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THERE'S DOLLAR HOLE IN ACCESS, EVERY TIME SOMEBODY SAYS OH, YOU CAN'T TOUCH THAT, THEY STILL AREN'T PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE. FRANKLY, THE DEMOCRATS, YOU GET THE BIRDS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, CHIRPING, CAWING, MAKING NOISE AND YOU WONDER WHAT ARE THEY DOING? THAT'S WHERE THE DEMOCRATS ARE ON THIS ISSUE, THEY OFFERED NO PROPOSALS. THEY WOULD DISAGREE, SAID IN THE NEWS THIS PAST WEEK THEY HAD A LADY IN CHARGE OF THE DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPLANTATION ASSOCIATION, PLUS FROM UMC IN TUCSON. THE TRANSPLANT ISSUE IS A SUBTEAR FIEWJ FOR WHAT REALLY IS THE ISSUE IS. THERE'S A BILLION DOLLAR HOLE, HAS TO BE rt~? FIXED. THE S WERE ON ACCESS, 18% OF THE BUDGET WAS RELATING TO ACCESS. IT'S NOW 30% OF THE STATE'S BUDGET. YOU ARE GETTING TO THE POINT YOU HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS. DO YOU WANT TO KEEP INCREASING HEALTHCARE COSTS AT THE EXPENSE OF EDUCATION OR PROTECT EDUCATION AND GET HEALTHCARE COSTS UNDER CONTROL. CUTTING $1.5 MILLION FROM ACCESS ADDRESS THE BILLION DOLLAR HOLE? WELL WE'RE STUCK WITH A PATCH WORK OF SOLUTIONS, DIDN'T WORK AT THE END. I THINK THE GOVERNOR IS HEADED DOWN THE RIGHT PATH. IT'S WHAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT, BUT PEOPLE FORGET THAT OBAMA CARE EXAS COMBATED THIS PROBLEM.

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Medical News Today

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The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) has recognized 57 endoscopy units as part of its program specifically dedicated to promoting quality in endoscopy, in all settings where it is practiced in the United States. The ASGE Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program honors endoscopy units that follow the ASGE guidelines on privileging, quality assurance, endoscopy reprocessing and CDC infection control guidelines. To date, 272 endoscopy units have been recognized by ASGE.

"ASGE is delighted to be recognizing these 57 endoscopy units, whose staff work hard every day to provide high-quality care to their patients in a safe environment," said Bret T. Petersen, MD, FASGE, chairman, ASGE Quality Assurance in Endoscopy Committee. "There continues to be an outstanding response to this program. We are proud to acknowledge these ASGE members through our Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program for their commitment to promoting the highest standards of safety and quality."

An important component of the program is an educational course that thoroughly reviews related guidelines. Honorees attended this course, entitled "Improving Quality and Safety in Your Endoscopy Unit."

Upon completion of the program, units receive an ASGE "Certificate of Recognition" for promoting quality in endoscopy which is valid for three years, providing the unit remains accredited and complies with all program criteria. This symbol can be displayed to let patients and referring physicians know that the endoscopy unit is dedicated to delivering high-quality endoscopic care and has received specialized training around these principles.

New ASGE Endoscopy Unit Recognition Program Honorees
Allegheny Regional Endoscopy, Altoona, PA
Austin Endoscopy Center II, LLP, Austin, TX
Battle Creek Endoscopy and Surgery Center, Battle Creek, MI
Carolina Endoscopy Center-Huntersville, Huntersville, NC
Carolina Endoscopy Center-Pineville, Charlotte, NC
Carolina Endoscopy Center-University, Charlotte, NC
Carolinatas Medical Center Endoscopy Department, Charlotte, NC
Carolinatas Medical Center-Mercy Endoscopy Department, Charlotte, NC
Carolinatas Medical Center-Pineville Endoscopy Department, Charlotte, NC
Carolinatas Medical Center-University Endoscopy Department, Charlotte, NC
Center for Digestive Disorders-UPMC McKeessport, McKeessport, PA
Central Penn Endoscopy Center, Lewisburg, PA
CGC- Ballantyne, Charlotte, NC
CGC- Medical Center Plaza, Charlotte, NC
Community Regional Medical Center, Fresno, CA
CS Center LLC, Charlotte, NC
DCA Diagnostics LLC, Lithia Springs, GA
Digestive Health Specialists, PA, Advance, NC
Endoscopy Center of Colorado Springs, LLC, Colorado Springs, CO
Evanston Hospital GI Lab, Evanston, IL
Forsyth Medical Center Endoscopy Suite, Winston Salem, NC
Galen Gastroenterology, Chattanooga, TN
GastroDiagnostics, A Medical Group, Orange, CA
Gastroenterology Associates of Tidewater, Virginia Beach, VA
GI Diagnostics Endoscopy Center, Marietta, GA
GI Endoscopy and Bronchoscopy Suites, New York, NY
GI Endoscopy Center at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL
Glenbrook Hospital GI Lab, Evanston, IL
Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, IN
Gundersen Lutheran Endoscopy Center, La Crosse, WI
Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital and Center for Health Services, Wyandotte, MI
Highland Park Hospital GI Lab, Evanston, IL
Iowa Endoscopy Center, Clive, IA
Jackson Gastroenterology Center, Jackson, MI
McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, VA
Methodist Dallas Medical Center John R. Ford Center for Digestive Health, Dallas, TX
Metro Health Outpatient Endoscopy, Wyoming, MI
Moreland Endoscopy Center/GI Specialists, LLC, Waukesha, WI
Myriam Urrutia-Eder MD Endoscopy Center Inc, Alexandria, VA
New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Riverdale, NY
Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA
Peninsula Gastroenterology/Riverside Endoscopy Center, Newport News, VA
Piedmont Endoscopy Center, Winston Salem, NC
Riverside Regional Medical Center Endoscopy Center, Newport News, VA
Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System Endoscopy Department, Sarasota, FL
Shannon Medical Center GI-Lab, San Angelo, TX
Skokie Hospital GI Lab, Evanston, IL
St. Luke’s Hospital and Regional Trauma Center-Endoscopy Department, Duluth, MN
Surgery Center of Des Moines West, West Des Moines, IA
Surgicenter Endoscopy, Phoenix, AZ
The Toledo Clinic-Outpatient Surgery Department, Toledo, OH
**UMC Center for Advanced Endoscopy, Tucson, AZ**
Vernon Hills GI Lab, Vernon Hills, IL
Washington Hospital Center GI Endoscopy Unit, Washington, DC
West Bridgewater MA Endoscopy ASC, LLC, West Bridgewater, MA
About the Program

To successfully complete the program and receive a Certificate of Recognition, a center must show proof of successful and current accreditation by a recognized accrediting body (AAAHC, Joint Commission); sign an attestation affirming that certain ASGE and CDC guidelines are adopted as minimum requirements of the unit policy; have a representative of the unit complete the ASGE Recognition Course, “Improving Quality and Safety In Your Endoscopy Unit;” and submit the application fee(s). The Certificate of Recognition award is granted for a three-year period and is renewable.

The program is applicable to all settings in the United States where endoscopy is practiced, including office-based endoscopy units, hospital-based endoscopy units, and stand-alone ambulatory endoscopy or surgery centers.

As a benefit of successfully completing the program, endoscopy units will receive the ASGE Certificate of Recognition for Promoting Quality in Endoscopy, patient brochures - Ensuring the Safety of Your Endoscopic Procedure, access to advice from reprocessing experts and more.

THE PAST 100 YEARS
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Santa Fe New Mexican

December 11, 1960: State school tax collections -- the barometer in the financial crisis currently facing New Mexico's public schools -- took another nose dive in November. A tabulation of collections completed by the Bureau of Revenue late Friday showed returns from school taxes for November were $2,526,942 -- a decline of $143,261 from collections in November 1959. The report came as a sharp blow to education officials who had hoped November collection figures would signal an end to the long decline in tax revenues for schools. School authorities have warned that state school systems could be out of money about the end of the current school year.

December 11, 1985: A 46-year-old Santa Fe man is in critical, but stable condition today after undergoing a heart transplant in Tucson, Ariz., early Tuesday morning. Angelo Vigil waited a week at the University Medical Center there before a heart donor was found. Vigil's condition is standard for a heart transplant patient. He will remain in the intensive care unit for three to five days and then be moved to a monitoring for another week.