



Letter from the new *GIE* Editor-in-Chief



It is my great pleasure to write to you as the new Editor-in-Chief of *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*. I enter into this new role with a sense of incredible excitement and optimism for the future, paired with profound humility as well as respect for those who have labored in this role before me in the past.

In 1999 as a first-year GI fellow at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, I was asked by some of my attending physicians (who knew of my then-budding interest in endoscopy) if I would be willing to shadow-write some reviews for *GIE* that they had agreed to do. At this point in my career, I knew next to nothing about writing scientific and medical papers, but it seemed like a good opportunity and I readily accepted. I learned very quickly that reviewing for a medical journal was a chance to “see how the sausage was made” and provided me with valuable insights into study design, data analysis, and manuscript writing that, for all intents and purposes, I simply could not obtain anywhere else. I was also amazed to see specific recommendations I had made to manuscript authors reflected in the final versions of their articles when they were published in the pages of the journal some months later, showing me firsthand the true value and benefit of the peer review process.

Eventually, I reached out to *GIE* directly and became a reviewer for the journal in my own right. I found this to be very sustaining work for many years, essentially never turning down an opportunity to review for the journal and occasionally being lucky enough to be asked to author an editorial (usually on a paper I had reviewed). In 2014, then-incoming Editor-in-Chief, Dr Michael Wallace, graciously asked me to join his team at *GIE* as an Associate Editor; I could not have said yes to him fast enough.

Over the past eight years, first as an Associate Editor and then as Senior Associate Editor, I have held a large number of positions with the journal and have worked tirelessly to learn the workings of *GIE* inside and out, and from top to bottom. In many ways I feel as though I started in the mail-room, so to speak, and I hope to bring the knowledge gleaned over many years to keep the journal fresh, relevant, and seminal to endoscopists worldwide.

While many features of *GIE* will remain as they always have, some will change, and change is healthy for a medical journal. I anticipate new article sections and some new formats for old sections of the journal. To be sure, these pages will be graced by many familiar names for years to come, but I hope that *GIE* becomes a home to many new investigators looking to publish the very best of their research on all things related to gastrointestinal endoscopy.

To our new and younger readers, especially GI fellows, I would strongly encourage you to reach out to *GIE* and offer up your services as a manuscript reviewer and consider us as a potential home for your own papers. While I learned a tremendous amount from my own mentors, nothing made me a better writer than reviewing manuscripts. To our established readers and authors, I appreciate your loyalty to the journal and look forward to working with all of you in the future for many years.

I would be remiss to not thank Dr Wallace for what can only be called the monumental amount of work he has done on behalf of the journal for the past eight years. His steadfast leadership as Editor-in-Chief took place during some extremely busy and challenging times, most notably the COVID pandemic, and served as a source of inspiration for me on a personal level. I would also like to thank Stephanie Kinnan, Sarah Trotto, Deborah Bowman, and Ed Dellert of the ASGE for their years of past service to the journal and look forward to working closely with them for years to come. I would also like to call upon all to pause in remembrance of our colleague, Dr Lauren Gerson, who passed away while part of the prior editorial team.

Moving forward, the future for endoscopy in general, and *GIE* in particular, seems incredibly bright. Whole new realms of endoscopy are reaching maturity, and procedures that only a few years ago were performed by precious few physicians are now becoming widely available. Transluminal interventions, endobariatrics, E-POEM, G-POEM, ESD, EUS-guided portal pressure measurement and liver biopsy, TIF, AI, and other new procedures and technologies are all on the rise and at an incredible pace. I can't wait to see where we go in the coming years, and I look forward to sharing this adventure with all of you.

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