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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. 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

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, FACG, Nayantara Coelho-Prabhu, MD, FACG, Walter W. Chan, MD, MPH, FACG, and Sunil G. Sheth, MD, FACG.

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.