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**Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Names
Dr. John Santoro 'Physician of the Year'**

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter has named John J. Santoro, D.O. of Atlantic Gastroenterology Associates (AGA) and ACCESS Surgery Center, 2014 Physician of the Year.

A Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology and the American College of Internists, Dr. Santoro has cared for more than 300,000 patients during his 33-year tenure at AGA and at affiliated medical centers.

"The CCFA has always been close to my heart, and I am delighted to be honored in this way," said Dr. Santoro. "My sister and one of my closest friends were diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, and because of the CCFA they have found hope and renewed spirits in their own quests for a cure."

Over the last 45 years, the CCFA has led the charge on research on Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, inflammatory bowel diseases that affect more than 1.4 million Americans. The CCFA is the only national voluntary health organization that sponsors research into the cause of and cure of these diseases.

Dr. Santoro has contributed to that research with over 100 clinical studies on the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal disorders. He began his career in Philadelphia with a bachelor's degree cum laude in biology from LaSalle College. He was ranked second in his class at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he earned his D.O. Dr. Santoro completed his internship at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital and his residency and fellowship at the University of Medicine & Dentistry.

He served as Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Medicine & Dentistry, New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine. Simultaneously, he was Director, Division of Gastroenterology at Shore Memorial Hospital with privileges also at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center and the Betty Bacharach Rehabilitation Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, Dr. Santoro currently resides in Linwood, N.J., with his wife, Sharlene. He has five children and five grandchildren.

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