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ASGE NAMES
KENNETH K. WANG, MD, PRESIDENT

OAK BROOK, Ill. – June 25, 2013 – The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) announces the appointment of Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FASGE, of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., to president.

Dr. Wang assumed his duties in May during Digestive Disease Week® in Orlando. His term will continue through May 2014. He is a fellow of the ASGE and became a member in 1990. Dr. Wang has served on ASGE's Governing Board since 2002 and was secretary from 2009 to 2012 before becoming president-elect in 2012. He was chair of ASGE's Website Editorial Board and Internet Task Force and served on the Society's Technology Committee and Publications Committee. Dr. Wang developed and launched the first ASGE website in 1994. He was a member of the Digestive Disease Week Program Committee and appointed chair of the committee in 2010. He is currently a member of ASGE's Annual Scientific Committee.

"These are exciting times for the Society and for the GI profession. This year, ASGE opens the doors to its new state-of-the-art training facility and world headquarters. The Society is working hard to ensure a better future for our members, providing the best educational opportunities possible that will result in high-quality care for patients," said Dr. Wang. "It is a great honor to lead ASGE as president and in the coming year, my priorities include increasing collaboration with international GI societies. There are many areas of the world where physicians are in need of the kind of expert endoscopic training that ASGE members from the United States can provide, while at the same time, there is much that we can learn from our international colleagues, particularly those in Asia in terms of new techniques. I look forward to forging new bonds between endoscopists across the globe. In addition, we certainly will be working hard to make sure that endoscopic procedures receive fair evaluation during the review by the RUC that will occur this year."

In addition to a focus on collaboration with international GI societies, his other priorities as president include the opening of the new ASGE Institute for Training and Technology (IT&T) during the summer of 2013; continued collaboration with the sister GI societies; and expansion of the ASGE Ambassador Program which provides endoscopic training to underserved regions of the world.

Dr. Wang has been on staff at the Mayo Clinic since 1988. He is a Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Medical School and Co-Director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Program of the Mayo Comprehensive Cancer Center, Director of the Advanced Endoscopy Group, and the Director of the Barrett's Esophagus Unit in the Mayo Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. He also holds the Kathy and Russ VanCleve Endowed Professorship in Gastroenterology Research.

He completed his residency in Internal Medicine (1985) and fellowship (1988) in Gastroenterology at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, in Rochester, Minn. In 1982, he earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, Mich., and received his bachelor of science in 1978 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Dr. Wang is the recipient of many grants and awards and is a frequent speaker at national and international meetings. He has authored 500 publications, abstracts and book chapters, and has been a reviewer for scientific publications such as ASGE's peer-reviewed journal *GIE: Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*, the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology*, and the *New England Journal of Medicine* among many others.

His clinical interests include Barrett's esophagus, esophageal cancer, ablation therapy, optical biopsy, confocal laser microscopy, and endoscopic mucosal resection/dissection.

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About the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Since its founding in 1941, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) has been dedicated to advancing patient care and digestive health by promoting excellence and innovation in gastrointestinal endoscopy. ASGE, with more than 12,000 members worldwide, promotes the highest standards for endoscopic training and practice, fosters endoscopic research, recognizes distinguished contributions to endoscopy, and is the foremost resource for endoscopic education. Visit www.asge.org and www.screen4coloncancer.org for more information and to find a qualified doctor in your area.

About Endoscopy

Endoscopy is performed by specially-trained physicians called endoscopists using the most current technology to diagnose and treat diseases of the gastrointestinal tract. Using flexible, thin tubes called endoscopes, endoscopists are able to access the human digestive tract without incisions via natural orifices. Endoscopes are designed with high-intensity lighting and fitted with precision devices that allow viewing and treatment of the gastrointestinal system.