Captions of the History of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology

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Founding 1962.

Presidents and McKenna lecturers

Research

President's Council

Planning

Strategy plan 1991

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- Research and education
- High-risk outcomes
- Affordable health care delivery
- Enhanced portfolio for the next 5 years
- Political advocacy

Strategic plan 2004

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- Increasing portfolio
- Developing political advocacy
- Developing educational initiatives
- Developing affiliation with other organizations
- Developing small grants

Membership

CAG has Members, a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee. Membership roles have changed in time.

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Education

The Journal

Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology

Annual Meetings

1982: First meeting, Montreal
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) provided space and hospitality.
1980: Joint meeting with the American Gastroenterological Association
First international recognition of CAG
1986: Linked to CMA: Introduced the CAG to general medical groups
1992: Combined with Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (RCPSC) and Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation. This provided close clinical and scientific environments around the CAG meeting. Gastroenterology is invited to attend Canadian Digestive Disease Week.

Residents-In-Training Course

The major educational events for all Canadian GI residents
This program was developed in 2001 by Drs. R. Fedorak and R. Bailey to enhance professional relationships among Canadian GI residents. The program is to be initiated by the President of the CAG.

Scholars Program

This program was developed in 2001 by Drs. R. Fedorak and R. Bailey to attract young physicians to gastroenterology. A limited group of nominees in Internal Medicine is invited to attend Canadian Digestive Disease Week. During the meeting a special course is organized for this group.

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Canadian Digestive Disease Week (CDDW)

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International Meetings

CAG has been a member of the following organizations:

- Canadian Endoscopy Society
- Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation
- Canadian Society for Neurogastroenterology

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Member’s Education


Public Education

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This organization was established to promote public awareness of gastrointestinal and liver disease. Educational pamphlets, brochures and newsletters were used for this purpose. The program was initiated by the President of the CAG.

Interactive lecture series

Prepared by CAG members

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