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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

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Practice Management Committee Work Retreat

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

Practice Management Committee Toolbox

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

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

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

Practice Management Summit at ACG 2025

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