

# GASTROENTEROLOGY FELLOWSHIP



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a goal of mine for some time to have an alumni newsletter for former trainees. I am extremely excited about the launch of our first Fellowship Alumni Newsletter to find out about your professional and personal lives.

With over 120 fellowship alumni living all over the country and beyond, there is no better moment in our program's history to acknowledge the best of the best. My intention is to reach out to our graduates and recognize our brightest, most innovative and most entrepreneurial graduates. I plan to celebrate Presbyterian and Jefferson's fellowship alumni and their positive influence in the field of digestive disease medicine.

I would like to ask each one of you, as former fellows, to let me know about yourselves, to continue to be part of the fellowship program and to come back and visit if possible.

When you are in the area, drop in and see all of the wonderful changes on campus and find out about the extensive and exciting changes planned for the GI Division at Jefferson. Come back and get to know the new kids on the block and feel their pride in being part of such an outstanding fellowship program. Let us know of any big changes in your life and career; it is still your university and, never has there been a better time to renew your pride in all that it represents to our local community, to the nation and to the world. I am happy to say that Rob Coben continues to be the Fellowship Director along with Associate Director Stephanie Moleski. We would all love to hear from you and what you are up to! Please send updates to:

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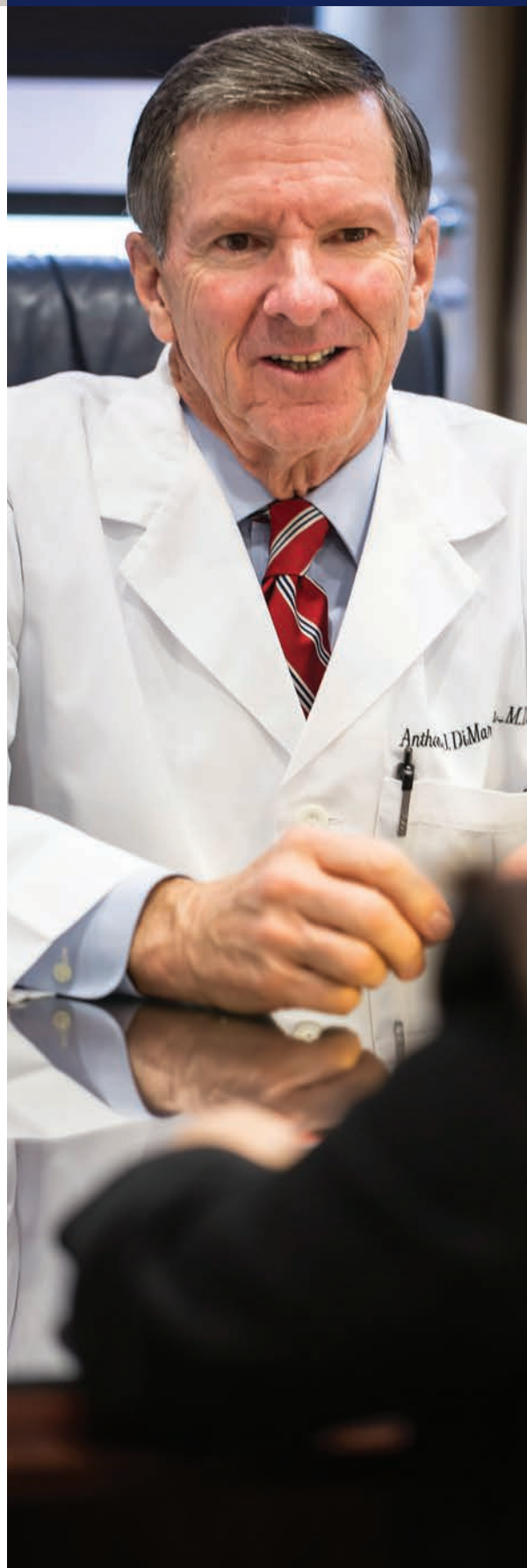
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Whether it is a local or national meeting or a Jefferson Fellowship reception or reunion, we want alumni engagement to grow as Jefferson's reputation continues to soar as a national leader in digestive health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. DiMarino, Jr., MD".

**Anthony J. DiMarino, Jr., MD**  
William Rorer Professor of Medicine  
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
Director, Celiac Center





## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology remains among the best programs as evaluated by *U.S. News and World Report*. Since 2008, the division has been ranked among the top 35 programs in the country and our national reputation continues to rise. When Dr. DiMarino took the division's helm in 1996, there were 13 physicians performing 1,646 procedures a year and seeing 4,516 patients. Today, the division consists of 37 physicians, 14 fellows, five CRNPs and about 150 support staff. This team now performs over 25,000 procedures and sees over 30,000 patients each year. Aside from the Center City and Methodist campuses, the division has six satellite offices spanning Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. This year we will be opening a free-standing endoscopy center in Bala Cynwyd.

The division is home to six Centers of Excellence: the Celiac Center, the first adult center in Philadelphia, the Barrett's Esophagus Treatment Center, the Hepatitis C Center, the GI Bleed Center, the Liver-Tumor Center and the Fatty Liver Center. The Pancreaticobiliary Team and its physicians continue to be at the forefront of advanced treatments and care and are currently advancing treatments using minimally invasive procedures to treat cancers of the bile duct and pancreas. They are also national leaders in cancer treatment with photodynamic therapy. Our liver program is the oldest in Philadelphia and continues to grow, with outcomes that exceed national benchmarks. In 2015, the liver program performed 55 transplants, the largest number of transplants since its inception. Annually, the division has five or more physicians named to Castle Connolly and Top Docs in *Philadelphia Magazine*. Additionally, three to four physicians are named to Top Docs in New Jersey each year.

Since 1996, the division has trained over 90 gastroenterologists. Our division is also home to the Advanced Endoscopic Fellowship (which is one of 58 in the U.S.) and the Advanced Hepatology Fellowship (which is one of 42 in the U.S.). We remain at the forefront of cutting-edge research and have published over 696 peer reviewed abstracts, publications, chapters or books and have, on average, 25 active industry trials along with one to three NIH trials. The Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Jefferson continues to receive numerous teaching awards that reflect our commitment to the education of our medical students, residents and gastrointestinal fellows.

Finally, our key to success is providing the highest-quality care in the most compassionate manner. Additionally, our purpose and our passion remain to grow Jefferson Gastroenterology and Hepatology and to ensure excellent care.





“Gastroenterology training at Jefferson is a multilevel clinical education that can’t be beat. My decision to donate and support fellowship training has a lot to do with the camaraderie I experienced and continue to experience among Jefferson gastroenterologists and physicians. I spent the best 10 years of my life at Jefferson; I married my wife during my medical internship and both of my children were born at Jefferson during my fellowship. Everything I have now—excellent clinical training, a successful GI practice, and a loving and supportive family—I really owe to my time at Jefferson. And after all this, Jefferson still continues to give back to me and my family. It is my tertiary hospital of choice.”

- Christopher A. Barbarevech, MD '97

**Dr. Christopher A. Barbarevech**

*Partner at Gastrointestinal Consultants of Northeastern Pennsylvania in Scranton, PA*

Dr. Barbarevech completed medical school, internship, residency and gastroenterology training at Jefferson, where he was the Alfred W. Dubbs Fellow in gastroenterology. While at Jefferson, Dr. Barbarevech earned the House Staff Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Barbarevech is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology/Hepatology.

## FELLOW ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud to share that the following individuals will be graduating from the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program for Academic Year 2016-2017.



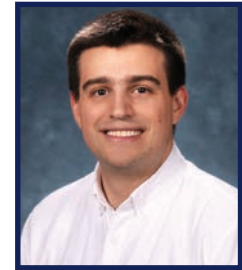
### CHRISTOPHER HENRY, MD

**Undergraduate:**  
Princeton University  
**Medical College:**  
Sidney Kimmel Medical College  
**Internship/Residency:**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Chief Residency:**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Graduating Plans:** Jefferson GI Faculty



### HAROON SHAHID, MD, MS

**Undergraduate:**  
Rutgers University  
**Medical College:**  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - Newark  
**Master of Science, Pharmacology/ Human Investigation:**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Internship/Residency:**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Graduating Plans:** Matched for Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship at Jefferson



### COLIN SMITH, MD

**Undergraduate:**  
Kenyon College  
**Medical College:**  
Sidney Kimmel Medical College  
**Internship/Residency:**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Graduating Plans:** Jefferson GI Faculty

## ADVANCED FELLOWS

### TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY

*Three-year combined ABIM pathway*



### STEVEN KRAWITZ, MD

**Undergraduate:**  
Johns Hopkins University  
**Medical College:**  
Sidney Kimmel Medical College  
**Internship/Residency:**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Fellowship:**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
**Graduating Plans:** Rutgers and New Jersey Medical School, Transplant Hepatology

### ADVANCED ENDOSCOPY



### ABDUL HAMID EL CHAFIC, MD

**Medical College:**  
American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine  
**Internship/Residency:**  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
**Fellowship:**  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
**Graduating Plans:** Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, Therapeutic Endoscopy





## 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ADVANCES IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

The 36th Annual Advances in Gastroenterology will feature a multidisciplinary approach to the treatment and management of patients with both common, as well as critical, gastroenterology diseases presenting in the office of the gastrointestinal specialist, primary care physician, internist, surgeon and nurse practitioner/nurse. Arnold Wald, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, will be the 2016 featured speaker.

Educational sessions during the conference will address the knowledge and performance gaps of the target audience on the following topics:

- Esophageal/Gastroduodenal Disorders
- Advances in Gastroenterology
- Small Bowel/Colonic Disorders
- Obesity

The event will be held Saturday, June 18, at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

For more details and to download the event agenda, please visit [cme.jefferson.edu/content/aig2016](http://cme.jefferson.edu/content/aig2016)

## JAMES L.A. ROTH VISITING PROFESSOR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The annual James L.A. Roth Visiting Professorship in Gastroenterology invites an outstanding national figure in gastroenterology to participate in lectures with Jefferson faculty over two days.

This year's James L.A. Roth Visiting Professor was David A. Katzka, MD, Professor of Medicine and Head of the Esophageal Interest Group at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Lectures focused on the screening, surveillance, diagnosis, quality measures and management of esophageal diseases.

Dr. Katzka delivered three CME-certified lectures during the two-day course:

- "Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, Rumination and Belching: Distinct Disorders or One in the Same?"
- "Halting the Epidemic of Esophageal Cancer"
- "Controversies in Eosinophilic Esophagitis"

## PREVIOUS YEARS

### VISITING PROFESSORS:

2016	David Katzka, MD
2015	Douglas Rex, MD
2014	Maria Abreu, MD
2013	Willis C. Maddrey, MD
2012	Sunanda V. Kane, MD
2011	Michael Lucey, MD
2010	Christina Surawicz, MD
2009	Edward V. Loftus, Jr., MD
2008	Bennett Roth, MD
2007	Vincente Arroyo, MD
2006	Randall Burt, MD

# 2016 FACULTY LISTING



Dr. Stephanie Moleski and Dr. Mitchell Conn



Dr. David Sass and Dr. Daniel Quirk



Dr. Jonathan Fenkel and M.A. Jenni Beavers

**Anthony J. DiMarino, Jr., MD**  
William Rorer Professor of Medicine  
Chief, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
Director, Celiac Center

**Jeffery A. Abrams, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Monjur Ahmed, MD**  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Curtis Alloy, DO**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Louis Broad, MD**  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Cuckoo Choudhary, MD**  
Associate Professor of Medicine

**Jesse Civan, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Medical Director, Jefferson Liver Tumor Center

**Robert M. Coben, MD, AGAF, FACP**  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Associate Chief for Academic Affairs,  
Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
Program Director, Gastroenterology and Hepatology  
Fellowship  
Medical Director, Jefferson Digestive Health at Inspira

**Sidney Cohen, MD**  
J. Edward Berk, MD Professor of Medicine  
Director, Research

**Mitchell Conn, MD, MBA**  
Professor of Medicine  
Medical Director, GI/Transplant Service Line  
Medical Director, GI Bleed Center

**Dina Halegoua-De Marzio, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Director, Fatty Liver Center  
Program Director, Associate Transplant Hepatology

**Michael DiMarino, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Jonathan Fenkel, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Director, Jefferson Hepatitis C Center  
Associate Medical Director, Liver Transplantation

**Steven Greenfield, MD**  
Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Hie-Won L. Hann, MD, FAASLD**

Professor of Medicine  
Director, Liver Disease Prevention Center

**Steven K. Herrine, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Vice Dean, Academic Affairs and Undergraduate  
Medical Education

**Anthony Infantolino, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Associate Chief, Clinical Affairs  
Director, Barrett's Esophagus Treatment Center  
Co-Director, Jefferson GI Bleeding Center  
Director, CME for the Division of GI/Hepatology

**Brian Karp, MD**

Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine

**David Kastenberg, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Director of Research  
Co-Director, Celiac Center

**Leo C. Katz, MD, FACP, AGAF, FACG**

Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine  
Medical Director, Office of Patient and Family Experience

**Cecilia Kelly**

Clinical Assistant Professor

**Thomas E. Kowalski, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Director, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
Director, Pancreaticobiliary and Advanced Endoscopy Section

**Patricia Kozuch, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Director, IBD Center

**Howard S. Kroop, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Director, Inspira Fellowship Training

**Aarati Malliah, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine

**David Loren, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Associate Director, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
Director, Advanced Endoscopic Fellowship

**Stephanie Moleski, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Associate Program Director, Gastroenterology  
and Hepatology Fellowship

**Nicholas Orfanidis, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine

**Jorge A Prieto, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Director, PI

**Daniel Quirk, MD, MPH**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Associate Division Chief  
Director, Strategic Planning and  
Business Development

**Satish Rattan, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Director, Basic Science Research

**Marianne T. Ritchie, MD**

Clinical Assistant Professor  
Director, Women's Cancer Screenings  
Program

**Ivan Rudolph, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
GI Clinic Attending

**David Sass, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Medical Director, Liver Transplantation

**Ali A. Siddiqui, MD**

Professor of Medicine  
Director of Advanced Endoscopy and  
GI Luminal Research

**Manish Thapar, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine

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