

# Training Committee

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## Responsibilities as Stated in the ACG Bylaws

This Committee shall be responsible for coordinating activities, programs and outreach relating to training programs and trainee members of the College.

## Objectives

1. To explore opportunities to encourage more participation of Fellows in Training in ACG.
2. To develop meetings and educational events for trainees.
3. To continue to update and expand the Trainees Section of the ACG website.

## Committee Report

### Postgraduate Course Trainees Lunch Session

The trainees only lunch session, which was very popular in 2007, will be continued this year during the Postgraduate Course in Orlando, Florida on Sunday, October 5th. Trainees will learn from the experiences of two physicians who completed their training in 2005. Blanche Fung-Liu, MD, with Nassau Gastroenterology Associates in New York and Amy Oxentenko, MD, with Mayo Clinic Rochester will discuss quality of life issues, prioritizing busy schedules, private practice vs. academics and how to work part-time.

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### Trainees' Forum

The Annual Trainees' Forum will be held from 5:15 pm – 6:45 pm on Sunday, October 5th, at the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. This year's panel includes Douglas G. Adler, MD, FACG, Brian P. Bosworth, MD, Grace H. Elta, MD, FACG, and David J. Hass, MD. Topics will include initiating your career search, the pros and cons of doing a 4th year of training, private practice and academics and how the two can coexist, and having a career in academics.

### GI Jeopardy

Seth R. Sweetser, MD and Rami J. Badreddine, MD from Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education (Rochester) were last year's Jeopardy competition winners. This year will mark the fifth year of the GI Jeopardy competition. The preliminary round of Jeopardy began in July and was completed in late August. The five teams with the best record in the online competition were invited to attend the Annual Meeting in Orlando to compete in the final round on Saturday, October 4th immediately following the Postgraduate Course. Qualifying teams received airfare and housing for the Orlando meeting, and the winning team members will each receive a \$1000 travel grant toward next year's Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. A reception will be held for all Trainees immediately following the competition.

### 2nd Year Fellows Course

The Fourth Annual ACG 2nd Year GI Fellows Course will be held in Orlando at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress on January 23 – 25, 2009. This course continues to generate an enthusiastic response from the attendees. This year's outstanding faculty includes Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG, Sunanda V. Kane, MD, FACG, Philip O. Katz, MD, FACG, Charles J. Lightdale, MD, FACG, Mitchell L. Shiffman, MD, FACG and Christina M. Surawicz, MD, FACG.

### Board Review Question of the Week

The 2007 winner of the online Board Review Question of the Week competition was Christopher D. Abrasley, MD, from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, GI Fellowship Program. Dr. Abrasley will receive a \$1000 travel grant toward the 2008 Annual Meeting in Orlando.