*
- 1994 Thomas Starzl, MD: *Gastrointestinal Organ Transplantation for the 1990s – An Outcome Analysis. Can We Afford the Technology in the Era of Cost Containment?*
- 1993 Cyrus E. Rubin, MD, FAGC: *Small Bowel Pathology*
- 1992 Peter Cotton, MD, FAGC: *Malignant Obstructive Jaundice: A Real Challenge*
- 1991 Sum P. Lee, MD, FAGC: *Pathophysiology of Gallstone Formation: Romancing the Stone*
- 1990 Marvin Sleisenger, MD: *GI Diseases in the Immunocompromised Host*
- 1989 Laszlo Safrany, MD, FAGC: *Bile Ducts, Common Duct Stones, and Pancreatitis*
- 1988 Scott J. Boley, MD: *Colon Ischemia – The First 25 Years*
- 1987 William Y. Chey, MD, FAGC: *Ulcerogenic Tumor Syndrome in 1987*
- 1986 David H. Van Thiel, MD, FAGC: *Liver Transplant – The Role of the Gastroenterologist*
- 1985 James W. Freston, MD, FAGC: *The Therapy of Peptic Ulcer Disease: Where are We?*
- 1984 Henri Sarles, MD: *Pathogenesis of Alcoholic Chronic Pancreatitis – A Secretory Concept*
- 1983 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FAGC: *The Clinical Trial*
- 1982 Sidney J. Winawer, MD, FAGC: *Surveillance of GI Cancer*
- 1981 Paul D. Webster, III, MD, FAGC: *Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis*
- 1980 Paul Sherlock, MD, FAGC: *Current Concepts of the Epidemiology and Etiology of Colorectal Cancer*
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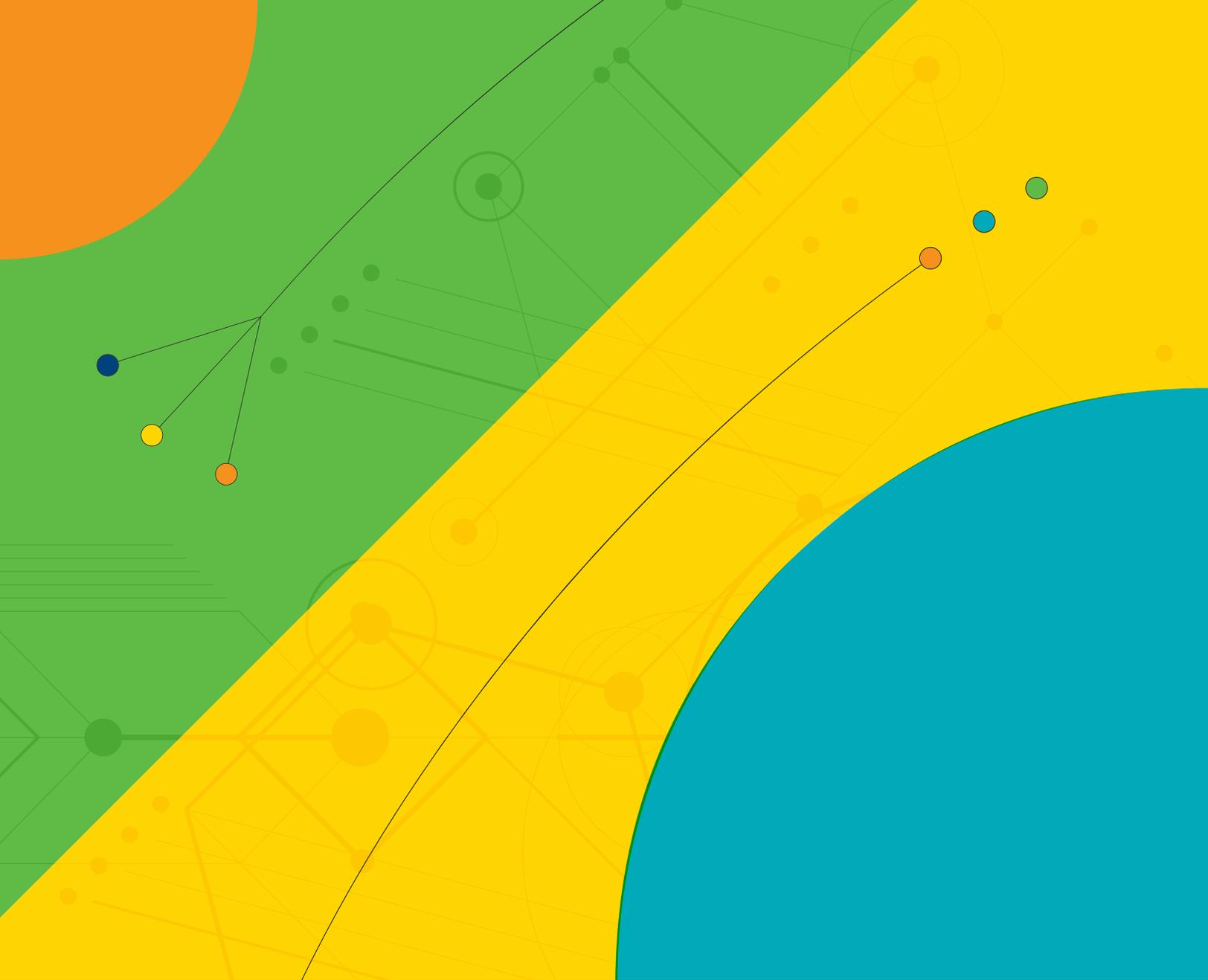
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