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If you are interested in becoming an ASGE Ambassador, please contact ASGE directly at ambassadorprogram@asge.org or 630.573.0600.

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You have worked hard and it shows. You are a leader with a thriving practice or academic career. You interact well with people and are able to translate your thoughts into action. You are at a point where you can see the fruits of your labors and you are ready to do more.

It’s time.

It’s time to give back. Time to share your knowledge. Time to treat those who might not otherwise get treatment. Time to reach beyond your comfort zone.

It’s time to become an ASGE Ambassador.

The ASGE Ambassador Program is a philanthropic initiative designed to export two of our Society’s greatest assets — endoscopic medical care and training expertise — to centers around the world in need of such care. Direct access to advanced GI care does not exist in developing countries. Educating and training physicians in underserved countries provides an opportunity for ASGE and its Ambassadors to have an enduring effect in these areas.

As an ASGE Ambassador, you will donate your time to share your knowledge and expertise in the use of gastrointestinal endoscopy for diagnosing and treating common GI disorders.

Ambassador Program Goals

1. Ensure patient safety — our NUMBER ONE priority
2. Train local physicians, nurses, and technicians in endoscopic techniques for diagnosing and treating common gastrointestinal disorders
3. Partner with host facilities, other GI organizations, industry, sponsors and members to develop a program that leaves behind a legacy of quality medical care
4. Foster an interdisciplinary team approach to GI care
5. Demonstrate quality endoscopic practice including disinfection and the prevention of cross contamination of patients

Being an ASGE Ambassador requires a sizable commitment not found in other programs. Ambassadors travel to an international destination for a period of 10-14 days to work long hours in a hospital or clinic teaching physicians and their support teams varying levels of gastrointestinal/endoscopic techniques, depending on that facility’s particular need. In addition, Ambassadors will assist in treating patients who might not otherwise have access to modern endoscopic procedures.

ASGE Ambassadors must commit to:

• 10-14 day travel obligation to an international destination; one (or more) trips annually, depending on availability
• Working with international physicians to teach and mentor individuals in the highest levels of GI endoscopic care
• Taking time away from your daily commitments to teach physicians and tend to patients in need

Ambassadors should:

• Be active members of ASGE for a minimum of five years
• Have the ability to leave their practice/academic setting for 10-14 days
• Possess advanced skill levels in all aspects of gastrointestinal endoscopic care and treatment
• Be individuals who are patient and who can convey complex and advanced concepts clearly and succinctly

All Ambassador Program sessions are taught in English; Ambassadors fluent in other languages are welcome and encouraged to participate.