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This Committee shall be responsible for identifying and evaluating issues that pertain to women in the field of gastroenterology and formulating means to assure that desired goals are met.

OBJECTIVES

1. Encourage participation, membership, and advancement of female gastroenterologists in the ACG.
2. Promote research and understanding of gender differences in gastrointestinal diseases.
3. Encourage women to pursue a career in gastroenterology and provide resources to aid in their success.
4. Foster mentors for students, residents, and fellows in medical training programs.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Navigating, Networking, and Negotiating Your First Job Workshop

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

Career Opportunities for Women in GI Luncheon

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

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

Leadership Conference

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

Women in GI Online Task Force

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

ACG's Committees (cont.)

Women in Gastroenterology Committee (cont.)

GI Workshop

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

Nursing Room/Childcare

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

Well-Being and Work-Life Balance Task Force

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

Regional Breakfast Round Tables

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

ACG MAGAZINE Articles

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