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Chapel Hill Physician Receives Fiterman Award

University of North Carolina's Douglas A. Drossman, MD, Receives Clinical Research Award

Bethesda, Maryland (April 28, 2005) – The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) has named Douglas A. Drossman, MD, the recipient of its 2005 AGA/Miles and Shirley Fiterman Foundation Joseph B. Kirsner Award in Clinical Research in Gastroenterology for his excellence in clinical research in gastroenterology and help support the clinical research efforts of the recipient. The award will be presented to Dr. Drossman later this month in Chicago, Illinois during Digestive Disease Week[®] (DDW[®]), the largest international conference devoted to the science and practice of gastroenterology.

Dr. Drossman is a professor of medicine and psychiatry at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and co-director of the university's Center for Functional GI and Motility Disorders, Chapel Hill. After he earned his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, NY, he served his medical internship and residency at UNC. Between working as the senior associate medical resident at New York University Bellevue Medical Center, fellow in psychosomatic medicine at the University of Rochester and then fellow in gastroenterology at UNC, he was chief of internal medicine at the U.S. Air Force Hospital, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas.

With the AGA, he has served in a number of positions, including a member of the AGA Gastroenterology Teaching Project, a member of the Nominating Committee, associate editor for *Gastroenterology* and chair of the Motility and Nerve Gut Interactions Section. In addition, he was the recipient of the 2004 AGA Distinguished Educator Award.

The AGA is dedicated to the mission of advancing the science and practice of gastroenterology. Founded in 1897, the AGA is the oldest medical-specialty society in the United States. The AGA's more than 14,000 members include physicians and scientists who research, diagnose and treat disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and liver. On a monthly basis, the AGA publishes two highly respected journals, *Gastroenterology* and *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology*. For more information, visit www.gastro.org.

DDW is the largest international gathering of physicians, researchers and academics in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery. Jointly sponsored by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, the American Gastroenterological Association, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, DDW takes place May 14-19, 2005, at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting showcases approximately 5,000 abstracts and hundreds of lectures on the latest advances in GI research, medicine and technology. More information can be found at www.ddw.org.

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