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Dr. Anne Marie Lennon is the Director of the Johns Hopkins Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and a Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Lennon is an attending gastroenterologist at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. She received her medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in 1996. In addition, Dr. Lennon obtained a Ph.D. from The National University of Ireland. She completed an internal medicine residency in Dublin and at the Cleveland Clinic, followed by a Gastroenterology Fellowship in Edinburgh, Scotland. She then completed a two-year Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship in endoscopic ultrasound and ERCP at Johns Hopkins. She is
certified in General Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology by the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB) of the United Kingdom and is a fellow of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the American College of Gastroenterology, the American Gastrointestinal Association, and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Dr. Lennon’s major interests are the care of patients with pancreatic cysts, pre-cancerous lesions and developing new tools for early cancer detection. Dr. Lennon previously worked with the ASGE Lead Education and Development (LEAD) Program. She currently serves on the ASGE Women’s Committee Councilor on the ASGE Governing Board.

Joseph J. Vicari, MD, MBA, FASGE
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Dr. Joseph J. Vicari joined Rockford Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd. in 1997 and has held a faculty appointment at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford since that time. He currently holds the academic rank of Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford. Dr. Vicari is now Managing Partner of Rockford Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd. He is Board Certified in Gastroenterology. Dr. Vicari attended medical school at Creighton University where he received the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching for three consecutive years. He completed his residency and chief residency in Internal Medicine at Creighton University and completed his GI Fellowship in gastroenterology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation where he became Chief Fellow in Gastroenterology from 1996-1997. His interests are in esophageal and liver diseases. Dr. Vicari has presented numerous lectures and presentations to students, residents and physicians both locally and nationally. He is a journal reviewer for the American Journal of Gastroenterology. Dr. Vicari previously was Chair of the ASGE Practice Operations Committee and currently serves as Councilor on the ASGE Governing Board.
Allison Linney is the President and Founder of Allison Partners, LLC, a consulting firm founded with the belief that people are at the core of an organization’s success and based in Charlottesville, VA. On that foundation, the team at Allison Partners serves individual, corporate, non-profit and government clients seeking to integrate human performance theory and business strategy. By focusing on organizational context as well as individuals’ skills and behavior, Allison Partners brings candor and experience to help clients achieve business goals while satisfying employees’ needs.

Ms. Linney has built a career of commitment to her clients’ achievement of their goals. A former consultant within Accenture’s Human Performance Service Line, she received an M.B.A. from the Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia. Together with her colleagues, Allison brings both sound theory and practical experience to the challenges of organizational development. She has worked with large public and private health care systems, large multispecialty groups, small group practices, HMOs, providers of healthcare information systems and occupational medicine services, and free health clinics.

Ms. Linney’s expertise spans communication strategy and implementation, leadership development, professional coaching, organization design and development, conflict management, group facilitation, training design, project management, change management and process engineering. She was selected as the 2018 Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year and serves on a variety of University of Virginia Boards and community organizations. Additionally, Ms. Linney co-authored a chapter entitled, “The Diversity Opportunity,” in The Trusted Leader: Building the Relationships that Make Government Work and writes about leadership topics for the Allison Partners blog called What We’re Reading Now: www.allisonpartners.com/wwrn.
Dr. Bill Cassidy is the United States Senator for Louisiana.

Bill grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and attended Louisiana State University (LSU) for undergraduate and medical school. In 1990, Bill joined LSU Medical School teaching medical students and residents at Earl K. Long Hospital, a hospital for the uninsured.

During this time, he co-founded the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic, a clinic providing free dental and health care to the working uninsured. Bill also created a private-public partnership to vaccinate 36,000 greater Baton Rouge area children against Hepatitis B at no cost to the schools or parents. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Bill led a group of health care volunteers to convert an abandoned K-Mart building into an emergency health care facility, providing basic health care to hurricane evacuees.

In 2006, Bill was elected to the Louisiana State Senate.

In 2008, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives to represent Louisiana’s Sixth Congressional District.

In 2014, he was elected to the U.S. Senate. He serves on the Finance Committee, the Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and the Veterans Affairs committees.

Following his successful efforts to lower the cost of health care, secure coastal restoration projects to protect Louisiana families from natural disasters, reform our nation’s mental health system, and secure many other legislative accomplishments, Bill was reelected in 2020 to his second term in the U.S. Senate.

Bill is married to Dr. Laura Cassidy, and they have three children. Laura is a retired general surgeon specializing in breast cancer. She helped found a public charter school to teach children with dyslexia. Bill, Laura, and their family attend church at the Chapel on the Campus.
Carolyn Carpenter is currently President of Johns Hopkins National Capital Region (NCR). In this newly created role, Carpenter leads all hospital-based and community-based ambulatory sites across the National Capital Region on behalf of Baltimore-based Johns Hopkins Medicine (JHM), including Sibley Memorial Hospital and Suburban Hospital. She is responsible for the strategic growth and operational performance of all current and future JHM entities and initiatives within the NCR which encompasses Washington, DC and the adjacent counties in Maryland and northern Virginia.

Prior to joining Johns Hopkins, Ms. Carpenter served as the President of Sentara Norfolk General Hospital and Corporate Vice President of Sentara Healthcare. These roles included leading a 525-bed community teaching hospital and Level I Trauma Center as well as serving as the system executive for the Sentara Cancer Network and Sentara Cardiovascular Services spanning twelve hospitals in Virginia and North Carolina.

Ms. Carpenter came to Sentara after working at Duke Health for twenty years. During that time, she served in a variety of capacities including Chief Operating Officer of Duke University Hospital, Associate Dean of the Duke School of Medicine, Associate Vice President of Oncology Services for the Duke Health System, and Associate Chief Operating Officer for Medical/Surgical/Critical Care Services. Ms. Carpenter led the creation of the Duke Cancer Institute, the first of its kind at Duke that brings together clinical, research, and basic science operations into one organization. Before joining Duke, she held positions as Academic Administrator for the Department of Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Senior Management Analyst at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals.

Ms. Carpenter received her B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania and her MHA from Medical College of Virginia. She completed an administrative fellowship at Duke. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health. In 2016-7, Ms. Carpenter was among the inaugural class of Carol Emmott Fellows, a select fellowship for women leaders aimed at empowering female health executives to bridge the gender gap in the C-suite and transform health care.
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Dr. Lukejohn Day is an associate professor of medicine at the University of California San Francisco and the Chief Medical Officer at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG). His research interests center on organizational design and development and efficiency models for health care system delivery to vulnerable patient populations. Specifically, his research explores the delivery of healthcare through the endoscopy center. He is currently working on developing key innovations that can be implemented at the ZSFG endoscopy center that focus on maximizing staff and physician efficiency, improving patient access to endoscopic care, and strengthening patient satisfaction. His research has spanned projects that have examined the quality of outpatient GI consultation notes, improving patient access through implementing a set of discharge criteria after endoscopy, studying the informed consent process in endoscopy education classes, and improving endoscopy center operational efficiency using time and motion studies and simulation modeling. Dr. Day is President Elect of the Association of American Indian Physicians. He previously was Chair of the ASGE Quality Assurance in Endoscopy Committee and currently serves as Councilor on the ASGE Governing Board.

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Dr. Victoria Gómez is Associate Professor of Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Florida, with a focus and expertise in interventional endoscopy. Dr. Gómez is also Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Mayo Clinic, with a focus of overseeing research and scholarly activities for the residents in training. Her expertise includes all areas of advanced endoscopy including diagnostic and staging of oncological diseases of the gastrointestinal and biliopancreatic tract, management of chronic calcific pancreatitis as well as non-surgical weight loss therapies and management of obesity-
related diseases and complications/issues following bariatric surgery. Dr. Gómez has clinical and research experience in advanced imaging, biliary tract diseases and primary weight loss and metabolic therapies. She also serves as an Associate Editor for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy journal and is a diplomate of the American Board of Obesity Medicine (ABOM). Dr. Gómez currently is the Chair of the ASGE Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

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**Dr. Rabia de Latour** is a double board-certified gastroenterologist and therapeutic endoscopist in New York City. She specializes in pancreaticobiliary disorders, endoscopic ultrasonography, interventional, bariatric, and luminal endoscopy. She is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at NYU School of Medicine and the Director of Endoscopy at Bellevue Hospital. She received her undergraduate Bachelor in Science degree from Cornell University, medical degree from Stony Brook SOM and completed her internal medicine residency, gastroenterology fellowship, and advanced endoscopy fellowship all at New York University School of Medicine.

Dr. Rabia is a clinician at the oldest public hospital in the United States, Bellevue Hospital Center, where she primarily works with underserved patients and populations. She is a clinical researcher with over 30 scientific articles and presentations at national scientific meetings and several ongoing clinical studies. She has a strong interest in global health and has had the opportunity to work in hospitals in Istanbul, Turkey as well as Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India where she performed breast cancer research and delved into the art of Ayurvedic medicine.

Rabia serves on the training committee of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) where she has focused on trainee educational tools and improving hospital sustainability efforts and is an active member of the American College of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). In her free time, you can catch her playing competitive tennis in her local league, painting, raising monarch butterflies in her apartment, gardening, composting, and spending time with her family.
Dr. Bruce Hennessy is a gastroenterologist and partner at Ohio Gastroenterology Group. Located in Columbus Ohio Gastroenterology Group is made up of 34 gastroenterologists and 11 advanced practice providers, 4 ambulatory surgery centers, 5 clinical offices, 4 real estate companies, infusion, anesthesia, and pathology services. He has been an executive board lead for Ohio Gastroenterology Group for 11 years. Bruce has served on the Health and Public Policy Committee for the ASGE for the past three years. He is married to Shivkamini Somasundaram MD, a practicing OBGYN and has four children.

Dr. M. Mazen Jamal is a gastroenterologist who is leading the charge to provide advanced treatment and diagnostic options for patients suffering from gastrointestinal disorders. He received his medical degree from the University of Damascus Medical School, followed by a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in gastroenterology. Dr. Jamal then completed a fellowship in interventional gastroenterology at the University of Liverpool School of Medicine in England. In 2001, he received a master’s degree in public health (MPH) at the University of New Mexico’s School of Public Health. Dr. Jamal is board certified in both gastroenterology and internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He founded Oceana Gastroenterology Associates in 2014, where he diagnoses, monitors, and treats a wide variety of digestive disorders such as stomach pain, ulcers, acid reflux, constipation, and Crohn’s disease. Dr. Jamal regularly contributes published research, articles and more in industry journals, books, and other publications. He currently serves on the ASGE Practice Operations Committee.
Jody Jankovsky, Founder and Managing Member of Black Line® IT, has developed a unique perspective on the small and midsized business market over his 30+ career. Time and time again, Jody witnessed small and midsized businesses suffer from being underserved by IT services. So, in 1993, Jody formed Black Line IT to help solve this problem.

“I love working with technology, and it saddens and frustrates me to watch so many businesses struggle with it. I know businesspeople are busy doing what they excel at, which leaves little time to keep up with IT trends, decide what technology is best for them, and ensure they’re getting the most out of it. That’s why I started Black Line - to give businesspeople peace of mind that their technology was in good hands and empower them to use technology to help transform their business.”

Jody has developed a unique set of skills throughout his career that combines deep technical knowledge with seasoned business experience. He started his career providing software development services to small businesses while still earning his Computer Science degree from Illinois State University. After graduation, Jody continued his career with Arthur Andersen S.C., a then premier public accounting firm, followed by Greenbrier and Russell, a large IT Consultancy. Throughout it all, Jody knew things could be done better for small and midsized businesses, and he ultimately took a leap of faith and transitioned out of a corporate role to form Black Line IT.

Jody’s combination of skills ensures the appropriate balance between the needs of a business with the IT solutions available. In addition, a long service career has taught Jody the significance of addressing a business’s day-to-day technology needs with the appropriate level of urgency – something he instills daily into the culture of his Black Line team. In his free time, Jody enjoys building model rockets, is training to be a private pilot, and loves all things related to the country’s space program. If you know an astronaut, he would love an introduction!
Dr. James Leavitt is the President and Chief Clinical Officer for Gastro Health. He has been in private practice in Miami since 1980. As a founding physician of Gastro Health, Dr. Leavitt has been instrumental in growing the organization from the original four physician practice to the current multistate gastrointestinal platform. Dr. Leavitt received his medical education at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University and completed his residency at the University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital. He is board certified in gastroenterology and internal medicine. Dr. Leavitt has received multiple awards and recognitions including Becker’s ASC Review Top 100 Gastroenterologists list, Becker’s 92 Great Gastroenterologists to Know and the 2021 ASGE President’s Award Recipient. He is past president and current member of the Florida Gastroenterology Society, two-term South Florida Governor for American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) and ACG Practice Management Committee. Dr. Leavitt also previously has served on the ASGE Practice Management Committee.

Eric Rose is the Group Vice President of Physician Services for HCA’s Mountain and Far West Divisions. He has been in the healthcare business for over 20 years. Eric began his career in healthcare as a Respiratory Therapist, where he worked in the trauma unit as well as in the neonatology ICU, before completing his MBA at the University of Utah in 2003. Eric then began working in hospital administration as a Director of Business Development prior to joining HCA nine years ago. Eric resides outside Salt Lake City, Utah with his wife, two children and sweet granddaughter Bella Rose.
Dr. Aly Strauss graduated summa cum laude from Emory University’s Department of Economics. She then completed her Master’s in Industrial Engineering (MIE) and Medical Degree at the University of South Florida. This was also where she trained for Internal Medicine residency and served as Chief Resident. More recently, she completed Gastroenterology fellowship followed by Transplant Hepatology fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. As a fellow on the research track, she completed a PhD in Clinical Investigation at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Currently, she is a clinician-scientist and Assistant Professor in Transplant Hepatology at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Strauss’ research is on the intersection of data science-driven interventions and health disparities to promote equity for minority populations with liver disease.

Dr. Edward Sun is the Assistant Chief Medical Officer and Director of GI Inpatient Services at Stony Brook University Hospital in Long Island, New York. Leading efforts to reduce hospital mortality and readmissions, Dr. Sun embraces innovation and technology to improve patient outcomes and access to care. He earned an MBA in 2018 from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and has since pioneered the GI Hospitalist and GI Transition-of-care programs at Stony Brook Medicine. Dr. Sun has been an active member of the ASGE Reimbursement Committee since 2015. He currently serves as the ASGE alternate advisor to the CPT Editorial Panel, advocating on behalf of GI physicians and GI practices regarding issues of coding, reimbursement, technology assessment, and new payment delivery models.
Dr. Michael Weinstein is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and enjoys a busy clinical practice while continuing his academic pursuits as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is active in his community and his specialty through numerous medical society memberships and as Vice President of the Maryland Patient Care and Access Coalition. He has served on the American Gastroenterological Association Board of Trustees and as the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy representative to the American Medical Association’s CPT Advisory Panel. Dr. Weinstein has been consistently recognized by his peers as a “Top Doctor” in Washingtonian magazine. Dr. Weinstein serves as President and CEO of Capital Digestive Care and is the Managing Partner for the Metropolitan Gastroenterology Group division. Married with three sons, his personal interests revolve around his family and his love of sports, wine, and cooking.