



ACG AWARDS & LEADERSHIP

Celebrating Achievement

2025-2026



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The Year in Review: 2025-2026

ACG: Your Home for Trusted, Evidence-Based Information

Headlines are misleading. Patients consume health information from untrustworthy sources. What's a gastroenterologist to do?

Gastroenterologists are key players in combating misinformation, particularly since health misinformation frequently involves digestive “cures” that are ineffective or worse, dangerous. ACG is your home for the latest evidence-based clinical guidance, information, and resources, supporting you in bringing reliable information and excellent care to your patients. In 2026, the College embarked on several new initiatives to deliver evidence-based information to our members and the public.

To support our advanced practice provider (APP) members' skills development and continuing education, in January the College launched the APP Academy for Clinical Excellence, a first-of-its-kind longitudinal learning platform. The modules are developed by GI experts and incorporate evidence-based guidelines into the curriculum. ACG also published clinical guidelines on Hepatic Encephalopathy, Diverticulitis, and Adenomatous Colorectal Polypoid Syndromes—with accompanying Guideline Highlights—to support members in providing the most up-to-date care.

In March, we shared facts about colorectal cancer risk, screening, and prevention by leading a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month media tour, pairing GI expert members with local and national TV and radio stations. ACG Advocacy Day brought members to Congress, sharing patient and physician concerns with representatives and senators, educating about key healthcare issues, and urging support for bills to address colonoscopy as a preventive service and cuts to Medicare reimbursement.

The cover story in the summer issue of ACG Magazine addressed the reality that our patients are consuming health information from an abundance of sources, many of them unreliable, and offered strategies to provide your patients with accurate information and help dispel myths and misunderstandings.

Following the evidence, ACG expressed concern with the recent American Cancer Society recommendation of blood-based colorectal cancer screening tests as a “not preferred” option. The College understands that the nuance of this narrow recommendation will often be lost in overly simplistic and misleading headlines. Substituting a “preferred” test for a blood-based test poses serious risks to patients due to its low sensitivity for detecting precancerous polyps and early-stage cancers. Following this recommendation, ACG will continue to educate patients and the broadening pool of healthcare professionals who are advising patients on CRC screening.

ACG is here to support you in keeping up with the latest clinical recommendations and treatments and providing accurate, up-to-date information to your patients.

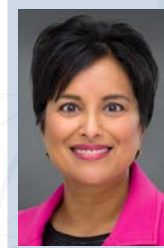
In a sea of questionable sources, the water may be muddy, but you clear things up by filtering out health misinformation for your patients.

LEADERSHIP

ACG's strength is in its membership and the leaders who rise to advance the College's mission and support its growth. These exceptional clinicians volunteer their time, talents, expertise, and passion to benefit the College's members. ACG's scope and effectiveness are made possible by the dedication and commitment of its Officers and Trustees, Board of Governors, and Committee Chairs. ACG thanks those who serve as faculty for our educational programs, editors and reviewers for our journals and publications, representatives for ACG and GI across medicine, advocates before legislators and policymakers, and ACG committee members.

Thank You to Institute Director Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), MACG

The College expresses gratitude to Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), MACG, for her tenure as Director of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education from 2021–2026. Under Dr. Abraham's leadership, the College established the Center for Leadership, Ethics, and Equity (the LE&E Center); ACG's leadership programs expanded into the comprehensive Leadership YOU model; and the Institute awarded its highest single-year research funding total of \$3 million in 2026. Thank you to Dr. Abraham for her steadfast commitment to the ACG Institute and for ushering in a new era of leadership training and research excellence.



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



John S. Goff, MD, FACP
(Colorado)



Hetal A. Karsan, MD, FACP
(Georgia)

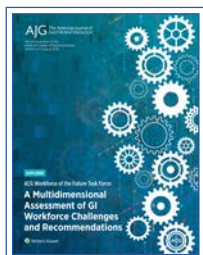
Outgoing Governors Recognized for Service to ACG

The College wishes to thank ACG Board of Governors Chair Sita Chokhavatia, MD, MACG, for her service leading this talented group of physician advocates, as well as the outgoing Governors, John S. Goff, MD, FACP (Colorado), and Hetal A. Karsan, MD, FACP (Georgia), for their commitment and hard work.

WORKFORCE

ACG Workforce Task Force Recommendations

The ACG Workforce Task Force was formed as a presidential initiative of ACG Immediate Past President Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACP, MACG, and continued under ACG President William D. Chey, MD, MACG. Dr. Oxentenko recognized that the GI workforce is changing as physicians retire, an aging population requires more care, and physician and APP distribution challenges cause strain on GI clinicians. Members of the Task Force worked diligently to conduct research and make recommendations that cover policy, as well as training, education, APP integration, and more, and the recommendations were published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.



➡ Read the recommendations: bit.ly/acg-workforce-report

●●● PUBLIC POLICY

Pushing Back on ACS' CRC Screening Blood Test Recommendation

In May, the American Cancer Society released its updated colorectal cancer (CRC) screening guideline, which now recommends blood-based tests as a “not preferred” screening option for a limited group of patients who decline or do not complete a preferred test (e.g., direct visualization like colonoscopy or stool-based tests). ACG is concerned that clinicians and patients may not fully understand this nuanced recommendation, leading some to select a lower-performing CRC screening test, and issued a statement voicing these concerns.

➡ Read the statement: bit.ly/acg-acg-guidelines-2026

ACG Advocacy Day

On April 16, 2026, more than 100 ACG leaders representing 46 states and 124 congressional districts came to Washington, DC, to make their voices heard. Across more than 200 meetings with Representatives and Senators, physician advocates from ACG's Board of Governors, Board of Trustees, Early Career Leadership Program, Legislative & Public Policy Council, National Affairs Action Network Council, and Past Presidents delivered a clear message: gastroenterologists and their patients need Congress to act.

The highlight of the day was our annual luncheon, where five Members of Congress and two senior congressional staff offered candid perspectives on the current health policy landscape and how to best engage with Congress. What struck the advocates most about the luncheon was not just the breadth of perspectives in the room, but the consistency of one message across all of them: physician voices matter on Capitol Hill, and they are not heard nearly enough.

The legislators spoke directly to how much they rely on clinicians to help them understand how policies play out in the real world—in our endoscopy suites, in patient exam rooms, on the phone with insurers, and in rural communities where access to a gastroenterologist can be limited. While elected officials can read a policy brief, it is not nearly as impactful as a physician sitting across from them or their staff and saying, *“This is how my patients in your district are affected.”*



Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA) speaking at the
ACG Advocacy Day Luncheon



March Seabrook, MD, FACP,
with Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)

Men's Health Caucus

On June 4, 2026, the bipartisan Congressional Men's Health Caucus held its first-ever Men's Health Conference on Capitol Hill and ACG was honored to play a leading role. ACG President-Elect Costas H. Kefalas, MD, MMM, MS-PopH, FACP, moderated the conference's panel on preventive screenings—a discussion that put colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, and heart disease in front of members of Congress, their staff, patient advocates, and health industry leaders.

“For colorectal cancer and so many other health conditions, and especially during Men's Health Month, it's crucial to meet men where they are and focus on the power of screening, prevention, and making healthy choices,” Dr. Kefalas said. He was joined on the panel by ACG Trustee James Hobley, MD, FACP. Also in attendance at the conference were ACG Trustee Patrick E. Young, MD, MACP, FACP, and Public Relations Committee Chair Reezwana Chowdhury, MD, FACP.

●●● PUBLIC POLICY, *continued*

Men's Health Caucus, continued

The takeaway message was simple: too many men go unscreened for preventable, treatable diseases and everyone has a role in combating stigma around seeking help. ACG is grateful to Caucus Co-Chairs Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA) and Rep. Rich McCormick, MD (R-GA), for their leadership and commitment to ensuring prevention and early detection are on the congressional agenda.



ACG President-Elect Dr. Costas Kefalas addresses the ACG Advocacy Day participants



L-R: Dr. Young, Dr. Hobley, former NBA player Harvey Grant, Dr. Kefalas, Dr. Chowdhury, ACG Executive Director Bradley Stillman, JD



L-R: Dr. Chowdhury, Dr. Hobley, Dr. Young, Dr. Kefalas

●●● EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

APP Academy for Clinical Excellence



In January 2026, the College proudly launched ACG's APP Academy for Clinical Excellence, a first-of-its-kind longitudinal learning platform specifically designed for APPs in gastroenterology and hepatology. The Academy is an enrollment-based comprehensive learning experience designed to support professional growth, demonstrate competence, and foster lifelong learning and interprofessional collaboration. Access to the Academy is a FREE benefit to all ACG APP Members. The platform offers AAPA-approved CME credit and CE credit through ACCME.

➡ appacademy.gi.org

ACG 2026 Abstract Review

In June 2026, the ACG Educational Affairs Committee and its Chair, Raman V. Muthusamy, MD, FACG, selected the strongest clinical abstracts and educational sessions for the ACG 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting in Nashville, TN. A record number of abstracts were submitted for ACG 2026! The selected abstracts will be presented as oral and poster presentations, providing the GI community with updates on the latest advances, approaches, and recommendations.

ACG GI Circle



The ACG GI Circle is a private professional online networking community where member physicians and other healthcare providers can collaborate with their colleagues, gain valuable insights on challenging patient cases, and share the latest research, treatment options, and other hot topics. In early 2026, ACG integrated the formerly standalone ACG IBD Circle under the ACG GI Circle—centralizing all topic-specific discussions under one umbrella and further supporting multidisciplinary conversations.

➡ gi.org/gi-circle-communities



Raman V. Muthusamy, MD, FACG
Chair, Educational Affairs

●●● EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS, *continued*



Obesity and Metabolic Disorders School

In late 2025, the College established an Obesity and Metabolic Disorders School to accompany regional courses, in keeping with the rapid development of medical therapies to manage metabolic disorders and obesity. This day-long interactive educational program combines the complexities and rapidly evolving options for medical and endoscopic management and was introduced at the ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course in Williamsburg, VA, in August 2026.

ACG Virtual Grand Rounds

The weekly Virtual Grand Rounds (VGR) webinar series continues to provide opportunities for busy clinicians to access free clinical education every Thursday at Noon and 8:00 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. All past VGRs become part of the ACG Education Universe online learning platform. Since March 2020, the College has hosted 549 webinars, generating more than 100,000 in total attendance.

➡ Learn more and explore upcoming webinars at gi.org/ACGVGR.

●●● JOURNALS & PUBLICATIONS

The American Journal of Gastroenterology

The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG) is ACG's flagship scientific journal, publishing timely clinical research in GI and hepatology including clinical guidelines, original research, review articles, editorials, videos, supplementary issues, and more.

ACG Clinical Guidelines

ACG clinical guidelines are developed through the College's Practice Parameters Committee and published in *AJG*. Between October 2025 and September 2026, the College published three ACG clinical guidelines and two joint-society publications:

- Hepatic Encephalopathy
- Colonic Diverticulitis
- Diagnosis and Management of Adenomatous Colorectal Polypoid Syndromes

Guideline Highlights summaries were developed for each guideline. These one-page resources capture key takeaways and are reviewed by the respective guideline authors.

➡ View guidelines, highlights, and podcasts at gi.org/guidelines.

Joint-Society Publications

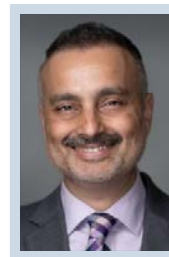
- Quality Indicators for ERCP
- 2026 CPT® Coding Updates

AJG Becomes a Signatory of DORA



In October 2025, the editors of *AJG* bolstered their commitment to research integrity by signing on to the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), which promotes responsible research assessment by moving toward a more comprehensive, fair, and transparent assessment of research quality and impact.

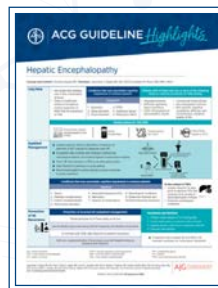
➡ Learn more: sfdora.org



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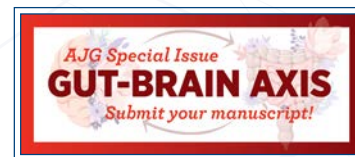
JOURNALS & PUBLICATIONS, *continued*

Special Issues



In April, a special issue, “AI Clinical Applications in GI and Hepatology,” featured a collection of articles, guidelines, and reviews centered on artificial intelligence and its emerging role in GI care. The *AJG* Editorial Board recently completed a call for manuscripts for a special issue, Prevention in GI, and announced a call for papers for a special issue on Gut-Brain Interactions Across Digestive and Liver Diseases.

➡ View the announcement: gi.org/call-for-papers



Clinical & Translational Gastroenterology

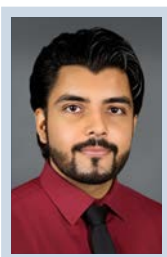
Brian Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACP, completes his term as *CTG* Editor-in-Chief at the end of 2026. Under his leadership, the journal moved from a single-blind to a double-blind review process, *CTG*'s impact factor rose from 3.0 to 3.6 in a single year, and the journal established a collaboration with the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), publishing quarterly papers from WGO initiatives and important papers. We recognize Dr. Jacobson's service to the College and its scholarly journals and thank him for his role in elevating *CTG*'s reputation and growing the journal's international reach.



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



Daniyal Abbas, MD
ACGCRJ Co-Editor-in-Chief



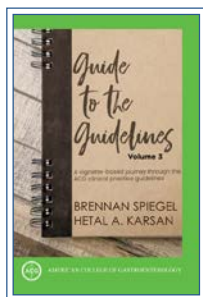
Dushyant Dahiya, MD
ACGCRJ Co-Editor-in-Chief

ACG Case Reports Journal

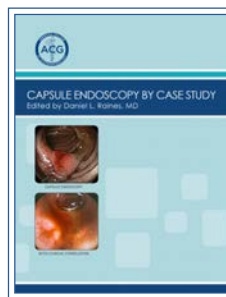
Under the leadership of 2025–2026 *ACGCRJ* Co-Editors-in-Chief Daniyal Abbas, MD, and Dushyant Dahiya, MD, the editorial board scaled up production of Behind the Case podcasts to two each month. New this year were three internal medicine residents who served as *ACGCRJ* Social Media Ambassadors, taking charge of the @ACGCRJ handle on X and sharing interesting cases, image challenges, and more.

➡ They published a reflection on their experience in the journal in June 2026:
bit.ly/crj-sm-reflection

Books



Guide to the Guidelines, Vol. 3, launched at ACG 2025, completing the set of three books by co-authors Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACP, and Hetal A. Karsan, MD, FACP. Volume 3 focuses on pancreaticobiliary and liver topics, complete with vignettes and author commentary providing practical application of the guideline recommendations.



Capsule Endoscopy by Case Study, Vol. 2, was also released at ACG 2025 and presents video capsule endoscopy (VCE) studies expertly curated by Daniel L. Raines, MD, FACP. This case-based approach equips readers with essential interpretive skills for VCE and a comprehensive knowledge base in small bowel pathology. Each case is accompanied by expert commentary to aid in interpretation and clinical insight.

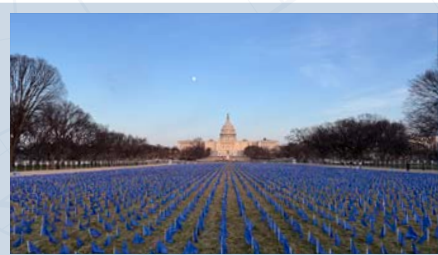
➡ Both books (and more) are available in the ACG Store: members.gi.org/store

●●● COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

This year, ACG's CRC Awareness Month activities included patient advocacy, volunteerism, media engagement, and fun activities to bring our primary message to the public: if you are age 45 or older and at average risk, get screened for colorectal cancer. Throughout the year, ACG offers patient handouts and social media images to educate patients about the importance of CRC screening and prevention.

➡ Explore patient handouts, including translations into many languages: bit.ly/ACG-CRC-toolkit

In March 2026, ACG led a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month radio and television media tour, pairing GI experts with local and national TV and news outlets to share messages about the importance of CRC screening and prevention. These spots appeared on ABC, CBS, and NBC affiliate stations, as well as SiriusXM Doctor Radio and many local media outlets. Thank you to the members who volunteered their time and efforts for this initiative!



ACG members and staff volunteered at Fight CRC's United in Blue installation in Washington, DC, for the fifth year in a row. Each of the 27,000+ blue flags planted on the National Mall represented a person under age 50 projected to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer by 2030. This powerful backdrop set the stage for Fight CRC's Call on Congress advocacy event.

ACG staff joined the GI community in celebrating Dress in Blue Day on March 6, 2026! Our social media feeds were full of #DressinBlueDay enthusiasm and the message was clear: if you're 45 or older and at average risk, get screened for colorectal cancer!



Again in 2026, Dr. Benjamin Levy led and organized Tune It Up: A Concert to Raise Colorectal Cancer Awareness, a virtual concert that pairs musical performances with CRC screening and prevention messages.

➡ View a recording of this year's concert at gi.org/concert.

●●● ACG INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Many of the strongest initiatives within the College are administered through the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education. Through its Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity, the Institute supports education, scholarship, and leadership for ACG members at all career stages. The Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships (EAVP) offer a unique educational opportunity for GI fellows to learn from national experts and have one-on-one conversations. The visits designated with a Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity & Ethical Care create awareness around issues and challenges in delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision making.



Institute In Focus 2026-2027 reports on myriad activities and accomplishments while sharing key program deadlines and upcoming highlights.

➔ bit.ly/acg-institute-26



In 2026, the Institute awarded a record-breaking \$3 million to support outstanding clinical research in gastroenterology. Award totals doubled for the Clinical Research and Pilot Awards to \$100,000 and \$30,000, respectively. Since 1994, the ACG Institute has supported 788 investigators with more than \$37.2 million in funding.

2026 ACG Institute Clinical Research Awards

2026 ACG Junior Faculty Development Grant



Katie A. Dunleavy, MD
Massachusetts General Hospital
Lifestyle Determinants and Dietary Modulation of the Bile Acid-Microbiome Axis to Reduce Pouch Inflammation in Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease



Justin T. Field, MD
University of California, San Francisco
Prevalence and Determinants of Anal HSIL in Patients With Perianal Crohn's Disease



Corey J. Ketchum, MD, MSCE
Northwestern University
Defining Optimal Therapeutic and Dilation Strategies in Eosinophilic Esophagitis Using AI and Real-World Data



Sheila Rustgi, MD
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Novel Approaches to Early Detection of Gastrointestinal Cancer for BRCA Carriers



Yee Hui Yeo, MD, MSc
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation
SOBER-VR: An AI-Powered Virtual Reality Brief Intervention for Hospitalized Patients With Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease

2026 ACG Institute Clinical Research Awards, *continued*



2026 ACG Established Investigator Bridge Funding Award

Robert Huang, MD, MS
Stanford University
Comprehensive Characterization of the Oral-Gastric Microbial Axis Within the Gastric Precancerous Cascade



2026 ACG Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award

Lauren Nephew, MD, MSCE
Indiana University
HOME-HCC: Home-Based Blood-Based Screening to Improve Hepatocellular Carcinoma Surveillance Equity



2026 ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Kira Newman, MD, PhD
University of Michigan
Patient, Procedure, and Practice Differences Between Male and Female Endoscopists

➡ To see all 2026 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 tailored to a specific career stage. For the second year, the leadership programs convened for Leadership YOU from June 5-7, 2026, near Washington, DC. 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 participants and faculty

●●● 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 2026 NACGF Distinguished Achievement Awardees:

- Rebecca Yao, MD
- Michelle Russin, MD
- Tassiana Maloof, 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 2026 in Nashville, TN.

Chief Fellows Course

The two-day, in-person Chief Fellows Course serves as an engaging and motivating experience for trainees at the cusp of their careers. The course offers general sessions and creates space for Chief Fellows to network, engage in small group learning, role-play, and candidly discuss challenging situations. This year, the program doubled in size to host 120 rising chief fellows.

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 2026 ACG Summer Scholars! These promising medical students participated in a summer research experience in GI with their mentor:



Moises Correa

UNT Health – Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Mentor: Danny Issa, MD
UCLA



Jarett Wallerson

Howard University College of Medicine
Mentor: Jeremy Louissaint, MD
UT Southwestern



Rebecca Yao, MD; Michelle Russin, MD; and Tassiana Maloof, MD, (center) with ACG Trustees and Course Co-Directors Jill K.J. Gaidos, MD, FACP (L) and David J. Hass, MD, FACP (R)

In support of the Summer Scholars program, we invited the GI community to register and walk, run, or bike for ACG's #DiversityinGI Virtual 5K, which takes place around the time of the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting. Onsite at ACG 2025, early-bird runners gathered each morning for group runs in the beautiful Phoenix sunrise. The #DiversityinGI campaign promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion in GI, and sponsorship benefits the ACG Summer Scholars program. Thank you to Ironwood Pharmaceuticals for generously sponsoring the event in 2025.



●●● KUDOS & FUN

Supporting Women in Leadership, Globally

In November 2025, ACG Manager of Government Relations Angelica Duque attended the Reykjavík Global Forum and chaired the final panel. The meeting convenes women leaders from politics, business, civil society, academia, the arts, and media to share ideas and solutions on achieving gender equality and to promote and positively develop the number of women in leadership positions. Angelica is a member of the Reykjavík Global Foundation's Running Start mentorship program.



L-R: Anino Emuwa, PhD (100 Women @ Davos), Jackie Jones, MBA (Gates Foundation Gender Equity Division), Angelica Duque (ACG Manager of Government Relations), Kateryna Levchenko, JD (Commissioner on Gender Equality, Ukraine)

National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable

In November 2025, ACG communications and policy staff participated in the annual meeting of the American Cancer Society's National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (NCCRT). Vice President of Communications Brian Davis, Senior Communications Manager Becky Abel, and Communications Manager of Policy and Advocacy Gregory Kantor heard updates on the latest ACS data, best practices and approaches for CRC screening programs, survivor experiences, and storytelling to promote CRC awareness. They were joined by ACG Trustee Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC, who participated in a panel discussion, "The Impact of Screening at Age 45 and Future Directions."



L-R: Brian Davis (ACG Vice President of Communications), Gregory Kantor (ACG Communications Manager of Policy and Advocacy), Becky Abel (ACG Senior Communications Manager)

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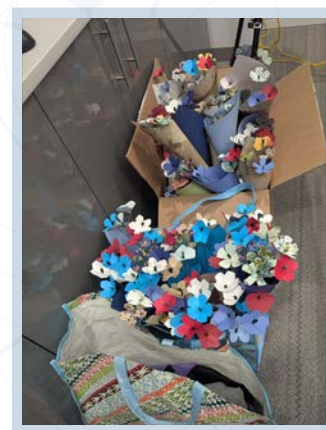


Representing ACG at the Council of Science Editors

ACG representation was strong at the Council of Science Editors Annual Meeting in Durham, NC, in May, where Becky Abel, Editorial Coordinator Angélica Bermúdez Caraballo, and Assistant Managing Editor Neen LeMaster learned strategies and best practices for ensuring editorial integrity, responsible use of AI in the publishing world, and increasing journal visibility. Becky and Director of Scholarly Publishing Claire Neumann co-authored a poster on ACG's approach for promoting guidelines and key articles, and Neen served on the program committee for the conference.

Hands-on Volunteering

Once per year, the full ACG staff convenes at ACG Headquarters in North Bethesda, MD, and contributes to a volunteer activity in support of a locally based cause. This year, the group volunteered with Capital Caring Health, a nonprofit, community-based organization and respected provider of advanced illness, hospice, and elder care. Staff assembled paper flower bouquets to provide a reminder to hospice patients and their families that someone is thinking of them and wants to brighten their day.



Cherry Blossom 10-Miler

Led by Immediate Past President Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACP, MACG, and recent GI fellowship graduate Kathryn Driggers, MD, several ACG members and staff took part in and volunteered at the 2026 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10-Mile Run in Washington, DC, in April. Dr. Driggers finished with an impressive time of 1:07:09!



LECTURESHIPS



2026 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.



Lin Chang, MD, FACC

Rome V in Practice – What’s New, What’s Changed, and What Matters Most

Lin Chang, MD, FACC, is a Professor of Medicine and Vice-Chief of the Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She is Director of the Walter and Shirley Wang Center for Integrative Digestive Health, Co-Director of the G. Oppenheimer Center for Neurobiology of Stress and Resilience, and Director of the Clinical Studies and Database Core for the Goodman-Luskin Microbiome Center at UCLA. She is also the Program Director of the UCLA Gastroenterology Fellowship Program.

Dr. Chang’s clinical and research expertise is in disorders of gut-brain interaction (DGBI), including irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), and specifically, the pathophysiology of IBS related to stress, early life adversity, sex differences, and epigenetic factors, and the treatment of IBS.

Dr. Chang serves on the Rome Foundation Board of Directors and previously served as President of the Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society (ANMS). She has served on several American College of Gastroenterology committees and was an Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* from 2010-2015. She is currently an Associate Editor of *Gastroenterology*.



Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG

The Evolving Landscape of Colorectal Cancer Screening in the U.S.

Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG, currently serves as the Robert M. and Mary H. Glickman Professor of Gastroenterology and Medicine,

Director of GI Outcomes Research, Program Director of

the KL2 Training Program and Co-Director of the K to R Program for the CTSI at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. She is also a staff physician at the Harbor NY VA Medical Center. Her areas of research include screening and long-term outcomes for colorectal cancer, noninvasive colorectal cancer screening and quality indicators for colonoscopy.

Dr. Shaukat is a highly regarded clinician, distinguished epidemiologist, and prolific researcher. She has published extensively on colorectal cancer screening, prevention, and quality indicators for colonoscopy. She has pioneered some of the foundational studies on the reduction in morbidity and mortality related to colon cancer screening and, most recently, served as the 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 federally funded.

Dr. Shaukat was the PI on clinical trials to study the role of artificial intelligence in colonoscopy and clinical validation of blood-based colon cancer screening tests. Her current work is also focused on improving colon cancer screening rates among Native American, Black, and other underserved populations at FQHCs.

Dr. Shaukat has been a role model and mentor to many medical students, trainees, and early career faculty across the U.S., especially for women in gastroenterology. Her trainees, mentees, and colleagues commend her for her approachability, willingness to help, and strong research skills.

Dr. Shaukat has served on numerous American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) committees. She was ACG Governor for Minnesota from 2013-2018 and was a member of the ACG Institute Board of Directors from 2020-2023. She serves as a Senior Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and is a member of the ACG Board of Trustees.

2026 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.

2026 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.



Allison R. Schulman, MD, MPH, FACC

Modern Advanced Endoscopy – Looking Back to Move Forward

Allison Schulman, MD, MPH, FACC, is a Clinical Professor at the University of Michigan, dually appointed in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and the Department of Surgery. She received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and her medical degree from Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City, where she was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Medical Honor Society. She received a Master's in Public Health (MPH) at Harvard University. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. Following residency training, Dr. Schulman completed fellowship in Gastroenterology and went on to complete two additional fellowships in Bariatric Endoscopy followed by Advanced/Therapeutic Endoscopy. All of her training was at Harvard/Brigham and Women's Hospital. She joined faculty at the University of Michigan in 2017 and was appointed Director of Bariatric Endoscopy and later Chief of Endoscopy in 2023.

Dr. Schulman's research has focused on endoscopic management of obesity and device development/innovation in therapeutic endoscopy. She is specifically interested in the management of complications following bariatric surgery, primary endoscopic therapy for obesity, and therapeutic endoscopic ultrasound (EUS). She also has interests in interventional hepatology and ERCP.

Dr. Schulman has received numerous awards and honors both locally and nationally. She is on committees through many gastroenterology and surgical societies and is the Immediate Past Chair of the Association of Bariatric Endoscopy (ABE/ASGE). Dr. Schulman is currently an Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.



Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG

Why Doctors Will Not Be Replaced – The Future of Humanistic Medicine in an AI-Driven World

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. He also leads the Master's Degree Program in Health Systems Science and oversees the Center for Virtual Medicine and Health System Innovation, a multidisciplinary group that designs and tests digital tools to improve the delivery of medical care.

Dr. Spiegel's work spans medicine, behavioral science, and emerging technology. His team collaborates with clinicians, engineers, and computer scientists to study how tools like biosensors, virtual reality, and generative AI can improve clinical outcomes and strengthen the therapeutic bond between patients and providers. His team helped define the field of Medical Extended Reality (Med XR) and built one of the largest, most widely studied clinical VR programs in the world.

He has published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers, including studies in *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Nature Digital Medicine*, *JAMA Network Open*, and *JAMA Surgery*, and authored eight medical textbooks. He published the book *VRx: How Immersive Therapeutics Will Revolutionize Medicine* (Basic Books, NY, NY), which was named by *Wired Magazine* as one of its top 8 science books of 2020, and most recently published *PULL: How Gravity Shapes Your Body, Steadies the Mind, and Guides Our Health* (St. Martin's Press, NY, NY), which introduces the field of biogravitational medicine. He is founding editor of the *Journal of Medical Extended Reality (J Med XR)* and is the past Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. His research has been funded by the NIH, VA, PCORI, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the State of California.

Dr. Spiegel continues to practice clinical medicine and teaches graduate courses in digital health science, health analytics, and cost-effectiveness at Cedars-Sinai and UCLA. He was among the first group of clinical researchers to examine the gastrointestinal manifestations of COVID-19. A prolific speaker, Dr. Spiegel is frequently invited to present on his areas of expertise at national and international events.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Tufts University, his medical degree from New York Medical College where he received Alpha Omega Alpha honors, and his master's from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Cedars-Sinai and his gastroenterology fellowship at UCLA Medical Center.

Dr. Spiegel served on several American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) committees and was Chair of the ACG Research Committee from 2012-2015. He served on the ACG Board of Trustees from 2015-2021 and is currently the ACG Governor for Southern California A.

2026 ACG Trailblazer Lecturer

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).

2026 *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* Lecturer

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.



Arun J. Sanyal, MD

MASH as a Pathway to Overall Metabolic Health

Arun J. Sanyal, MD, is a Professor of Medicine, Physiology, and Molecular Pathology in the Division of Gastroenterology at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia. He is ranked in the top 0.1% of all biomedical scientists and had about 12,000 citations in 2022. At VCU, he is currently the Director of the Stravitz-Sanyal Institute for Liver Disease and Metabolic Health.

Dr. Sanyal serves as Chairman of the NIH NASH Clinical Research Network, the NIMBLE consortium, and the Liver Forum for NASH and fibrosis. His research interests include all aspects of NAFLD and NASH as well as complications of end-stage liver disease. He has served on numerous advisory boards to pharmaceutical companies and the liver center at Yale University. He chaired the hepatobiliary pathophysiology study section of the NIH and was a founding member of the Hepatology committee of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Sanyal served as Secretary as well as President of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD). He has authored more than 450 articles in publications such as *Cell Metabolism*, *Nature Medicine*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *Gastroenterology*, *Hepatology*, and the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, and has an H-index of 154. He has been continuously funded by the NIH since 1995 and is the principal investigator of four active NIH grants.

He is the recipient of the Distinguished Mentorship Award from the American Gastroenterological Association and the Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from the American Liver Foundation in 2017 and the Distinguished Achievement Award from the AASLD in 2018.

AWARDS



2026 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.



Joseph A. Murray, MD, FACG

Joseph A. Murray, MD, FACG, is the John and Shirley Berry Professorship of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Professor of Medicine and a Consultant with a joint appointment in Immunology and Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He earned his medical degree from the National University of Ireland, in Galway, Ireland and completed his fellowship in Gastroenterology at

the University of Iowa, in Iowa City, Iowa. Dr. Murray's training in gastroenterology, population health, as well as his broad experience in clinical, translational, population and basic research provides him with a wide-ranging perspective of the discipline of gastroenterology and most specifically in celiac disease.

Dr. Murray has particular experience studying the mucosal responses to luminal antigens, particularly food-derived antigens, but more recently, microbial antigens. He brings this experience, derived from both bedside and bench, to bear on the design of studies and to assist his colleagues in the experimental design, analysis, and interpretation of results. Dr. Murray runs a busy clinical practice and clinical trials devoted to celiac disease providing access to biospecimens suitable for this research. He also leads a celiac disease registry that collects and archives biospecimens with relevant metadata from patients with celiac disease.

Dr. Murray has published over 400 original articles primarily on the topics of celiac disease, malabsorption, esophageal disease, and esophageal physiology. He served as a Senior Associate Editor of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* from 2010-2015. He has also participated in guideline development and has been the senior author on guidelines related to celiac disease. He has also been an active participant in the American Gastroenterological Association Clinical Practice Update Committee as well as co-authoring two of the AGA clinical updates both of which were published in *Gastroenterology*.

Dr. Murray's training in gastroenterology, population health, as well as his broad experience in clinical, translational, population and basic research provides him with a wide-ranging perspective of the discipline of gastroenterology and most specifically in celiac disease. Dr. Murray has been engaged in patient care and research in celiac disease for more than 30 years.



Jean C. Fox, MD

Jean C. Fox, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She earned her medical degree from the State University of New York Upstate Medical University in Syracuse and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She then returned

to Syracuse to complete her fellowship in Gastroenterology before pursuing advanced fellowship training in gastrointestinal motility at Mayo Clinic Rochester.

This year marks Dr. Fox's 25th year on staff at Mayo Clinic, where she has built a distinguished and thriving clinical practice focused on the care of patients with complex gastrointestinal motility disorders and disorders of gut-brain interaction. In addition to her specialty practice, she performs endoscopy regularly and is deeply committed to education, mentoring medical students, residents, and fellows in both general gastroenterology and motility clinics.

Beyond her clinical and educational responsibilities, Dr. Fox has served as the Associate Chair for Belonging in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology for the past four years. In this leadership role, she has worked to foster an inclusive and supportive culture where all team members feel valued and empowered to bring their authentic selves to work.

Throughout her career, Dr. Fox has kept patient care at the center of everything she does. She is also a passionate advocate for education, community engagement, and health equity. She founded and continues to lead the DREAM Program, which provides students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine and science with immersive summer learning opportunities at Mayo Clinic. Her commitment to community health is reflected in numerous initiatives, including an annual colon cancer awareness campaign in partnership with local barbershops, efforts promoting food as medicine through the cultivation of a community vegetable garden for individuals experiencing homelessness, and educational outreach programs that teach local youth about healthy eating, gastrointestinal health, and stress management through community basketball events.

Dr. Fox is dedicated to celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the Rochester community and to creating opportunities that broaden access to education, mentorship, and healthcare awareness.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Fox has been married to her husband, Henry, for 28 years and is the proud mother of three remarkable sons. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, tending her chickens, spending time in nature with family and friends, and weightlifting.

2026 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 underserved schools related to health education; and political work on committees for comprehensive health insurance or other issues.

2026 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 2026, this award is being given to the following two individuals.



Guilherme G. Macedo, MD, PhD, MACG

Guilherme Macedo, MD, PhD, MACG, FASGE, AGAF, FAASLD, FNYSGE, is the Director of the Gastroenterology Department in Hospital São Joao where he holds the Chair of Gastroenterology Department as Invited Full Professor at University of Porto Faculty of Medicine, Porto, Portugal, also hosting the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO) Gastroenterology and Hepatology Training Center that he founded and is leading. Prof. Macedo received his medical degree from the University of Porto in 1983 and earned a PhD conducting research on cytokines and liver diseases. He completed fellowships in Portal Hypertension at Hôpital Beaujon, Clichy, France, and at the Klinikum Universität, Freiburg, Germany.

His main Clinical and Research interests are in Hepatology and in Endoscopy where he has been involved in pioneer projects in EndoHepatology and developing extensive works with Capsule Endoscopy, Endoscopic Ultrasound, and Cholangioscopy. He launched the inception of a Precision Medicine Unit in his Department which fostered the application and development of artificial intelligence tools in these areas constituting a unique ground field for exploring and inventing new pathways in gastroenterology and digestive endoscopy. He has published over 550 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Prof. Macedo's passion for education is reflected not only in his vast experience in teaching students at the Faculty of Medicine in Porto for 33 years (including his 5 year tenure in Minho University School of Medicine, Braga) but also in extensive postgraduate training and mentoring, where he devoted a significant part of his time in developing training programs and guidance to dozens of trainees, young specialists, international residents, and fellows at his department/training center. With particular emphasis on the concepts of improving technical and non-technical skills, he has been instrumental in planning and organizing prolific educational activities, nationally and internationally. Many of his mentees developed independent and highly successful clinical and academic careers.

Prof. Macedo's efforts led to enhanced cooperation between the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and WGO, supporting global projects, such as the Train the Trainers Program and Training Centers development. He served as President of WGO Foundation and President of WGO (2021-2023). During this tenure he created the Globe Trotter Program (outreach towards GI societies all around the world), the WGO IBD Committee, and launched the Academy, aiming a global platform for education to provide free access to GI knowledge.

Prof. Macedo served as the ACG Governor for Portugal from 2007-2013 and again from 2022-the present, and has served on both the ACG International Relations Committee and Membership Committee.

He was President of the Portuguese Societies of Hepatology, Endoscopy, and Gastroenterology and has received 40 national honors and awards. In October 2015 he received the ACG's International Leadership Award in Gastroenterology and in 2022 was awarded Master of the American College of Gastroenterology.

His wide range of personal interests and dedication include not only soccer but several disciplines of humanities (movies, pop art, music, and architecture). He has been blessed with everlasting support from his family (wife, three children, and three grandsons), faithful friends, and a Bernese Mountain dog.



Kathryn A. Peterson, MD, MS

Kathryn Peterson, MD, MS, is a Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic Florida. She completed her medical degree at UT Southwestern, followed by residency and fellowship training at the University of Utah. She later earned a Master's in Epidemiology from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Dr. Peterson spent the majority of her residency and faculty career at the University of Utah, where she had the privilege of working alongside exceptional colleagues and mentors, including Dr. Scott Kuwada and Dr. John C. Fang. She began her career as clinical faculty and went on to serve as the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program Director for approximately five years.

Over time, Dr. Peterson transitioned her focus toward investigative work. For more than a decade, her research has centered on eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases (EGIDs). She has been fortunate to care for remarkable patients and collaborate with outstanding local, national, and international colleagues. Through these partnerships, she has contributed to identifying genetic relationships and underlying biomarkers in EGIDs, advancing understanding of these complex diseases.

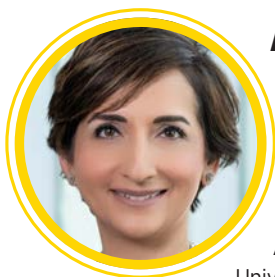
Her work in both education and research has been shaped by the talented clinicians, educators, and investigators with whom she has collaborated. Dr. Peterson feels deeply grateful for the supportive leaders, colleagues, and mentees who have influenced her career.

She now continues her professional journey at Mayo Clinic Florida, pursuing new directions in clinical investigation while watching the University of Utah's Eosinophilic Esophagitis Program flourish under the leadership of her former mentees.

Outside of her professional life, Dr. Peterson is a married mother of three and is profoundly grateful for her wonderful family—both at home and within her work community.

2026 International Leadership Awards

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. In 2026, this award is being given to the following two individuals.



Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, MHCM, FAGC

Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, MHCM, AGAF, FAGC, is Professor of Medicine and the James F. Heady Endowed Chair in Medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, where she serves as Interim Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine and Physician Operations Executive at UC Health. An internationally recognized gastroenterologist and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) specialist, Dr. Afzali has dedicated her career to advancing digestive health through clinical excellence, research, education, physician leadership, and global collaboration.

After completing her residency, gastroenterology fellowship, advanced IBD fellowship, and Master of Public Health at the University of Washington, Dr. Afzali earned a Master of Health Care Management from Harvard University. She subsequently established the first standalone multidisciplinary IBD Center at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. She has served as principal investigator on numerous multicenter clinical trials, a global scientific advisor for investigational therapeutics, a highly cited author, and an invited speaker at international scientific meetings. Her contributions to clinical research and international practice guidelines have helped shape the care of patients with IBD worldwide.

Dr. Afzali has devoted her career to developing physician leaders and strengthening the global gastroenterology community. She currently serves as Secretary General of the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), advancing international partnerships, education, and capacity building across member societies worldwide. Within the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), she serves on the Board of Directors of the ACG Institute and previously chaired the Educational Affairs Committee, helping shape the College's educational strategy and leadership development initiatives.

Beyond her academic and professional society leadership, Dr. Afzali is deeply committed to developing future leaders through nonprofit service. She is co-founder of the Scrubs & Heels Foundation, dedicated to advancing women leaders in medicine, and serves on the Board of Directors of Ascend Leadership, advancing leadership development and educational opportunities for women and girls globally, with a particular focus on Afghanistan.

Believing that excellence in digestive health knows no borders, Dr. Afzali has collaborated with physician leaders, scientific societies, and academic institutions across six continents to advance education, research, mentorship, and partnerships that improve digestive health worldwide.

Known for her collaborative leadership style, Dr. Afzali is passionate about building high-performing organizations, fostering innovation, and mentoring the next generation of healthcare professionals. Her work spans academic medicine, healthcare operations, research, and global medical education, with a focus on creating sustainable systems that improve patient outcomes while advancing the profession.

For Dr. Afzali, international collaboration is deeply personal. As an Afghan American who came to the United States as a refugee, she has dedicated her career to building bridges across countries, cultures, and healthcare systems, believing that the greatest advances in medicine are achieved through shared knowledge, compassion, and collective leadership. She believes every clinician has both a local responsibility to care for individual patients and a global responsibility to advance the profession for future generations.



David E. Fleischer, MD, FACP

David E. Fleischer, MD, FACP, graduated from Vanderbilt Medical School and practiced medicine for 49 years. Most of his career was in academic medicine at Georgetown and Mayo Clinic Arizona. He also worked at the VA in Washington, DC; in the United States Army at Fort Belvoir Virginia where he worked on developing the first electronic medical record; in Wellington New Zealand; and in private practice. He is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), to whom he is grateful for being one of the recipients the 2026 International Leadership Award; the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, for which he served as President and by whom he was given the Schindler Award, its highest honor; and the American Gastroenterological Association. He is a Master of the American College of Physicians and served as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in the United States Senate.

He was the Director of Endoscopy at Georgetown and Chairman of the Division of Gastroenterology at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. He has been involved in the training of more than 200 GI Fellows. He has published more than 300 articles and edited several books. His focus has been on esophageal diseases, specifically Barrett's esophagus, esophageal cancer, and esophageal self-dilation. He is acknowledged for his pioneering work with laser therapy for esophageal cancer, video endoscopy, capsule endoscopy and radio frequency of ablation for Barrett's. He has lectured extensively and has spoken on all seven continents, including Antarctica. He has been involved in projects related to esophageal cancer for 40 years, internationally in China, Iran, and for the past 10 years in southern and eastern Africa, where the incidence of esophageal squamous cell cancer (ESCC) is 25 times higher than the United States and where 25% of the patients are under the age of 40. Dr. Fleischer currently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the African Esophageal Cancer Consortium (AfrECC; www.africaecc.org) whose mission is to reduce the burden of ESCC in Africa. The ACG sponsors 4 members each year to serve as faculty for the AfrECC courses. The AfrECC Foundation also provides opportunities for physicians who can pay their own way, to work and teach at several AfrECC sites.

Dr. Fleischer believes he is one of the luckiest people alive to have such a gratifying professional career and such a close-knit family. He and Karen have been married 53 years. His oldest son, Ruben, is a movie director (Zombieland, Venom, Now You See Me...etc.) and married to Holly. They have two daughters Jack and Goldie. Son Lucas has applied his creative talents to climate change, politics, and cake-making. He is married to Rachel and they have two sons, Sam and Miles. Daughter Mara is a clinical psychologist in Nashville. She is married to Robbie, and they have a son, Grayson, and a daughter Haddie.

Dr. Fleischer's avocations include golf, writing low doggerel poetry, hat collecting, and acting.

2026 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.



Lubna Kamani, MD, FACP

Lubna Kamani, MD, FACP, is a Professor of Gastroenterology, Director of the Gastroenterology Residency Program at Liaquat National Hospital, and Consultant Gastroenterologist at Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan. She graduated with a Gold Medal from Baqai Medical University and completed her residency and fellowship at Aga Khan University. She subsequently pursued advanced endoscopy training at Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand. As a Residency Program Director, she has actively mentored and inspired female physicians to pursue careers in gastroenterology, with many of her trainees now serving as consultants, educators, and researchers in Pakistan and internationally.

While building a distinguished academic and clinical career in a traditionally male-dominated specialty, Professor Kamani emerged as one of Pakistan's leading advocates for gender equity, women's leadership, and diversity in healthcare. Her work has been particularly significant in a country that continues to rank among the lowest globally on gender equality indices. She has consistently championed policies and initiatives that create equitable opportunities for women in medicine and foster inclusive leadership.

As the first woman President of the Pakistan GI and Liver Disease Society (PGLDS), Professor Kamani transformed the society by promoting equitable representation of women in executive leadership, scientific programs, conference faculty, and decision-making bodies. Her leadership has set new benchmarks for diversity and inclusion, reshaping the professional landscape of gastroenterology in Pakistan.

Recognizing the cultural and structural barriers limiting women's access to healthcare, Professor Kamani conducted Pakistan's first nationwide study on barriers to colorectal cancer screening. She subsequently established the country's first women-only endoscopy service, providing a culturally acceptable environment that has substantially improved access to colorectal cancer screening for women. This innovative initiative exemplifies how gender-responsive healthcare can reduce disparities and improve patient outcomes.

Professor Kamani has made substantial contributions to academic research, authoring numerous peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals, with particular emphasis on gender disparities and leadership. She also contributed to the landmark Nature publication describing the Pakistan Genome Resource, the country's first large-scale biobank comprising whole-exome and whole-genome sequencing.

Her commitment to advancing women in medicine extends internationally. She serves as Co-Chair of the Women in Hepatology Forum of the South Asian Association for the Study of the Liver (SAASL), member of the ACG Women in Gastroenterology Committee, World Gastroenterology Organisation Education and MACE Committee, and the APAGE Women and Leadership Committee. She is also the Founding Vice President of the Medical Women Association of Pakistan (MWAP), Fellow of the Women's Leadership Program at Michigan State University, Champion of the Global Leaders Program of the Royal College of Physicians, London, and Founder of the Women in Leadership League in Medicine (WILL-MED), a platform dedicated to mentorship, and advocacy for women healthcare professionals.

2026 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.



Maurice A. Cerulli, MD, MACG

Maurice A. Cerulli, MD, MACG, is currently Associate Professor of Medicine, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. He was GI Fellowship Program Director from 2008 to 2018. Previously he developed GI fellowship programs while Chief at the Brooklyn Hospital Center and the NY Methodist Hospital. After receiving a BA in Chemistry at Cornell, he received his MD from SUNY Downstate and completed Internal Medicine residency at State University-Kings County Medical Center. He then did a Fellowship in Gastroenterology at Johns Hopkins University with Dr. Marvin Schuster.

Dr. Cerulli was appointed as one of 16 Commissioners by the NIH Director to the Congressionally authorized National Commission on Digestive Diseases in 2006. He was involved in the drafting of the strategic plan for research in intestinal and liver disease for the NIH, serving as sub editor on the chapters concerning diseases of the small intestine and the liver. This report was presented to Congress in February 2009. He has testified before Congressional appropriations committees for research funding in intestinal and liver disease. As president and member of the executive committee of the Digestive Disease National Coalition, he has been active at the national level in colon cancer prevention and has been a member of the Steering Committee of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable. He was invited to the White House for President William Jefferson Clinton's address in the East Room on colon cancer prevention in October 2000. He enlisted the aid of Charles Rangel, representative from Harlem, to successfully add colonoscopy screening to preventive services covered by Medicare.

Dr. Cerulli was a member of the Governing Board of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates. At the AMA, he guided AMA policy to include colon cancer screening in all insurance programs as well as the pre-colonoscopy evaluation.

Dr. Cerulli was the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Governor for Brooklyn and then regional administrative Governor from 1998 to 2002. He was the Course Director for the ACG regional course in New York City in 1998.

In 1989, Dr. Cerulli became President of the New York Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy (NYSGE). He twice served as course director for the annual NY course and was part of the NYSGE course faculty since 1984. He has lectured nationally and internationally at academic medical centers. Dr. Cerulli is a fellow of the ACG, the American Gastroenterological Association, the ASGE, and the NYSGE. He was a founding member of the Citywide Colorectal Cancer Control Coalition, C5, developed by the New York City Department of Health in March 2003.

Multiple organizations have recognized Dr. Cerulli during his career including: Distinguished Service Award, ASGE, 2004; the Founder of the NYSGE, 2004; Commissioner, National Commission on Digestive Diseases 2006-2008; Mentor Scholar Award, AGA, 2007; Paul Sherlock Lecturer, NYSGE, 2009; Suzanne Rosenthal Lifetime Achievement Award, DDNC, 2013; and Lifetime Achievement Award, Northwell Division of Gastroenterology, 2024.



Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, MACG

Immanuel K. Ho, MD, MACG, is Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and Director of Interventional Endoscopy at Pennsylvania Hospital. A recognized leader in gastroenterology, he has held numerous roles within the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), including service as Trustee (2018–2023) and as Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Governors (2012–2016). He received the ACG William D. Carey Award in 2019 and was named ACG Freshman Governor of the Year in 2008. He chaired the Patient Care Committee (2009–2012) and the Membership Committee (2012–2014). His commitment to the College has been extensive and he has served as speaker, moderator, and course director. He has chaired scientific sessions at the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting and has been a popular instructor on the ACG Hands-On Workshop for more than a decade. He was also a faculty member for the North American Conference of GI Fellows.

A native of British Hong Kong, Dr. Ho began his medical career upon earning a Bachelor of Science with Distinction in Chemical Engineering from the University of Rochester. After graduating from the University of Rochester School of Medicine, he completed his residency in internal medicine at Montefiore Medical Center, followed by fellowship training in gastroenterology at Mount Sinai Medical Center from 1991 to 1994. During fellowship, he conducted colorectal cancer research in the laboratory of Dr. Steven Itzkowitz and was strongly influenced toward clinical gastroenterology by mentors including Drs. Henry Janowitz, David Sachar, and Jerome Waye. In 1993, he pursued additional training in therapeutic ERCP under Dr. Aksel Kruse in Aarhus, Denmark.

After joining the faculty of the Brooklyn Hospital Center in 1994 as Assistant Professor, Dr. Ho participated in the training of gastroenterology fellows and internal medicine residents and taught first- and second year medical students at the Weill Cornell Medical College. In 2001, he became Chief of Gastroenterology at Crozer Chester Medical Center in greater Philadelphia, where he established the first advanced endoscopy center in Delaware County. There, he expanded local access to therapeutic endoscopic ultrasound and ERCP and developed a comprehensive line of GI services for four Crozer-Keystone hospitals. In 2014, he joined the Penn Medicine Division of Gastroenterology as clinical faculty and has played an active role in the instruction and mentoring of advanced endoscopy fellows, gastroenterology trainees, and internal medicine residents.

As ACG Governor for Eastern Pennsylvania in 2008, Dr. Ho collaborated with State Senator Dominic Pileggi to advance Senate Bill 146, landmark legislation mandating insurance coverage for colon cancer screening in Pennsylvania which Governor Ed Rendell enacted into law. During his tenure as Chair of the Board of Governors, he increased the frequency of the vital Washington, DC “Fly-In” to an annual event, thereby strengthening ACG’s advocacy presence and influence in national public policy. He also served for many years on the Board of the Delaware Valley Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and was its President from 2010 to 2012. Dr. Ho is a strong advocate for green endoscopy and is on the ACG Working Group on Environmental Sustainability. At Pennsylvania Hospital, he has led initiatives to incorporate recyclable endoscopic equipment and a reusable waste management rover system, reducing reliance on single-use plastic suction canisters.

Known to his friends as “Manny,” Dr. Ho and his wife, Jane, celebrated their 27th anniversary this year. They have two daughters, Bethany and Debbie, and enjoy traveling, boating, crabbing, and spending time at the Eastern Shore of Maryland.



Costas H. Kefalas, MD, MMM, MS-PopH, MACG

Costas H. Kefalas, MD, MMM, MS-PopH, CPE, MACG, FASGE, AGAF, FAASLD, FACP, is the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) President-Elect and serves on the ACG Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. He is a past Chair of the ACG Board of Governors (2016-2018) and a past ACG Governor for Northern Ohio (2008-2014). Dr. Kefalas has served on several ACG committees, including having chaired the FDA Related Matters, Membership, and Finance Committees. He chaired the Public Policy Task Force, co-chaired the Endoscopy Resumption Task Force during the COVID-19 pandemic, and co-chaired the 2024 Strategic Planning Task Force.

Dr. Kefalas represented the ACG on the Digestive Disease National Coalition (DDNC) for 10 years, and from 2014-2016, he was the DDNC President. Dr. Kefalas served on the Board of Directors of the GI Quality Improvement Consortium (GIQuIC) and as GIQuIC President from 2021-2024. He co-founded the Ohio Gastroenterology Society in 2009, and served as its Founding President from 2011-2013. Ohio Governor John Kasich appointed Dr. Kefalas to the Ohio Medical Quality Foundation, on which he served from 2015-2017.

Dr. Kefalas has been in private practice at Akron Digestive Health in Akron, Ohio, since 2003, and is the President of the group. He practices general gastroenterology and serves on the Digestive Health Center (ASC) Governing Board. Dr. Kefalas is a Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine at Northeast Ohio Medical University, where he has taught medical students gastroenterology for over twenty years. Since 2003, Dr. Kefalas has been on the medical staff at Summa Health in Akron, where he also served on this integrated health system's Board of Directors (2017-2022), as Board Vice Chair (2018-2020), and as Chair of the Committee on Governance (2021-2022).

Dr. Kefalas graduated from an accelerated BS/MD program in 1997, at the University of Akron and Northeast Ohio Medical University. He completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Summa Health in 2000, and a Gastroenterology Fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas in 2003, under the direction of Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, MACG. In 2015, Dr. Kefalas earned a Master of Medical Management (MMM) from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. In 2025, Dr. Kefalas earned a Master of Science in Population Health (MS-PopH) from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Since 2024, he has been a Certified Physician Executive (CPE).

Dr. Kefalas's non-clinical interests include quality in gastroenterology, health policy and advocacy, practice management, and population health. He has advocated on behalf of patients and gastrointestinal diseases at both the federal and state levels, for nearly two decades.

Dr. Kefalas is an amateur drummer and enjoys performing with his acoustic Greek band, Aegean Odyssey, and with the official ACG band, The Beacons. He lives in Akron with his wife of 25 years, Sarah Babai, MD, who is a gynecologist, with whom he enjoys travel and fine food. Their daughter Lydia is a college senior studying finance at The Ohio State University.



Paul Y. Kwo, MD, MACG

Paul Y. Kwo, MD, MACG, is currently the Director of Hepatology and Professor of Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine. He received his bachelor's degree in Chemistry at Oberlin College, his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, his internal medicine training at the University of Maryland, and his Gastroenterology/Hepatology training at Mayo Clinic Rochester. He distinguished himself in the field of viral hepatitis and served as the principal investigator for multiple seminal trials that established the efficacy of direct-acting antiviral agents for the treatment of both non-transplant and post-transplant hepatitis C infection. His clinical and research interests are in novel therapeutic approaches for treating viral hepatitis (hepatitis B and C), rare liver diseases, and MASH.

Dr. Kwo has published over 250 original articles in journals including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, *Gastroenterology*, *Hepatology*, *Journal of Hepatology*, and others. He is Co-Editor-in-Chief for the American College of Gastroenterology's (ACG) *Evidence-Based GI* publication. He is also Associate Editor for *Clinical and Molecular Hepatology* and has served on the editorial boards of multiple journals, including *Hepatology*, *Hepatology Communications*, and the *Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology*.

Dr. Kwo has served on numerous ACG committees, including the Educational Affairs Committee, Finance and Budget Committee and the International Relations Committee, and was Chair of the ACG Credentials Committee. He was a director of the ACG Hepatology Circle and the ACG Hepatology School and served on the ACG Board of Trustees from 2016 to 2022. Along with other ACG members, he authored the ACG Practice Guideline Evaluation of Abnormal Liver Chemistries and has served as an author on numerous other practice guidelines.

Dr. Kwo is the recipient of multiple awards for his clinical care and teaching at Indiana University and Stanford, including the Outstanding Young Clinician Award, the Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Trustee Teaching Award at Indiana University, as well as the Stanford University Department of Medicine Master Teacher Award.



Satish S. C. Rao, MD, PhD, MACG

Satish S. C. Rao, MD, PhD, FRCP, MACG, AGAF, is the J. Harold Harrison, MD, Distinguished Chair in Gastroenterology and Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia. He graduated from Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, India, followed by a PhD from the University of Sheffield, U.K., and the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) in London, U.K. He is the founding director of the Digestive Health Center at MCG Wellstar Inc, Augusta, GA, and has an international reputation as an innovative researcher, distinguished educator, Master Clinician and outstanding mentor.

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

A recipient of numerous NIH grants and national and international awards for excellence in clinical research, education, mentorship and patient care, he is also Past President of the American Neurogastroenterology & Motility Society. He is the only gastroenterologist who has received top 5 distinguished honors from the American Gastroenterology Association. A dedicated member of Rome Foundation since 1995, he Chaired the Rome V Anorectal Committee and was Founding Chair of the Rome Anorectal Biofeedback Section. He was awarded the Aldo Torsoli-Rome Foundation International Award for distinguished research, education and patient care in DGBI and the American College of Gastroenterology Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Award. Dr. Rao served as the ACG Governor for Iowa from 2009-2011.



David T. Rubin, MD, MACG

David T. Rubin, MD, MACG, AGAF, FACP, FASGE, FRCP (Edinburgh), is the Joseph B. Kirsner Professor of Medicine, Professor of Pathology, Chief of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, and Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center at the University of Chicago. He earned his medical degree with honors at The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, where he also completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowships in gastroenterology and clinical medical ethics. He is an associate faculty member at the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, associate investigator at the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center, a member of the University of Chicago Committee on Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacogenomics, immediate past Chair of the National Scientific Advisory Committee of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, and current Chair of the International Organization for the Study of IBD.

Dr. Rubin's research is focused on disease modification in IBD, including clinical trial designs, novel measures of inflammation, prevention of adverse outcomes, and quality of life, with particular attention to the ethical challenges in medicine and in clinical research. He has received the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Governor's Award of Excellence in Clinical Research (2003 and 2013), the Sherman Prize for Excellence in Crohn's and Colitis (2020), the UChicago Michael Reese Lectureship Award for outstanding faculty who have developed novel teaching and clinical research that advances healthcare (2023), and the distinguished UChicago Arthur H. Rubenstein Mentorship in Academic Medicine Award (2023), among other honors.

Dr. Rubin has been an ACG member for 28 years and has served as a leader across numerous ACG efforts, including two terms on the Board of Trustees, service on multiple committees, and engineering and leading the strategic redesign of the ACG Education Universe, for which he served as Co-Editor from 2015 to 2018 and Editor in Chief from 2018 to 2024. He co-created and co-directed the IBD School for seven years and has co-chaired the ACG IBD 101 program for first-year gastroenterology fellows since 2019. He has served two terms as peer-elected ACG Governor for Illinois, receiving the Freshman Governor Award, delivered more than 35 invited lectures at ACG regional and national postgraduate meetings, and has been invited to serve as an ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professor on five occasions.

Dr. Rubin is an editor of *Curbside Consultation in IBD* (3rd ed), senior editor of *Sleisenger and Fordtran's Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease* (12th ed), and author of more than 600 articles on IBD management, including the 2019 and 2025 ACG Clinical Guidelines for Ulcerative Colitis in Adults. He also hosts a patient-focused podcast, *Remission is the Mission*, and shares expert commentary on IBD through his Substack.



John R. Saltzman, MD, MACG

John R. Saltzman, MD, MACG, is a Professor of Medicine, part-time at Harvard Medical School and Senior Physician in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). He is the Senior Medical Consultant for 1Globe Health Institute.

Dr. Saltzman received a B.S. in Biology from Tufts University and a M.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He trained in Internal Medicine at Boston Medical Center and completed a clinical and research fellowship in Gastroenterology at Tufts Medical Center. Dr. Saltzman served as a leader in Endoscopy at BWH for 20 years including as the Director of Endoscopy and the Director of the BWH Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship Program. He is widely recognized as an outstanding clinician and expert advanced endoscopist. Dr. Saltzman is dedicated to improving the management of patients with GI bleeding and is an internationally recognized leader in the field. He has authored more than 300 articles including original research, reviews, editorials, and chapters and is an expert in all aspects of endoscopy and gastrointestinal bleeding. In all of his clinical, educational, and research contributions, Dr. Saltzman is known for his commitment to excellence.

Dr. Saltzman has been directly involved in the education of more than 100 general GI and 30 advanced endoscopy fellows. He has been a mentor for numerous gastroenterology fellows and faculty members, many of whom are now Directors of Endoscopy and Advanced Endoscopy, journal Editors-in-Chiefs, and Chiefs of Gastroenterology Divisions. He has served as a Course Director for more than 50 Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Courses. He has been a speaker, moderator, and hands-on endoscopy demonstrator at regional, national, and international meetings.

Dr. Saltzman has been the President of the New England Endoscopy Society and a founding board member of the Massachusetts Gastroenterology Society. Dr. Saltzman has been an editor for notable gastrointestinal journals including Senior Associate Editor of *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* (GIE), Chair of the *GIE* Editorial Board, and Associate Editor for the *New England Journal of Medicine* *Journal Watch Gastroenterology*. He is currently a member of the Editorial Board for *Gastroenterology* and the Section Editor for *Diagnostic and Therapeutic Endoscopy* for UpToDate.

Dr. Saltzman has held many leadership positions with the American College of Gastroenterology. He was a Trustee of the American College of Gastroenterology for 6 years; served as the Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee for 3 years; was the ACG Governor for Massachusetts for 6 years; and received the Governor's Service Award and the Senior Governor's Award. He has also been a member or Board Liaison of the Patient Care Committee, Membership Committee, Women in Gastroenterology Committee, Quality Council, Institute Board of Directors, Task Force on Education, Task Force on Digestive Diseases of the Elderly, and the Practice Management Committee. He is currently an ACG Past Leaders Advanced Mentor.

2026 Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Award

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.



Lenore Lamanna, RN, EdD, ANP-C

Lenore Lamanna, RN, EdD, ANP-C, is an associate professor in the School of Nursing at Stony Brook University, where she serves as director of the Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program. She earned her Doctor of Education degree from Teachers College, Columbia University; a Master of Science in Nursing as an Adult Nurse Practitioner from Stony Brook University; and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. Joseph's College.

Lenore taught at Stony Brook University for more than thirty years and is widely recognized for her expertise in the graduate education of Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner students. She has mentored numerous students pursuing careers as Gastroenterology Nurse Practitioners and has hired several former students as NPs in her clinical practice.

She is an active member of the American College of Gastroenterology's Advanced Practice Providers Committee, the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, and several other nurse practitioner and nursing education organizations. She also contributes to her community by speaking to local groups about colorectal cancer screening and volunteering weekly in a nursing home.

Lenore's personal interests include running, baking and decorating cakes, reading, and spending time in New York City.



Sandip Sall, DNP, NP-C

Sandip Kaur Sall, DNP, NP-C, is a Nurse Practitioner and inaugural Advanced Practice Provider (APP) lead for the inpatient Gastroenterology and Liver team at Stanford Health Care, with a clinical focus on gastroenterology, hepatology, and liver transplant medicine. Sandip has built a collaborative, patient-centered inpatient practice, driving quality improvement, standardizing care pathways, and ensuring smooth transitions of care across inpatient and outpatient settings. She leads and mentors a team of 10 inpatient GI/hepatology APPs, precepting students, cross-training colleagues in paracentesis, and championing opportunities for scholarly dissemination and professional development.

Beyond her clinical responsibilities, Sandip has shaped practice and policy through leadership roles on regional and national platforms. She served as the inaugural APP Chair of the Northern California Society for Clinical Gastroenterology (NCSCG) and contributed to GHAPP's conference planning, advancing the role of APPs in gastroenterology and hepatology. At Stanford, she is an active member of the Liver and Gastroenterology Quality Committees and multiple hospital-wide task forces, including the GI Readmission, Point of Care Ultrasound, and Paracentesis Workflow initiatives, and she has played a central part in the APP Week Planning Committee for more than a decade. She is also part of the APP Diversity Committee. Her efforts to foster a sense of belonging—through wellness events, lounge décor initiatives, and cross-departmental collaboration—help nurture a cohesive APP community and improve patient care. Her leadership has earned nominations for APP Leader of the Year and GHAPP Clinical Excellence in Hepatology, and she is a recipient of the POCN Top NP Award for outstanding practice.

Sandip's impact extends to education and equity, with ongoing mentorship that has helped colleagues publish and present at conferences; her guidance has contributed to GHAPP and POCN recognitions for team members and to awards honoring her leadership and clinical excellence. Beyond Stanford, she is the APRN Committee Chair for the Bay Area Indian Nurses Association (BAINA), where she has led health fairs and preventive screenings, including colon cancer education and screening outreach. She actively supports diversity and inclusion within nursing and medical education. Sandip's practice philosophy centers on patient education, shared decision-making, safety, and health equity, all delivered through interdisciplinary teamwork and compassionate, culturally humble care.

Outside of work, she enjoys cooking, hiking, chai, and time with family while giving back to the community through service and outreach.

2026 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.

2026 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.



Carol A. Burke, MD, MACG

Carol A. Burke, MD, MACG, FACP, FASGE, AGAF, CGAF, completed medical school at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, followed by Internal Medicine residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus Ohio. Her GI fellowship training occurred at the Cleveland Clinic (CC) in Cleveland, Ohio, the institution that she has remained at since 1993 as staff member in the Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. Dr. Burke holds joint appointments in the Taussig Cancer Center and the Department of Colorectal Surgery at CC. She is the Director of the Hereditary Polyposis Center in the Sanford R. Weiss MD Center for Hereditary Colorectal Neoplasia and the Carol A Burke MD-Sheetz Family Endowed Fellowship in Hereditary Gastrointestinal Cancer Syndromes. Her clinical expertise is in the management and GI cancer risk mitigation of patients in the general population as well as those with hereditary gastrointestinal cancer syndromes.

Dr. Burke's area of expertise is in colorectal polyp and cancer prevention and hereditary gastrointestinal cancer syndrome identification and management. Over the last three decades she has enjoyed designing, leading, and implementing national and international prevention trials. She has authored more than 300 peer-reviewed manuscripts, guidelines, and consensus statements, and has sustained continuous extramural funding from the NIH, NCI, USDA, and professional societies for over 30 years. Many impactful contributions to science have culminated during her involvement and membership in research and scientific consortia including the NIH/NCI-funded Polyp Prevention Study Group, the Colon Cancer Family Registry, the NCI ClinCap operations committee, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Genetic/Familial High Risk Assessment Guideline: Colorectal Endometrial, Gastric, the United States Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer, the Lynch syndrome integrative epidemiology and genetics (LINEAGE) steering committee, and the GI Quality Improvement Consortium (GIQuIC) colorectal subcommittee.

Dr. Burke has been fortunate in her career to have a rewarding clinical practice caring for individuals and families with hereditary cancer risk, teaching students from medical school through GI fellowship and beyond to post graduate education. However, the most impactful professional experiences have arisen from the opportunity to serve the organizations which are most meaningful to her. The rewards of society involvement include the close and durable relationships fostered through committee work and the establishment of a network of friends and colleagues which allows her to be a valuable resource to patients, mentees, and colleagues.

Dr. Burke has been honored to serve as a past associate editor for *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, on a variety of American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) committees both as a member and chairwoman, complete terms as a former trustee, executive committee, and past president of the ACG.

Her greatest personal joys arise from time spent with her family include George Jurjus, Rana Jurjus and Sam Eisenhandler, and Rima Jurjus Bauer and Derek Bauer. Dr. Burke would not be who she is today without the support of her parents Bonnie and Jack Burke, siblings Patrick, Timothy and Bonnie, and the tapestry and village of family, friends and colleagues.

2026 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.

2026 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.



Samuel A. Giday, MD, FACC

Samuel A. Giday, MD, FACC, is a therapeutic endoscopist in private practice at the Center for Digestive Health in Orlando, Florida, one of the longest-standing independent gastroenterology practices in Central Florida. He currently serves as Governor for Northern Florida for the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG).

Following his training in internal medicine and gastroenterology, Dr. Giday joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he was appointed the Robert Meyerhoff Professor of Medicine. During his tenure, he established himself as both a therapeutic endoscopist and a translational researcher, making pioneering contributions in an area that continues to influence the field: the development of non-contact methods of endoscopic hemostasis, advancing safer and less invasive approaches to the management of gastrointestinal bleeding.

For more than a decade, Dr. Giday has directed educational courses for both the ACG and the Florida Gastroenterological Society (FGS), helping shape the continuing education of gastroenterologists throughout the region. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the FGS and is a member of its Educational Committee. Nationally, he has contributed through his service on the ACG Public Relations Committee, reflecting his commitment to ensuring the College's voice reaches not only its members but also the patients and communities they serve.

In addition to leading a successful independent gastroenterology practice, Dr. Giday has played a key role in developing endoscopy training programs and expanding procedural capacity in East Africa, where the burden of gastrointestinal disease is high and access to specialist care remains limited. This work reflects a longstanding commitment to global health and a deeply held belief that access to high-quality gastrointestinal care should not be determined by geography.

For more than two decades, Dr. Giday has been a dedicated member and leader within the ACG. He remains committed to advancing the College's mission through service, education, advocacy, and mentorship while working to expand its impact within his local community, across the nation, and internationally. Throughout his career, he has also remained steadfast in his commitment to reducing the burden of colorectal cancer through prevention, screening, education, and expanding access to high-quality endoscopic care for patients around the world.

2026 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.



Justin T. Kupec, MD, FACC

Justin T. Kupec, MD, FACC, is a Clinical Professor of Medicine and Section Chief at West Virginia University Medicine Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship at West Virginia University. Dr. Kupec has held the position of American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Governor for West Virginia since 2020 and has dutifully served as the Regional Councilor for Region 3 since 2023. His clinical interests include general gastroenterology, and as Chief at the largest hospital in the WVU Medicine System, Dr. Kupec has been building a section that serves the needs of patients throughout West Virginia and the surrounding region.

Throughout his time as an ACG Governor, Dr. Kupec has been active within the College. He served as Co-Director of the Southern Regional Postgraduate Course in Nashville in 2022 and was an abstract reviewer for the 2022 ACG Annual Meeting. Dr. Kupec is a graduate of the inaugural ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program. He has been a member of several ACG committees including the FDA Related Matters Committee, Membership Committee, and Legislative and Public Policy Council. In 2024, he received the Governors' Service Award from the ACG Board of Governors.

Dr. Kupec maintains that the highlight of his service as Governor is participating in the annual ACG Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill. Through consistent advocacy and messaging, the College has positively affected quality patient care and reduced barriers to providing services that patients need. Advocacy Day also highlights that while Governors play an important role in delivering the College's message in Washington, the true strength of ACG lies in its dedicated staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the year to ensure continued progress.

During his time as Governor for West Virginia, Dr. Kupec has been grateful for the professional and personal relationships he has built through the College that might not otherwise have been possible. He looks forward to remaining actively involved in ACG for many years to come.



Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC

Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC, currently serves as the Robert M. and Mary H. Glickman Professor of Gastroenterology and Medicine, and the Director of GI Outcomes Research, Program Director of the KL2 Training Program at the CTSI at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. Dr. Shaukat is a highly regarded clinician, distinguished epidemiologist, and prolific researcher. She has

published extensively on colorectal cancer screening, prevention, and quality indicators for colonoscopy. She has pioneered some of the foundational studies on the reduction in morbidity and mortality related to colon cancer. Her research has been consistently federally funded. She is the first author of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Colorectal Cancer Guidelines, and former member of the U.S. Multi-society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer.

Dr. Shaukat has served the College as Governor for Minnesota, served on the Educational Affairs, Research, and Women in GI Committees, Program Director of Regional Courses and the Annual Postgraduate Course, and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees. Most recently she co-led the updated ACG Strategic Plan with Dr. Costas Kefalas.

Dr. Shaukat has been a role model and mentor to many medical students, trainees, and early-career faculty across the U.S., especially women in gastroenterology. Her trainees, mentees, and colleagues commend her for her approachability, willingness to help, and strong research skills.

2026 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.

2026 ACG International GI Training Grant Awards

2026 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.



Yvonne Ayerki Nartey, MBChB PhD
Accra, Ghana

Dr. Yvonne Nartey from Ghana is currently a GI fellow-in-training at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital. Her clinical and research interests are in viral hepatitis, cirrhosis, and hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC).

She plans to study at Mayo Clinic Rochester under the direction of Dr. Lewis Roberts for four months. Her objectives are to acquire training to address gaps in early detection, risk stratification and longitudinal care in cirrhosis and HCC that currently exist in Ghana. Her training at Mayo Clinic will include two months of focused clinical observership and two months of clinical research, providing a comprehensive and integrated learning experience. During the clinical component, Dr. Nartey will gain exposure to hepatology outpatient care with an emphasis on chronic liver diseases, cirrhosis management and longitudinal follow-up, structured HCC surveillance programs, liver imaging including ultrasound and other imaging modalities (CT, MRI), and non-invasive fibrosis assessment using transient elastography. The research component will focus on HCC risk stratification and early detection strategies. Once back in Ghana, she plans to develop simplified clinical protocols and training materials and support the training of healthcare workers to enable task-shifting and scale-up of these interventions in resource-limited settings. Through collaboration with national programs, including the Ghana Health Service and viral hepatitis control initiatives, she aims to contribute to sustainable improvements in liver disease care.



Mifta Dellil Hamid, MD, MSc
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dr. Mifta Hamid from Ethiopia is currently an Assistant Professor of Medicine at St. Paul Hospital Millennium Medical College. He is an interventional endoscopist who is part of the multidisciplinary team entrusted with establishing Ethiopia's first liver transplant program.

He plans to study at Mayo Clinic Rochester under the direction of Dr. Vinay Chandrasekhara for two months. His objectives are (1) to become familiar with advanced endoscopic techniques, especially as applied to patients both before and after liver transplantation. These include gallbladder drainage by ERCP and EUS, direct cholangioscopy, treatment of post-transplant biliary anastomotic strictures, and long-limb ERCP in patients with Roux-en-Y biliary drainage; (2) to understand the role of endoscopy in a liver transplantation program, including endoscopic management of gastric and ectopic varices, diagnosis and endoscopic management of cholangiocarcinoma complicating primary sclerosing cholangitis, and nutritional access in the peritransplantation period; and (3) to gain familiarity with common patient management issues after liver transplantation. These include diagnosis of graft rejection, infections and adverse medication reactions, which do not benefit from endoscopic interventions. The establishment of a liver transplant program in Ethiopia represents a historic milestone for his healthcare system and Dr. Hamid's aspiration is to acquire specialized training in endoscopic management of post-transplant complications—an area critical to patient outcomes yet currently underdeveloped in his region. His aim is to return to Ethiopia with advanced knowledge and procedural proficiency that will directly benefit his patients and strengthen the transplant team. He is confident that this opportunity will not only enhance his professional growth but also contribute significantly to the success and sustainability of liver transplantation in Ethiopia.



Vikash Singhani, MD, M.Med
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Dr. Vikash Singhani is a GI fellow-in-training at the Cleveland Clinic. His interest is in the integration of endoscopic assessment with histopathologic interpretation and using this to guide treatment decisions.

He plans to study at the National Cancer Center Hospital in Tokyo, Japan under the direction of Dr. Yutaka Saito for four weeks. His interests revolve around addressing the gap of integrating endoscopic assessment with histopathologic interpretation, which directly affects clinical decision-making, including appropriate selection of patients for endoscopic therapy versus surgical referral. The training he is seeking at the National Cancer Center Hospital in Tokyo, Japan, where high-volume practice is combined with structured endoscopic-pathologic correlation and multidisciplinary case discussions will help him develop a deeper understanding of lesion characterization using advanced imaging, correlate endoscopic findings with histopathologic features, and learn how these correlations guide decisions among EMR, ESD, and surgical referral. This training will allow Dr. Vikash to observe how diagnostic precision is achieved in a system where endoscopy and pathology are closely integrated. Upon returning to his institution, he will apply this training by establishing a structured endoscopic-pathologic (Endo-Path) correlation conference modeled after the Japanese system, bringing together endoscopists, pathologists, and oncologists to review cases and align diagnostic interpretation with treatment planning. The goal of this effort will be to improve concordance between endoscopic assessment and histopathologic diagnosis, standardize decision-making for endoscopic versus surgical management, and evaluate improvements in endoscopic-pathologic concordance over time.

2026 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.

2026 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

Optimal Management of Obstructive Jaundice in the Neoadjuvant Setting for Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma: A Strategic Network Meta-Analysis Framework

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Colon Category

Efficacy and Tolerability of Colon Wash Compared to Oral Laxatives for Bowel Preparation: A Propensity Score-Matched Analysis

Daryl Ramai, MD, MPH, MSc¹, Lorenzo Petronio, MD², Gianluca Franchellucci, MD³, Marco Spadaccini, MD³, Antonio Facciorusso, MD⁴, Federica Calabrese, MD⁵, Francesco Auriemma, MD⁵, Danilo Paduano, MD⁵, Carmine Gentile, MD⁵, Matteo Fiacca, MD⁵, Valentina Baldaccini, MD², Abed Al-Lehibi, MD⁶, Resheed Alkhiari, MD⁷, Emad Aljahdali, MD⁸, Abdulrahman Alfadda, MD⁸, Alessandro Repici, MD³, Cesare Hassan, MD⁹, Benedetto Mangiavillano, MD⁵; ¹University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, UT; ²Humanitas University, Milan, Lombardia, Italy; ³IRCCS Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan, Lombardia, Italy; ⁴Università degli Studi di Foggia, Foggia, Puglia, Italy; ⁵Humanitas Mater Domini, Castellanza, Lombardia, Italy; ⁶King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Makkah, Saudi Arabia; ⁷King Saud University, Riyadh, Ar Riyad, Saudi Arabia; ⁸King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, Riyadh, Ar Riyad, Saudi Arabia; ⁹Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan, Lombardia, Italy

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category

A Randomized Clinical Trial of Multi-Level Intervention to Improve Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates at Multiple Federally Qualified Health Care Centers in New York City

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Esophagus Category

Dupilumab Improves Esophageal Distensibility and Endoscopic Features in Patients With Eosinophilic Esophagitis: 24-Week Results From the Phase 4 REMODEL Trial Analyzed Overall and by Baseline Distensibility Plateau

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Functional Bowel Disease Category

Generalized Joint Hypermobility Identifies a Distinct Clinical Phenotype in Patients With Gastroparesis Symptoms

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General Endoscopy Category

Calculation of Incomplete Resection Rates of Adenomas: Data From the New Hampshire Colonoscopy Registry

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GI Bleeding Category

Early Versus Delayed Endoscopy After Initial Stabilization in Acute Esophageal Variceal Bleeding: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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IBD Category

Assisted Reproductive Technology Outcomes in Women With Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Prospective Data From the WisDoM Cohort

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Infections and Microbiome Category

Inulin Restores Colonization Resistance Against C. difficile of Ulcerative Colitis Patient Microbiomes In Vitro

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Interventional Endoscopy Category

Comparative Effectiveness of 2 Novel Anti-Migration Strategies in Fully Covered Self-Expandable Metal Stents for Biliary Strictures: A Multicenter Propensity-Matched Study

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Liver Category

Efficacy and Safety of Volixibat, an IBAT Inhibitor, in Patients With Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis and Moderate-to-Severe Pruritus: Results of the VISTAS Trial

Mitchell L. Schiffman, MD, MACG¹, Gideon M. Hirschfield, MD², Christopher L. Bowlus, MD³, Muiyiwa Awoniyi, MD⁴, Deepak Joshi, MD⁵, Debra Weinstein, MD⁶, Douglas Thorburn, MD⁷, Alejandra Villamil, MD⁸, Ynto de Boer, MD⁹, Parvez Mantry, MD, CPE¹⁰, Aldo J. Montano-Loza, MD¹¹, Münevver Demir, MD¹², Adriaan J. van der Meer, MD¹³, Lisa Forman, MD¹⁴, Jessica Dyson, MD¹⁵, Nimer Assy, MD¹⁶, Kidist Yimam, MD¹⁷, Thomas Berg, MD¹⁸, Walid S. Ayoub, MD¹⁹, Marie-Noëlle Hilleret, MD²⁰, Verena Keitel, MD²¹, Erik Ness, MD²², Hallam Gugelmann, MD²², David Sanchez Ramos, MD²², Jillian Elliott, MD²², Tobias Di Marco, MD²², Jayshree Krishnaswami, MD²², Clara Kebabian, MD²², Jolan Terner-Rosenthal, MD²², Andrew McKibben, MD²², Raul Aguilar, MD²², Cory Kostrub, MD²², Susanna Carou-Keenan, MD²², Lara Longpre, MD²², Pamela Vig, MD²², Joanne Quan, MD²², Cynthia Levy, MD²³, Kris Kowdley, MD, FACP²⁴; ¹Liver Institute of Virginia, Bon Secours Mercy Health, Richmond, VA; ²Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada; ³UC Davis School of Medicine, Davis, CA; ⁴Digestive Disease Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; ⁵King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, England, United Kingdom; ⁶Science 37, Inc., Culver City, CA; ⁷Sheila Sherlock Liver Centre and UCL Institute for Liver and Digestive Health, Royal Free Hospital, London, England, United Kingdom; ⁸Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina; ⁹Amsterdam University Medical Center, Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, Netherlands; ¹⁰Methodist Liver Institute, Dallas, TX; ¹¹University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada; ¹²Campus Virchow-Klinikum and Campus Charité Mitte, Charité -Universitätsmedizin, Berlin, Berlin, Germany; ¹³Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands; ¹⁴University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO; ¹⁵Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Newcastle upon Tyne, England, United Kingdom; ¹⁶Galilee Medical Center, Nahariya, HaZafon, Israel; ¹⁷California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute, San Francisco, CA; ¹⁸University of Leipzig Medical Center, Leipzig, Sachsen, Germany; ¹⁹Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA; ²⁰Université Grenoble Alpes, Service hépatogastroentérologie, Grenoble, Auvergne, France; ²¹University Hospital Magdeburg, Magdeburg, Berlin, Germany; ²²Mirum Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Foster City, CA; ²³Schiff Center for Liver Diseases, University of Miami, Miami, FL; ²⁴Liver Institute Northwest, Seattle, WA

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● OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARDS (cont.)

Practice Management Category

A Value-Based Care Partnership for Virtual Multidisciplinary GI Care: Implementation Lessons and Utilization Outcomes

Grace Wang, PhD, MPH¹, Sameer Berry, MD, MBA²; ¹Oshi Health, Inc., New York, NY; ²NYU Grossman School of Medicine, New York, NY

Small Intestine Category

Single Doses of VTP-1000 Demonstrate Favorable Safety and Expected Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Responses in Adults With Treated Celiac Disease

Adam C. Bledsoe, MD¹, Karen D. Dunn, MD², Rebekah Sherburn, PhD³, Ronald Goldwater, MD⁴, Geoffrey Lynn, MD, PhD⁵, Leon Hooftman, MD⁶; ¹Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; ²North Carolina Clinical Research, Durham, NC; ³Barinthus Biotherapeutics, Germantown, MD; ⁴EPCU Harbor Hospital, Baltimore, MD

Stomach and Spleen Category

Helicobacter pylori Infection Amplifies Non-Cardia Gastric Cancer Risk Among Carriers of Pathogenic Germline Mutations in Homologous-Recombination Genes in a Diverse U.S. Population

Will Takakura, MD¹, Vivek Sethumadhavan, MPH², Monica Alvarado, MS², Qiaoling Chen, MS², Stephanie Tovar, MS², Bechien U. Wu, MD, MPH²; ¹Kaiser Permanente, Panorama City, CA; ²Kaiser Permanente, Pasadena, CA

● OUTSTANDING RESEARCH BY FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING AWARDS

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Biliary/Pancreas Category

Investigating the Characteristics of Pancreatic Cancer Arising From Pancreatic Mucinous Lesions: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of 176,354 Patients

Daniel Marino, MD, MBA¹, Mahmoud Obediat, MD, PhD², Peter Fehervari, PhD², Jimin Lee, MD, PhD², Reka Toth, PhD², Yoon Kee Beck, BS², Gergely Soos, RD², Devaraju Mariyappan, BS², Balint Eross, MD, PhD², Stefania Bunduc, MD, PhD², Peter Hegyi, MD, PhD², Tamas Gonda, MD¹; ¹NYU Langone Health, New York, NY; ²Centre for Translational Medicine, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

Colon Category

Circulating Tumor DNA Kinetics Predict Pathologic Response and Inform Non-Operative Management in dMMR/MSI-H Colorectal Cancer on Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy: A Meta-Analysis

Mahboob Younus Shaik, MD¹, Muhammad Bilal, MD², Sunil Kakadia, MD¹, Nathan Voise, MD¹; ¹CHI St. Vincent Hospital, Hot Springs, AR; ²East Carolina University Medical Center, Greenville, NC

Colorectal Cancer Prevention Category

Endoscopic Resection Alone May Suffice for Low-Risk T1 Colon Adenocarcinoma: A Population-Based Risk Stratification Framework From SEER 2004-2022

Hassam Ali, MD¹, Muhammad Shahzil, MD², Umar Hayat, MD, MPH³, Dushyant Singh, Dahiya, MD⁴, Mohammad Bilal, MD¹; ¹University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO; ²Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Harrisburg, PA; ³Geisinger Health System, Danville, PA; ⁴The University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, KS

Diet, Nutrition, and Obesity Category

Risk of Incident Cirrhosis After ESG Versus LSG in Patients With MASLD: A Propensity-Matched Analysis

Wael T. Mohamed, MD¹, Ali Osman, MD², Mohammad Adam, MD³, EzzEldien A. Ibrahim, MD, MSc⁴, Mariam ElSafty, MD⁵, Hassan Ghoo, MD⁶; ¹Kansas University, Wichita, KS; ²Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO; ³University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Medicine, Kansas City, MO; ⁴University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; ⁵Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY; ⁶University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

Esophagus Category

Endoscopic Resection Changes the Histopathologic Diagnosis in Over Half of Patients Referred for Endoscopic Eradication Therapy of Dysplastic Barrett's Esophagus

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Functional Bowel Disease Category

Effect of a Targeted Enzyme Supplement on Irritable Bowel Syndrome Symptom Severity and Patient-Reported Outcomes Following a 4-Week Intervention

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General Endoscopy Category

Assessing the Risk of Post-Endoscopy Complications in Patients on Intravitreal Anti-Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Injections

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GI Bleeding Category

Vonoprazan Is Superior to Proton Pump Inhibitors for Prevention of Upper Gastrointestinal Bleeding in Patients With Atheroembolic Cardiovascular Disease Receiving Antithrombotic

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IBD Category

The Efficacy of Anti-Interleukin 23 Use in Patients With Ileal Pouch Anal Anastomosis: A Real-World Data From Multi Tertiary Care Centers

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Infections and Microbiome Category

Vonoprazan-Based Dual Therapy as a Rescue Regimen for Treatment-Experienced Helicobacter pylori Infection: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Hazem Abosheishaa, MD¹, Omar Alkasabrah, MD², Nermin Elhossiny, PharmD³, Pratiksha Shankarlal Nathani, MD⁴, Sheharyar Hakeem, MD⁵, Huthaifah Ayman, MBCh⁶, Ahmed Salem, MD⁷, Dharani Kunireddi⁸, Maryam S. Babar, MD⁹, Suresh Kumar Nayudu, MD¹⁰; ¹Brooklyn Hospital Center, New York, NY; ²Landmark Medical Center, Woonsocket, RI; ³St. Mary's General Hospital, Pompton Lakes, NJ; ⁴SBH Health System, New York, NY; ⁵Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY; ⁶Al-Azhar University, Shubra El Khyma, Al Qalyubiyah, Egypt; ⁷Cleveland Clinic Florida, Brooklyn, NY; ⁸Clemson University, Clemson, SC; ⁹Cleveland Clinic Florida, Weston, FL; ¹⁰SBH Health System, Bronx, NY

Interventional Endoscopy Category

The Role of Cryoprevention in Reducing Post-Endoscopic Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) Pancreatitis: A Multicenter Retrospective Cohort Study

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Liver Category

Post-Liver Transplant Outcomes With GLP-1 Agonists, SGLT2 Inhibitors, and Statins: A Multi-Center Propensity-Matched Cohort Study

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Practice Management Category

From Probe to Practice: High Trainee Satisfaction After Phase 1 of the iUSCAN Intestinal Ultrasound Certification Pathway

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Small Intestine Category

Elevated Fecal Calprotectin as a Predictor of Microscopic Colitis Diagnosis: A Large Propensity-Matched Cohort Study Using a National Real-World Database

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Stomach and Spleen Category

Evaluation of Different Techniques for Placement of the EndoFLIP 325 Pylorus Catheter in Patients With Gastroparesis

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Structured Follow-Up Improves Adherence to App-Based Gut-Directed Hypnotherapy in a Medically Complex Tertiary Care Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) Population

Catherine Tambunan, FNP¹, Jarongkorn Sirimongkolkasem, MD², Dany Lamothe, MD², Erin Watson, PsyD², Rosalyn Fox, FNP¹, Claire Hall, BS³, Omar Dabash, PhD⁴, Leila Neshatian, MD, MSc², ¹Stanford Health Care, Redwood City, CA; ²Stanford University School of Medicine, Redwood City, CA; ³Mindset Health, Jamestown, RI; ⁴Mindset Health, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

● ACG AUXILIARY AWARDS

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Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists and the Risk of Colorectal Cancer Among Adults With Obesity: A Multicenter Real-World Cohort Study

Mythili Menon Pathiyil, MD¹, Arvind Kumar Venkataramana Raju, MD², Parth Patel, MBBS¹, Rutwik Pradeel Sharma, MD³, Noam Peleg, MD¹; ¹SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY; ²Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, MA; ³University of Michigan-Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI

Exome Sequencing Identifies Carriers of Lynch Syndrome Beyond Practice Guideline Recommendations From Updated Multicenter Database

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Transcriptomics Reveal Peripheral Molecular Markers of Upadacitinib-Induced Clinical Remission of Ulcerative Colitis

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Fellow-in-Training Recipient

Liver Tissue on Esophageal Biopsy: A Rare Case of Distal Esophageal Perforation With Hepatic Erosion in a Patient With Mycobacterium kansasii
Jayaram Mohan, MD¹, Kevin Liu, MD²; ¹University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix VA Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ; ²Banner University Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

Physician (non-trainee) Recipient

An Unwritten Verse: Recognizing Refeeding Syndrome After POEM in a Malnourished Achalasia Patient

Sydney Greenberg, MD¹, Ian Grimm, MD²; ¹University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC; ²University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC

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Sexual Abuse History Is Associated With Increased Long-Term Healthcare Utilization and Treatment Burden Among Patients With Disorders of Gut-Brain Interaction

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Comparison of Random Forest Approach Machine Learning and Large Language Models for Automated Detection of Colorectal Neoplasia: A Retrospective Study of 5,000 Colonoscopies

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Physician (non-trainee) Recipients

Histology Outcomes Over Time in Patients With Moderately to Active Ulcerative Colitis Treated With Guselkumab in the QUASAR Long-Term Extension Study

David T. Rubin, MD, FACP¹, Jessica R. Allegretti, MD, MPH, FACP², Yelina Alvarez, MD³, Thomas Baker, MD³, Shashi Adsul, MD⁴, Darren Piscitelli, PhD⁴, Ye Miao, MS³, Laurent Peyrin-Biroulet, MD, PhD⁵; ¹Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL; ²Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA; ³Johnson & Johnson, Spring House, PA; ⁴Johnson & Johnson, Horsham, PA; ⁵Northwestern Medicine Digestive Health Center, Hanauer IBD Center, Chicago, IL

Performance Characteristics of Fecal Immunochemical Tests in Males and Females: Should the Threshold Vary?

Thomas Imperiale, MD¹, Kyle Porter, MAS², Paul Limburg, MD²; ¹Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN; ²Abbott, Madison, WI

Symptom Burden, Dietary Restriction, and Real-World Pancreatic Enzyme Use in Adults With Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency: Final Long-Term Follow-up Findings From the PACT-CP Registry

Dianne Nguyen, MD¹, Rahul Pannala, MD², Yasmin Hernandez-Barco, MD³, Samer Al-Kaade, MD⁴, David Whitcomb, MD, PhD, FACP⁵, Cindy Frommer, BS⁶, Janine Twal, PharmD¹, Trudi Delk, PharmD¹, Jodie A. Barkin, MD, FACP⁷; ¹Nestlé Health Science, Bridgewater, NJ; ²Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ; ³Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; ⁴Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO; ⁵University of Pittsburgh, UPMC and Ariel Precision Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA; ⁶PPD Observational Studies, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA; ⁷University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

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Does COVID-19 Vaccination Trigger IBD Flares in Pregnancy? A National VAERS Analysis

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PRISM-AI: A Multi-Modal Fusion Artificial Intelligence Platform Integrating Liquid Biopsy and Radiomics Outperforms Consensus Guidelines in Triaging High-Risk Pancreatic Cysts

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Traction-Assisted vs Conventional Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection for Colorectal Lesions: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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● ACG MEDICAL STUDENT OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

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Prehabilitation Before Transplant: Early Outcomes of the Otago Program in Pre-Frail Liver Transplant Candidates

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Impact of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Therapy on Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease in Patients With Obstructive Sleep Apnea: A Prospective Cohort Study

Sri Krushna Prasad Mishra, MBBS, Sohini Saha, MBBS; Institute of Medical Sciences & SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India

Against the Tide: A Nationally Synchronous Resurgence in IBD-Associated Colorectal Cancer Mortality, US 1999-2024

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Opportunistic Screening for MASLD During Routine Echocardiography: Prospective Validation of the Echocardiographic Hepatorenal Index Against MRI-PDFF and Serum Liver Enzymes

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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.

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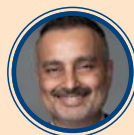
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2026 ACG Advocacy Day and Governors Meeting: The ACG Board of Governors hosted the annual advocacy day on April 16, 2026, together with the 2026 Early Career Leadership Program cohort, the ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council, ACG Past Presidents, and the ACG Board of Trustees. Altogether, over 100 ACG leaders attended, 46 states and 124 unique U.S. House congressional districts were represented, and over 200 meetings were 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: This year's key messages and legislative requests included urging Members of Congress to co-sponsor (1) the bipartisan Safe Step Act (H.R. 5509 / S. 2903), for common sense step therapy reform; (2) the Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care Act (H.R. 4681 / S. 1380) to expand loan repayment programs to specialty physicians serving rural areas; (3) three Medicare reimbursement reform bills—the Provider Reimbursement Stability Act (H.R. 8163), the Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act (H.R. 6160), and the Efficiency Adjustment Delay Act (H.R. 7520); and (4) encouraging House Representatives to sign a letter about surveillance colonoscopy coverage as preventive care.

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:

- Dr. Ralph McKibbin (Western Pennsylvania) successfully led efforts in to push back against overly restrictive step therapy protocols for Tremfya, introduced by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health Plan, that would have otherwise meant 3+ years of unacceptable delays for ulcerative colitis and Crohn's patients.
- NPR radio spots, featuring Dr. Noemi Baffy (Maine) and Dr. Andrew Chun (Ohio)
- Dr. Samuel Giday (Northern Florida) participated in a colorectal cancer awareness event and panel discussion, co-hosted by Florida State Rep. Anna Eskamani at AdventHealth's Werner Auditorium (Orlando, FL).
- Dr. Neelima Reddy (Louisiana) represented ACG as part of a coalition of organizations supporting state legislation that would stop proposed CRNA reimbursement cuts, as well as opposing state legislation that would increase medical malpractice damages limits.
- Dr. Neeral Shah (Virginia) represented ACG and worked with the Medical Society of Virginia and the Virginia GI Society in opposing state legislation to increase malpractice damages limits, as well as legislation expanding VA's statute of limitations in order to file a medical malpractice claim.

Governors Partnering with Patient Advocacy Groups: The Board of Governors continues to foster partnerships with patient advocacy groups in the U.S. and abroad. Such partnerships 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 Governors partnered with the Colon Cancer Coalition in 2026 as a national sponsor for the "Get Your Rear in Gear" 5k runs/walks as well as the "Great Colon" tours throughout the U.S.

ACG Governor Communications: The ACG Board of Governors maintains open lines of communication with the membership at large, sending regular updates and personalized messages to their respective states, regions, and countries. These emails also provide updates on recent ACG meetings, courses, clinical guidance, patient education, and advocacy efforts.



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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 offerings are 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 its investment in clinical GI investigators and the scope of its activities, which now include leadership development and education for physicians at varying career stages.

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 a historic \$3 million in funding for clinical research and will support the 2026 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-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
- Pilot Research Award • \$30,000 / 1-year
- Resident Clinical Research Award • \$10,000 / 1-year, plus travel to ACG 2026
- Medical Student Research Award • \$5,000 / 6-10 weeks, plus travel to ACG 2026



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:

- Leadership YOU
- Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award
- Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships with Components of Equity, Diversity & Ethical 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 tailored to a specific career stage. Leadership YOU provides an opportunity for program participants in all four cohorts to network and engage in shared learning sessions, in addition to cohort specific professional development.

- 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.

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 (who 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.



2026 Emerging Leadership Program Participants & Faculty



2026 Early Career Leadership Program Participants & Faculty

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

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.



2026 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 funding as a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator. The program will prepare clinical investigators to serve as scientific leaders, effective team managers, responsible stewards of research funding, and impactful mentors. This unique interactive program provides funded clinician investigators with the skill set to start, grow, and successfully maintain an independent research program.



2026 Clinical Research Leadership Program Participants & Faculty



Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award

The ACG Institute is proud to support the Leonidas Berry Health Equity Research Award. This award is named to honor 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 Components of Equity, Diversity & Ethical 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 their training programs 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.



Cynthia Moylan, MD, MHS, FACP, served as Visiting Professor at the University of Chicago



Victor Chedid, MD, MS served as Visiting Professor at Mercy Medical in Baltimore, Maryland

The Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships with Components of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is an initiative of the LE&E Center that supports speakers in addressing challenges of delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision-making, in addition to gastroenterology/hepatology topics. This year, the LE&E Center supported five visits that included the Components of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

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.

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

The Fund Grows, Uplifts & Transforms clinical GI.

The G.U.T. Fund is the ongoing fundraising campaign of the ACG Institute that makes possible innovative Institute programs such as the ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships with Components of Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care, Junior Faculty Development Awards, the Emerging Leadership Program, the Early Career Leadership Program, the Advanced Leadership 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: gi.org/acg-institute to read the *Institute in Focus* booklet available online.

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

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ACG'S COMMITTEES

2025-2026

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 2026 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 over 850 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 2026, it has expanded to 38 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 2027, visit the ACG website for more information: gi.org/about/committees.

Education Subcommittee

ACG APP Academy for Clinical Excellence (APPEX)

The primary goal of the Committee is to provide high-quality educational programs and practical resources that advance the knowledge, clinical skills and professional development of APPs in gastroenterology and hepatology.

The APP Committee, in collaboration with the Educational Affairs Committee and the Education Universe editors, launched the APP Academy for Clinical Excellence (APPEX) on January 2, 2026. APPEX is

a first of its kind longitudinal learning platform specifically designed for APPs practicing in gastroenterology and hepatology. This enrollment-based comprehensive learning experience is designed exclusively for ACG APP members to support professional growth, demonstrate clinical competence, promote lifelong learning, and foster interprofessional collaboration.

The curriculum is made up of 36 modules comprising 161 on-demand lectures, featuring content from the original Education Universe APP Learning Modules, along with new ACG Guideline modules focused on the practical application of evidence-based recommendations in APP practice. Leadership modules from ACG 2025 were also recently added. In addition to educational content, APPEX includes a growing resource library with practical tools such as Toolbox articles, prior authorization letter templates and the Endoscopy Unit Manual. Future content will include an introduction to endoscopy curriculum designed specifically for APPs.

APPEX is designed to be flexible and scalable across a variety of practice settings. It can be incorporated into APP onboarding and fellowship programs, used as adjunctive learning in GI/Hepatology practices, or leveraged to obtain continuing education credit toward certification and licensure requirements. All content undergoes regular review and updates to ensure alignment with current clinical guidelines, emerging evidence and best practices.

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 one year of experience in GI and/or hepatology.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Advanced Practice Providers Committee (cont.)

Congratulations to the 2026 scholarship recipients: Wynette Almeida, NP, Zohra Aziz, PA, MMS, DMSc, Catherine Brady, PA, Mary Clarke, NP, Leighanne Hartman, NP, Tara Hieger, FNP-C, Audrey Lastra, PA-C, Kathleen Morton, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, Jennifer Prebish, APRN-CNP, Ricardo Ruiz, NP, Jessica Samson, PA-C, Maribel Torres, MSN, FNP-C

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 Sandip Sall, DNP, NP-C.

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. The recipient demonstrates excellence in mentorship, preceptorship, curriculum development and/or other educational activities that have a lasting impact on the profession.

This year's recipient is Lenore Lamanna, RN, EdD, ANP-C.



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 by NPs and PAs. Each year, 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 Catherine Tambunan, FNP, "Structured Follow-Up Improves Adherence to App-Based Gut-Directed Hypnotherapy in a Medically Complex Tertiary Care Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) Population".

Mentorship Subcommittee

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



To support this initiative, the Committee developed a dedicated mentorship landing page on the ACG website to provide program information and application materials: gi.org/mentoring-program-apps. Mentees are asked to select their preferred mentorship focus area during the application

process, allowing mentors and mentees to be thoughtfully matched based on career stage, interests and professional goals.

For 2026, two cohorts were planned beginning April 15th and October 15th. The mentorship sub-committee reviews applications and matches participants into either 1:1 mentor or small group programs based on their stated preferences and availability. The April cohort included 17 mentees and 14 mentors, resulting in 9 mentorship pairings, consisting of both individual and small-group relationships.

The subcommittee plans to conduct informal check-ins throughout the mentorship cycle to monitor progress, gather feedback and provide ongoing support. A formal post-program evaluation will assess participant satisfaction, program outcomes, and opportunities for improvement. The Committee also aims to analyze and publish program outcomes to address the existing gap in the literature on structured mentorship programs for APPs in gastroenterology.

Practice Management Subcommittee

The Practice Management Subcommittee works to provide APP members with timely, practical guidance on practice operations, quality improvement, safety, coding, reimbursement and workforce optimization. In partnership with the Practice Management Committee, the APP subcommittee has published two toolbox articles. The first, "Incorporating APPs into GI Practices" is designed to help practices successfully recruit, onboard, and integrate APPs into gastroenterology care teams. The second, "Optimizing the Role of APPs in GI" explores strategies to maximize APP impact through role clarity, practice models, subspecialty clinics, productivity metrics, compensation, professional development, and future directions of GI APP practice.

In collaboration with the Education Subcommittee, the Practice Management subcommittee also organized the third annual APP Networking Lunch at the Annual Meeting in Nashville, entitled "Launching Strong, Leading Forward: From First Day to Future Leader 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 members representing diverse geographic regions, clinical environments, and career stages. Panelists will share insights into a successful transition into GI practice, recognizing opportunities for professional growth and leadership development, and practical approaches to building credibility and influence early in one's career.

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. 2026 ACG Annual Meeting Planning: APP Committee representatives participated in the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting Planning Subcommittee meeting in January 2026.
2. ACG APP Resource Center: The ACG APP Resource Center, located under the membership tab on the main ACG website (gi.org/advanced-practice-providers) serves as a central hub for APP members. It features a monthly APP member spotlight, links to educational resources, training and fellowship opportunities, ACG member benefits and career opportunities, clinical guidelines, access to the GI Circles, professional development tools and patient education materials.
3. Quarterly APP Virtual Networking: APP Committee is developing quarterly virtual networking sessions designed to foster connection, collaboration and peer support among GI APPs across diverse practice settings, while expanding opportunities for member engagement beyond in person meetings.
4. 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville – APP Lounge: Join us at the APP Lounge during this year’s Annual Meeting in Nashville, where several networking events are planned, including opportunities to meet APP Committee leadership, connect with colleagues, and continue building the growing GI APP community.

Meet the ACG APP Leadership

Monday, October 12 | 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Join committee members and committee leadership in the APP Lounge for an informal Q&A exclusively for ACG APPs! Learn about different leadership trajectories and how involvement in the ACG and national organizations can bring fulfillment throughout your career.

APP Networking Hour

Tuesday, October 13 | 10:35 am – 11:35 am

Join APPs from all across the country for an informal network opportunity in the APP Lounge. Let’s get together, share resources, and connect as a GI APP community! Led by the APP ACG Committee.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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 2026, the exhibit will highlight the various named awards, lectures, and programs of the College. Each named award will be highlighted and provide a bit of history of the award and person for whom the award, lecture, or program is named.

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) has been provided to all GI training program directors in the United States.

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

2026 Award Recipients

Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

Joseph A. Murray, MD, FACG

Samuel S. Weiss Award

Carol A. Burke, MD, MACG

Master Awards

- Maurice A. Cerulli, MD, FACG
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Distinguished Mentorship and Teaching Awards

- Guilherme G. Macedo, MD, PhD, MACG
- Kathryn A. Peterson, MD, MSc

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award

Lubna Kamani, MD, FACG

International Leadership Awards

- Anita Afzali, MD, MPH, MHCM, FACG
- David E. Fleischer, MD, FACG

Distinguished NP/PA Teaching Award

Lenore Lamanna, ANP

NP/PA Award for Clinical Excellence

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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

After performing a review of the ACG Constitution and Bylaws, the Committee proposed changes to Article I relating to Associate Membership qualifications; Article II relating to the Board of Trustees; Article VII relating to Dues and Fees; Article VIII relating to Publications; and Article X relating to the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education, which were presented to and approved by the Board of Trustees and have been sent to the membership with the 2026 Notice of the Annual Business Meeting. The membership will have the opportunity to vote on these changes at the Annual Business Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2026, at the Music City Center in the Karl F. Dean Grand Ballroom A (Level 4).

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 2025 and by Zoom meeting in January 2026, April 2026, and June 2026. The Committee reviewed a total of 284 applications for Membership, Fellowship, and International Membership and made the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

- 125 candidates were advanced to Fellowship
- 104 candidates were elected to Membership
- 55 candidates were elected to International Membership
- 1 candidate was elected to Direct Fellowship

The Chair reviewed and approved 1483 applications for Student/Resident/Trainee Membership and approved 659 applications for Associate and Advanced Practice Provider Membership from August 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

The total number added to the rolls by this report is therefore 2302.

The Committee will meet during the October Annual Meeting to consider additional applications for the period of June 2026 through October 2026.

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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 guidelines that have been 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 highlight. All guideline highlights are reviewed by the guideline author(s) and Committee Chair Andrew M. Moon, MD, MPH, FACG.

Guideline	Highlight Author	Guideline Author/Reviewer
Hepatic Encephalopathy	Christina Awad, MD	Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACG
Colonic Diverticulitis	Erica Duh, MD	Anne F. Peery, MD, MSCR
Adenomatous Colorectal Polypoid Syndromes	Carl Kay, MD	Gautam Mankaney, MD



➔ View guidelines, highlights, and podcasts: gi.org/guidelines

ACG Case Reports Journal Editorial Board

The Committee helps support the GI fellows-in-training who serve on the *ACG Case Reports Journal (ACGCRJ)* Editorial Board and includes former Co-Editors-in-Chief (Co-EICs) of *ACGCRJ*. New this year were three internal medicine residents who served as *ACGCRJ* Social Media Ambassadors, taking charge of the @ACGCRJ handle on X and sharing interesting cases, image challenges, and more. In June, they published a reflection on their experience in the journal: bit.ly/crj-sm-reflection.



Daniyal Abbas, MD (Harlem Hospital Center), and Dushyant Dahiya, MD (University of Kansas), the 2025-2026 Co-EICs, completed their terms in June. Four Associate Editors returned for a second term, including new Co-EICs Arjun Chatterjee, MD (Cleveland Clinic), and Linda Jiang, MD (University of Michigan), supported by the slate of new Associate Editors and Social Media Ambassadors.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Digital Communications and Publications Committee (cont.)

In 2026, *Evidence-Based GI (EBGI)* moved to a bimonthly publishing schedule at the beginning of 2026. In July 2026, the College announced the new slate of *EBGI* Associate Editors:

- **Daniyal Abbas, MD**, University of Miami, Miami, FL
- **Zaid Ansari, MD**, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX
- **Christina Award, MD**, San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium, San Antonio, TX
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- **Sanjeevani Tomar, MD**, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, Texas
- **Jonathan Xia, MD, PhD**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- **Muhammad Nadeem Yousaf, MD**, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Social Media for ACG's Journals & Publications

Since its launch in September 2020, the @AmJGastro X feed has grown to more than 17,000 followers as of July 2026. Active dialogue with authors who share Red Journal papers and media coverage of ACG guidelines have primarily driven @AmJGastro's X engagement.

@ACG_CTG – X Feed for Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology

CTG launched an X presence in May 2021 and has more than 1,300 followers as of July 2026.

@ACGCRJ – X Feed for ACG Case Reports Journal

The ACGCRJ X feed launched in late June 2021 and has approximately 2,200 followers as of July 2026, when the College announced new Social Media Ambassadors for ACGCRJ:

- **Amy Kumar, DO**, HCA Florida Largo Hospital, Lead Social Media Ambassador
- **Avneet Kaur, MBBS**, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Associate Ambassador
- **Cinthia Reyes Cruz, MD**, University of Miami at Holy Cross, Associate Ambassador

@ACG_EBGI – X Feed for Evidence-Based GI

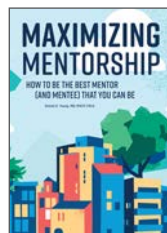
Launched in June 2023, *EBGI* has more than 3,200 followers as of July 2026. The *EBGI* Social Media Ambassadors continue to develop engaging content for social media, aiming to spark discussion in the GI community.

ACG MAGAZINE

ACG MAGAZINE 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 2026, ACG MAGAZINE has published 38 issues since its launch in early 2017.

Recent Issues

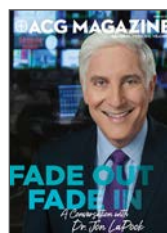
➡ All current and past issues of ACG Magazine can be viewed at gi.org/acg-magazine.



Winter 2025

Maximizing Mentorship: How to Be the Best Mentor (and Mentee) That You Can Be

By ACG Trustee Patrick E. Young, MD, MACP, FACC



Spring 2026

Fade Out, Fade In: A Conversation with Dr. Jon LaPook

By Mark Pochapin, MD, MACG, and Jon LaPook, MD



Summer 2026

Who's Setting the Narrative? Why Gastroenterologists Must Lead the Fight Against GI Misinformation

By Trisha Pasricha, MD

Ways to Contribute

ACG MAGAZINE serves as a platform to highlight the expertise and insights of ACG volunteer leaders, demonstrating to members the connection their peers feel to 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. If your story idea does not make it into ACG MAGAZINE, we may be able to share it through another ACG communications channel.

Cross-Committee Collaborations

ACG committees are valuable sources of compelling articles for *ACG MAGAZINE*. Recent examples of articles developed through committees include:

Board of Governors

- ACG Advocacy Day 2026—Advocacy Takes Guts: Advancing Digestive Health (Summer 2026)

International Relations Committee

- Expanding Global Horizons in Hepatology Through the ACG International Training Grant at Yale University (Winter 2025)

Legislative and Public Policy Council

- Local Roots and National Impact: Dialogue on Advocacy, Community, and Commitment (Spring 2026)

Patient Care Committee

- COVID-19 Vaccination: What You Should Know (Winter 2025)
- Blood Test to Detect Colorectal Cancer (Summer 2026)
- Patients Can't Not Have an Experience (Summer 2026)

Professionalism Committee

- After Hours: Filling Buckets That Bring Joy and Excitement (Summer 2026)
The After Hours series was initiated by ACG Trustee Jill K.J. Gaidos, MD, FACP, and contributions are in collaboration with the Professionalism Committee.

Public Relations Committee

- Fade Out, Fade In: A Conversation with Dr. Jon LaPook (Spring 2026)
- Who's Setting the Narrative? Why Gastroenterologists Must Lead the Fight Against GI Misinformation (Summer 2026)

Training Committee

- Choosing a Non-ACGME Fellowship: Timing, Pathways, and Considerations (Winter 2025)
- Training in the Age of AI: What Trainees Should Know About Artificial Intelligence-Assisted Colonoscopy (Spring 2026)
- Beyond the Scope: Mastering the Nontechnical Skills of Endoscopy (Summer 2026)

Women in GI Committee

- Conversations with Women in GI Digital Compendium (March 2026)
This standalone digital publication includes all Conversations with Women in GI interviews, conducted by Dr. Gaidos, that have been published in *ACG MAGAZINE*, as well as a foreword by ACG Immediate Past President Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, MACP, MACG.

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

OBJECTIVES

1. To heighten awareness of issues and strategies related to diversity, equity and inclusion by which the College can best serve the interests of all members and their patients.
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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:

ACG URIM Luncheon

This will be the third year of the DEI Luncheon discussing a variety of career paths, mitigating and overcoming unique obstacles faced by URIMs and honing the art and skill of networking. Speakers include Ayokunle Abegunde, MD, FACC (Loyola Medical Center); Victor Chedid, MD, MS (Mayo Clinic – Rochester); Jennifer Christie, MD (University of Colorado); Yasmin Hernandez-Barco, MD (Massachusetts General Hospital); and Ugonna Iroku, MD, MHS (Mount Sinai/Summit Health). The luncheon will be led by Patricia Ajayi-Fox, MD, and Sonali Paul, MD, FACC.

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. Bushra Zia, selected the following recipients for the 2026 program:

- Moises Correa (Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine)
Mentor: Danny Issa, MD – UCLA
- Jarret Wallerson (Howard University College of Medicine)
Mentor: Jeremy Louissaint, MD – UT Southwestern

Prescriptions for Success Program

The ACG Prescriptions for Success subcommittee, led by Dr. Bushra Zia, awarded three students a \$1,000 scholarship at Phoenix Bioscience High School: Chingwok Awejok, Kaden Hartley, and Naiya Pena. The ACG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Healthcare Scholarship was awarded after the ACG 2025 Annual Meeting 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. The Prescriptions for Success High School event will resume at the ACG 2027 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

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 2026 recipient, Lauren Nephew, of Indiana University 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 "HOME-HCC: Home-Based Blood-Based Screening to Improve Hepatocellular Carcinoma Surveillance Equity." Applications for 2027 opened on August 31, 2026, and will close on December 7, 2026.

HERA Abstract of Distinction

This will be the second year of the ACG HERA Abstract of Distinction, which features quality improvement, clinical, translational, or basic science-oriented work in identifying and/or interventions centered on health equity or health care-based disparities in gastrointestinal diseases. Awardees will be recognized with a physical badge during the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting, as well as with a digital badge.

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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 2026 to plan the educational offerings for the 2026 Annual Meeting. ACG 2026 is being offered as a hybrid event both live in Nashville and with virtual components in October 2026. The Abstract Selection Subcommittee then met in June 2026 to select oral presentations, poster presentations, and abstract awards for the 2026 meeting.

ACG 2026

The Abstract Selection Subcommittee met in June 2026. Over 8,100 abstracts were submitted, and 69 of the top-rated abstracts were selected for oral presentation.

For the fourteenth 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 14th 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 2026.

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.

The final program for the ACG 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting was developed collaboratively after extensive discussion with the Educational Affairs Committee, chaired by V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACP, with input from ACG President William D. Chey, 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 6,700 poster presentations. 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 Nashville as well as a certificate of recognition following the meeting.

New for 2026 – What's New in GI Pharmacology Course – led by Course Co-Directors Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACP, and Shailja C. Shah, MD, MPH, will be offered only as an on-demand course.

On Friday, October 9, 2026, six additional educational offerings are available:

1. **Joint ASGE/ACG Endoscopy Course** – led by Course Co-Directors Shivangi T. Kothari, MD, FACP, FASGE, V. Raman Muthusamy, MD, MAS, FACP, FASGE, and Heiko Pohl, MD, FASGE, will feature live and streaming sessions from 7:25 am – 5:30 pm Central Time.
2. **GI Pathology and Imaging Course** – led by Course Co-Directors Sita S. Chokhavatia, MD, MACG, and Phillip K. Henderson, DO, FACP, will feature live and streaming sessions from 7:00 am – 12:30 pm Central Time.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Educational Affairs Committee (cont.)

3. **WISE GI: Women's Initiative for Success and Elevation in Gastroenterology Course** – led by Course Co-Directors Calley H. Levine, MD, FACG, and Alana B. Persaud, MD, will feature live sessions from 1:00 pm – 5:50 pm Central Time, with on-demand sessions available following the course.
4. **Advanced Practice Provider Leadership Summit** – led by Sarah M. Enslin, PA-C, MS, Amy L. Stewart, FNP-C, and Dayna S. Early, MD, FACG, will feature live sessions from 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm Central Time, with on-demand sessions available following the course.
5. **Practice Management Summit: "Research to Reality: Enriching Clinical Practice"** – led by Course Co-Directors Kunjali Padhya, MD, FACG, and Drew Triplett, DO, will feature live sessions from 1:30 pm – 6:45 pm Central Time, with on-demand sessions available following the course.
6. **ACG Guide to the Guidelines Course** – led by Course Co-Directors Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG, and Hetal A. Karsan, MD, FACG, will feature live sessions from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Central Time, with on-demand sessions available following the course.

On October 10 – 11, 2026, the Postgraduate Course will be held under the leadership of Course Co-Directors Shrinivas Bishu, MD, FACG, and Darren M. Brenner, MD, FACG. The Self-Assessment Test, prepared under the direction of Amol Sharma, MD, MSc, FACG, 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, 2027.

ACG Online Self-Assessment Test

The 2024 through 2026 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.

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:

2026 Meetings

ACG's Obesity and Metabolic Disorders School & Southern Regional Postgraduate Course

December 4-6, 2026
Hyatt Regency Louisville
Louisville, KY

2027 Meetings

ACG's Functional GI and Motility Disorders School & Western Regional Postgraduate Course

February 5-7, 2027
Mandalay Resort
Las Vegas, Nevada

ACG's Esophagus School & ACG/FGS Spring Symposium

March 5-7, 2027
Signia Hilton Naples Grande Beach Resort
Naples, FL

ACG's Obesity and Metabolic Disorders School & ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course

March 19-21, 2027
The Higgins Hotel New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

ACG's IBD School & ACG/OGS Midwest Regional Postgraduate Course

August 27-29, 2027
Hilton Columbus at Easton
Columbus, OH

ACG's Hepatology School & ACG/VGS/MASGNA Regional Postgraduate Course

September 10-12, 2027
The Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, VA

ACG 2027

October 22-27, 2027
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas

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 *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 2026.

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 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 can 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

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 100,000 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 2026 international courses for endorsement by the College:

Egyptian Society of Digestive Endoscopy (ESDE) 2026

January 23-24, 2026

Cairo, Egypt (Online)

Live Digestive Endoscopy Workshop (DEW-2026)

February 13-15, 2026

Chennai, India

Orlando, Florida

International Webinars on Gastroenterology An Initiative of MedIndia Academy & Hospital

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

January 29, 2026

1. Gastroenterology & Master Health Checkup
2. Pre-cancerous Lesions in Gastroenterology

March 12, 2026

Debate – Grey Areas in Gastroenterology:

1. Physician’s Perspective
2. Surgeon’s Perspective

April 22nd, 2026

1. Neuro Endocrine Tumours (NET) – Classification & Management
2. Gastro-Intestinal Stromal Tumours (GIST) – Diagnosis & Management

May 27th, 2026

1. Selection & Optimisation before Liver Transplants
2. Post Liver Transplant Care – Physician’s Perspective

June 24th, 2026

1. Diarrhoea in Immune-Compromised Host – Algorithmic Approach
2. Irritable Bowel Syndrome – Art & Science of Management

July 22nd, 2026

1. How Did I Arrive at the MELD Score – The Journey & Impact
2. Clinics in Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease

August 26th, 2026

1. Ulcerative Colitis – Management in 2026
2. Crohn’s Disease – Management in 2026

September 16th, 2026

1. Dysbiosis & GI Diseases
2. Antibiotics – Right Choice and Rationale in GI infections, Pancreatitis, & Liver Diseases

October 7th, 2026

1. Acute Pancreatitis – Natural History, Complications, & Management
2. Chronic Pancreatitis – Natural History, Complications, & Management

FDA RELATED MATTERS COMMITTEE

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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

OBJECTIVES

- 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.
- 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.
- Serve as a resource for members to report adverse events (AEs) more easily.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The FDA Related Matters Committee in 2026 is under the leadership of Amanda Cartee, MD, FACG.

FDA Committee Workshop at ACG 2026

The Committee plans to host a workshop during ACG 2026. The topic for the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting will be, "We Are What We Eat: An Overview of U.S. Food Policy, Supply, and Advocacy."

Committee Comments- FDA Draft Guidance on Clinical Trials

In January 2026, the committee provided comments on the FDA Draft Guidance: "Scientific Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Product: Updated Recommendations for Assessing the Need for Comparative Efficacy Studies." The draft guidance describes considerations regarding comparative clinical study or studies with efficacy endpoints intended to support a demonstration that a proposed therapeutic protein product is biosimilar to a reference product.

In November 2025, the committee provided comments on the FDA's draft guidance entitled "Erosive Esophagitis: Developing Drugs for Treatment." The draft guidance solicited recommendations on clinical trials for drugs being developed for erosive esophagitis (EE) and maintenance of healed EE in adults, including considerations for eligibility criteria, trial design features, efficacy evaluations, as well as safety assessments. The committee also provided comment on the FDA's draft guidance entitled "Symptomatic Nonerosive Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease: Developing Drugs for Treatment." The draft guidance details FDA's recommendations for drugs being developed for the treatment of symptomatic nonerosive gastroesophageal reflux disease (sGERD) in adults, including considerations for eligibility criteria, trial design features, efficacy evaluations, as well as safety assessments.

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 2027 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 October. The committee will also review drafts of the audited 2025 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 three 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. A newly revised Cash Reserve & Liquidity policy requires that between 25% to 100% (target 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.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for evaluating innovation and technology needs in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology for ACG members to facilitate the growth of creativity and innovation in our field through direct engagement with innovators, clinicians and industry, resulting in the development of meaningful technology and techniques.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Innovation and Technology Committee in 2026 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.

‘Best of ACG 2025 Abstracts’ Virtual Grand Rounds

In February 2026, the committee hosted its annual ACG VGR, reviewing innovative abstracts from the ACG 2025 Annual Meeting.

2026 ACG Annual Meeting – Committee Sponsored Booth Tour

The committee will host its annual “industry booth walking tour” at ACG 2026, with the goal of learning about the latest technology and cultivating new relationships between industry partners and committee members. Committee members take a coordinated tour of the exhibit hall for prearranged meetings with industry leaders at their respective booths. The companies appreciate the foot traffic and meeting ACG members, while the committee members can learn about the latest technologies and develop some professional contacts.

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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.

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.

2026 International Training Grant Awardees

Dr. Yvonne Nartey from Ghana is currently a GI fellow-in-training at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital and plans to study at Mayo Clinic Rochester under the direction of Dr. Lewis Roberts for four months. Her objectives are to acquire training to address gaps in early detection, risk stratification and longitudinal care in cirrhosis and HCC that currently exist in Ghana. Her training at Mayo Clinic will include two months of focused clinical observership and two months of clinical research, providing a comprehensive and integrated learning experience. Once back in Ghana, she plans to develop simplified clinical protocols and training materials and support the training of healthcare workers to enable task-shifting and scale-up of these interventions in resource-limited settings. Through collaboration with national programs, including the Ghana Health Service and viral hepatitis control initiatives, she aims to contribute to sustainable improvements in liver disease care.

Dr. Mifta Hamid from Ethiopia is currently an advanced interventional endoscopy fellow-in-training at St Paul Hospital Millennium Medical College and plans to study at Mayo Clinic Rochester under the direction of Dr. Vinay Chandrasekhara for two months. His objectives are (1) to become familiar with advanced endoscopic techniques, especially as applied to patients both before and after liver transplantation. These include gallbladder drainage by ERCP and EUS, direct cholangioscopy, treatment of post-transplant biliary anastomotic strictures, and long-limb ERCP in patients with Roux-en-Y biliary drainage; (2) to understand the role of endoscopy in a liver transplantation program, including endoscopic management of gastric and ectopic varices, diagnosis and endoscopic management of cholangiocarcinoma complicating primary sclerosing cholangitis, and nutritional access in the peritransplantation period; and (3) to gain familiarity with common patient management issues after liver transplantation. His aim is to return to Ethiopia with advanced knowledge and procedural proficiency that will directly benefit his patients and strengthen the transplant team.

2026 North American International Training Grant Awardees

Dr. Fnu Vikash is a GI fellow-in-training at the Cleveland Clinic and plans to study at the National Cancer Center Hospital in Tokyo, Japan under the direction of Dr. Yutaka Saito for four weeks. His interests revolve around addressing the gap of integrating endoscopic assessment with

histopathologic interpretation, which directly affects clinical decision-making, including appropriate selection of patients for endoscopic therapy versus surgical referral. The training he is seeking at the National Cancer Center Hospital in Tokyo, Japan, where high-volume practice is combined with structured endoscopic-pathologic correlation and multidisciplinary case discussions will help him develop a deeper understanding of lesion characterization using advanced imaging, correlate endoscopic findings with histopathologic features, and learn how these correlations guide decisions among EMR, ESD, and surgical referral. The goal of this effort will be to improve concordance between endoscopic assessment and histopathologic diagnosis, standardize decision-making for endoscopic versus surgical management, and evaluate improvements in endoscopic-pathologic concordance over time.

Other Initiatives

ACG Partnership with The African Esophageal Cancer Consortium (AfrECC)

The Committee is pleased to continue the 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 2026, 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 6,000, 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 2026, the following international webinars occurred/will occur:
 - January 27, 2026: Italian Society of Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy (SIGE), "ACG Guideline on Eosinophilic Esophagitis"
 - February 19, 2026: Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan, "The Paradigm Shift from FMT to Live Biotherapeutic Products in the Treatment of Recurrent *Clostridioides difficile* Infection"
 - June 10, 2026: Chilean Society of Gastroenterology, "Gastric Cancer Prevention Strategies in Latin American Countries" (Spanish language webinar)
 - July 28, 2026: Japanese Gastroenterological Association (JGA), "Early Colon Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment"
 - August 5, 2026: Pakistan GI and Liver Disease Society (PGLDS), "Chronic Liver Disease and Its Complications"
 - September 9, 2026: Saudi Gastroenterology Association, "Advances in the Diagnosis and Management of SIBO"

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 2026 Recipients are: Sri Krushna Prasad Mishra, MBBS (India), Prathiba Krishna Ramanujam Rajasekaran, MBBS (India), and Komal Verma Saluja, MBBS (India).

International Abstract Award

The International Abstract Award is selected from among all abstracts submitted in any category and is presented to one recipient. The primary author may 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 award recipient is chosen by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

The 2026 Recipient is: Sabeera Mohammed, MBBS (India), “PRISM-AI: A Multi-Modal Fusion Artificial Intelligence Platform Integrating Liquid Biopsy and Radiomics Outperforms Consensus Guidelines in Triaging High-Risk Pancreatic Cysts”.

International Breakfast Session at ACG 2026

The Committee is holding an International Attendee Breakfast Session at ACG 2026 on October 12th from 6:45 am - 7:45 am. The focus of this session, geared to attendees from outside the U.S., is “Global Perspectives on the Diagnosis and Management of Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease in Pregnancy.” Dr. Lubna Kamani is speaking on “Endoscopy in Pregnancy” and Dr. Mussarat Rahim is speaking on “Liver Disease in Pregnancy.”

International Attendee Reception at ACG 2026

The Committee is pleased to continue to support the International Attendee Reception which takes place on Sunday, October 11th from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at ACG 2026.

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 2026.

ACG Participation at 2026 International Meetings:

Japanese Gastroenterology Association 22nd Annual Meeting

February 20 – 21, 2026

Kumamoto, Japan

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting

April 10 – 12, 2026

Islamabad, Pakistan

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Association of West Indian Gastroenterologists (AWIG) Annual Meeting

April 16 – 18, 2026

Jamaica

ACG sponsored 1 faculty member for this meeting.

Pan-American Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Organization's VI Congress

April 17 – 18, 2026

Cartagena, Colombia

ACG sponsored 1 faculty members for this meeting.

Mexican Association of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting

November 20-24, 2026

Merida, Yucatan, Mexico

ACG is sponsoring 2 faculty members for this meeting.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

The ACG Legislative and Public Policy Council will engage in policy development and provide analysis regarding national affairs, public policy, and practice management to improve 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 2026 continued under the leadership of Chair Stephen Amann, MD, FACP.

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

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

1. Recommending agenda and topics for the ACG Board of Governors and ACG Advocacy Day.
2. Recommending feedback/topics from ACG Governors for the ACG Practice Management and FDA Related Matters Committee's consideration.
3. Recommending policy topics to pursue at the state and local level and identifying key stakeholders and local partners.
4. Aligning these recommendations across the College's relevant committees of jurisdiction, coalitions, and leadership.
5. Working with the College's communications teams and committees to develop communications strategy to highlight 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 22,000 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 FACG 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 will launch a new multi-channel physician recruitment campaign to grow membership by positioning ACG as the professional home for gastroenterologists across all career stages. The campaign focuses on increasing awareness, nurturing prospective members through targeted messaging, and converting engaged audiences into active members through strategic timing around key recruitment windows such as membership deadlines and the Annual Meeting. The plan emphasizes segmented outreach for early-career physicians, mid-career physicians, and Women in GI.

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 high-quality, up-to-date, and accessible education on gastrointestinal diseases and procedures for both patients and ACG members, supporting use in clinical practice and institutional settings.
- 2. Serve as stewards of the ACG patient education website content, ensuring accuracy, relevance, and clarity across all materials.
- 3. Enhance patient engagement with the College by promoting awareness and utilization of ACG educational resources.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The ACG Patient Care Committee is charged with developing high-quality educational materials for both ACG members and patients. Recognizing the importance of digital health information as a key resource, the Committee works to ensure that the College provides accurate, accessible, and up-to-date content through the ACG website's patient education pages at gi.org/patients.

Patient Care Website Updates

A major focus of the Committee is overseeing and updating digestive health topics on the ACG patient education website. Committee members are asked to select specific topics to review, helping to

maintain the accuracy and quality of information across the site. The Committee also aims to enhance the usability of patient education pages by collaborating with subject matter experts to ensure that content is written at an approximately 6th-grade reading level and presented in a clear, engaging, and accessible manner.

Podcasts: Patient Care x GastroGirl Collaboration and the Red Journal Podcasts

The Committee seeks to present relevant content in innovative and engaging formats, including patient-centered podcasts. Committee members contribute by submitting patient-focused questions each month related to the featured article in the Red Journal podcast; these questions are then used to develop a companion podcast tailored specifically for patients. In addition, GastroGirl hosts a monthly podcast in collaboration with the Patient Care Committee, where Jacqueline Gaulin interviews expert physicians on a range of 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 incorporate into patient notes. These dot phrases will be created by a dedicated subcommittee and will pull content from digestive health topics available on the ACG patient education website. The goal of this initiative is to encourage ACG members to utilize the wide range of patient education materials available, while also increasing patient engagement with the ACG website. Once the dot phrases are finalized, the Committee plans to develop brief tutorials to educate members on their use and to promote this resource more broadly among the membership.

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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 seventh consecutive year to secure American Board of Pediatrics MOC points for the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course.
3. The Committee collaborated with the Education Universe Board to develop three pediatric GI modules which will launch before the end of 2026:

The Basics of Pediatric GI Module

- Nutrition in Pediatric Patients
- G-Tube Care
- Care of children and Young Adults with Autism
- Celiac Disease

Pediatric Congenital GI Module

- Luminal Disorders (Hirschsprung, Wall Defects, Malrotations, Meckel's)
- Congenital Pancreatitis
- Polyposis Syndromes

Transition of Care from Pediatric to Adult Practice Module

- EoE: Transition of Care from Pediatric to Adult Practice
- Celiac Disease: Transition of Care from Pediatric to Adult Practice
- IBD: Transition of Care from Pediatric to Adult Practice
- Liver: Transition of Care from Pediatric to Adult Practice

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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. Tauseef Ali, MD, FACG serves at the committee's Vice Chair for 2026. 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 Virtual Work Retreat

The Committee hosted a virtual mini work retreat in June 2026. The retreat was highly productive, with robust discussions on current practice management issues and collaborative work to advance committee initiatives, including the development and refinement of Practice Management Toolboxes.

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 2026

The 2026 ACG annual meeting practice management course will be held on Friday, October 9th. This year's course directors are Kunjali Padhya, MD, FACG and Drew Triplett, DO, FACG.

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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. As of submitting this report in July 2026, 3 practice guidelines were published or in production at *The American Journal of Gastroenterology (AJG)*, with 5 in the last stages of peer review. 20 guidelines are in development including portal hypertensive bleeding, the perioperative management of IBD, and an update to the Esophageal Physiologic Testing guideline. Over the past 3 years, the Committee

has completed and published 15 guidelines. Chair, Bryan Sauer, MD, MSc (Clin Res), FACG is rolling off the committee but will remain as a GRADE Methodologist, and Nayantara Coelho-Prabhu, MD, FACG will step up to be the Committee Chair in October 2026.

Guideline Status

Published in 2026:

- March: Hepatic Encephalopathy
- July: Colonic Diverticulitis
- September: Diagnosis and Management of Adenomatous Colorectal Polyposis Syndromes

Publishing in 2027:

- Acute Kidney Injury in Cirrhosis
- Management of Biliary Emergencies
- Preventive Care for Patients with Cirrhosis
- Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Gastrointestinal, Hepatic, and Pancreatic Toxicity
- Diagnosis and Management of Small Bowel Bleeding

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Practice Parameters Committee (cont.)

The following 20 guidelines are currently in development:

- Autoimmune Hepatitis
- Bariatric Endoscopy
- Dysplasia and IBD
- Esophageal Physiologic Testing
- Extraintestinal Manifestations of GERD
- Gastrointestinal polyp syndrome
- Hepatitis B Virus Reactivation
- MASH
- Microscopic Colitis
- Management of Immunotherapy Induced Gastrointestinal, Pancreatic, and Hepatic Toxicity
- Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis: Management of IBD in the Setting of PSC
- Portal Hypertensive Bleeding
- Perioperative Management of IBD
- Pancreatic Cysts
- Pediatric IBD: Crohn's Disease
- Pediatric IBD: Ulcerative Colitis
- 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 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 Chicago, and each of the Committee's sub-committees met virtually to discuss developments in their fields that would warrant updates or new guidelines. The next Committee is meeting at ACG 2026 in Nashville, TN on Monday, October 12.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Professionalism Committee is pleased to once again host the ACG Member Lounge at this year’s Annual Meeting in Nashville. 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.

This year members of the Committee collaborated with colleagues from the Training Committee to develop a manuscript titled “How to Write a CV.” The article was published in the fall issue of *ACG MAGAZINE* and can be found on the ACG Wellness Central web page as well.

The Committee partnered with the Ergonomics Task Force to create the Recognition Program in Ergonomics Excellence (Ergo-Pro) which will recognize endoscopy centers that demonstrate a commitment to creating safer, healthier work environments through ergonomic best practices. The program is launching at the 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville. The Committee will be responsible for reviewing and approving certification applications.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

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

OBJECTIVES

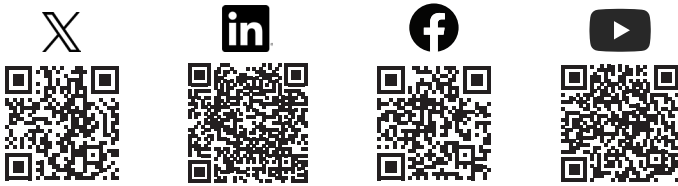
1. Increase the visibility of the ACG to the lay public through key communications channels: radio, television, print, video, Internet and patient education materials.
2. Serve the public and lay press as the authority on clinical GI and liver issues.
3. Strive to earn recognition for ACG’s advocacy for patient health care benefits, e.g., colorectal cancer screening.
4. Conduct media outreach surrounding the Annual Scientific Meeting to promote new research findings and advances in clinical gastroenterology.

COMMITTEE REPORT

ACG on Social Media

ACG’s primary X account, @AmCollegeGastro, has nearly 42,000 followers as of July 2026. Overall, physician engagement with social media helps advance awareness of the GI field and ACG’s priority programs. LinkedIn is another important platform for the College to share news, key programs, and priorities, including public policy updates.

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ACG 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting & Postgraduate Course



#DiversityinGI Virtual 5K and Morning Fun Runs

The Committee continued its collaboration with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to host the #DiversityinGI Virtual 5K

and Morning Fun Runs leading up to and on site at the Annual Meeting, respectively. Members were invited via social media, email, and meeting app notifications to register, run or walk, and share their excitement on social media using #DiversityinGI to celebrate diversity and inclusion in GI. In Phoenix, fun runs were held from October 25–28, with two volunteer leaders per day taking responsibility to captain the group of runners. The PR Committee is very grateful to the following group leaders:

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#DiversityinGI Fun Run participants at ACG 2025 in Phoenix

The \$15,000 in proceeds from Ironwood Pharmaceuticals' sponsorship of the 2025 virtual race and fun runs supports the DEI Committee's Summer Scholars mentorship program, an eight- to 10-week clinical research experience for U.S. medical students from groups underrepresented in medicine. Students are paired with research mentors who share similar clinical research interests in GI and hepatology.

➔ Learn more and consider serving as a Summer Scholars mentor: gi.org/acg-summer-scholars-program

#ACG2025 Media Coverage

The breadth and depth of media coverage for the Annual Scientific Meeting reflects both great work by the PR Committee to identify compelling clinical findings for media pitching and outreach, as well as strong relationships that ACG has cultivated with journalists covering GI, medicine, and consumer health.

Media outlets that reported on science from ACG 2025 include Healio Gastroenterology, Medscape, Gastroenterology Advisor, Gastroenterology & Endoscopy News, and MedPage Today, among others.



SCOPY Awards

ACG celebrated the 11th year of the Service Award for Colorectal Cancer Outreach, Prevention & Year-round Excellence (SCOPY) Awards with 26 awards presented during the SCOPY Awards ceremony and reception. The event took place in conjunction with the #ACG2025 Social Media Meetup on Monday, October 27, 2025, at the Phoenix Convention Center. At the event, attendees gathered to congratulate the winners, connect with friends, and relax after a full day of educational programming.



SCOPY Award Reception and Social Media Meetup at ACG 2025

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month 2026

This year, ACG's CRC Awareness Month activities included patient advocacy, volunteerism, media engagement, and fun activities to bring our primary message to the public: if you are age 45 or older, get screened for colorectal cancer. ACG offers patient handouts and social media images throughout the year to educate patients about the importance of CRC screening and prevention.

➔ Explore patient handouts, including translated versions: bit.ly/ACG-CRC-toolkit

In March 2026, ACG led a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month radio and television media tour, pairing GI experts with local and national TV and news outlets to share messages about the importance of CRC screening and prevention. These spots appeared on ABC, CBS, and NBC affiliate stations, as well as SiriusXM Doctor Radio and many local media outlets. Thank you to the members who volunteered their time and efforts for this initiative!



ACG members and staff volunteered at Fight CRC's United in Blue installation in Washington, DC, for the fifth year in a row! Each of the 27,000+ blue flags planted on the National Mall represented a person under age 50 projected to be diagnosed with colorectal

cancer by 2030. This powerful backdrop set the stage for Fight CRC's Call on Congress advocacy event.

ACG staff joined the GI community in celebrating Dress in Blue Day on March 6, 2026! Our social media feeds were full of #DressinBlueDay enthusiasm and the message was clear: if you're 45 or older and at average risk, get screened for colorectal cancer!



Again in 2026, Dr. Benjamin Levy led and organized Tune It Up: A Concert to Raise Colorectal Cancer Awareness, a virtual concert that pairs musical performances with CRC screening and prevention messages.

➔ You can view a recording of this year's concert at gi.org/concert.

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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 2026, the ACG Research Committee met via Zoom and in person to review the submissions for the ACG 2026 Clinical Research Awards. This hard-working group completed an extensive review of all submitted grants. In assessing the applications for 2026, 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 made for subsequent submissions either to the College or elsewhere. Overall, the investigators selected for the 2026 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 2026 Clinical Research

For 2026, the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education awarded \$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 five 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 applications for this career development award.

ACG will support one Established Investigator Bridge Funding Award at \$300,000 in total, over two years (\$150,000 per year), to sustain competitive, patient-oriented research programs during a gap in federal funding.

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 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 sixty-six submissions for the 2026 Clinical Research Award and Pilot Research Award, the Research Committee recommended funding for six investigators for a total of \$389,735. Three investigators received pilot awards at the \$30,000 level, and three received clinical research awards at the \$100,000 level. The value of the Pilot Award and Clinical Research Award categories doubled this year, from \$15,000 to \$30,000 (Pilot Awards) and \$50,000 to \$100,000 (Clinical Research Awards).

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 six Medical Resident Clinical Research Awards for a total of \$58,918 and four Medical Student Research Awards for a total of \$19,250.

Junior Faculty Development Award

The College is proud to support five 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 five Junior Faculty Development Awards recommended by the ACG Research Committee at their January 2026 meeting:

Katie A. Dunleavy, MD: Massachusetts General Hospital — *Lifestyle Determinants and Dietary Modulation of the Bile Acid-Microbiome Axis to Reduce Pouch Inflammation in Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

Justin T. Field, MD: University of California, San Francisco — *Prevalence and Determinants of Anal HSIL in Patients With Perianal Crohn's Disease*

Corey J. Ketchem, MD, MSCE: Northwestern University — *Defining Optimal Therapeutic and Dilation Strategies in Eosinophilic Esophagitis Using AI and Real-World Data*

Sheila Rustgi, MD: Columbia University Irving Medical Center — *Novel Approaches to Early Detection of Gastrointestinal Cancer for BRCA Carriers*

Yee Hui Yeo, MD, MS: The Cleveland Clinic Foundation — *SOBER-VR: An AI-Powered Virtual Reality Brief Intervention for Hospitalized Patients With Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease*

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 recipient is:

Robert Huang, MD, MS: Stanford University — *Comprehensive Characterization of the Oral-Gastric Microbial Axis Within the Gastric Precancerous Cascade*

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:

Lauren Nephew, MD, MSCE: Indiana University — *HOME-HCC: Home-Based Blood-Based Screening to Improve Hepatocellular Carcinoma Surveillance Equity*

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:

Kira Newman, MD, PhD: University of Michigan — *Patient, Procedure, and Practice Differences Between Male and Female Endoscopists*

Clinical Research Awards

The College offers Clinical Research Awards of up to \$100,000 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 \$30,000) within this category.

2026 ACG Clinical Research Awards (up to \$100,000)

Bharati Kochar, MD, MS: Massachusetts General Hospital; Harvard Medical School — *Developing a Patient Decision Aid to Support Shared Decision Making for Older Adults With Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Research Committee (cont.)

Eduardo Vilar-Gomez, MD: Indiana University School of Medicine — *Defining the Role of Non-Heavy Alcohol Consumption in MASLD Severity, Progression, and Liver-Related Outcomes*

Xiao Jing Wang, MD: Mayo Clinic Rochester — *Development of a Noninvasive Metric to Measure Small Bowel Sensation – the Small Intestine Stress Test*

2026 ACG Clinical Research Awards – Pilot Grants (up to \$30,000)

Molly R. Kelly-Goss, MD, PhD: University of California, San Francisco — *Single-Cell and Spatial Analysis of Vascular Cell Interactions Driving Gastrointestinal Arteriovenous Malformations*

Hyder Said, MD: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai — *Biologic Chronotherapy in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Pilot Feasibility Study*

Irene Sonu, MD: Stanford School of Medicine — *A Pilot Study Using Gut-Directed Hypnotherapy for Hospitalized Patients*

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.

2026 Medical Resident Clinical Research Award (up to \$10,000)

Tarek G. Aridi, MD: Indiana University — *The CarePal Study: Establishing a Digital Health Approach to Real-time Monitoring of Patient Reported Needs and Outcomes in Cirrhosis Care*

Isaac J. Benque, MD, MSc: University of California, San Francisco — *Investigating Novel First-Line and Adjunct Therapies in Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Hepatitis*

Varun Jain, MD, MBA: University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine — *Validating Iron Deficiency Anemia Diagnoses in a Longitudinal Nationwide Cohort to Improve Clinical Outcomes, Care Quality, and Research Rigor*

Daniel M. Simadibrata, MD, MSc: Case Western Reserve University / MetroHealth — *Investigating the Value of Supine and Upright Acid Exposure Time in Patients Undergoing Reflux Testing for the Diagnosis of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease*

Katherine L. Stone, MD: NYU Grossman School of Medicine — *Long-Term Adherence to Colorectal Cancer Screening and Surveillance in the Veterans Health Administration*

Matthew Zhao, MD: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai — *Optimizing Direct Access Screening Colonoscopy in a Large Integrated Health System*

2026 Medical Student Research Award (up to \$5,000)

Clarety Kaseke, BA: The Cleveland Clinic Foundation — *Mechanisms of Inter-Individual Variability in Secretory IgA Responses to Dietary Fiber Supplementation*

Angela Minasyan, BS: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA — *Impact of Anti-Inflammatory vs. High-Fiber Diets on Clinical Outcomes in Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

Kianna Nguyen, BS: Mayo Clinic Rochester — *Characterizing the Senescence Associated Secretory Phenotype in Cirrhosis and Its Role in Sarcopenia*

Easton M. Stark, MS: Indiana University School of Medicine — *Risk Stratification of Patients With Serrated Polyposis Syndrome: Determining Outcomes, Safety, and Cost of Extending Colonoscopy Surveillance Intervals*

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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 2026 Chief Fellows Course was held in the Washington, D.C. area on May 29-30 and co-directed by Adam Ehrlich, MD, MPH, FACP and Yesenia Greeff, MD, FACP. Over 150 rising Chief Fellows from across the

country were nominated by their program directors and 120 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, professional identity formation, and conflict resolution. Program directors will be invited in early 2027 to nominate their rising Chief Fellow to attend the 2027 course in late Spring, where 120 fellows will be invited to participate.

2nd Year Fellows Course Expansion

The ACG Second Year Fellows Course was held on January 16 – 18, 2026 in the Washington, DC, area. It was co-chaired by Murali Dharan, MD, FACP, Brian Ginnebaugh, MD, FACP, and Mariam Naveed, MD, FACP. The course is tailored to the learning needs of second year fellows, and continues to receive excellent feedback from training programs across North America. The course features hands-on sessions led by experts in endoscopy, capsule endoscopy, and esophageal manometry in addition to breakouts on topics including defecatory disorders, hereditary GI cancers, and hepato-biliary and pancreatic imaging. Attendees had the opportunity to interact one-on-one with the experts for a unique mentoring opportunity. Beginning this Winter, ACG will host two Second Year Fellows Courses, allowing up to 250 fellows to participate in the conference. Program directors were invited in July to nominate two 2nd year fellows from their program to attend the expanded course. After the nomination period closes, the College will randomly select up to 125 fellows for each cohort and fully fund their travel and lodging for the course.

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Training Committee (cont.)

Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course Trainee and Resident Events

Trainee Lounge at ACG 2026

The Trainee Lounge will return to ACG 2026! The Committee invites all residents and GI fellows to visit the lounge to network, grab a snack, check out the live job board, 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 10th – Tuesday, October 13th.

GI Jeopardy

This year will mark the 23rd year of GI Jeopardy, 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 10th, and qualifying teams received airfare and housing for the meeting. The winning team members from the live Jeopardy competition will each receive a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2027 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Who will take home the coveted GI Jeopardy trophy? Come prepared to cheer on the participants!



2025 GI Jeopardy champions, Mahmoud Mansour, MD, and Islam Mohamed, MD, from University of Missouri – Columbia

Postgraduate Course Trainees Luncheon

The popular Trainees' Luncheon at the Annual Meeting will resume this year on Sunday, October 11th. The lunch will feature an expert panel to discuss "Beyond the Scope: Non-Traditional Paths in GI", including topics such as careers in industry, entrepreneurship, GI hospitalist roles and GI locum tenens.

The panel will feature Aja McCutchen, MD, Melissa LaTorre Debordeaux, MD, FACG, and Kimberly Zibert, DO. Brock Miller, MD, FACG, Brett Sadowski, MD, FACG, and Meghana Vellanki, MD 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 12, 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 Sita Chokhavatia, MD, MACG, Jonathan Leighton, MD, MACG, John Popp Jr., MD, MACG, and Vonda Reeves, MD, MBA, FACP, FACG.

Deciphering Your First Employment Contract

Back by popular demand, the Committee will again host a session geared towards senior GI fellows, addressing the nuances of contract negotiations on Monday, October 12 from 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm. The Healthcare Attorney, Ann M. Bittinger, 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 fifth 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 12th, from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Invited panelists include Program Directors Edward Barnes, MD, MPH, FACG, Kathryn Byrne, MD, Charles Brock Miller, MD, FACG and Shreya Narayanan, MD. Fellow Panelists include Sanya Goswami, MD, Tessa Herman, MD, Clive Miranda, DO, MSc, and Hyder Said, MD.

Residents' Event: Ask the Fellows

The Committee will host "Ask the Fellows" on Tuesday, October 13th, 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 Drs. Kevin Houston, Maria Lisa Itzoe, and Vinay Jahagirdar. Residents will network and ask questions in an informal gathering with GI Fellows.



Other Activities and Programs

Fellowship Program Director Community

Drs. Mariam Naveed and David Dulaney are leading a newly launched subcommittee focused on supporting educators involved in GI fellowship programs across the U.S. The subcommittee aims to develop practical tools, share evidence-based educational strategies, and build a national network where GI educators can grow alongside their trainees.

Online Resources for Trainees

Drs. Aaron Goldberg and Yesenia Greeff led the Committee's efforts to update the online resource center for senior GI Fellows and recent graduates. Updated resources on topics such as the initial job search,

international medical graduate considerations and navigating different career paths will be posted on the Trainee webpage.

The ACG Resident Resources Subcommittee aims to foster a smoother, more supported transition into GI fellowship. Dr. Ariel Aday led the Committee's efforts to develop a comprehensive guide to support residents that have recently matched into gastroenterology fellowship.

The Resident Resources' subcommittee held its annual Special Virtual Grand Rounds on April 22, 2026, with over 750 registrants and nearly 500 live attendees, to provide guidance to prospective applicants preparing to apply for Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship. If you missed the live webinar, you can watch a recording in the ACG Education Universe here: education.gi.org/presentations/universe_18173

Board Review Question of the Week

The 2025-2026 Grand Prize Winner of the online Board Review Question of the Week competition was Dr. Hisham Wehbe, MD, from The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He received a \$1,000 travel grant toward the 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN.

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 2027 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

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

ACG's long-standing 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 and research careers to work-life balance and special gastrointestinal interests. Trainee participants build relationships and gain valuable career guidance from faculty not accessible to them in their training programs. During the 2025-2026 program cycle, over 40 current fellows were mentored by GI leaders and over 100 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 is designed to equip fellows and junior faculty with essential skills in contract negotiation and professional networking—critical competencies for early career success and leadership development. New for 2026, the program also includes a session to prepare trainees to thrive in an AI-enabled gastroenterology landscape. Ongoing outreach and marketing efforts continue to expand visibility and engagement for this workshop across the American College of Gastroenterology community.

The workshop will be held in person at the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 24, from 5:45 pm to 8:30 pm, and is co-chaired by Drs. Yesenia Greeff and Emily Leven.

Career Opportunities for Women in GI Luncheon

This career-focused symposium, held in conjunction with the ACG Postgraduate Course, highlights the breadth of career paths available within gastroenterology. The program features accomplished female gastroenterologists representing diverse subspecialties and practice settings, offering practical guidance on career navigation and advancement.

The luncheon will feature a dynamic panel of speakers and is co-chaired by Drs. Jessica Dahmus and Sarah Malik and will take place on Saturday, October 10, from 12:20 pm to 1:35 pm.

Leadership Conference

Led by Drs. Kathryn Hutchins and Amanda Pressman, the ACG Leadership Conference continues to serve as a cornerstone initiative supporting professional development and leadership advancement. The 2026 conference, held in Washington, DC as part of the ACG Summer School Series, focused on strategies for balancing professional growth with personal well-being.

Building on prior success, the task force is actively reviewing past programming and participant feedback to inform planning for future conferences, with an emphasis on innovation, relevance, and long-term career sustainability.

Women in GI Online Task Force

Co-chaired by Drs. Anoushka Dua and Lauren Feld, this task force continues to expand the digital presence of women in gastroenterology while promoting ACG initiatives. Building on the successful launch of the Pregnancy Monograph podcast series, the group has developed a broader content strategy that includes diverse clinical, professional development, and career-readiness topics in the newly branded Women in Gastroenterology Podcast.

The task force is actively curating and refining future podcast and digital content, with a focus on inclusivity, topical relevance, and alignment with broader ACG educational initiatives. This year, the subcommittee has developed and released podcast episodes exploring topics such as balancing work and motherhood, pay equity, and parental leave, in addition to miniseries highlighting post-training fellowships and financial literacy for gastroenterologists. The podcast has seen a dramatic increase in listenership and engagement across streaming platforms.

GI Workshop – WISE (Women’s Initiative for Success and Empowerment in Gastroenterology Leadership)

Under the leadership of Drs. Calley Levine and Alana Persaud, the WISE program remains a key professional development offering for women across all stages of their careers.

The 2026 course has been formally approved and will be held as a half-day session at the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 9, from 1:00 PM to 5:50 PM. In parallel, the task force has begun early planning for the 2027 program with the goal of increasing member engagement in program development and shaping future content.

Nutrition Initiative

Led by Drs. Jennifer Katz and Victoria Howard, this initiative is expanding efforts to integrate practical nutrition education into gastroenterology practice. Current activities focus on developing resources for clinicians, including dietary guidance, patient education tools, and disease-specific materials.

The group is also exploring collaborative opportunities with dietitians and digital platforms, including potential podcast content, to enhance physician education and patient care.

Regional Breakfast Roundtables

Co-led by Drs. Sheila Rustgi and Kerri Glassner, this initiative promotes networking and mentorship at the regional level. In 2026, dedicated Women in GI networking breakfasts will be held at select Regional Courses, including the Midwest and Southern meetings. Efforts are underway to increase visibility, participation, and integration into broader regional programming.

Well-Being and Work-Life Balance Task Force

Led by Drs. Katherine Scholand and Tamara Koritarov, this task force continues to prioritize initiatives that support physician wellness.

At the 2026 Annual Meeting, the group will host a yoga session during the Postgraduate Course, complemented by enhanced attendee experience planning. Additional wellness programming—including potential networking or social events—is under consideration, informed by prior attendance and member feedback.

ACG MAGAZINE Articles

Co-chaired by Drs. Katie Dunleavy and Maithili Chitnavis, taskforce continues to contribute to ACG thought leadership through publication initiatives. Current efforts include the development of multiple article pitches focused on evolving career pathways and job diversification within gastroenterology.

In addition to submitting an article entitled “Beyond the Clinic: Side Gigs and Career Diversification in Gastroenterology” for an upcoming issue of the *ACG MAGAZINE*, the group also remains engaged in broader educational collaborations, including participation in trainee transition-to-practice initiatives and exploration of content synergies with digital and podcast platforms.

ACG'S ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS



The American Journal of Gastroenterology

Since it began publishing in 1934, *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 a leading peer-reviewed 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, the editorial board developed the AI Clinical Applications in GI and Hepatology special issue in 2026. The journal received over 110 manuscript submissions in response to the call for papers, making it the most popular special issue ever. Associate Editors evaluated nearly 4,000 submissions in 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. *CTG* is led by Editor-in-Chief Brian Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACP, who completes his second 3-year term in 2026.



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 selected articles 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.

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 are closing out the second year of their final 3-year term. 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 to utilize in daily practice.

In March 2026, the Editorial Board traveled to Savannah, Georgia for a 3-day retreat where the next round of Special Issues, editorial policies, and publication strategy were developed. The editors planned content for the remainder of their term, which ends at the end of 2027. After a long day of planning, the group visited the Savannah Pirates and Treasure Museum where they learned the history of privateering in the United States.

At the retreat, the editorial team developed the 2026 call for papers for the Gut-Brain connection special issue. The issue will feature articles on the new Rome V updates along with other clinical pearls focusing on the gut-brain connection across digestive and liver diseases. The 2026 special issue on AI Clinical Applications in GI and Hepatology published in April. The journal received over 110 manuscript submissions in response to the call for paper, making it the most popular special issue ever. The issue editorial, written by Associate Editor Ryan Stidham, MD, MS, examined both the enthusiasm of AI and potential responsibilities and conflicts in GI. Sewell and colleagues provided a roadmap for AI in GI fellowship training, and reviewed current uses of AI in the clinical decision-making processes, the clinic and inpatient settings, and the endoscopy suite. Showing the wide range of AI in hospitals, Shroff and Fix looked at how clinicians can use AI to reduce burnout. The next special issue of 2026, "Prevention in GI," will be published later this fall, and will feature useful Red Section articles such as applying preventive care in IBD by Freddy Caldera, DO, PhD, FACP and Francis Farraye, MD, MSc, MACG, and a practical guide for integrating nutrition into GI practice by Jennifer Katz, MD, FACP. Important studies on topics ranging from colorectal cancer prevention to prevention of pancreatic complications will be presented.

Journal submissions have increased 36% in the past 2 years under our "no hassle" submissions policy, making submitting to *AJG* convenient and author-friendly. We have also enhanced our author tools, including a complete art director for graphical abstracts. In addition, 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 fourth 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. In 2025, 22 *AJG* reviewers received the top reviewer award and complimentary membership. We will be celebrating our 2026 top journal reviewers at the Academic Publications Reception on Sunday, October 11. Look for our listing of top reviewers acknowledged at the ACG Annual Meeting in Nashville.

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Clinical and Translational GASTROENTEROLOGY

Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology (CTG), is a double-blind peer-reviewed, open access, online journal dedicated to innovative clinical work in the field of gastroenterology, pancreatology, and hepatology. *CTG* seeks to promptly publish and broadly disseminate important clinical care insights and significant scientific discoveries that impact the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of digestive disorders. Editor-in-Chief, Brian Jacobson, MD, FACP, is completing the last year of his second 3-year term in 2026.

The journal editors continue to publish important, clinically-relevant content. For example, the June publication of the ENDOPRINT Trial by Kral and colleagues demonstrated that 3D-printed endoscopic submucosal dissection caps are functionally equivalent to commercial devices in a controlled setting, with potential ergonomic and cost advantages. Another article that garnered media attention was the February 2026 publication of “Association of Coffee Intake With Risk of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease and Complications: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis” by Muftah and colleagues, which showed a small but statistically significant increase rate of GERD with coffee use. The article was featured on Medscape this past March.

The journal was pleased to publish an article that was supported by the ACG Junior Faculty Career Development Award, “A Self-Reported Electronic Body Map Identifies Distinct Clinical Pain Phenotypes in Chronic Pancreatitis” from the University of Michigan. The authors used a self-reported electronic body map and found a large proportion of patients with chronic pancreatitis who reported abdominal pain had widespread pain, and this pain was linked to severe symptoms, increased fatigue, and poor physical function. 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 journal would also like to recognize the work of Eugenia Shmidt, MD, FACP, and Jennifer Weiss, MD, who rolled off the editorial board in 2026. Their work curating content was invaluable in their time on the editorial board. The editors also 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 us high quality content through the transferred submission process. We look forward to more special issues, cross-association collaboration, and continued publication of interesting and innovative articles in 2027.

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ACG CASE REPORTS JOURNAL

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, and videos in all topical areas 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 2025, Co-Editors-in-Chief (EICs) Daniyal Abbas, MD and Dushyant S. Dahiya, MD met with members of the ACG Scholarly Publications staff to plan their goals and initiatives for the term. With an eye toward expanding the journal's purpose as teaching tool for early-career individuals, the EICs mentored 3 internal medicine residents as social media ambassadors for the journal over the course of their term. In addition to guiding them through the process of promoting the journal's content through social media, the EICs offered opportunities for the ambassadors to participate in planning and producing podcasts as co-hosts. They also provided strong, consistent mentorship opportunities for the board at-large through the recruitment of respected, experienced members of the GI community to offer mentorship sessions at monthly editorial board meetings.

The EICs also emphasized the critical contributions of peer reviewers through the Reviewer of the Month program. Each month's honoree was promoted on the journal's website, social media channels, and in member emails. Additionally, honorees were presented with certificates of recognition at the 2025 ACG Annual Scientific Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.

Finally, the EICs highlighted authors and selected cases beyond the pages of the journal through a variety of features. Each month, a different Associate Editor (AE) chose a Case of the Month and wrote a brief commentary on it. Both the commentary and associated publication were featured on the front page of the *ACGCRJ* website. All editors also produced at least one "Behind the Case" podcast during the term, featuring case authors and subject area experts as cohosts. Podcasts are posted on the ACG website and all major streaming services, reaching over 1,400 followers combined on our largest 3rd party platforms, Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Finally, the EICs selected 3-5 Editors' Picks each month to be featured on the journal website to highlight particularly resonant cases from each issue.

During the 2025-2026 term, the board successfully balanced these responsibilities with demanding fellowship programs and processing manuscripts submissions. This was no small feat, given a sharp increase from 1,096 submissions received in 2024 to 1,348 received in 2025.

The 2025-2026 EICs completed their terms on June 30, 2025, and passed the torch to Arjun Chatterjee, MD, of the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, and Linda Jiang, MD, of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 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. In 2026, the publication moved to bimonthly publication, publishing 6 issues per year. 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. Co-Editors-in-Chief curate the publication: Joseph C. Anderson, MD, MHCDS, FACG of White River Junction VAMC and the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, New Hampshire, and Paul Y. Kwo, MD, FACG of Stanford University School of Medicine, California.

The Associate Editors summarized practice-changing trials this year for readers this year, and also brought perspectives on artificial intelligence (AI). Romy Chamoun, MD reviewed the results of the SCREESCO trial and encouraged discussion with patients to emphasize the differences between lab and mail-in FIT tests. Margaret Zhou, MD, MSc examined a multicenter RCT on AI-assisted endoscopy which looked at the advancement of AI from assistive novelty to a quality adjunct in EGD, and Cristopher Vélez, MD, summarized a Red Journal's article on AI-guided strategy to reduce bowel prep. The Associate Editors screen recent studies to bring important perspectives to *EBGI* readers.

Throughout the year, the *EBGI* Social Media Ambassadors have remained deeply engaged in expanding the publication's reach through high-yield educational tweetorials, turning complex articles into digestible content for both clinicians and trainees. Led by Social

Media Associate Editors Clive Miranda, DO, MSc, and Sean-Patrick Price, MD, MPH, the ambassadors maintain a steady cadence of posts throughout the year, sharing new article highlights, podcast episodes, clinical pearls, and visual summaries while increasingly incorporating multimedia content and author engagement. The most prominent initiative was the #EBGIsCRC colorectal cancer awareness campaign during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, which featured a coordinated series of evidence-based educational posts on screening, prevention, risk factors, disparities, diet and lifestyle, inflammatory bowel disease, and emerging research. The campaign also incorporated multilingual messaging, trainee-generated content, expert perspectives, and interactive discussions, resulting in some of the account's strongest engagement of the year. Alongside Associate Editor Mohammad Bilal, MD, Social Media Ambassadors Sophia Dar, MD, Eleasar Montalvan-Sanchez, MD, Aimen Farooq, MD, and Fnu Vikash, MD, M.Med, hosted the ACG Special Edition VGR in March "Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer: Perspectives from Experts, Trainees, and a Survivor" with CRC survivor Vanessa Ghigliotty. Their 2025 CRC March Campaign won a SCOPY award, and the Ambassadors have their fingers crossed for a repeat award in 2026.

EBGI continues to highlight the practice guidelines, and featured the ACG Clinical Guideline: Hepatic Encephalopathy in the April issue of the publication, written by Leandro Sierra, MD, and Nikki Duong, MD. Dr. Sierra later sat down and interviewed guideline primary author and Red Journal Co-Editor-in-Chief Jasmohan S. Bajaj, MD, MS, FACG, for the *EBGI* podcast. Associate Editor Romy Chamoun, MD, and guest contributor Hemanth Gavini, MD, MPH, examined the ACG-ASGE joint publication, "Quality Indicators for ERCP," further expanding the reach of the publication's audience.

A call for Associate Editors was launched in 2026, and the new cohort of editors begins this fall. *EBGI* covers papers published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *JAMA*, and *Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology*, among others. The publication remains free to view for all interested readers.

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- patient care,
- education,
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- advocacy,
- practice management,
- professional development and
- clinician wellness,

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 William A. Millhon, MD, MACG
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 Timothy T. Nostrant, MD, MACG
 F. Warren Nugent, MD, MACG
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 John P. Papp, MD, MACG
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 Waqar A. Qureshi, MD, MACG
 Linda Rabeneck, MD, MACG
 Francisco C. Ramirez, MD, MACG
 George B. Rankin, MD, MACG
 Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG
 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
 Arvey I. Rogers, MD, MACG
 William S. Rosenthal, MD, MACG
 Richard I. Rothstein, MD, MACG
 David B. Sachar, MD, MACG
 Michael A. Safdi, MD, MACG
 Richard E. Sampliner, MD, MACG
 Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, MACG
 Melvin Schapiro, MD, MACG
 Eugene R. Schiff, MD, MACG
 Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, MACG
 Edward S. Schneir, MD, MACG
 Bernard M. Schuman, MD, MACG
 Marvin M. Schuster, MD, MACG
 Ashok N. Shah, MD, MACG
 Samir A. Shah, MD, MACG
 Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, MACG
 Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, MACG
 Jerome H. Siegel, MD, MACG
 E. Marvin Sokol, MD, MACG
 Stuart J. Spechler, MD, MACG
 Mitchell A. Spellberg, MD, MACG
 Howard Spiro, MD, MACG
 Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG
 Frederick Steigmann, MD, MACG

Flavio Steinwurz, MD, MACG
 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
 Albert C. Svoboda, Jr., MD, MACG
 Nicholas J. Talley, MD, MBBS, PhD, MMedSci, MACG
 Juan T. Tomasini, MD, MACG
 Esther A. Torres, MD, MACG
 Fumiaki Ueno, MD, MACG
 Michael F. Vaezi, MD, PhD, MSc (Epi), MACG
 Jorge E. Valenzuela, MD, MACG
 Santhi S. Vege, MD, MACG
 Ronald J. Vender, MD, MACG
 Arnold Wald, MD, MACG
 Joseph E. Walther, MD, MACG
 Jerome D. Wayne, MD, MACG
 Richard L. Wechsler, MD, MACG
 William E. Whitehead, PhD, MACG
 C. Noel Williams, MD, MACG
 David W. Williams, MD, MACG
 Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG
 Roy K. H. Wong, MD, MACG
 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
 Alvin M. Zfass, MD, MACG

PAST NP/PA AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

2025 Sharon Dudley-Brown, PhD, FNP-BC
 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
 Kimberly D. Orleck, PA-C

PAST SAMUEL S. WEISS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GASTROENTEROLOGY RECIPIENTS

2025 Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, MACG
 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
 2016 Richard G. Farmer, MD, MACG
 Burton I. Korelitz, MD, MACG
 Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG
 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
 2014 Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG
 2013 Jack A. Di Palma, MD, MACG
 2012 Martin H. Floch, MD, MACG
 2011 Frank L. Lanza, MD, FACG
 2008 Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG
 2006 William D. Carey, MD, MACG
 2005 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG

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PAST SAMUEL S. WEISS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GASTROENTEROLOGY RECIPIENTS (continued)

2004 Edgar Achkar, MD, FACC
2002 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG
2001 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
2000 Seymour Katz, MD, FACC
1998 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, FACC
1997 Arthur H. Aufses, Jr., MD, MACG
1996 Arvey I. Rogers, MD, MACG
1995 Jerome D. Waye, 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, FACC
1989 Angelo E. DaGradi, MD, MACG
1987 Joseph E. Walther, MD, MACG
1986 Richard L. Wechsler, MD, FACC
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, FACC
1974 Robert R. Bartunek, MD, FACC
1972 Milton J. Matzner, MD, FACC

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

2025 Rohit Singhanian, MD, SM, FACC
2024 Kunjali T. Padhya, MD, FACC
2023 Christine Y. Hachem, MD, FACC
2022 Vonda G. Reeves, MD, MBA, FACC
2021 Alyn L. Adrain, MD, FACC
2020 Anne G. Tuskey, MD, FACC
2019 Harish Gagneja, MD, FACC
2018 Tauseef Ali, MD, FACC
2017 David A. Schwartz, MD, FACC
2016 Tedd P. Cain, MD, FACC
2015 Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACC
2014 Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACC
2013 Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, FACC
2012 David T. Rubin, MD, FACC
2011 Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACC
2010 Costas H. Kefalas, MD, FACC
2009 James S. Leavitt, MD, FACC
2008 Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACC
2007 March E. Seabrook, MD, FACC
2006 Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACC
2005 Edward L. Cattau, Jr., MD, FACC
2004 Myron H. Brand, MD, FACC
2003 Samir A. Shah, MD, FACC
2002 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACC
2001 Jay J. Mamel, MD, FACC

2000 Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACC
1999 Massimo Crespi, MD, FACC
1998 Rashad Dabaghi, MD, FACC
1997 Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
1996 Peter F. Purcell, MD, FACC

PAST SENIOR GOVERNOR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

2025 Adam B. Elfant, MD, FACC
2024 Ronald K. Hsu, MD, FACC
2023 Russell D. Cohen, MD, FACC
2022 Tauseef Ali, MD, FACC
2021 Jeffry L. Nestler, MD, FACC
2020 Wilmer Rodriguez, MD, FACC
2019 Stephen T. Amann, MD, FACC
2018 Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC
2017 Whitfield L. Knapple, MD, FACC
2016 Vivek Kaul, MD, FACC
2015 David H. Cort, MD, FACC
2014 Kenneth J. Chang, MD, FACC
2013 David E. Bernstein, MD, FACC
2012 James S. Leavitt, MD, FACC
2011 March E. Seabrook, MD, FACC
2010 John R. Saltzman, MD, FACC
2009 Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACC
2008 David A. Greenwald, MD, FACC
2007 Scott M. Tenner, MD, MPH, FACC
2006 Barbara B. Frank, MD, FACC
2005 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACC
2004 Joseph W. Leung, MD, FACC
2003 Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACC
2002 Martin D. Mark, MD, FACC
2001 Timothy J. Nostrant, MD, FACC
2000 J. Mark Lawson, MD, FACC
1999 Florian M. Cortese, MD, FACC
1998 William H. Hall, MD, FACC
1997 John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACC
1996 Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACC

PAST WILLIAM D. CAREY AWARD RECIPIENTS

2025 Patrick E. Young, MD, FACC
2024 March Seabrook, MD, FACC
2023 Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACC
2022 James C. Hobley, MD, MSc, FACC
2021 Costas H. Kefalas, MD, MMM, FACC
2020 Whitfield L. Knapple, MD, FACC
2019 Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACC
2018 Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACC
2017 Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACC
2016 Brooks D. Cash, MD, FACC
2015 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG
2014 Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACC
2013 David A. Greenwald, MD, FACC
2012 Samir A. Shah, MD, FACC
2011 W. Elwyn Lyles, MD, FACC
2010 Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
2009 Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACC
2008 Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
2007 R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACC

2006 Roy K. H. Wong, MD, FACC
2005 Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACC
2004 John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACC
2003 Ronald J. Vender, MD, FACC
2002 Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACC
2001 Jack A. Di Palma, MD, FACC
2000 Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACC
1999 P. Gregory Foutch, DO, FACC
1998 Luis A. Balart, MD, MACG
1997 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
1996 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACC

PAST NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GI TRAINING GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2025 Roupén Djinbachian, MD, Montréal, Québec, Canada
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

2025 Mukesh Kumar Ranjan, MD, Chitwan, Nepal
Oluwafunmilayo Adeniyi, MD, Lagos, Nigeria
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 Wiriaporn 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)

2025 Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS: *Redesigning the Delivery of IBD Care for the Future*
 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*

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

- 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*

PAST DAVID SUN LECTURERS

- 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*
- 2021 Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG: *Colon Polyps: Going and Gone*
- 2020 Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), FACP: *Cardiogastroenterology: Intersectional Thinking to Meet New Clinical Needs*
- 2019 Miguel D. Regueiro, MD, FACP: *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, FACP: *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, FACP: *Functional Disease of the Gastrointestinal Tract: Is There a Light at the End of the Tunnel?*
- 2015 William D. Chey, MD, FACP: *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, FACP: *Challenges in ERCP—Lessons Learned*
- 2010 Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FACP: *Détente in the Therapy of GERD*
- 2009 Fergus Shanahan, MD, FACP: *Gut Microbes: From Bugs to Drugs*
- 2008 William J. Sandborn, MD, FACP: *The Future Direction of IBD Care*

- 2007 H. Worth Boyce, Jr., MD, MACG: *Esophageal Dilation: A Perspective of 45 Years of Experience: Pearls, Perils and Pitfalls*
- 2006 Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FACP: *Natural Orifice Transgastric Endoscopic Surgery: Dawn of a New Era*
- 2005 Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG: *Optimizing the Impact and Safety of Colonoscopy in Colon Cancer Prevention*
- 2004 Richard L. Sampliner, MD, FACP: *Current Controversies in Barrett's Esophagus*
- 2003 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Superior Mesenteric Arterial Emboli and Acute Mesenteric Ischemia: An Update*
- 2002 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACP: *The Differential Diagnosis of Colitis*
- 2001 Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACP: *Chronic Diarrhea*
- 2000 Teresa Wright, MD: *Hepatitis C in the Next Decade*
- 1999 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP: *New Therapies for the Treatment of IBD*
- 1998 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: *Treatment of H. pylori – 1998*
- 1997 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, FACP: *Alcoholic Liver Disease*
- 1996 Rodger Haggitt, MD, FACP: *Dysplasia in Ulcerative Colitis: A 20-Year Odyssey*
- 1995 David Skinner, MD: *Esophageal Surgery – 1995*
- 1994 Thomas Starzl, MD: *Gastrointestinal Organ Transplantation for the 1990s – An Outcome Analysis. Can We Afford the Technology in the Era of Cost Containment?*
- 1993 Cyrus E. Rubin, MD, FACP: *Small Bowel Pathology*
- 1992 Peter Cotton, MD, FACP: *Malignant Obstructive Jaundice: A Real Challenge*
- 1991 Sum P. Lee, MD, FACP: *Pathophysiology of Gallstone Formation: Romancing the Stone*
- 1990 Marvin Slesenger, MD: *GI Diseases in the Immunocompromised Host*
- 1989 Laszlo Safrany, MD, FACP: *Bile Ducts, Common Duct Stones, and Pancreatitis*
- 1988 Scott J. Boley, MD: *Colon Ischemia – The First 25 Years*
- 1987 William Y. Chey, MD, FACP: *Ulcerogenic Tumor Syndrome in 1987*
- 1986 David H. Van Thiel, MD, FACP: *Liver Transplant – The Role of the Gastroenterologist*
- 1985 James W. Freston, MD, FACP: *The Therapy of Peptic Ulcer Disease: Where are We?*
- 1984 Henri Sarles, MD: *Pathogenesis of Alcoholic Chronic Pancreatitis – A Secretory Concept*

- 1983 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACP: *The Clinical Trial*
- 1982 Sidney J. Winawer, MD, FACP: *Surveillance of GI Cancer*
- 1981 Paul D. Webster, III, MD, FACP: *Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis*
- 1980 Paul Sherlock, MD, FACP: *Current Concepts of the Epidemiology and Etiology of Colorectal Cancer*
- 1979 I. N. Marks, MD, FACP: *Crossroads in Peptic Ulcer Therapy*
- 1978 Rosalyn S. Yalow, PhD: *Radioimmunoassay in Gastroenterology*
- 1977 J. Edward Berk, MD, FACP: *New Dimensions in the Laboratory Diagnosis of Pancreatic Disease*

PAST THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF GASTROENTEROLOGY LECTURERS

- 2025 Baharak Moshiree, MD, MSc, FACP: *Gastroparesis Management: Can the Glass Ever Be Half Full?*
- 2024 Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACP: *Drug-Induced Liver Injury and How to Leverage Networks for Clinical Research*
- 2023 Charles N. Bernstein, MD, FACP: *Using Epidemiology to Inform Clinical Practice in Gastroenterology*
- 2022 Patrick S. Kamath, MD: *The Transformative Power of Research Carried Out by Busy Clinicians*
- 2021 Amy S. Oxentenko, MD, FACP: *Hidden in Plain Sight: Bringing Women Into the Scope of Gastroenterology*
- 2020 Christopher C. Thompson, MD, MSc, FACP: *Foregut Endotherapy: Cutting Edge Technology for 2020 and Beyond*
- 2019 Ciarán P. Kelly, MD, FACP: *Celiac Disease: Myths and Mysteries*
- 2018 Nicholas J. Talley, AC, MD, MBBS, PhD, MMedSci, MACG: *What Causes Functional GI Disorders? The Latest Data and Insights*
- 2017 Corey A. Siegel, MD, MS: *Refocusing IBD Patient Management: Personalized, Proactive, and Patient-Centered Care*
- 2016 Tram T. Tran, MD, FACP: *Hepatitis C: The Past, the Present, and the Future*
- 2015 Brennan M. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACP: *How Information Technology Will Transform Gastroenterology*
- 2014 Charles N. Bernstein, MD, FACP: *Treatment of IBD: Where We Are and Where We Are Going*
- 2013 David T. Rubin, MD, FACP, & Stephen M. Collins, MBBS: *The Emerging Role of the Microbiome in the Pathogenesis and Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

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

PAST DAVID Y. GRAHAM LECTURERS

- 2025 Dayna S. Early, MD, FACC: *Sedation for Endoscopy: Facing the Future With Eyes Wide Open*
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- 2016 Philip O. Katz, MD, MACG: *A View From the Other Side of the Bed: Lessons Learned*
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- 2009 Peter J. Kahrilas, MD, FACC: *Esophageal Motor Disorders in Terms of High Resolution Pressure Topography: What has Changed?*
- 2008 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Colon Ischemia: Respite, Adspice, Prospective*
- 2007 Walter L. Peterson, MD, FACC: *Evidence Based Medicine: What Does it Mean for Gastroenterology—Present and Future?*
- 2006 Amnon Sonnenberg, MD, MSc, FACC: *The "Incredibly Simple" Solution to the Cohort Phenomenon of Peptic Ulcer*
- 2005 Francis K. L. Chan, MD: *Use of NSAIDs in a COX-2 Restricted Environment*
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- 2024 Leonard L. Berry, PhD, MBA: *Kindness-Influenced Trust and Healing*
- 2023 Marcia Cross: *HPV Related Cancers – Are Your Patients Being Misdiagnosed?*
- 2022 Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACC: *Colon Cancer Screening: What Do We Need to Build and Who Will Come?*
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- 2020 Katie Couric: *From Grief to Advocacy to Activism*
- 2019 Suresh T. Chari, MD, FACC: *Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer: Problems, Promise, and Prospects*
- 2018 David A. Greenwald, MD, FACC: *80% Colorectal Cancer Screening by 2018: How Did We Do and Where Do We Go From Here?*

- 2017 Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACC: *Colon Cancer: Polyps, Prevention, and Progress*
- 2016 David E. Fleischer, MD, FACC: *Why the Esophageal Health of a Masai Tribesman in Kenya Matters to GI Docs in the U.S.*
- 2015 Irving M. Pike, MD, FACC: *National Registry Benchmarking for Colonoscopy Quality: The "High Road" Toward Improving the Performance of Colonoscopy and Cancer Prevention*
- 2014 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACC: *Cancer in IBD: The Colon and Beyond*
- 2013 Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACC: *Can We Prevent Cancer in Barrett's Esophagus?*
- 2012 Carol A. Burke, MD, FACC: *Optimizing the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Hereditary Colorectal Cancer*
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- 2010 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG: *Colon Cancer Screening: Evolution to Eradication...*
- 2009 Dennis J. Ahnen, MD: *The Adenoma-Carcinoma Sequence Revisited—Has the Era of Genetic Tailoring Finally Arrived?*
- 2008 Kenneth E. L. McColl, MD: *Why Has Adenocarcinoma Moved from the Stomach to the Esophagus and Where Does Sex Come In To It All?*
- 2007 Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG: *Pancreatic Cancer: Present Understanding and Future Prospects*
- 2006 Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG: *What is Needed to Transform Colonoscopy into a Truly Protective Strategy Against Colorectal Cancer?*

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- 2025 Rosemarie L. Fisher, MD, MACG: *The Workforce of the Past and Present — Building Bridges Over Ever-Changing Waters for the Workforce of the Future*

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



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