



Young Members Group

As 2020 came to a close, one of the World Gastroenterology Organisation's goals was beginning to take shape. A committee, comprised of nearly two dozen young GIs was formed, led by Dr. Aasma Shaukat.



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Dr. Aasma Shaukat is interested in epidemiology and prevention of colorectal cancer. Her focus is on studying effectiveness of screening for colorectal cancer, developing and validating risk scores to optimize screening strategies, and developing and validating quality indicators for screening colonoscopy program. She holds the following positions in the greater Minneapolis area;

- Investigator, Center for Care Delivery and Outcomes Research
- Section Chief, GI Section, Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Staff Physician, Gastroenterology Section, Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- Staff Physician, Fairview University of Minnesota Medical Center
- Professor, University of Minnesota Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology

We are pleased to present a conversation with Dr. Aasma Shaukat as the first in a series of featurettes, spotlighting the esteemed members of this new committee.

WGO: Why is the new committee important to you?

AS: Young members is the future of gastroenterology and represents gastroenterologists that can define the clinical research and educational needs and determine how best to meet them. We must invest in the future!

WGO: In your role as chair, what charges do you have for the committee in the upcoming year?

AS: We want to develop content relevant to our young members and expand the membership to include more young members to shape the future of the organization and its missions. We are ' developing some exciting new programs around mentorship, both clinical and research, scholarly work and involving young GIs in the planning and networking committees of the WGO

WGO: Why are groups for young members important to organizations, specifically, to WGO?

AS: Young members have the energy, enthusiasm and ideas that are needed to continue growth and bring fresh perspective to any organization. They are a vital part of an organizations' relevance and its ability to succeed in its missions. We hope our members will bring these skills, experience and energy to the WGO.