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# The Voice of Independent GI Practice DHPA's Next Generation of Leaders

DHPA Member Meeting  
March 11, 2023

Raja Taunk, DHPA Chair of Next Generation Leadership, Anne Arundel Gastroenterology Associates (MD)  
Daniel Van Handel, Co-Vice Chair of Next Generation Leadership, MNGI Digestive Health (MN)  
Aja McCutchen, Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates (GA)  
Peter Naas, Gastroenterology Associates (SC)

# 1st Annual Next Generation Leadership Conference



- 17 early career attendees from DHPA member practices
- Introduction to DHPA and advocacy on behalf of private practice GI and our patients
- Sessions provided insight into the business, health policy and other components of leading independent practices.

# Next Generation Leadership Chairs



**Raja Taunk**

Chair

Anne Arundel Gastroenterology  
Associates (MD)



**Sudha Nahar**

Vice Co-chair

Allied Digestive Health (NJ)



**Daniel Van Handel**

Vice Co-Chair

MNGI Digestive Health (MN)



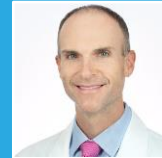
# Next Generation Leadership Committee



**Dr. Vasu Appalaneni**  
Dayton Gastroenterology  
(OH)



**Dr. James Grant**  
Pinnacle GI Partners (MI)



**Dr. Benjamin Hyatt**  
Gastro Health Middlesex (MA)



**Dr. Philips Jenkins**  
Gastro Group AMC (LA)



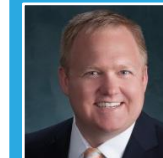
**Dr. Nandhakumar Kanagarajan**  
Atlanta Gastroenterology  
Associates (GA)



**Dr. Lisa Mathew**  
South Denver GI (CO)



**Dr. Michael McCabe**  
Rocky Mountain  
Gastroenterology (CO)



**Dr. David Newton**  
Gastroenterology  
Specialties (NE)



**Dr. Viral Patel**  
Charlotte Gastroenterology  
& Hepatology (NC)



**Dr. Dhyan Rajan**  
Digestive Health  
Specialists (NC)



**Dr. Jonathan Rosenberg**  
Illinois Gastroenterology  
Group (IL)



**Dr. Scott Swendsen**  
Associates in  
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**Dr. Chirag Trivedi**  
Arizona Digestive  
Health (AZ)



**Dr. Beningo Varela**  
PACT Gastroenterology  
Center (CT)



**Dr. Michael Weiss**  
Gastro Florida (FL)



**Dr. John Wysocki**  
Connecticut GI (CT)



# 2023 Next Generation Leadership Priorities

- Develop Quarterly Policy Advocacy 101 video series for education about Congress, Committees, etc. (April/May)
- Coordinate on DDW events with AGA Trainee and Early Career Committee (May)
- Develop Agenda for Fall Next Generation Leadership Conference (Sept./Oct.)
- Coordinate with DEI Committee on quarterly leadership video series (ongoing)





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