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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**TORONTO, ON** [December 7, 2022]– At its recent Annual General Meeting, the Ontario Association of Gastroenterology (OAG) elected Dr. Emily Ching, its first female President, for the 2022-2023 year.

Dr. Emily Ching is a community gastroenterologist in Burlington, Ontario, and co-founder of GI Health Centre. Prior to setting up her practice, she served in various outpatient clinics in the Greater Toronto area, including Baycrest Geriatric Hospital & Centre, where she actively provided care for the area's elderly population, a group about whom she cares deeply.

"Now that we are moving out of COVID-19, I believe new opportunities are opening up for the OAG. We have once again returned to in-person meetings and are delivering the high quality of training for which we have become known," Dr. Ching said. "As our recent 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration reminded us, we all stand on the shoulders of giants, and I am proud to do so, and to be able to build on their legacy."

Dr. Ching completed her undergraduate degree in Human Biology and Chemistry with high distinction at the University of Toronto (U of T), following which she pursued medical training at McMaster University in Hamilton. She then returned to U of T for her residency in internal medicine and completed her gastroenterology fellowship at McMaster, where she served as a chief gastroenterology resident. While there, she was nominated by her program director for an international elective in gastrointestinal motility training at the world-renowned Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles.

Dr. Ching has coauthored several papers and conference abstracts, including two meta-analytical studies on yield of diagnostic tests for celiac disease in dyspepsia. In addition to the OAG, Dr. Ching is a member of a few key Canadian and American medical and gastroenterology associations.

Dr. Ching has an outstanding record of service with the OAG as a member of its Board of Directors, and Chair of the Annual Conference Committee. Most recently, served as its Vice-President. She also serves as the current Chair for the OMA Section on Gastroenterology.

When not at work, Dr. Ching enjoys spending time with her husband and daughters. She also enjoys yoga and traveling and is hoping to pursue this latter activity more in the near future, with the (hoped-for) end of COVID-19. She is fluent in Cantonese and English and can speak some Mandarin.

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

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