

# World Gastroenterology Organisation



**ADVOCATE**

**TRAIN**

**INFORM**

**EDUCATE**

**Global Guardian of Digestive Health.  
Serving the World.**

[www.worldgastroenterology.org](http://www.worldgastroenterology.org)

## Who We Are

Since 1958, the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) has grown to a global federation of over 100 Member Societies, representing more than 50,000 gastroenterologists, hepatologists, GI surgeons, and other health care professionals worldwide. This reflects the true global nature of WGO and its aim to represent and support gastroenterology and related disciplines worldwide.



### Mission:

To promote, to the general public and healthcare professional alike, an awareness of the worldwide prevalence and optimal care of gastrointestinal and liver disorders, and to improve care of these disorders, through the provision of high quality, accessible and independent education and training.

### Vision:

- Increase global public awareness of gastrointestinal and liver disorders
- Provide independent and high quality educational opportunities to medical, nursing and other healthcare professionals in gastrointestinal and liver disorders throughout the world, regardless of location
- Promote international collaboration in digestive health education, training and research
- Support healthcare professionals who care for those with gastrointestinal and liver disorders throughout the world

## WGO Foundation

The WGO Foundation (WGOF) is dedicated to raising funds to develop and sustain WGO global education, training, and advocacy programs in developing and low resource countries throughout the world.



### What Benefits do WGO Programs Provide?

- Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals
  - WGO programs provide accessible, locally appropriate and independent education, and relevant skills training and supports specialists and professionals through inclusion and participation in the WGO global network
- Patients and the General Public
  - WGO programs support the development and retention of trained and skilled digestive health specialists benefiting patients with digestive ailments in previously unserved or underserved areas

- All Communities
  - WGO programs help to close the information gap between 'haves' and 'have nots' especially in communities of developing and low-resource countries by lessening the exodus of healthcare workers
  - WGO programs serve to enhance quality of life worldwide by supporting efforts to increase awareness of digestive health, promote recognition of the earliest signs of digestive disease and appropriate response, and encourage active participation in preventive health measures



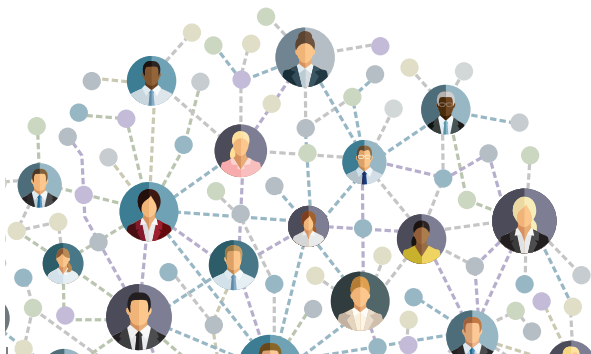
## Membership

Being a part of WGO makes WGO Member Societies, and by extension, their members, and WGO individual members, active participants in the global gastroenterology community. As a member of WGO you are providing an opportunity to expand the knowledge and training of your colleagues worldwide and increase our collective ability to truly be **Global Guardians of Digestive Health**. Gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and other related-discipline societies as well as healthcare professionals from all over the globe are welcome and encouraged to apply for membership within WGO.

The dues our members contribute each year are channeled into training, education, and advocacy in regions with lesser resources, while serving as well to strengthen these aspects in developed regions. The high level of commitment from the WGO leadership, all of whom are volunteers, and staff to participate in the governance, training, and development of education and other resources available to our members, along with a strong belief in our mission, makes the WGO an organization of which you can be proud.

If you have any questions about the benefits of being a member of WGO or about the membership application process, please visit [www.worldgastroenterology.org/membership](http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/membership) or email us at [membership@worldgastroenterology.org](mailto:membership@worldgastroenterology.org).

Who We Are/Membership



# Train

WGO has several training programs and initiatives working together to promote the highest standards in training for and in the practice of gastroenterology, hepatology, and related fields. WGO seeks to circulate locally relevant knowledge and develop the skills of medical practitioners, health care workers, and educators through the following programs:

- Training Centers
- Scholar and Trainee Funding Program
- Train the Trainers

## Training Centers

WGO Training Centers focus primarily on developing and low-resource countries, and aim to meet the increasing demand for digestive disorder prevention and treatment worldwide by developing the skills of local medical practitioners.



## Scholar and Trainee Funding Program



The WGO Training Center mission is to establish and nurture core training centers for primary and advanced gastroenterology and liver training in locations of need, thereby improving the standard of training at a grass roots level while ensuring a focus on regionally-

relevant diseases. One of the ways identified to support WGO in this mission is the direct establishment of the Scholar and Trainee Funding Program at the WGO Training Centers. The WGO Scholar and Trainee Funding Program offers financial support to allow a trainee the greater means to attend longer training at a WGO Training Center, increasing the learning opportunities and outcomes for GI and liver education in low resource regions.

## Train the Trainers

Train the Trainers is a highly successful program designed to disseminate teaching skills to those gastroenterologists, hepatologists, and other practitioners who hold training positions in their own countries.



## Educate

WGO has transformed itself into an organization that provides training and education to all parts of the globe with a special focus on the developing world. Thinking on an international scale, WGO is creating a global education network through its members.

Working together, this WGO global education network is increasing worldwide gastroenterology, hepatology, and related discipline knowledge through the following programs:

- Global Guidelines and Cascades
- Educational Programs
- Clinical Research Tools
- Train the Trainers
- Training Centers
- Scholar and Trainee Funding Program



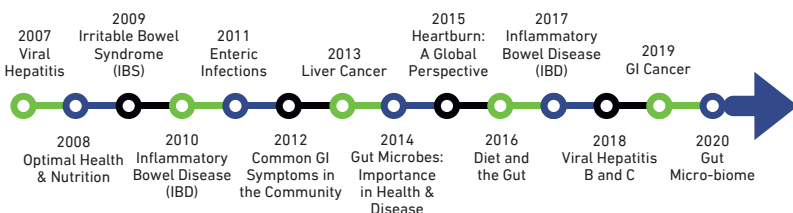
## World Congress of Gastroenterology (WCOG) and WGO International Conferences

Since 1958, the World Congress of Gastroenterology (WCOG) brings the best and most innovative together in the field of digestive health. Held every two years, the location of the WCOG always rotates between member societies. In addition to the World Congress of Gastroenterology, there has been increasing interest shown by WGO Member Societies to secure the endorsement and support of WGO for International Conferences, smaller meetings with a regional focus, including both broadly themed meetings and congresses and also monothematic workshop offerings. In order to meet this growing need, WGO is collaborating with its Member Societies and regional associations to host joint meetings in-between World Congresses.

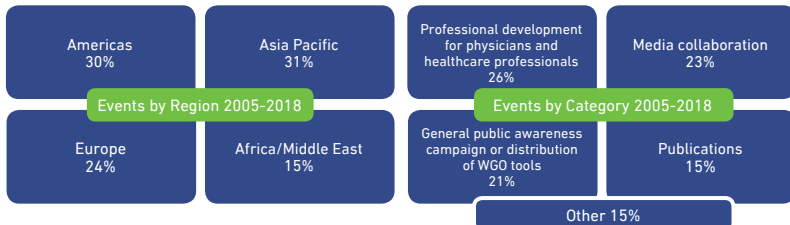


## Advocate

**World Digestive Health Day (WDHD)** is a yearlong, worldwide public health campaign that includes many activities and events and serves as WGO's leading advocacy program. WDHD formally inaugurates the annual campaign every 29th May. The goal of WDHD is to increase global awareness of digestive and liver diseases by WGO's Member Societies, Regional Affiliate Associations, government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, physicians, pharmacists, allied healthcare professionals, healthcare payers, media, consumers, and the general public. WDHD's success is ultimately derived from the combined efforts of WGO, its Member Societies, Regional Affiliates, and other partners worldwide.



## Level Of Reach & Participation



## Fun Facts

<b>Growth</b> <p>WDHD has grown more than 17 times since 2005 when only 18 events were held, globally</p>	<b>Outreach</b> <p>Over 75 media outlets, including networks such as CNN, have reported on WDHD.</p>	<b>Events</b> <p>Participation continues to grow in Africa and the Middle East with countries such as Iran &amp; Qatar hosting WDHD events.</p>	<b>Guidelines</b> <p>WDHD topics are the impetus for the creation of the majority of the 25 WGO Global Guidelines and Cascades.</p>
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## Inform

WGO keeps you up to date on the latest news and events in the world of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and other related disciplines on a global scale. Stay informed with:

- Ask a Librarian
- Virtual Room of Gastroenterology
- Global Guidelines and Cascades
- e-WGN, WGO's quarterly e-Newsletter and WGO's monthly e-Alert
- The *Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology*, the official journal of the WGO and the publication platform for WGO's Global Guidelines and Cascades in the English language, as well as WGO society news and WGO review articles
- WGO's website, with "Current News" feed and "Meeting and Events Calendar"
- WGO Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram accounts



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