

# WELCOME MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Member,

I would like to invite you to our inaugural Virtual Annual Conference. The last six months have been a real test for all of us. Who knew that a virus could cause such worldwide suffering and disarray? I would like to commend those physicians who stepped up to be involved in frontline care during this pandemic. That said, we have all made sacrifices and because of these actions our Province/Country is in a somewhat better situation than most around the world.

The OAG has provided guidance and worked within the framework of our Provincial leadership. I admit there are uncertain times ahead in terms of the practice of Gastroenterology in Ontario, however it is important that we all stay focussed on what is optimal care for our patients while keeping ourselves healthy and well.

This Fall I will be completing my term as your President; it has been a great honour to lead the organization over the past three years. I have found the experience invaluable and gained much experience in dealing with the various provincial bodies. Unfortunately, we will not be able to meet in person this Fall at our annual Conference but we look forward to future in-person gatherings. I hope that everyone enjoys the terrific group of international expert speakers that we have secured for our virtual meeting. Our interaction with our sponsors will look different this year, so take some time to visit with them in our virtual exhibit hall.

Stay safe and please continue your support of the OAG.

Warm regards,

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