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LEADING GASTROINTESTINAL SOCIETY NAMES DOUGLAS O. FAIGEL, MD, TO PRESIDENT

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. – June 18, 2015 – The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) announces the appointment of Douglas O. Faigel, MD, FASGE, of the Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, Ariz., to president.

Dr. Faigel assumed his duties in May during Digestive Disease Week® in Washington, DC. His term will continue through May 2016. He became a member of ASGE in 1996 and a Fellow in 2006. Dr. Faigel has served on the Governing Board and on several committees. He was Treasurer from 2011 to 2014 and has served as Chair of the Audit Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Investment Committee, Quality Assurance Task Force, Standards of Practice Committee, and as Chair of the Task Force on Competence.

Dr. Faigel has been on the Mayo Clinic faculty in Arizona since 2010. He is currently Professor of Medicine, Chair of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Director of Therapeutic Endoscopy. In addition, he is the Program Director for the Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship. Prior to joining Mayo Clinic, Dr. Faigel had been on the faculty of Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) since 1996. He was Director of Endoscopy at the Portland VA Medical Center, Director of Endosonography and Director of Endoscopy at OHSU. He rose to the rank of Professor of Medicine before departing OHSU in 2010.

He received his undergraduate education from Harvard College and his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He trained in Internal Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and then returned to the University of Pennsylvania for fellowships in Gastroenterology and Therapeutic Endoscopy.

Dr. Faigel is active in research and education. He is the recipient of numerous honors, awards and grants, and is a frequent lecturer at national and international meetings. He has written more than 200 papers, reviews, chapters and abstracts. He has served on committees for national and international organizations. Dr. Faigel is the Director of the World Endoscopy Organization's Program for Endoscopic Teachers.

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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 13,000 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.