

# WORLD CONGRESS of GASTROENTEROLOGY at ACG2017



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Orange County Convention Center

## Call for Abstracts

SUBMISSION DEADLINE | **MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017**  
**11:59 PM**, Eastern Daylight Time

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# ABSTRACT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**The American College of Gastroenterology and the World Gastroenterology Organisation invite all members and non-members**, including physicians and non-physicians, gastroenterologists, internists, surgeons, hepatologists, radiologists, pediatricians, and GI fellows, to submit abstracts for the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Abstracts accepted for oral presentation will be scheduled for October 16–18, 2017. Abstracts accepted for poster presentation will be scheduled for October 15–17, 2017. Presenting authors will be notified of the assigned date and time of presentation. No changes in dates or times will be permitted.

**Please read ALL instructions carefully to ensure you are meeting submission requirements. Failure to meet submission requirements will result in automatic rejection of your submission.**

Abstracts should relate to clinical or research-oriented work in the field of gastroenterology.

Abstracts will not be considered if they have been previously published or accepted for presentation at other North American conferences, including journals that publish abstract submissions from North American conferences. (Abstracts presented at local gut clubs or state society meetings may be submitted for consideration.)

**Submission of an abstract obligates the presenting author to register for the meeting and present the abstract at the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 at the assigned date and time if accepted.** Failure to meet this obligation may result in the author being banned from future abstract submissions.

All correspondence will be conducted via e-mail with the presenting author of the abstract. It is assumed that if the abstract is accepted for presentation, the person designated as the presenting author will present.

In accordance with ACG and ACCME guidelines, the presenting author may not be an employee of a commercial interest\* (applies to abstracts accepted for oral presentation only, not to poster presentations).

**Abstracts that are selected for oral presentation must be delivered by an author who speaks and understands English well enough to ensure satisfactory understanding by the audience.** If the presenting author is not comfortable presenting in English, the abstract must be submitted for consideration as a poster presentation only.

There are no restrictions on the number of abstracts you may submit, or on the number of abstracts you may present.

## Submission Deadline

All abstracts must be submitted online at [conferenceabstracts.com/wcogacg2017.html](http://conferenceabstracts.com/wcogacg2017.html). The submission deadline, video or otherwise, is **Monday, June 5, 2017 at 11:59 pm, Eastern Daylight Time**. This deadline will be strictly enforced and no exceptions will be made.

**NEW IN 2017! Due to the high volume of submissions expected, no modifications, additions, corrections, or changes of any kind, either to the abstract or author information, will be permitted after submission. Please carefully proofread your abstract and all author information prior to submission!**

**REMEMBER** that your abstract, regardless of whether or not it is selected for oral or poster presentation, will appear in a special supplement to the October 2017 issue of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* exactly as submitted.

**There will be heavy site traffic during the days leading up to the submission deadline, so plan accordingly and do not wait until the last minute to submit your abstract!** The site will be shut down promptly on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 11:59 pm, Eastern Daylight Time. NO extensions will be granted. Once you begin an abstract submission, you will be able to save your work and return to complete it up until the submission deadline; ACG encourages all submitters to begin the process early!

## Payment

An administrative fee of \$60 (payable online via credit card in U.S. dollars) is required for each abstract submitted to cover administrative costs as well as the cost of publishing in the special supplement to the October 2017 issue of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. There will be no refunds and no exceptions made to this policy.



Complete payment instructions are provided as part of the online abstract submission process. Abstracts can only be submitted AFTER the payment process has been completed.

## Publication

All abstracts submitted, regardless of whether or not they are selected for oral or poster presentation, will appear in a special supplement to the October 2017 issue of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* exactly as submitted.

## Conflict of Interest (COI) Disclosure

Abstract submitters are required to disclose whether the research was funded by an industry grant from a commercial interest.\* Abstract submitters must complete the online COI disclosure forms, indicating details of any support the authors may have received, or any affiliations the authors may have with a commercial interest.\* Disclosure information is required for each author (the submitting author may provide disclosure information on behalf of the co-authors, or individual authors may provide their own disclosure information). Refusal to disclose relevant financial relationships for any author(s) will result in disqualification of the author(s) from participation in this activity.

*\*The ACCME defines a "commercial interest" as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services, consumed by, or used on, patients. The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be commercial interests.*

## Abstract Awards

Abstract awards are offered in a variety of areas for outstanding abstract submissions. See the Awards page of this brochure for a full list. To be considered for the Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award, the Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award, or the Obesity Award, you must indicate your desire to apply during the online submission process.

## Preparation of Abstracts

All abstracts submitted must conform to the guidelines below. **All abstracts must be submitted online**—no abstracts will be accepted by mail, fax, e-mail, or overnight service. Find the online submission form and full instructions at [conferenceabstracts.com/wcogacg2017.html](http://conferenceabstracts.com/wcogacg2017.html)

**Abstracts must be submitted in ENGLISH as this is the official language of the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017.**



**Title**—The title should be concise and clearly reflect the content of the paper.

**Authors**—An accurate e-mail address must be entered for each author. Only one person can be designated as the presenting author. The maximum number of authors is 40. Once all authors have been added, profile information must be entered for each person. The submission must also include the location of the institution where the work was done. If the work was not performed at an institution, then list only the city and state.

**Body**—Abstracts must include the following sections: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion. Do not include any of the following author information within the abstract body: direct or indirect reference to author institution(s), titles, positions, or institutional appointments.

Abstracts submitted as Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports should provide a report on the case(s).

The size limit for the body of the abstract is 2,500 characters, including spaces.

**References**—References are optional. If used, they should be listed under Discussion, and include the following: Author (et al. if appropriate), publication name, publication date, page number(s). References will count towards the 2,500 character limit (spaces included).

**Abbreviations**—Standard abbreviations may be used, i.e., RBC, gm, kg, mg, mL, % (percent), / (per).

**Images and Tables**—Up to 3 images can be uploaded, and up to 2 tables can be created. Please limit images and/or figures and/or tables to a combined total of three (3). Required image format is JPG only, and minimum resolution is 300 dpi for photographic images, and 1,000 dpi for line art and other graphics. Images and tables do not count towards the 2,500 character limit.

**Keywords**—Submitters are required to select 3 keywords.

**Drug Names**—Abstracts cannot contain any advertising, corporate logo, trade name, or a product-group message of an ACCME-defined commercial interest. Do not use proprietary names in the abstract. Generic names are typed in lower case.

**Categories**—One of the categories listed below must be designated for each abstract submission. Please note there are several new categories this year.

**It is extremely important that each abstract is properly categorized** so that it will go to the appropriate review group. Abstracts with 5 or fewer patients must be submitted in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category. Failure to submit an abstract in the appropriate category may result in the abstract not being considered for presentation at the meeting.

1. Biliary/Pancreas
2. Colon
3. Colorectal Cancer Prevention
4. Endoscopy Video Forum
5. Esophagus
6. **General Endoscopy\*** (EGD, colonoscopy, sedation, etc.)
7. **GI Bleeding\***
8. Functional Bowel Disease
9. IBD
10. **Interventional Endoscopy\*** (ERCP, EUS, ESD, bariatric endoscopy, etc.)
11. Liver
12. **Obesity\***
13. Pediatrics
14. **Practice Management\*** (quality, EMR, healthcare disparities, malpractice, etc.)
15. Small Intestine
16. Stomach
17. Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports (involving 5 patients or fewer)

**\*NEW 2017 ABSTRACT CATEGORIES**

**Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports**—This category is only for abstracts involving 5 or fewer patients. Practicing clinicians, in both private and academic practice, have a wealth of patient-related clinical data and experiences, and although they are not specifically engaged in research projects, their clinical observations are important learning points to share with others. For this reason, a separate abstract category for Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports has been developed. This category will permit clinical practitioners (either in full-time private practice or academics, or fellows-in-training) to submit cases (involving 5 or fewer patients) that have pertinent training points, or that amplify clinical experiences.

Examples could include a series of interesting or challenging cases, or a report illustrating an unusual case or variation on a disease that may differ from the traditional textbook information.

Abstracts submitted in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category will be considered for poster presentation. This will allow an informal setting for meaningful discussions of the author's observations. We encourage practicing clinicians to consider submitting an abstract in this category.

**Writing a Clinical Vignette/Case Report Abstract**—This type of abstract focuses on a case or cases involving 5 or fewer patients, and should not follow the traditional abstract body sections or headings of Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion. Instead, authors should provide a brief introduction, a detailed case description, and a discussion of the findings or outcomes. The abstract submission site provides a single text box to input the full case report abstract. The introduction can explain why the case is being presented and why it may be relevant for others in the field.

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The case description can provide a medical history overview, including physical examinations and relevant lab or test results, as well as the sequence of events, patient progress and outcome. The discussion can focus on decisions, results, and lessons gleaned.

### Notification of Acceptance and Registration Requirement

Notification of abstract acceptance as an oral or poster presentation will be sent via e-mail to the presenting author of a submitted abstract prior to July 31, 2017. Please do not contact the ACG office prior to this date to inquire about the status of an abstract.

**IMPORTANT: Please provide an e-mail address that will be in use throughout July, otherwise notification may not be received.**

Presenting authors whose abstract has been accepted **MUST register\*\*** as an attendee for the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 meeting.

Oral presentations will take place Monday through Wednesday, October 16-18, 2017. Abstracts accepted for oral presentation will be scheduled on one of those days. Oral presenters whose abstracts are scheduled for Monday morning, October 16, will have 9 minutes to present, with 3 minutes for audience questions. All other oral presenters will have 7 minutes to present, with 3 minutes for audience questions. There will be no mechanism for changing the date or time of abstract presentations once they are assigned.

Poster presentations will be held Sunday through Tuesday, October 15-17, 2017. Accepted posters will be scheduled for display on one of those days. Presenting authors of accepted posters must be stationed at their poster during a designated 75-minute period on the day their poster is scheduled for display.

\*\*Annual Meeting registration is free for all ACG members, as well as for Residents and Trainees who provide a letter from their Program Director verifying status. Visit the WCOG at ACG2017 website for information and to register: [worldcongressacg2017.org/registration](http://worldcongressacg2017.org/registration)

### Technical Assistance

Technical support is available if you have questions about your online abstract submission. Contact CadmiumCD Technical Support via e-mail at [Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com](mailto:Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com), or via phone at 1-410-638-9239.

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### Enago—Copy Editing Service

We are pleased to offer English editing services in partnership with Enago, one of the world's leading academic editing service providers. The team at Enago can assist both native and non-native English speakers to polish and perfect an abstract prior to submission to the WCOG at ACG2017 meeting.

Enago's experienced editors have an average editing background of 19.4 years, and have been evaluated and certified for their mastery of the English language. Their editors have experience in a wide range of medical and scientific subject areas, including Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Abstracts undergo a two-step process, a complete language and subject check, along with a style and format check, as well as word count adjustment, if necessary. Abstracts are reviewed for grammar, readability, style, and consistency.

You can opt for any of the two services listed:

**Copy Editing Service:** Our professional Copy Editing services are designed for quality-conscious authors requiring a thorough language check of their manuscripts. Papers submitted to this service are returned free from language errors such as spelling mistakes, grammar, punctuation errors and typos. Our Copy Editing services are moderately priced compared to Substantive Editing and deliver a paper that is publishable in SCI indexed journals.

Features covered:

1. Language and Grammar Check
2. Style & Consistency
3. Technical Accuracy
4. Formatting
5. Edit Unlimited service valid up to 120 days.
6. Free Q&A service valid up to 365 days.

**Substantive Editing Service:** Substantive Editing Service is Enago's most premium service. This service covers all the aspects of Copy Editing Service and also focuses on the logic and structure of the document as well. The service involves the maximum possible level of intervention in terms of editing. The service also comes with "The Enago Promise" which guarantees that a manuscript edited by us will never be rejected on the basis of poor language or formatting.

Features covered:

1. Language and Grammar Check
2. Consistency
3. Technical Accuracy
4. Formatting
5. Logical Flow
6. Content Enhancement
7. Presentation
8. Free Q&A service valid up to 365 days.
9. Rejection Shield valid up to 365 days.

Enago offers competitive rates for their services. A request for an online quote is usually delivered in an hour, and includes an estimated delivery time to complete the abstract review. Authors who chose to use this service should do so no later than May 15, 2017 in order to meet the June 5th WCOG at ACG2017 abstract submission deadline.

### Get your quote!

Please visit: [enago.com/acg](http://enago.com/acg)



# 5TH ANNUAL ENDOSCOPY VIDEO FORUM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 | 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

## Share your unique case or case series with colleagues by submitting a video abstract to the 5th Annual Endoscopy Video Forum for the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 meeting.

Held on Monday evening, October 16, 2017, this 75-minute session will focus on endoscopy techniques, challenging, unusual or unique cases, and cases in the area of GI endoscopy. All submitted videos will be considered for oral presentation during this special video symposium.

Submissions can be a case or a case series and should be no longer than 5 minutes in length. Authors of accepted videos will narrate and present their video live and will have up to 2 minutes to answer questions from the judges and the audience. The audience, along with the judges, will vote to select the best video of the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 meeting. The presenter of the winning video will receive a certificate of recognition.

### Video Abstracts—General Information

Please carefully review the Abstract Policies and Procedures section on pages 2 and 3 to ensure you are meeting ALL submission requirements. It provides additional requirements related to abstract preparation and submission—including payment requirements and submission deadline, conflict of interest disclosures, abstract publication, and acceptance notification—which also apply to video abstract submissions.

Failure to meet submission requirements will result in automatic rejection of your submission.

- **Videos that highlight** unusual or challenging cases and those demonstrating novel techniques in the field of gastrointestinal endoscopy will be considered for oral presentation.
- **Video submissions should focus on** enhancing physician education and not patient education.
- **Videos must be submitted online.** No physical media will be returned to the submitter.
- **No changes to the video (image or audio) can be made after the submission deadline** and/or after the video has been accepted for oral or poster presentation.
- **All abstracts submitted for presentation** at the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 meeting are subject to a blinded, peer-review process. In addition, abstracts submitted for the Annual Endoscopy Video Forum will be evaluated for content and audiovisual quality.

- **Some videos may be selected for poster presentation.** Authors whose video has been selected for poster presentation will be provided a QR code by the College so that attendees on-site may scan the code and watch the video. In addition, video abstracts selected for poster presentation may also be viewed on a monitor in the poster area of the Exhibit Hall.

### Video File Requirements

- **Videos should be no longer than 5 minutes.**
- **Audio narration in English must be included** in the production for review purposes. (If accepted for oral presentation, the presenting author will be expected to provide narration, as the audio portion will not be played during the presentation.)
- **Videos may not contain background music** during the narrative or the endoscopic video footage.
- **Only video files submitted in the following formats will be reviewed** for consideration: .mov, .mpg, and .mp4. Only freely available players (e.g., QuickTime, Real Player, Microsoft Windows Media Player, MPlayer) should be required for viewing the video.
- **File size may not exceed 500 MB.**
- **Videos should not use special codecs** (coders/decoders) in order to provide as much portability across platforms as possible.

### Video Production Requirements

- **Abstracts will not be considered if they have been previously published or accepted for presentation** at other North American conferences, including journals that publish abstract submissions from North American conferences. (Abstracts presented at local gut clubs or state society meetings may be submitted for consideration.)
- **Videos must be HIPAA compliant** (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) and therefore cannot contain any patient identification information, physician names, medical record numbers, etc. (Visit: [hhs.gov/hipaa](http://hhs.gov/hipaa) for more information.)
- **Per ACG and ACCME guidelines**, no video may contain any advertising, corporate logo, trade name, or product-group message of an ACCME-defined commercial interest\*.
- **Commercial support for the production of the video may be acknowledged** with a single sentence recognizing the company and/or organization providing the support.

- **The video may not contain any copyrighted information** (images, videos, photos, etc.) without written consent from the original source of the copyrighted work. Please email [education@gi.org](mailto:education@gi.org) for more information if any portion of your video is not the original work of the authors.
- **Copyright must be assigned to the ACG** by all authors.
- **Disclosures/Conflict of Interest (COI):** Authors must complete the online COI disclosure forms, indicating details of support any authors may have received or affiliations any authors may have with a commercial interest\*. Disclosure information is required for each author (the submitting author may provide disclosure information on behalf of the co-authors, or individual authors may provide their own disclosure information). Refusal to disclose relevant financial relationships for any author(s) will result in disqualification of the author(s) from participation in this activity.
- **In accordance with ACG and ACCME guidelines**, the presenting author may not be an employee of a commercial interest\* (applies to abstracts accepted for oral presentation only, not to poster presentations).

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### Oral Presentation at the 5th Annual Endoscopy Video Forum

- **Presenting authors MUST register for the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 meeting** and attend the symposium in Orlando, Florida. Failure to meet this obligation may result in the author being banned from future abstract submissions.
- **Videos that are selected for oral presentation must be narrated by an author who speaks and understands English well enough** to ensure satisfactory understanding by the audience. The audio portion will not be played during the presentation to the audience.
- **Presenting authors will have 5 minutes to present their video.** Up to 2 minutes of additional time will be provided for Q & A with the judges as well as the audience.
- **After all videos have been presented, the judges and the audience will vote** to select the best video, and the presenter of the winning video will receive a certificate of recognition.
- **All videos selected for presentation** during the 5th Annual Endoscopy Video Forum may also be posted on the ACG Education Universe website following the meeting.



# ACG ABSTRACT AWARDS

WCOG at ACG2017 will offer over 40 awards, in a variety of areas, for outstanding abstract submissions related to clinical or research-oriented work in the field of gastroenterology. Many of these awards are only available to trainees (fellows-in-training), while the remaining awards are available to both ACG members and non-members. The recipients of each award will be selected by the WCOG Abstract Selection Committee based on scores and merit of qualifying abstracts submitted and the criteria for each award.

Each award carries with it a grant of \$1,000. The recipients are encouraged to use the stipend to cover the cost of travel and lodging to present their paper/poster at the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 meeting, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Poster presentations will take place on October 15-17, 2017. Oral presentations will take place on October 16-18, 2017. Award presentations will be made during a reception on the evening of Monday, October 16.

## ACG Auxiliary Awards

The Auxiliary of the American College of Gastroenterology offers two awards of \$1,000 each to the primary authors of the two best abstracts presented at the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 meeting. One of the two awards will be given to a fellow-in-training who must include an attestation that the work is primarily that of the trainee.

## ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research

The ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research consist of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Five winners will be selected on the basis of all abstracts submitted. Two awards will be given to fellows-in-training. The ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research are supported by the ACG Board of Governors.

## International Award

The International Award consists of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. One winner will be selected from the abstracts scheduled for oral presentation by international authors. Authors 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.

## Lawlor Resident Award

The Lawlor Resident Award consists of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000 for the resident to present the paper at the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 meeting. The winner will be selected on the basis of abstracts submitted by residents-in-training.

## ACG Case Reports Journal Awards

The ACG Case Reports Journal Awards consist of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Two winners will be selected on the basis of all abstracts submitted in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category. One of the two awards will be given to a fellow-in-training.

## Fellows-in-Training Awards

The Fellows-in-Training Awards consist of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Fourteen winners will be selected on the basis of all abstracts submitted by fellows-in-training, with one winner in each category, excluding Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports, Pediatrics, and the Endoscopy Video Forum.

## Obesity Awards\*

The Obesity Award consists of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Abstracts should relate to original clinical or basic science oriented work in the area of obesity as it impacts gastrointestinal diseases or treatments. Two winners will be selected on the basis of abstracts submitted in any category. One of the two awards will be given to a fellow-in-training.

## Pediatric GI Award

The Pediatric GI Award consists of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. One award will be given to an abstract from the Pediatric GI category that is selected for oral presentation.

## Category Awards

The Category Awards consist of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Fourteen winners will be selected on the basis of all abstracts submitted, with one winner in each category, excluding Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports, Pediatrics, and the Endoscopy Video Forum.

## Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award\*

The Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award consists of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Abstracts should relate to original clinical or basic science oriented work in identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases. One winner will be selected on the basis of all abstracts submitted in any category. The Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award is supported by a grant from Naomi S. Nakao, MD, FACP, in conjunction with the Women in Gastroenterology Committee.

## Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award\*

The Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award consists of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Abstracts should relate to original clinical or basic science oriented work in identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases. One winner will be selected on the basis of all abstracts submitted in any category. The Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award is named in honor of Radhika Srinivasan, MD, MACG, and presented in conjunction with the Women in Gastroenterology Committee.

\* To be considered for this award, you must indicate your desire to apply in the Awards section during the online submission process.

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