

2018 Master Recipient Grace H. Elta, MD, MACG



Grace H. Elta, MD, MACG, was born in Flint, Michigan in 1951. She attended the University of Michigan for both her Bachelor of Science and medical degrees where she was awarded Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha honor societies. Her Internal Medicine residency and GI fellowship were at Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston. In 1982, she returned to Ann Arbor for a faculty position and was promoted to Professor of Medicine in 1997. In 2015, she was named the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Chair of Gastroenterology. She has had many administrative duties in Ann Arbor; since 1986, she was the physician lead of the GI outpatient clinics and from 2002-2017, was the Associate Chief for Clinical Programs in Gastroenterology and the Physician Lead

for the Medical Procedures Unit.

During her long tenure at the University of Michigan, Dr. Elta has also served nationally as a longstanding member and fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), and the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). In 2005, she completed a six-year term on the Subspecialty Board in Gastroenterology for the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Elta has been primarily involved in the ASGE serving on several committees, as councilor on the governing board, as ASGE secretary and annual meeting program chair, culminating as Society president from 2007 to 2008. Currently she serves as Chair of the Digestive Disease Week Council.

Since 2001, she has been on the annual list of “Best Doctors in America” and she is the recipient of many grants and awards. She has received two University of Michigan outstanding clinician awards. In 2013, she received both the AGA’s Distinguished Clinician Award and the ASGE Distinguished Educator Award. In May of 2018, she received the ASGE’s highest award, the Schindler. Dr. Elta is a frequent speaker at national and international meetings and has authored over 100 original peer-reviewed manuscripts as well as numerous abstracts and book chapters. Interventional endoscopy has been her GI subspecialty.

Dr. Elta has been married to Michael Elta for 45 years, has three children, and three grandchildren. She is currently in “phased retirement” which gives her additional time off for three years prior to retirement. She primarily spends this “off time” at her lake home in northern Michigan with her husband and two corgis. She and her husband enjoy numerous outdoors activities throughout all of the seasons.