



## **Call for Abstracts Information and Instructions**

**The abstract site will open to submissions on Monday, March 2, 2026, and close on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 11:59pm (Eastern time).**

The American College of Gastroenterology invites members and non-members, including physicians, advanced practice providers, non-physicians, gastroenterologists, internists, surgeons, hepatologists, radiologists, pediatricians, fellows-in-training, residents, and students to submit abstracts for presentation at the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting at the Music City Center in Nashville, TN, October 9-14, 2026.

Abstracts should relate to clinical or research-oriented work in the field of gastroenterology or hepatology. Traditional research-based abstracts, case-focused abstracts, as well as video abstracts in the area of GI endoscopy, will be considered.

Please read ALL sections carefully before submitting an abstract. Failure to meet submission requirements will result in automatic rejection of a submission.

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## **1. Before You Begin**

**All abstracts must be submitted online at [bit.ly/ACG2026\\_Abstracts](https://bit.ly/ACG2026_Abstracts).** The deadline for submission of abstracts is Monday, June 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time. This deadline will be strictly enforced and NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.

**Once you begin an abstract submission**, you will be able to save your work and return to complete it until the submission deadline. Heavy site traffic during the days and hours leading up to the deadline may cause the site to slow, so ACG encourages all submitters to *begin the process early and not wait until the last minute to submit an abstract*. The site will be shut down promptly on the deadline and NO EXTENSIONS will be possible.

**All abstracts must be submitted in English.** In addition, 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.

**Abstracts previously accepted and presented** in any format at any U.S.-based national, educational meeting before the ACG Annual Meeting may not be submitted (i.e., before Friday, October 9, 2026). This includes AASLD and DDW. Abstracts submitted to or presented at local gut clubs or state society meetings may be submitted.

**Abstracts accepted for the DDW 2026 meeting** that are published in journal supplements to *Gastroenterology* and *GIE: Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* may not be submitted; if ACG has already accepted the abstract, it must be withdrawn from presentation.

**Abstracts that will be published** in U.S.-based or international peer-reviewed journals and/or indexed (PubMed, etc.) before the ACG Annual Meeting may not be submitted (i.e., before Friday, October 9, 2026); if ACG has already accepted the abstract, it must be withdrawn from presentation.

**Full-length manuscripts based on the abstract** cannot be accepted or published in a peer-reviewed journal before the ACG abstract submission close date (June 1, 2026); if this occurs and ACG has already accepted the abstract, it must be withdrawn from ACG presentation. If accepted, the manuscript cannot be published by the journal online in any format until the ACG abstract submission close date (June 1, 2026); the abstract does not need to be withdrawn from ACG for manuscripts published after this date.

**Simultaneous Submission of an Abstract:** It is a violation of academic integrity to submit the same manuscript to multiple journals or meetings for simultaneous consideration. If you are found to have simultaneously submitted your ACG abstract, your actions will be considered a serious breach of scientific and professional standards and may result in any or all of the following: your submission not being published by ACG; your submissions not being considered for future ACG meetings; reporting to your academic institution; reporting your action to the other journal/society, which may result in further disciplinary actions.

**Single Abstract Integrity / Policy on “Salami Slicing”:** Authors must avoid dividing one study into multiple separate abstracts – ACG views the ‘salami slicing’ of data to be a violation of academic integrity. This practice has the potential for serious consequences, including copyright infringement, distortion of the literature, retraction of published articles, and reputational damage to authors and institutions. Authors should abide by The International Academic Forum’s directive regarding the inappropriate breaking up or segmenting of a study into two or more publications: “As a general rule, as long as the ‘slices’ of a broken-up study share

the same hypotheses, population, and methods, this is not acceptable practice. [Additionally] the same ‘slice’ should never be published more than once.”

**Accepted abstracts will be published** online in October in a supplement issue of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. Late-breaking abstracts will not be published in the supplement.

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

**Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the presenting author.** The presenting author of an accepted abstract is required to register for the Annual Scientific Meeting and is expected to present the abstract in-person at the assigned date and time. Failure to meet this obligation may result in the author being banned from future abstract submissions. All oral and poster presenters are also responsible for arranging and paying for their own travel and hotel costs, and any other expenses associated with presenting at the meeting.

**All correspondence will be with the presenting author** and will be conducted via email. It is assumed that if the abstract is accepted for presentation, the person designated as the presenting author will present.

Acceptance emails are sent only to the Presenting Author. We strongly recommend providing a personal rather than institutional email address, especially for residents / trainees / fellows who may be at a different institution when notices are emailed in July.

**Accepted abstracts will be scheduled** for either a 7- or 9-minute oral podium presentation, or for a poster presentation session. Presenting authors will receive their designated date and time of presentation with the abstract acceptance notification. No changes in assigned dates or times will be permitted.

**Authors of abstracts accepted for poster presentation** must prepare both a physical poster to display in-person in Nashville, and a PDF version of the printed poster for the online virtual ePoster Hall.

## **2. Preparing the Submission**

*All abstracts submitted must conform to the instructions below, and all submissions, including video submissions, must be HIPAA compliant.*

**Abstracts must be submitted in English**, and should relate to clinical or research-oriented work in the field of gastroenterology or hepatology.

**Abstract Categories:** One of the categories listed below must be designated for each abstract submission. It is extremely important that you PROPERLY CATEGORIZE your abstract so it goes to the appropriate review group otherwise it might not be considered for presentation at the meeting. *Abstracts with 5 or fewer patients must be submitted in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category, and a specific sub-category must then be selected.*

- Biliary/Pancreas
- Colon
- Colorectal Cancer Prevention
- Diet, Nutrition, and Obesity
- Esophagus
- Functional Bowel Disease

- General Endoscopy (EGD, colonoscopy, sedation, etc.)
- GI Bleeding
- IBD
- Infections and Microbiome
- Interventional Endoscopy (ERCP, EUS, ESD, bariatric endoscopy, etc.)
- Liver
- Pediatrics
- Practice Management (quality, EMR, healthcare disparities, malpractice, etc.)
- Small Intestine
- Stomach and Spleen
- Endoscopy Video Forum (See page 13 for video abstract requirements and instructions)
- Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports (5 or fewer patients only)

**Types of Abstracts:** Traditional research-based abstracts, case-focused abstracts, and video abstracts in the area of GI endoscopy will be considered.

Standard study or research-based abstracts should describe original research or clinical trials, and must include the following sections: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion. These abstracts will be considered for oral or poster presentation.

Clinical vignette or case report abstracts should focus on a case or cases involving 5 or fewer patients, and must include the following sections: Introduction, Case Description/Methods, Discussion. These abstracts are considered for poster presentation only, which allows for an informal setting for meaningful discussions of the author's observations.

Students, trainees, and clinicians, in both private and academic practice, have a wealth of patient-related clinical data and experiences, and their clinical observations provide important learning points to share with others. For this reason, a separate abstract category for Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports has been developed.

This category permits students, trainees, and clinicians 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.

Endoscopy video forum abstracts should focus on endoscopic techniques, challenging, unusual or unique cases, and cases in the area of GI endoscopy that would enhance physician education and not patient education. These abstracts will be considered for oral presentation during a special Monday afternoon video session or for poster presentation. Authors submitting to this category will need to provide both a video (no longer than 5 minutes in length), and an abstract narrative that details the case(s) (see the Clinical vignette/case report paragraph in the Abstract Body/Text section, below).

See page 13 for video abstract requirements and instructions.

**Abstract Authors:** A valid email address must be entered for each author. Disclosure information is required for each author (see page 6 for complete details). The maximum number of authors is 40. Once all authors have been added, profile information must be provided for each person. Author affiliations will be listed on meeting-related websites but will not be published in the abstract supplement to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Presenting Author: Only one person can be designated as the presenting author. 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 an ineligible company\* (applies to abstracts accepted for oral presentation only, not to poster presentations).

**All correspondence** will be conducted with the presenting author via email. If you (the abstract submitter) are not the Presenter on an abstract, you will need to provide complete contact information for the Presenter. **We strongly recommend providing a personal rather than institutional email address, especially for residents / trainees / fellows who may be at a different institution when notices are emailed in July.**

**Character Limit:** The body of the abstract is limited to 2,500 characters, including spaces. Images, captions, and titles do not count towards the 2,500 character limit.

**Abstract Title:** The title should be concise and clearly reflect the content of the abstract. The title should be entered in title case, e.g., Effect of Liver Transplant on Kidney Function Recovery, not in all capital letters. Do not use formatting tags in the title. Titles do not count towards the 2,500 character limit.

**Figures, Images, and Tables:** While figures/tables will not be published in the abstract supplement to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, they will be included on meeting-related websites.

A maximum of 2 image files per abstract can be uploaded. Image submissions can be either 1 image or a multipart composite figure in a single file. File format must be jpg or png. Tables must be submitted as an image file type, either jpg or png. Large borders of white space should be removed from images/tables. Maximum file size is 1MB. Figures, images, and tables do not count towards the 2,500 character limit.

No data within an image may be enhanced, obscured, moved, removed, or introduced by digital manipulation or automated assistive image technologies and tools (commonly referred to as artificial intelligence or machine learning tools). This includes the use of touch-up tools, such as cloning and healing tools in Photoshop, or any feature that deliberately obscures manipulations.

Titles/captions should not be included on the image file; these must be provided separately. Titles, legends, and captions should be typed into the Caption field in the Image Task and do not count towards the 2,500 character limit.

Images 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](https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa) for more information.)

**Abstract Body/Text:** Note - Abstract submissions must be in full sentence, narrative form. Submissions that are chart notes, bullet points, or a list will be rejected.

Standard study abstracts describing original research or clinical trials 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. For the Discussion section, state the conclusions reached; abstracts that state “the results will be discussed” will be rejected.

Clinical vignette/case report abstracts should report on a case or cases involving 5 or fewer patients, and must include the following sections: Introduction, Case Description/Methods, Discussion. The introduction can explain why the case is being presented and why it may be relevant for others in the field. The case description/methods section 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 outcomes. The discussion can focus on decisions, results, and lessons gleaned.

Endoscopy video category abstracts. Authors submitting to this category will need to provide both an abstract narrative that details the case(s) and a video. These abstracts should be submitted in the clinical vignette/case report sub-category, and the submitted narrative should follow the instructions for a clinical vignette/case report (see prior paragraph).

Abbreviations, Units of Measurement, and Special Characters: Standard abbreviations (MASLD, IBD, etc.) as well as common units of measurement (F, C, ng, mg, etc.) may be used. If abbreviations are used, expand the abbreviation on the first use. You can insert special characters and/or symbols using the character palette in the Abstract body task.

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

Safeguards Against Commercial Bias: Abstracts cannot contain any advertising, corporate logo, trade name, or a product-group message of an ACCME-defined ineligible company\*. Do not use proprietary names in the abstract. Generic names are typed in lowercase.

### **Additional Requirements:**

Industry Support and Financial Relationship Disclosures: Abstract submitters are required to (1) disclose whether the research was funded by an industry grant from an ineligible company\*, AND (2) disclose financial relationships with ineligible companies\* within the prior 24 months for ALL authors.

***Disclosure information is required for each author.*** An abstract cannot be submitted if the online disclosure form is incomplete. Refusal to disclose financial relationships for any author(s) will result in disqualification of the abstract(s).

\*The ACCME defines an “ineligible company” as any entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

IRB Approval: For abstracts that detail human or animal subjects research conducted at a U.S. institution, submitters must indicate whether or not their research has received IRB approval.

Abstract Awards and Travel Grants: Submitted abstracts will be considered for a variety of awards, many of which include a stipend. To be considered for the Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award or the Health Equity Research Abstract Award, you must indicate your desire to apply in the Awards Task.

Some abstract awards are available only to fellows-in-training, residents, medical students, or NP/PAs, while others are available only to ACG members. A limited number of ACG International Travel Grants will be awarded to presenting authors from countries classified by the World Bank as Lower to Lower-Middle Income (LLMI).

All stipend awards are determined by the ACG Abstract Selection Committee, based on scores and merit of qualifying abstracts submitted and the criteria for each award. Recipients are notified in July/August.

See pages 11-12 for details on all ACG abstract awards, travel grants, and special recognition.

Attestation: Submitters will be required to indicate their compliance with the following: drug/device proprietary names are not included in the submission; any generative AI writing tool usage will be disclosed; and the abstract is a unique submission that complies with ACG non-duplication rules.

**Payment:** A nonrefundable processing fee of \$70 (payable online via credit card in U.S. dollars) is required for each submitted abstract to cover administrative costs. There will be no refunds and no exceptions made to this policy. Abstracts can only be submitted AFTER payment has been provided.

### **3. Submitting the Abstract**

**Abstracts can only be submitted AFTER the payment has been submitted.** If you have not completed all required tasks, you will not be able to submit the abstract; submissions with INCOMPLETE status cannot be processed or considered. Once all required tasks are completed and payment has been submitted, **you MUST click the Submit Abstract button to officially submit the abstract**; you will then receive an immediate email confirmation. If you do not receive an immediate email confirmation, your submission is not complete; return to the submission site to complete the submission process.

**Please carefully proofread your abstract and all author information prior to submission!** If you find errors, return to the appropriate section and make your corrections. NOTE: Accepted abstracts will be published in an online supplement to the October issue of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* exactly as submitted. (Late-breaking abstracts will not be published in the supplement.)

**Revision Policy: No edits or additions to abstract or author information will be accepted after the submission deadline.**

### **4. Abstract Review Process**

Immediately following the abstract submission period, all submitted abstracts are blind-reviewed and scored by a team of reviewers. Each abstract is reviewed by up to 4 reviewers. Reviewers consider the following when scoring abstracts: relevance, novelty, quality, clarity, organization, design, and data analysis.

Following review, the ACG Abstract Selection Committee makes the final decisions by assigning the highest-rated abstracts into sessions organized by topic, and determining scheduling and presentation type (oral, poster, video forum). The highest scoring abstracts will be eligible for consideration for a variety of awards (award recipients are notified in July/August).

### **5. Abstract Acceptance**

**Acceptance Notification:** Acceptance notifications will be emailed by or before July 17, 2026. Do not contact the ACG Office prior to this date to inquire about the status of your abstract. **IMPORTANT: Abstract acceptance emails are sent only to the Presenting Author. We strongly recommend providing a personal rather than institutional email address, especially for residents / trainees / fellows who may be at a different institution when notices are emailed in July.** (Notification of non-acceptance will be emailed to the submitter.)

Presenting Authors must formally accept the invitation to present. If an invitation remains unanswered after the deadline to accept, the abstract may be withdrawn. Declined invitations will result in automatic withdrawal.

The Presenting Author is responsible for notifying coauthors of an abstract's acceptance.

**Registration Requirement:** Presenters are REQUIRED TO REGISTER as an attendee of the Annual Scientific Meeting and pay the appropriate registration fee, and are expected to present in-person in Nashville.



All presenters are encouraged to register by September 16, 2026 at <https://acgmeetings.gi.org/>. Registration for ACG 2026 opens in late April.

Please note: The abstract submission fee does NOT include registration for ACG 2026, and accepting the invitation to present is NOT the same as registration. Meeting registration is a separate process, and all presenters are responsible for making their own registration, AND for payment of any appropriate registration fees, AND for arranging and paying for their own travel, hotel, and any other associated costs.

Annual Scientific Meeting registration is FREE for all ACG members, including member Residents and Trainees.

Note to Non-Members: While we offer the Annual Scientific Meeting at a discounted rate of \$50 for Non-member Residents/Trainees who upload a letter from their Program Director verifying status, we encourage you to join the ACG, as Annual Scientific Meeting registration is FREE for all ACG MEMBERS. Please submit your membership application (<https://gi.org/membership/join-acg/>) between now and September 16 and then register so that the Annual Scientific Meeting will be FREE.

**Presenters from outside the US:** A visa may be required to travel to and attend the ACG meeting. We recommend applying for a travel visa as early as possible. Additional travel information, including details about Registration Confirmations and Letters of Invitation, can be found on the ACG 2026 meeting website ([acgmeetings.gi.org](https://acgmeetings.gi.org/)).

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

### **Scheduling of Presentations:**

Oral Presentations will take place Monday through Wednesday, October 12-14, 2026. Abstracts accepted for in-person oral presentation will be scheduled on one of those days. Oral presenters whose abstracts are scheduled for Monday morning, October 12, 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.

Oral abstract presenters will be required to submit their slide presentations to ACG by August 21. Presentation files should contain no more than 10 slides. Presentation development guidelines will be provided to all presenting authors via the speaker management site upon acceptance notification.

Poster Sessions will be held Sunday through Tuesday, October 11-13, 2026. Accepted posters will be scheduled for physical display in Nashville on one of those days. Presenting authors are expected to stand with their poster during the designated 75-minute period on the day of display, to talk about their work and answer any questions of the attendees viewing the posters. Authors who are present may also be considered for recognition as Outstanding Poster Presenters.

Printed posters will be displayed on standing boards in the convention center, and pushpins will be provided. The recommended poster size is 64 inches wide x 36 inches high (163 cm wide x 92 cm high). The maximum poster size is 69 inches wide x 45 inches high (175 cm wide x 114 cm high); standing poster boards cannot accommodate posters larger than this size.

Poster presenters will also be required to upload a PDF of their poster and record a 3-minute audio accompaniment by Friday, September 25, 2026, for the virtual ePoster Hall site. The ePoster should be a high-quality PDF version of the printed poster.



Guidelines for both printed posters and ePosters will be provided to all poster authors via the poster presenter management site upon acceptance notification.

Video abstracts selected for the Endoscopy Video Forum will be presented on Monday afternoon, October 12, 2026. Authors of abstracts accepted for this oral podium plenary session will be required to provide live narration for their videos. Additional information will be provided upon acceptance.

Video abstracts not selected for the Endoscopy Video Forum but accepted for poster presentation, will be presented as a poster in Nashville (a PDF of the poster for the online ePoster Hall site is also required). The poster should be based on the video and the narrative abstract originally submitted to ACG. Please see the “Poster Sessions” section above for additional details.

Accepted endoscopy videos may be played on a monitor, depending on available space at the meeting.

**Change Requests:** NO CHANGES in assigned dates or times will be permitted. No edits or additions to abstract or author information will be accepted after the submission deadline.

**Abstract Publication:** Accepted abstracts will be published online in October in a supplement to *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. Full text of accepted abstracts along with images/figures will also appear in the meeting app and event website. Author affiliations will be listed on meeting-related websites but will not be published in the supplement issue. (Late-breaking abstracts will not be published in the supplement.)

ACG and its editorial department reserve the right not to publish abstracts found to inappropriately promote commercial interests, abstracts that are judged unethical, poorly written, or scientifically unsound, as well as abstracts determined inappropriate for publication for other reasons.

**Abstract Withdrawal:** If an abstract must be withdrawn, a written request must be emailed to [abstracts@gi.org](mailto:abstracts@gi.org) by the designated Presenting Author no later than August 21, 2026. All authors must be aware of and in agreement about the withdrawal. After August 21, ACG cannot guarantee that a withdrawn abstract will be excluded from publication in the AJG supplement issue.

ACG reserves the right to withdraw accepted abstracts that are found to be in violation of the College’s abstract policies and guidelines (including those previously published or presented), as well as abstracts deemed scientifically unsound, poorly written, found to contain inaccurate or misrepresented data, etc.

**QR Codes and Links:** QR codes are not allowed on oral presentation slides. QR codes and links are not permitted on ePosters. A QR code on a physical poster is only allowed if it links out to additional content directly related to the abstract, and not to anything related to an ACCME-defined ineligible company whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. A link on a physical poster that is only for scientific materials directly related to the poster is acceptable; a link to a marketing or promotional element is not allowed. Posters in the Endoscopy Video category can include a QR code that links to the original video submitted with the abstract.

**Embargo Policy:** All research presented at ACG 2026 is strictly embargoed until 12:00 pm CT/1:00 pm ET on Sunday, October 11, 2026. The embargo policy means that no news, information, results of any abstract, or research finding can be released to the media or published before 12:00 pm CT/1:00 pm ET on Sunday, October 11, 2026. This embargo includes revealing anything about the results (including the title of the abstract, since often times the title indicates the finding) in a press release or “curtain raiser.” If you have questions, please email ACG’s Media Staff at [mediaonly@gi.org](mailto:mediaonly@gi.org). Accepted abstracts are available online prior to ACG 2026, for attendees’ planning purposes. The embargo policy applies to all abstract data regardless of when it is made available/published in ACG resources.

**Recording Policy and Copyright Information:** Your presentation(s) at the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting may be videotaped, audiotaped, and/or photographed, and may be reproduced in a variety of media, including audio recording, video recording, digital, online, and/or print media. Your acceptance of the opportunity to present also entails agreement to taping. Presenters agree to any such reproduction and release ACG with respect thereto in consideration of their participation on the program. Abstract authors own the underlying work of the abstract, as well as that of a printed, physical poster displayed on-site at our meeting. There is shared copyright between ACG and the author(s) for any publications, which includes ePosters. ACG holds copyright for meeting-related recordings. Presenters agree to obtain any necessary copyright permission(s), provide them to ACG in advance of the event, and to indemnify ACG for any inadvertent unauthorized use if any portion of the presenter's activity materials are not the original work of the presenter and/or if the presenter does not hold the copyright for the materials in question.

## **6. Questions or Assistance**

For any questions about the abstracts or the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting, contact us via email at [abstracts@gi.org](mailto:abstracts@gi.org).

**Technical support** is available if you have questions during online abstract submission. Use the Technical Support link on each page of the submission site, or email [Support@GoCadmium.com](mailto:Support@GoCadmium.com), or call (410) 638-9239, option 2. Technical Support hours are 9am – 9pm (ET), Monday – Friday.

## **7. Important ACG 2026 Dates and Deadlines**

Monday, March 2	Abstract submission period opens
Late April	Online registration opens
Monday, June 1, 11:59pm (ET)	Abstract submission period closes
Mid July	Notifications regarding acceptance are emailed to presenting authors
Mid July	Deadline to accept invitation to present
Friday, August 21	Deadline to withdraw abstract from publication in the AJG abstract supplement
Friday, August 21	Deadline to submit PowerPoint presentation file (oral abstracts only)
Early September	Deadline to make hotel reservations at special conference room rate
Wednesday, September 16	Deadline for Presenters to register for ACG 2026
Friday, September 25	Deadline to submit ePoster PDF and record 3-minute narrative (posters only)
Friday-Wednesday, October 9-14	ACG 2026 Annual Meeting
Sunday-Tuesday, October 11-13	Poster presentation will be scheduled for physical display on one of these days
Monday, October 12	Endoscopy Video Forum
Monday-Wednesday, October 12-14	Oral (podium) abstracts will be scheduled for presentation on one of these days

# ACG ABSTRACT AWARDS AND TRAVEL GRANTS



ACG 2026 will offer over 45 named awards, in a variety of areas, for outstanding abstract submissions related to clinical or research-oriented work in the field of gastroenterology. Some awards are available

only to fellows-in-training, medical students, or NP/PAs, while others are only for ACG Members or ACG Fellows (FACG). Recipients of the monetary awards listed below will be determined based on scores and merit of qualifying abstracts submitted and the criteria for each award. Unless otherwise noted, recipients will be selected by the ACG Abstract Selection Committee.

Each award listed below carries with it a \$1,000 grant for the presenting author. Recipients are encouraged to use the stipend to cover the cost of travel and lodging to present their research at the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville. Presentation of named awards will be made during an invitation-only reception on Monday evening, October 12.

The International Travel Grant recipients receive a \$2,000 stipend (recipients are required to attend the ACG Annual Meeting in-person to receive their grant funding).

## ACG Auxiliary Awards (3)

The ACG Auxiliary offers three awards of \$1,000 each to the primary authors of the three best abstracts submitted by fellows-in-training.

## ACG Governors Awards for Excellence in Clinical Research (5)

These awards consist of a \$1,000 stipend. Five winners will be selected from all abstracts submitted. Three awards will be given to ACG Members or ACG Fellows (FACG); two will be given to fellows-in-training. These awards are supported by the ACG Board of Governors.

## International Award (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. 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 (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend for the resident to present the paper at the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting. The winner will be selected from all abstracts submitted by residents-in-training.

## ACG Case Reports Journal Awards (2)

These awards consist of a \$1,000 stipend. Two winners will be selected from all abstracts submitted in the Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports category. One award will be given to an ACG Member or ACG Fellow (FACG); the other will be given to a fellow-in-training.

## APP Outstanding Research Award (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend for the primary author of the best abstract submitted by a certified nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

## Fellows-in-Training Awards (15)

These awards consist of a \$1,000 stipend. Fifteen winners will be selected from all abstracts submitted by fellows-in-training, with one winner in each category, excluding Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports, Pediatrics, and the Endoscopy Video Forum.

## Category Awards (15)

These awards consist of a \$1,000 stipend. Awards will be given to ACG Members or ACG Fellows (FACG). Fifteen winners will be selected from all abstracts submitted, with one winner in each category, excluding Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports, Pediatrics, and the Endoscopy Video Forum.

## Pediatric GI Award (1)

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

## Health Equity Research Abstract Award\* (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. Abstracts should relate to original quality improvement, clinical, translational, or basic science-oriented work in identifying and/or interventions centered on health equity or health care-based disparities in gastrointestinal diseases. Disparities may be based on race/ethnicity, gender, language, geographic location, socioeconomic status, or disabilities. Community-based research studies are also eligible. One winner will be selected from all abstracts submitted in any category. The ACG Health Equity Research Award is supported by the ACG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

## Medical Student Award (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. One winner will be selected from all abstracts submitted by medical students.

\* To be considered for this award, you must apply during abstract submission.

## Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award\* (1)

This award consists of a \$1,000 stipend. Abstracts should relate to original clinical or basic science oriented work in identifying gender-based differences in gastrointestinal diseases. One winner will be selected from 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.

## ACG International Travel Grants (3)

These provide grants to presenting authors from countries classified by the World Bank as Lower to Lower-Middle Income (LLMI). There are three grants, each including registration for the Annual Scientific Meeting plus a \$2,000 stipend, for the three best abstracts submitted by international authors from LLMI countries. 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. Recipients will be required to travel to and attend the ACG Annual Meeting in-person to receive their grant funding. It is the responsibility of the grant recipient to book and pay for travel and accommodations. The goal of these grants is to encourage research in gastroenterology in LLMI countries and inspire researchers to present their research at the ACG Annual Meeting. These travel grants are contingent upon the person listed as the presenting author presenting the research and do not apply if someone other than the recipient presents. The International Travel Grants are supported by the ACG International Relations Committee.

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# ACG Abstracts of Distinction and Presenter Recognition



The ACG Annual Meeting also recognizes abstracts and presenters for outstanding achievement in several areas. While no monetary awards are associated with these distinctions, several include bestowal of ribbons on-site during the meeting, and recipients of the Outstanding Poster Presenter designation will receive a certificate after the meeting.

Both the Health Equity Research Abstracts of Distinction and the Presidential Poster Awards will be selected based on scores and merit of qualifying abstracts submitted and the criteria for each award. Those, as well as the Newsworthy Abstracts, will be selected before the meeting. Outstanding Poster Presenters are selected during the meeting.

## Health Equity Research Abstracts of Distinction

While no grant stipend is associated with this recognition, recipients are highlighted in the online ePoster Hall site during the meeting. This distinction is for abstracts which feature quality improvement, clinical, translational, or basic science-oriented work in identifying, and/or interventions centered on, health equity or health care-based disparities in gastrointestinal diseases. Recipients are selected by the ACG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

## Newsworthy Abstracts

While no grant stipend is associated with this recognition, recipients are highlighted in the online ePoster Hall site during the meeting. This distinction is for abstracts which feature scientific findings that are innovative, newsworthy for the lay reader, relevant to those who suffer from common GI problems, and which represent a significant advancement in the diagnosis and treatment of GI diseases. Recipients are selected by the ACG Public Relations Committee.

## Outstanding Poster Presenters

While no grant stipend is associated with this recognition, recipients receive a red ribbon during the poster sessions and a certificate after the meeting, and will also be highlighted in the online ePoster Hall site. This distinction is given to poster presenters best able to communicate their key findings, the significance of their data, as well as to articulate the potential impact of their work for clinicians and patients, in two minutes, as determined by faculty judges during the daily Poster Rounds with the Experts, on-site during the meeting. All poster authors standing with their posters at their assigned date and time are eligible.

## Presidential Poster Awards

While no grant stipend is associated with these awards, winners receive a blue ribbon pinned to their poster during the poster sessions, and will be highlighted in the online ePoster Hall site. Each year, approximately 5% of accepted abstracts receive this distinction for high quality, novel, unique, or interesting research. This award is determined by the ACG Abstract Selection Committee.

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# ACG'S 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ENDOSCOPY VIDEO FORUM



Share your unique case or case series with colleagues by submitting a video abstract to the ACG 2026 Annual Meeting in Nashville.

Held on Monday afternoon, October 12, 2026, 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 should be a case or a case series and should be no longer than 5 minutes in length and must also include a written abstract describing the video content.** Authors of videos accepted for this session will narrate and present their video live and will have 2 minutes to answer questions from the judges and the audience. The audience, along with the judges, will then vote to select the best video and the winner will receive a certificate of recognition.

Authors of videos that are accepted but not selected for oral presentation during the session will be invited to present a poster in the exhibit hall. The poster should be based on the video and include the narrative abstract originally submitted to ACG. Authors are expected to stand

with their poster during the designated 75-minute period on the day of display, in order to talk about their work and answer any questions of the attendees viewing the posters. Poster authors must also provide an ePoster for inclusion in the online poster gallery.

All videos accepted to the meeting, either for the oral session or poster presentation, will be played in the exhibit hall on a monitor located near either the poster area or the hands-on endoscopy area, depending on available space at each year's meeting.

In addition to the requirements listed here, video abstracts must also comply with all of the general abstracts submission requirements such as providing a narrative abstract, disclosure of financial relationships, etc.

Complete instructions are available on the abstract submission site, [bit.ly/ACG2026\\_Abstacts](https://bit.ly/ACG2026_Abstacts)

2026 abstract submission period: March 2 – June 1, 2026

## Video Abstracts—General Information

- **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.
- **Both an abstract narrative that details the case(s) and a video must be submitted.** The submitted narrative should follow the instructions for a clinical vignette/case report abstract (see full abstract instructions).
- **Abstracts will not be considered if they have been accepted and presented in any format at any U.S.-based national, educational meeting before the ACG meeting. This includes AASLD and DDW.** Abstracts submitted or presented at local gut clubs or state society meetings may be submitted, as may any work that will not be published and/or indexed in a U.S.-based or international peer-reviewed journal before the ACG meeting (i.e., before Friday, October 9, 2026).
- **No changes to the video or abstract can be made after the submission deadline and/or after the video has been accepted for oral or poster presentation.**
- **All submitted abstracts** are subject to a blinded review process. In addition, videos submitted for the Annual Endoscopy Video Forum will be evaluated for content and audiovisual quality.
- **Some videos may be selected for poster presentation.** In addition to the author displaying a printed poster about the video and providing a digital version of the poster for the ePoster site, video abstracts selected for poster presentation may also be played on a monitor in the poster area.
- **Disclosures of Financial Relationships:** Authors must complete the online disclosure forms, indicating details of

support any authors may have received or financial relationships any authors may have with an ineligible company\*. Disclosure information is required for each author. Refusal to disclose 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 an ineligible company\* (applies to abstracts accepted for oral presentation only, not to poster presentations).

*\*The ACCME defines an "ineligible company" as any entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.*

- **Copyright must be assigned to the ACG** by all authors.

## Video File Requirements

- **Videos must not be longer than 5 minutes.**
- **File size may not exceed 500 MB.**
- **Only video files in .mov or .mp4 formats will be accepted.**

## Video Production Requirements

- **Audio narration in English must be included** in the production for review purposes. (If accepted for oral presentation, the presenter will be required to provide live narration, as the audio portion will not be played during the presentation.)
- **Videos may not contain background music.**
- **Author disclosures should NOT be included in the video.** This information will be provided to learners by the ACG based on information provided during the abstract submission process.
- **Per ACG and ACCME guidelines,** no video may contain any advertising, corporate logo, trade name, or product-group message of an ACCME-defined ineligible company\*.

- **Commercial support for the production of the video may be acknowledged** with a single sentence recognizing the company and/or organization providing the support.
- **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](https://hhs.gov/hipaa) for more information.)
- **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.

## Oral Presentation at the Endoscopy Video Forum

- **Presenting authors MUST register for and attend the ACG 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting in Nashville.** Failure to meet this obligation may result in the author being banned from future abstract consideration.
- **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.
- **Videos selected for presentation** during the Annual Endoscopy Video Forum may also be posted on the ACG Education Universe website following the meeting.