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RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN THE ACG BYLAWS

This Committee shall be responsible for reviewing state-of-the-art research and establishing peer-reviewed consensus recommendations for publication by the College regarding the then-current viewpoint of several key experts on the treatment of digestive disorders by gastroenterologists and other physicians.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop practice guidelines that reflect the current, state-of-the-art scientific work based on the principles of evidence-based medicine.
2. Update previously published guidelines as new information becomes available.

COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

Guideline Status

Published in 2025:

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

Practice Parameters Committee (cont.)

The following 23 guidelines are currently in development:

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

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

Subcommittees

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

Meeting Summary

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