

“The AGA Research Scholar Award is playing a key role in facilitating my transition into an independently funded investigator. It is a vital bridge to future funding.” Braden Kuo, MD Boston, MA

“As a university-based clinician and researcher in pediatric gastroenterology, I find that the AGA’s meetings provide me with a glimpse of future advances that will be relevant to my patients as well as contact with the best GI physicians in the field.”

Allan J. Rosenberg, MD New Orleans, LA

“AGA leadership and staff are responsive and work together with members to greatly enhance the clinical practice of gastroenterology.”

Joel V. Brill, MD Scottsdale, AZ

“As an international AGA member for more than twenty years, I see the organization working to understand and meet the needs of its international membership to improve the quality of research, education and care worldwide.”

Franco Bazzoli, MD Bologna, Italy

“The AGA has played an integral part in each phase of my own career development, and I know that it will continue to do so in the future.”

Gareth Dulai, MD Manhattan Beach, CA

“My mentoring relationship through the AGA’s Career Development Program has been a tremendous support for my career development. My mentor has guided me towards professional activities that have really opened doors for me and allowed me to excel.”

Dayna Early, MD St. Louis, MO



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ABOUT THE AGA

AGA has over 13,000 domestic and international members representing every facet of gastroenterology practice, research and education. By joining the AGA, these members show their peers and patients their commitment to excellence. However, the AGA brings more than recognition, it brings benefits and services designed specifically for its members, including diverse educational offerings, clinical resources, research funding, professional development and advocacy, among others.

To ensure that it is addressing the diverse and unique needs of its members, the AGA has identified four core constituencies around which it bases its strategic planning and membership communications. These constituencies complement AGA’s existing membership categories and are meant to reflect the professional activities of our members. In most instances, members will identify predominantly with one constituency; however, some members with diverse professional experience may identify with several constituencies.

AGA’S CORE CONSTITUENCIES	
	The ACADEMIC constituency includes basic science researchers, clinical investigators and academic teachers of gastroenterology, all of whom provide a firm scientific, clinical and educational foundation for the field of gastroenterology.
	COMMUNITY practitioners represent over half of all AGA members out of training. These private practice physicians are the face of gastroenterology for the millions of patients who seek their care and guidance.
	As the upcoming generation of scientists, clinical investigators, academicians and practitioners, TRAINEE members play an integral role in the future of the AGA and the field of gastroenterology as a whole.
	With the number of INTERNATIONAL members more than doubling over the past five years, the AGA is truly becoming an international organization with close to one in five members residing outside the United States.

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ACADEMIC

The AGA works diligently on behalf of its members in academic and research settings, developing quality scientific programming, publishing highly regarded journals, funding research through its foundation, supporting professional development and providing networking opportunities. Following is a list of some of the benefits provided to our academic constituency members and initiatives taken by AGA on behalf of its members and the field in general.

Free registration to **Digestive Disease Week®**, featuring the field's best and most current science. ■ Free subscription to **Gastroenterology**, the field's premier research journal. ■ Free subscription to **Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology**, AGA's new peer-reviewed clinical journal. ■ Free subscription to **AGA News**, the association's monthly news magazine, with a section devoted to issues affecting GI academicians, basic researchers and clinical investigators. ■ Free subscription to **G-EYE on Research**, a quarterly e-newsletter highlighting the research awards program of the AGA and its Foundation for Digestive Health and Nutrition as well as other research-related information. ■ Free subscription to **Policy Update**, a

bi-weekly e-newsletter providing updates of public policy and regulatory issues impacting gastroenterology with a section devoted to issues of interest to academicians and researchers. ■ Member discounts on slide sets from the **Gastroenterology Teaching Project**, an invaluable and highly regarded teaching resource. ■ Member access to the **AGA Academic Skills Workshop**, providing guidance to young physicians pursuing research or academic careers. ■ Access to **research funding** through the Foundation for Digestive Health and Nutrition. ■ Access to information through **AGA's Website** and the member-only **AGA Portal**, including a constituency-specific section for quick access to information most important to you. ■ Representation on Capitol Hill through **AGA's advocacy efforts**, including support of a federal long-range plan for research initiatives and expanded loan repayment programs. ■ Development of an **In-service Exam**, scheduled for Spring 2005, that will provide GI training programs with a national standardized method of evaluating both trainees and individual programs. ■ **Web-based clearinghouse** of clinical and research training opportunities (Winter 2004).



COMMUNITY

One of the primary objectives of the AGA is to provide its members in private practice with the resources they need to deliver optimum care to their patients while running a financially successful practice in an ever-changing healthcare delivery environment. Following is a list of some of the benefits provided to community practitioner members and initiatives taken by AGA on behalf of its members and the field in general.

Free subscription to **Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology**, AGA's new peer-reviewed clinical journal. ■ Free subscription to **GI Practice Management News**, the monthly newsletter of the AGA Center for GI Practice Management and Economics, with invaluable tips and strategies for managing a successful practice. ■ Free subscription to **Gastroenterology**, the field's premier research journal. ■ Free subscription to **AGA News**, the association's monthly news magazine, with a section devoted to issues affecting community practitioners. ■ Free subscription to **Policy Update**, a bi-weekly e-newsletter providing updates of public policy and regulatory issues impacting gastroenterology with a section devoted to issues of interest to GI clinicians. ■ Free office subscription to **Digestive Health & Nutrition**, the AGA Foundation's consumer magazine with practical and authoritative advice about digestive disorders for your patients (U.S. clinician members). ■ Free registration to **Digestive Disease Week®**, featuring the field's best and most current clinical information. ■ Member discounts on **practice management-related manuals, templates and training CD-ROMs** from the AGA Center for GI Practice Management and Economics. ■ Free expert practice management advice through the **AGA Coding and Billing Answer Line**. ■ Member discounts on registration for the **AGA GI Practice Management Skills Workshop**, providing GI-specific advice on how to manage a successful practice. ■ Member discount on registration for the annual **AGA Spring Postgraduate Course**, a clinically focused meeting that covers the latest diagnostic and treatment protocols for digestive diseases. ■ Member discount on **Digestive Diseases Self-Education ProgramSM (DDSEPSM)**, the field's most comprehensive multimedia educational resource. ■ Member discounts on slides sets from the **Gastroenterology Teaching Project**, providing illustrated clinical examples for case-based teaching and self education. ■ Expert advice for your clinical questions at your disposal with **UptoDate® in Gastroenterology and Hepatology**, a clinical reference resource available online, on CD-ROM or in a Pocket PC version. ■ Representation on Capitol Hill through **AGA's advocacy efforts**, including support of equitable reimbursement for services, regulatory reforms and patient access to specialty care. ■ Access to information through **AGA's Website** and the **AGA Portal**, including a constituency-specific section for quick access to information most important to you. ■ **Free practice website** using AGA's state-of-the-art web portal—www.agaportal.org.



TRAINEE

The AGA provides GI trainees with guidance and support during the formative years of training through a wide array of educational and career development resources. Recognizing not only the professional challenges that our trainee members face, but also their financial challenges, the AGA provides the first year of trainee membership for free with greatly reduced annual dues following the first year of membership and six free months of full membership after trainee members leave their training program. Following is a list of some of the benefits provided to our trainee members.

Free subscription to **Gastroenterology**, the field's premier research journal. Free subscription to **Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology**, AGA's new peer-reviewed clinical journal. ■ Free subscription to the **AGA Trainee and Young GI Newsletter**, an e-newsletter addressing issues of relevance to trainees. ■ Free subscription to **AGA News**, the association's monthly news magazine, with a section devoted to issues affecting GI trainees. ■ Free registration to **Digestive Disease Week®**, featuring the field's best and most current scientific and clinical information, including the **AGA Trainee & Young GI Symposium**. ■ Trainee Member discount on registration for the annual **AGA Spring Postgraduate Course**, a clinically focused meeting that covers the latest diagnostic and treatment protocols for digestive diseases. ■ Trainee Member discount on **Digestive Diseases Self-Education ProgramSM (DDSEPSM)**, the field's most comprehensive multimedia educational resource and an excellent tool for preparing for board certification. ■ Expert advice for your clinical questions at your disposal with **UptoDate® in Gastroenterology and Hepatology**, a clinical reference resource available online, on CD-ROM or in a Pocket PC version. ■ Access to information through **AGA's Website** and the member-only **AGA Portal**, including a constituency-specific section for quick access to information most important to you. ■ Access to AGA's **Career Development Program**, a valuable member-only mentoring program that matches individuals in the early stages of their career with senior level professionals for networking, career advice, and guidance ■ Representation on Capitol Hill through **AGA's advocacy efforts**, ensuring the future vitality of the profession.



INTERNATIONAL

The field of gastroenterology, like many other areas, has become increasingly global. The AGA continues to reach out to the international community, providing educational materials (in six languages), working with regional and national societies to develop relevant jointly-sponsored courses and publishing a significant number of international manuscripts and abstracts in its journal. Following is a list of some of the benefits provided to our international members.

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* Free registration to Digestive Disease Week is not provided to affiliate members. Please refer to the enclosed Membership Categories sheet for a complete listing of benefits and Eligibility Requirements for each AGA Membership Category.

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See enclosed category sheet for dues and eligibility information. Apply for AGA Membership using the enclosed membership application or apply online at www.gastro.org