

### President's Report

President, NASPGHAN: Jenifer Lightdale, MD, MPH, NASPGHAN-F



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is my great honor as President of **NASPGHAN** to announce the launch of our new strategic plan!

Created iteratively and with intention this past year by all of you, along with member society representatives; Council, Foundation, committee leaders; and National Office Staff, this plan lays out a strategic direction for **NASPGHAN** over 2024-2026 and beyond. It also beautifully expands upon our 50-plus year mission to be the world leader in research, education, clinical practice and advocacy for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition in health and disease.

Moving forward, **NASPGHAN** will be guided by 4 key priorities: *Member Engagement, Organizational Effectiveness, Professional Advocacy, and Quality Care and Research*. Each priority has a number of objectives that roll up and that I invite you to [read more about online](#). In short, by focusing on engagement, **NASPGHAN** will seek to provide inclusive and equitable opportunities for all members to learn, grow and contribute across the full spectrum of career levels and practice settings. To do this, we will need to sustain the extraordinary growth of our society by investing in infrastructure and human resources. All of us look to **NASPGHAN** to both advance our field through science and evidence-based guidance, while also understanding and meeting our professional needs. This new strategic plan recognizes that **NASPGHAN** must continue formal growth in its potential to support its members' wellbeing, while also striving to eliminate disparities in health outcomes of children with digestive disorders across North America.

**NASPGHAN** leadership is now beyond excited to work with all members to identify the specific tactics that are needed to accomplish these stated priorities. Some are already in motion, while others are yet to be shaped. Each requires timelines, resource allocation needs, accountability and key performance indicators that will allow us to measure our progress.

We believe that certain key outcomes will be achieved if we stick to the plan! In particular, **NASPGHAN** will grow in its stature as the authority on pediatric digestive disorders in North America. As a society we all depend upon, it will also reflect a growing pediatric GI workforce that is more diverse and that possess the skills, knowledge, and cultural sensitivity necessary to effectively address all patient needs. We also hope that **NASPGHAN** can help pediatric GIs in the future to be spending less time on administrative burdens and more time on patient care, education, and research, as critical for enhancing our job satisfaction. Our new strategic plan is geared towards all members viewing **NASPGHAN** as an inclusive organization where they feel empowered to engage, grow, and make an impact on the field and the Society. In this way, **NASPGHAN** is laying the foundation for the next generation of pediatric GI leaders.

I want to close by expressing how grateful I am to so many of you for coming forward — both electronically and in person — with your thoughts, ideas, and visions on how **NASPGHAN** can best position itself for a sustained and vibrant future. (If you are feeling the love, please consider giving back by [donating to the Foundation](#). I also want to specifically thank the **NASPGHAN** Strategic Planning Task Force, Council, Foundation and National Office Staff for the incredible time they have spent synthesizing and synergizing all the input we received. Finally, I could not be discussing this plan without recognizing the amazing contributions of Ben Gold, Vicky Ng, and Margaret Stallings — both always and specifically over this past strategic planning year. I am so appreciative of all of you, as my most treasured, fantastic colleagues.

Wishing each one of you a Happy Holiday Season and a healthy new year!

Jenifer R. Lightdale, MD, MPH, **NASPGHAN-F**  
President, **NASPGHAN**

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# President–Elect Report

President-Elect, NASPGHAN: Vicky Lee Ng, MD



Warm Seasons' Greetings to my esteemed **NASPGHAN** family, spanning across borders and united in our shared commitment to pediatric gastroenterology!

As we embrace the winter spirit, I find myself reflecting on a truly exceptional year, where **NASPGHAN's** core lies in PEOPLE — our devoted members and the patients and families we are dedicated to serving. Together, we are the driving force propelling progress in our specialized field.

It has been two months since our memorable time together in sunny California, where our collective efforts illuminated the Annual Meeting. The Single Topic Symposium, "Polyps Matter: Pediatric Polyposis and GI Cancer Syndromes," directed by Dr. Thomas Attard and his Committee, provided an outstanding education and awareness experience. This event reinforced the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in addressing the complex needs of our patients and fostered vibrant networking for the cross-fertilization of ideas. Drs. Toba Weinstein and Maria Perez led a remarkable multi-modular **NASPGHAN** Postgraduate Course embraced by 941 registrants. The Teaching and Tomorrow, CPNP Nutrition Symposium, APGNN, and LASPGHAN meetings further enriched our diverse membership's learning opportunities. The 2023 Annual Meeting marked a milestone with 1,946 registrants, setting a new record for attendance. The carefully crafted agenda, thanks to the efforts of the **NASPGHAN** Committees, Special Interest Groups, and Council, aimed to challenge paradigms and promote collaboration and education on emerging trends, clinical advancements, and innovative treatments across the spectrum of pediatric GI conditions.

Annual Meeting highlights included Dr. Sandeep Gupta's Year in Review and a standing ovation-worthy Balistreri Keynote Lecture by Dr. Reshma Jagsi, highlighting the gender equity challenges in academic medicine. A broad array of concurrent sessions, featuring lectures, debates, oral abstracts and "flash abstracts," alongside professional development and research workshops, provided a comprehensive learning experience. The record number of abstract submissions underscored our membership's commitment to advancing knowledge. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved, from session moderators to abstract reviewers, for making this Annual Meeting the best it could be.

The **NASPGHAN Awards Ceremony** was a personal highlight, honoring the recipients of the 2023 **NASPGHAN** Foundation Research, Special Recognition, and Abstract awards. Congratulations to all. Your dedication ensures a bright future for **NASPGHAN**. Special recognition goes to the recipients of the 2023 Shwachman award (Dr. Nicola Jones, Toronto's SickKids), Distinguished Service award (Dr. Maria Mascarenhas, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia), Master Educator Award (Dr. Jean Molleston, Riley Hospital for Children, Indiana), **NASPGHAN** Foundation Teri Li Young Educator Award (Bowel Sounds Podcast team), and AAP Murray Davidson Award (Dr.

Maria Oliva-Hemker, Johns Hopkins University). **NASPGHAN** deeply appreciates the nominators and contributors who selflessly gave of their time to compose nominee letters for these highly deserving individuals honored with our society's prestigious major achievement awards. Your thoughtful contributions particularly hold significant value for us.

A special note of appreciation goes out to our Canadian **NASPGHAN** members who overcame additional challenges to join us in San Diego. Future **NASPGHAN** meetings will avoid conflicting with Canadian Thanksgiving weekend. Gratitude to Dr. Ben Gold, Dr. Jen Lightdale, and the **NASPGHAN** 2023 Planning Committee for their steadfast support and invaluable expertise. Lastly, but certainly not least, a special commendation goes to Laura Smith, our exceptional **NASPGHAN** Event Organizer, and to Margaret Stallings, Kim Rose, and the entire **NASPGHAN** office for their meticulous attention to detail and proactive approach in addressing potential issues BEFORE they become big ones —Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Looking ahead, the **NASPGHAN** Council, Committee Chairs, and Executive, along with representatives from APGNN, CPNP and Psychology will convene in January to initiate planning for the 2024 Annual Meeting at The Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida, on November 6-9, 2024. Please mark your calendars! Your feedback from the San Diego meeting is crucial, and I encourage you to share your insights and suggestions for future meetings through [this online evaluation link](#), available until January 7, 2024, along with the opportunity to earn CME and MOC credits.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly any time at (vicky.ng@sickkids.ca). Your input is invaluable as we advance **NASPGHAN's** mission together. Wishing you a joyous Holiday Season and a New Year filled with health and peace.

Warmest personal regards,

Vicky Lee Ng, MD  
President-elect, **NASPGHAN**



# NASPGHAN & NASPGHAN FOUNDATION

## Secretary–Treasurer’s Report

Seasons’ Greetings and Happy Winter **NASPGHAN** Members! We hope that you are healthy, and relaxing and enjoying the holidays with family and friends. The year 2023 brought a sunny annual IN-PERSON meeting held in San Diego, CA and another wonderful opportunity to reunite with so many friends and colleagues!

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**NASPGHAN’s** main strength relies on members like you who are committed to support our organization. Our Society keeps growing! The current membership of **NASPGHAN** is 2688 (100 emeritus, 9 members who are also members of ESPGHAN, 465 fellows, 26 psychologists, 49 editorial board, 1963 full members, and 78 International). There are 53 Fellow of **NASPGHAN** members, 496 members in the Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Nurses (APGNN) and 223 Council for Pediatric Nutrition Professionals (CPNP) who are actively involved in collaborative activities with **NASPGHAN**.

### **FINANCES**

The primary revenue sources for **NASPGHAN** are membership dues, Annual Meeting, Journal royalties, investments and industry support. The **NASPGHAN** Foundation relies on investments, industry support and membership donations to provide support for webinars, patient education materials (GIKids.org, Poo-in-You and EoE videos), N<sup>2</sup>U nutrition professional education, and grants for our young and mid-career investigators. While **NASPGHAN’s** investment strategy is relatively aggressive to take advantage of market strength, **NASPGHAN** Foundation’s strategy is quite conservative owing to restrictive funds (to fund grants). 2023 has been a difficult one for both **NASPGHAN** and **NASPGHAN** Foundation because of market volatility. While we have suffered some losses, we continue working together with the financial firm Glenmede Trust Co., which has been instrumental in guiding both **NASPGHAN** and the **NASPGHAN** Foundation towards maintaining our investment portfolio that allows for continued growth and investment in new priorities. We are focused on building capital in both **NASPGHAN** and **NASPGHAN** Foundation to achieve a principal balance that can generate the interest income needed to cover the annual expenses of **NASPGHAN** and its Foundation.

This year, following the **NASPGHAN** Strategic Planning meeting, we have decided to continue to invest in strengthening our infrastructure and the National Office to support ongoing, refocused, and new initiatives. Accordingly, 2023 finally brought a comprehensive benefits package to all our staff including full coverage of health insurance and employer matched contributions for retirement.

### **DONATIONS**

Donations have remained stable in 2023 compared to prior years, but we have noted a significant increase in the number of members participating as donors! As we celebrate this season of giving, we encourage you to continue supporting **NASPGHAN** and the **NASPGHAN Foundation**. Your support positively impacts **NASPGHAN** and the Foundation in our mission to advance the practice of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition through education, advocacy and research.

Wishing you ALL Happy Holidays and a Prosperous 2024!



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# NASPGHAN Foundation News

— Ann Scheimann, MD, MBA —  
President, NASPGHAN Foundation

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! It was terrific to see everyone during the **NASPGHAN** Annual Meeting in San Diego and watch the growth and development of **NASPGHAN**. Through the collective efforts and contributions of so many of you, our organization remains strong—“SMALL BUT MIGHTY”—which has allowed continued support of the education and research missions of **NASPGHAN**.

We had a competitive year of grant applications and were proud to [present them at this year's meeting](#). This year's recipients are listed below:

## RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation Mid-Level Career Development Award  
*Amy Feldman MD | Children's Hospital Colorado*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/QOL Medical Research Award for the Study of Disorders Associated with Carbohydrate Digestion/Malabsorption in Children  
*Ruben Colman MD | Stanford University*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/Reckitt-Mead Johnson Nutrition Research Young Investigator Development Award  
*Naomi Tjaden MD, PhD | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation George Ferry Young Investigator Development Award  
*Marisa Gallant Stahl MD, MSCS | Children's Hospital Colorado*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/Alcresta Research Award for the Study of Pancreatic Disease in Children  
*Vikram Raghu MD, MS | Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/Crohn's and Colitis Foundation/IBD Young Investigator Award  
*Valentina Poli PhD | Boston Children's Hospital*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/Takeda Pharmaceuticals Research Innovation Award  
*John Fortunato, Jr. MD | Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/Olympus America Advanced Fellowship Training in Pediatric Endoscopy  
*Alexander Coe MD | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*

- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/Abbott Nutrition Advanced Fellowship Training in Pediatric Nutrition  
*Elaine Lin MD | Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/APGNN Susan Moyer Nursing Research Award  
*Christina Greeson MSN, CPNP-PC | UNC Health Care*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation/QOL CPNP Nutrition Research Grant  
*Jennifer Smith MS RD, LD | Nationwide Children's Hospital*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation Innovations in Clinical Care Grant  
*Sabina Ali MD | UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital*  
*Hilary Michel MD | Nationwide Children's Hospital*

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

- ◆ Gerard Odell Prize for Excellence in Liver Research  
*Alexander Miethke MD | Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center*
- ◆ Amin Tjota Prize for Excellence in Pancreatic Research  
*Michelle Saad MD | Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center*
- ◆ The Grand Watkins Prize  
*Ajay Jain MD | Saint Louis University*
- ◆ Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association Young Investigator Prize in Functional GI Disorders  
*Aravind Thavamani MBBS | UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital*
- ◆ **NASPGHAN** Foundation Teri Li Young Educator Award  
*The Bowel Sounds Team — Temara Hajjat MBBS, Jennifer Lee MD, Peter Lu MD, Jason Silverman MD, MSc*

The funding of grants remains a double-edged sword with congratulations to the recipients and recognition there are many worthy proposals that did not receive funding. We are indebted to the **NASPGHAN** Research Committee for review of applications. The Foundation continues to pursue new sources of research support for our members and affiliated societies (dietitians, nurses, clinical research and basic science research) as part of the continued commitment to the need for innovation to advance the care of patients, educate the next generation of providers and maintain **NASPGHAN** as a leading voice in the field.

## EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS & CONFERENCES

Thanks to the collective efforts of membership and support of our Partners, **NASPGHAN** Foundation projects for 2023 include:

### ► Faculty Conferences and URiM (*Underrepresented in Medicine*):

#### ◆ Junior Faculty Conference

December 2023. Supported by Fresenius Kabi. Co-Chaired by Christine Lee MD and Rina Sanghavi MD.

#### ◆ Teaching and Tomorrow – URiM

Initially launched virtually for 2021 with 16 students and 17 applicants were accepted for **NASPGHAN** 2023. Supported by educational grants from Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Functional Formularies, Nutricia North America, Inc. members of the Training Committee and Diversity SIG.

#### ◆ Summer Student URiM

Four students were selected in 2023 by the Training Committee and completed projects. Supported by an educational grant from Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and **NASPGHAN** membership.

### ► Educational Campaigns (*Grand Rounds, Podcasts, Webinars*):

#### ◆ EGIDs: Beyond the Esophagus

Supported by an educational grant from Allakos and **NASPGHAN** membership.

#### ◆ Practical Tips in the Nutritional Management of Children with Cholestatic Liver Disorders: A Webinar for Patients, Families and Caregivers

Supported by educational grants from Albireo Pharma, Inc., Mirum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Trave Therapeutics and **NASPGHAN**/CPNP membership.

#### ◆ Children with Cholestatic Liver Disease webinar series

Supported by educational grants from Albireo Pharma, Inc., Albireo/Ipsen and Trave Therapeutics and **NASPGHAN** membership.

#### ◆ Medical Management of Chronic Pancreatitis in Children: Maximizing Treatment and Improving Outcomes

Supported by AbbVie and **NASPGHAN** membership.

#### ◆ The What, How and Ifs of Optimizing Childhood Growth and Long-Term Outcomes

Two-part webinar series supported by an educational grant from Reckitt/ Mead Johnson Nutrition and **NASPGHAN**/CPNP membership.

#### ◆ Removing Dieting from Diet Therapies in Pediatric GI

Webinar series supported by an educational grant from Abbott and CPNP membership.

#### ◆ Hepatitis C Slide Set and Grand Rounds

Supported by an education grant from Gilead Sciences and **NASPGHAN** membership.

### ► Ongoing Educational Projects:

#### ◆ NASPGHAN Nutrition University (N<sup>2</sup>U)

Supported by an educational grant from Nutricia North America, Inc with the ongoing support of the **NASPGHAN** and CPNP.

### ► Parent and Family Education:

#### ◆ GI Kids Materials

New materials on Blenderized Tube Feeding

Supported by an educational grant from Functional Formularies  
Thanks to the efforts of **NASPGHAN** and CPNP.

#### ◆ EoE Patient Video – How to Treat EoE

Supported by an educational grant from Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Support from Regeneron will enable the updating of the EoE slide set.

The mission statement of the **NASPGHAN** Foundation continues to be “To Fund and Support the Professional, Patient Education and Research Missions of **NASPGHAN**”. The theme of this year's Annual Meeting truly exemplifies the philosophy of the **NASPGHAN** Foundation — We are one with **NASPGHAN**. I personally wish to thank **NASPGHAN** members who have donated to the Foundation and provided support in many arenas. If you have not donated yet, please include **NASPGHAN** and the Foundation in your annual charitable giving. Giving to the Foundation remains easy and mobile just TEXT — 4GIPEDS to (215) 608-5488.

I am very honored to serve **NASPGHAN** and the **NASPGHAN** Foundation and wish to acknowledge our Foundation Board members and leadership including Menno Verhave (Past-President), Barry Wershil (Past-President- **NASPGHAN** Legacy Society), Jeannie Huang (Secretary-Treasurer), **NASPGHAN** leadership and committee chairs and, of course, Margaret Stallings and the dedicated staff in the **NASPGHAN** office. We are excited to welcome Sandy Kim, MD as an at-large member of the **NASPGHAN** Foundation Board. We will again soon be soliciting nominations from **NASPGHAN** for election to the **NASPGHAN** Foundation board — please consider serving.

Best wishes for a safe and joyous 2024!

Sincerely,



Ann Scheimann MD, MBA  
President, **NASPGHAN** Foundation  
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## SUPPORT YOUR FOUNDATION

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to

**215-608-5488**

A donation link will appear that allows you to make your donation both quickly & securely.

[Click here If you would prefer to donate quickly and securely online!](#)



## NASPGHAN Foundation Grant Submission Site to Open in Spring 2024

The 2024 **NASPGHAN** Foundation grant submission site will open in the spring of the new year. Applications will be due July 1, 2024.

Watch for [details of the 2024 grant opportunities on the NASPGHAN website](#) over the next few months. Details of the 13 grants offered in 2023 and those awarded the grants are available on the **NASPGHAN** website. Consider now to apply for these grant funding opportunities in 2024.

## NASPGHAN'S MOC PART IV MODULES UPDATE

The **NASPGHAN** MOC Part IV modules will be no longer be available as of December 31, 2023. Constipation and Colonoscopy, only, will be available for registration through December 31, 2023. Please note – if you are currently participating in the program, or purchase Constipation or Colonoscopy prior to the end of 2023, **NASPGHAN** will support your enrollment through completion of the module.

There are now many more opportunities and avenues to receive MOC Part IV credit. Although we will be retiring **NASPGHAN** MOC part IV modules, **NASPGHAN** will continue to provide MOC Part IV credit via other opportunities such as our new program granting MOC Part IV credit at the Annual Meeting to qualifying presentations and posters.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Regan at (kregan@naspgghan.org).

## New Online Platform for NASPGHAN Societal Paper Proposals

The submission of proposals for **NASPGHAN** societal papers, which includes Position Papers and Clinical Guidelines, [can now be done entirely online.](#)

The **NASPGHAN** Clinical Care and Quality Committee, which oversees the societal paper process, has designed a new online procedure for submitting societal paper proposals. The proposal requirements remain the same.

Jon Moses, MD, past chair of the Clinical Care and Quality Committee, and Joe Picoraro, MD, current chair of the committee, designed the online submission to improve and streamline the societal paper proposal process.

The new platform is accessible now under the heading [“NASPGHAN Societal Paper Submission”](#). Use the same user name and password that you use when accessing the **NASPGHAN** member center to access the submission site. Please send feedback to Kim Rose (krose@nasphgan.org) with any comments, issues, or questions.

## 2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES CAN NOW BE PAID ONLINE

**NASPGHAN** members can now view and [pay 2024 membership fees online](#). Please remember that you will not have access to *JPGN* until you have paid your 2024 dues. Beginning with the January 2024 issue, *JPGN* will be available online only. Once you have paid, you will be issued an updated login and password from the new publisher of *JPGN*, Wiley Publishing. Members who are interested in continuing to receive print copies of *JPGN* will have the option to purchase a print-on-demand subscription at a discounted member rate. Instructions on how to place this order will be available shortly. In the meantime, Wiley will be contacting paid **NASPGHAN** members by email with instructions on how to set up their online access to *JPGN*. APGNN and CPNP members will continue to have the option of subscribing to *JPGN* online.

To pay your 2024 **NASPGHAN** dues online, you will be taken first to a page that will ask for some demographic and professional information. Completion of the information is optional. However, gender, age, race, ethnicity and professional data collection offers opportunities for **NASPGHAN** to focus on our members' diverse values, beliefs, and behaviors and to tailor the structuring of **NASPGHAN's** programs to meet members' needs.



1. To view your account, please go to the [Member Center](#) on the **NASPGHAN** website.
2. Log in with your user name and password.
3. You will see the Renew Now button on the left. Click on that and you will be taken, first, to a demographic page and, second, to a page to view and pay your 2024 membership fees and make donations to the **NASPGHAN** Foundation.
4. Please also be sure to review your contact information and demographic on the My Account page to ensure that **NASPGHAN** has the correct contact information for you. Work begins soon on a new 2024 membership directory and **NASPGHAN** wants to make sure it has the correct information for you.

When you pay online, you will receive an automatically generated receipt and confirmation. Please remember that the **NASPGHAN** membership year begins January 1, 2024, and runs through December 31, 2024.

If you have any trouble logging onto the **NASPGHAN** website or have questions, please contact Stephanie Pagan at ([spagan@naspghan.org](mailto:spagan@naspghan.org)) or call 215-641-9800.

## TRANSITION TO ONLINE *JPGN* .....

Beginning in January 2024, Wiley Publishing will become the official publisher of *JPGN* and *JPGN Reports*. Along with ESPGHAN, **NASPGHAN** is confident that this new partnership will grow and strengthen the two highly valued journals.

The future of academic publishing is changing rapidly and **NASPGHAN** and ESPGHAN must keep up with these changes to ensure the health and sustainability of *JPGN* and *JPGN Reports*. Plan S and other recent mandates are accelerating the transition to open science and making it necessary for journal publishers to find ways to produce high-quality open access (OA) articles at a sustainable cost. Discontinuing print issues is one of the most immediate ways to cut journal costs in order to transition and respond to these mandates as well current market and publishing trends. This also allows **NASPGHAN** to provide the journal without an increase in membership dues which have not significantly increased in over ten years. Finally, **NASPGHAN** will be able to offer *JPGN* to all **NASPGHAN** fellows on a complimentary basis.

In addition, there are clearly environmental implications associated with printing hard copies of *JPGN* and shipping them around the world to all our members.



## BOWEL SOUNDS CONTINUES TO EXPAND ITS REACH



With more than 242,000 downloads reaching 6 continents and 155 countries, Bowel Sounds' 4th season continues to expand its reach.

With 4,783 downloads, the most popular episode of the season was Cow's Milk Protein intolerance with Victoria Martin.

Bowel Sounds continues to collaborate with *JPGN* and **NASPGHAN** committees to record topics of interest such as early childhood nutrition and liver transplantation. Bowel Sounds has continued to diversify its guest list by interviewing international guests. Bowel Sounds also has continued to host the @PedsGIChat Twitter Chat, extending its podcast conversations and letting it engage even more with its audience.

New this season is the collaboration with CPNP Nutrition Pearls.

The hosts of Bowel Sounds were honored to receive the Teri Li Young Educator Award at the [NASPGHAN Annual Meeting](#).

Be ready for more captivating discussions, insightful interviews, and groundbreaking insights on "Bowel Sounds." And be sure to continue to send your suggestions and feedback to Bowel Sounds through its social media channels or by email ([bowelsounds@naspghan.org](mailto:bowelsounds@naspghan.org)) as Bowel Sounds loves hearing from its listeners. Stay tuned as there is a lot more still to come!



*Some Bowel Sounds fans — not to be missed with their Bowel Sounds t-shirts — tracked down the Bowel Sounds team at the recent Annual Meeting to proclaim their allegiance.*



## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION JUNIOR FACULTY CONFERENCE 2023

**NASPGHAN** as an organization supports the development of its members from 'Teaching & Tomorrow' to the first, second- and third-year fellows' conferences. Recognizing the need to continue this professional development beyond fellowship, the **NASPGHAN** leadership under then President Dr. Ben Gold, envisioned a conference for Junior faculty. With the help of Laura Smith and Margaret Stallings from the **NASPGHAN** executive office and co-course directors Dr. Rina Sanghavi from UT Southwestern Medical Center and Dr. Christine Lee from Boston Children's, the 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Faculty conference was held in December 2022 in Chicago.

Due to excellent feedback and continued support from Fresenius Kabi, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Faculty Conference was held in Frisco (Dallas), Texas from Dec 3-5, 2023. Chaired again by Drs. Sanghavi and Lee, this conference focused on professional development and mentoring for Junior faculty 2-7 years out of GI fellowship. A total of 53 junior faculty were selected



from a large number of applicants. Along with 14 senior faculty speakers, participants spent 3 days in structured lectures, small group discussions as well as 1 on 1 sessions with the senior faculty. Topics included negotiation for clinical and research projects; becoming diversity, equity, inclusion and compensation equity champions for your institution; financial considerations for young faculty, developing as a 360-degree leader and early career challenges and setbacks, and how senior faculty overcame them. At the end of the conference, the attendees and speakers left richer in their experiences and collaboration. Fresenius Kabi has committed to supporting a similar conference in 2024. Stay tuned for application details.

Thank you to faculty members Drs. Brad Barth, Kimberley Chien, Glenn Furuta, Ben Gold, Roberto Gugig, Jenifer Lightdale, Danny Mallon, Elizabeth Mileti, Dedrick Moulton, Vicky Ng, Jeff Steiner and Justine Turner.



## American Academy of Pediatrics Corner

The American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (SOGHN) is excited to share updates with **NASPGHAN** members.

First off, we would likely to congratulate **Maria Oliva-Hemker, MD** (AAP District III) and **Jennifer Woo Baidal, MD, MPH** (AAP District II) for receiving our most distinguished awards at the 2023 **NASPGHAN** Annual Meeting. Dr. Oliva-Hemker received the Murray Davidson Award (with a touching introduction by **Conrad Cole, MD**), and Dr. Woo Baidal was the first-ever recipient of the Early- to Mid-Career Leadership Award.

Pediatric GI was in full force at this year's AAP National Conference and Exhibition in Washington, D.C. This meeting is an international affair, and a true opportunity for our subspecialty to work closely with primary care physicians and other pediatric subspecialists. Speakers included **Danielle Orsagh-Yentis, MD** on vomiting, **Rajitha Venkatesh, MD, MPH** (AAP District V) on Eosinophilic Esophagitis, **Conrad Cole, MD** (AAP District V) on small bowel overgrowth, **Anil Darbari, MD** on constipation, **Hannibal Person, MD** (AAP District VIII) on abdominal pain, **Darla Shores, MD, PhD** (AAP District III) on the year in review, and **Luz Gutierrez, MD** (AAP District X) on elevated LFTs. There were also 3 outstanding fellows who received grants to attend and present: **Erini Nessim Kostandy, MD** (AAP District VII), **Elizabeth Reznikov, DO, PhD** (AAP District VIII), and **Janice Khoo, MD** (District V).

Finally, we have exciting Hepatitis C information, which is being shared by leaders in our field, **Mercedes Martinez, MD** and **Ryan Himes, MD** (AAP District VII). Dr. Martinez and Dr. Himes have already given webinars to state chapters in conjunction with **NASPGHAN**, and now they are creating more content to be distributed with the CDC to align with the release of their updated recommendations.

If you are interested, please reach out to us. We have three goals, to complement the powerful ongoing work in **NASPGHAN**. Our goals are:

- ♦ Medical education for primary care providers
- ♦ Advocacy for patients
- ♦ Development opportunities for AAP SOGHN members

For more information or to volunteer for a committee role in the SOGHN, please contact Pia Daniels, at (pdaniels@aap.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

Sanjiv Harpavat, MD, PhD, FAAP

# CPNP **NASPGHAN** COUNCIL FOR PEDIATRIC NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS



Abigail Lundin  
CPNP President

I am delighted by the success of our Nutrition Symposium at the Annual Meeting in San Diego this October. Your participation and contribution made it a resounding success. The exchange of knowledge, innovative ideas, and camaraderie among our members truly exemplified the spirit of CPNP.

I encourage everyone to continue exploring the world of pediatric GI nutrition and meeting CPNP's esteemed members by tuning into "Nutrition Pearls: The Podcast." Now with over 12 episodes available, our podcast offers invaluable insights into the world of nutrition, perfect for both seasoned professionals and those less familiar with our field.

As we eagerly anticipate the new year, I'm thrilled to provide a sneak peek into our upcoming event, **NASPGHAN** Nutrition University, or N<sup>2</sup>U, on April 12 and 13 in Chicago. This event is intended for fellows, junior faculty, and inexperienced dietitians to brush up their pediatric GI-focused nutrition knowledge. CPNP and the **NASPGHAN** Foundation partnered to re-vamp the schedule, content, and faculty for an experience that is guaranteed to be top-notch.

I am pleased to announce that in 2024, CPNP will be launching new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. It's our commitment to foster a more inclusive environment that celebrates and respects the diverse perspectives and experiences within our community. We are currently seeking committee members to plan our projects for 2024.

Thank you for being an integral part of CPNP. Here's to a splendid and safe 2024.

Warm regards,

Abigail Lundin, MS, RD, CPNP President

### A new episode of **Nutrition Pearls:** The Pediatric GI Nutrition Podcast is out.

In this Nutrition Pearls podcast — **Cultural Humility & Diversity in Pediatric Nutrition Practice** —

Megan Murphy & Melissa Talley host dietitian Venus Kalami. Venus is a board-certified pediatric dietitian nutritionist and advocate-at-heart for culturally, socioeconomically, and weight-inclusive nutrition. She is the founder of Niche Noosh — a mission-driven nutrition consultancy for health organizations, start-ups, and companies. As a pediatric dietitian, she sub-specializes in empowering children of all ages with digestive and allergic conditions. Through her passion for food, psychology, and cultural humility, her unique and individualized perspective on nutrition has been featured on media outlets such as VeryWell Health, Health Talks, Insider, and Health Professional Radio, as well as professional conferences and journals. During this episode, she will discuss cultural humility & diversity in pediatric nutrition, specifically in infant feeding. Find more of her work at VenusKalamiRD.com.

This new episode follows Episode 6 — The Past, Present, and Future of Blenderized Tube Feeds. Please reach out to cpnp@naspghan.org with ideas for future episodes or to nominate a guest.







Kerry Zabriskie Reed  
APGNN President



Dear **NASPGHAN** Members,

I hope this update finds you well as 2023 comes to an end. The Annual Meeting in San Diego was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with peers and network with APGNN, CPNP and **NASPGHAN** members. On a personal level it was a treat to see the ocean, which I miss, living in Colorado! I want to extend a sincere thank you to **NASPGHAN** leadership who helped make the conference a success, with a special thanks to Laura Smith, Margaret Stallings, Kim Rose, Kathleen Regan and Stephanie Pagan.

APGNN had a successful year with award recipients, officer elections, “Meet the Board by Zoom”, ongoing membership incentives, and ongoing sales of the GI Nursing Certificate Program. APGNN would like to recognize our award recipients for 2023:

- ♦ **Susan Moyer NASPGHAN Foundation Grant**  
Christina Greeson, MSN, CPNP-PC—UNC Health Care  
*Pediatric Feeding Disorders: A Quality Improvement Initiative to Improve Documentation in the Psychosocial Domain*
- ♦ **Sue Peck Excellence in Nursing Practice**  
Lisa P. Philichi, MN, RN, CPNP—Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital  
*The Sue Peck Award is an endowed award that acknowledges and honors an APGNN member who has excelled in the care of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Patients*
- ♦ **Poster of Distinction Award**  
Amy Kuzmich, MS, CNS—UC Davis Children’s Hospital  
*The Role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist: Assisting an Inpatient Pediatric Gastroenterology Team to Improve Patient Outcomes*
- ♦ **Excellence in Education Award**  
Stephanie Skirka, BSN, RN—Children’s Hospital Colorado  
*Developed Telehealth Education Program for New Start Dupilumab*
- ♦ **Excellence in Mentoring Award**  
Debra Browne, RN CPNP—Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles  
*Nominated by Natalie Goldman, RN, BSN, CPN*

The APGNN Board of Directors transitioned at the Annual Meeting, saying farewell to Sara Fidanza (Children’s Hospital Colorado) and welcoming two new officers to the board (Courtney Ort and Kari Ksar). I am excited to have transitioned into the President position and look forward to working more closely with the **NASPGHAN** organization. Huge thank you to Elizabeth Burch for completing her Presidency and transitioning to the Past President role. Liz has been a tremendous leader, and just of few of her accomplishments include growing APGNN’s membership benefits, building a new website and expanding professional relationships with The Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN) and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP). She has also been an amazing mentor to me as President Elect; all while also welcoming a new baby to her family in the spring of 2023. Whitney Gray was re-elected to the board as President Elect, leaving her Media position and Jordan Trotter-Busing was re-elected to serve as the Clinical Inquiry Chair, leaving Patient & Professional Ed. Thank you to Rhys David, Donna Garner, Rosemary Pauley and Macy Carobene for continuing in their current roles and all they do for the organization. The APGNN Board of Directors is as follows:

- ♦ **President:** Kerry Reed, RN, MS, CPNP  
*Children’s Hospital Colorado/University of Colorado School of Medicine*
- ♦ **Past President:** Elizabeth Burch, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC, APRN III  
*Boston Children’s Hospital*
- ♦ **President Elect:** Whitney Gray, MSN, RN, FNP-C, CRNP  
*UPMC Children’s Hospital Pittsburgh*
- ♦ **Secretary/Treasurer:** Donna Garner, RN, MS, CPNP  
*Texas Children’s Hospital*
- ♦ **Clinical Inquiry:** Jordan A. Trotter-Busing, MSN, CPNP, DNP  
*Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital*
- ♦ **Clinical Practice Chair:** Rosemary Pauley, APRN  
*Boys Town National Research Hospital*
- ♦ **Media Chair:** Courtney Ort, BSN, RN  
*Children’s Hospital Colorado*
- ♦ **Membership Chair:** Macy Carobene, MS, RN, CPNP-PC  
*Montefiore Medical Center*
- ♦ **Patient & Professional Education Chair:** Kari Ksar, RN, PNP  
*Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford*
- ♦ **Program Chair:** Rhys David, MSN, RN, CPNP  
*Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego*

APGNN launched the Pediatric Gastroenterology Nursing Assessment-Based Certificate Program in December 2021, which is an evidence-based CE program focusing on the fundamentals of Pediatric GI. This is a fantastic resource for new-to-GI nurses and Advanced Practice Providers and serves as a comprehensive onboarding program meeting national standards. The 13 modules can be purchased individually based on areas of interest, and those who complete the entire program receive a “Certificate of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Nursing”. Content was developed by APGNN subject matter experts, with our physician colleagues reviewing all content prior to publication. To maximize accessibility, we have created discount codes for APGNN, **NASPGHAN**, and CPNP members, which are available in the **NASPGHAN** Member Center. We are also offering organizational discounts to divisions wishing to support nursing education. More is available here.

As of November 1, 302 complete certificate programs have been purchased and 174 of these have been completed. There was a statistically significant difference ( $p < .001$ ) between pre-test (mean = 64.53) and post-test (mean = 88.85) scores following completion of the 13-module educational intervention. The APGNN Assessment based Certificate Accreditation Program (ACAP) SIG had 2 posters at the Annual Meeting sharing updates about the program’s success. We hope you were able to stop by and ask questions!

In 2024 the APGNN board, Clinical Inquiry Committee members and APGNN subject matter experts will be reviewing and updating the Nursing Assessment-Based Certificate Program content as necessary. Modules for the renewal process will be created and available in the end of 2026. APGNN is also excited to report a fourth edition of the Clinical Handbook of Pediatric Gastroenterology will be available at the 2024 meeting in Hollywood Florida.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions about APGNN and what we offer. We always welcome collaboration with **NASPGHAN** members. On behalf of APGNN, we wish everyone a happy and healthy start to 2024!

All the best,

Kerry Zabriskie Reed, RN, PNP, CPNP  
APGNN President



# Committee and Special Interest Group Reports

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

*Chair: Hanh Vo, MD, PhD*

*Vice-Chair: Razan Alkhouri, MD*

The International Committee has continued to work on strategies to facilitate interactions and foster partnerships with other PGHAN societies worldwide:

- ▶ In collaboration with APPSPGHAN, the International Committee continues to organize two **NASPGHAN**-APPSPGHAN joint webinars "When the East Meets the West in Pediatric Digestive Concerns" per year to share our knowledge and perspectives on various pediatric GI, liver, and nutritional disorders between the two societies. The two webinars held this year (the 5<sup>th</sup> webinar in March and the 6<sup>th</sup> webinar in August 2023) focused on (1) Feeding Issues in Children and Adolescents (specifically Feeding Disorders and Pediatric Obesity) and (2) Assessment and Management of Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth in Children, from the East and West Perspectives. This CME/MOC webinar series is available on-demand via the **NASPGHAN** [LearnOnline website](#).
- ▶ In collaboration with LASPGHAN, the International Committee helped organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> **NASPGHAN** visits LASPGHAN webinar series in April 2023. The program consisted of four webinars focusing on topics of interest to the LASPGHAN members: Eosinophilic Esophagitis, VEO-IBD, Game of Reflux Thrones, and Chronic Pancreatitis in Children.
- ▶ As part of our partnership with LASPGHAN, the Committee continues to organize the **NASPGHAN**-LASPGHAN session and offer two Meet-the-Professor breakfast sessions (in Spanish) at the **NASPGHAN** Annual Meeting. The 2023 LASPGHAN session discussed (1) Endoscopic management of esophageal strictures, (2) Myths and facts about complementary feeding, and (3) Debate on H. pylori infection and treatment, with the participation of speakers from both societies.

In addition to growing our partnerships with LASPGHAN and APPSPGHAN, the International Committee plans to promote our collaboration with PASPGHAN, the Pan Arab Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. In the coming year, we hope to launch the first joint webinar with PASPGHAN colleagues and explore other educational activities and/or collaborative research opportunities with PGHAN societies. As always, we welcome suggestions from all members and look forward to collaborating with other **NASPGHAN** Committees on these initiatives.

Finally, within the International Committee, the Global Health (GH) SIG, co-chaired by Amer Al-Nimr, MD, and Kerri Gosselin, MD, MPH, continues to grow and now has over 40 members, ranging in experience from residents and fellows to senior faculty. The GH SIG has two main SIG subgroups, GH education and GH research, and has recently helped to assemble a **NASPGHAN** task force on

environmental sustainability and climate. The GH SIG keeps a database of GH projects among its members and holds quarterly meetings including webinars on GH topics, including environmental health, global pediatric endoscopy, and environmental enteric dysfunction. Prospective members with GH interest are invited to join the GH SIG by emailing (kerri.gosselin@umassmemorial.org) or (Amer.AL-Nimr@hitchcock.org).

## TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

*Chair: Peter Lu, MD*

*Vice-Chair: Ankur Chugh, MD*

Happy Holidays! We at the Technology committee had a great meeting in San Diego, which allowed us to reflect on our past year and look forward to the year ahead! Some of our highlights in 2023 year include the continued growth of the Bowel Sounds Podcast (winner of the Teri Li Educator Award!) and Baby Shark Tank 2.0 (which will now officially continue in 2024 and beyond!) Our social media efforts continue, with postings across the major platforms, including Fellows' Takeover Tuesday on Instagram and our #PedsGIChat Twitter/X Chats. And as of this week, our position paper on Social Media Use for Patient Care, Research, and Professional Development was also accepted for publication in *JPGN*, so stay tuned for that soon!

As we look ahead to the new year, we will be creating an AI subcommittee as it becomes more and more clear that generative AI is here to stay and will impact us faster and more quickly than anyone expected. Similarly, we will continue to support the Data Science SIG and its efforts to help trainees and faculty learn how to use the multitude of big data sets that your organization likely has access to. And, finally, we hope to continue our collaboration with the Public Education Committee to build our presence on YouTube and to create a Tech Corner to provide reviews of mobile apps that may be helpful to our members!

Best wishes and happy holidays to you and yours this season, and if you have any ideas/suggestions for our committee (or even just good holiday Netflix/Hallmark movie recs), please reach out to any of us at any time at (achugh@mcw.edu), (Peter.Lu@nationwidechildrens.org).

## TRAINING COMMITTEE

*Chair: Daniel Mallon, MD*

*Vice-Chair: Sarah Lusman, MD*

The Training Committee had a busy 2023 in service of our training programs, fellows and future pediatric gastroenterologists. It held three very successful Fellows Conferences, facilitated **NASPGHAN's** summer mentored research programs for medical students, put on another successful Teaching and Tomorrow program at the Annual Meeting, and were active in advocacy and scholarship efforts.

The First-Year Fellow's Conference, led by Ed De Zoeten and Elizabeth Mileti, was held in Orlando in January, and featured talks by stellar faculty, a Saturday night dance party with plenty of responsibly handled light-up foam batons and allowed the bonding and break from the grind of first year that we have come to cherish. The Second-Year Conference was held in Miami in April, led by Peter Lu and Mel Greifer, and included a Miami Vice themed dance party DJ'd by Peter Lu and Ben Gold. Faculty across the spectrum of academic and community practice shared their schedules and advice for time management and inspiring stories about challenges faced in personal and professional lives. We also heard excellent advice for career planning and preparing for the job search on the horizon.

The Third-Year Conference was held in Austin, Texas in September, led by Training Committee Chair, Danny Mallon and Vice Chair, Sarah Lusman, with 87 fellows in attendance. A lineup of experienced leaders, including Division Chiefs (Jean Molleston, David Piccoli, Maria Oliva-Hemker) and Department Chairs (Dedrick Moulton, Karen Murray) and leaders in education, research, industry and community practice (Norberto Rodriguez-Baez, Vicky Ng, Steven Wu, Kristina Leinwand) all provided advice about landing and thriving in new jobs for graduating fellows.

Our summer mentored medical student research programs received a record number of applications. We sponsored 6 traditional program students and 4 in our underrepresented in medicine (URiM) program at institutions across the US and Canada. All the URiM students and most of the traditional program's students presented their research at the Annual Meeting. Be on the lookout for requests for applications in Spring 2024.

Teaching and Tomorrow, our marquee recruitment program, the envy of all pediatric subspecialties, hosted about 115 trainees, including 17 URiM resident scholarship recipients, 1 URiM medical student, and all 4 URiM summer student research awardees.

In response to the proposed changes to pediatric residency requirements set forth by the ACGME, a Training Committee task force, led by Brian McFerron, crafted a strong statement on behalf of **NASPGHAN** raising concerns about the impact on training and recruitment of pediatric subspecialists. The changes are undergoing further review and implementation has been postponed.

We also conducted a survey of fellows who have graduated in the last 6 years to learn their perspective on the strengths and opportunities for improvement from their fellowship experience. Preliminary results indicate successful improvements in job search preparedness as a result of changes to **NASPGHAN** fellows conferences and recapitulate the strength of training programs to turn out confident and competent pediatric gastroenterologists.

The Training Committee also developed and hosted a two-part webinar series entitled Foundations in Leadership, to provide an overview as well as some practical discussions of leadership styles and skills to complement such training available through fellows' home institutions. These are available on the [NASPGHAN LearnOnline](#).



2023 Third Year Fellows Faculty



The Third Year Fellows Conference, held in September, gave fellows completing their training in 2024 the opportunity to learn and talk about the next steps in their pediatric GI careers.





# JPGN

## News from the Editor

**Sandeep K. Gupta MD**  
Western Hemisphere, JPGN

The *JPGN* team enjoyed connecting with many of our colleagues and friends at the recent **NASPGHAN** Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting also provided an opportunity for the editorial team to meet and conduct the 'Meet the Editors' morning session — below is a photo of the editorial teams of our two journals.

*JPGN* continues to grow and evolve. With the dawn of 2024, our publishers will change from Wolters Kluwer to Wiley. We have had an incredible journey with the Wolters Kluwer team including our Publishing Editor, Ali Manieri, and Managing Editor, Marianna Hagan. We are excited to work with the Wiley team including Brian Coughlin and Laura Bolte. Our aims are to make the transition as seamless as possible for our readers, authors and reviewers including the functionalities of the Editorial Manager Site. Please do reach out and send us your comments as we implement the transition.

Following are notes from some of our Editors:

### ► Joseph Croffie MD — Associate Editor

We are happy to see a gradual increase in the number of members participating in the peer review process. We would like to give a shout out, once again, to our top reviewers for 2023: Drs. Chandra Alexander, Corey Baker, Jaime Belkind-Gerson, William Bennett, Dawn Ebach, David Dunkin, Mohammad El-Baba, Mark Fishbein, John Fortunato,

Jose Garza, Jonathan Gisser, Praveen Goday, Alka Goyal, Stefano Guandalini, Prasanna Kapavarapu, Julie Khlevner, Joseph Levy, Philip Putnam, Leonel Rodriguez, John Rosen, Rinarani Sanghavi, Cary Sauer, Steven Schwarz, Jorge Vargas and Michael Wilsey. Thank you for your contribution to the *Journal*. We hope to see many more of the **NASPGHAN** membership say "Yes" when invited to review. Your support and voluntary work are critical to peer-review process, scientific inquiry, and critical appraisal of work.

### ► Darla Shores MD — Section Editor for Invited Topics

Topic of the Month: With the new format of this section, the number of submissions and breadth of topics continue to increase beyond previous years submissions. We are looking for high yield, practical topics that are ready to be implemented into practice. As a reminder, these focused reviews encompass *Clinical Care, Practice Management, and Medical Education/Career Development*. The topics are narrower in scope, highlighting expertise, important subtopics, and the art of medical wisdom and career development. We encourage fellows and junior faculty to work alongside senior faculty/experts in writing the manuscripts. Invited Reviews continue to be broader in scope and provide more in-depth coverage of topics. Please contact me at (dshores1@jhmi) with ideas and suggested authors (including yourself) for both Topic of the Month and Invited Reviews.

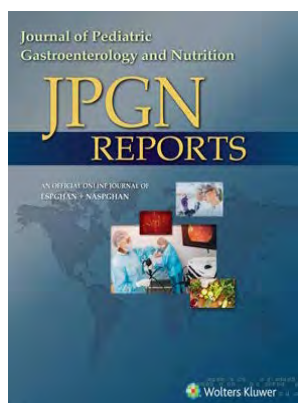
We welcome your submissions (visit for Instructions for Authors), your continuing engagement with our initiatives such as the bi-weekly Quick Poll, CME opportunities, visual highlights, podcasts, and Topic of the Month, and your comments on how we can further enhance the *Journal*. We look forward to hearing from you (skgupta@uabmc.edu).

Sandeep K. Gupta MD

*JPGN Editor-in-Chief, Western Hemisphere*  
(skgupta@uabmc.edu)







# JPGN REPORTS

## News from the Editor

Sandeep Gupta, MD  
Western Hemisphere, *JPGN Reports*

It is heart-warming to see how within a few years of launch *JPGN Reports*

has become an exciting avenue for scientific medical publication for our professional community. Beyond instructive Case Reports, *JPGN Reports* continues to publish original articles, brief reports, methods and protocols, images/videos and commentaries.

The *JPGN Reports* editorial team, along with the editors of *JPGN*, conducted an engaging and interactive 'Meet the Editors' session at the recent **NASPGHAN** Annual Meeting. This illustrates how the editorial teams of both journals work together at many levels. Another opportunity for the two teams to collaborate are discussions on the best home for selected submissions. The teams are committed to advancement of *JPGN Reports* and welcome your submissions including those with instructive educational points, novelty, rational methodology, intriguing findings in a limited data set — such as articles that teach something new.

Following are notes from some of our Editors:

### ► **Natasha Cavalcante BA and Rajitha D. Venkatesh MD, MPH — Social Media Section Editors**

*JPGN Reports* social media presence has achieved considerable awareness in the pediatric GI community. We are working on creating engagement and dialogue — and we invite you to be part of it! If you haven't connected with *JPGN Reports* on social media yet, go to [twitter.com/jpgnreports](https://twitter.com/jpgnreports) and [facebook.com/jpgnreports](https://facebook.com/jpgnreports). We look forward to promoting your work once accepted to the *Journal*.

### ► **Naseem Ravanbaksh MD — Fellow Editor**

I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the inaugural Fellow Editor for *JPGN Reports*. This role has allowed me to sharpen my skills as a researcher and increase my understanding of the medical publication process. I am fortunate to receive incredible mentorship with each article I review; similarly, I learn so much from discussing papers and various topics with a diverse group of physicians during our weekly editorial calls. I strongly encourage interested candidates to apply in spring 2024 for 2024-2025 academic year!

### ► **Kathleen B. Schwarz MD — Conflict of Interest Editor**

Being a part of this new journal has been a great privilege, especially given my long history with **NASPGHAN** and *JPGN* and remembering

the frustration of clinicians who wanted to report fascinating patients but lacked the place to publish these instructive experiences — hence the birth of *JPGN Reports*! We continue to grow *JPGN Reports* and working alongside our sister journal *JPGN* — while creating a unique identity as a different yet still high-quality journal within our field.

### ► **Veronique Morinville MDCM — Associate Editor, Pancreas, North America**

On a yearly basis, *JPGN Reports* aims to recognize the dedication of individuals who offer their time and expertise to provide reviews for manuscripts submitted to our journal. Without these efforts, we could not function. At the October 2023 annual **NASPGHAN** conference, we had the opportunity to highlight the following individuals, recognized as Top Reviewers, for having provided feedback to *JPGN Reports* on at least 5 manuscripts between September 2022 and August 2023. We are extremely grateful to the following:

Chandran Alexander

Joel Andres

Thomas Attard

Robert Baker

Anam Bashir

Regino Gonzalez-Peralta

Alka Goyal

Norman Junge

Ian Leibowitz

Quin Liu

Timothy Menz

Brad Pasternak

Julie Sanville

Shova Subedi

Thomas Wallach

In addition to the above, we wish to take this opportunity to show appreciation to ALL reviewers for their time and efforts to ensure that *JPGN Reports* continues to publish high-quality manuscripts in a timely manner. THANK YOU!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or suggestions at ([veronique.morinville@mcgill.ca](mailto:veronique.morinville@mcgill.ca)).

The Editors are excited to step into 2024 with our new Publishers — Wiley. We look forward to working with Brian Coughlin and Laura Bolte and other team members from Wiley. We are confident that this partnership will lead to a deeper strategic vision for the journals in the evolving landscape of medical publications, open access mandates and online access. There is no doubt in my mind that we all — editors, reviewers, authors and publishers — want to and will develop the best journal possible.

We are excited to receive your submissions, your comments, and feedback — feel free to email me at ([skgupta@uabmc.edu](mailto:skgupta@uabmc.edu)).

Happy New Year to you and yours,

Sandeep K. Gupta MD

*JPGN Reports* Editor-in-Chief, Western Hemisphere  
([skgupta@uabmc.edu](mailto:skgupta@uabmc.edu))

## CEGIR OFFERS TRAINING, RESEARCH GRANT

The Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease Researchers (CEGIR) is offering a grant opportunity focused on training and research in Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders (EGIDs) for fellows and junior faculty. Applications are due March 29, 2024.

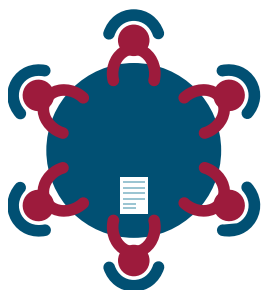
The Award will provide \$30,000 for one year for salary support and supplies. Indirect costs are not covered. In addition, the awardee will participate in structured didactics, interact with experts in EGIDs, travel to meetings and CEGIR site, receive research mentoring, and lead an EGID related research project related to a theme of CEGIR.

CEGIR is a NIH-funded collaborative consortium of clinician-investigators, translational scientists, physicians, patients, families, and patient advocacy groups (PAGs). CEGIR (U54 AI117804) is part of the Rare Disease Clinical Research Network (RDCRN), an initiative of the Office of Rare Disease Research (ORDR), NCATS (National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences), and is funded through collaboration between NCATS, NIAID and NIDDK.

Please contact Dr. Jonathan Spergel, (SPERGEL@chop.edu) or Dr. Sandeep Gupta, (sgupta@iu.edu) with any questions or for clarifications.



Save the date, December 4-7, 2024, for the 7th World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The event is being hosted by the Latin American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition. The abstract submission deadline July 1, 2024. The Congress will be held in the Buenos Aires Convention Center. [More information is available here.](#)



See the latest on  
NASPGHAN Meetings  
and  
Meetings of Interest



Be sure to check out our new topics, now available on GI Kids – [Triple Endoscopy](#), [Small Bowel Transplant](#), [Blenderized Tube Feeding](#) and more! If you have an idea for a topic that you think belongs on GIKids, please contact [Kathleen Regan](#).

## Welcome New 2023 NASPGHAN Members *(as of December 2023)*

Bassam Abomoelak  
Diane Barsky

Chirajyoti Deb  
Mariana Espriu

Shahan Fernando  
Nidhi Kapoor

Katherine Lamparyk  
Lisa McMahon

Paige Vondran



# Billing & Coding

*Provided by Kathleen A. Mueller, RN, CPC, CCS-P, QMC, QMGC, CGCS, ICD-10 Proficient President, AskMueller Consulting, LLC in Association with McVey Associates, Inc.*

## 2023 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule Issue November 1, 2022

### ► #1. 2024 Physician Fee Schedule

- ◆ On November 1, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule that includes updates on policy changes for Medicare payments under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), and other Medicare Part B issues, on or after January 1, 2023.
- ◆ By factors specified in law, overall payment rates under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) will be reduced by 1.25% in calendar year 2024 compared to calendar year 2023. CMS is also finalizing significant increases in payment for primary care and other kinds of direct patient care.
- ◆ The final calendar year 2024 PFS conversion factor is \$32.74, a decrease of \$1.15.
- ◆ <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/calendar-year-cy-2024-medicare-physician-fee-schedule-final-rule>

Even though pediatric GI practices do not see a high percentage of Medicare patients, many fee schedules from your commercial payers are based upon a percentage of the Medicare fee schedule. Make sure that your practice administrators review payer contracts and adjust your payer's approved amounts in your billing software effective January 1, 2023.

At the time that this article was written in mid-November, 2023, many specialty societies had petitioned Congress to intervene on the proposed pay cut. Stay tuned for updates by mid-December.

### ► #2. Split-Shared Services-Inpatient Services

- ◆ Split (or shared) E/M visits refer to visits provided in part by physicians and in part by other nonphysician practitioners in hospitals and other institutional settings. For calendar year 2024, we are finalizing a revision to our definition of "substantive portion" of a split (or shared) visit to include the revisions to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) guidelines, such that for Medicare billing purposes, the "substantive portion" means more than half of the total time spent by the physician or nonphysician practitioner performing the split (or shared) visit, or a substantive part of the medical decision making. This responds to public comments asking that we allow either time or medical decision making to serve as the substantive portion of a split (or shared) visit.

#### ◆ Times for New and Established Patients

Instead of time ranges, there are now set times for new and established patients. Remember that time cannot be rounded up.

- 99202—15 minutes must be met or exceeded
- 99203—30 minutes must be met or exceeded
- 99204—45 minutes must be met or exceeded
- 99205—60 minutes must be met or exceeded
- 99212—10 minutes must be met or exceeded
- 99213—20 minutes must be met or exceeded
- 99214—30 minutes must be met or exceeded
- 99215—40 minutes must be met or exceeded

### ► 2024 ICD-10 Codes—Effective 10/01/2023

- D13.91—Familial adenomatous polyposis
- D13.99—Benign neoplasm of ill-defined sites within the digestive system
- K63.8211—Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth, hydrogen-subtype
- K63.8212—Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth, hydrogen sulfide-subtype
- K63.8219—Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth, unspecified
- K63.822—Small intestinal fungal overgrowth
- K63.829—Intestinal methanogen overgrowth, unspecified
- K90.821—Short bowel syndrome with colon in continuity
- K90.822—Short bowel syndrome without colon in continuity
- K90.829—Short bowel syndrome, unspecified
- K90.83—Intestinal failure
- Q44.70—Other congenital malformation of liver, unspecified
- Q44.71—Alagille syndrome
- Q44.79—Other congenital malformations of liver
- R09.A2—Foreign body sensation, throat
- R09.A9—Foreign body sensation, other site
- Z83.710—Family history of adenomatous and serrated polyps
- Z83.711—Family history of hyperplastic colon polyps
- Z83.718—Other family history of colon polyps
- Z83.719—Family history of colon polyps, unspecified
- Z91.A41—Caregiver's other noncompliance with patient's medication regimen
- Z91.A48—Caregiver's other noncompliance with patient's medication regimen
- Z91.A91—Caregiver's noncompliance with patient's other medical treatment
- Z91.A98—Caregiver's noncompliance with patient's other medical treatment

### ► 2024 ICD-10 GI Specific Changes

Movement of Excludes -1 status to Excludes -2 status

- ◆ D12.X codes (Benign neoplasm of the colon) and K63.5 colon polyp were Excludes-1 codes which cannot be billed together. On October 1, 2023, they are now Excludes-2 codes, meaning that a patient may have these two conditions.
- ◆ Example: A snare polypectomy was performed on both a polyp in the cecum and sigmoid colon. Per pathology, the polyp in the cecum returned as an adenoma and the polyp in the sigmoid returned as a hyperplastic polyp: 45385, D12.0 and K63.5 can be billed.

### ► 2024 New CPT Code

- ◆ 0813T—Esophagogastroduodenoscopy with volume adjustment of bariatric balloon



# Public Affairs & Advocacy Report

## Patient Access to Prescribed Care Dominates NASPGHAN 2023 Advocacy



**JENNIFER DOTSON, MD, MPH**

*Chair, NASPGHAN Public Affairs & Advocacy Committee*

In September, **NASPGHAN** traveled to Capitol Hill with the objective of educating lawmakers and congressional staff about utilization management tactics that insurance companies use to deny children access to prescribed treatment. **NASPGHAN** members explained in their meetings that step therapy, prior authorization and non-medical switching have become particularly pervasive in the prescribing of biologics to treat pediatric IBD patients.

To help relieve barriers patients face in accessing their prescribed therapy, **NASPGHAN** has been advocating for the [Safe Step Act \(S. 652 / H.R. 2630\)](#) — bipartisan legislation that would establish commonsense guardrails for step therapy protocols, including restricting the use of step therapy when a patient switches insurance plans and is stable on a current medication. Support for the legislation among lawmakers is growing with [38 cosponsors](#) in the Senate and [134](#) in the House. The legislation hit a significant milestone in the Senate when it passed the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee earlier this year as part of a larger legislative package that would introduce more regulation and oversight of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). **NASPGHAN** and more than 200 other national and state organizations are seeking committee action in the House and will continue [to advocate for the bill's inclusion in any PBM reform legislation](#) that moves through Congress. **NASPGHAN** members are encouraged to continue their grassroots advocacy in support of the bill, including by contacting their members of Congress through [NASPGHAN's action center](#).

While on the Hill, **NASPGHAN** members also met with key congressional offices to share concerns about efforts to blur the distinction between biosimilar and interchangeable biologic products because of the absence of both short- and long-term studies evaluating the effect of multiple biologic therapeutic switches on children. During meetings, **NASPGHAN** members spoke about non-medical switching practices and the need for greater protections, including a prohibition of biologic non-medical switching in children under the age of 18 years without the explicit approval of the treating physician. **NASPGHAN** echoed those concerns in a [letter](#) sent to the Food and Drug Administration in November in response to the Agency's draft industry guidance for biosimilar and interchangeable biologic labeling. In the letter, **NASPGHAN** said that insurance companies leverage the absence of pediatric indications or the lack of labeling of pediatric-appropriate biologic dosing to deny access of children with IBD to effective biologic therapies or medically appropriate dosing.

While **NASPGHAN** has dedicated much of its 2023 advocacy to overcoming insurance roadblocks that delay or restrict access to biologics, access to medically necessary foods and formulas remains a top **NASPGHAN** advocacy priority. This year **NASPGHAN** has been working with sponsors of the *Medical Nutrition Equity Act* to make refinements to the legislation and to secure a Republican lead in the House. **NASPGHAN** has also been seeking opportunities to improve access to medical nutrition through regulatory channels. Earlier this year, **NASPGHAN** led a [coalition-wide effort](#) requesting that the Administration recognize medical nutrition as an [essential health benefit](#) (EHB) for health plans in the individual and small group markets. At a minimum, **NASPGHAN** is hoping the Administration will help guide states toward more consistency of EHBs across states and encourage coverage of medically necessary nutrition for those

with certain gastrointestinal and metabolic diseases and disorders. Once the *Medical Nutrition Equity Act* is reintroduced, **NASPGHAN** members will be encouraged to take action by asking their members of Congress to cosponsor the bill.

Advocacy is successful when policymakers hear from their constituents. As 2023 comes to a close, **NASPGHAN** is grateful to each and every member who has sent an email to a member of Congress, posted on social media, or contributed to **NASPGHAN's** advocacy successes in some way. Additional information about **NASPGHAN's** policy and advocacy activities are available [online](#).



*NASPGHAN Advocates*



*Drs. Sandy Kim, Samantha Paglinco & Jennifer Dotson*



*Dr. Julia Fritz & Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine)*



*Drs. Lori Zimmerman & Jenifer Lightdale*

# NASPGHAN Welcomes 2023 First-Year Fellows

(As of December, 2023)

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# NEWS *from Our Foundation Partners*

## RECKITT/MEAD JOHNSON



### Building Bridges: Two Diagnoses, One Vision

Feeding Matters, in collaboration with Emory University and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, recently hosted a Consensus Summit dedicated to addressing the complex nuances of **Pediatric Feeding Disorder (PFD)** and **Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)**. Acknowledging the significance of fostering collaboration and open dialogue within the medical community, a commitment to inclusivity and innovative problem-solving marked the summit.

Because of the overlap of the two diagnoses, Feeding Matters Research Initiatives Task Force identified a need to host a consensus meeting to support common terminology and accurate diagnosis for children who present as having feeding difficulties or a history of feeding difficulties. The gathering included select representatives from leaders in both the PFD and ARFID communities and representation from associations and community organizations. Notable members of the consensus membership included Dr. Hayley Estrem, nurse scientist and PFD researcher; Dr. Jenny Thomas, ARFID researcher; Dr. Will Sharp, Chair of the task force; Dr. Richard Noel, Medical Director of Feeding Matters and active **NASPGHAN** member; and Dr. Praveen Goday, leader and active **NASPGHAN** member who played pivotal roles before and after the meeting. The participants underscored the need for a holistic understanding of the bidirectional relationship between these disorders, emphasizing the importance of adopting a comprehensive evaluation.

The members of the panel are in the process of finalizing the consensus work and submitting it for publication. Results from the meeting will be shared widely. Overall, the participants wanted to emphasize the imperative role of incorporating feeding skills and medical assessments into the diagnostic protocols for both ARFID and PFD providers. Additionally, age needs to be considered when determining the best diagnostic fit, as any dysfunction during the feeding development window may have feeding skill implications. Finally, there was an overwhelming conclusion that the ARFID and PFD fields would benefit from the eating and feeding disorder fields partnering in research to advance both fields.

In light of the initial outcomes from the summit, **Feeding Matters**, remains resolute in its pursuit of addressing the unmet needs surrounding treatment settings and geographical disparities. The organization, in continuation of its ongoing partnership with **NASPGHAN**, extends an open invitation to individual members within **NASPGHAN**, acknowledging the crucial role played by this community in the management of children affected by both disorders.

Jaclyn Pederson, MHI  
Chief Executive Officer  
Feeding Matters

## ABBVIE/IRONWOOD



AbbVie and Ironwood are pleased to announce that the U.S. FDA has approved linaclotide as a once-daily treatment for pediatric patients with functional constipation, ages 6-17 years-old. Linaclotide is the first and only FDA-approved prescription therapy for functional constipation in this patient population.

Functional constipation is a chronic condition characterized by hard, infrequent bowel movements that are often difficult or painful to pass. The condition affects an estimated 6 million children ages 6-17 years-old in the U.S.

"Pediatric functional constipation is an all-too-common issue that physicians see every day, yet despite the tremendous distress it causes to our patients and their families, we haven't had an FDA-approved prescription treatment to offer until now," said Jeffrey S. Hyams, M.D., Head, Division of Digestive Diseases, Hepatology, and Nutrition, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Connecticut School of Medicine. "The approval of linaclotide for the treatment of functional constipation in pediatric patients ages 6-17 years-old is a meaningful advancement for these young patients."

The safety and efficacy of linaclotide 72 mcg in patients ages 6-17 years-old with functional constipation was demonstrated in a large, multicenter, double-blind, Phase III study (N=328). Linaclotide showed a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement compared to placebo in 12-week spontaneous bowel movement (SBM) frequency rate, the primary endpoint. Linaclotide-treated patients demonstrated a greater than two-fold least squares mean change from baseline in SBMs/week (2.6) compared to placebo (1.3) ( $p < 0.0001$ ). The most common adverse event was diarrhea (linaclotide: 4% versus placebo: 2%).

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Linaclotide is indicated for the treatment of:

- ◆ Irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C) in adults
- ◆ Chronic idiopathic constipation (CIC) in adults
- ◆ Functional constipation (FC) in pediatric patients 6 to 17 years of age

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

Linaclotide is contraindicated in patients:

- ◆ Less than 2 years of age due to the risk of serious dehydration.
- ◆ With known or suspected mechanical gastrointestinal obstruction.

#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

1) Risk of Serious Dehydration in Pediatric Patients Less Than 2 Years of Age—In neonatal mice, linaclotide increased fluid secretion due to age-dependent elevated guanylate cyclase (GC-C) agonism (associated with increased mortality within the first 24 hours due to dehydration). There was no age-dependent trend in GC-C intestinal expression in a clinical study of children ages 2 to less than 18 years; however, there are insufficient data available on GC-C intestinal expression in children less than 2 years of age to assess the risk of developing diarrhea and its potentially serious consequences in these patients.

2) Diarrhea was the most common adverse reaction in the linaclotide 72 mcg group in the FC double-blind placebo-controlled trial. Severe diarrhea was reported in <1% of these patients. If severe diarrhea occurs, dosing should be suspended and the patient rehydrated.

[Click here for the full prescribing information for linaclotide.](#)



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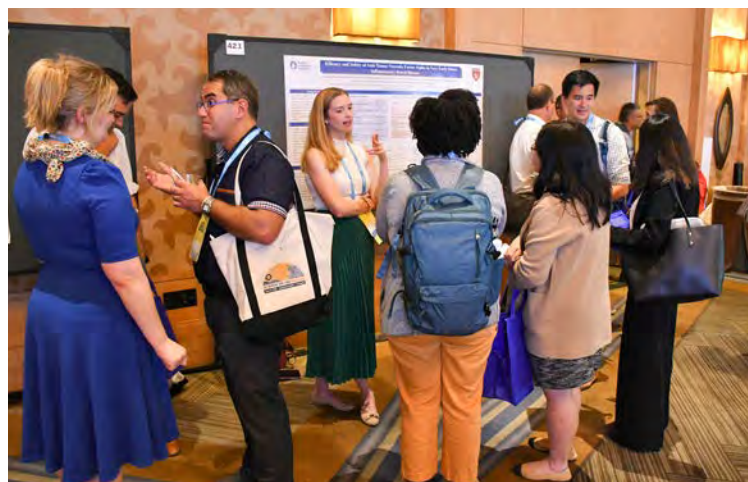
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## HARRY SHWACHMAN AWARD

### ► Presented to Nicola Jones, MD, PhD

The Shwachman award is given by **NASPGHAN** to a person who has made major, lifelong scientific or educational contributions to the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology or nutrition in North America. The award is designed to preferentially honor a member of **NASPGHAN** for his/her achievements in the field.



## MARGARET STALLINGS NASPGHAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

### ► Presented to Maria Mascarenhas, MBBS

The **NASPGHAN** Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual to recognize excellence and service to the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition by achieving national and/or international recognition in their field.



## AAP MURRAY DAVIDSON AWARD

### ► Presented to Maria Oliva-Hemker, MD

The Murray Davidson Award recognizes an outstanding clinician, educator, and scientist who has made significant contributions to the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.



## NASPGHAN MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD

### ► Presented to Jean Molleston, MD

The **NASPGHAN** Master Educator Award for excellence recognizes individuals who have made a significant and sustained contribution to the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and/or nutrition through education scholarship on a national or international basis.



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## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS INC. RESEARCH INNOVATION AWARD

- ▶ John Fortunato, Jr., MD  
*Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, IL*

A NOVEL DIGITAL HEALTH APPROACH TO ASSESSMENT OF PEDIATRIC DISORDERS OF GUT-BRAIN INTERACTION (DGBIs)



## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/EVOENDO MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD FOR THE STUDY OF UNSEDATED UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT ENDOSCOPY IN CHILDREN

- ▶ Catharine Walsh, MD  
*The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*
- ▶ Lisa Mahoney, MD  
*Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA*

DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF A NOVEL OBJECTIVE SKILLS ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR THE EVALUATION OF UNSEDATED PEDIATRIC TRANSNASAL ENDOSCOPY (NOSE UP Study)



## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION MID-LEVEL CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

- ▶ Amy Feldman, MD  
*Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO*

LIVING DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANT: IS IT A COST-EFFECTIVE OPTION FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF TRANSPLANTATION?



## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION /QOL RESEARCH AWARD FOR THE STUDY OF DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH CARBOHYDRATE MALDIGESTION/MALABSORPTION IN CHILDREN

- ▶ Ruben Colman, MD  
*Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA*

LEVERAGING MICROBIAL PHARMACODYNAMIC BIOMARKERS TO GUIDE PRECISION DOSING FOR CHILDREN WITH CROHN'S DISEASE

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## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/RECKITT MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION RESEARCH YOUNG INVESTIGATOR DEVELOPMENT AWARD

- ▶ Naomi Tjaden, MD, PhD  
*Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA*

DEFINING MECHANISMS AND DISCOVERING MEDICINES: DIET-DRIVEN DYSBIOSIS  
INFLUENCES SURVIVAL IN HIRSCHSPRUNG DISEASE ASSOCIATED ENTEROCOLITIS



## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/GEORGE FERRY YOUNG INVESTIGATOR DEVELOPMENT AWARD

- ▶ Marisa Gallant Stahl, MD, MSCS  
*Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO*

GENETIC RISK PROFILES OF CELIAC DISEASE IN DOWN SYNDROME



## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/ALCRESTA RESEARCH AWARD FOR THE STUDY OF PANCREATIC DISEASE IN CHILDREN

- ▶ Vikram Raghu, MD, MS  
*UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA*

HEALTH UTILITY MEASUREMENT IN PEDIATRIC INTESTINAL FAILURE

## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION/NASPGHAN IBD YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

- ▶ Valentina Poli, PhD  
*Valentina Poli, PhD, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA*

NFAT ACTIVATION IN PLATELETS CONTROLS IBD SEVERITY



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### NASPGHAN FOUNDATION ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP IN PEDIATRIC ENDOSCOPY

- ▶ Alexander Coe, MD  
*Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA*

USE OF EUS IN PEDIATRIC PERIANAL CROHN'S DISEASE AND PEDIATRIC EUS DATABASE

### NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/ABBOTT NUTRITION ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP TRAINING IN PEDIATRIC NUTRITION

- ▶ Elaine Lin, MD  
*Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone, New York, NY*

USE OF AN IN-LINE DIGESTIVE CARTRIDGE IN SHORT BOWEL SYNDROME

### NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/APGNN SUSAN MOYER NURSING RESEARCH AWARD

- ▶ Christina Greeson, MSN, CPNP-PC  
*UNC Health Care, Graham, NC*

PEDIATRIC FEEDING DISORDERS: A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE DOCUMENTATION IN THE PSYCHOSOCIAL DOMAIN



### NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/CPNP NUTRITION RESEARCH GRANTS

- ▶ Jennifer Smith, MS, RD, CSP, LD, LMT  
*Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH*

PREVALENCE OF AVOIDANT/RESTRICTIVE FOOD INTAKE DISORDER (ARFID) IN ADOLESCENTS WITH INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD)

*This grant is supported by an educational grant from QOL, LLC*



### NASPGHAN FOUNDATION INNOVATIONS IN CLINICAL CARE GRANT

- ▶ Sabina Ali, MD  
*UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, San Francisco, CA*
- Hilary Michel, MD  
*Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH*

SToP VTE: STANDARDIZED TOOL FOR PROPHYLAXIS VTE

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## GERARD ODELL PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN LIVER RESEARCH

► Alexander Miethke, MD

*Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH*

EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF MARALIXIBAT IN PATIENTS WITH PROGRESSIVE FAMILIAL INTRAHEPATIC CHOLESTASIS (MARCH): A RANDOMIZED PLACEBO-CONTROLLED PHASE 3 STUDY

## AMIN TJOTA PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN PANCREATIC RESEARCH

► Michelle Saad, MD

*Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH*

FROM ACUTE PANCREATITIS TO DIABETES: RISK FACTORS AND TIMELINE ANALYSIS IN A PEDIATRIC POPULATION STUDY



## THE GRAND WATKINS PRIZE

► Ajay Jain, MD

*Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO*

MITIGATION OF TPN ASSOCIATED GUT AND LIVER INJURY IN SHORT BOWEL SYNDROME THROUGH RECIRCULATION OF DISTAL INTESTINAL CONTENTS BY A NOVEL SYSTEM



## NASPGHAN FOUNDATION TERI LI YOUNG EDUCATOR AWARD

► THE BOWEL SOUNDS TEAM —

Temara Hajjat, MBBS; Jennifer Lee, MD; Peter Lu, MD;  
Jason Silverman, MD, MSc, FRCPC



## THE CPNP DIETITIAN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

► Sharon Weston, MS, RD, LDN

*Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA*



## SUE PECK EXCELLENCE IN NURSING PRACTICE AWARD

► Lisa Philichi, ARNP

*Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Tacoma, WA*



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## ENTHUSIASM FOR HANDS-ON SESSIONS STRONG AT ANNUAL MEETING

More than 240 **NASPGHAN** Annual Meeting attendees registered for the variety of hands-on sessions that are now offered at the annual meeting. In addition to the two Hands-On Endoscopy sessions, which have been offered at the Annual Meeting for the last 14 years, the program now includes a Colonoscopy Skills and Train the Trainer workshops. The Hands-On Endoscopy sessions this year featured clipping, coagulation, polypectomy, and Argon Plasma Coagulation. More than 200 pediatric gastroenterologists and fellows attended this session which had 13 faculty instructors from the United States and England. The colonoscopy skills sessions, which drew nearly 30 registrants, were aimed to improve practicing endoscopists' colonoscopy skills and teachers' conscious awareness of endoscopic procedures.

### HANDS-ON ENDOSCOPY SESSIONS





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## MEET THE PROFESSOR BREAKFAST FOCUSES ON WELLNESS

In a Saturday morning Meet the Professor breakfast — Wellness — Heal yourself first/burnout is not your fault — participants experienced Tai Chi with B Li, Zumba with Norberto Rodriguez-Baez and Meditation with Anil Darbari.



## NASPGHAN PRESIDENTS PAST AND PRESENT



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## GI JEOPARDY 2023

The 2023 **NASPGHAN** Annual Meeting in San Diego, California featured the educational and always entertaining “GI Jeopardy” presented by Dr. Norberto Rodriguez-Baez, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

This friendly competition featured two teams who had to quickly recognize the answers and respond with the appropriate questions in front of a live audience from a variety of topics focused on pediatric gastroenterology and pop culture. Some of the categories included this year were “New Kids on the Block” that allowed the audience to learn about recently approved medications to treat gastrointestinal and hepatic conditions in children, and “Let’s Dance” that made our contestants dance different songs such as “Macarena” and “Y.M.C.A”. In the end, Team XY (Drs. Roberto Gugig and Alex Nasr) took the victory over Team XX (Drs. Batul Kaj-Carbaidwala and Delia O’Shea), who played an excellent game.

Witnessed by faculty, fellows, residents and visitors who enthusiastically cheered as the contestants sought to formulate their answers, “GI Jeopardy” was a successful and innovative way to combine education and entertainment in our Annual Meeting. We are looking forward to next year’s “GI Jeopardy” in sunny Hollywood, Florida!





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## SOCIAL EVENT

The 2023 **NASPGHAN** Annual Meeting ended with a memorable social event at the Prado at historic Balboa Park in San Diego. The Prado's architecture, artwork, fountains, festive lights and array of delicious foods made it a closing Saturday night social event not to be forgotten.





# Employment Opportunities

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## December 2023 Employment Opportunities

### ► **COMPLEX CARE PEDIATRICIAN- SECTION OF COMPLEX CARE/ DIVISION OF GENERAL PEDIATRICS**

Penn State Health  
Hershey, PA

### ► **PEDIATRIC INTENSIVIST**

St. Luke's University Health Network  
Bethlehem, PA

### ► **PEDIATRIC GENERAL SURGEON**

St. Luke's University Health Network  
Bethlehem, PA

### ► **PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGIST**

St. Luke's University Health Network  
Bethlehem, PA

### ► **PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGIST**

St. Luke's University Health Network  
Bethlehem, PA

### ► **GENERAL PEDIATRICIAN**

St. Luke's University Health Network  
Bethlehem, PA

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Boys Town National Research Hospital  
Omaha, NE

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Peyton Manning Children's Hospital Evansville  
Evansville, IN

### ► **PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGIST**

Stanford Children's Health  
Capitola, CA

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Lahey Hospital & Medical Center  
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The Permanente Medical Group, Inc.  
(Kaiser Permanente Northern CA)  
Roseville, CA

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Southcentral Foundation  
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Saskatoon, SK

### ► **PEDIATRIC PHYSIATRIST**

Lehigh Valley Health Network  
Allentown, PA

### ► **PEDIATRIC OTOLARYNGOLOGIST**

Lehigh Valley Health Network  
Allentown, PA

### ► **PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGIST**

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Allentown, PA

### ► **PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY - GROWING TOP-RANKED FREE-STANDING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Valley Children's Hospital  
Madera, CA

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Children's Nebraska  
Omaha, NE

### ► **PEDIATRIC SURGEON**

Tower Health  
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Roanoke, VA

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Great Falls Hospital  
Great Falls, MT

▶ [BE/BC PEDIATRICIAN](#)

Great Falls Hospital  
Great Falls, MT

▶ [PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGIST](#)

Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center  
Bangor, ME

▶ [PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE PHYSICIAN](#)

Penn State Health Children's Hospital  
Hershey, PA

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Sioux Falls, SD

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Avera Medical Group  
Sioux Falls, SD

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University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital  
Iowa City, IA

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Essentia Health  
Duluth, MN

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Penn State Health  
Lancaster, PA

▶ [PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGIST](#)

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Indianapolis, IN

▶ [FULL TIME PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGIST FOR LARGE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SYSTEM IN SILICON VALLEY](#)

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San Jose, CA

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Hershey, PA

▶ [COMPLEX CARE PEDIATRICIAN](#)

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