

I am an academic gastroenterologist and visited UNC in the first half of 2017 as part of a postdoctoral research fellowship. I was aware of Dr Drossman's reputation as the President of the Rome Foundation, and his pioneering work in conceptualising the current disease models of functional gastrointestinal illness. What I grew to realise was that Dr Drossman is one of the rare individuals that excels not only in the sphere of academic endeavour, but is a superb clinician, an astute observer of the human condition and an enthusiastic and highly effective teacher. As such, I consider the time I spent with Dr Drossman as extremely valuable and will no doubt have a lasting effect on my practice. Patients travel from across the United States and even Internationally to see Dr Drossman, and invariably leave the consultations extremely grateful with the assessment and treatment recommendations that they have received. I leave my preceptorship with Dr Drossman inspired to integrate these principles into my own practice, and to further my career as a researcher in this field.

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