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## **Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants Granted Recognition by ASGE, Leading Gastrointestinal Medical Society**

**Chicago, IL** – The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), a leading gastrointestinal medical society, has recently granted a three-year recognition for quality and safety to Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants and Dr. Darrien Gaston.

This ASGE program is specifically dedicated to promoting quality in endoscopy and has been awarded since 2009. The ASGE Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program honors endoscopy units that have demonstrated a commitment to patient safety and quality in endoscopy, meeting the program's rigorous criteria, which includes adherence to the ASGE guidelines on privileging, quality assurance, endoscope reprocessing, CDC infection control guidelines and ensuring endoscopy staff competency.

"I am honored to be recognized by ASGE. At Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants, we are committed to the highest standards of compliance, education and patient care. This recognition is a visible validation of our dedication," said Dr. Gaston.

To be recognized by ASGE, Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants, through a peer-reviewed application process, established the continued competence of professional staff, demonstrated the adoption of policies specific to ongoing assessment of performance relative to key quality indicators, and attested that Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants has an established infrastructure and personnel dedicated to infection control and prevention.

Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants completed "Improving Quality and Safety in Your Endoscopy Unit," an educational course that thoroughly reviews guidelines. Upon successful completion of the program, Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants was awarded ASGE's Certificate of Recognition of Quality in Endoscopy.

"We are proud to acknowledge Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants through our Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program for their commitment to promoting the highest standards of safety and quality," said Glenn Eisen, MD, FASGE, chair, ASGE Quality Assurance in Endoscopy Committee. "By ensuring infection control principles are adhered to, continually assessing the competency of staff, and monitoring patient satisfaction, ASGE-recognized units contribute to the public's confidence in endoscopy, a life-saving technology."

### **ASGE and Quality**

ASGE is the profession's leader in setting standards of excellence in endoscopy through its safety guidelines and the training of its members so that patients receive the best and safest care possible. The Society continually reinforces the importance of quality among its members through member communications, such as emails and newsletters, and educational courses.

### **Metropolitan Gastroenterology Consultants**

The health care facility is located in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago, and Dr. Darrien Gaston is a Beverly resident, dedicated to the continuing good health of the area. Dr. Gaston earned his medical degree at University of Illinois College of Medicine and completed fellowship training in Gastroenterology at Cook County Hospital. Dr. Gaston performs a variety of non-invasive and minimally invasive procedures to diagnose and treat colon cancer, irritable bowel syndrome, hemorrhoids, ulcerative colitis and more. He has a special interest in the continuing obesity crisis and offers several non-surgical weight loss tools that have seen significant success for his patients.

Dr. Gaston said, "I am deeply committed to helping patients prevent cancer, reverse diabetes, and live without the pain of a compromised digestive system. My standards for the care that I provide and for my facility have always been of the highest quality possible and I am very proud that ASGE has renewed this quality and safety recognition for my practice."

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### **About the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**

Since its founding in 1941, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) has been dedicated to advancing patient care and digestive health by promoting excellence and innovation in gastrointestinal endoscopy. ASGE, with more than 14,000 members worldwide, promotes the highest standards for endoscopic training and practice, fosters endoscopic research, recognizes distinguished contributions to endoscopy, and is the foremost resource for endoscopic education. Visit [www.asge.org](http://www.asge.org) and [www.screen4coloncancer.org](http://www.screen4coloncancer.org) for more information and to find a qualified doctor in your area.

### **About Endoscopy**

Endoscopy is performed by specially-trained physicians, usually gastroenterologists, using the most current technology to diagnose and treat diseases of the gastrointestinal tract. Using flexible, thin tubes called endoscopes, gastroenterologists are able to access the human digestive tract without incisions via natural orifices. Endoscopes are designed with high-intensity lighting and fitted with precision devices that allow viewing and treatment of the gastrointestinal system.