

**Request for Applications  
for Position of Editor,  
*The New Gastroenterologist***



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**Trainees and early-career gastroenterologists (GIs) encounter unique opportunities and challenges as they enter and navigate research and practice environments. Not only are they embarking on their career journey, they are also contending with an abundance of information about issues such as healthcare, research, public policy and continuing education – just to name a few. With so much material to consume, how can young professionals distinguish signal from noise? AGA’s quarterly publication, *The New Gastroenterologist (TNG)*, communicates need-to-know information that is tailored for the specific needs and interests of trainees and early-career GIs.**

**To maintain the e-newsletter’s success and to elevate it to new levels, the AGA is looking for a forward-thinking, enthusiastic individual who has unique insight into the informational needs of trainees and early-career GIs. See below to learn more about *TNG* and what it takes to become the next editor.**

### **What is *TNG*?**

*TNG* is a quarterly e-newsletter that features reviews on cutting-edge clinical topics, as well as columns that focus on content of particular relevance to individuals still in GI training or in their early careers post-training. The featured “In Focus” articles appear both online and in the print issue of the AGA’s official newspaper, *GI & Hepatology News*. The remainder of the content is housed on the [GI & Hepatology News website](#) (under “The New Gastroenterologist” tab) and disseminated via a quarterly email alert as well as through other AGA communication channels.

### **What Do Readers Find in Each Issue?**

A typical issue of *TNG* comprises one “In Focus” article, which is a peer-reviewed overview of a highly relevant clinical topic. Previous examples include [diverticular hemorrhage](#) as well as [microscopic colitis and diarrhea](#). Also included in each issue are articles that focus on [career pathways](#), [financial and legal matters](#), [perspectives from private practice](#), [brief reviews on clinically-relevant topics](#), [issues in clinical medical ethics](#), and other topics that are relevant to early career GIs. Each issue also contains an introductory [letter from the editor](#) as well as a [curated list of relevant articles from the AGA Journals](#).

### **Who Receives *TNG*?**

Email alerts, which serve as brief summaries of each issue’s content, are sent to all AGA members (of which there are approximately 16,000), in addition to a controlled circulation of GIs who are not AGA members. Additionally, select content from *TNG* is included in an e-newsletter distributed by the Digestive Health Physicians Association (DHPA), of which there are 1,200 members. *TNG* is also promoted via AGA’s social media channels, on AGA’s website, and through AGA’s eDigest.

### **Managing Editor Support**

The editor will be fully supported by a permanent managing editor (ME). The ME facilitates the content collection, review and production processes, and assists in the development, implementation and evaluation of new content, initiatives, policies and procedures. The editor will also collaborate with the editorial staff of Frontline Medical Communications (FMC), AGA’s publishing partner for *TNG*. FMC is located in Rockville, Maryland. The editor will work with FMC on matters related to content

development/review, production, digital presence, marketing and new business opportunities.

### **The Successful Candidate**

The successful candidate will have experience identifying and promoting newsworthy content that is relevant to the trainee and early-career GI community. Experience in medical, scientific or news-related publishing is preferred, but not required. Familiarity with AGA and its priorities, activities and stances on important issues is ideal, preferably via past volunteer member experience with the Association. The editor must be able to devote sufficient time to *TNG* matters and may not accept editorial appointments to competing publications during their tenure as editor. The successful candidate must be an AGA member and should be an early career GI between second year of fellowship and 5 years post-fellowship.

### **Expectations**

#### ***General Responsibilities***

The editor of *TNG* will be tasked with the following general responsibilities:

1. Work cooperatively with AGA and Frontline to establish and maintain the highest standards of quality for the content, integrity and appearance of the newsletter.
2. Ensure the relevancy of *TNG* to AGA's trainees and early-career members.
3. Engage the readership of *TNG* by providing direction for the editorial content and suggesting innovative ways to enhance the quality, delivery and impact of the newsletter.
4. Maintain the quality, efficiency and accuracy of the review process by directing the activities of the ME.

#### ***Specific Responsibilities***

To accomplish the general responsibilities, the editor will be assigned the following specific tasks:

1. Stay current with the latest news and research in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy, and suggest hot topics to be covered in *TNG*.
2. Identify and invite authors to write content for the newsletter's feature and columns.
3. Review manuscripts and offer substantive feedback.
4. Write a "Letter from the Editor" to accompany each issue.
5. Review proofs of content and provide corrections according to pre-determined deadlines.
6. Provide opinions regarding newsletter policies and procedures as needed.
7. Together with AGA staff:
  - a) Ensure that editorial processes and policies are efficient, fair and enforced.
  - b) Establish specifications for the quality, style and appearance of the newsletter.
  - c) Suggest and evaluate creative ideas related to content (type and delivery).
8. Attend all publications committee meetings as an *ex-officio* member of the committee. These meetings occur twice per year.
9. Participate in the annual *GI & Hepatology News* board of editors meeting to review editorial operations, the publisher's report and advertising revenue, and to discuss future initiatives.

### **The Term**

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2027. A transition period will occur starting approximately in July 2022.

## **Reporting**

To maintain the quality and fiscal viability of the newsletter, the editor will report to the AGA Institute Publications Committee. The committee will evaluate and approve proposed changes to *TNG*'s mission, structure, format, finances or editorial philosophy. In some cases, the AGA Institute Governing Board must also approve such changes.

The editor will retain primary authority over all decisions regarding the content published in the newsletter. However, to preserve and protect its professional and educational reputation, the AGA Institute will have supervisory authority over the content and editorial policy of the newsletter

## **Honorarium**

The editor will receive an annual honorarium of \$5,000.

## **To apply**

To apply, please submit the following:

1. A current curriculum vitae with relevant publishing-related activities highlighted.
2. Completed conflict of interest and confidentiality forms.
3. A statement of views on the primary mission and audience(s) for *TNG*. This evaluation should include an assessment of the value of the newsletter to trainees and early-career GIs.
4. An evaluation of *TNG*'s current content, organization, digital appearance and policies, along with recommendations for changes, if any.
5. Any other information you would like to include.

A comprehensive application addressing all the preceding items should be sent in a single PDF document via email to:

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**Deadline for receipt of applications is May 2, 2022.**

All inquiries regarding this position are confidential.