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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.