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## CGA-IGC Newsletter

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#### **CGA Lifetime Achievement Recipient**

The CGA is proud to announce that Dr. Dennis Ahnen will be receiving the 2018 Lifetime Achievement award for his contributions to the understanding and treatment of hereditary gastrointestinal cancer syndromes. Dr. Ahnen has conducted pivotal work in the biochemical mechanisms of the chemopreventive effects of NSAIDs in colorectal cancer and contributed substantially to landmark clinical trials in chemoprevention, colorectal cancer screening and behavioral interventions to promote screening in high-risk families. He is a leader in national efforts to promote screening through the National Colorectal Cancer Round Table and co-chairs the Family History Task Force. Not only has he had a substantial influence in our field, he has touched countless lives in his clinical care, research collaborations, professional society roles and mentorship of innumerable trainees.

He will be honored with a reception with appetizers and drinks following the meeting sessions on Monday, October 15. This event is included in the meeting registration fee and we hope to see everyone there.



#### **What to Do in San Diego**

Although deepening our knowledge of inherited gastrointestinal cancers is the main purpose of annual meeting in San Diego, don't miss your opportunity to experience all this fantastic city has to offer. San Diego has countless attractions, but possibly one of the most notable is the San Diego Zoo. It is home to more than 3,500 animals! It is only one of seven zoos in the US to house bonobos and just one of four that has giant pandas. The San Diego Zoo is just one part of Balboa Park. Balboa Park also has 17

museums, 10 performing arts venues, and acres of gardens. If you are more of a night owl, you can enjoy a bit of the night life by visiting historic Gaslamp Quarter. Possibly the most important thing to do when visiting any new city is to try new foods and there is a plethora of restaurants from which to choose. If you have a hankering for Hawaiian fusion, try Roy's Restaurant, or a craving for Mexican, there is Las Cuatro Milpas, Salud, or Lolita's Mexican Food. Or you can finally cross those west coast chains from your list to try and eat at In-N-Out Burger or Del Taco. Hope to see you at the 2018 CGA Annual Meeting and make sure to explore!

## Update from the Education Committee

### **Webinar Series**

We kicked off our webinar series last month with an excellent presentation by Dr. Michael Hall entitled "Universal Mismatch Repair Screening for Lynch syndrome: Where Are We Now?".

Please join us for our second webinar entitled "Pancreatic Cancer Genetics" presented by Dr. Matthew Yurgelun from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute on August 28th at 5PM PT/8PM ET. Remember, the webinar series is FREE to all CGA members. You can still register to participate in the remainder of the series! Contact CGA-IGC for details. Check out recorded presentations [Webinars | CGA-IGC \(cgaigc-members.com\)](http://members.com)

Stay tuned for future planned webinars:

November 2018 : "What is Lynch-Like Syndrome, Anyway?" presented by Xavier Llor, MD, PhD from Yale School of Medicine

January 2019 : "Endoscopic, Pharmacologic and Surgical Management of Polyposis" presented by Matthew Kalady, MD from Cleveland Clinic

March 2019 : "How to Create a Multi-Disciplinary Plan for Communicating and Managing the Implications of Germline, Paired and Somatic Testing" presented by Jessica Everett, CGC from NYU Lagone Health

June 2019 : "Early Onset Colorectal Cancer" presented by Elena Stoffel, MD from University of Michigan

### **Monthly Journal Scan**

We know how difficult it is to keep up on the multi-disciplinary literature relevant to hereditary GI cancers. We systematically scan all high-impact journals from the fields of **Genetics, Gastroenterology, Oncology, Gastrointestinal Surgery, Pathology, General Medicine and Science** so our members can access these publications in one place. Please visit our [Journal Scans | CGA-IGC \(cgaigc-members.com\)](http://members.com) for monthly updates.

A few highlights from CGA members over the last few months:

[Recent progress in Lynch syndrome and other familial colorectal cancer syndromes.](#)

Boland PM, Yurgelun MB, Boland CR. CA Cancer J Clin. 2018 May

[Association of Sulindac and Erlotinib vs Placebo With Colorectal Neoplasia in Familial Adenomatous Polyposis: Secondary Analysis of a Randomized Clinical Trial.](#)

Samadder NJ, Kuwada SK, Boucher KM, et al. JAMA Oncol. 2018 May

[Delineating a new feature of constitutional mismatch repair deficiency \(CMMRD\) syndrome: breast cancer](#)

Bush L, Aronson M, Tabori U, et al Fam Cancer, 2018 May

[Germline mutation prevalence in individuals with pancreatic cancer and a history of previous malignancy.](#)

Dudley B, Karloski E, Monzon FA, Singhi AD, Lincoln SE, Bahary N, Brand RE. Cancer. 2018 Apr

### **Update from the Research Committee**

The research committee has been busy compiling a list of Registries so the CGA can update the comprehensive list on the website. Next steps will be to contact all the Registries to confirm the contact information and get some basic data on the types of patients they recruit and similar data fields that are collected.

Another project we are focusing on is to update the Registry manual, which is an instructional manual for those who are starting a Registry. Look for that to be updated on the website in the future.

We have enjoyed highlighting CGA member's articles and research studies in the newsletters, so if you have a study or recent article you want highlighted, please contact Melyssa Aronson at [Melyssa.aronson@sinaihealthsystem.ca](mailto:Melyssa.aronson@sinaihealthsystem.ca).

### **The Collaborative Fund**

The Collaborative Fund is offering research or project awards that directly promote the mission of the CGA. For details on the objectives of the proposals, please visit <https://www.cgaigc.com/grant-opportunities> Awards of up to \$20,000 per year will be given to unique and creative projects based on competitive review. Preliminary or pilot projects do not require previous work or preliminary data. These awards are not designed to fund existing or ongoing activities. Grants submitted with matching funds will receive special attention. Each award will be for one year; however, a no-cost extension may be considered with appropriate justification and approval by the Collaborative Fund Committee.

Completed applications must be received by the application deadline at 5:00 PM EST on Friday, July 28, 2017. Please contact Elena Stoffel, MD at [estoffel@med.umich.edu](mailto:estoffel@med.umich.edu) with any questions about the Collaborative Fund application.

### **CGA-IGC Calendar of Events**

### July

1. Collaborative Fund submission closes on **July 28 at 5 PM**
2. Journal Scan update

### August

2. Late breaking abstract submission for the annual meeting **opens August 20 and closes August 31**
2. Webinar with Dr. Matthew Yurgelun on "Pancreatic Cancer Genetics" on **August 28th at 8PM ET/5 PM PT**
3. Journal Scan update

### September

1. Twitter Journal Club with topic and time to be announced
2. Journal Scan update released

### October

1. Annual meeting at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront in San Diego, CA on **October 14-16**
2. Next edition of the quarterly newsletter
3. Journal Scan update released