#ACGat90





# HOW IT STARTED. HOW IT'S GOING. ACG AT 90

Honoring ACG's Past, Celebrating the College Today, and Looking to the Future.



#### **Founding Principles**

ACG at 90 is a vibrant, diverse, and forward-looking organization with a vision and mission that have evolved to keep pace with the times but have never strayed from our founding principles. ACG is proud of its heritage as a broadly inclusive organization dedicated to the advancement of clinical gastroenterology that champions the interests of clinical GI practitioners.



#### 1932

A group of 10 clinical gastroenterologists in and around New York City who believed that there was a need for an organization to serve the interests of practicing clinicians involved in patient care and research meet at the home of Samuel Weiss, MD and found the **New York Society for the Advancement of Gastroenterology.** 



Samuel Weiss, MD

In an era during which the pursuits of some medical organizations were perceived as exclusive in tone and action, the medical society now known as ACG is envisioned by its founders as "a more inclusive organization of physicians interested especially in the clinical aspects of digestive disorders."

#### 1934

The organization name is changed to the **National Society for the Advancement of Gastroenterology** to reflect the aspirations of the organizational leadership and the interests of clinical gastroenterologists from around the country. *The Review of Gastroenterology* is first published in 1934.



#### 1938

The organization again changes its name, this time to the **National Gastroenterological Association.** 

#### 1954

The modern organization takes shape as the NGA is renamed the **American College of Gastroenterology** and creates a Board of Governors to connect the Board of Trustees to local gastroenterologists throughout the United States. The journal is renamed **The American Journal of Gastroenterology**.

## HOW IT'S GOING

Today, the American College of Gastroenterology remains true to its roots as a broadly inclusive organization dedicated to the advancement of clinical gastroenterology that champions the interests of clinical GI practitioners.

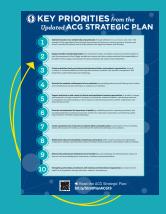
As the College looks back with pride at our rich 90-year history, we also celebrate ACG today – a vibrant, diverse, and forward-looking organization with a vision and mission that have evolved to keep pace with the times but have never strayed from our founding principles.

#### Vision Statement

The ACG is the preeminent professional organization that champions the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of digestive disorders, serving as a beacon to guide the delivery of the highest quality, compassionate, and evidence-based patient care.

#### Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance the ability of our members to provide world class care to patients with digestive disorders and advance the profession through excellence and innovation based upon the pillars of Patient Care, Education, Scientific Investigation, Advocacy, and Practice Management.





#### **Journals**

The Review of Gastroenterology is first published in 1934 and Samuel Weiss, MD served as Editor-in-Chief until 1964. In 1954, the journal officially is renamed *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and gets its distinctive red cover. A tradition of outstanding editorial leadership and dedication to clinical science continues as new titles are added to the family of ACG journals: *Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology* (2010); *ACG Case Reports Journal* (2013); and *Evidence-Based Gastroenterology* (2021).





1934-1964 Samuel Weiss, MD



1965-1972 Milton J. Matzner,



1973-1978

David A. Dreiling,

MD



1979-1985 Arthur E. Lindner, MD, MACG



1986-1991 Martin H. Floch, MD, MACG



1992-1997 Rowan K. Zetterman, MD, MACG



Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG





2004 – 2009 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG and Nicholas J. Talley, MD, PhD, MACG





2010 – 2015 William D. Chey, MD, FACG and Paul Moayyedi, MB ChB, PhD, MPH, FACG



2016 - 2021
Brian E. Lacy, MD, PhD,
FACG and Brennan M.
R. Spiegel, MD, MSHS,
FACG





## HOW IT'S GOING



**Co-Editors-in-Chief** The American Journal of Gastroenterology



**Jasmohan S. Bajaj,** MD, MS, FACG



Millie D. Long
MD. MPH. FACG



Brian C. Jacobson, MD, MPH, FACG Editor-in-Chief Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology



Philip Schoenfeld, MD, MSEd, MScEpi, FACG Editor-in-Chief Evidence-Based Gastroenterology







Nicholas McDonald, MD and Tomoki Sempokuya, MD Co-Editors-in-Chief



#### Leadership

Service to the College by dedicated leaders has been a hallmark of ACG's history. Their guidance, vision, hard work, and commitment to the mission and vision of the College have ensured that ACG evolves, thrives, and is well-positioned for the future.



#### Anthony Bassler, MD served as president from 1936-1948



#### **ACG Board of Trustees 1995**

Front Row L to R: Dr. Christina Surawicz, Dr. William Carey, Dr. Joel Richter, Dr. Seymour Katz, Dr. Marvin Schuster, Dr. Gregory Foutch

Back Row L to R: Dr. David Lyon,
Dr. Victor Groissor, Dr. David Polot

Dr. Victor Groisser, Dr. David Pelot,
Dr. Leslie Bernstein, Dr. David Peura,
Dr. Sarkis Chobanian, Dr. Frank Lanza,
Dr. Arnold Wald, Dr. Christopher Gostout



t of me group which participated in the First Annual Convocation of the American College of Gastroenterology at The Shoreham in Washington, then Bastley, Dr. Innes T. Nix, Dr. Lyca A. Erramoo, Mey. Joseph A. Selinger, S. J., Dr. Frank J. Borrelli, Dr. Preston A. McLendon, Dr.

#### In 1954, the organization is renamed the American College of Gastroenterology

and its First Annual Convocation is held in Washington, DC.



#### **ACG Past Presidents 2000**

Front Row L to R: Dr. Myron Lewis, Dr. John McMahon, Dr. Christina Surawicz, Dr. Lawrence Brandt, Dr. J. Edward Berk Back Row L to R: Dr. Seymour Katz, Dr. Arthur Aufses, Dr. William Rosenthal, Dr. James Achord, Dr. Jamie Barkin, Dr. Luis Balart, Dr. Franz Goldstein, Dr. Walter Harvey Jacobs, Dr. William Carey, Dr. John Papp, Dr. Arvey Rogers, Dr. Jerome Waye

## HOW IT'S GOING





Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG 2021-2022 President

#### ACG Board of Trustees 2021

Front Row L to R: Dr. Renee Williams, Dr. Jean-Paul Achkar, Dr. Dayna Early, Dr. Daniel Pambianco, Dr. Amy Oxentenko, Dr. David Greenwald, Dr. Samir Shah, Dr. Jonathan Leighton, Dr. Irving Pike, Dr. John Saltzman

Dr. Irving Pike, Dr. John Saltzman

Back Row L to R: Dr. Brian Lacy, Dr. Neil Stollman,
Dr. Jasmohan Bajaj, Dr. Brennan Spiegel, Dr. Mark Pochapin,
Dr. Seth Gross, Dr. Immanuel Ho, Dr. Costas Kefalas,
Dr. Nicholas Shaheen, Dr. Neena Abraham, Dr. Patrick Young,
Dr. Paul Kwo, Dr. William Chey





Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACG presents the ACG President's Medal to David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG in Central Park, New York City, NY during COVID on October 18, 2020.



#### **ACG Past Presidents 2018**

Dr. Ronald Vender, Dr. Irving Pike,
Dr. Sunanda Kane, Dr. Burton Korelitz,
Dr. Lawrence Brandt, Dr. Philip Katz

Back Row L to R: Dr. Lawrence Schiller,
Dr. Jamie Barkin, Dr. Joel Richter,
Dr. Jack Di Palma, Dr. Christina Surawicz,
Dr. Carol Burke, Dr. Harry Sarles,
Dr. David Johnson, Dr. John Popp,
Dr. Seymour Katz

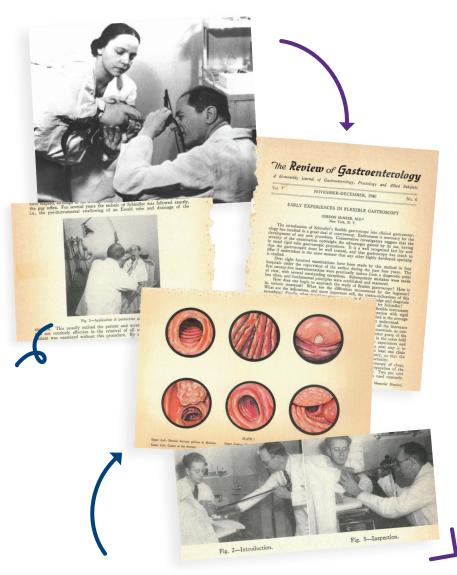
Front Row L to R: Dr. Delbert Chumlev.



#### **Endoscopy**

In no area of gastroenterology has there been greater evolution or more rapid pace of innovation than in endoscopy. Education, training, and promoting quality in clinical gastroenterology and endoscopy are centerpieces of the life of the College today.





McNeer G, Early Experience in Flexible Gastroscopy. The Review of Gastroenterology. 1940; 7(6): 457-460

## HOW IT'S GOING





#### **Education**

The College is an educational organization dedicated to excellence in CME for the GI profession. Our Postgraduate Course started in the 1940s and remains a timely, relevant, and valuable update in clinical GI, hepatology, and endoscopy. ACG's agility in evolving to meet the needs of our learners was put to the test during the COVID-19 pandemic, but we nimbly rose to the challenge by offering a Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting & Postgrad Course in 2020 and launching weekly Virtual Grand Rounds.



Postgraduate Course Agenda, 1940









Dr. Jerome Waye, ACG Annual Scientific Meeting 1989

## HOW IT'S GOING





Platform for ACG 2020 Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting













**Dr. Stacy Menees** ACG Annual Scientific Meeting 2018







#### **Advocacy and Public Policy**

Representing the interests of clinical gastroenterology and patients with GI and liver disorders before lawmakers and regulators is a longstanding priority for ACG. Among ACG's proudest achievements are legislative outcomes that have helped shaped modern GI practice including coverage of colorectal cancer screening. The Board of Governors, in partnership with leadership training participants from the ACG Institute, are the driving force behind ACG's Advocacy Day. Throughout the year, ACG members interact with Members of Congress and policymakers in the federal agencies to advance ACG's public policy priorities.







*L to R:* Dr. Willis Maddrey, Dr. Sarkis Chobanian, and Dr. Chesley Hines testify before the House Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee in 1989.

L to R: Dr. Chesley Hines, Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, ACG President Dr. Sarkis Chobanian in 1989.







L to R: Dr. William Carey; Nancy Norton (founder of IFFGD) and U.S. Senator John Glenn (D-OH) with Dr. Joel Richter in 1994.



L to R: Dr. David Graham, former U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Dr. Edward Cattau. In 1990, President Reagan receives the ACG Distinguished Service Award for his efforts to educate the public about colorectal cancer.

## HOW IT'S GOING



ACG Advocacy Day 2022



L to R:

Dr. Alfredo Camero,
Dr. Louis Wilson,
Dr. Harish Gagneja,
Dr. Divya Bhatt





L to R:
U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence
(D-MI) and Dr. Richard Saad



L to R:
Dr. Eli Tomar, Dr. James Hobley,
U.S. Senator William Cassidy
(R-LA), Dr. Wilmer Rodriguez



With U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) (center) *L to R:* Dr. Manida Wungjiranirun, Dr. Alyn Adrain, Dr. Abbas Ruppawala, Dr. Samir Shah



## Honoring Achievement: ACG Awards

In its history, the College has broadened and deepened the ways it recognizes professional achievement and acknowledges the best in the GI profession. New awards expand ACG's ability to honor varied and diverse members at different career stages for their contributions to the life of the College, distinguished leadership in the field, outstanding research, and commitment to the care of patients with GI and liver disorders.

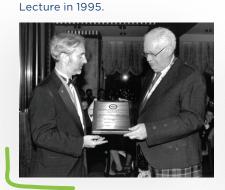




In 1987, the College presents the inaugural Clinical Achievement Award to **Dr. Leonidas Berry** 



**1991 Masters:** Dr. Jerome Waye, Dr. Franz Goldstein, Dr. Ivan Beck, Dr. Theodore Hirsch



ACG President Dr. Joel Richter

(left) honors Dr. David Graham

who delivered the Distinguished



In 1993, ACG President **Dr. Arvey Rogers** (left) and **President-Elect Dr. Lawrence Brandt** honor **Dr. Sidney Winawer** who delivered the Baker Presidential Lecture.

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In 2019, ACG President **Dr. Sunanda Kane** honors ACG Past President **Dr. Stephen Hanauer** who delivered the Berk Lecture.



2021 GI Jeopardy Winners Dr. Annie Braseth and Dr. Asad Ali, GI fellows from the University of Iowa



**Dr. Aasma Shaukat** receives 2018 Senior Governor's Award from ACG President **Dr. Irving Pike** 



Winners of 2019 Endo Titans
Challenge with judges *L to R:*Dr. Rabia de Latour; Dr. Jason Pan,
Dr. Seth Gross, Dr. Fadi Haddad,
Dr. Vivek Kaul. Dr. Laith Jamil



**Dr. Benjamin Levy** honored with "Grand SCOPY" Award in 2021



2021 ACG President **Dr. David Greenwald**(left) presents

Diversity, Equity &

Inclusion Award to **Dr. Darrell Gray** 



#### Women in GI & Diversity in GI

The pioneering women in gastroenterology who forged a path in the organization in the early 1990s paved the way, and in many ways set the tone, for the diverse organization ACG is today. The College honors ACG's first female president, Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG (1998-1999) as a role model and inspiration to the GI profession. ACG celebrates the women who have followed in her footsteps in leadership roles at every level of the organization and all those who have inspired a culture that embraces diversity, equity and inclusion in GI.





Pioneering women in ACG L to R:

Dr. Christina Surawicz, Dr. Linda Rabeneck, Dr. Rosemarie Fisher, Dr. Freda Arlow

**Dr. Robyn Karlstadt** chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Women in GI in 1991-1992 - with **Dr. Surawicz** 





Women in GI Committee meeting in 1993, the year it receives full committee status with **Dr. Surawicz** as Chair

## HOW IT'S GOING



ACG's first female president, **Dr. Christina M. Surawicz** (1998-1999)



**Dr. Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein**ACG President 2007-2008
on the occasion of her MACG
in 2017 with **Dr. Carol Burke**,
ACG President 2016-2017



**Dr. Sunanda V. Kane**ACG President 2018-2019





Dr. Shazia Ali and ACG Vice President Dr. Amy Oxentenko in 2019



ACG PR Committee in 2019 under the leadership of Dr. Sophie Balzora, champion of #DiversityinGl campaign.



Women in GI and ACG Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committees team up for their annual reception in 2019 to network and celebrate.





## ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education

Since 1994, the ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education has served as a forum to advance the research and education mission of the American College of Gastroenterology, making a meaningful and measurable difference in launching the careers of young clinical investigators by protecting time for research, funding innovative patient care-oriented research, and serving as an incubator for important initiatives including the launch of The Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity in 2021.



**Past Directors, ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education** 





Dr. Joel Richter



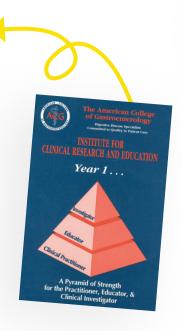




2014-2020 Dr. Nicholas Shaheen



**ACG Institute Board in 2005** Front L to R: Dr. Edgar Achkar, Dr. David Graham, Dr. Christina Surawicz Back L to R: Dr. Mitchell Shiffman, Dr. Linda Rabeneck, Dr. Seymour Katz



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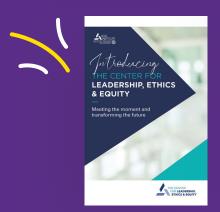
ACG Institute Director, Dr. Neena Abraham (2020-)



2021-2022 **Inaugural Cohort** Advanced Leadership **Development Program** 



2021-2022 Young Physician Leadership Scholars





**ACG Institute Center for Leadership,** Ethics & Equity launched 2021



#### **Clinical Research Funding**

From humble origins of ACG awarding \$15,000 in 1983 to support clinical research projects, with the establishment of the ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education in 1994, the College now has a well-respected grant program which provides a significant engine of original research and publication that has funded \$27 million overall in clinical research grants and career development awards – \$2.2 million in 2022 alone.



1983

#### **ACG** gives three research awards of \$5,000 each

Stephen G. Cole, MD, University of California, San Diego, The Cholesterol Octanoate Breath Test

Gustavo A. Machicado, MD, Endoscopic-Hematoporphyrin Derivative Detection of Early Neoplasia in Ulcerative Colitis. Barrett's Esophagus, and Villous Adenoma

Susan R. Orenstein, MD, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Thickening of Infant Feedings for Therapy of Gastroesophageal Reflux

1994

The ACG Institute for Clinical Research 8 **Education is founded** 

1995

ACG Institute awards \$324,000 to 32 investigators

1997

The Institute establishes the **Junior Faculty Development Grant with two awards** 



G. Richard Locke, III. MD. MACG (deceased)



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699 grants \$27M

**Junior Faculty Development Grantees** for a total of \$14,755,000 in funding since 1997



Inaugural Health Equity Research **Awardees (HERA) New Award** in 2021



**Dr. Rachel** Issaka



**Balakrishnan** 

Some of the ACG Scholars (Junior **Faculty Development Grantees)** 



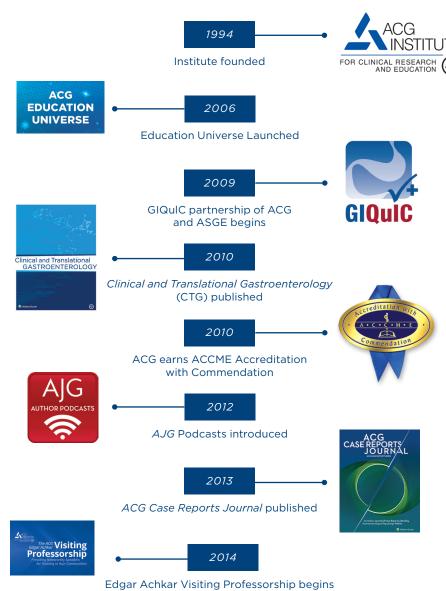
Front L to R: Dr. Evan Dellon, Dr. Millie Long, Dr. Nicholas Shaheen, Middle L to R: Dr. Elena Stoffel, Dr. Rena Yadlapati. Dr. Jessica Allegretti, Dr. Yuri Saito-Loftus Back L to R: Dr. Manish Gala, Dr. Walter Park. Dr. Christopher Almario. Dr. Naim Alkhouri, Dr. Alina Allen, Dr. Parrakal Deepak, Dr. Girish Hiremath



#### **Recent Milestones**

The vibrancy and relevance of ACG at its 90th anniversary are a testament to the many significant milestones of the past decades and the work of so many ACG leaders. The College is proud of the many programs, publications, and accolades that distinguish ACG today and reflect a deep alignment between our actions, our mission, and our vision.











2021

ACG meets evolving criteria to again earn ACCME Accreditation with Commendation



#### **Past Presidents Gallery**

ACG recognizes with deep thanks the many contributions of its Presidents over the years, their defining roles, vision, and selfless service.





Dr. J. Edward Berk 1975-1976



Dr. William S. Rosenthal Dr. F. Warren Nugent 1976-1977 1977-1978



**Richard Farmer** Dr. Sidney J. Winawer 1978-1979 1979-1980



1980-1981



Dr. Burton I. Korolitz **Dr. Franz Goldstein** 1981-1982



Dr. Jerome D. Waye 1982-1983



Dr. James L. Achord 1983-1984



**Dr. Walter Harvey Jacobs** 1984-1985



Dr. John P. Papp 1985-1986



Dr. Arthur H. Aufses 1986-1987



Dr. Myron Lewis 1987-1988



Dr. Chesley Hines, Jr. 1988-1989



Dr. Jamie Barkin 1989-1990



Dr. David Y. Graham 1990-1991



Dr. Arvey I. Rogers 1991-1992



**Dr. Larry Brandt** 1992-1993



Dr. William D. Carey 1993-1994



Dr. Joel E. Richter 1994-1995



Dr. Seymour Katz 1995-1996



Dr. Marvin M. Schuster 1996-1997



Dr. Sarkis J. Chobanian 1997-1998



**Dr. Christina Surawicz** 1998-1999



Dr. Luis A. Balart 1999-2000



Dr. Rowen K. Zetterman 2000-2001



Dr. Edgar Achkar 2001-2002



Dr. Frank L. Lanza 2002-2003



Dr. Douglas K. Rex 2003-2004



Dr. John W. Popp, Jr. 2004-2005



Dr. Jack A. Di Palma 2005-2006



Dr. David A. Johnson 2006-2007



Dr. Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein Dr. Eamonn M.M. Quigley 2007-2008



2008-2009



Dr. Philip O. Katz 2009-2010



Dr. Delbert L. Chumley 2010-2011



Dr. Lawrence R. Schiller 2011-2012



Dr. Ronald J. Vender 2012-2013



Dr. Harry E. Sarles, Jr. 2013-2014



Dr. Stephen B. Hanauer 2014-2015



Dr. Kenneth R. DeVault Dr. Carol A. Burke 2015-2016 2016-2017



2017-2018

Dr. Sunanda V. Kane 2018-2019



2019-2020



Dr. David A. Greenwald 2020-2021



2021-2022



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