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Education and Training

Dr. Cross received his undergraduate degree from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, and his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He completed his postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at the University of Maryland and Baltimore VA Medical Centers in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was chosen as Chief Resident. He performed his Gastroenterology fellowship also at the University of Maryland and Baltimore VA Medical Centers in Baltimore. In addition, Dr. Cross has obtained a Master of Science degree in Clinical

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Biosketch

K. Cross, Jr., M.D.,M.S. is a board certified Gastroenterologist and Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. He also serves as Director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore (UMB) and is Co-Director of the Digestive Health Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

Dr. Cross is a Fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association and a member of the American College of Gastroenterology and Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). He is the past Chair of the Patient Education Committee and current Chair of the Clinical Awards Committee of the CCFA. He is also a member of Mission Committee of the Maryland and Delaware Chapter of the CCFA.

Research/Clinical Keywords

Outcomes research, clinical trials, telemedicine to improve care in patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

Highlighted Publications

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