Introducing
THE CENTER FOR
LEADERSHIP, ETHICS & EQUITY

Meeting the moment and transforming the future
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 catalyst for the launch of The LE&E Center is this time of challenge and crisis during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, but it 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, cultivate the potential of GI fellows-in-training, junior faculty and early career clinicians, fund promising clinical research, reach high school students, and elevate the 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 equitable 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.

It is imperative 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 times call for great leadership and demand true equity. The LE&E Center aims not only to meet the moment, but also transform the future.
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 catalyst for the launch of The LE&E Center is this time of challenge and crisis during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, but it 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, cultivate the potential of GI fellows-in-training, junior faculty and early career clinicians, fund promising clinical research, reach high school students, and elevate the 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 equitable 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.

It is imperative 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 times call for great leadership and demand true equity. 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.

“The LE&E Center aims not only to meet the moment, but also transform the future.”

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 new LE&E Center include:

- The ACG Young Physician Leadership Scholars Program
- The ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program
- Prescription for Success: Careers in Medicine - ACG High School Visit
- ACG Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity & Ethical Care
- The ACG Health Equity Research Award

A Vision and Mission for the LE&E Center

The work of the new LE&E Center will be grounded in 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

Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epi), FACG - Director, ACG Institute
Uchenna A. Agbim, MD - Advocacy
Sophie M. Balzora, MD, FACG - Equity
Eric Esrailian, MD - Ethical Care
Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACP - Leadership
Lisa L. Strate, MD, MPH, FACG - Research
Bradley C. Stillman, Esq. - ACG Executive Director (Ex-officio)
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.

The LE&E Center Advisory Board

Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epi), FACG
Director, ACG Institute

Uchenna A. Agbim, MD
Advocacy

Sophie M. Balzora, MD, FACG
Equity

Eric Esrailian, MD
Ethical Care

Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACG
Leadership

Lisa L. Strate, MD, MPH, FACG
Research

Bradley C. Stillman, Esq.
ACG Executive Director, (Ex-officio)