



## **ASGE Proposed Women's Special Interest Group (SIG)**

**Background:** There are more than 1,700 Female Members of ASGE. Regardless their career stage, many women face unique barriers and biases that lead to well-documented professional disparities in comparison to their male counterparts. These disparities exist in publication productivity, research grants allocation, economic, and social parity.

Though there is growth in the number of women opting for careers in medicine, the number of women entering gastroenterology has remained stagnant, particularly in fourth tier advanced endoscopy fellowships. The lack of social support, networking opportunities and strong female mentors is often cited as factors in fewer female doctors opting for a gastroenterology specialization.

The creation of the ASGE Women in GI SIG will address these needs of female gastroenterologists and endoscopists by providing opportunities to create strong networks and develop programs specific to the unique professional and personal needs of women in GI. It will provide an excellent platform for ASGE Female Members to achieve individual excellence at every stage of their careers.

To organize the ASGE Women in GI SIG, we need to gather 100 signatures. If we obtain 100 signatures by September 15, the Women in GI SIG will be included on 2019 ASGE dues renewal notices, and ASGE members will be able to join this SIG for an additional \$25.

Please sign below and email to [membership@asge.org](mailto:membership@asge.org) or fax 630-963-8607 to express your support for the development of the ASGE Women in GI Special Interest Group (SIG). Thank you!

**YES! I support the formation of this Special Interest Group.**

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