



## Call for Abstracts Information and Instructions

**The abstract submission period will open on Monday, March 26, 2018 and will close on Monday, June 25, 2018, at 11:59pm (EDT).**

Complete submission instructions are provided below.

The American College of Gastroenterology invites all members and non-members, including physicians and non-physicians, gastroenterologists, internists, surgeons, hepatologists, radiologists, pediatricians, and GI fellows, to submit abstracts for presentation at the ACG 2018 Annual Meeting at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA, October 5-10, 2018.

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

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 [conferenceabstracts.com/acg2018.html](http://conferenceabstracts.com/acg2018.html). The deadline for submission of abstracts is Monday, June 25, 2018 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 submitted** to and accepted for presentation in any format by AASLD or DDW may not be submitted. Abstracts that will be published in a peer-reviewed journal before the ACG meeting may not be submitted. Abstracts submitted or presented at local gut clubs or state society meetings may be submitted.

**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).

**Submission of an abstract obligates the presenting author to register for the Annual Meeting and present the abstract** at ACG 2018 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 oral and poster presenters are also responsible for arranging their own transportation and hotel accommodations.

**All correspondence** will be conducted via email 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. PLEASE VERIFY that the email address entered will still be active from July through October 2018.

**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.

## **2. Preparing the Submission**

*All abstracts submitted must conform to the instructions below.*

**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. Failure to submit an abstract in the appropriate category may result in the abstract not being 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
- Esophagus
- Functional Bowel Disease
- General Endoscopy (EGD, colonoscopy, sedation, etc.)
- GI Bleeding
- IBD
- Interventional Endoscopy (ERCP, EUS, ESD, bariatric endoscopy, etc.)
- Liver
- Obesity
- Pediatrics
- Practice Management (quality, EMR, healthcare disparities, malpractice, etc.)
- Small Intestine
- Stomach
- Endoscopy Video Forum (See page 10 for detailed video abstract instructions)
- Clinical Vignettes/Case Reports (5 or fewer patients only)

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

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. These abstracts are considered for poster presentation only, which allows for an informal setting for meaningful discussions of the author's observations.

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 permits 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.

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 10 for detailed video abstract instructions.

**Abstract Authors:** An accurate email address must be entered for each author. The maximum number of authors is 40. Enter all authors in the order they should appear in the heading of the abstract. 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.

Presenting Author: Only one person can be designated as the presenting author. 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).

All correspondence will be conducted via email 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. PLEASE VERIFY that the email address entered for the presenting author will still be active from July through October 2018.

If you (the abstract submitter) are not the Presenter on an abstract, you will need to provide complete contact information for the Presenter, including an email address that will be in use throughout October, otherwise acceptance notification(s) may not be received.

**Character Limit:** The body of the abstract is limited to 2,500 characters, including spaces. Images, figures, tables, 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.

**Images, Figures, and Tables:** A maximum of 3 image files can be uploaded. File format must be .jpg. Please provide high resolution images to ensure the best reproduction quality (ideally 300 dpi). Minimum image width should be 3.5". Maximum image file size is 1MB. Captions can be entered for each image. Images, figures, tables, and captions do not count towards the 2,500 character limit.

**Abstract Body/Text:**

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.

Clinical vignette/case report abstracts should report on a case or cases involving 5 or fewer patients, and should not follow the traditional abstract format 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 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. 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 outcomes. The discussion can focus on decisions, results, and lessons gleaned.

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

Special Characters and Formatting: If you copy and paste the title and/or body text from your word processing software, special characters should transfer, but formatting will not transfer. You can insert special characters and/or formatting tags using the character palette. To access the palette, click on the "Special Characters" icon located in the formatting bar above the Abstract Body box.

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 commercial interest. Do not use proprietary names in the abstract. Generic names are typed in lowercase.

## **Additional Requirements:**

Industry Support, Disclosures, and Conflict of Interest (COI): Abstract submitters are required to disclose whether the research was funded by an industry grant from a commercial interest\*, AND submitters must also complete the online conflict of interest 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.

\*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.

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.

Keywords: You are required to select three keywords that describe the work. Each keyword should be unique.

Abstract Awards: Submitted abstracts will be considered for a variety of awards, some of which include a stipend. Abstract awards are offered in a variety of areas for outstanding abstract submissions, and many are only available to fellows-in-training. With the exception of Presidential Poster Awards and Outstanding Presentation Awards, each award carries with it a grant of \$1,000.

To be considered for the Naomi Nakao Gender-Based Research Award or the Radhika Srinivasan Gender-Based Research Award, you must indicate your desire to apply during the abstract submission process. All other awards will be determined by the ACG Abstract Selection Committee.

See page 11 for the full list of ACG 2018 awards.

**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 October supplement of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. There will be no refunds and no exceptions made to this policy. Payment instructions are provided as part of the online abstract submission process. Abstracts can only be submitted AFTER the payment process has been completed.

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

**Abstracts can only be submitted AFTER the payment has been submitted.** If you have not completed all required sections/items, you will not be able to submit the abstract; Submissions with INCOMPLETE status cannot be processed. Once all required tasks are completed and payment has been submitted, **you MUST click the Submit Abstract button to officially submit the abstract.** Once you have successfully submitted an abstract, you will receive an email confirmation.

**Please carefully proofread your abstract and all author information prior to submission!** Make sure all special characters and formatting are displaying properly in your proof and that there are no errors or omissions. If you find errors, return to the appropriate page and make your corrections. Remember that your submitted abstract, regardless of whether or not it is selected for oral or poster presentation, will appear in the October supplement of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* exactly as submitted.

**Revision Policy: No modifications, additions, corrections, or changes of any kind, either to the abstract or authors information, will be permitted after submission.**

### **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.

### **5. When Your Abstract Is Accepted**

**Notification of Acceptance:** Notification of abstract acceptance as an oral or poster presentation will be sent via email to the presenting author of a submitted abstract prior to July 31, 2018. Do not contact the ACG Office prior to this date to inquire about the status of your abstract. **IMPORTANT: Please provide an email that will be in use throughout October, otherwise notification may not be received.**

**Registration Requirement:** Presenting authors whose abstract has been accepted **MUST REGISTER** as an attendee for the Annual Scientific Meeting and pay the appropriate registration fee.

Annual Scientific 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. Details will be available on the ACG 2018 meeting website when it opens for registration in the Spring.

All presenters are also responsible for arranging their own transportation and hotel accommodations.

**Authors from outside the U.S.:** A visa may be required to travel to and attend the ACG 2018 in Philadelphia, PA. Information on visas and registration documentation can be found on the ACG 2018 meeting website when it opens for registration in the Spring.

**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).

### **Scheduling of Presentations:**

Oral Presentations will take place Monday through Wednesday, October 8-10, 2018. 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.

Oral abstract presenters will be required to submit their slide presentations to ACG by Monday, August 27. Presentation files should contain no more than 10 slides. Presentation development guidelines will be provided to all presenting authors via the speaker conference management site upon acceptance notification.

Poster Sessions will be held Sunday through Tuesday, October 7-9, 2018. Accepted posters will be scheduled for display in the Exhibit Hall on one of those days. Presenting authors must be stationed at their poster during the assigned time. Physical posters will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall, and must fit within an 8' wide by 4' high space (pushpins will be provided). There is no ePoster option. Poster development guidelines will be provided to all presenting authors via the speaker conference management site upon acceptance notification.

NEW FOR 2018 – ACG Poster Experts will tour assigned sections of the Poster Area and will award Outstanding Presentation Awards to one poster from their area. More details to come!

Video Presentations selected for the Endoscopy Video Forum will take place on Monday afternoon, October 8, 2018. Authors of abstracts accepted for this session will be required to narrate their video during this session. Additional information will be provided to all presenting authors via the speaker conference management site upon acceptance notification.



**Change Requests:** NO CHANGES in assigned dates or times will be permitted. No modifications, additions, corrections, or changes of any kind, either to the abstract or authors information, will be permitted after the submission deadline.

**Abstract Publication:** All abstracts submitted, regardless of whether or not they are selected for oral or poster presentation, will be published in the online version of the October supplement of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*. Full text of the abstracts will also appear in the meeting app and in the online/mobile program planner system.

## **6. Questions or Assistance**

**For any questions** about the abstracts or the ACG 2018 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. Contact CadmiumCD Technical Support using the Technical Support link on the upper right corner of the submission site's screen, via email at [Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com](mailto:Help@ConferenceAbstracts.com), or via phone at (410) 638-9239.

## **7. Important ACG 2018 Dates**

Monday, March 26	Abstract submission period opens
Spring 2018	Online registration opens
Monday, June 25, 11:59pm (EDT)	Abstract submission period closes
Mid-late July	Abstract acceptance notifications are sent
Early August	Deadline to accept invitation to present
Late August	Deadline to submit PowerPoint presentation file (oral abstracts only)
Friday, August 24	Deadline to make hotel reservations at special conference room rate
Friday, September 28	Online registration closes
Friday-Wednesday, October 5-10	ACG 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course
Sunday-Tuesday, October 7-9	Accepted poster presentation will be scheduled for display on one of these days
Monday, October 8	Endoscopy Video Forum
Monday-Wednesday, October 8-10	Accepted oral abstracts will be scheduled for presentation on one of these days

# 6TH ANNUAL ENDOSCOPY VIDEO FORUM



Share your unique case or case series with colleagues by submitting a video abstract to the 6th Annual Endoscopy Video Forum at the ACG 2018 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Held on Monday afternoon, October 8, 2018, 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 videos accepted for this session 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 ACG 2018 Annual Meeting. The presenter of the winning video will receive a certificate of recognition.

In addition to the specific requirements listed here, video abstracts must also meet all of the general abstract submission requirements such as payment requirements and submission deadline, conflict of interest disclosures, abstract publication, and acceptance notification.

## 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.
- **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 ACG 2018 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.** In addition to the author displaying a printed poster about the video, video abstracts selected for poster presentation may also be viewed on a monitor in the poster area.

## Video File Requirements

- **Videos must not be 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 submitted to AASLD or DDW,** however, abstracts submitted or presented at local gut clubs or state society meetings may be submitted, as may any work that will not be published in a peer-reviewed journal before the ACG meeting.)
- **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).

*\*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.*

## Oral Presentation at the 6th Annual Endoscopy Video Forum

- **Presenting authors MUST register for the ACG 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting** and attend the symposium in Philadelphia. 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 6th Annual Endoscopy Video Forum may also be posted on the ACG Education Universe website following the meeting.

Complete submission instructions are available on the abstract submission site, [conferenceabstracts.com/acg2018.html](http://conferenceabstracts.com/acg2018.html).

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# ACG ABSTRACT AWARDS

ACG 2018 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 of the monetary awards in addition to the Presidential Poster Awards will be selected by the ACG Abstract Selection Committee based on scores and merit of qualifying abstracts submitted and the criteria for each award.

With the exception of Presidential Poster Awards, each award carries with it a grant of \$1,000. Recipients are encouraged to use the stipend to cover the cost of travel and lodging to present their paper/poster at the ACG 2018 Annual Meeting, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA. Poster presentations will take place on October 7-9, 2018. Oral presentations will take place on October 8-10, 2018. Award presentations will be made during a reception on the evening of Monday, October 8.

## 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 ACG 2018 Annual Meeting. One award will be given to a Fellow or Member of the ACG, and the other award 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. Three awards will be given to Fellows or Members of the ACG, and 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 ACG 2018 Annual 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 award will be given to a Fellow or Member of the ACG, and the other award 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.

## Category Awards

The Category Awards consist of a stipend in the amount of \$1,000. Awards will be given to Fellows or Members of the ACG. 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.

## 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.

## 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, FACC, 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.)

## 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.)

## Presidential Poster Awards

While no grant stipend is associated with this award, winners will be recognized with a blue ribbon pinned to their poster during the poster sessions. Each year less than 5% of accepted abstracts receive this distinction for high quality, novel, unique and interesting research. This award is determined by the Abstract Selection Committee.

**Look for more information on Outstanding Presentation Awards coming soon!**

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