

Bio for Bennie R. Upchurch III

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Bennie Upchurch, MD, is a Gastroenterologist and Medical Director of the GI Bleeding Program at Ohio State University Medical Center. His clinical interests include gastrointestinal bleeding, therapeutic and developmental endoscopy, evaluation of medical technology, advanced endoscopic imaging, and practice management.

Dr. Upchurch received his Gastroenterology Fellowship training at Ohio State University Hospitals in Columbus, Ohio where he was the Chief Clinical Fellow. He was honored as the Teacher of the Year at the Cleveland Clinic in 2009, where he served on the faculty and was part of the Therapeutic Endoscopy Group. He was Section Head for the Small Bowel Endoscopy Group that was designated a National Small Bowel Center of Excellence. Prior to that, he completed his Internal Medicine residency at the Cleveland Clinic and his medical degree at the University of Iowa College of Medicine in Iowa City. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and board-certified in Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine. He has been elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians, American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), American Gastroenterological Association, and the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE). He has served on the ACG National Practice Management Committee since 2008, the ACG Minority Affairs Committee since 2012, the ASGE Minority Affairs Committee since 2013 and elected to the ACG Practice Parameters Committee in 2014.

He serves on the Internal Medicine Steering Committee and the Quality and Patient Safety Committee at the Ohio State University Medical Center. He is the Director of Coding and Compliance for the Gastroenterology Division. Prior to returning to Ohio State, he was the Chairman of Gastroenterology at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Dr. Upchurch has authored numerous articles, abstracts and book chapters on endoscopy, GI bleeding and ulcer disease. He has taught advanced endoscopic techniques nationally and abroad, and lectured frequently on these and various other topics in the US, Europe and Mexico.