



ASGE Ambassador Program

Pilot program

Cairo, Egypt

ASGE has partnered with the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) to pilot the Ambassador Program at its Training Center in Cairo, Egypt. We will recruit ASGE members as Ambassadors who are willing to volunteer their time to the program.

ASGE will recruit physicians from Nigeria, Kenya and throughout northern Africa as well as from areas in the Middle East to take part in the training. A significant number of patients in this part of the world suffer from esophageal varices (an enlarged and tortuous veins resulting from chronic liver disease) that can cause death from internal bleeding.

Trainees will be selected for training based on need, level of experience and availability to travel. The WGO has a waiting list of more than 200 physicians who have indicated that they would participate in future programs at the training center in Cairo; ASGE and WGO will work together to select those with the greatest need.

For the pilot training program, ASGE Ambassadors will travel to Cairo to train physicians from northern Africa and the Middle East. The curriculum will consist of endoscopic procedures used to diagnose and treat upper gastrointestinal disorders. The ten-day training period will take place in the WGO-sponsored Cairo Training Center located in the Theodor Bilharz Research Institute. An extensive curriculum, incorporating didactic and hands-on training, will be implemented and 80-100 patients will be treated during the course of the training session.

The initial training will be followed by a visit to the home institution of selected trainees. The second visit will take place eight to ten weeks following the training in Cairo. Ambassadors will further train those individuals at the bedside of patients in their home country, which will help ensure the program's success and sustainability.