



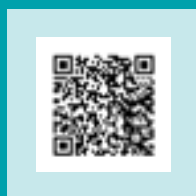
# INSTITUTE IN FOCUS

An Impact Report for Members

# 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, Education, and Leadership opportunities through 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](http://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 Awards**

2023 Applications: September 6 - December 5, 2022

Awards start: July 1, 2023

2024 Applications: September 5 - December 1, 2023

Awards start: July 1, 2024



## **Clinical Research Leadership Program**

2023 Applications: October 1 - December 1, 2022

Course: March 3 - 5, 2023

2024 Applications: October 1 - November 1, 2023



## **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



## **Advanced Leadership Development Program**

2023 Applications: August 21 - September 15, 2023

Course: December 1 - 3, 2023

\*Most programs include ACG membership requirements  
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# ACG CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARDS

A Focus on Clinical Research and Innovation

2023 Clinical Research Awards Deadline: **December 5, 2022**

2024 Clinical Research Awards Deadline: **December 1, 2023**

**\$2.2 MILLION**

IN RESEARCH AWARDS FOR 2022

ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATOR  
BRIDGE AWARD

**\$300,000**

HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH AWARD

**\$50,000\***

\*2024 FUNDING INCREASED  
UP TO \$75,000

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

**\$2,218,535**

TO SUPPORT OUTSTANDING CLINICAL RESEARCH IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

**\$450,000**

(PER PARTICIPANT)

**\$150,000**

(ANNUALLY)

1994-2022 ACG INSTITUTE

FUNDED

**699**

INVESTIGATORS

TOTALING MORE THAN

**\$27 MILLION**

TO INVESTIGATORS

EXPANDED FROM

**1 to 8**

RESEARCH AWARDS

## ACG 2022 Junior Faculty Development Awardees

The ACG Institute is proud of its investment since 1997 of more than \$14.7 million in career development which recognizes and supports promising clinical researchers.



**Sarah Lieber, MD, MSCR**

University of Texas Southwestern

*Survivorship After Liver Transplantation: Mapping Phenotypes to Identify At-Risk Survivors Needing Intervention*



**Emily Lopes, MD**

Massachusetts General Hospital

*Prevention of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Unaffected First-Degree Relatives*



**Nikhilesh Mazumder, MD, MPH**

University of Michigan

*The Application of Artificial Intelligence, Bedside Monitoring, and Patient Reported Outcomes to Improve Patient Safety and Symptom Relief After Paracentesis*



**Amelie Therrien, MD, MSC**

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Harvard Medical School

*Heterogeneity and Clinical Significance of Mast Cells in Celiac Disease and Other Gluten-Related Disorders*



# 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 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

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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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NEW

# ACG CLINICAL RESEARCH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## A Focus on Leadership Training

Deadline for 2023 Applications: **December 1, 2022**

Deadline for 2024 Applications: **November 1, 2023**

This new signature program of the ACG Institute's Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity will help train clinical investigators as scientific leaders, team managers, financial stewards of research dollars, and mentors. This unique interactive program will provide funded ACG clinician investigators with the skill set to start, grow, and successfully maintain an independent research program.

The program aims to provide leadership training for early to mid-career clinical investigators who are U.S.-based ACG member physicians (between 2-15 years out of fellowship training) with active or recent ACG or federal funding as a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator.

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





NEW

# 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.

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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, FACC**

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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 2022
- Participation in ACG Governor's Washington, DC Fly-in April 2023

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 fifth cohort of Early Career Leadership Scholars in 2022.



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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

Scan the QR Code to learn more about  
the Early Career Leadership Program





# ADVANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Elevated Leadership Tools for Advanced Leaders

Deadline for 2023 Applications: **September 15, 2023**

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, FACC

Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACC

Mark B. Pochapin, MD, FACC

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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, FACC**

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
- Influence practice and policy development on a local, regional, and national level
- 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



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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**



# 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

91



NUMBER OF STATES

27



NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS

79



YEARS RUNNING

9



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.



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

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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, FACP**

## 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.



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Dr. Williams is an accomplished researcher, educator, and clinician with expertise and leadership in health equity on local and national levels. She was a dynamic speaker and used concrete examples to effectively explain important concepts like inequality, equality, equity, and justice.

**Andrew Wright, MD**  
**Loma Linda University**

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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.

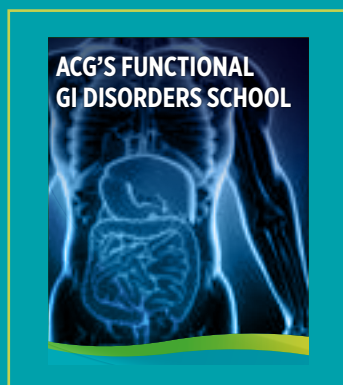
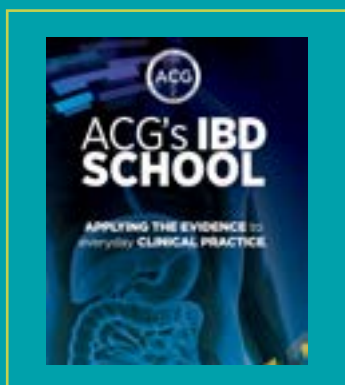
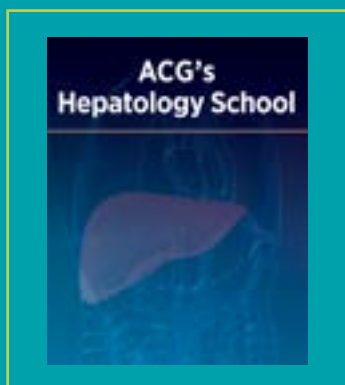
**Folasade P. May, MD,**  
**PhD, MPhil**



# 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.



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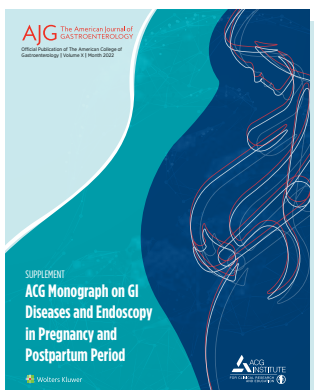
## Endoscopy School

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.



NEW

## 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, FACG, Sunanda V. Kane, MD, MSPH, FACG, Vivek Kaul, MD, FACG

Read the ACG Pregnancy Monograph: [amjgastro.com](https://amjgastro.com)




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