



Introducing
**THE CENTER FOR
LEADERSHIP, ETHICS
& EQUITY**

Meeting the moment and
transforming the future



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From a foundation of skilled leadership, furthering equity in gastroenterology and fostering equitable health care



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The ACG Institute for Clinical Research & Education is proud to announce the launch of The LE&E Center, an entity within the Institute that provides resources and a forum to envision new paradigms for effective clinician-leadership.

The LE&E Center has its roots in the longstanding and significant organizational commitment by the American College of Gastroenterology and by the ACG Institute to strategies, programs, and committee activities that celebrate and increase diversity in the GI profession, fund promising clinical research, reach high school students, and cultivate the potential and leadership skills of GI clinicians at various stages of their career trajectory.

The LE&E Center Imperative

The leadership of the College and the ACG Institute believe that effective and ethical leadership in medicine must extend beyond top notch clinical care and inherently recognize, embrace, and promote both equity in our profession and in the care for patients in ways that foster a healthier and more equitable society. We believe everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve their full health potential – to enjoy health equity.

The time is now to create a strong cohort of well-prepared leaders who will address the critical questions of the future of gastroenterology – leaders who will transform into a reality ACG's vision of true equity in the GI profession and the highest quality equitable health care for our patients.

Why Leadership, Ethics and Equity Matter

A meaningful focus on leadership, ethics, and equity matters because effective clinician-leaders must be well prepared to meet the demands, complexity, and responsibilities of current medical practice, and to navigate future challenges as champions of equitable health care. The LE&E Center aims not only to meet the moment, but also transform the future.

What LE&E Will Do

The LE&E Center will educate and cultivate the pipeline of well-prepared leaders in gastroenterology, promote the practical application of ethical leadership, and fund research to produce actionable science that will translate into reducing disparities in health and/or health care, advance health equity, and improve patient outcomes.

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The LE&E Center will bring together existing initiatives of The ACG Institute focused on leadership training and consolidate new programs and research funding along with transformational tools and experiences.

- ***The LE&E Center Will Develop Leaders***

The LE&E Center will support GI clinicians in their leadership paths at all stages of the career trajectory by increasing knowledge and improving skills necessary for effective leadership.

- ***The LE&E Center Will Invest in Health Equity Research***

Through The LE&E Center, the ACG Institute will lead the way in prioritizing scientific discovery that accomplishes meaningful change in the digestive health of communities facing disparities and inequity in healthcare.

The programs under the LE&E Center include:

- NEW – The ACG Clinical Research Leadership Program
- NEW – The ACG Early Career Leadership Program
- The ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program
- The ACG Health Equity Research Award
- The ACG Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity & Ethical Care
- Scholarships for High School Students Through the Prescriptions for Success: Careers in Medicine High School Visit

A Vision and Mission for the LE&E Center

The work of the LE&E Center will be grounded in its Vision and Mission Statements and guided by an Advisory Board appointed by the Institute Director and comprised of leaders with experiences, expertise, and personal attributes that embody the qualities of leadership, ethics and equity incorporated in the Center’s mandate.

The LE&E Center Advisory Board

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LE&E Center Vision Statement

The LE&E Center is a forum to envision new paradigms for ethical and effective clinician-leadership, serving as the locus of innovative programs that build the capacity for transformational leadership in gastroenterology, and as the source of research funding to produce actionable science that will translate into reducing disparities in health and/or health care and improving health equity and patient outcomes.

LE&E Center Mission Statement

Our mission is to elevate leadership competencies in GI clinicians, to advance equity in gastroenterology, to educate and cultivate the pipeline of well-prepared clinician-leaders, to promote the practical application of ethical leadership, and to invest in promising research that strengthens equitable health care.

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