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NEWS RELEASE

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TORONTO, ON - The Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) elected Dr. David Morgan as President for the 2020-2021 year at its first-ever virtual Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Morgan is an Associate Professor, Medicine, in the McMaster University Faculty of Health Sciences in Hamilton and teaches at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He was a representative on several McMaster University finance committees and is the Past President of the Regional Medical Associates. Dr. Morgan has also been the Head, Service of Gastroenterology at St. Joseph's Healthcare, Hamilton, as well as the Deputy Chief of the Department of Medicine.

"I am very proud of the way gastroenterologists in this province have risen to the challenges posed by COVID-19, and am happy to be working, as President of the OAG, with a group of such dedicated professionals," Dr. Morgan said. "The OAG has accomplished much for gastroenterology – both for patients and physicians – and I am looking forward to furthering this important work and to celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2021."

Dr. Morgan completed his undergraduate training in Human Genetics at McGill University, Montreal. He did graduate studies, including a Masters in Population Genetics. He completed his undergraduate and post-graduate medical studies (including Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology) at McMaster. He took an additional fellowship year with special attention paid to advanced endoscopic techniques, including YAG laser.

Dr. Morgan's research interests have included dyspepsia, particularly with regards to the effects of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); colon cancer prevention with COX-2 specific inhibitors; and upper GI bleeding, again with relation to NSAID use. He is an internationally published author with papers on such topics as GI bleeding, quality of life in cancer care, colon cancer screening and the use of proton pump inhibitors and the prevention of bleeding from GI vascular lesions.

Dr. Morgan has participated on several consensus panels at the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG), dealing with such topics as colorectal cancer screening. He is a member of several international societies. In addition, he is a former President and Director of the CAG and Chair of the Ontario Medical Association Section on Gastroenterology.

Dr. Morgan was the Ontario Provincial Lead for the Cancer Care Ontario/College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Quality Management Partnership, Colonoscopy, which was tasked with developing a quality delivery framework for the province.

Dr. Morgan is a long-time member of the OAG and has an outstanding record of service as a member of its Board of Directors. Most recently, he was Vice-President.

The following individuals were also elected to the OAG Board of Directors:
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