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American College of Gastroenterology and NPG announce a new publishing partnership

The American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and Nature Publishing Group (NPG) are pleased to announce a new publishing partnership. From January 2009, NPG will publish *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, the official publication of the ACG.

Established in 1934, *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* is the number one clinical journal in gastroenterology, with an Impact Factor of 5.608 (according to the Journal Citation Report, Thomson, 2007). The journal is led by Editors-in-Chief Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG of Temple University, and Nicholas J. Talley, MD, FACG of the Mayo Clinic in Florida.

"The College views *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* as its greatest asset because of its solid reputation as the most relevant, useful and widely read journal among GI clinicians," said ACG President Amy E. Foxx-Orenstein, D.O., FACG. "We could not have found better partners to entrust with the Journal's reputation than our colleagues at Nature Publishing Group. We believe this partnership will enrich the scientific life of the College and the field of clinical gastroenterology."

Aimed at practicing clinicians, articles published in *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* deal directly with the disorders seen most often in patients. The journal brings a broad-based, interdisciplinary approach to the study of gastroenterology, including articles reporting on current observations, research results, methods of treatment, drugs, epidemiology, and other topics relevant to clinical gastroenterology.

NPG was chosen by the American College of Gastroenterology as the publisher of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* because of its strategic capabilities and experience in publishing premier research journals in science and clinical medicine. *American Journal of Gastroenterology* is currently published by Blackwell Publishing.

"NPG is pleased to partner with the ACG to publish and develop their excellent journal, *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*," says Joy Moore, NPG's Publisher for society and partner-owned publications. "This partnership fulfils our mission to provide the highest quality information to the global scientific community. We look forward to strengthening the journal's status as an essential source of knowledge for physicians around the world and supporting the ACG's goals to promote research, treatment and prevention of GI-related disorders."

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About ACG

Founded in 1932, the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) is an organization with an international membership of more than 10,000 individuals from 80 countries. The College is committed to serving the clinically oriented digestive disease specialist through its emphasis on scholarly practice, teaching and research. The mission of the College is to serve the evolving needs of physicians in the delivery of high quality, scientifically sound, humanistic, ethical, and cost-effective health care to gastroenterology patients. To learn more about the College and its mission, visit www.acg.gi.org.

About NPG

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