

Saeed Mohammad, MD, MS

Candidate for NASPGHAN Councilor-at-Large

I am honored to be considered for the position of Councilor-at-Large for NASPGHAN. Over the past 15 years, NASPGHAN has been my primary professional home—a source of inspiration, collaboration, and growth. I remember attending as a fellow, being amazed that my faculty knew so many pediatric GI's nationwide, and seeing their joy when meeting with old friends. **This** was a community I wanted to be a part of. Now, just a few years later, I have found in this society a community with a strong sense of camaraderie who shares my deep commitment to excellence in our field.

I currently serve as Section Head of Hepatology and Liver Transplantation and Director of the Pediatric Solid Organ Transplant Center at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. I have remained engaged in leadership and education across the field through national organizations, including SPLIT, AASLD, and UNOS. Within NASPGHAN, I have been privileged to serve on the Advocacy and Clinical Care & Quality Committees and most recently as Chair of the Hepatology Committee (2021–2024).

As Chair, I led the development of the **NASPGHAN Hepatology Bootcamp**—a first-of-its-kind, free, immersive, case-based learning experience designed to support early-career providers and fellows managing pediatric liver disease. The bootcamp brought together trainees, junior faculty, and expert mentors in a collaborative learning space providing: high-quality education, mentorship, and shared purpose with a focus on early career physicians

If elected, my vision is grounded in three priorities:

- **Supporting Early-Career Professionals:** Is this a good job? Is it fair? Common questions from trainees and junior faculty who often need guidance beyond their own institution. I would advocate for structured 1:1 mentorship programs, expanded networking opportunities, and inclusive leadership pathways to support the next generation of NASPGHAN leaders.
- **Advocating for Pediatric Specialists Amid Medicaid Cuts:** This poses a real risk to access and equity in pediatric subspecialty care. NASPGHAN must be a strong, visible voice in national policy discussions—defending the value of pediatric GI expertise and protecting reimbursement models that sustain our field.
- **Engaging Community-Based Providers:** A significant portion of pediatric GI care is delivered outside of academic centers. I aim to foster deeper integration of community gastroenterologists into NASPGHAN's initiatives—through accessible CME, committee representation, and research collaborations—ensuring the society reflects the diversity of our practice environments.

The opportunity to invest in people—whether through mentorship, policy advocacy, or building bridges is my driver. Many of the fellows and junior faculty I've mentored now serve as transplant directors or academic leaders in their own right. Their success underscores the power of meaningful support at critical moments. I want NASPGHAN to be that support system for others.

The Councilor-at-Large role is a platform to connect, listen, and lead with intention. I am committed to bringing energy, transparency, and humility to this role, and to advancing a vision of NASPGHAN that is inclusive, dynamic, and future-facing. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to serve.

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Education:

Graduate school:

The Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan. Bachelors in Medicine, Bachelors in Surgery, December 2003

Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. Masters of Science in Health Services Outcomes Research, June 2012

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Masters of Management in Health Care, September 2025

Postgraduate Training

Pediatric Residency, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. June 2005-August 2008

Fellowship in Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition. Children's Memorial Hospital, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. September 2008-August 2011

Fellowship in Transplant Hepatology, Children's Memorial Hospital, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. September 2011-August 2012

Academic Appointments:

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine Chicago, IL September 2012- August 2018

Fellowship Director, Transplant Hepatology, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL. July 2016- Feb 2022

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL. September 2018- Feb 2022

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Co-Director Medical Decision Making Thread. Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL. July 2021- Feb 2022

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville TN. March 2022- Present

Hospital Appointments

Research Medical Officer, Department of Pediatrics, The Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan. Dec 2003- November 2004

Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Department of Pediatrics, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, IL. September 2012- present

Medical Director Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL. September 2018 – Feb 2022

Associate Director of Endoscopy, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, IL. November 2019-Feb 2022

Section Head Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville TN. March 2022- Present

Director Pediatric Solid Organ Transplant Center Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville TN. March 2022- Present

Professional Activities:

School

2010 – 2022 Member Quality of Life Workgroup, Northwestern University
Transplant Outcomes Research Collaborative (NUTORC), Chicago, IL
2010-2018

2021-2022 Co chair of Medical Decision Making (MDM) Curriculum Committee

Hospital

Physician Leader: Transplant Clinical Quality Subcommittee, Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Siragusa Transplant Center, Chicago, IL. 2012-Feb 2022

Physician Leader: Solid Organ Transition Program, Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Siragusa Transplant Center, Chicago, IL. 2013- Feb 2022

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Member, Drug Utilization Committee, Department of Pharmacy, Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Chicago, IL. 2015-18

Co-Chair Organizing Committee "Disorders and Diseases in Pediatric Liver Disease" One day online CME event. Chicago, IL June 2021

Inter Faith Council: member, Monroe Carell Jr Children's Hospital

Employee Resource Group: Founding member of Muslim ERG at VUMC

Extramural:

North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) 2008 – present

Advocacy Committee 2009-2011

Clinical Care and Quality Committee 2014-2017

Hepatology committee 2017-Present,

Chairperson Hepatology committee 2021-2024

American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD) 2008 – present

Chair Communications Subcommittee 2018-2021

Chair of AASLD/NASPGHAN Pediatric Symposium, AASLD Annual Meeting 2018

Studies of Pediatric Liver Transplantation (SPLIT) 2011 – present

Vice Chair, Education Committee 2016-17

Chair, Education Committee 2017-2020

Leadership Council 2017-2020, 2022-Present

American Society of Transplantation (AST) 2011-2018

International Pediatric Transplant Association (IPTA) 2015- present

Member Outreach Committee 2016-2020

At Large representative. United Network for Organ Sharing (**UNOS**) Membership and Professional Standards Committee (**MPSC**) July 2019-21

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Other professional activities

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Medical Advisory Board, Autoimmune Hepatitis Association (AIHA), Indianapolis, IN. A nonprofit organization, whose aim is to support and provide education to patients and families affected by autoimmune hepatitis through disease education and research (aihep.org). 2016-present

Medical Advisory Council, American Liver Foundation. 2018-2022

Community Liver Alliance. A group dedicated to supporting the community through liver disease awareness, prevention, education, research, and advocacy. 2021-Present

Medical Advisory Council, Biliary Atresia Research & Education. 2022-Present

Chronic Liver Disease Foundation, Pediatric Planning Committee

Executive Board, Islamic Center of Williamson County, Franklin TN

Awards

International Pediatric Transplant Association (IPTA); Travel Award 2010

American Transplant Congress (ATC); Young Investigator Award 2011

North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN); Poster of Distinction 2011

Mark Pescovitz Memorial Pilot Grant; Northwestern University, Chicago, IL 2012

Transition of Care Award, Transition Workgroup, Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago 2015

Honor Your Caregiver Award, Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago 2016

World Congress Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition; Young Investigator Award 2016

Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute, Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Internal Grant Award 2016

Outstanding Teacher Award, Northwestern University 2020

Best of The Liver Meeting, Award for high impact research AASLD Nov 2022

Publications:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/saeed.mohammad.1/bibliography/public/>