



## Dr. Eric Benchimol appointed as new *JCAG* Editor-in-Chief

**Oakville, ON – (December 19, 2022)** – The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) is thrilled to announce that Dr. Eric Benchimol of Toronto, Ontario has been appointed as the new Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (JCAG)*.

Dr. Benchimol will assume his new role on January 1, 2023.

“I am delighted that Dr. Benchimol is taking over as Editor-in-Chief of the *JCAG*. He has a wealth of editorial experience including being on the Editorial Board of *Clinical Epidemiology*,” said Dr. Paul Moayyedi, President of the CAG. “Dr. Benchimol has extensive methodological expertise including co-chairing the highly influential Reporting of studies and conducted using the Observational Routinely-Collected Health Data (RECORD) statement. He is a superb researcher having published 226 peer reviewed articles that have been cited over 21,500 times. I am excited to see the direction he will take the *JCAG*, and I am sure he will bring it to new heights as the premier journal for Canadian gastroenterology.”

Dr. John Marshall has worked tirelessly as the *JCAG*'s Editor-in-Chief for the past five years and will formally step down from this role on March 5, 2023. Drs. Marshall and Benchimol will use the cross-over time to acclimatize the new Editor-in-Chief to his new role. However, Dr. Benchimol is no newcomer to the *JCAG*, having served as its Associate Editor since 2017. In his day job, Dr. Benchimol is the Northbridge Chair in Inflammatory Bowel Disease, SickKids Inflammatory Bowel Disease Centre at The Hospital for Sick Children, as well as a Professor in the Department of Paediatrics and Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto.

“I'm thrilled to be named the new Editor-in-Chief of the *JCAG*. I've had a long-standing academic interest in the quality of research manuscripts in peer-review journals, and I'm happy to apply this experience to help the 'home team' journal and members of the CAG community,” said Dr. Benchimol. “Dr. Marshall has built a tremendous resource in the *JCAG*, and it is an honour to take the torch from him and continue the marathon. I hope to continue to build the *JCAG* into a GI journal of international calibre, while maintaining its Canadian character and its high quality. Thank you to CAG for its endorsement, and for this honour.”

The CAG Board of Directors wishes to sincerely thank and acknowledge Dr. Marshall's outstanding work as its inaugural Editor-in-Chief of the *JCAG*. Dr. Marshall has steered the publication to continued success since his tenure began in 2018 and is leaving behind a strong legacy of which he can be proud. And while he has big shoes to fill, the Board has every confidence in Dr. Benchimol and in his vision to continue to grow and evolve the *JCAG* over the next five years of his appointment.

“I had the pleasure and privilege of launching the *Journal of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (JCAG)* in 2018. Despite a competitive landscape, this fledgling journal has emerged as an exciting forum for sharing research, knowledge and innovation among the CAG community, in both digital and print formats,” said Dr. Marshall. “I am truly delighted that Dr. Eric Benchimol will soon take over from me as Editor-in-Chief of the *JCAG*. I look forward to seeing our journal achieve even greater innovation and success under his very capable leadership.”



**About the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology**

*The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG), founded in 1962, supports and engages in the study of the organs of the digestive tract in health and disease. The association promotes the advancement of the science and art of gastroenterology by providing national leadership in patient care, research, teaching and continuing professional development.*

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