KNOW ACG, KNOW GI
VISION: The ACG is the preeminent professional organization that champions the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of digestive disorders, serving as a beacon to guide the delivery of the highest quality, compassionate, and evidence-based patient care.

MISSION: Our mission is to enhance the ability of our members to provide world class care to patients with digestive disorders and advance the profession through excellence and innovation based upon the pillars of Patient Care, Education, Scientific Investigation, Advocacy and Practice Management.

MEMBERSHIP in the American College of Gastroenterology is multidisciplinary, including gastroenterologists, hepatologists, surgeons, radiologists, pediatricians, pathologists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, and others with a shared interest in the care of patients with digestive diseases. ACG is clinically focused and provides members with the education and tools they need to better serve their patients, improve their practice, and advance the field of gastroenterology with research and leadership training. Fellowship (FACG) is an honor bestowed by the College in recognition of significant professional achievement and superior competence within the field of gastroenterology, hepatology, pediatric gastroenterology, gastrointestinal surgery, gastrointestinal radiology, or gastrointestinal pathology.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS is one of the most unique aspects of the College’s governance. Governors are ACG Fellows and Masters who are elected from the membership of a particular state or region. There are currently 77 Governors across seven different regions in the United States and abroad. The Board of Governors acts as a two-way conduit between College leadership and the membership at large. This helps the College make certain it is meeting the evolving needs of the membership. The ACG Governors also act as a grassroots force on important issues facing gastroenterologists and organized medicine at large at both the national and state levels. Finally, the Board of Governors is also an integral part of the College’s membership outreach activities.

COMMITTEES: The College has 24 different committees with more than 800 committee members. Many of the policy and project decisions reached by the ACG Board of Trustees begin with ideas raised at the committee meetings and developed by a specific committee.
ACG PROVIDES a wide range of educational programs focusing on clinically-oriented topics for the GI professional. From national and regional meetings to the Annual Postgraduate Course and Self-Assessment Test and other CME-accredited courses, ACG educational offerings are timely and relevant and provide information you can apply to your practice.

ACG 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting & Postgraduate Course
The Premier GI Clinical Meeting & Postgraduate Course
October 25-30, 2024 | Pennsylvania Convention Center | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Excellent faculty and a clinical focus make the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course the premier GI clinical event, and the ACG Annual Scientific Meeting the only GI meeting offered FREE to members. Network with your peers, share experiences from your practice, and get access to experts for in-depth discussions on a broad range of cutting-edge topics.

The educational program is designed with the busy GI clinician in mind. Customize your educational program and join colleagues for one day to attend one or more Friday courses, two days for the Postgraduate Course, three days for the Annual Scientific Meeting, or a combination of the three.

Attend ACG’s Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course and find:

- **Cutting-edge research** presented by colleagues from the U.S. and abroad
- **Networking** events to connect with old colleagues and make new contacts
- **An exhibit hall** showcasing the latest advances in technology and therapeutics
- **Numerous plenary sessions and poster sessions** that showcase research and provide ways to enhance patient care and improve efficiency in your practice
- **Optional Learning Bonus Sessions** which allow you the opportunity to explore, in greater detail, key topic areas presented by nationally recognized experts

Visit acgmeetings.gi.org for more information beginning Spring 2024.
JOIN ACG in a city near you at one of our Regional Meetings and Schools!

Presentations geared to daily clinical practice, qualifications and experience of the speakers, and panel discussions are the reasons why GI clinicians attend ACG’s regional meetings year after year. Held in locations close to where members work and live, ACG offers solely sponsored programs as well as jointly sponsored programs in conjunction with state societies. View calendar: gi.org/educational-resources

2023 ACG’s IBD School & Southern Regional Postgraduate Course
December 1–3, 2023
Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, TN
Hotel deadline: October 27, 2023

2024 ACG’s Endoscopy School & ACG Board of Governors/ASGE Best Practices Course
January 26–28, 2024
Aria Resort, Las Vegas, NV
Hotel Deadline: January 4, 2024

2024 ACG/LGS Regional Postgraduate Course
March 1–3, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton, New Orleans, LA
Hotel Deadline: February 12, 2024

2024 ACG’s IBD School & Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course
June 2024

2024 ACG’s Hepatology School & Midwest Regional Postgraduate Course
August 23–25, 2024
Radisson Blu Mall of America, Minneapolis, MN
Hotel Deadline: July 8, 2024

2024 ACG’s Functional School & ACG/VGS/ODSGNA Regional Postgraduate Course
September 6–8, 2024
Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA
Hotel Deadline: August 5, 2024

2024 ACG/FGS Annual Spring Symposium
March 8–10, 2024
Naples Grande Beach Resort, Naples, FL
Hotel Deadline: February 12, 2024

2024 ACG’s IBD School & Eastern Regional Postgraduate Course
June 2024

ACG VIRTUAL GRAND ROUNDS
Join nationally recognized experts for a live presentation with Q&A, each week, on Thursday at 12:00 pm ET, followed by a rebroadcast at 8:00 pm ET. These free webinars offer CME credits and MOC points. Visit gi.org/ACGVGR to register for future weeks!

Education Universe
ACG’s Education Universe is an online education platform that offers online self-directed CME education programs focusing on the information that practicing/clinical gastroenterologists and advanced practice providers need to remain abreast of the latest clinical knowledge and skills, prepare for the GI Boards, recertification or obtain necessary CME outside of the ACG meetings.

The ACG Education Universe provides access to ACG’s high-quality educational materials in a convenient and customizable online package. By setting parameters regarding what you want to learn and the type of material you want to review, the Education Universe develops a specialized program just for you. These programs are designed to allow you to start an activity, stop at any time, and resume where you left off. Your progress will be saved each time you log in, keep track of how much CME you have earned, and you can print certificates or a statement of your CME credits when needed.

Educational content comes from a wide variety of materials, including:

- Audio/video lectures (with slides) from nationally recognized experts
- Postgraduate Course, Annual Meeting, and Regional Course materials
- Guidelines and Journal CME/MOC from The American Journal of Gastroenterology
- Virtual Grand Rounds
- And more
Self-Assessment Test (SAT)
The Self-Assessment Test (SAT) is one of the main teaching tools of the College, produced annually with the Postgraduate Course. Each test includes approximately 300 questions in a single best answer format, many of which include images or videos, along with detailed answers and annotated references. These tests provide a valuable review for graduating fellows taking their GI Board and established practitioners looking for a broad clinical update or preparing for recertification.

APP GI Training Series
The APP GI Training Series, part of the ACG Education Universe, includes modules for various GI and Hepatology content areas and are structured to maximize learning and allow participants to identify key diagnostics and treatments for patients. The series is designed to be completed as a full series or as individual topics.

Modules:
- Colon
- IBD
- GI Bleeding
- Esophagus
- Pancreaticobiliary
- Stomach
- Small Bowel
- Functional
- Inpatient
- Hepatology
- Mixed subject area

GI Training Pathway
The GI Training Pathway is a feature of the ACG Education Universe. Designed to serve as an educational tool for GI fellowship training, it contains educational material covering the Gastroenterology Core Curriculum. The site allows program directors to assign homework consisting of a core lecture series on a variety of GI topics, presentations from ACG’s Annual and Regional Courses, ACG Clinical Guidelines, and self-assessment test questions.

The progress of individual trainees can be tracked, as well as overall compliance and achievement for each learning assignment.
The American Journal of Gastroenterology
One of the clinical journals in gastroenterology and hepatology providing practical and professional support for the GI clinician, and publishes all ACG Guidelines.

Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology
A double-blind peer-reviewed, open access online journal dedicated to innovative clinical work in gastroenterology and hepatology.

ACG Case Reports Journal
An open-access online journal publishing gastroenterology and hepatology case reports and edited exclusively by GI fellows.

Evidenced-Based GI: An ACG Publication
Provides clinical take-aways and evidenced-based summaries of gastroenterology, hepatology, and endoscopy articles published in non-GI journals. Audio summaries available where you get your podcasts.

ACG Magazine
A quarterly publication dedicated to “Members, Medicine, and Meaning” that highlights issues of relevance to ACG members and the GI profession.

ACG Policy and Practice News
An e-newsletter tailored for the busy GI clinician, with updates on the latest public policy and practice management news impacting ACG members across the U.S.

ACG SmartBrief
A twice weekly e-newsletter that recaps important GI news from medical and mainstream media news sources.

Learn more about ACG’s Publications
Guidelines
A tremendous amount of time and talent from an impressive pool of GI experts is devoted to the development of new ACG guidelines on gastrointestinal and liver diseases. The College’s twin objectives for its guidelines are that they reflect the current state-of-the-art scientific work and be based on the principles of evidence-based medicine. The College places equal priority on continuing to update and refresh older guidelines as new information becomes available. ACG’s guidelines are frequently featured in CME offerings or form the scientific foundation for specific CME programs.

➢ Access the guidelines through the ACG mobile app or on the website where you can read them and listen to a podcast: gi.org/guidelines

The Practice Management Toolbox
The Toolbox is a series of short articles, written by practicing GI clinicians for the busy GI clinician. Each article covers an issue important to physician-lead clinical practices. They include a brief introduction, a topic overview, specific suggestions, helpful examples and a list of resources or references. The Toolbox includes a series of downloadable prior authorization template letters; vetted by clinical subject-matter experts and updated regularly. ACG members also receive professional coding and reimbursement assistance tailored to your individual practice’s questions and needs.

➢ Learn more: gi.org/toolbox

International Training Grants
The International GI Training Grants provide partial financial support for GI physicians to receive clinical or clinical research training around the world.

➢ Learn more and apply: gi.org/gi-training-grants

GIQuIC
GIQuIC is a collaboration between ACG and ASGE. This clinical data registry was designed by gastroenterologists for gastroenterologists to collect, organize, and display digestive healthcare data for multiple purposes, including the following:

• Improve patient outcomes by allowing users to benchmark quality, identify gaps in care, and develop specific and targeted quality improvement initiatives.
• Contribute data for research and to assist the GI societies in developing guidelines for patient care.
• Provide quality measure data to third parties, including CMS’ Medicare Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), private payers, accrediting bodies, referring providers, and patients. GIQuIC is a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) under MIPS.

➢ Learn More: giquic.org

GI OnDEMAND
GI OnDEMAND is a joint venture between ACG and Gastro Girl, Inc. As gastroenterology’s virtual integrated care and support platform, GI OnDEMAND’s mission is to bring multidisciplinary tertiary care to GI practices and health systems, and furnish patients with access to evidence-based educational resources. Providing a connection to expert Registered Dietitians, GI Psychologists, and Genetic Testing, GI OnDEMAND can amplify the expertise and value your practice brings to patients. Complete your user profile today to take advantage of this ACG benefit and start to reshape the way that healthcare is provided.

➢ Get started at giondemand.com
ACG Mobile App
The ACG Mobile app gives you access to guidelines, GI diagrams, patient resources, medical calculators, and podcasts. In addition, if you are a meeting attendee, you can view and take notes on slides and download handouts of presentations. You can also read the ACG Blog and ACG Magazine from the mobile app. Download the ACG Mobile App from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Career Center
Whether you are seeking a new job or looking to add someone to your team, ACG’s Career Center is the place to start your search.
Visit acgjobs.lww.com

Connect and Collaborate in ACG’s GI Circles
Designed to meet the clinical, professional and practice management needs of ACG members, the GI Circles offer online communities in GI, IBD, Hepatology, Functional GI Health and Nutrition, and Women in GI. These safe, private and secure communities provide ACG members with an easily accessible platform to collaborate with colleagues on a range of topics and issues related to the GI profession, reach leading medical experts across the spectrum of gastroenterology, and access a range of ACG tools and resources.
Visit gi.org/connect-and-collaborate-in-gi

Patient Resources
From A to Z: Download helpful infographics covering GI health and diseases to give to your patients or direct them to our website for reading materials, videos, and podcasts.
Visit gi.org/patients
“The ACG Institute for Clinical Research and Education supports education, impactful science, and leadership development, strengthening gastroenterologists’ ability to succeed in their healthcare communities, expanding the pipeline of trained leaders, and reaffirming ACG’s commitment to ethical and equitable care.”
—Neena S. Abraham, MD, MSc (Epid), MACG, Director, ACG Institute

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721 INVESTIGATORS
Totaling more than $29 MILLION
And EXPANDED from 1 TO 8 RESEARCH AWARD CATEGORIES

- Junior Faculty Development Award: $450k/3-year
- Established Investigator Bridge Funding Award: $300k/2-year
- Health Equity Research Award: $75k ($50k year-one, $25k year-two, based on progress)
- ACG/ASGE Epidemiologic Research Award in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy: $50k/1-2 years (for research utilizing the GIQuIC database)
- Clinical Research Award: $50k/1-year (requires pilot data)
- Clinical Research Award Pilot Projects: $15k/1-year
- Medical Resident Clinical Research Award: $10k/1-year
- Medical Student Clinical Research Award: $5k/6-10-week research project

Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program
The goal of the ACG Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship Program, which honors former ACG Institute Director, Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG, is to enable GI fellowship programs to have high-quality visiting professors to bolster the training program by providing lectures, small group discussions, panel discussions, and one-on-one visits with trainees and faculty. You choose the speaker; the ACG Institute covers the travel costs and honorarium.
The Center for Leadership, Ethics & Equity
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 to GI clinicians. The programs under the LE&E Center include:

- **NEW! The Emerging Leadership Program** provides leadership training for fellows-in-training who are U.S.-based ACG member physicians (in their 3rd or 4th year of GI fellowship training) to explore their leadership potential.

- **The ACG Early Career Leadership Program** develops future leaders in clinical gastroenterology by providing leadership and policy training to early-career U.S.-based ACG member physicians (1-5 years post-fellowship completion). 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 ACG Advanced Leadership Development Program** provides mid-career U.S.-based ACG member physicians (10-20 years post-fellowship completion), the opportunity to develop comprehensive leadership skills.

- **The ACG Clinical Research Leadership Program** will help train clinical investigators as scientific leaders, team managers, financial stewards of research dollars, and mentors. The program provides 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 funding as a Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator.

- **The ACG Health Equity Research Award** is now a two-year award, with funding up to $75,000 ($50k year-one, $25k year-two based on progress), that supports actionable science that will translate to reducing health and/or healthcare disparities, thereby promoting health equity.

- **The ACG Visiting Scholar in Equity, Diversity & Ethical Care** provides lectures to create awareness around the issues and challenges related to delivering equitable care, respecting diversity, and instilling ethical decision-making. A section of the EAVP (Edgar Achkar Visiting Professorship) application will allow institutions to include a focus on equity, diversity, and/or ethical care. These topics can be offered as stand-alone lectures or in conjunction with a disease state topic-driven visit (i.e., Endoscopic Considerations in Underserved Populations).

- **Scholarships for High School Students** through the Prescriptions for Success: Careers in Medicine High School Visit.

Learn more about the LE&E Center: [gi.org/leecenter](http://gi.org/leecenter)
The G.U.T. Fund

The G.U.T. Fund and Charitable Support of the ACG and the ACG Institute—Grow, Uplift, and Transform GI.

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 future holds many challenges—for medicine at large and for GI specifically. Public policy, the insurance, pharmaceutical and device industries, educational costs, environmental impacts, diversity and equity goals, and much more will continue to have great impact on the field. With your support, the ACG Institute will continue to look ahead, navigating challenges and enabling clinicians to provide the best care for their patients.

Give Today: members.gi.org/donate

The ACG Institute Legacy Society

The ACG Institute Legacy Society recognizes members of the College and the community who have made a commitment to ensure the future of excellence and innovation in clinical gastroenterology by making a provision to benefit the ACG or the ACG Institute through their estate plan. By including the ACG Institute as part of your estate plan, you can leave your own personal legacy and have a significant impact on the training and development of tomorrow’s gastroenterologists. A planned gift will support evidence-based medicine, clinical research and training, leadership development, visiting professorships and regional training, and much more.
THE ACG ADVOCACY TEAM works hard to support your practice and protect your patients. Stay up to date on key issues through ACG’s Policy and Practice News newsletter. Use our Legislative Action Center to make your voice heard and use our letter-writing templates to contact your elected officials.

Have an ISSUE IN YOUR STATE? ACG can help!

Contact your ACG Governor.
SHAPING AND SUPPORTING future clinicians and innovators in GI and hepatology. ACG offers a variety of programs and courses specifically for trainees and residents, including:

**ACG-FDA Visiting Fellowship Program** gives a current first or second year fellow the opportunity to apply for a one-month rotation at the FDA.

**IBD 101: A Primer for First-Year Gastroenterology Fellows** is a 1-day educational course designed to provide first-year gastroenterology fellows with the opportunity to learn about the diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). IBD 101 features an intimate, interactive format led by national leaders in IBD clinical care, research, and education.

**The 2nd Year Fellows Course** is a weekend course, and all travel, lodging, and meal expenses are covered by ACG. In addition to general sessions, attendees rotate through small group breakout sessions that include both hands-on endoscopy training and case centered discussions by the experts which follow a meet-the-professor format to encourage two-way discussion between the fellows and faculty.

**NEW for 2024! Chief Fellows Course** offers general sessions and small group breakout sessions over two days. During the course Chief Fellows can network, engage in small group learning, role-play, and discuss challenging situations candidly with co-chief fellows and faculty moderators while receiving real-time feedback. The in-person course serves as an engaging and motivating experience for trainees at the cusp of their careers.

**North American Conference of GI Fellows** includes research presentations by the fellows, along with lectures and coaching by a distinguished faculty of gastroenterologists. Attendance at the conference is limited to twenty-five fellows and is by invitation only.

**Navigating The GI Match - Tips and Tricks for Applicants** is a special session for internal medicine residents who are interested in pursuing a career in gastroenterology.

**Trainees Luncheon** is a special lunch exclusively for Fellows-in-Training offered each year during the ACG Postgraduate Course. Past topics have included “The GI Job Hunt: Finding, Interviewing, and Negotiating,” “Employment Agreements and Financial Considerations,” “4th Year GI Fellowships,” and “What I Learned My First Year in Practice.”

**Career Opportunities for Women in GI Luncheon** is a program hosted by the Women in GI Committee geared toward residents, trainees and junior faculty who face difficult decisions regarding the future of their medical careers. Female gastroenterologists from a variety of medical backgrounds address the issues of being a female subspecialist, balancing career and family, and opportunities for women in medicine, and, more specifically, gastroenterology. This is held annually during the ACG Postgraduate Course.

**Navigating, Networking, and Negotiating Your First Job Workshop** is a program geared towards senior GI fellows and junior faculty, addressing the specifics of both the private practice and academic job search. This workshop is held on Friday evening prior to the ACG Postgraduate Course.
Endoscopy School Hands-On Workshop Center offers residents the opportunity to get hands-on endoscope training, with experts providing guidance on the use of scopes as residents navigate tasks using the Thompson Endoscopic Skills Trainer (T.E.S.T.); trainees can participate in sessions with expert faculty demonstrating techniques using a wide variety of equipment and products, and then have the opportunity to practice using the equipment.

The Mentoring Program provides ACG resident and trainee members with access to clinicians from diverse practice models, academic departments, and geographic regions.

GI Jeopardy is a friendly competition among GI training programs across North America. The competition consists of two stages; an online preliminary round where all GI programs are invited to compete and a final round where two person teams from the top five scoring programs compete in front of a live audience at the ACG Postgraduate Course.

Question of the Week: ACG experts provide a question each week designed to test your knowledge to help you prepare for the Boards. Answer online and find out the following week if you answered correctly. The quarterly prize winner receives a free copy of ACG’s Online Self-Assessment Test. The grand prize winner receives a $1,000 Travel Award to the Annual Meeting.