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## Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award

The Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award, formerly the ACG Clinical Achievement Award, is presented to not more than one Member/Fellow of the College in any year and is made in recognition of distinguished contributions to clinical gastroenterology over a significant period of time. Specific criteria include, in addition to a career of distinguished clinical practice of gastroenterology, contributions in patient care, clinical science, clinical education, technological innovation, and public and community service.

### 2012 Recipient

#### David A. Johnson, MD, FACG



Dr. David A. Johnson is Professor of Medicine and Chief of Gastroenterology at Eastern Virginia School of Medicine. Despite his primary focus on the clinical practice of gastroenterology, he has published extensively in the internal medicine/gastroenterology literature, contributing over 350 articles/chapters/abstracts in peer-reviewed journals and books. Additionally, he co-edited the American College of Physicians (ACP) book *Dyspepsia* and edited two GI Clinics of North America series on “Obesity Issues for Gastroenterologists” and edited the recent ACP module on CRC screening. His primary research interests are esophageal reflux disease and colon cancer screening.

He is a Past President of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and served the ACG previously as Governor (VA), chair of ACG Quality Council Task Force, and member of the Educational Affairs, Publications, Constitution and Bylaws (Chair), and Nominating (Chair) committees. Additionally since inception, he has served on the executive committee and is Treasurer of the ACG/ASGE GI Quality Improvement Consortium (GIQuIC) and the executive committee for the GI Political Action Committee (GIPAC). He has co-chaired the ACG National Fellows meeting for the last 17 yrs and previously been Course Director for the ACG Annual Postgraduate course in 1994.

He co-founded the National Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee and co-chaired that committee for 10 yrs. Since 2000, he has served on both the GI Multi-Society CRC Screening Task Force and ACG guidelines committee for CRC screening and has coauthored these screening guidelines and other ongoing publications from 2000-present. Additionally, he was a member of the CDC Task Force for quality colonoscopy. While President of the ACG, he formed the consensus groups with the American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association and from 2007-2011, he worked as a coauthor on the 3 separate consensus documents which were developed and published (on NSAID and antiplatelet issues for cardiology and gastroenterology).

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In May 2012, he was acknowledged as the invited lecturer at the National Institutes of Health as a "Great Teacher" (this is awarded to 2 non-NIH physicians per year and streamed to 2200 sites around the world with a target audience is 50,000-100,000 viewers. He has been honored as "Master of Gastroenterology" and "Presidential Award" by the Virginia GI Society and received the Distinguished Faculty Award from Eastern Virginia Medical School.

He currently serves on the American Board of Internal Medicine (Gastroenterology) Board of Examiners. He has served as the Gastroenterology Technical Advisory chair for the National Quality Forum (NQF) and as well as steering committee member quality outcomes NQF task force and participated in all GI related task force activities from 2005-2011 and chaired 3 of the 4 task force meetings. He has been a technical advisor to Medicare (1995-1997) for time component evaluations.

He is the past co-editor of *Reviews in Gastroenterological Disorders*, as well as *Journal Medicine* and section editor for the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*. He is the current co-editor of the American College of Gastroenterology Education Universe, GI section editor for *Medscape Gastroenterology*, *Medscape GI Viewpoints*, and *Medscape GI Consultant Corner*, as well as the esophageal section editor for *Journal Watch Gastroenterology (New England Journal of Medicine)*. He is on numerous editorial boards and reviews for 21 medical journals including all of the GI journals. He was a member and reviewer of the National Institutes of Health study section for esophageal/gastric diseases and has provided consultant testimony to the FDA.

He was the physician who worked with Senator Emily Couric to put through the historic first legislation to mandate colon cancer screening with colonoscopy as the preferred standard. This initiative, first in Virginia, has set the model for other states which have followed with similar legislation mandating CRC screening. He remains as a GI advisor for the Entertainment Industry Foundation (Katie Couric) for CRC screening and has served as the coordinating advisor for their annual EIF report card on state legislation for CRC screening.