Awardees
and Special Lecturers

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Over the last 76 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 evening as well as during the plenary session scheduled for Monday morning, October 31, 2011.

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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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.

2011 Lecturer
Seymour Katz, MD, MACG

Management of the Elderly IBD Patient: A Wake-up Call

Dr. Seymour Katz is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is attending gastroenterologist at North Shore University Hospital-Long Island Jewish Healthcare Systems and St. Francis Hospital.

Dr. Katz graduated from City College with a B.S. degree, Phi Beta Kappa. A recipient of the Jonas Salk Medical Scholarship, he attended NYU School of Medicine where he graduated Alpha Omega-Alpha. He completed his internship and first year of residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine-Jacobi Hospital Center before he was drafted into the U.S. Air Force at the beginning of the Vietnam War. He received the USAF Commendation Medal for his service.

Dr. Katz returned to Einstein where he served as Chief Resident in Medicine and then completed his fellowship in gastroenterology at the Cornell, NY Hospital-Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He has published over 100 peer reviewed articles, 105 abstracts and five book chapters most frequently in the area of inflammatory bowel disease. Dr. Katz is Past President of the American College of Gastroenterology, an organization of over 12,000 gastroenterologists which has awarded him its three highest honors.

In 2008, he received the Townsend Harris medal from the City College of New York for his professional achievements and his work as chair of the scholarship committee for Bronx High School of Science students who were unable to afford tuition.
Past J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturers

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, FACP: The Natural History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Therapeutic Decisions
1985 Norton J. Greenberger, MD, FACP: (Hon.): Pathophysiologic 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, FACP (Hon.): *The InterDigestive Gastrointestinal Housekeeper*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1969 Richard Marshak, MD, FACP: *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.

2011 Lecturer
Robert H. Hawes, MD, FACG

Current Diagnosis and Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas

Dr. Robert H. Hawes is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Hawes grew up in Bloomington, Indiana. He attended Indiana University for his undergraduate education receiving an A.B. in Chemistry in 1976, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He attended Indiana University School of Medicine, graduating in 1980. He then completed a three-year residency in Internal Medicine and a two-year fellowship in Gastroenterology at Indiana University Hospitals under the guidance of Dr. Glen Lehman.

Dr. Hawes then spent a year in London, England doing an Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship concentrating on ERCP and endoscopic laser therapy under the direction of Drs. Peter B. Cotton and Steve Bown. He returned to Indiana University and served on the faculty in the Department of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology from 1986-1994. During this time, he was promoted from Assistant to Associate and ultimately to Full Professor in July of 1994.

In July of 1994, Dr. Hawes joined with Dr. Cotton and moved to Charleston, South Carolina to help establish a Digestive Disease Center. The center is designed to facilitate the integration of GI medicine, surgery, and radiology into an integrated unit to promote patient care, research, and technology development to treat patients with digestive diseases.

Dr. Hawes was the 2005-2006 President of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.
### Past Emily Couric Memorial Lecturers

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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.

2011 Lecturer
Irving Waxman, MD, FACG

Endotherapy for Barrett’s Esophagus: Cure or Quagmire?

Dr. Irving Waxman is Professor of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Chicago Medical Center. Dr. Waxman attended medical school at Universidad de Nacional in Mexico City then completed his residency at New England Deaconess Hospital, Harvard Medical School in Boston. He went on to complete Fellowships at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland and the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

Dr. Waxman is a leading authority on endoscopic ultrasound (EUS). His work focuses on state-of-the-art endoscopic procedures for esophageal, gastric, pancreatic, lung and rectal tumors. He is also Director of the Center for Endoscopic Research and Therapeutics (CERT). This center focuses on new imaging modalities for the detection of early gastrointestinal cancer; minimally invasive endoscopic resection of superficial gastrointestinal malignancies; and combined endosurgical minimally invasive interventions.

Dr. Waxman’s current areas of clinical research include the therapeutic applications of endoscopic ultrasound. In collaboration with Dr. Mitchell Posner, Director of Surgical Oncology, Dr. Waxman is initiating two novel endoscopic ultrasound guided injection therapy protocols for treatment of advanced pancreatic and esophageal cancer. He is also conducting ongoing research on endoscopic minimally invasive therapy for esophageal and colonic cancers.

Dr. Waxman is a member of the ACG, AGA, ASGE and the International Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Association and he has authored or co-authored over 100 journal articles.
Past David Y. Graham Lecturers

2010  Grace H. Elta, MD, FACG: *GI Training: Where is it Headed?*
2009  Peter J. Kahrilas, MD, FACG: *Esophageal Motor Disorders in Terms of High Resolution Pressure Topography: What Has Changed?*
2008  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Colon Ischemia: Respice, Adspice, Prospice*
2007  Walter L. Peterson, MD, FACG: *Evidence-Based Medicine: What Does it Mean for Gastroenterology – Present and Future?*
2006  Amnon Sonnenberg, MD, MSc, FACG: *The “Incredibly Simple” Solution to the Cohort Phenomenon of Peptic Ulcer*
2005  Francis K. L. Chan, MD, FACG: *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 Course Directors of the Postgraduate Program subject to the approval of the Educational Affairs Committee and the Board of Trustees.

**2011 Lecturer**
**Gregory B. Haber, MD, FACP**

*Challenges in ERCP: Lessons Learned*

Dr. Gregory B. Haber graduated with a degree in Medicine from the University of Toronto in 1970 and completed his specialty training in Internal Medicine in 1975 and Gastroenterology in 1978. His first position after training was as a researcher at the University of Bristol where he studied bile acid metabolism, having received a Medical Research Council of Canada grant for this endeavor. Two years later, he returned to the University of Toronto as a faculty member in the Division of Gastroenterology.

He served on the staff of The Wellesley Hospital and St. Michael’s Hospital, University of Toronto, for 25 years and is currently the Director, Division of Gastroenterology at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York.

One of the world’s foremost experts on the treatment of digestive diseases and a prolific researcher, Dr. Haber has published over 50 peer-reviewed articles and numerous abstracts. His research has been funded by numerous peer-reviewed agencies and the pharmaceutical and medical device industries. Dr. Haber has spoken as invited faculty at over 200 scientific meetings. He is an associate editor of *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* as well as a member of the board of the Journals *Endoscopy* and *Techniques in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.*
Past David Sun Lecturers

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 Haggett, 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?*
1993  Cyrus E. Rubin, MD, MACG: *Small Bowel Pathology*
1992  Peter B. Cotton, MD, FACG: *Malignant Obstructive Jaundice: A Real Challenge*
1991  Sum P. Lee, MD, FACG: *Pathophysiology of Gallstone Formation: Romancing the Stone*
1990  Marvin Sleisenger, MD: *GI Diseases in the Immunocompromised Host*
1989  Laszlo Safrany, MD, FACG: *Bile Ducts, Common Duct Stones, and Pancreatitis*
1988  Scott J. Boley, MD: *Colon Ischemia: The First Twenty-Five Years*
1987  William Y. Chey, MD, FACG: *Ulcerogenic Tumor Syndrome in 1987*
1986  David H. Van Thiel, MD, FACG: *Liver Transplant – The Role of the Gastroenterologist*
1985  James W. Freston, MD, FACG: *The Therapy of Peptic Ulcer Disease: Where Are We?*
1984  Henri Sarles, MD: *Pathogenesis of Alcoholic Chronic Pancreatitis – A Secretory Concept*
1983  Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACG: *The Clinical Trial*
1982  Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG: *Surveillance of GI Cancer*
1981  Paul D. Webster, III, MD, FACG: *Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis*
1980  Paul Sherlock, MD, FACG: *Current Concepts of the Epidemiology and Etiology of Colorectal Cancer*
1979  I. N. Marks, MD, FACG: *Crossroads in Peptic Ulcer Therapy*
1978  Rosalyn S. Yalow, PhD: *Radioimmunoassay in Gastroenterology*
1977  J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG: *New Dimensions in the Laboratory Diagnosis of Pancreatic Disease*
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.

2011 Recipient
Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACC

Dr. Douglas K. Rex is Distinguished Professor of Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, Chancellor’s Professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, and Director of Endoscopy at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

He graduated from Harvard College, Summa Cum Laude in 1976 and with highest distinction from Indiana University School of Medicine in 1980. He served as Chief Medical Resident at Indiana University Hospital and joined the faculty at Indiana University in 1985. He received the Outstanding Teacher Award in the Introduction to Medicine course five times and has been awarded the Indiana University School of Medicine Outstanding Teacher Award as well as the Department of Medicine’s Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Rex is a full-time clinical gastroenterologist at Indiana University Hospital. His major research interests have been in colorectal disease and, in particular, colorectal cancer screening and the technical performance of colonoscopy. He co-authored the colorectal cancer screening recommendations of the American College of Gastroenterology and the U.S. Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer. He also authored the recommendations on quality in colonoscopy of the U.S. Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer and the American College of Gastroenterology/American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

From 2000-2006 he was the chairman of the U.S. Multi-Society (ACG, ASGE, AGA, ACP-ASIM) Task Force on Colorectal Cancer. He has also served in the American College of Gastroenterology as Chairman of the Board of Governors and is a Past President of the ACG.

**Past Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award Recipients**

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  
2006  Seymour Katz, MD, MACG  
2005  David B. Sachar, MD, MACG  
2004  Alvin M. Zfass, MD, MACG  
2003  Arthur H. Aufses, MD, MACG  
2002  Cyrus E. Rubin, MD, MACG  
2001  Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG  
2000  Bergein F. Overholt, MD, MACG  
1999  Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG  
1998  Leslie H. Bernstein, MD, MACG  
1997  Sidney J. Winawer, MD, MACG  
1996  Burton I. Korelitz, MD, MACG  
1995  David Y. Graham, MD, MACG  
1994  Howard M. Spiro, MD, MACG  
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 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 underserved schools related to health education; and political work on committees for comprehensive health insurance or other issues.

2011 Recipient
Joseph D. DiMase, MD, FACP

Dr. Joseph D. DiMase is an Assistant Clinical Professor Emeritus at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. He was the first gastroenterologist to practice his specialty in a private practice setting in the state of Rhode Island in 1966. He was also one of the first gastroenterologists to start a private outpatient endoscopy center in Providence, Rhode Island – the Bayside Endoscopy Center. For many years he was an active member of the American College of Physicians and served as the governor from Rhode Island from 1978-1982. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology. He has had a number of GI publications.

More recently he was the originator of the SCUP program (Screening Colonoscopy for the Underserved Population) in Rhode Island. This program allows 18 community health centers treating the underserved in the state of Rhode Island to refer these patients to 60 colonoscopists scattered throughout the state. These endoscopists refer these patients to 8 hospitals and 3 free standing endoscopy centers. The endoscopists, hospitals, and endoscopy centers, along with their pathologists, provide free colonoscopies for these patients.

Dr. DiMase is presently supervising GI Fellows at the Warren Alpert Medical School in basic endoscopy.
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.

2011 Recipient
Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACG

Dr. Eamonn M. M. Quigley is Professor of Medicine and Human Physiology and a Principal Investigator at the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre at the National University of Ireland, Cork, Ireland. He is the immediate past president of the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO-OMGE) and past president of the American College of Gastroenterology. He is a past Editor-in-Chief of The American Journal of Gastroenterology.

His major research interests include motility, functional gastrointestinal disease, neurogastroenterology, gastroesophageal reflux disease and probiotics in health and disease. He has published over 550 original papers, reviews, editorials and book chapters, and has received numerous awards worldwide.

He has delivered many named lectureships including: Kullavanijaya International Guest Lecture, the Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition; McKenna Lecture, Canadian Association of Gastroenterology; Mohammed Mashaly Memorial Lecture, Egyptian Society for the Study of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy; and Mike Moshal Memorial Lecture, South African Gastroenterological Society.

Professor Quigley graduated in medicine (MB BCh BAO) from the National University of Ireland, Cork in 1976 and completed his residency in internal medicine at the Western Infirmary and associated hospitals in Glasgow, Scotland. There followed a two-year research fellowship, leading to an MD degree by thesis, at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA. He served as Lecturer in the Department of Medicine (Gastroenterology) at the University of Manchester at Hope Hospital in Salford, England before joining the faculty of the section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha in 1986 eventually serving as division chief. He returned to University College Cork, his alma mater, in 1998 and served two terms as Dean of the Medical School from 2000-2007 and also acted as interim director of the Graduate Entry to Medicine program at UCC.
Master of the American College of Gastroenterology

As a result of their recognized stature and achievement in clinical gastroenterology and/or teaching, and/or 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.

2011 Master Recipients

Nirmal S. Mann, MD, MS, PhD, DSc, MACG
Peter R. McNally, DO, MACG
Dr. Nirmal S. Mann is currently Professor of Medicine and Gastroenterology, University of California, Davis School of Medicine; Senior Consultant, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, University of California Davis Medical Center (UCDMC); and Director, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, UCDMC-Folsom Campus.

Dr. Mann, who is originally from the village of Marauli Kalan in Punjab, India, grew up in Delhi, India and became a Naturalized U.S. Citizen in 1978. He graduated from Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, India and did his Residency in Internal Medicine and GI Fellowship at Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago, where he also obtained an M.S. in Gastroenterology. Later during his academic career he obtained a Ph.D. in Nutrition and a D.Sc. in Gastroenterology.

He holds Fellowships in many scientific organizations including the AGA, ASGE and others. He is certified as a Fellow in the specialty of Internal Medicine and also in the subspecialty of Gastroenterology by the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. In 2007 he was named a Master by the American College of Physicians.

In 1973, he started the GI Fellowship Training Program at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He has served as Chief of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the VA Medical Centers in Louisville, Kentucky, Temple, Texas, and Martinez, California. He has won outstanding teacher awards three times.

He has served as editor, co-editor, member of the editorial board, referee and reviewer for many journals including The American Journal of Gastroenterology, Gastroenterology, Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology, and Annals of Internal Medicine.

He has published 336 papers, abstracts and book chapters, and has authored two books on Gastroenterology. He has made 215 scientific presentations at national and international meetings including as a Visiting Professor. His present research interest is the use of Breath Hydrogen in IBS patients and performance of deep enteroscopy without the use of fluoroscopy, over-tube or balloons.

Dr. Mann became a Fellow of the ACG in 1973. He has chaired and co-chaired scientific sessions at ACG Annual Meetings and Postgraduate Courses, and has served on several ACG Committees including Credentials and Educational Affairs. From 1986-1992, he was the ACG Governor of Northern Texas. His wife, Surinder K. Mann, MD, FACP, AGAF, FACP, is Professor of Medicine and Gastroenterology at the University of California, Sacramento. Their elder daughter, Neel K. Mann, MD, MPH, is an ACG Member, and is on the staff of Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles. Their younger daughter, Sheel K. Mann-Seidler, JD, lives with her husband, Peter Seidler-O’Malley, MBA, in Los Angeles.
Dr. Peter R. McNally has been in practice for over 30 years; currently he serves as Chief of Gastroenterology at Evans Army Hospital in Colorado Springs. He has successfully merged and overlapped careers in the military, academia and private practice. Col. McNally served as Chief of Gastroenterology at Fitzsimons, Eisenhower and Evans Army Medical Centers. After retirement from the Army, he served as Professor of Medicine and Director of the GI Fellowship Program at University of Colorado, where he remains Adjunct Faculty at the School of Medicine.

Dr. McNally received his medical degree from Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine. He did his medical internship and residency at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, where he received the Resident Research Award. He completed his Gastroenterology Fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where he was awarded the Erskine Award for Outstanding Fellow. His postdoctoral training included Medical Science Research Fellowships at Walter Reed Institute of Research, FDA, NIH and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Dr. McNally has dedicated himself to research, education and training of medical students, residents and fellows. He has given over 350 invited lectureships, authored over 200 scholarly publications and is the creator and editor of the book, “Secrets in GI/Hepatology”, in its 4th Edition. Dr. McNally has conducted and published key research on the association between GERD and hoarseness/asthma, celiac disease, autoimmune cholangiohepatitis, and treatments for malaria. Endoscopic innovations include development of colonoscopy bowel preps, evaluation of a bipolar snare, biopsy, and sphincterotome, and design of a combination bicap/injection hemostasis probe.

Dr. McNally’s service commitment to the College has been extensive. He has supported the Postgraduate and Governor’s Courses as speaker, moderator, and director. Dr. McNally has served on many of ACG’s key committees. Perhaps most notable and visible, was when he served as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, that developed and conducted the ACG’s Colon Cancer and GERD Awareness campaigns. He served as Editor for 3 editions of the ACG Self-Assessment Test, and started online web access. Lastly, he served 3 terms on the Board of Trustees.

Dr. McNally has been the recipient of numerous local and national awards to include: “Teaching,” “Surgeon & Physician of the Year,” “National Leadership & Achievement,” and “Sustained Excellence in Medicine,” but is truly humbled to receive the ACG Master Award. Dr. McNally wishes to thank his Mentors: Drs. Peura, Brewer, Fitz, and Wong, and Tom Fise for “teaching me all I know;” and the students, residents, fellows and colleagues who “continue to remind me what I have forgotten and what is new.” To his wife, Cynthia, and children, Alex, Meghan, Amanda, Genevieve and Bridgette, “thank you for allowing me those many nights and weekends to do the thing I love 2nd only to you.”
Past Master Recipients

Edgar Achkar, MD, MACG
James L. Achord, MD, MACG
Arthur H. Aufses, MD, MACG
Luis Balart, MD, MACG
Simmy Bank, MD, MACG
Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG
Jamie S. Barkin, MD, MACG
K. Orrin Barrow, MBBS, MACG
Ivan T. Beck, MD, MACG
Gerald Becker, MD, MACG
Robert L. Berger, MD, MACG
J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG
Harold Bernhard, MD, MACG
Leslie H. Bernstein, MD, MACG
Leonidas H. Berry, MD, MACG
H. Worth Boyce, Jr., MD, MACG
Eugene M. Bozymski, MD, MACG
S. Philip Bralow, MD, MACG
Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG
W. Scott Brooks, MD, MACG
William D. Carey, MD, MACG
Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG
Sarkis J. Chobanian, MD, MACG
Harris R. Clearfield, MD, MACG
Edwin M. Cohn, MD, MACG
Henry Colcher, MD, MACG
Juan R. Colon-Pagan, MD, MACG
Angelo E. Dagradi, MD, MACG
David Dreiling, MD, MACG
Douglas A. Drossman, MD, MACG
Sudhir K. Dutta, MD, MACG
Atilla Ertan, MD, MACG
Richard G. Farmer, MD, MACG
Sidney M. Fierst, MD, MACG
Warren Finkelstein, MD, MACG
Joseph F. Fitzgerald, MD, MACG
Ira L. Flax, MD, MACG
Martin H. Floch, MD, MACG
P. Gregory Foutch, DO, MACG
James T. Frakes, MD, MACG
Gerald Friedman, MD, MACG
John T. Galambos, MD, MACG
Martin D. Gelfand, MD, MACG
Franz Goldstein, MD, MACG
David Y. Graham, MD, MACG
Victor W. Groisser, MD, MACG
Frank A. Hamilton, MD, MPH, MACG
Theodore Hersh, MD, MACG
Chesley Hines, MD, MACG
Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, MACG
Walter H. Jacobs, MD, MACG
Robyn G. Karlstadt, MD, MACG
Seymour Katz, MD, MACG
James F. King, MD, MACG
Burton I. Korelitz, MD, MACG
Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG
Shiu-Kum Lam, MD, MACG
Eric R. Lee, MD, MACG
Sum P. Lee, MD, PhD, MACG
Suzanne Lemire, MD, MACG
Joseph W. Leung, MD, MACG
Myron Lewis, MD, MACG
Charles J. Lightdale, MD, MACG
Arthur E. Lindner, MD, MACG
Richard P. MacDermott, MD, MACG
Willis C. Maddrey, MD, MACG
John McMahon, MD, MACG
George W. Meyer, MD, MACG
William A. Millhon, MD, MACG
H. Juergen Nord, MD, MACG
F. Warren Nugent, MD, MACG
Bergein F. Overholt, MD, MACG
Joel F. Panish, MD, MACG
John P. Papp, MD, MACG
Peter M. Pardoll, MD, MACG
Moses Paulson, MD, MACG
Daniel Pelot, MD, MACG
David A. Peura, MD, MACG
C. S. Pitchumoni, MD, MACG
John W. Papp, Jr., MD, MACG
Daniel H. Present, MD, MACG
Linda Rabeneck, MD, MACG
George B. Rankin, MD, MACG
Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
Arvey I. Rogers, MD, MACG
William S. Rosenthal, MD, MACG
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.

2011 Recipient
Frank L. Lanza, MD, FACG

Dr. Frank L. Lanza received his medical degree and a master’s degree in biochemistry from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 1962. He did his training in internal medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine Hospitals and his fellowship in gastroenterology at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Cancer Institute, both in Houston, Texas. He remained on the staff of the M.D. Anderson Hospital for four years before entering a full-time private practice, at which time he accepted a clinical appointment as Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He established the Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Clinic at the Ben Taub Harris County Hospital and has remained continuously in that post until the present time. He was promoted to full clinical professor in 1980.

Dr. Lanza joined the American College of Gastroenterology in 1978 and in 1982 was elected Governor for Texas (later South Texas) and served in that post until 1990. In 1992, he was elected to the Board of Trustees and was a Trustee for five years, Treasurer for three years, and ultimately served as President during 2002-2003. During his presidency, the College approved the purchase of its new headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland and at that time the College also underwent expansion and reorganization of its administrative offices. Dr. Lanza has served on numerous committees for the College and chaired the Membership Committee for four years, during which time the membership of the College increased dramatically.

Dr. Lanza has been active in clinical research throughout his professional career and has published over 100 papers in peer reviewed journals, including two guidelines on the use of NSAIDs, which were sponsored by the College. Dr. Lanza also is a founding member of the Texas Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy. He served as Secretary of that organization for many years and as President from 1980-1982.
Dr. Lanza and his wife, Alice, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They have five children and five grandchildren. They enjoy ballroom dancing and both are avid collectors of antiques and other collectibles. Dr. Lanza is also an avid fisherman and likes to spend time at his beach house in Galveston, Texas.

The American College of Gastroenterology has always been an extremely important part of Dr. Lanza’s professional and personal life and he will always be an active participant, and hopes to always be an active participant in his activities.

Past Samuel S. Weiss Award Recipients

2008 Robert E. Kravetz, MD, MACG
2006 William D. Carey, MD, MACG
2005 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG
2004 Edgar Achkar, MD, FACG
2002 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG
2001 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG
2000 Seymour Katz, MD, MACG
1998 Rowen K. Zetterman, MD, FACG
1997 Arthur H. Aufses, Jr., MD, MACG
1996 Arvey I. Rogers, MD, MACG
1995 Jerome D. Waye, MD, MACG
1994 J. Edward Berk, MD, MACG
1993 Arthur E. Lindner, MD, MACG
1992 Franz Goldstein, MD, MACG
1991 James L. Achord, MD, MACG
1990 Robert L. Berger, MD, MACG
1989 Angelo E. DaGradi, MD, MACG
1987 Joseph E. Walther, MD, MACG
1986 Richard L. Wechsler, MD, MACG
1984 John P. Papp, MD, MACG
1982 Daniel Weiss, BS, MA
1980 David A. Dreiling, MD, MACG
1978 Henry Colcher, MD, MACG
1976 Murrel H. Kaplan, MD, FACG
1974 Robert R. Bartunek, MD, FACG
1972 Milton J. Matzner, MD, FACG
ACG Governors’ Awards

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

2011 Recipient

Caroll D. Koscheski, 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

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 Governors’ Award

2011 Recipient
March E. Seabrook, MD, FACG

This award is given to a Governor in the second or third 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

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. Nostrant, 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

2011 Recipient
W. Elwyn Lyles, MD, FACG

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 contribution 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

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 Awards
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 2011. 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.

2011 Recipient

Nikhil Anil Kadkarni, MD
Chandigarh, India

Dr. Nikhil Anil Kadkarni is from India and is currently working as a consultant and Assistant Professor of Gastroenterology. He will be training in pancreatology, with a focused area of interest in acute pancreatitis, at the Mayo Clinic Rochester under the direction of Dr. Amy Oxentenko for twelve months beginning in July of 2011. Upon his return, Dr. Kadkarni would like to establish a practice of academic pancreatology in India.

Past International GI Training Grant Award Recipients

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
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
Past International GI Training Grant Award Recipients, continued

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 2011. 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 $5,000 has been awarded this year.

2011 Recipient

Amit Bhatt, MD
Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Amit Bhatt is currently a 2nd year fellow in training at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be training in endoscopic submucosal dissection at the National Cancer Center in Tokyo, under the direction of Dr. Yutaka Saito for 2 weeks in 2011. Training at the National Cancer Center will allow Dr. Bhatt to learn this technique where it was first developed and from leaders in the field.

Past North American International GI Training Grant Award Recipients

2010 Jenny Sauk, MD, New York, New York
2009 Tonya Kaltenbach, MD, Palo Alto, California
2008 Anna M. Buchner, MD, PhD, Jacksonville, Florida
ACG Abstract Awards
ACG Auxiliary Awards

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

**2011 Recipients**

**Effect of Vitamin E and Alfa Lipoic Acid (ALA) in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: A Randomized, Placebo Controlled Open Label Prospective Clinical Trial – VAIN Trial**

P. Patrick Basu, MD, FACG, Nethya Krishnaswamy, MD, Thankam Nair, MD, Niraj James Shah, MD, Sakina Farhat, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Forest Hills, NY; Northshore Forest Hills Hospital, Forest Hills, NY

**Correlation Between EUS and Histopathology in 50 Patients Undergoing Total Pancreatectomy (TP) with Islet Autotransplantation (IAT) for Minimal Change Chronic Pancreatitis (MCCP)**

Jose Vega-Peralta, MD, Carlos Manivel, MD, Rajeev Attam, MD, Mustafa Arain, MD, James Mallery, MD, David Radosevich, RN, PhD, Firas Khamis, MD, Melena Bellin, MD, Srinath Chinnakotla, MD, Ty Dunn, MD, Aasma Shaukat, MD, Gregory Beilman, MD, David Sutherland, MD, Martin Freeman, MD, FACG, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research

These five awards, supported by the ACG Board of Governors, are given to the best papers as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted.

**2011 Recipients**

**A Prospective Study of Aspirin, Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug Use and Risk of Crohn’s Disease and Ulcerative Colitis**

Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, MD, MPH, Leslie Higuchi, MD, MPH, Edward Huang, MD, MPH, Hamed Khalili, MD, James Richter, MD, Charles Fuchs, MD, MPH, Andrew Chan, MD, MPH, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA; Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA
Diagnostic Utility of Major Basic Protein and Eotaxin-3 Staining in the Esophageal Epithelium for Differentiation of Eosinophilic Esophagitis from Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

Evan Dellon, MD, MPH, Xiaoxin Chen, MD, PhD, C. Miller, MD, PhD, John Woosley, MD, PhD, Nicholas Shaheen, MD, FACG, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC

Long Term Follow-up of Colonoscopic Fecal Microbiota Transplant (FMT) for Recurrent C. difficile Infection (RCDI)

Mark Mellow, MD, Amy Kanatzar, MD, Lawrence Brandt, MD, MACG, Olga Aroniadis, MD, Colleen Kelly, MD, Tina Park, MD, Neil Stollman, MD, Faith Rohlke, MD, Christina Surawicz, MD, FACG, INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, Oklahoma City, OK; Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY; Brown University, Providence, RI; Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Oakland, CA; University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Novel Diagnostic Strategies for the Evaluation of Helicobacter pylori and Functional Dyspepsia Using Multiplex PCR Testing

Rudra Rai, MD, FACG, Metul Shah, MD, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, MD; Gastro Center of Maryland, Columbia, MD

Clinical Features and Survival in Refractory Celiac Disease: Preliminary Report from a Multinational Collaborative Study

Alberto Rubio-Tapia, MD, Georgia Malamut, MD, Wieke Verbeek, MD, PhD, Daniel Leffler, MD, Sonia Niveloni, MD, Carolina Arguelles-Grande, MD, Joseph Murray, MD, Ciaran Kelly, MD, Julio Bai, MD, Peter Green, MD, Severin Daum, MD, Chris Mulder, MD, Christophe Cellier, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; Hopital Europeen Georges Pompidou, Paris, France; VU University Medical Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands; Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA; Hospital Dr. Carlos Bonorino Udaondo, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY; Charite University Medicine Berlin, Berlin, Germany
ACG International Award

The ACG International Award is presented to one recipient selected from oral papers on the basis of abstracts submitted in any category. The primary author must not be based in or be a citizen of the U.S. or Canada and all work must have been performed outside the U.S. and Canada. The award recipient is chosen by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee.

2011 Recipient

A Retrograde-Viewing Device Improves Adenoma Detection Rate in Colonoscopies for Surveillance and Diagnostic Workup

Peter Siersema, MD, PhD, FACG, Amit Rastogi, MD, Anke Leufkens, MD, Paul Akerman, MD, FACC, Kassem Azzouzi, MD, Richard Rothstein, MD, FACC, Frank Vleggaar, MD, Alessandro Repici, MD, Giacomo Rando, MD, Patrick Okolo, MD, MPH, Olivier Dewit, MD, Ana Ignjatovic, MD, Elizabeth Odstrcil, MD, James East, MD, Pierre Deprez, MD, PhD, Brian Saunders, MD, MB, Anthony Kalloo, MD, FACC, Bradley Creel, MD, Vikas Singh, MD, Anne Marie Lennon, MD, PhD, Daniel DeMarco, MD, FACC, University Medical Center, Utrecht, Netherlands; Kansas City VAMC, Kansas City, MO; Bayside Endoscopy Center, Providence, RI; Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc, Université Catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium; Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH; Istituto Clinico Humanitas, Milan, Italy; Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD; St. Mark’s Hospital, London, United Kingdom; Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX

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. Abstracts should relate to clinical or research oriented work in the field of gastroenterology. The recipient is chosen by the Educational Affairs Committee subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

2011 Recipient

T-Cell Lymphomas in the Era of Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha (TNF-α) Inhibition: A Review of the Food and Drug Administration Adverse Event Reporting System (FDA AERS). Results of the REFURBISH Study

Deepak Parakkal, MD, Humberto Sifuentes, MD, Muhammed Sherid, MD, Yama Sadozai, MD, Eli Ehrenpreis, MD, University of Chicago (North Shore), Chicago, IL; University of Illinois at Chicago (St. Francis Hospital), Evanston, IL; NorthShore University Health System, Evanston, IL
ACG Obesity Award

The ACG Obesity Award is given to the best paper related to original clinical or basic science oriented work in the area of obesity as it impacts gastrointestinal diseases or treatments. The recipient is selected by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted.

2011 Recipient

The Effect of BMI on Common GI Procedures: Preliminary Data of a Large Prospective Observational Study

Manasi Agrawal, MBBS, Rabin Rahmani, MD, Chaya Levine, MS, Ava Anklesaria, MD, Sushma Venugopal, MD, Kiran Nakkala, MD, Ira Mayer, MD, Yuriy Tsirlin, MD, Jianjun Li, MD, Kadirawelpillai Iswara, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

ACG/Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award

This award, presented in conjunction with the ACG’s Women in Gastroenterology Committee and supported by Naomi Nakao, MD, ScD, FACG, is given to the best paper related to identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted.

2011 Recipient


Steven Scaglione, MD, Guichan Cao, MS, Anjana Pillai, MD, Ramon Durazo, PhD, Amy Luke, PhD, Loyola University Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition, Maywood, IL, Loyola University Department of Preventive Medicine, Maywood, IL
ACG/Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award

This award, presented in conjunction with the ACG’s Women in Gastroenterology Committee, is named in honor of Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG, and is given to the best paper related to identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted.

2011 Recipient

Adenoma Detection Rate in Average Risk Women
Sasha Taleban, MD, Wesley Wu, MMS, Nnenna Okpara, MS, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI, Brown University School of Medicine, Providence, RI, Women and Infants Hospital/Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI

ACG/AstraZeneca Clinical Vignette Awards

These two awards, supported by AstraZeneca, LP, are given to the best posters in the Clinical Vignettes Section as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted for the ACG Annual Meeting.

2011 Recipients

Donor-derived Malignancy in a Liver Transplant Recipient
Brian Kim, MD, Tinsay Woreta, MD, MPH, Po-Hung Chen, MD, Berkeley Limketkai, MD, Andrew Singer, MD, PhD, Andrew Cameron, MD, PhD, Nabil Dagher, MD, Ahmet Gurakar, MD, Gastroenterology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Microscopic Gastrointestinal Involvement Due to Metastatic Breast Cancer, 18 Years After Mastectomy
Vikram Kotwal, MD, Melchor Demetria, MD, Bashar Attar, MD, FACG, Krzysztof Pierko, MD, John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Chicago, IL
ACG/AstraZeneca Fellow Awards

The ACG/AstraZeneca Fellow Awards are designated to the 10 best abstracts submitted by fellows-in-training, and are selected based on scientific merit. Winning papers are selected by the Educational Affairs Committee. The American College of Gastroenterology wishes to express its appreciation to AstraZeneca, LP, for its generous support, which makes possible the ACG/AstraZeneca Fellow Awards.

2011 Recipients

Chronic Vestibular Dysfunction: An Unappreciated Cause of Chronic Nausea and Vomiting
Tanya Evans, MD, Lawrence Schiller, MD, FACG, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Quality of Colonoscopy Depends on the Quality of the Endoscopist
Erin Thackeray, MD, Jithinraj Edakkanambeth Varayil, MD, Michael Szewczynski, BA, Felicity Enders, MD, Wallapak Tavanapong, MD, Jung Hwan Oh, MD, Johnny Wong, MD, Petrus de Groen, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; Iowa State University, Ames, IA; University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Is Ablation Needed after Endoscopic Mucosal Resection in Short Segment Barrett’s Esophagus?
Jianmin Tian, MD, MSPH, Gang Sun, MD, Emmanuel Gorospe, MD, MPH, Ganapathy Prasad, MD, MS, Lori Lutzke, RN, Kenneth Wang, MD, FACG, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN

Natural History of Children with Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) Transitioning to Adulthood
Paul Menard-Katcher, MD, Katie Marks, MD, Chris Liacouras, MD, Jonathan Spergel, MD, Yu-Xiao Yang, MD, Gary Falk, MD, FACG, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Higher Prevalence and More Severe Coronary Artery Disease in HCV Infected Patients: A Case Control Study
Sanjaya Satapathy, MD, Yun Kim, MD, Ashish Kataria, MD, Arash Shifteh, MD, Rohan Bhansali, MD, Maurice Cerulli, MD, David Bernstein, MD, Hofstra North Shore – LIJ School of Medicine at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, NY; Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine at North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, NY
Indwelling Peritoneal Drains Increase the Risk of Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis (SBP) in Cirrhotic Patients with Refractory Ascites

Arvin Bhatia, MD, Priya Kathpalia, MD, Suzanne Robertazzi, APN, Gregory Lam, MD, Joseph Ahn, MD, Stanley Martin Cohen, MD, Amy Luke, PhD, Anjana Pillai, MD, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL

Evaluation of Capsule Endoscopy Referrals for Anemia: Is the Diagnosis of Iron Deficiency Anemia Correctly Made?

Heather Figurelli, DO, Igor Naryzhyny, DO, Mahreen Majid, MD, Hymie Kavin, MD, FACG, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL

Increasing Hospitalizations from Ischemic Colitis for the Years 2001-2009: A Nationwide Analysis

Maneesh Dave, MBBS, MPH, Rupa Thacker, MBBS, Sonia Sharma, BSc, Ankit Rathod, MBBS, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, Childrens Hospital of Michigan, DMC, Detroit, MI, Kasturba Medical College International Center, Manipal, Karnataka, India

A Prospective Study Evaluating the Effect of BMI on Bowel Preparation for Colonoscopy

Ava Anklesaria, MD, Sushma Venugopal, MD, Chaya Levine, BS, Murali Pagala, Phd, Manasi Agrawal, MBBS, Jianjun Li, MD, Kadirawelpillai Iswara, MD, Rabin Rahmani, MD, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, Coney Island Hospital, Brooklyn, NY

Mathematical Modeling Results in Improved Diagnosis of Gastric Emptying Abnormalities

Humberto Sifuentes, MD, Deepak Parakkal, MD, Eli Ehrenpreis, MD, Gastroenterology, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Highland Park, IL
ACG IBD Awards

These five awards are given to the best papers by fellows in the Inflammatory Bowel Disease category as determined by the ACG Educational Affairs Committee from all abstracts submitted for the ACG Annual Meeting.

2011 Recipients

**Genetic Predictors of Crohn’s Disease of the Ileal Pouch Anal Anastomosis**

Bassel Al-Lahham, MD, Jean-Paul Achkar, MD, FACG, Rocio Lopez, MS, MPH, Nancy Rebert, BS, Keyonna Smith, BS, Bret Lashner, MD, MPH, FACG, Bo Shen, MD, FACG, Digestive Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

**Long Term Effectiveness and Tolerability of Allopurinol and Thiopurine Combination Therapy in Inflammatory Bowel Disease**

Frank Hoentjen, MD, PhD, Margien Seinen, MD, David Rubin, MD, FACG, Nanne de Boer, MD, PhD, Laura Harrell, MD, Gerd Bouma, MD, PhD, Chris Mulder, MD, PhD, Adriaan van Bodegraven, MD, PhD, Stephen Hanauer, MD, FACG, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Netherlands

**Prognostic Factors for Post-Surgical Complications in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases: A Novel Predictive Score**

Andres Yarur, MD, Daniel Sussman, MD, MSPH, Amar Deshpande, MD, Steven Rueda, BS, Mark Salem, BS, Mario Rueda, MD, David Pechman, BS, Maria Abreu, MD, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL; University of Arkansas Medical Science, Little Rock, AR

**Pouchitis and Other Pouch Dysfunction Syndromes after Ileal Pouch-Anal Anastomosis for Ulcerative Colitis or Indeterminate Colitis: A Population-Based Study**

Rohit Singhaniya, MBBS, SM, Darrell Pardi, MD, William Tremaine, MD, Sunanda Kane, MD, David Bruining, MD, William Sandborn, MD, Patricia Kammer, CCRP, W. Scott Harmsen, MS, Alan Zinsmeister, PhD, Edward Loftus, MD, St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital, New York, NY, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

**Geographic Variations and Risk of Crohn’s Disease and Ulcerative Colitis: Results from Two Large Prospective Cohorts**

Hamed Khalili, MD, Leslie Higuchi, MD, MPH, Edward Huang, MD, MPH, Ashwin Ananthakrishnan, MD, MPH, James Richter, MD, Charles Fuchs, MD, MPH, Andrew Chan, MD, MPH, Gastroenterology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA
ACG/Olympus CRC Prevention Awards

As part of the ACG Colorectal Cancer Action Plan, the abstract submission category of “Colorectal Cancer Prevention” was added for presentation at the Annual Meeting. The winners of this award were judged by the Educational Affairs Committee, with input from the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Scoring Subcommittee, as the top four submissions in this category. These awards are supported by Olympus.

2011 Recipients

Colorectal Cancer Trends in Arkansas Over 10 Years: 1998-2007
Abhishek Agarwal, MD, Shyam Dang, MD, Meghana Bansal, MD, Farshad Aduli, MD, Internal Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR

A Randomized Controlled Trial of an Endoscopic Quality Improvement Program (EQUIP) Results in Improved Detection of Colorectal Adenomas
Susan Coe, MD, Colleen Thomas, MS, Nancy Diehl, BS, Michael Wallace, MD, MPH, FACG, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL

Decreased Risk of Colorectal Cancer after Colonoscopy Compared with Flexible Sigmoidoscopy or No Lower Endoscopy Among Older Patients in United States, 1998-2005
Yize Wang, MD, John Cangemi, MD, FACG, Edward Loftus, MD, FACG, Michael Picco, MD, FACG, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Increased Frequency of Proximal Colon Cancer Among Non-Hispanic Black, Females, and Patients Over Age 60 and Older
Micheal Tadros, MD, MPH, Helen Swede, PhD, Joseph Anderson, MD, Jane Ungemack, MD, PhD, University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT
North American Conference of Gastroenterology Fellows

These five awards were presented during the North American Conference of Gastroenterology Fellows in March 2011. A total of 114 fellows submitted their research and 30 were invited to attend the conference and present their abstract. Of the 30 attendees, five fellows were recognized for the outstanding research presented in their abstracts and their presentations. The meeting is endorsed by the ACG and the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, and is supported with unrestricted educational grants by the Asacol® brand, as part of Warner Chilcott Pharmaceuticals and the Align®, Metamucil®, Pepto Bismol and Prilosec OTC® brands as part of Procter & Gamble Personal Health Care’s longstanding commitment to supporting educational programs for the gastroenterology specialty.

2011 Recipients

Differences in Eotaxin-3 Expression After Stimulation with IL-13 and IL-4 in Esophageal Squamous Cell Lines from Patients with Eosinophilic Esophagitis and GERD
Edaire Cheng, MD, Xi Zhang, MD, Xiaofang Huo, MD, Chunhua Yu, MD, Qiuyang Zhang, MD, Stuart J. Spechler, MD, Rhonda F. Souza, MD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas TX

Early Morning Split-Dose Bowel Preparations: A Survey of Patients’ Experiences and Opinions
LCDR David L. Furman, MD, CDR Patrick E. Young, MD, CAPT Brooks D. Cash, MD, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD

Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Viral Hepatitis Co-Infection is Associated with Risk for Increasing AST to Platelet Ratio Index Despite Mitigating Effect of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy
Jennifer Price, MD, Eric Seaberg, MD, Sheila Badri, MD, Mallory Witt, MD, Kristin D’Acunto, MD, Chloe Thio, MD, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

The Dual PI3K/mTOR Inhibitor NVP-BEZ235 Induces Tumor Regression in a Genetically Engineered Mouse Model for Sporadic Colorectal Cancer
Jatin Roper, MD, Michael P. Richardson, MD, Vivian L. Wang, MD, Larissa Georgeon Richard, MD, Wei Chen, MD, Erin M. Coffee, MD, Lydia Lee, MD, Peng-Chieh Chen, MD, Roderick T. Bronson, MD, Eric S. Martin, MD, Kenneth E. Hung, MD, Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA

Cigarette Smoking and Colorectal Cancer Risk by KRAS Mutation Status Among Older Women
N. Jewel Samadder, MD, R. A. Vierkant, MD, T. C. Smyrk, MD, C. F. Lynch, MD, S. N. Thibodeau, MD, D. J. Weisenberger, MD, P. W. Laird, MD, R. Haile, MD, J. R. Cerhan, MD, P. J. Limburg, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN