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An Impact Report for Members

2023-2024

ACG INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION



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Message from the Institute Director

Welcome to the Institute in Focus, where you will find the details of the Institute's continued support of Clinical Research, educational resources, and Leadership training opportunities through the robust competitive clinical research programs, provider monographs, disease-state specific schools, the Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorships, and the Institute's Leadership, Ethics & Equity Center. Learn more about the ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education in this booklet or online: gi.org/acg-institute/about

ACG Institute Mission Statement

The mission of the American College of Gastroenterology Institute for Clinical Research and Education is to promote digestive health through education of the clinician, the patient, and the public, to support clinical research and innovation in gastroenterology and hepatology, and to raise public awareness about prevention of digestive disease.

ACG Institute Vision Statement

Promoting education, supporting clinical science, and raising public awareness for the prevention and treatment of digestive disease.

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Clinical Research Leadership Program

2024 Applications: October 9 - November 10, 2023

Course: March 9, 2024

2025 Applications: October 7 - November 8, 2024

Course: Spring 2025



Clinical Research Awards

2024 Applications: September 5 - December 4, 2023

Awards start: July 1, 2024

2025 Applications: September 3 - December 2, 2024

Awards start: July 1, 2025



Early Career Leadership Program

2024 Applications: May 6 - July 12, 2024

Course: October 18, 2024, at ACG 2024 and April 2025



Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship

*Includes Visiting Scholar in Equity,
Diversity, and Ethical Care*

2025 Applications: July 15 - August 16, 2024

Visits start: January 1, 2025



Emerging Leaders Program

2024 Applications: July 29 - August 30, 2024



Advanced Leadership Development Program

2024 Applications: August 5 - September 13, 2024

*Most programs include ACG membership requirements
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ACG CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARDS

A Focus on Clinical Research and Innovation

2024 Clinical Research Awards Deadline: **December 4, 2023**

2025 Clinical Research Awards Deadline: **December 2, 2024**

\$2.2 MILLION

IN RESEARCH AWARDS FOR 2023

ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATOR
BRIDGE AWARD

\$300,000

HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH AWARD

\$75,000

(\$50K YEAR-ONE, \$25K YEAR-TWO
BASED ON PROGRESS)

ACG/ASGE EPIDEMIOLOGIC
RESEARCH AWARD IN
GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPY

\$50,000

CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD

\$50,000

PILOT AWARD

\$15,000

MEDICAL RESIDENT CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD

\$10,000

(PLUS TRAVEL TO ANNUAL MEETING)

MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

\$5,000

(PLUS TRAVEL TO ANNUAL MEETING)

ACG INSTITUTE AWARDED

\$2,217,688

TO SUPPORT OUTSTANDING CLINICAL RESEARCH IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

\$450,000

(PER PARTICIPANT)

\$150,000

(ANNUALLY)

1994-2023 ACG INSTITUTE

FUNDED

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INVESTIGATORS

TOTALING MORE THAN

\$29 MILLION

TO INVESTIGATORS

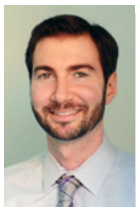
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RESEARCH AWARDS

ACG 2023 Junior Faculty Development Awardees

The ACG Institute is proud of its investment since 1997 of more than \$16.5 million in career development which recognizes and supports promising clinical researchers.



Adam S. Faye, MD, MS

NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Optimizing Preoperative Care for Older Adults with IBD



Michael Li, MD, MPH

University of California, San Francisco

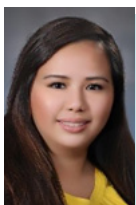
Predictors and Biomarkers of Immune-Related Toxicities and of Treatment Response to Immunotherapy in Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma



Kira Newman, MD, PhD

University of Michigan

Clostridioides difficile Susceptibility in Inflammatory Bowel Disease



Theresa Nguyen Wenker, MD, PhD

Baylor College of Medicine

A Health Informatics Approach to Reduce Missed Opportunities for Barrett's Esophagus Screening



THE ACG INSTITUTE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP, ETHICS & EQUITY (THE LE&E CENTER)



Meeting the Moment and Transforming the Future

The LE&E Center addresses the contemporary need for leadership training, equitable delivery of care, and ethically-based decision-making with a suite of training programs and activities to provide transformational tools and experiences for GI clinicians. The programs under the LE&E Center include:

- NEW – The ACG Emerging Leaders Program
- The ACG Early Career Leadership Program
- The ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program
- The ACG Clinical Research Leadership 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

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The LE&E Center Vision Council

The Vision Council serves to involve and seek insight from industry partners who support the core values and mission of the LE&E Center. Council members provide input and serve as a resource in identifying areas of urgent need and in developing collaborative opportunities to improve health equity, diversity, and inclusion. The Institute recognizes with gratitude the following Vision Council members:

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ACG EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Leadership Skills for the Future of GI

Deadline for 2024 Applications: **August 30, 2024**

This new signature program of the ACG Institute's Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity will reach fellows-in-training to develop, build, and maintain success as future leaders. Participants will learn about communication, negotiation, change and time management, and promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion. Participants are immersed in course work covering the skills needed as they look ahead to their career post-fellowship and begin to take on more leadership roles. The program includes a mix of lectures, Q&A, breakout and role-playing exercises, and networking.

The program aims to provide leadership training for fellows-in-training who are U.S.-based ACG member physicians (in their 3rd or 4th year of GI fellowship training).

Scan the QR Code to learn more about
the ACG Institute Center for Leadership, Ethics and Equity
(The LE&E Center)





EARLY CAREER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Elevating Great Doctors into Great Leaders

Deadline for 2024 Applications: **July 12, 2024**

The Early Career Leadership Program (ECLP) develops future leaders in clinical gastroenterology by providing leadership and policy training to early career physicians. These physicians have completed one full year of practice after their terminal GI or hepatology fellowship and are in their first five years of clinical practice.

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ECLP has brought so much more enrichment to my career—from confidence in my own abilities to be a leader, to a supportive family of colleagues, and professional home, to new skills, not just as a leader in my own institution, but at a national level, advocating for the greater good of all our colleagues and patients.

Xiao Jing (Iris) Wang, MD (ECLP '22)

Course Directors: Allon Kahn, MD, and Elizabeth R. Paine, MD, FACG

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ECLP is a great program to meet other emerging leaders, collaborate with current ACG leaders and learn about yourself. This program created the opportunity to meet and develop friendships with current leaders in ACG who are showing me the way to lead. Attending GI advocacy day with the board of governors was the highlight of this wonderful program.

Drew Triplett, DO (ECLP '22)

The Early Career Leadership Program features:

- Pre-course learning
- Friday course at ACG 2023
- Participation in ACG Governor's Washington, DC Fly-in April 2024

Participants will be immersed in coursework covering effective leadership, impactful networking, emotional intelligence, group dynamics, and team building. The ACG Institute is excited to welcome the sixth cohort of Early Career Leaders in 2023.



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I very much enjoyed the ECLP program! It was wonderful to receive formal leadership training from experts in the field and connect with others early in their careers. I expect many of the new professional relationships to last into the future and am thrilled to have a network of gastroenterology colleagues around the country with similar passions to mine. I particularly enjoyed the day on Capitol Hill to meet with legislators and advocate for issues that truly impact patient care.

Tanya Bruckel, MD (ECLP '22)





CLINICAL RESEARCH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Elevating Leadership Skills for Clinical Researchers

Deadline for 2024 Applications: **November 10, 2023**

Deadline for 2025 Applications: **November 8, 2024**

The Clinical Research Leadership Program is a signature program of the ACG Institute's Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity. Receiving a grant award is a celebratory milestone, inherent with several new responsibilities for the awardee – as a scientific leader, financial administrator, manager, and mentor. This unique interactive program will provide funded clinician investigators with the skill set to start, grow and maintain success as research leaders. Participants will learn research leadership skills to maintain a successful independent research program.

The goal of the program is to provide leadership training for early to mid-career clinical investigators who are ACG member physicians (between 2-15 years out of fellowship training), are working in the U.S., and have active or recent funding as a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator.

Course Directors: Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), MACG, Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, FACG, and Rena Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACG

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Phenomenal session – it’s a great mechanism by which to ensure a national pipeline of clinician researchers. What once was a factor of gatekeeping – local mentors determining the career trajectories of local mentees, the ACG is making externally facing as well.

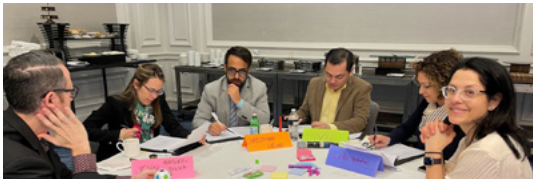
Christopher D. Vélez, MD (CRLP '23)

The Clinical Research Leadership Program features:

- Pre-course assignments
- In-person course (lectures, interactive 1:1, small-group sessions, individual assignments)
- Virtual sessions quarterly (over one year)

The program will cover:

- Grant Finance & Administration
- Research Operations & Strategy
- Determining Your Leadership Style
- Successfully Managing a Research Team
- Managing Your Research Career Trajectory & Mentorship 360
- Mentoring the Next Generation of Clinical Investigators
- Tips on Ensuring Financial Success as an Investigator
- Working with Your Program Officer
- Leading a Diverse Team



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I can’t think of any other panel of speakers so accomplished yet diverse, energetic, humble and open minded. The engagement among faculties and trainees and the fact that each session was extended beyond the time speaks to the top quality of the lectures and lecturers. I think this was a day course were every minute was well spent.

Leila Neshatian, MD, MSc (CRLP '23)





ADVANCED LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Elevated Leadership Tools for Advanced Leaders

Deadline for 2024 Applications: **September 13, 2024**

The Advanced Leadership Development Program (ALDP) aims to develop a cohesive group of peer leaders who will serve as problem-solving consultants for each other and the College. This program offers mid-career physicians (10-20 years post-fellowship completion) the opportunity to develop comprehensive leadership skills.

Course Directors:

David J. Hass, MD, FACC

Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACC

Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACC



The ALDP offers a personalized approach to leadership yet offers the opportunity to work with a group of diverse peers. I was able to identify my leadership strengths and weaknesses while utilizing the tools provided to self-improve. This program has allowed me to recognize the value that the College places on its members.

Justin Kupec, MD, FACP (ALDP '22)

The program will enhance the ability of these individuals to:

- Become effective and impactful leaders
- Learn how to embrace and become agents of change
- Elevate colleagues and trainees through mentorship and sponsorship
- Enhance their flexibility and adaptability as leaders
- Understand how to influence others
- Develop strategic thinking skills and intentionality when leading
- Recognize the importance of work-life integration and the power of gratitude
- Become comfortable with vulnerability



It is an honor and privilege to be chosen to be a part of this distinguished group of GI physicians. It is very important to me to continue to evolve into a leader who is not only respected by peers, but able to significantly contribute to the missions of patient care, research, and education. Learning from the top recognized leaders in the field is an amazing opportunity.

Nyree Thorne, MD (ALDP '22)



THE ACG EDGAR ACHKAR VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

Providing Noteworthy Speakers for Training in Your Community

Deadline for 2024 Applications: **August 16, 2024**

EAVP NUMBERS



NUMBER OF VISITS

100



NUMBER OF STATES

31



NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS

83



YEARS RUNNING

10



APPROVED APPLICATIONS

64%

TOPICS COVERED

- Anorectal Problems
- Artificial Intelligence in Endoscopy
- Barrett's Esophagus
- Bile Duct Disorders
- *C. difficile*
- CardioGastroenterology
- Chronic Liver Disease
- Colon Cancer
- Colonoscopies
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Diet and Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Dietary Myths and Diverticular Disease
- Digital Health
- Dyspepsia
- Endoscopic Submucosal

- Dissection
- Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- Esophageal Disorders and Motility
- Functional Bowel Disorders
- GERD
- GI Motility Disorders
- Health Information Outcomes Technology and Utilization
- Health IT in Improving Healthcare Delivery
- Hepatic Porphyria
- Hepatitis Treatment Update
- Hepatology & Liver Transplantation
- IBD & Management of Pregnancy
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Lower GI Bleeding

- NAFLD
- Nutrition, Microbiome, Immunology
- Obesity
- Pancreatic Disease
- Pancreatobiliary and Interventional Endoscopy
- Per-oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM)
- QI Programs
- Robotic Endoscopy
- Small Bowel Bleeding
- The Effects of Sleep on GI Health
- Ulcerative Colitis Management
- Upper GI Motility and Endoscopic Ultrasound
- Video Capsule Training

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND ETHICAL CARE TOPICS COVERED

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- DEI & Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Disparities in Care
- Ethical Issues in the Care of Patients with Liver Diseases
- Health Disparities in GI, and Diversity in GI
- How Implicit Bias Affects Healthcare Outcomes

MOST REQUESTED TOPICS



DIET AND IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME



ENDOSCOPY



ESOPHAGEAL DISORDERS AND MOTILITY



HEPATOLOGY



INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

The Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program, which honors former ACG Institute Director, Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, enables GI fellowship programs to host high quality visiting professors to enhance the training program with lectures, small group discussions, and one-on-one visits with trainees and faculty. Additionally, this program allows community gastroenterologists to learn from an expert through an evening event or medical grand rounds.



Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG and
Tyler Berzin, MD, FACP at Cleveland Clinic

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I think the most engaging or most impactful part was the career advising session, which was a more informal, question-and-answer session covering a range of topics. As an incredibly accomplished physician with so many diverse experiences in academics, [Dr. Oxentenko] was able to speak about many different aspects of medicine, GI, work-life balance, etc.

Marianna Scranton, DO, Gastroenterology & Hepatology Fellow, University of Connecticut



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The biggest impact of the visit was just the opportunity to learn from an international expert at an institutional level. Usually, we hear these speakers at international conferences, but being in our home institution allowed us to draw a broader audience. The opportunity for Dr. Farraye to lecture was a unique and memorable experience, but the part we enjoyed the most was the one-on-one conversations about tough patient cases, career advice, and personal growth that he provided in between events.

John P. Campbell, MD, MBA, Gastroenterologist, Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City





THE VISITING SCHOLAR IN EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND ETHICAL CARE

Providing Noteworthy Speakers for Equity
and Diversity Training in Your Communities

Deadline for 2024 Applications: **August 18, 2023**

As a cornerstone of the offerings of the LE&E Center, the Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care is part of the well-regarded Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship program. In its third year, the LE&E Center will be supporting five visits for this program that aims to create awareness around issues and challenges of delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision-making.

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I thoroughly benefited from learning how to appropriately address GI-related issues with members of the LGBTQ community. Unfortunately, this community is often met with significant resistance in screening and treatment of many healthcare-related issues, and this talk helped to learn how to make them feel more comfortable.

Justin Robbins, MD, Chief Resident, Internal Medicine, Jefferson University
(Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, & Ethical Care Christopher D. Vélez, MD)

This program will provide onsite lectures and grand rounds as an added component to the currently existing ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program. Visits will be provided to requesting institutions and can be done in conjunction with a disease state topic-driven visit (i.e., IBD / Equity, Diversity, Ethical Care).

The Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, & Ethical Care Program provides:

- Lectures
- Small Group Discussions
- Panel Discussions
- One-on-one visits with trainees and faculty
- Diversity, equity, & ethical care centered topics



“

I have to say I was nervous about going to Florida in the current climate. But I can tell you from my experience doing health equity work, there is no use in only “preaching to the choir.” If we are truly going to move forward to creating a more equitable health care system, we need many different types of allies on board. I think that giving the faculty and students some concrete talking points in this area will be helpful as they navigate the current Florida climate. I enjoyed my one-on-ones, especially with the resident. I also enjoyed my one on one with my host. We discussed how we move forward in this space, strategies and provided support for each other, as this is not easy work.

Lauren D. Nephew, MD, University of Florida



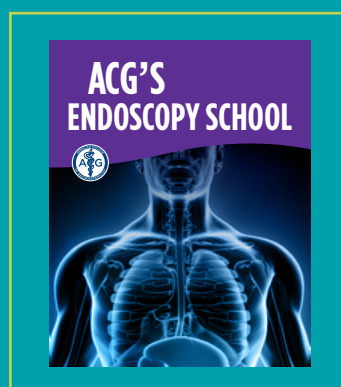
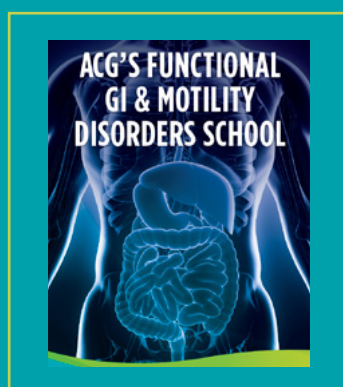
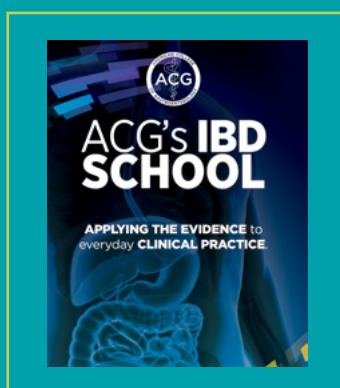
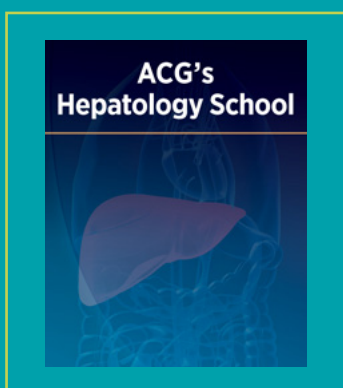
ACG DISEASE STATE FOCUSED SCHOOLS

A Focus on Educating Clinicians

The ACG Institute serves as a resource for comprehensive education for GI clinicians, patients, and raising public awareness of GI disorders. The Schools developed by the ACG Institute are single-day, regionally-focused, disease state-specific clinical education programs that provide the most up-to-date and relevant information on treatment and clinical care. These programs are held in conjunction with select ACG Regional Postgraduate Courses and are offered on a rotating schedule.

Find the next course:

bit.ly/Educational-Resources



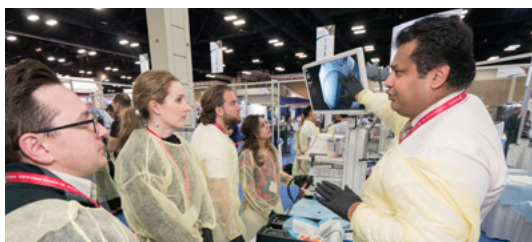
Scan the QR Code to learn more about the ACG Disease State Focused Schools

Endoscopy School

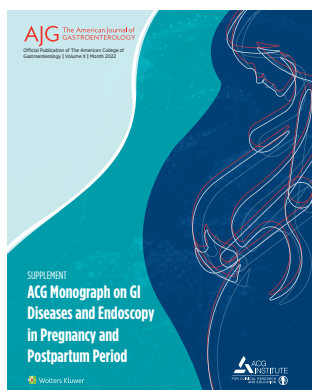
ACG's Endoscopy School is a day-long educational program that highlights best practices and provides updates on new devices and endoscopic techniques. The goal of the program is to both educate attendees on the best endoscopic approaches and offer the opportunity to learn techniques in the form of hands-on workshops. This program will also allow those in practice an opportunity to upskill to the latest technology and techniques no matter how long they have been out of formal training.

Course Date:

Las Vegas, January 26, 2024



ACG Monograph on GI Diseases and Endoscopy in Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period



In partnership with the ACG Women in GI Committee, the ACG Institute has published a third edition of a monograph to address the current best approaches to treating GI diseases and endoscopy during pregnancy and the postpartum period. The comprehensive monograph was released as a supplement to the October 2022 issue of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* and has an editorial team of gastroenterologists, OB/GYNs and a neonatal pharmacologist. Topics covered include liver disease during pregnancy, IBD during pregnancy, and advanced endoscopic procedures in pregnancy.

Editors: Shivangi T. Kothari, MD, FACP, Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACP, Vivek Kaul, MD, FACP

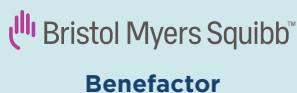
Read the ACG Pregnancy Monograph: amjgastro.com



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