Awardees and Special Lecturers

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Over the last 80 years, the American College of Gastroenterology has developed a comprehensive program to acknowledge contributions made to the College and to GI patient care by outstanding individuals. Both the College’s Awards program and its special invited lectureships serve to recognize some of the leaders in the field of clinical gastroenterology.

For the most part, past and current awardees and special lecturers have made significant and lasting contributions to the profession of gastroenterology, as well as contributions to the quality of patient care that is available to persons afflicted with various GI conditions. Continuing a tradition started in 1993, all of our awardees will be recognized during events on Saturday and Monday evenings.

The Awards Committee solicits recommendations from the ACG membership for all awards. In May, the Awards Committee meets and develops its recommendations based upon those nominations and other recommendations that are received. In turn, the recommendations of the Awards Committee are discussed and acted upon by the ACG’s Board of Trustees. Similarly, invited guest lecturers are suggested by the President and the Director(s) of the Annual Postgraduate Course. The prospective nominees are evaluated both by the Educational Affairs Committee, and subsequently, by the entire Board of Trustees. The appreciation and admiration of one’s peers is one of life’s finest honors, and the caliber of the awardees and special guest lecturers that have been selected each year certainly reflects the highest level of quality in the GI field.

This brochure will serve to generate both a fuller awareness and appreciation by all ACG members of the contributions made by each of our awardees and lecturers. We hope you will join with the College’s Board and Officers, and the countless GI patients who have benefited from their service, in offering a hearty congratulations and thank you to this year’s honorees, whose careers and contributions are highlighted in the following pages.
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ACG Lectureships
The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer

The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer, formerly known as The Stuart Lecturer, is a person prominent in gastroenterology or a related area. This individual is nominated by the President and the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This lectureship was established in recognition of the significant contributions made by J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG, to clinical gastroenterology during his long and distinguished clinical and academic career. A nationally and internationally renowned physician and teacher, Dr. Berk also served as ACG President from 1975-1976.

2015 Lecturer
David A. Johnson, MD, MACG

Sleep Effect on GI Health and Disease: Eyes Wide Open?

David A. Johnson, MD, MACG, is Professor of Medicine and Chief of Gastroenterology at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He has published extensively contributing over 350 articles/chapters/abstracts in peer-reviewed journals as well as more than 250 invited reviews. He is has been extensively involved in committees of the national GI societies and is a Past President of the American College of Gastroenterology. He is the past co-editor of Reviews in Gastroenterologic Disorders and Journal Medicine, and is the current co-editor of American College of Gastroenterology GI Education Universe, GI section editor for Medscape Gastroenterology, Medscape GI consultant corner, as well as the esophageal section editor for Journal Watch Gastroenterology (New England Journal of Medicine). He was honored in May 2012 by the National Institutes of Health and delivered the “Great Teacher” Lecture on colon cancer screening. He received the 2012 ACG Berk/Fise Award for distinguished contributions to gastroenterology and the 2012 Dean’s Outstanding Faculty Award. In 2013, he was honored as Master by the ACG.

His primary research interests are esophageal reflux disease and colon cancer screening. He was the physician who worked with Senator Emily Couric with the historic first legislation to mandate colon cancer screening with colonoscopy as the preferred standard. This initiative, which was started in Virginia, has set the model for other states who have followed. Additionally, he is a co-author of the recently released 2012 Multisociety guidelines on colon polyp surveillance as well as the 2008 ACS/multisociety task force guidelines for colon cancer screening and the 2014 guidelines on Lynch Syndrome and Bowel Cleansing for Colonoscopy as well as 2000 and 2009 American College of Gastroenterology colon cancer screening guidelines. He has also recently co-authored the three ACC/ACG/AHA consensus documents on NSAID and antiplatelet issues for cardiology and gastroenterology.
Past J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturers

2014  Richard A, Kozarek, MD FACG: GI and Endoscopic Training for the Future Gastroenterologist
2012  Mark Feldman, MD, FACG: Is Gastric Secretion Still Relevant?
2011  Seymour Katz, MD, MACG: Management of the Elderly IBD Patient: A Wake-Up Call
2010  Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG: Academic Mentoring
2009  Michael F. Sorrell, MD, FACG: Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist: Identical or Complementary?
2007  M. Brian Fennerty, MD, FACG: Alice in Wonderland: The Endoscopist of the Future and the Gastrointestinal Mucosa Through the “New” Looking Glass
2006  Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG: Eosinophilic Esophagitis: New Disease or Old Friend in Disguise
2005  Bruce R. Bacon, MD, FACG: Hereditary Hemochromatosis: What We Have Learned Since the Discovery of HFE
2004  Brian P. Saunders, MBBS, MD, MRCP: Colonoscopy in Evolution
2003  Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACP: Demystifying Motility: Gut Motor Dysfunction in Clinical Practice
2002  Roger Williams, CBE, MD: Improved Treatments for Decompensated Liver Disease Including Liver Support Devices
2001  Richard P. MacDermott, MD, FACP: Immunology and Therapy of IBD
2000  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: Patients’ Attitudes and Apprehensions About Endoscopy: Calming Troubled Waters
1999  Marcia Angell, MD: Evaluating Media Stories of Health Risk
1998  Kees Huibregtse, MD, PhD: The Endoscopic Approach to Benign Bile Duct Strictures and Leaks
1997  David L. Wingate, MD: Small Bowel Motility: Out of the Closet and into the Clinic
1996  Guido N. Tytgat, MD: Conditions Mimicking Crohn’s Disease
1995  David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: Peptic Ulcer Disease: The Rest of the Story
1994  Eugene R. Schiff, MD, MACG: Long Term Treatment of Chronic Viral C Hepatitis
1992  Willis Crocker Maddrey, MD, MACG: Chronic Liver Disease – 1992
1990  Vay Liang Go, MD: Brain-Gut Interaction: Relevance to Clinical Gastroenterology
1989  Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock: Liver Disease: The Next Decade
1988  Thomas Almy, MD (Hon.): The Gastroenterologist and the Graying of America
1987  John Fordtran, MD, FACP (Hon.): Recent Insights into the Pathogenesis of Chronic Diarrhea
1986  Henry D. Janowitz, MD, FACG: *The Natural History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Therapeutic Decisions*

1985  Norton J. Greenberger, MD, FACG: (Hon.): *Pathophysiological Approach to the Patient with a Diarrheal Disorder*

1984  Henri Sarles, MD: *Management of Pain in Chronic Pancreatitis*

1983  Denis P. Burkitt, MD: *The Role of Fiber in the Prevention of Common Intestinal Disease*

1982  Howard M. Spiro, MD, MACG: *From Parsnips to Pomegranates – A Look Back at Gastroenterology*

1981  Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, MACG: *Clinical Perspectives of Gastric Secretion*

1980  Charles E. Code, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The InterDigestive Gastrointestinal Housekeeper*

1979  Baruch S. Blumberg, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Relation Between HbsAG and Hepatic Carcinoma*

1978  Charles S. Lieber, MD, FACG: *Alcohol and the Liver – Progress Through 1978*

1977  Joseph B. Kirsner, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Biomedical Problems Presented by Inflammatory Bowel Disease*

1976  Basil C. Morson, MD, FACG (Hon.): *Biopsy of the Colon and Rectum in Inflammatory Disease*

1975  Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACG (Hon.): *What Should Distinguish a Gastroenterologist?*

1974  Lloyd M. Nyhus, MD, FACG (Hon.): *New Frontiers in Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer*

1973  Henry L. Bockus, MD, FACG: (Hon.): *The Doctor Image*

1972  Henry Colcher, MD, MACG: *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 1972*

1971  Irving M. Arias, MD, FACG (Hon.): *Jaundice – 1972*

1970  Hans Popper, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Problem of Hepatitis*

1969  Richard Marshak, MD, FACG: *Ulcerative Granulomas and Ischemic Colitis*

1968  David A. Dreiling, MD, MACG: *Basic Mechanism in Pancreatic Secretion*
Emily Couric Memorial Lecturer

The Emily Couric Memorial Lecture was developed by the ACG, the Virginia Gastroenterological Society (VGS) and the Old Dominion Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (ODSGNA) to honor Virginia State Senator Emily Couric, who lost her battle with pancreatic cancer in October of 2001. Senator Couric was a strong advocate for healthcare issues, particularly in her instrumental work to pass the nation’s first legislation mandating health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening. The Emily Couric Lecturer is someone prominent in the field of GI cancer related topics. This individual is nominated by the President following consultation with the VGS and the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

2015 Lecturer
Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG

National Registry Benchmarking for Colonoscopy Quality: The “High Road” Toward Improving the Performance of Colonoscopy and Cancer Prevention

Irving M. Pike, MD, FACG, is currently the Chief Medical Officer of John Muir Health located in the Bay Area of California. He serves as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and the President of the GI Quality Improvement Consortium, Ltd (GIQuIC).

Dr. Pike is a graduate of the Medical College of Georgia. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency and Gastroenterology Fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center Dallas, Parkland Memorial Hospital. He practiced gastroenterology in Virginia Beach, Virginia from 1983-2012. Dr. Pike has served on the Executive Committee of the Virginia Beach Medical Society as well as serving the society in a term as President. Dr. Pike has chaired committees, special interest groups and task forces for the ACG and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). Dr. Pike also has twelve years of experience as a physician executive with Sentara Health Care in southeastern Virginia.
Past Emily Couric Memorial Lecturers

2014  Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG: Cancer in IBD: The Colon and Beyond
2013  Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACG: *Can We Prevent Cancer in Barrett’s Esophagus?*
2012  Carol A. Burke, MD, FACG: *Optimizing the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Hereditary Colorectal Cancer*
2011  Robert H. Hawes, MD, FACG: *Current Diagnosis and Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas*
2010  David A. Johnson, MD, FACG: *Colon Cancer Screening: Evolution to Eradication...*
2009  Dennis J. Ahnen, MD: *The Adenoma-Carcinoma Sequence Revisited – Has the Era of Genetic Tailoring Finally Arrived?*
2008  Kenneth E. L. McColl, MD, FRSE: *Why has Adenocarcinoma Moved from the Stomach to the Esophagus and Where Does Sex Come In To It All?*
2007  Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG: *Pancreatic Cancer: Present Understanding and Future Prospects*
2006  Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG: *What is Needed to Transform Colonoscopy into a Truly Protective Strategy Against Colorectal Cancer*
David Y. Graham Lecturer

The David Y. Graham Lecturer is a distinguished individual in the field of gastroenterology. The presenter is chosen by the President and is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This named lectureship was established in 2004 in recognition of the many contributions to clinical gastroenterology by David Y. Graham, MD, MACG. The lectureship was made possible through a donation by Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., and Meretek Diagnostics, Inc. Dr. Graham gave the inaugural presentation.

2015 Lecturer
Ikuo Hirano, MD, FACG

Eosinophilic Esophagitis 2015: From Acid Reflux to Food Allergy

Ikuo Hirano, MD, FACG, is Professor of Medicine and Director of the Esophageal Center at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. He attended college at Yale University, medical school at the University of Pennsylvania and completed his medical residency and GI fellowship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He took a faculty position at the West Roxbury VA Medical Center and Harvard Medical School working in esophageal swallowing physiology before coming to Northwestern in 1998.

Dr. Hirano is currently serving as Associate Chair for the American Gastroenterological Association’s Esophageal, Gastric and Duodenal (EGD) section, site principle investigator for the Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal disease Researchers (CEGIR) and the educational co-chair for International Gastrointestinal Eosinophil Researchers (TIGERS). He has written over 80 scientific papers and 25 textbook chapters that focus on esophageal and swallowing disorders. He has active grant support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) for research in eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders. Dr. Hirano is an Associate Editor for Diseases of the Esophagus and on the editorial board for Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Dr. Hirano has been inducted as a fellow to both the American College of Gastroenterology and American Gastroenterological Association. His clinical and academic interests are in eosinophilic esophagitis, eosinophilic gastroenteritis, gastrointestinal motility and esophageal disorders.
**Past David Y. Graham Lecturers**

2014  Naga P. Chalasani, MD, FACP: Idiosyncratic Drug-induced Liver Injury: What Have We Learned in the Last Decade?

2013  Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACP: Leadership in Medicine 2013: Do We Need a New Approach?

2012  John S. Fordtran, MD, FACP: Factitious Disease

2011  Irving Waxman, MD, FACP: Endotherapy for Barrett’s Esophagus: Cure or Quagmire?

2010  Grace H. Elta, MD, FACP: GI Training: Where is it Headed?

2009  Peter J. Kahrilas, MD, FACP: Esophageal Motor Disorders in Terms of High Resolution Pressure Topography: What Has Changed?

2008  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: Colon Ischemia: Respite, Adspice, Prospice

2007  Walter L. Peterson, MD, FACP: Evidence-Based Medicine: What Does it Mean for Gastroenterology – Present and Future?

2006  Amnon Sonnenberg, MD, MSc, FACP: The “Incredibly Simple” Solution to the Cohort Phenomenon of Peptic Ulcer

2005  Francis K. L. Chan, MD, FACP: Use of NSAIDs In A COX-2 Restricted Environment

2004  David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: Helicobacter pylori and Gastric Cancer: The Problem – The Solution
David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education

The David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education was established by Mrs. Sun in memory of her husband. Dr. Sun died at the peak of his career. He was an outstanding gastroenterologist and investigator. The speaker, with a distinguished background in gastroenterology or an allied field, is chosen by the President and Course Directors of the Postgraduate Program subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2015 Lecturer
William D. Chey, MD, FACG

Food: The Main Course to Disease and Wellness

William D. Chey, MD, FACG, received his BA degree from the University of Pennsylvania and medical degree and training in internal medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine. He completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Following fellowship, Dr. Chey has remained at the University of Michigan, where he is currently a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology, Director of the GI Physiology Laboratory, and Co-Director of the Michigan Bowel Control Program.

His research interests focus on the diagnosis and treatment of the functional bowel disorders, acid-related disorders, and Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) infection. Dr. Chey has received funding for his research from federal and private sources. He has authored more than 300 manuscripts, reviews and book chapters. Dr. Chey is Co-editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Gastroenterology (2010-2016), Clinical & Translational Gastroenterology (2011-2014) and serves on the editorial boards of several other medical journals. He is a medical innovator with 4 patents involving novel medical devices and health information technology.

Dr. Chey is a member of the Board of Trustees, Practice Parameters Committee and Publications Committee of the American College of Gastroenterology. Dr. Chey joined the Board of Directors of the Rome Foundation in 2010 and is a member of the planning committee for the development of the Rome IV criteria. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the International Foundation of Functional GI Disorders. He is past Chair of the Clinical Practice Section (2006-2008) of the American Gastroenterological Association.
He has participated in and directed numerous national and international continuing medical education programs in gastroenterology and has been elected to the roster of “Best Doctors” since 2001 and “America’s Top Doctors” since 2009. In 2014, Dr. Chey was named as one of the “160 Gastroenterologists to Know in America” by Becker’s ASC, inducted into the Clinical Excellence Society of the Department of Internal Medicine, inducted into the League of Research Excellence, and received the Dean’s Outstanding Clinician Award at the University of Michigan. In 2015, he was named the inaugural Timothy T. Nostrand Professor of Medicine at the University of Michigan. He received the Outstanding Clinician’s Award from the American Gastroenterological Association in 2015.

Past David Sun Lecturers

2014  Thomas A. Scully, JD: The Cloudy Future for Physicians: Reimbursement and Practice Changes in the Post-ACA Era
2013  Howard K. Koh, MD, MPH: Gastroenterology and Public Health in the Era of Health Reform (Dr. Koh was unable to present his lecture. Dr. Ronald J. Vender presented on his behalf: The Effective Clinician)
2011  Gregory B. Haber, MD, FACG: Challenges in ERCP: Lessons Learned
2010  Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FACG: Detente in the Therapy of GERD
2009  Fergus Shanahan, MD, FACG: Gut Microbes: From Bugs to Drugs
2008  William J. Sandborn, MD, FACG: The Future Direction of IBD Care
2007  H. Worth Boyce, Jr., MD, FACG: Esophageal Dilation: A Perspective of 45 Years of Experience: Pearl, Peril and Pitfalls
2006  Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FACG: Natural Orifice Transgastric Endoscopic Surgery: Dawn of a New Era
2005  Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG: Optimizing the Impact and Safety of Colonoscopy in Colon Cancer Prevention
2004  Richard E. Sampliner, MD, FACG: Current Controversies in Barrett’s Esophagus
2003  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: Superior Mesenteric Arterial Emboli and Acute Mesenteric Ischemia: An Update
2002  Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACG: The Differential Diagnosis of Colitis
2001  Lawrence R. Schiller, MD, FACG: Chronic Diarrhea
2000  Teresa Wright, MD: Hepatitis C in the Next Decade
1999  Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACG: New Therapies for the Treatment of IBD
1997  Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG: Alcoholic Liver Disease
1996  Rodger Haggitt, MD, FACG: Dysplasia in Ulcerative Colitis: A Twenty-Year Odyssey
1994  Thomas Starzl, MD: Gastrointestinal Organ Transplantation for the 1990’s: An Outcome Analysis. Can We Afford the Technology in the Era of Cost Containment?
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The American Journal of Gastroenterology Lecturer

The American Journal of Gastroenterology lecture was established in 2003 to provide a forum for the Editors of the College’s flagship scientific publication to select a key scientific topic for debate based on their evaluation of key controversies in clinical gastroenterology.

2015 Lecturer
Brennan M. R. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG

How Information Technology Will Transform Gastroenterology

Brennan M. Spiegel, MD, MSHS, FACG, is the new Director of Health Services Research at the Cedars-Sinai Center for Outcomes Research and Education. He is Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Digestive Diseases, UCLA School of Medicine, the Department of Health Services, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, and an attending physician in the Division of Gastroenterology, VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System. Additionally, he is a member of the CURE Digestive Diseases Research Center. Dr. Spiegel attended Tufts University where he majored in Philosophy and Community Health, and received his MD with Alpha Omega Alpha honors from New York Medical College. He received training in internal medicine at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, completed a fellowship in Gastroenterology at UCLA, and completed advanced studies in Health Services Research at the UCLA School of Public Health, where he received a Master’s Degree in Health Services. He received a Research Career Development Award through the Veteran Administration during which time he was trained in health services methodology.

Dr. Spiegel’s research focuses on acid-peptic disorders, colon cancer screening, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, diverticular diseases, and functional bowel disorders such as irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). His overall research is defining strategies that improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of care for patients with digestive diseases. To achieve this goal, Dr. Spiegel conducts cost-effectiveness analyses, patient reported outcome (PRO) research, health related quality of life studies, meta-analyses, epidemiological studies, provider surveys, quality indicator developmental studies, and other “outcomes” research.
Dr. Spiegel’s group is also developing new technological innovations to expand care outside of the provider visit, including use of patient-provider electronic portals to support clinical decision making in electronic health records, use of social media as a clinical tool, and a range of wireless biosensors to track physiology remotely and in real time. In addition, as Chair of the Rome Foundation Outcomes and Endpoints Committee and a member of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Gastroenterology Field Advisory Committee, Dr. Spiegel is focused on developing valid and reliable endpoints for GI clinical trials.

Dr. Spiegel is a peer reviewer for numerous medical journals and is on the editorial boards for the Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics and Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology. He is currently an Associate Editor of the American Journal of Gastroenterology. He receives active funding from the NIH, VA, and industry sources.

**Past American Journal of Gastroenterology Lecturers**

2014  Charles N. Bernstein, MD, FACP: Treatment of IBD: Where We Are and Where We Are Going
2013  Stephen M. Collins, MBBS and David T. Rubin, MD, FACP: *The Emerging Role of the Microbiome in the Pathogenesis and Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
2012  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: Fecal Transplantation for Persistent *C. difficile* Infection
2011  Professor Peter Gibson: *Food Choice as a Key Management Strategy for Functional Gastrointestinal Symptoms*
2010  Douglas A. Drossman, MD, MACG: Abuse, Trauma and GI Symptoms: Is There a Link?
2009  Loren A. Laine, MD, FACP: *PPI-Clopidogrel Interaction: Fact or Fiction?*
2008  Christopher C. Thompson, MD, FACP and Michael Sarr, MD: *Endoscopic Management of Obesity and Reoperative Bariatric Surgery: When to and Not to*
2007  Anthony N. Kalloo, MD, FACP and Jeffrey L. Ponsky, MD, FACP: *NOTES: Just Because We Can, Should We?*
2006  Gregory S. Cooper, MD, FACP, David A. Johnson, MD, FACP and Robert E. Schoen, MD, FACP: Colon Cancer Screening: When to Start and When to Stop
2005  Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP and William J. Sandborn, MD, FACP: Steroid-Refractory Severe Acute Ulcerative Colitis: Infliximab or Cyclosporine
2004  Arthur Boudreaux, MD, Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACP and Gregory Zuccaro Jr., MD, FACP: The Use of Anesthesia in Endoscopy – A Critical Examination
2003  David Y. Graham, MD, MACG and Jay Goldstein, MD, FACP: Emerging Data on NSAIDs, GI Complications and Implications for Your Practice
ACG Awards
Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

The Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award, formerly the ACG Clinical Achievement Award, is presented to not more than one Member/Fellow of the College in any year and is made in recognition of distinguished contributions to clinical gastroenterology over a significant period of time. Specific criteria include, in addition to a career of distinguished clinical practice of gastroenterology, contributions in patient care, clinical science, clinical education, technological innovation, and public and community service.

2015 Recipient
Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG

The College is honored to bestow on Peter A. Banks, MD of the Brigham and Women’s Hospital, the prestigious Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award for his distinguished contributions in the field of gastroenterology, his dedication to medical education, research, and mentoring, and his outstanding leadership in many institutions of our medical community including the American College of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Peter A. Banks graduated from Harvard College in 1957, received his MD from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1961, and completed his internship and medical residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He was a Clinical Associate at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, from 1963-1965 and was a resident in gastroenterology at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York from 1965-1967. He joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School in 1967 and the faculty at Tufts Medical School in 1973. He was Chief of Gastroenterology at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Boston from 1973-1992. In 1992, he joined the faculty at Brigham and Women’s Hospital as Director of Clinical Gastroenterology and Director of the Center for Pancreatic Disease. Since 1999 he has been a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He initiated the Academic Clinical Track Fellowship in Gastroenterology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in 1993. This Fellowship is designed to train Fellows to be outstanding clinicians, teachers, and clinical investigators. Fellows in the program enroll in courses at the Harvard School of Public Health and obtain a Masters Degree in Public Health. This program continues to be headed by Dr. Banks and funded through two endowments that he created. Thus far, 46 Fellows have completed the program and 14 are currently in training. Many of the graduates of this training program have gone on to achieve national stature.
Dr. Banks’ major contributions in clinical research are in the field of pancreatic disease with particular emphasis on the recognition and treatment of severe acute pancreatitis, recognition and treatment of infected necrosis, and treatment of chronic pancreatitis. His contributions in the medical literature are substantial, including 160 peer-reviewed articles, 116 chapters and editorials, and two books on pancreatitis. He has written guidelines for the treatment of both acute and chronic pancreatitis.

Dr. Banks is a Master of the American College of Gastroenterology. He served as a member of the Board of Governors for three years, a member of the Board of Trustees for nine years, and Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. He has also served as a member of other committees including Educational Affairs, National Affairs, Patient Care, and Awards as well as several Ad-Hoc Committees. Dr. Banks has served as President of the American Pancreatic Association, President of the International Association of Pancreatology, and Chairman of the Pancreatic Disease Disorder Section of the American Gastroenterological Association.

Dr. Banks was a member of the Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from 1992-1996. He has served on the editorial board of several notable journals including Pancreas and the International journal of Pancreatolgy, and has been Associate Editor of Pancreatolgy.

Dr. Banks has participated actively in community service related to professional work. He served as Chairman of the Education Committee for the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation as well as Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Massachusetts Chapter. In 1991 he was honored as Humanitarian of the Year by the Greater Boston Chapter of Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation. In addition, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Pancreas Foundation since 1998 and was honored by this foundation in 2006. He has been active for more than 20 years in the Digestive Disease Coalition, and has served as Chairman of this organization.

Dr. Banks has received many awards for teaching, community service, and leadership. He has been the recipient of the St. Luke Award at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital for dedication and excellent in education and the Jerry S. Trier Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He has also received the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Distinguished Educator Award in 2000 and the AGA Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Gastroenterology Award in 2006. He received the James S. Winshall Leadership Award from Brigham and Women’s Hospital in 2008. He has received the Vay Liang and Frisca Go Award for Lifetime Achievement by the American Pancreatic Association in 2010, the Joan Cutler Lifetime Achievement Award by the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America in 2011, the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Digestive Disease National Coalition in 2012, and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Collaborative Alliance for Pancreatic Education and Research in 2013.
Past Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award Recipients

2014  Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
2013  Philip O. Katz, MD, FACG
2012  David A. Johnson, MD, FACG
2011  Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG
2010  Roy K. H. Wong, MD, FACG
2009  Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG
2008  Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
2007  Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
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1993  F. Warren Nugent, MD, MACG
1992  Henry Janowitz, MD, FACG
1991  John T. Galambos, MD, MACG
1990  Leon Schiff, MD, FACG
1989  James L. A. Roth, MD, FACG
1988  J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG
1987  Leonidas Berry, MD, MACG
Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is bestowed upon an ACG Allied Health Member, Resident Member, Trainee Member, Member, Fellow, or Master who has initiated or has been involved in volunteer programs or has provided extensive volunteer service post-training. The service must have been performed on a completely voluntary basis and not for the completion of training or position requirements. Such service may include but is not limited to the following: Community educational programs (e.g., Colon Cancer awareness); working in free clinics; mentoring advocacy groups or local government committees; teaching in under-served schools related to health education; and political work on committees for comprehensive health insurance or other issues.

2015 Recipient
Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH

Darrell M. Gray, II, MD, MPH, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and graduate of Morehouse College and Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at Duke University Medical Center and gastroenterology fellowship at Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He subsequently received advanced training in health policy and a Master’s degree in Public Health through the Mongan Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy at Harvard Medical School and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

In August of 2014, Dr. Gray joined the faculty at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center as an Assistant Professor of Medicine with a joint appointment at The James Cancer Hospital. He currently serves as the Director of the Section of Community Engagement and Equity in Digestive Health in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition. In this role, Dr. Gray engineered and leads the Provider and Community Engagement (PACE) Program for Health Equity in Colorectal Cancer Prevention and Care, a program that has facilitated free colonoscopies and patient navigation services for uninsured and underinsured patients, cancer prevention, nutrition, and exercise programs such as line dancing classes for community members, continuing medical education courses for practitioners, and a local media campaign on colorectal cancer prevention. He has received congressional recognition for his efforts, been recruited to assist in the implementation of health science academies in Columbus City Schools, and was recently appointed to the Governor’s Office of Health Transformation Clinical Advisory Group and to the position of Deputy Director of the Center for Cancer Health Equity in The James Cancer Hospital/OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center.
Dr. Gray credits his success to support from the community, his division leadership, colleagues across The Ohio State University, and partnerships with Making a Difference, Inc., American Cancer Society, Walgreens, Kroger, OSU Area Health Education Center, Eldon & Elsie Ward YMCA, and the Franklin Park Conservatory.

Dr. Gray has been a member of the American College of Gastroenterology since 2010. He serves on the Minority Affairs and Cultural Diversity Committee.

Past Community Service Award Recipients

2014  Timothy B. Gardner, MD, FACG
2013  Richard T. McGlaughlin, MD, FACG
2012  March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
2011  Joseph D. DiMase, MD, FACG
International Leadership Award

The International Leadership Award is given to a Fellow or Master of the ACG in recognition of outstanding and substantial contributions to gastroenterology, to the College and to the international gastroenterology community. Substantial contributions internationally may include, but are not limited to the following: The training of individuals from other countries who have gone on to become leaders in gastroenterology in their community; leadership in international organizations that has resulted in improvement in the care of patients; and participation in humanitarian efforts.

2015 Recipient
Guilherme G. Macedo, MD, PhD, FACP

Guilherme Macedo MD, PhD, FACP is the Head of the Gastroenterology Department in Hospital São Joao and Faculty of Medicine - Porto, Portugal. In October 2013, his Department was certified as a European Training Center of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and was officially launched in June 2015, as a World Gastroenterology Organization Training Center in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Dr. Macedo received his medical degree from the University of Porto, in 1983, where he completed his residency in 1991 and also earned a PhD conducting research on cytokines and liver diseases. He completed fellowships in Portal Hypertension and Liver diseases at Hôpital Beaujon, Clichy, France, and at the Klinikum Universität Freiburg, Germany. Dr. Macedo is board certified in both Gastroenterology and in Hepatology (Portuguese Medical Association), and is Associate Professor of Gastroenterology in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Porto, Portugal.

His clinical and research interests include both hepatology, namely portal hypertension, viral hepatitis, hepatocellular carcinoma and autoimmune liver diseases, and Endoscopy, also a field of his clinical investigation, in which he has been involved in pioneering projects in Narrow Band Imaging and NOTES. Dr. Macedo was the leading Hepatologist at the Liver Transplant Unit, for 8 years, in S. João Hospital (Porto) and also Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology for 10 years in a kidney disease center group; he has been the principal investigator for several clinical trials on the treatment of hepatitis C and hepatitis B and belongs to the National Health Authority Task Force on Hep C Treatment with New Drugs, recently achieving nationwide all-oral treatment for all hep c diagnosed patients. He has published more than 120 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He also has been a member of the Organizing Committees of the major national Endoscopy, Hepatology and Gastroenterology meetings in the last 10 years.

His main vision in terms of International concerns, relates to the need of bringing
new worlds to the world, meaning, broadening horizons and accomplishments in Gastroenterology. This supported his strong commitment with WGO global projects, such as The Train the Trainers Program and Training Centers development.

After becoming an ACG Fellow in 1999, Dr. Macedo was the Governor for Portugal of the American College of Gastroenterology from 2007-2013 and International Region Councilor in 2012-2013. He has also served on the ACG International Relations Committee since 2009. In these last 5 years he also became Fellow of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the American Gastroenterology Association, the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and Fellow of the European Board of Gastroenterology, being a regular member of several GI, Endoscopy and Liver societies in Europe and USA. He has received 25 national honors and awards in the field of Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Hepatology.

He served for 16 years the Board of the Portuguese Society of Endoscopy as Chair of the Education and Investigation Committees, Secretary and President (2011-2013); for 6 years he also served as the Secretary of the Portuguese Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and as President in 2009-2011. He was the President of the Portuguese Pancreas Club, from 2013-2015, and is now the Vice President of the Portuguese Society of Gastroenterology.

He was also able to create and promote several initiatives, as when he launched “Visions from Within”, a nationally acclaimed anthropological urban project that showed in exhibitions and different cultural happenings, the growing relevance of Gastroenterology (and Endoscopy) in modern life, and their connections and ties with today’s life-styles; in 2010, another creative enterprise swept the country, The Liver On Tour Project, a road show on liver health, traveling throughout all district capitals, mobilizing many GI and hepatology doctors to promote awareness and knowledge of the most frequent (and popular) liver diseases. He Chaired two major International Symposia on Quality in Endoscopy, both formally endorsed by ACG (and ESGE), with active participation of previous ACG Presidents. His personal major endeavor to strengthen the bonds with Education and Clinical Investigation institutions incited him to run two WGO Train the Trainers Courses in 2007 and 2013, in Porto, Portugal, along with a brand new course, The Leadership and Management Advanced Course, all with outstanding and pivotal roles of several ACG members, both in Faculty and as participants. He brought the Portuguese Society of Endoscopy to become ACG affiliated, underlining the fact that this could be one of the ways to outreach many of the Portuguese speaking countries in the world (mainly in Africa).

**Past International Leadership Award Recipients**

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Master of the American College of Gastroenterology

As a result of their recognized stature and achievement in clinical gastroenterology and/or teaching, and because of their contribution to the College in service, leadership, and education, the following individuals have been recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees for designation as Master.

We are proud to recognize them for their accomplishments and commitment to gastroenterology through clinical practice, education, research, leadership, and invaluable service to the College.

2015 Master Recipients

Sami R. Achem, MD, MACG
Michael D. Crowell, PhD, MACG
Jorge L. Herrera, MD, MACG
Ali Keshavarzian, MD, MACG
Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG
Sami R. Achem, MD, MACG, is presently Professor of Medicine at Mayo College of Medicine. He was born in Torreon (northern Mexico) where he went to Medical School and graduated Summa Cum Laude. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Cincinnati and his Gastroenterology Fellowship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he joined the faculty and did three additional years of training and research in gastrointestinal motility and physiology. Subsequently, he joined the faculty at the University Florida in Jacksonville as director for the Gastrointestinal Motility and Endoscopy Units for over a decade, and later served as acting Division Chair. He has been a gastroenterology consultant at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fl. since 1997.

Dr. Achem’s scholarly interests are in the area of esophageal diseases (chest pain, motility disorders, and eosinophilic esophagitis). He has contributed over 250 published articles, book chapters, editorials and abstracts. He is a recognized clinical educator. He chaired and organized the North Florida-Jacksonville chapter of the gastroenterology society (“Gut Club”) for over 15 years. He has received multiple teaching awards and he lectures extensively nationally and internationally. He is recipient of the Florida Gastroenterology Society Service Award, the Florida Gastroenterology Society James Borland Sr. Lecture Award and The Life-long Contribution Award from the School of Medicine of Torreon. He has served as President of the Florida Gastroenterology Society (FGS) and continues to be an active member of its board. Dr. Achem was Governor of the American College of Gastroenterology (FL-N) for six consecutive years and was honored twice with the American College of Gastroenterology Governor’s Award.

Dr. Achem serves as advisor for the USA-FDA Administration. He was Editor in Chief-for Digestive Diseases and continues to serve its editorial board. He has been a Member of the Editorial Board of the American Journal of Gastroenterology, Chair of the Institutional Review Board at the University of Florida, Jacksonville for a decade, and, Member of the Academic Promotions Committee (Mayo College of Medicine). He has been married to Pilar Ayala since 1976 and is blessed to have three children: Cristina, Diana and Sami and four grandchildren.
Michael D. Crowell, PhD, MACG, AGAF, is Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Consultant in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and Director of the GI Physiology and Motility Laboratories at Mayo Clinic Arizona. Dr. Crowell is Associate Director, Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCaTS) Education Resources, Arizona Campus and holds Master’s Faculty privileges at the Mayo Graduate School, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Dr. Crowell serves on the CCaTS Education Resources Executive Committee and the CCaTS Postdoc Exec Committee at Mayo Clinic. He has actively participated on numerous professional committees including the American College of Gastroenterology Research Committee and the Rome Foundation Committees. He was elected Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology in 1996.

Dr. Crowell completed his PhD in Psychophysiology at the University of Southern Mississippi and completed Post-doctoral training in gastrointestinal physiology and motility with Marvin M. Shuster, MD, MACG and William E. Whitehead, MD, MACG at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Upon completion he joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins where he later served as Director of GI Physiology and Motility and Co-Director of the Marvin M. Schuster Digestive & Motility Disorders Center.

Dr. Crowell’s research aims to enhance innovative diagnostic tools and therapeutic interventions for the evaluation and treatment of disorders of gut motility and better understand the role of individualized interventions on patient outcomes. Clinical and research interests in laboratories of Dr. Crowell focus on the utility of diagnostic testing for the evaluation of neuromuscular and sensory function in health and in a variety of gastrointestinal motility disorders, including gastroesophageal reflux disease, achalasia, scleroderma, gastroparesis, intestinal pseudo-obstruction, irritable bowel syndrome, colonic motility disorder, and pelvic floor disorders. Particular interests include better understanding how individualized treatments based on motor and sensory patterns might impact therapeutic outcomes. Dr. Crowell has contributed to over 400 published articles, reviews, book chapters, and abstracts. He co-authored the Schuster Atlas of Gastrointestinal Motility in Health and Disease, Contemporary Diagnosis and Management of Functional Digestive Disorders, and Functional and Motility Disorders of the Gastrointestinal Tract. Interests also include biostatistics and he has served as the Associate Editor for Biostatistics for the American Journal of Gastroenterology for the past 6 years.
Jorge Luis Herrera, MD, MACG, is a medical school graduate of the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He did an internal medicine residency at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. After practicing as an internist for 2 years in Heidelberg, Germany he completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. During his fellowship, Dr. Herrera pursued additional training in hepatic pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. After completing fellowship training, Dr. Herrera remained on the teaching faculty at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In 1989 Dr. Herrera moved to Mobile, Alabama to join the internal medicine faculty at the University of South Alabama. There, he assisted in the establishment of the gastroenterology fellowship program. He is currently Professor of Medicine and Director of Hepatology in the Division of Gastroenterology.

Dr. Herrera is board certified in internal medicine, gastroenterology and transplant hepatology. His primary academic and research interests have included viral hepatitis and complications of portal hypertension. He has contributed over 100 published articles, book chapters and abstracts covering various topics in gastroenterology and hepatology.

Dr. Herrera has been recognized for his achievements as an academician and a clinician. At the University of South Alabama, he received the Best Teaching Attending award twice and was recognized as Distinguished Teaching Faculty by medical students on multiple occasions. He was listed as Top Gastroenterologist in Mobile, AL in 2013 and has been peer-selected as Best Doctor in America from 2005 through the present. In 2003 he received the Excellence Award from the Alabama Chapter of the American Liver Foundation in recognition of his efforts in teaching and treating liver disease.

Dr. Herrera is active in various national gastroenterology associations, including the American College of Gastroenterology where he served as the Governor for Alabama from 2003 through 2008, co-directed he ACG Postgraduate Course in 2006 and has served in various committees through the years. He is currently a member of the “Ask the Expert” faculty in the ACG Hepatitis Circle and is a frequent speaker at national and regional courses. Although he is an expert endoscopist, he puts emphasis on clinical expertise at bedside. Recognition as Master of the ACG is a great honor for Dr. Ueno, and also for his colleagues and students.
Ali Keshavarzian, MD, FRCP, FACP, MACG, AGAF, is the Josephine M. Dyrenforth Chair of Gastroenterology, Professor Medicine, Professor Pharmacology, Molecular Physiology and Director of the Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. He has been a practicing gastroenterologist with a specialty in managing patients with inflammatory bowel disease for 30 years. He trained in medicine at the Tehran University Medical School in Iran and residency and GI fellowship in England at Guy’s Hospital Medical School, Hillingdon Hospital and Hammersmith Hospital. After a year of GI research fellowship at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine in 1985, he held faculty positions at University of Maryland, Loyola University Medical Center and Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

He became the Chief, Section of Gastroenterology at Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL in 1992, and then Director, Division of Digestive Disease and Nutrition at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL in 1995 prior to coming to Rush University Medical Center, Chicago IL in 1999 as the Director of the Division of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition.

As a clinician scientist Dr. Keshavarzian has been studying the impact of environmental factors [stress, alcohol, sleep and circadian disruption] on intestinal barrier function host/microbe interaction that promote intestinal and systemic [gut-derived] inflammation leading to initiation and/or progression of inflammatory disorders including inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, food allergy, metabolic syndrome, alcoholic and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis and Parkinson’s disease. He has contributed to over 550 published articles, book chapters and abstracts, and has an h-index of 58. He has been doing basic science, translational and clinical research focused on the liver and GI tract for almost 3 decades. He has been studying the effects of circadian rhythm disruption on intestinal disease since 2007 and one of the early investigators to examine the effects of circadian disruption on the effects of alcohol and to report the negative impact of sleep and circadian disruption in IBD.

Dr. Keshavarzian was instrumental in starting the mentoring program at Rush University Medical Center and was honored with several Teaching and Service Awards and with the Excellence in Mentoring Award and continues to mentor at Rush, nationally and internationally. He is involved with numerous local/regional and national committees and gastroenterology associations, and is a current reviewer for the Medical Research Council of UK, NIH, Foundations, ACG and AGA research review panels. He has served in multiple ACG committees in the last three decades and was the ACG Governor for the state of Illinois for 2 terms. He has also been named multiple times as the top gastroenterologist in Illinois and the national polls.
Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, MACG, is the David M. Underwood Chair of Medicine in Digestive Disorders, Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College at Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas, and a Principal Investigator at the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre (APC) in Cork, Ireland. A graduate of the University College Cork (UCC), Dr. Quigley trained in internal medicine in Glasgow and Manchester, and in gastroenterology in Glasgow, the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota and Manchester. In 1986 he joined the faculty at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska where he ultimately served as Chief of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Returning to Cork in 1998 he served as Dean of the Medical School at UCC for 7 years and has been a principal investigator at the APC since its inception. He took up his current position in January 2013.

He served as President of both the American College of Gastroenterology and the World Gastroenterology Organization and is a past editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Gastroenterology. Clinical and research interests include irritable bowel syndrome, gastrointestinal motility and the role of the gut microbiota in health and in gastrointestinal and metabolic disorders. He has authored over 800 publications and edited or co-edited 16 books or monographs. He has received numerous awards world-wide.
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Samuel S. Weiss Award

The Samuel S. Weiss Award was established as a service award in commemoration of the founding father of the College, Samuel S. Weiss, whose efforts and initiative resulted in the establishment of the College in 1932. It is presented periodically, and not necessarily annually, to a Fellow of the College in recognition of outstanding career service to the American College of Gastroenterology. Nominations are solicited and reviewed by the Awards Committee and the recipients must be approved by the ACG Board of Trustees.

2015 Recipient
Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG

Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG, is Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, and Adjunct Professor of Biomedical Informatics and Medical Education and Associate Dean for Faculty Development. She is a gastroenterologist at Harborview Medical Center, one of the University’s teaching hospitals.

She graduated with honors from the University of Kentucky, College of Medicine in 1973. She completed an Internal Medicine residency and a Gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Washington following which she joined the faculty in the Gastroenterology Division in 1981, based at Harborview Medical Center, where she was section chief for 20 years until July 2013. She was the inaugural assistant dean for faculty development, a position created in 2002.

Her research has included the role of colorectal biopsy in differential diagnosis of colitis, clinical research on Clostridium difficile infection and the role of probiotics and fecal microbiota transplant in treatment of recurrent Clostridium difficile infection.

She served as President of the ACG in 1998-99, having served as Governor, Trustee, Treasurer, Secretary, and President-Elect, among other activities. Subsequently she chaired the Awards committee. She was the inaugural recipient of the ACG’s William D. Carey Award in 1996. Since 2002, she has been listed in Best Doctors in America numerous times and for the past ten years in America’s Top Doctors. In 2003, she received a Local Living Legends award, a Congressional award which is part of the National Library of Medicine Local Legends online project. She was President of the Western Association of Physicians in 2005. She was elected as Master of the American College of Gastroenterology in 2008 and received the Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement award in 2009. In 2012 she received the U W Medicine Service Culture award.

She is married to Dr James Bushyhead, a retired internist, and has three adult sons.
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ACG Governors’ Awards
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The following three awards, presented for the first time in 1996, are given by the Board of Governors in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the Board and to the College.

Freshman Governor’s Award

2015 Recipient

Neil H. Stollman, MD, FACG

This award is presented to a Governor in the first term of service. Nominees must demonstrate a clear commitment to the Board through activities such as service on ad hoc committees, participation in local and state legislative efforts, correspondence with constituents, participation in regional meetings, speakers bureau or other special projects. Nominees must also show potential for future growth within the organization.

Past Freshman Governor’s Award Recipients

2014    Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG
2013    Felice Schnoll-Sussman, MD, FACG
2012    David T. Rubin, MD, FACG
2011    Caroll D. Koscheski, MD, FACG
2010    Costas H. Kefalas, MD, FACG
2009    James S. Leavitt, MD, FACG
2008    Immanuel K. H. Ho, MD, FACG
2007    March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
2006    Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
2005    Edward L. Cattau, Jr., MD, FACG
2004    Myron H. Brand, MD, FACG
2003    Samir Shah, MD, FACG
2002    R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2001    Jay J. Mamel, MD, FACG
2000    Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACG
1999    Massimo Crespi, MD, FACG
1998    Rashad Dabaghi, MD, FACG
1997    Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
1996    Peter F. Purcell, MD, FACG
Senior Governor’s Award

2015 Recipient
David H. Cort, MD, FACG

This award is given to a Governor in the final term of service. Candidates must demonstrate a strong commitment of service to the Board of Governors through activities such as service on ad hoc committees, participation in local and state legislative efforts, national affairs, recruitment, correspondence with constituents, participation in regional meetings, speakers bureau or other special projects.

Past Senior Governor’s Award Recipients

2014  Kenneth J. Chang, MD, FACG
2013  David E. Bernstein, MD, FACG
2012  James S. Leavitt, MD, FACG
2011  March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG
2010  John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG
2009  Daniel J. Pambianco, MD, FACG
2008  David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG
2007  Scott M. Tenner, MD, MPH, FACG
2006  Barbara B. Frank, MD, FACG
2005  R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2004  Joseph W. Leung, MD, FACG
2003  Warren Finkelstein, MD, FACG
2002  Martin D. Mark, MD, FACG
2001  Timothy J. Nostrand, MD, FACG
2000  J. Mark Lawson, MD, FACG
1999  Florian M. Cortese, MD, FACG
1998  William H. Hall, MD, FACG
1997  John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACG
1996  Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACG
The William D. Carey Award

2015 Recipient
David A. Johnson, MD, MACG

Dr. William D. Carey was elected Governor for Northern Ohio in 1987 and served as Chairman of the Board of Governors from 1988-1990. He has served the College as Treasurer and Trustee, and has chaired numerous College Committees. Dr. Carey is the first Chairman of the Board of Governors to be elected as President of the American College of Gastroenterology (1993). In honor of his years of distinguished service and because of the example he has set for other Governors, an award is given in his name.

This award is reserved for an exceptional individual who has served the Board and the College with distinction. Nominees must show clear demonstration of outstanding contributions to the College such as service within leadership positions, participation in educational efforts, committee service or participation in research related activities. Governors serving their final term or those emeritus Governors who have completed service will be eligible to receive the award. Nominees must have a strong history of meritorious service to the Board of Governors.

Past William D. Carey Award Recipients

2014    Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
2013    David A. Greenwald, MD, FACG
2012    Samir A. Shah, MD, FACG
2011    W. Elwyn Lyles, MD, FACG
2010    Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
2009    Francis A. Farraye, MD, MSc, FACG
2008    Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
2007    R. Bruce Cameron, MD, FACG
2006    Roy K. H. Wong, MD, FACG
2005    Harry E. Sarles, Jr., MD, FACG
2004    John W. Popp, Jr., MD, FACG
2003    Ronald J. Vender, MD, FACG
2002    Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACG
2001    Jack A. Di Palma, MD, FACG
2000    Delbert L. Chumley, MD, FACG
1999    P. Gregory Foutch, DO, FACG
1998    Luis A. Balart, MD, MACG
1997    Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, MACG
1996    Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACG
ACG International GI Training Grant Award

The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipient of the International GI Training Grant for 2014. This program, initiated in 1995, provides partial financial support to physicians outside the United States and Canada to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in selected medical training centers in North America. One grant of $10,000 has been awarded this year.

2015 Recipient

Piyush Somani, MD
Gujarat, India

Dr. Piyush Somani from India plans to study advanced ERCP, Cholangioscopy and EUS at the Florida Hospital, Center for Interventional Endoscopy in Orlando, Florida, under the direction of Dr. Udayakumar Navaneethan. Dr. Somani will have the opportunity to observe a spectrum of advanced endoscopic procedures, including their indications, applications and risks. He plans to use the knowledge and experience gained in the U.S. to train colleagues at his institution in India, and one day hopes to open an Advanced Endoscopy center in India where all complex procedures will be performed at minimal charge.

Past International GI Training Grant Award Recipients

2014    Oriol Sendino-Garcia, MD, Spain
2013    Salome Bandoh, MD, Ghana
2012    Wiriyaporn Ridtitid, MD, Thailand
2011    Nikhil Anil Nadkarni, MD, India
2010    Avelyn Kwok, MD, Australia
2009    Andres Duarte Rojo, MD, Mexico
2008    Ling Yi Zhang, MD, MS, China
2007    Ian Homer Y. Cua, MD, Philippines
2006    Alberto Rubio Tapia, MD, Mexico
2005    Aldo Javier Montano-Loza, MD, Mexico
2004    Ender Fakioglu, MD, Turkey
2003    Kyoto Ito, MD, Japan
2002    Ratha-korn Vilaichone, MD, Thailand
2001    Mohamed El Sadany, MD, Egypt
2000    Harshad C. Devarbhavi, MD, India
Past International GI Training Grant Award Recipients, continued

1999  Marko Duvnjak, MD, Croatia
1998  Eliza Maria de Brito, MD, Brazil
1997  Jan Gunnar Hatlebakk, MD, Norway
       Marisa Fonseca Magalhaes, MD, Brazil
       Sri Prakash Misra, MD, India
1996  Dervis Bandres, MD, Venezuela
       Orsolya I. Halmos, MD, Hungary
       Issa Marie Nigl Navarrete, MD, Mexico
       Rajko Ostojic, MD, Croatia
       Seren Ozenirler, MD, Turkey
       Shayong Yu, MD, China
1995  Lars Aabakken, MD, Norway
       Carlos Midrani Boyle, MD, Mexico
       I. Soykan, MD, Turkey
       J. Woo, MD, Korea
ACG North American International GI Training Grant Award

The ACG and the International Relations Committee are pleased to announce the recipient of the North American International GI Training Grant for 2014. This program provides partial financial support to U.S. and Canadian GI Fellows in training or GI Physicians who have completed their training within the last 5 years, to receive clinical or clinical research training or education in Gastroenterology and Hepatology outside of North America. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited gastroenterology fellowship program or be a GI Physician who completed their training within the last 5 years, and must also be citizens of the United States or Canada. One grant of $10,000 has been awarded this year.

2015 Recipient

Jennifer Yi-Juan Pan, MD
Stanford, California

Dr. Jennifer Yi-Juan Pan is at Stanford University and will be going to the University of Melbourne to work with Drs. Finlay Macrae and Mark Jenkins who have been at the forefront of international efforts to study colorectal cancer. Dr. Pan plans to not only better understand and partake in the current research on familial and sporadic colorectal cancers, but also to work clinically with the Department of Colorectal Medicine and Genetics, at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. During this experience, she will have the occasion to work on the Worldwide Study of Cancer Risks for Lynch Syndrome study and learn how to create and use an infrastructure for clinical and biorepository databases, as well as to participate in discussion on the development of new Australian guidelines for early detection, prevention and management of colorectal cancer.

Past North American International GI Training Grant Award Recipients

2014    Akwi W. Asombang, MD
2013    Ryan J. Law, MD, Rochester, MN
2012    Hamed Khalili, MD, Boston, MA
2011    Amit Bhatt, MD, Cleveland, OH
2010    Jenny Sauk, MD, New York, NY
2009    Tonya Kaltenbach, MD, Palo Alto, CA
2008    Anna M. Buchner, MD, PhD, Jacksonville, FL
ACG Auxiliary Awards

These two awards are presented by the Auxiliary to the best scientific papers submitted by a fellow-in-training and by a Fellow or Member of the College. The award recipients are selected by the Educational Affairs Committee.

2015 Recipients

Impact of Recent Guidelines on the Role of EUS in Diagnosis of Asymptomatic Neoplastic Pancreatic Cysts
Divyanshoo Kohli, MD¹, Ashwani Kapoor, MD², Doumit BouHaidar, MD⁴, Ravi Vachhani, MD³; ¹Virginia Commonwealth University, Division of Gastroenterology, Richmond, VA; ²Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA; ³Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

Effect of an Endoscopic Quality Improvement Program on Adenoma Detection Rates: A Multicenter Cluster-Randomized Controlled Trial in Clinical Practice Setting (EQUIP-3)
Michael Wallace, MD, MPH, FACG¹, Julia Crook, MD¹, Colleen Thomas, MD¹, Estella Staggs, MD¹, Laurie Parker², Douglas K. Rex, MD, MACG³; ¹Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL; ²American College of Gastroenterology, Bethesda, MD; ³Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
**ACG Case Reports Journal Awards**

These two awards are given to the best posters in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee. One award is given to a Fellow or Member of the ACG and the other to a fellow-in-training.

**2015 Recipients**

**Here’s Looking at You Kid: A Case of Repeated Doll Head Ingestion: An Endoscopic Challenge**

Jennifer H. Lai, MD\(^1\), Hubert Luu, MD, MS\(^2\), Lauren B. Gerson, MD, MSc, FACG\(^1\);
\(^1\)California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, CA; \(^2\)University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

**A Fatal and Preventable Complication of Celiac Disease: A Call to Action**

Malorie Simons\(^1\), Madhu Ouseph\(^1\), Diana Treaba\(^1\), Shamlal Mangray\(^2\), Steven Moss\(^1\);
\(^1\)Warren Alpert School of Medicine of Brown University, Providence, RI; \(^2\)Autopsy Pathology and Pediatric Pathology, Warren Alpert School of Medicine of Brown University, Providence, RI
ACG Category Awards

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2015 Recipients

Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) and Fungal Overgrowth (SIFO): A Frequent and Unrecognized Complication of Colectomy

Hamza M. Abdulla, MD¹, Siegfried Yu, MD², Kulthep Rattanakovit³, Collier Badger³, Satish Rao, MD⁴; ¹Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA; ²Georgia Regents University, Evans, GA; ³Department of Medicine, Section of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA; ⁴Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA

Evaluation of the Clinical Outcomes of Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) for Barrett’s Esophagus Associated With High-Grade Dysplasia or Early Adenocarcinoma: A Multicenter Study

Roxana Coman, MD, PhD¹, Michel Kahaleh, MD, FACP², Irving Waxman, MD, FACP³, Andrew Y. Wang, MD, FACP⁴, Amrita Sethi, MD⁵, Ashish Shah, MD⁵, Peter Draganov, MD, FACP⁶; ¹Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, College of Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; ²Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY; ³University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; ⁴University of Virginia Health Systems, Charlottesville, VA; ⁵Division of Digestive and Liver Diseases, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY; ⁶University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Cost Effectiveness and Clinical Efficacy of Plastic vs Self-Expandable Metal Stents for Management of Biliary Obstruction Due to Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma in Patients Undergoing Neoadjuvant Therapy

Timothy B. Gardner, MD, MS, FACP¹, Katerina Byanova¹, John M. Levenick, MD², Stuart R. Gordon, MD³; ¹Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH; ²Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA
G-EYE™ High-Definition Colonoscopy Increases Adenoma Detection Rate Compared to Standard High Definition Colonoscopy: Results of Prospective Randomized Multicenter Trial

Seth A. Gross, MD, FACG1, Haim Shirin, MD2, Meir Mizrahi3, Dov Abramovich2, Trine Stigaard4, Nathan Gluck5, Mati Shnell, MD6, Peter Vilmann, MD, DSci, HC7, Saud Ishaq8, Julia Epshtei9, Jakob Hendel1, Roman Simantov, MD2, Menachem Moshkowitz9, Arthur Hoffman9, Shaul Yaari3, Michael Yair2, Harold Jacob3, Beni Shpak3, Edi Viale10, Helmut Neumann11, Martin Goetz12, Pieralberta Testoni10, Peter D. Siersema13, Mark Pochapin, MD, FACG1, Ralf Kiesslich9; 1New York University Langone Medical Center, New York, NY; 2Assaf Harofeh Medical Center, Zerifin, Israel; 3Hadassah Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel; 4Copenhagen University Hospital, Herlev, Denmark; 5Laniado Hospital, Netanya, Israel; 6Laniado Medical Center, Ramat Gan, Israel; 7GastroUnit, Copenhagen University Hospital, Herlev, Denmark; 8NHS, Dudley, United Kingdom; 9HSK, Dr. Horst-Schmidt-Kliniken, Wiesbaden, Germany; 10San Raffaele Hospital, Milan, Italy; 11University Clinic, Erlangen, Germany; 12Universitätätsklinikum Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany; 13UMC Utrecht, Utrecht, Netherlands

Gut Microbiota Changes as Predictors of Treatment Failure in Primary Clostridium difficile Infection

Sahil Khanna, MBBS, MS1, Emmanuel Montassier, MD2, Bradley Schmidt, BS1, David Lynch, ASCP1, Cheryl Bernard, AAS1, Heather Lekatz1, Kristy Zodrow, AAS1, Robin Patel, MD1, Patricia Kammer, CCRP1, Dan Knights, PhD2, Darrell Pardi, MD, MS, FACG1, Purna Kashyap, MD1; 1Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 2University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Prevalence of Biopsy Proven Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Severely Obese Subjects Without Metabolic Syndrome

Kamran Qureshi, MD1, Gary Abrams, MD2; 1Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA; 2Greenville Health System Gastroenterology & Liver Center, Greenville, SC

Accurate Identification of Excessive Methane Gas Producers by a Single Fasting Measurement of Exhaled Methane: A Large-scale Database Analysis

Ali Rezaie, MD, MSc, Bianca Chang, MD, Kathleen Shari Chua, Eugenia A. Lin, Mark Pimentel, MD, FACG, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Regional Variation in Quality of Care for Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the United States

David T. Rubin, MD1, Haridarshan Patel, PharmD2, Sherry Shi3, Reema Mody, MBA, PhD4; 1University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL; 2Immensity Consulting, Inc., Chicago, IL; 3Analysis Group, Inc., Montreal, PQ, Canada; 4Takeda Pharmaceuticals International Inc, Deerfield, IL
Detection of Crohn’s Disease in Patients With Spondyloarthropathies (SpA): A Prospective Capsule Endoscopy-Based Study (SpACE Capsule Study)

Ernest Seidman, MDCM, FACG, Uri Kopylov, MD, Michael Starr, MD, Craig Watts, MD, Serge Dionne, PhD, Jamie Koenekoop, BSc; 1Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, PQ, Canada; 2Division of Rheumatology, McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, PQ, Canada; 3Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, PQ, Canada

Demographic and Socio-Economic Influences on H. pylori-Induced Changes to the Gastric Mucosa

Amnon Sonnenberg, Robert Genta, Kevin Turner; 1Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR; 2Miraca Life Sciences Research Institute, Irving, TX

Colorectal Surgery in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)-Associated Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Patients Has Worse Health Outcomes Than in Non-IBD Associated CRC Patients

Cheng Zhang, MD, PhD, Hisham Hussan, MD, Peter Stanich, MD, Alice Hinton, PhD, Syed Husain, MD, Edward Levine, MD; 1The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; 2Section of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH; 3The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH
**ACG Fellows-in-Training Awards**

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**2015 Recipients**

**EUS Is Not Required for Staging Newly Diagnosed Malignant Esophageal Strictures That Preclude the Passage of a Standard Gastroscope: Results of a Prospective, Multicenter Study**

Ji Young Bang, MD, MPH1, Jayapal Ramesh, MD2, Muhammad Hasan, MD3, Udayakumar Navaneethan2, Robert Hawes, MD, FACP4, Shyam Varadarajulu, MD5; 1Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN; 2University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; 3Center for Interventional Endoscopy, Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL; 4University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Orlando, FL

**Assessment of Post-treatment Outcomes in Achalasia Utilizing Novel, High-Resolution Impedance Manometry Parameters**

Dustin A. Carlson, MD, MS1, Zhiyue Lin1, Kristina Dykstra1, Joel Sternbach, MD1, Peter J. Kahrilas, MD, FACP2, John E. Pandolfino, MD, MS, FACP1; 1Northwestern University, Chicago, IL; 2Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

**Radiological Response Is Associated With Better Long-Term Outcomes and Is a Potential Treatment Target in Patients With Small Bowel Crohn’s Disease**

Parakkal Deepak, MBBS1, Joel Fletcher, MD2, Jeff Fidler, MD2, John Barlow, MD2, Shannon Sheedy, MD2, Amy Kolbe, MD2, William Harmsen, MS2, Edward V. Loftus, Jr., MD, FACP3, Stephanie Hansel, MD, MS4, Brenda Becker, CCRP5, David Bruining, MD1; 1Division of Gastroenterology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 2Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

**Early Use of TIPS and Outcomes in Patients With Cirrhosis and Acute Esophageal Variceal Bleeding: Analysis of the U.S. Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) Database, 2000-2010**

Basile Njei, MD, MPH, Loren Laine, MD, FACP, Section of Digestive Diseases, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
Screening Colonoscopy Withdrawal Time and Proximal Serrated Polyp Detection Rate: Analysis of a Large, Single, High-Volume Center Using Natural Language Processing
Viral Patel, MD, William Thompson, PhD, Jay L. Goldstein, MD, FACP, Eugene Yen, MD, MBA, FACP, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Evanston, IL

Dyssynergia or No Dyssynergia: Phenotypic Categorization of Constipated Patients With High Resolution Anorectal Manometry (HRAM)
Kulthep Rattanakovit, MD1, Satish Rao, MD2, Mercedes Amieva, MD3, Arie Mack4, Annie Dewitt5; 1Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Georgia Regents University, Bangkok, Thailand; 2Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA; 3Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA

High Prevalence of Gastroparesis in Post-lung Transplant Patients
Kirsten Regalia, MD1, Andy Sweatt, MD1, Louise Wang2, Linda Nguyen, MD2; 1Stanford University, San Carlos, CA; 2Stanford Hospital, Stanford, CA

A Randomized, Double-Blind Controlled Trial to Examine the Effectiveness of Lubiprostone on Constipation Symptoms and Colon Transit Time in Diabetic Patients
Sagar Shroff, MD1, Nikrad Shahnavaz, MD1, Latoya Carter, MSHS2, Melanie Harrison, MD3, Karan Dietz-Lindo4, John Hanfelt, PhD1, Shanthi Srinivasan, MD1, Jennifer Christie, MD5; 1Emory University, Atlanta, GA; 2Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, GA; 3Emory University School of Medicine, Division of Digestive Diseases, Decatur, GA; 4Emory Health Care, Tyrone, GA; 5Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Fecal Immunochemical Testing and Panel Management Is Associated With Higher Screening Rates in a Safety-Net Population
Maneesh Singh, Lukejohn Day, Ma Somsouk; University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Etiologies and Clinical Features of Nonresponsive Celiac Disease in Children Under the Age of 18 Years
Gopal Veeraraghavan, MD1, Dharmesh H. Kaswala, MD1, Natalia E. Castillo, MD1, Allison McKeown, BA2, Daniel A. Leffler, MD, MS1, Ciaran P. Kelly, MD3, FACP, Alan M. Leichtner, MD, MSHPE2, Dascha C. Weir, MD2; 1Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA; 2Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA; 3Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research

The ACG Board of Governors presents five awards on the basis of all abstracts submitted. Three are given to Fellows or Members of the College and two are given to fellows-in-training. The award recipients are selected by the Educational Affairs Committee.

2015 Recipients

Low Bleeding Rates Associated With Esophageal Endoscopic Mucosal Resection for the Treatment of Dysplastic Barrett’s Esophagus

Daniel K. Chan, MD, Cadman L. Leggett, MD, Lori L. Lutzke, CCRP, Prasad G. Iyer, MD, FACG, Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FACG, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Small Sessile Serrated Polyps Have Higher Rates of Advanced Adenomas Upon Surveillance Than Small Tubular Adenomas

Karen Ma, MD1, Saba Arshad, MD2, Thomas Kaminsky, MD2, Vinesh Melvani, MD2, Michael Greenspan, MD2, Brett Mahon, MD2, Shriram Jakate, MD2, Shannon Sims, MD2, Joshua Melson, MD, MPH2; 1Rush University Medical Center, Darien, IL; 2Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Rate, Risk Factors, and Outcomes of de novo Inflammatory Bowel Disease After Liver Transplantation for Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

Mohamad A. Mouchli, MD1, Siddharth Singh, MD2, Jayant A. Talwalkar, MD, MPH, FACG2, Edward V. Loftus, Jr., MD, FACG2; 1Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; 2Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern Center for the Science of Health Care Delivery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

The Utility of Repeat Diagnostic Paracentesis in the Management of Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis

Badar Muneer, MD1, Stanley M. Cohen, MD2, Basel Abusneineh, MD3, Anthony Post, MD1, Pierre Gholam, MD1, Deepak Venkat, MD2, Falck-Ytter Yngve, MD2, Mohammad Ashfaq, MD4; 1University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland, OH; 2University Hospitals, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH; 3Louis Stokes VA Medical Center, Cleveland, OH; 4Baylor All Saints Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX

Associations of Clinical Symptoms and Bowel Characteristics With Intestinal Microbiota in Patients With Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Yehuda Ringel, MD, FACG1, Tamar Ringel-Kulka, MD, MPH2, Jarkko Salojärvi, PhD3, Ian Carroll1, Wille De Vos4; 1University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; 2University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC; 3University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland; 4Wageningen University, Wageningen, Netherlands
ACG International Award

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2015 Recipient

Endoscopic Submucosal Tunnel Dissection for Upper GI Submucosal Tumors Originating From the Muscularis Propria Layer: A Prospective Study

Wei Gong¹, Xiaowei Tang, MD¹, Silin Huang, MD¹, Yutang Ren, MD², Bo Jiang²;
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ACG Lawlor Resident Award

The ACG Lawlor Resident Award is presented annually in memory of the late Edward Lawlor, an executive of SmithKline & French, who had a distinguished career of outstanding contributions to the ACG and the gastroenterology community at large. The recipient is selected on the basis of abstracts submitted by residents-in-training. The recipient is chosen by the Educational Affairs Committee.

2015 Recipient

Prognostic Impact of Achieving Sustained Viral Response in Patients With Hepatitis C After Curative Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Swathi Paleti, MD1, Sashidhar Manthravadi, MD2, Prashant Pandya, DO3; 1University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, MO; 2University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO; 3Kansas City VA Medical Center/University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, MO

ACG/Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award

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2015 Recipient

Does Cesarean Section and Formula Feeding Reduce Vertical Transmission in Chronic Hepatitis B Pregnant Mothers?

Rasham Mittal, Amandeep Sahota, MD, Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
ACG Obesity Award

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2015 Recipient

Does Obesity Impact Mortality and Other Outcomes in Patients With Upper Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage? A Nationwide Analysis

Marwan S. Abougergi, MD1, Francis Okeke, MD, MPH2, Heather Peluso, BS3, John R. Saltzman, MD, FACG4; 1Catalyst Medical Consulting, Baltimore, MD; 2Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Baltimore, MD; 3Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Baltimore, MD; 4Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Department of Gastroenterology, Boston, MA

ACG/Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award

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2015 Recipient

Potential Risks of Immunosuppressant Drugs to the Pregnant Patient

Brindusa Truta, MD1, Azah Althumairi, MD2, Joseph Canner, MHS3, Bashar Safar, MBBS2, Jonathan Efron, MD2; 1Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; 2Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, Baltimore, MD; 3Johns Hopkins Surgery Center for Outcomes Research, Baltimore, MD
North American Conference of Gastroenterology Fellows

These three awards were presented during the North American Conference of Gastroenterology Fellows in March 2015. A total of 80 fellows submitted their research and 24 were invited to attend the conference and present their work. Of the 24 attendees, three fellows were recognized for the outstanding research presented in their abstracts and their presentations. The conference is sponsored by the ACG, is associated with the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, and is supported in part by unrestricted educational grants from AbbVie and Takeda.

2015 Recipients

Eosinophilia In Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease Is Independently Associated With Increased Healthcare Utilization And Financial Burden: A Prospective 5-Year Experience
Benjamin Click, MD, Claudia Rivers Ramos, MD, Ioannis Koutroubakis, MD, PhD, Jana Hashash, MD, Marc Schwartz, MD, Arthur Barrie, MD, PhD, Jason Swoger, MD, Leonard Baidoo, MD, Michael Dunn, MD, Miguel Regueiro, MD, David Binion, MD, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA

Detection of Clostridium Difficile-Infected Stool by Electronic-Nose Analysis of Fecal Headspace Volatile Organic Compounds
Daniel K. Chan, MD1; Marlys A. Anderson1; David T. Lynch2; Cadman; L. Leggett, MD1; Lori L. Lutzke, CCRP1, Magdalen A. Clemens1, Kenneth K. Wang, MD1. Division of Gastroenterology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; Division of Clinical Microbiology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Identifying Patients with Chronic Hepatitis C at High Risk for Clinical Outcomes: Improving Predictive Models of Disease Progression with Novel Methods Integrating Longitudinal Data
Monica A. Konerman, MD, MSc1, Marshall Brown2, Yingye Zheng, PhD2, Anna S.F. Lok, MD1, University of Michigan Health System, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Ann Arbor, MI; Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, WA