INSTITUTE IN FOCUS
An Impact Report for Members
2023-2024
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 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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Institute 2023-2024 Deadlines

**Early Career Leadership Program**
2023 Applications: May 5 - July 14, 2023
Course: October 20, 2023 and April 2024

**Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship**
*Includes Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care*
2024 Applications: July 17 - August 18, 2023
Visits start: January 1, 2024

**Emerging Leaders Program**
2023 Applications: July 28 - September 1, 2023
Course: December 2, 2023 in Nashville

**Advanced Leadership Development Program**
2023 Applications: August 7 - September 15, 2023
Course: December 2 - 3, 2023

**Clinical Research Leadership Program**
2024 Applications: October 11 - November 11, 2023
Course: Spring 2024

**Clinical Research Awards**
2024 Applications: September 5 - December 4, 2023
Awards start: July 1, 2024

*Most programs include ACG membership requirements
[gi.org/membership/join-acg]*
ACG CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARDS
A Focus on Clinical Research and Innovation

2024 Clinical Research Awards Deadline: December 4, 2023

$2.2 MILLION IN RESEARCH AWARDS FOR 2023

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ACG Institute Awarded
$2,217,688 to support outstanding clinical research in gastroenterology

Junior Faculty Development Awards

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1994-2023 ACG Institute
Funded 721 investigators
Totaling more than $29 million to investigators
Expanded from 1 to 8 research awards
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 Langone 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 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 ACG INSTITUTE
CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP,
ETHICS & EQUITY
(THE LE&E CENTER)

Meeting the Moment and Transforming the Future

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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:

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

NEW

ACG EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Leadership Skills for the Future of GI

Deadline for 2023 Applications: September 1, 2023

This new signature program of the ACG Institute’s Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity will reach fellows-in-training to start, grow, 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).
EARLY CAREER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Elevating Great Doctors into Great Leaders

Deadline for 2023 Applications: **July 14, 2023**

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.

"The program provides a better framework to understand one's leadership style, opportunities to refine what you know and learn more about what you don’t, leading to a more fulfilling and gratifying experience.

**Alexander Perelman, DO (YPLSP ’21)**

Course Directors: Allon Kahn, MD, and Elizabeth R. Paine, MD, FACG
The program challenged me to reflect on my own strengths and weaknesses, refine my personal career goals and mission, and develop my own leadership style as a junior faculty member, while also providing me with practical leadership skills that I will continue to utilize throughout my career.

Jessica Rubin, MD (YPLSP ’21) ‡

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.

No other program has made such an investment into my personal leadership style and executive acumen. In addition, no other program has given me the opportunity to advocate on Capitol Hill and interact with multiple Senators, Congress Representatives as well as high level administrators, including the Director of Medicare… I am indeed, a new and improved version of myself; better equipped to execute my passions of community engagement and advocacy on a larger scale than I previously envisioned.

Jannel Lee-Allen, MD, MUP (YPLSP ’21) ‡

‡ YPLSP is the forerunner of the current Early Career Leadership Program
The Clinical Research Leadership Program is a NEW 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 ACG 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, FACP, and Rena Yadlapati, MD, MSHS, FACP
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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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)

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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)
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 and provides advocacy training.

Course Directors:
David J. Hass, MD, FACG
Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG
Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACG
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, FACG (ALDP ’22)

The program will enhance the ability of these individuals to:

• Broaden their leadership skills
• 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 2023 Applications: **August 18, 2023**

**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
- 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.

“Dr. Berzin took the time to show interest in our fellows and give them important lessons on career development. He demonstrated a true passion for mentorship and education.

Jean-Paul Achkar, MD, FACG

The Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity, and Ethical Care

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 the inaugural year, the LE&E Center supported six visits for this program that aims to create awareness around issues and challenges of delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision-making.

“When the Jefferson Department of Medicine heard about my grand rounds, they used it as an assist in transitions out of incarceration, and bias towards transgender individuals. It was ACG sponsorship of my visiting professorship that spurred a weeklong focus!”

Christopher Vélez, MD

This program is a unique opportunity for experts and thought leaders in DEI to share their research nationally and also to develop relationships with other professionals who are interested in or working in DEI.

Folasade P. May, MD, PhD, MPhil

Scan the QR Code to learn more about the ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program
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

ACG DISEASE STATE FOCUSED SCHOOLS
A Focus on Educating Clinicians

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

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 Dates:
Williamsburg, September 8, 2023
Las Vegas, January 26, 2024
The G.U.T. Fund is ACG’s ongoing fundraising campaign that provides the necessary funds to support important programs sponsored by the ACG Institute. Charitable gifts to the G.U.T. Fund take GI forward, blazing new paths for science, clinical practice, and education for physicians, advance practice providers, and patients. Donors to the G.U.T. Fund have a meaningful impact on the direction of transformative ACG programs and in the process leave a lasting legacy.

The ACG Institute gratefully acknowledges the following industry partners who have made leadership commitments to support the G.U.T. Fund.

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