ASGE Active Physician Members have met the following requirements:

• Unlimited medical license;
• Graduation from an accredited medical school and completion of a residency program;
• Documented evidence of formal training in gastrointestinal endoscopy under the supervision of certified gastroenterologists or gastrointestinal surgeons – ASGE is the only society that requires evidence of such training;
• Finally, ASGE Active Members must provide evidence of professional competence through sponsorship by at least one member who has personal knowledge of the applicant’s endoscopic training and skills.

Make the best choice. If you need an endoscopic procedure, ask your primary care doctor to recommend a specialist in gastrointestinal endoscopy who is also an ASGE member. ASGE members are distinctively qualified to perform the gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures that your primary care physician or other healthcare provider recommends and to work with you and your primary care provider on issues of digestive health.

Find an endoscopist in your area.

ASGE can help you find a GI endoscopist in your area. It’s easy. Visit the ASGE website at www.asge.org and click on Find a Doctor. By typing in your zip code, the Find a Doctor feature will give you a list of the ASGE members in your area. Remember, you can always ask if your physician is an ASGE member.

Endoscopy can provide an accurate diagnosis of conditions such as a bleeding duodenal ulcer.

For more than six decades, ASGE has set strict requirements for membership, including demonstrated training in GI endoscopy.

Be certain your physician meets the high standards of ASGE membership.

How will your GI endoscopist work with your primary care physician?

ASGE physicians usually work on referral from your primary care physician. Your GI endoscopist will communicate with your primary care physician about the results of your endoscopic procedure. Together, they will determine what is appropriate for treatment, follow-up visits and/or if future endoscopic exams are needed.

Is your physician an ASGE member? Ask.

ASGE offers additional materials on GI endoscopy and endoscopic procedures including brochures on Upper GI Endoscopy, Endoscopic Ultrasound, ERCP, Flexible Sigmoidoscopy and Colonoscopy on the ASGE website at www.asge.org, as well as other useful information on digestive health and gastrointestinal problems.

Why Should You Choose an ASGE Member for Your Endoscopic Procedure?

Physicians and surgeons who are members of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) have highly specialized training in endoscopic procedures of the digestive tract, including upper GI (gastrointestinal) endoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS).

ASGE members undergo a rigorous application review process and are recognized by the medical community as knowledgeable, experienced experts in gastroenterology and GI surgery who, in addition, have advanced training in gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures.

The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy is the only medical society that requires documentation of specific training in GI endoscopic procedures.
**Important Reminder:**
This information is intended only to provide general guidance. It does not provide definitive medical advice. It is very important that you consult your doctor about your specific condition.

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**Endoscopy Procedures At-A-Glance**

There are a variety of endoscopic procedures used in the diagnosis and treatment of many problems and diseases of the digestive tract. They include:

- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
- Colonoscopy
- Upper Endoscopy
- Endoscopic Ultrasound
- ERCP
- and others

Please see your physician for ASGE materials on these procedures or visit www.asge.org.

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An upper endoscope is a medical device used by expert physicians to look inside the digestive tract, which includes the esophagus, stomach and duodenum (first portion of the small intestine). A colonoscope allows the physician to examine the colon and rectum.

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Since its founding in 1941, ASGE has been dedicated to advancing patient care and digestive health by promoting excellence in gastrointestinal endoscopy. This information is the opinion of and provided by the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

Gastrointestinal endoscopy helps patients through screening, diagnosis and treatment of digestive diseases. Visit www.asge.org to learn how you can support GI endoscopic research, education and public outreach through a donation to the ASGE Foundation.

**For more information, visit www.asge.org or www.screen4coloncancer.org**

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