

**2025 NASPGHAN Foundation Board Member Nomination- Personal Statement**  
**Christine Lee**

Dear NASPGHAN Members,

It is an absolute honor to be nominated as a candidate for the NASPGHAN Foundation Board. For me, NASPGHAN is both a “way of life” and family. Since joining as a fellow, I have loved being part of NASPGHAN - a wonderful community that welcomes all. All are invited to serve and lend their talents to the mission and advocacy for the gastrointestinal health of children, no matter their professional discipline.

Starting as a member of the Fellows Committee and then as a loyal, renewed member of the Training Committee from 2013-2022 (Teaching and Tomorrow co-director, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Training committee), I have enjoyed being part of this greater collective. Through these roles, I have personally seen the impact of NASPGHAN Foundation support of the professional development of medical students, residents, fellows and junior faculty. Navigating the unprecedented challenge of the COVID pandemic as Training Chair, I enjoyed collaborating with NASPGHAN leadership, NASPGHAN Foundation and corporate partners to reimagine and quickly pivot to virtual fellows conferences and create innovative fellows peer-mentorship programs. Additionally, I worked together with the DEI SIG to develop and successfully launch the first URIM initiatives for Teaching and Tomorrow and the Mentored Summer Research Program, reinforcing NASPGHAN’s commitment to improve the engagement of talented URIM trainees in pediatric gastroenterology. Thanks to the vision of NASPGHAN leadership and the NASPGHAN foundation, I was fortunate to develop and execute the successful return of the NASPGHAN Junior Faculty Conference as course co-director in partnership with the Professional Development Committee. My deeper understanding of NASPGHAN has been further strengthened since being elected an Executive Councilor in 2022. Over the past 3 years as Executive Councilor, I have had the honor of being an advisor to NASPGHAN leadership, NASPGHAN committees and the membership, giving me a close, “behind-the-scenes” perspective on the needs and strategic plan of NASPGHAN.

All of us have been touched by the power and impact of the NASPGHAN Foundation’s programs in professional development, research/ patient care grant opportunities and patient advocacy/educational efforts. I am a passionate believer of the NASPGHAN mission and hope to continue to serve all NASPGHAN’s current and future endeavors as a board member of the NASPGHAN Foundation. If elected to be a member of the Foundation Board, I will use my experience from my various NASPGHAN roles and my skills to listen, collaborate, and promote programs to expand the impact and reach of NASPGHAN for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Lee". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christine" being more prominent than the last name "Lee".

Christine Lee

## Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae for NASPGHAN

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### Education

Year	Degree	Field of Study	Institution
5/1997	B.S.	Biology	Brown University Providence, RI
5/2001	M.D.	Medicine	Brown Medical School Providence, RI

### Postdoctoral Training

Year(s)	Title	Specialty/ Discipline	Institution
7/2001- 6/2002	Intern	Pediatrics	Boston Combined Pediatric Residency Program Boston Children's Hospital Boston Medical Center Boston, MA
7/2002- 6/2004	Resident	Pediatrics	Boston Combined Pediatric Residency Program Boston Children's Hospital Boston Medical Center Boston, MA
7/2007- 6/2008	Clinical Fellow	Pediatrics	Harvard Medical School Boston, MA
7/2004- 6/2007	Fellow	Pediatric Gastroenterology	Harvard Medical School Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Boston Children's Hospital Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, MA
7/2007- 6/2008	Fellow	Pediatric Transplant Hepatology	Pediatric Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Boston Children's Hospital Boston, MA

### Faculty Academic Appointments

7/2008- 7/2019	Instructor	Pediatrics	Harvard Medical School Boston, MA
8/2019	Assistant Professor	Pediatrics	Harvard Medical School Boston, MA

#### **Appointments at Hospitals/Affiliated Institutions**

<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Department/ Division</b>	<b>Institution</b>
3/2017- 7/2023	Director, Fatty Liver Interdisciplinary Program (FLIP)	Medicine Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition	Boston Children's Hospital Boston, MA
7/2019- Present	Director, Multivisceral and Intestine Transplant Program	Medicine Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition	Boston Children's Hospital Boston, MA
10/2020- Present	Hepatology Director, Fontan at Boston Clinic (FAB Clinic)	Medicine Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition	Boston Children's Hospital Boston, MA

#### **Major Administrative Leadership Positions**

##### **Local**

<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Institution</b>
9/2009- 1/2023	Associate Program Director Harvard Medical School Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition	Boston Children's Hospital
6/2011- 8/2022	Course Director Pediatric Gastroenterology/Nutrition- 4 <sup>th</sup> year medical school rotation	Harvard Medical School
5/2013- 7/2022	Gastroenterology Clinical Site Director 3 <sup>rd</sup> year medical school pediatric clerkship at Boston Children's Hospital	Boston University School of Medicine
8/2013- 3/2016	Associate Program Director Fellowship in Pediatric Transplant Hepatology	Boston Children's Hospital
7/2014- 7/2018	Faculty Member Division of Gastroenterology Executive Committee	Boston Children's Hospital
3/2016- Present	Program Director Fellowship in Pediatric Transplant Hepatology	Boston Children's Hospital
1/2023- Present	Program Director Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology	Boston Children's Hospital

#### **Committee Service**

##### **Professional Societies**

<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>Society Name</b>	<b>Title of Role(s)</b>
7/2004- Present	North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN)	

2004-2007	Member, Fellows Committee
2013-2022	Member, Training Committee
2015-2016	Member, Teri Li Education Award Selection Committee
2017- 2019	Co-Director, Teaching and Tomorrow Program
2018-2019	Vice-Chair, Training Committee
2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Co-Director, NASPGHAN 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Fellows Conference
2019- 2022	Chair, Training Committee
2021	Member, NASPGHAN Councilor Nominating Committee
2021	Chair, NASPGHAN Underrepresented in Medicine (URIM) Teaching and Tomorrow Program
2022	Co-Director, NASPGHAN Mentored Summer URIM Student Research Program
2022	Co-Director, NASPGHAN Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) Teaching and Tomorrow Program
2022, 2023	Co-Director, NASPGHAN Junior Faculty Conference
2022- Present	NASPGHAN Executive Committee Councilor
2023	Invited member, NASPGHAN Strategic Plan Task Force
2024	Invited Faculty Lead, NASPGHAN Junior Faculty Conference
2024- Present	Member, Medical Education Special Interest Group
2025	Co-Director, NASPGHAN Job Interview Coaching Workshop
2025	Member, Master Educator Award Selection Committee
7/2012- Present	American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) 2018- 2021 Member, Pediatric Special Interest Group-Education Subcommittee

2019-2020

Course Co-Director, The Liver Meeting  
Combined Pediatric and Portal Hypertension  
Special Interest Group Symposium

2023- Present

Writing Group member  
AASLD Pediatric Post-transplant care  
guidelines

### **Report of Scholarship**

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