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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I am honored to present the biennial report of the NASPGHAN Foundation. We are extremely grateful for the collaborative efforts of so many within NASPGHAN, CPNP, and APGNN who have partnered to keep our organization moving forward in a positive direction over the past two years.

The mission of the Foundation continues to revolve around funding and supporting the professional, patient education and research missions of NASPGHAN via support of innovative research and educational campaigns on behalf of the “NASPGHAN Family”- our membership, our patients, and their families. The addition of Mike Narkewicz as Secretary-Treasurer for the NASPGHAN Foundation has been invaluable given the current volatility in the financial markets and research environment.

The educational activities supported by the Foundation give important learning opportunities to our members, our referring primary care colleagues, and our patients and families. The breadth of educational offerings have included webinars (culinary medicine, technology, pancreas), immersion courses (N²U, Hepatology Academy), slide decks (cholestatic liver disease, eosinophilic esophagitis), podcasts (Nutrition Pearls) and patient-facing materials (constipation, eosinophilic esophagitis) as outlined in this report. We are grateful for the continuing support for these campaigns by our partners which have been highly regarded by members and have shown continued success.

Our grants program nurtures research in multiple arenas including basic, clinical, and quality-improvement research for NASPGHAN/CPNP and APGNN members as they develop during the stages of their careers (young investigators through established investigators) including recent summer research funding for students to plant the seed. Over the years, NASPGHAN’s research support has laid the groundwork for advancements in our field and served a critical role in building successful careers for many of our colleagues. This report will summarize our current grants program and acknowledge the recipients of our grants and awards.

The cornerstone for our success hinges upon the efforts of many but starts with an amazing team of individuals who volunteer their time and efforts to the Foundation, including the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Advisory Board, NASPGHAN committees, along with the leaders and contributors who aid in the review of grants and creation of educational and patient focused education campaigns. Of course, none of this would be possible without the bedrock of NASPGHAN – the talented team in the “home office” (Robyn Bailey, Deb Burrowes, Steve Farace, Celena NuQuay, Kathleen Regan, Laura Smith). We are grateful for the past efforts of Kim Rose and Margaret Stallings on behalf of the Foundation and the contributions of our Corporate Partners who provide support for educational campaigns and opportunities for career advancement of trainees and junior faculty within NASPGHAN. We value the continued partnership with the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation to support pediatric IBD research and develop educational materials for families of children with IBD and have been excited to partner with the Celiac Foundation to support research and educational campaigns for families of children with celiac disease.

As I end my tenure as president of the NASPGHAN Foundation, I want to personally thank the NASPGHAN membership, members of our affiliate organizations and NASPGHAN staff who support the Foundation through charitable donations of time and financial resources. Your ongoing commitment and generosity has been critical over the first 50 years of NASPGHAN and is mission essential to the future of our specialty and the health/well-being of the children and families we care for. I am honored to hand the leadership baton for the NASPGHAN Foundation to Karen Murray as President.

Sincerely,

Ann Scheimann MD, MBA
President, NASPGHAN Foundation





Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with immense enthusiasm and pride that I share my excitement to partner with the committed volunteer leadership, the hardworking staff and the dedicated supporters and donors of the NASPGHAN Foundation. This biennial report captures the various ways that the Foundation meets its mission to fund and support the clinical, patient education, and research missions of NASPGHAN. But it also serves as a testament of the collective power of our community, whose unwavering support has fueled our mission to improve the digestive health of children and adolescents as they transition into young adulthood.

Because of the generosity of member donors, partnerships with industry and visionary leadership by the Foundation Board, we have strengthened the pipeline and advanced novel research through our diverse portfolio of grants. We have recognized the accomplishments of the workforce through our awards programs, as they navigate a dynamic healthcare environment, and we have increased awareness and broadened education and training about critical digestive disorders for children and adolescents through webinars, conferences, and workshops.

Over these last two years, there has been significant progress, but with the evolving needs, new challenges, and opportunities, we are excited about the future of the Foundation. We invite your continued support as we embark on a new year where together, we can achieve even greater milestones.

Best regards,

Celena T. NuQuay MA, CAE
Executive Director, NASPGHAN Foundation

EDUCATION

The Foundation supports the educational mission of NASPGHAN through a diverse portfolio of professional and public education initiatives. The Foundation’s goal is to educate medical professionals and the public, and to support the development of new knowledge through research. The primary objectives are to improve the quality of life and to improve health outcomes through education, early detection, and evidence-based care.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

◆ NASPGHAN LearnOnLine

NASPGHAN LearnOnLine is our go-to site for continuing education, housing all of our educational offerings in one location. Many of the offerings are available for CME and MOC Part II credit..



NEW IN 2024-2025

Webinars and On-Demand Educational Modules

◆ Children with Cholestatic Liver Disease: Transplantation and Organ Allocation

It is important to correctly assess the point at which liver disease cannot be managed by medical therapies alone and a transplant is warranted. The risks and benefits of transplantation and the exchange of one chronic disease state to another must be discussed with families. Chronic cholestatic liver diseases are a significant cause of morbidity and mortality within the pediatric population. There is a notable lack of specific medical therapies to improve outcomes in these patients. Liver transplantation is indicated in children with cholestatic liver diseases when the disease progresses to the end stage, but there are also other unique indications. As a result, the MELD and PELD scores of patients with indications other than end-stage liver disease may not represent real mortality risk. They could be negatively impacted by allocation policies. Post-transplant care is also unique in some patients, mainly for those with severe pre-transplant nutritional deficiencies. In this webinar, we discuss indications for a liver transplant, and post-transplant management in children with cholestasis, with particular emphasis on organ allocation.

Supported by educational grants from Albireo Pharma, Mirium Pharma and Travele Therapeutics.

◆ Emerging Trends in Pediatric Esophageal Dysphagia

There are multiple causes for esophageal dysphagia in children – some are congenital while others are acquired – and addressing swallowing issues in pediatric patients requires a comprehensive approach. It is vital for providers to understand the clinical presentations associated with these conditions. This webinar brings together an expert panel to discuss the full range of diagnostic modalities available, the appropriate timing for endoscopy, diagnostic techniques such as EndoFlip and the different treatment options for dysphagia based on its underlying etiology.

Supported by an educational grant from Medtronic.

◆ How to Introduce New Technology to Your Pediatric Practice: Understanding and Navigating the Business Side of Healthcare for Physicians

Pediatric gastroenterologists are frequent users of technology, but most practitioners use existing offerings provided to them by the hospital. The process by which the introduction and evaluation of new technologies occur at medical centers is rarely taught and understood. This webinar provides an understanding of the process to evaluate new technology, describes the basics of developing a business plan, explains the concept of healthcare value in evaluating new technology and understanding the reimbursement/coding plan the new device or technology would utilize.

Supported by educational grants from EvoEndo, Medtronic and NeurAxis.



◆ Culinary Medicine: Wellness and Prevention

Blending the art of food and cooking with the science of medicine, we’re excited to bring interactive educational webinars that highlight the importance of food and diet within a patient’s health plan, and how to use culinary medicine tailored to specific GI diseases and symptoms. The first in the series, this webinar highlights plant-based and Mediterranean diets and discusses their adequacy in children and application in pediatric GI diseases. We paired a physician with a registered dietitian and included a brief overview of the GI condition discussing the proposed diet and its implementation with a recorded demonstration on how to carry out corresponding recipes (*conducted by a home chef*).

Supported by an educational grant from Kate Farms.

◆ Culinary Medicine: Blenderized Tube Feeding

The second in the Culinary Medicine Series, Blenderized Tube Feeding discusses the adequacy of this diet in pediatrics and its application in pediatric GI diseases. We paired a physician with a registered dietitian and included a brief overview of the GI condition discussing the proposed diet and its implementation with a recorded demonstration on how to carry out corresponding recipes (*conducted by a medical chef*).

Supported by an educational grant from Kate Farms.

◆ Culinary Medicine: EoE

The third in the Culinary Medicine Series, this webinar focuses on the dietary management of EOE with food elimination while monitoring micronutrient deficiencies. A medical chef demonstrates two recipes eliminating the most common allergens preparing delicious and simple recipes.

Supported by an educational grant from Kate Farms.

◆ Culinary Medicine: Milk Protein Allergy/Lactose Intolerance

The fourth webinar in the Culinary Medicine series discusses a common problem in pediatric gastroenterology – milk protein allergy and lactose intolerance.

Supported by an educational grant from ByHeart.

◆ Culinary Medicine: Crohn’s Disease

This installment of our Culinary Medicine series brings you Crohn’s Disease and the Crohn’s Disease Exclusion Diet (CDED). The first segment of the webinar offers a medical presentation by a physician who discusses nutrition therapies for inflammatory bowel disease, focusing mainly on Crohn’s, followed by a dietitian who discusses the dietary approach and implications. Finally, a home medical chef will demonstrate two recipes that follow an anti-inflammatory diet.

Supported by an educational grant from Kate Farms.

♦ **Treatment for Functional Abdominal Pain Disorders Webinar**

This webinar aims to provide the audience with a detailed overview of the approach to FAPDs including evidence-based treatment approach based on FAPD subtypes as per the Rome IV criteria. Recently, NASPGHAN and ESPGHAN released updated guidelines for the treatment of IBS and FAP in children aged 4-18 years.

Supported by an educational grant from NeurAxis.

♦ **EoE Slide Set and Grand Rounds**

EoE is a chronic allergic inflammatory condition that affects roughly 1/2000 individuals in the U.S. with an increasing incidence and prevalence in both children and adults. Components of the program include an informational slide deck and a thirty-city Grand Rounds program with the goal of increasing EoE awareness. In addition, new patient information, including 2 videos, is being added to the Gkids website.

Supported by an educational grant from Sanofi/Regeneron.

♦ **EoE Patient Education Videos**

Children and young adults experience learning through a variety of platforms, and today’s youth are particularly exposed and reliant on visual forms of learning. These educational videos on EoE directed at children and young adults with the disease has the potential to increase health literacy, encourage a constructive dialogue about the disease between parents and their children, and ultimately increase compliance and improve medical outcomes.

Supported by an educational grant from Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

♦ **Enteral Nutrition Slide Set**

The enteral nutrition (EN) slide set is a comprehensive resource divided into five modules:

- 1) Overview/History
- 2) EN Delivery Modes and Tubes
- 3) EN Components
- 4) Principles of Designing & Monitoring EN Support
- 5) EN Support in Special Populations

Updated in 2025, each module contains case-based learning examples and brings fundamental knowledge and understanding of the principles for safely managing EN in pediatric patients.

Supported by an educational grant from Abbott.

♦ **Parenteral Nutrition Slide Set**

The parenteral nutrition slide set is a comprehensive resource divided into separate educational presentations, delving into current data and concepts concerning this intravenous method of feeding. The slide set begins with an overview and history of PN and also provides a review of clinical indications for and the administration and components of parenteral nutrition. Complications and monitoring are included, along with PN for both neonatal and the specialized patient. The slide set concludes with a presentation on transitions. Each lecture contains case-based learning examples and brings fundamental knowledge and understanding of the principles for safety managing PN in pediatric patients.

Supported by an educational grant from Fresenius Kabi.



♦ **Nutrition Pearls Podcast**

This podcast features topics related to GI nutrition and is hosted by the Council for Pediatric Nutrition Professionals (CPNP), part of NASPGHAN.

Supported by an educational grant from Mead Johnson Nutrition.



♦ **NASPGHAN Nutrition University**

This course is designed to provide specialized nutrition education in areas associated with the practice of pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition to 3rd year fellows, junior faculty and dietitians. It targets two groups: candidates who received minimal nutrition education during their fellowship or who plan to pursue pediatric nutrition as their career focus. The course includes “hot” topic discussions and a nutrition Jeopardy competition, along with a series of challenging cases which are presented in a small group setting. Topics covered include diagnosis of pediatric malnutrition; failure to thrive and feeding disorders; micronutrient deficiencies; critical care nutrition; short bowel syndrome/malabsorption obesity; nutritional management of cystic fibrosis; food allergy and eosinophilic esophagitis; nutritional therapy in inflammatory bowel disease and nutrition support in chronic liver disease.

Supported by an educational grant from Kate Farms.



♦ **Hepatology Bootcamp**

This course is designed to provide specialized hepatology education to pediatric gastroenterologists and offers a unique opportunity to enhance knowledge and skills in a small group setting. It is particularly beneficial for practitioners who are not at a transplant center and who do not have a hepatologist in their practice. This in-person course includes two didactic lectures, a series of small group discussions and hands-on case-based learning.

Supported by educational grants from Mirum and Ipsen.

♦ **Teaching and Tomorrow Program**

The Pediatric GI Teaching and Tomorrow Program of NASPGHAN strives to attract the brightest residents to subspecialty training in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. The Teaching and Tomorrow Program brings pediatric residents from North America to our NASPGHAN Annual Meeting to see first-hand the cutting-edge basic and clinical science of our subspecialty. Due to the excellent interest in this innovative NASPGHAN program, we have seen continual growth in the interest and applications to GI training programs through the years.

Supported in part by an educational grant from Takeda Pharmaceuticals Inc.

♦ **Teaching for an Inclusive Tomorrow**

An expansion of Teaching and Tomorrow, this program names up to ten Teaching for an Inclusive Tomorrow scholars among interested 1st and 2nd year pediatric residents and 4th year medical students. Scholars are chosen on their unique qualities. In addition to networking with other participants, scholarship awardees are matched with a NASPGHAN fellow or attending physician who will serve as a professional contact and NASPGHAN ambassador.

Supported in part by an educational grant from Nutricia.

♦ **Junior Faculty Conference**

NASPGHAN and the NASPGHAN Foundation organized a stand-alone conference devoted to the career and professional development of our members at a junior level in their professional career, i.e. 2 to 7 years out of fellowship training. This conference addresses ongoing professional development for members at the junior level of their career, continues to nurture and augment existing and new professional relationships and collaboration, and covers such topics as expanding self-awareness and personal leadership styles, improving communication, diversity and inclusion, increasing financial acumen and strategic planning, negotiation strategies, and more.

Supported by educational grants from Fresenius Kabi and Mead Johnson Nutrition.

RESEARCH

- The NASPGHAN Foundation is dedicated to:
- ◆ Advancing medical knowledge and technology
 - ◆ Caring for patients with digestive disorders
 - ◆ Educating physicians and the public
 - ◆ Supporting affected children and their families

While broad in nature, these activities are integrally linked and rely on research for their advancement. In this context, the NASPGHAN Foundation has been a source of research support and leading partners with government, industry, and relevant agencies to help fund research initiatives.



GRANTS & AWARDS

The future of our subspecialty rests with its trainees and young professionals. A pipeline of research talent into NASPGHAN will ensure the long-term vitality of our profession as practitioners of state-of-the-art, evidence-based medicine.

Over the years, the Foundation has awarded many grants to NASPGHAN members with an outstanding track record of converting these awards into NIH and CIHR-funded grants.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/Alcresta Research Award for the Study of Pancreatic Disease in Children for Pediatric GI Fellows & Junior Faculty**

This 2-year award supports studies focused on improving patient outcomes in areas of unmet medical needs with a focus on pancreatic insufficiency or fat malabsorption, which results in malabsorption common in cystic fibrosis, digestive cancers, preterm birth, and other serious diseases.



Melissa Musser, MD, PhD

2024—Melissa Musser, MD, PhD
Boston Children’s Hospital—Boston, MA
INTRINSIC PRIMARY AFFERENT NEURON (IPAN) ROLES IN GLUCOSE REGULATION AND PANCREAS FUNCTION

Supported by an educational grant from Alcresta Therapeutics, Inc.

► **Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation/NASPGHAN Foundation IBD Young Investigator Award**

This grant, in partnership with the NASPGHAN Foundation and the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation, is available to research fellows or junior faculty. Applications must propose original clinical, translational, epidemiological, or basic scientific research that is related to pediatric inflammatory bowel disease.



Zoe Steier, PhD



Gui Piovezani Ramos, MD

2024—Zoe Steier, PhD
Massachusetts Institute of Technology—Cambridge, MA
PREDICTING ANTI-TNF TREATMENT RESPONSE IN PEDIATRIC IBD WITH SINGLE-CELL ANALYSIS

2025—Gui Piovezani Ramos, MD
Mayo Clinic Arizona—Phoenix, AZ
THE ROLE OF ENTEROENDOCRINE CELLS IN IBD PATHOGENESIS

► **NASPGHAN Foundation George Ferry Young Investigator Development Award**

This grant is available to junior faculty to support research activities that have the potential for evolution to an independent research career in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology or nutrition. The award supports a meritorious research project in the clinical or basic sciences to study the diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, liver or pancreas and nutritional disorders in children.



Sindhu Pandurangi, MD



Casey Johnson, MD

2024—Sindhu Pandurangi, MD
Children’s Medical Center—Dallas TX
PRECISION PHENOTYPING AND RISK PREDCTION IN BILIARY ATRESIA

2025—Casey Johnson, MD
Boston Children’s Hospital—Boston, MA
METABOLIC REPROGRAMMING AS A THERAPEUTIC STRATEGY FOR IMCROVILLUS INCLUSION DISEASE: TARGETING PPARA-MEDIATED LIPID HOMEOSTASIS

Supported by donations from the NASPGHAN membership.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation Mid-Level Development Award**

The mid-level career development award is for NASPGHAN members pursuing research in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition and are at a midlevel in their career. The grant funds the advancement of research careers for applicants with significant promise in their mid-years as faculty.



Sarah Taylor, MD



Jodie Ouahed, MD, MMSc, FRCPC, FAAP

2024—Sarah Taylor, MD
Children’s Hospital Colorado—Aurora, CO
DEFINING THE ROLE FOR MACROPHAGE EFFEROCYTOSIS IN BILIARY ATRESIA

2025—Jodie Ouahed, MD, MMSc, FRCPC, FAAP
Boston Children’s Hospital—Boston, MA
ROLE OF MALANOMA DIFFERENTIATION-ASSOCIATED 5 (MDA5)-VIRAL SENSING IN INTESTINAL MUCOSAL HOMEOSTASIS

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/Sanofi/Regeneron Young Investigator Development Award for the Study of Pediatric Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorder**

This Young Investigator Development Award is a two-year award available to junior faculty to support research activities that have the potential for evolution to an independent research career in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, or nutrition.



Matthew Adrian Buendia, MD

2025—Matthew Adrian Buendia, MD
Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt—Nashville, TN
DETERMINING THE EFFECT OF N-ACETYL CYSTEINE ON FIBROSIS
IN EOSINOPHILIC ESOPHAGITIS

Supported by an educational grant from Sanofi/Regeneron.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation Young Investigator Development Award for the Study of Pediatric Liver Disease and/or Liver Transplantation**

This Young Investigator Development Award is a two-year award available to junior faculty to support research activities that have the potential for evolution to an independent research career in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, or nutrition.



Silvia Nastasio, MD

2025—Silvia Nastasio, MD
Boston Children’s Hospital—Boston, MA
THE ROLE OF IFN- γ SIGNALING IN PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE HEPATITIS:
TOWARD MECHANISTIC INSIGHT AND PRECISION BIOMARKERS

Supported by educational grants from Ipsen and Mirum.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/AstraZeneca Research Award for Disorders of the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract**

This grant provides support for studies focused on the epidemiology, pathogenesis, natural history, genetics, diagnosis and management of peptic disorders and other diseases of the upper gastrointestinal tract in children. Diseases that are relevant to this grant include, but are not limited to gastroesophageal reflux, reflux esophagitis, eosinophilic (allergic) esophagitis, motility disorders of the upper gastrointestinal tract, Helicobacter pylori infection with or without ulceration, non-ulcer dyspepsia, and non-bacterial ulcer diseases. Applicants at any career level may apply.



Jocelyn Silvester, MD, PhD

2024—Jocelyn Silvester, MD, PhD
Boston Children’s Hospital—Boston, MA
STANDARDIZATION OF GLUTEN CHALLENGE
FOR IMMUNOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS OF CELIAC DISEASE IN CHILDREN

Supported by an educational grant from AstraZeneca.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/Takeda Pharmaceuticals America, Inc. Research Innovation Award**

This grant funds innovative, high-impact research in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. The intent of this research award is to stimulate scientific inquiry in an area that is exceptionally innovative and has the potential to impact the field in a highly novel manner.



Anna Peters, MD

2025—Anna Peters, MD
Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center—Cincinnati, OH
MODELING MACROPHAGE-CHOLANGIOCYTE INTERACTIONS IN
CHRONIC DUCTOPENIC REJECTION
WITH PRIMARY HUMAN CHOLANGIOCYTE ORGANOIDS

Supported by an educational grant from Takeda Pharmaceuticals America, Inc.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation Innovations in Clinical Care Grant**

The aim of this grant is to encourage and support the development of innovative approaches to optimize the quality of care and health care delivery to children with digestive diseases by the clinically focused pediatric gastroenterologist.



Sara Nandolia, DO

2024—Sara Nandolia, DO
Johns Hopkins Hospital—Baltimore, MD
CYTOCHROME P450 PHARMACOGENOMICS AS A PREDICTOR OF
HEPATOTOXICITY WITH ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS



Alaa Abdelghani, MBBS

2025—Alaa Abdelghani, MBBS
UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital—San Francisco, CA
MACHINE LEARNING MODEL FOR TACROLIMUS DOSING



Llana Moss, PhD

2025—Llana Moss, PhD
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and Streamind Health—Los Angeles, CA
THE GUT GUIDE: DEVELOPING A DIGITAL RESOURCE LIBRARY
FOR YOUTH WITH DGBIS

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/QOL Medical Research Award for the Study of Disorders Associated with Carbohydrate Maldigestion/Malabsorption in Children**
This award provides funding for studies focused on disorders of carbohydrate (CHO) maldigestion/malabsorption in children, either primary or secondary. Relevant conditions include, but are not limited to, lactose intolerance, congenital sucrose-isomaltase deficiency, congenital enteropathies that impact intestinal epithelial cell function, or inflammatory conditions affecting CHO absorption.



Vikram K. Raghu, MD, MS



Susan Gutierrez, MD

2024—Vikram K. Raghu, MD, MS
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPM—Pittsburgh, MA
ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN PEDIATRIC INTESTINAL FAILURE

2025—Susan Gutierrez, MD
UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospita—San Francisco, CA
IDENTIFYING EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR ENTERAL AUTONOMY IN PEDIATRIC INTESTINAL FAILURE: REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE AND STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Supported by an educational grant from QOL Medical, LLC.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/CPNP Nutrition Research Grant**
This grant is available to pediatric dietitians to support research activities that have the potential to advance the nutrition care of patients and families of children with nutritional disorders



Michelle Yavelow,
MS, RD, LD, CNSC, CSP



Caitie Hessenthaler, BS, MS

2024—Michelle Yavelow, MS, RD, LD, CNSC, CSP
University of South Florida—Tampa, FL
BODY COMPOSITION IN PEDIATRIC PATIENTS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS – A PILOT STUDY

2025—Caitie Hessenthaler, BS, MSP
Children’s Wisconsin—Milwaukee, WI
COMPARING ACCURACY OF LENGTH MEASUREMENTS USING LENGTH BOARD VS. LENGTH MAT IN PEDIATRIC PATIENTS LESS THAN 2 YEARS OF AGE

Supported by an educational grant from QOL Medical, LLC.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/APGNN Susan Moyer Nursing Research Grant**
This grant is available to pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, nutrition and hepatology nurses to support research activities that have the potential to advance nursing care of patients and families of children with gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, pancreatic or nutritional disorders. The grant is awarded in support of meritorious research projects to study the nursing care of families and children with pediatric gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, pancreatic or nutritional disorders.



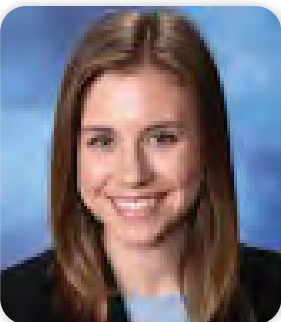
Melba Williams-Haberland, PNP

2024—Melba Williams-Haberland, PNP
University of Illinois Chicago—Chicago, IL
WE NEED TO F.E.E.D.: FACILITATING ENTERAL EDUCATION FOR DISCHARGE – IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF DISCHARGE FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS WITH ENTERAL TUBES

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/Abbott Advanced Fellowship Training in Pediatric Nutrition**
The NASPGHAN Foundation/Abbott Advanced Fellowship in Nutrition supports one year of advanced training in pediatric nutrition. The primary objective of the fellowship is to catalyze and increase the number of highly-trained, expert nutrition clinicians, educators and scientists among the membership of NASPGHAN, as a means to improve service to our patients and the public.



Andrea Tou, MD



Courtney Svenstrup, MD

2024—Andrea Tou, MD
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia—Philadelphia, PA
GLUCAGON-LIKE-PEPTIDE-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS (GLP1-RAS) IN THE TREATMENT OF PEDIATRIC METABOLIC DYSFUNCTION-ASSOCIATED STEATOTIC LIVER DISEASE

2025—Courtney Svenstrup, MD
Riley Hospital for Children—Indianapolis, IN
USING SPATIAL TRANSCRIPTOMICS TO PREDICT TEDUGLUTIDE RESPONSE IN CHILDREN WITH SHORT BOWEL SYNDROME

Supported by an educational grant from Abbott.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation Advanced Fellowship Training in Pediatric Endoscopy**
The NASPGHAN Foundation Advanced Fellowship Training in Pediatric Endoscopy supports one year of advanced endoscopy training in the pediatric arena. The objective of the fellowship is to address the growing need for pediatric gastroenterologists who are skilled in advanced endoscopic procedures and provides a pathway for training of pediatric experts.



Michael Joseph, MD, MPH



Olawale Oduru, MD

2024—Michael Joseph, MD, MPH
Children’s Hospital Colorado—Aurora, CO
THE ROLE OF ENDOSCOPY IN PEDIATRIC BARIATRIC MEDICINE

2025—Olawale Oduru, MD
UAB Medical Center/Children’s of Alabama—Birmingham, AL
FEASIBILITY AND SAFETY OF ENDOSCOPIC CHEMICAL PANCREATECTOMY VIA ERCP-GUIDED ACETIC ACID INFUSION IN A GOAT MODEL

Supported by an educational grant from Olympus America, Inc.

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/Celiac Disease Foundation Celiac Research Young Investigator Development Award**
This two-year grant is designed to support members of NASPGHAN who are passionate about advancing research careers in celiac disease.



Nan Du, MD

2024—Nan Du, MD
Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA
GLUTEN FREE NUTRITION OPTIMIZATION THROUGH ULTRA-PROCESSED FOOD REDUCTION AND IMPROVED STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH (GF-NOURISH)

Supported by an educational grant from Celiac Disease Foundation .

► **Celiac Disease Foundation/NASPGHAN Foundation Pilot Grant**

This grant supports innovative research proposals from members of NASPGHAN, CPNP, and APGNN. This grant program is designed to encourage and fund pilot projects that address critical issues related to celiac disease and gluten-free diet management.



Vahe Badalyan, MD, MPH, MBA



Monique Germone, PhD, BCBA

2024—Vahe Badalyan, MD, MPH, MBA
Children’s National Hospital—Washington, DC
ADDRESSING INEQUITIES IN CELIAC DISEASE DIAGNOSIS AND REFERRAL

2025—Monique Germone, PhD, BCBA
Children’s Hospital Colorado—Aurora, CO
IMPROVING THE SCREENING PROCESS FOR CELIAC DISEASE IN CHILDREN: INTERVIEWING CAREGIVERS TO UNCOVER BARRIERS AND FACILIITATORS TO DIAGNOSTIC CONFIRMATION

► **NASPGHAN Foundation/APGNN/CPNP Nutrition Advocate Awards**

These awards are given to members who have demonstrated dedicated effort and excellence in promoting increased advocacy and interest in pediatric nutrition.



Patricia A. Bierly, MSN, CRNP

2025 Patricia A. Bierly, MSN, CRNP
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia—Philadelphia, PA



Lauren Fiechtner, MD, MPH

2025 Lauren Fiechtner, MD, MPH
MassGeneral Hospital for Children—Boston, MA



Christy Figueredo, MS, RD, CSP

2025 Christy Figueredo, MS, RD, CSP
University of Miami—Miami, FL

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

The NASPGHAN Foundation is fortunate to be the beneficiary of donations to acknowledge, honor, and commemorate special individuals’ lives and work.

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Dr. Odell, a professor of pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, was a pediatric liver specialist. Later in his career, he established the pediatric gastroenterology division at the University of Wisconsin. He was a passionate scientist and his research on bilirubin metabolism and hepatobiliary disorders was a point of immense career pride. The award was developed to promote research and excellence in hepatology.

2024—Ronald Sokol, MD
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Children’s Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO
PROTECTIVE EFFECT OF FXR AGONIST IS MEDIATED THROUGH STAT3 ACTIVATION IN A CHRONIC MOUSE MODEL OF INFLAMMATORY CHOLANGIOPATHY ASSOCIATED WITH ELEVATED ARACHIDONIC ACID LEVELS

2025—Sandra Rios-Melendez, MD
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, TX
NOVEL POINT-OF-CARE DIAGNOSITC RISK MODEL AND CLINICAL CALCULATOR FOR BILIARY ATRESIA

► **AMIN TJOTA AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING ABSTRACT IN PANCREATIC RESEARCH**

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2024—Cheng-Yu Tai, PhD
Stanford University, Stanford, CA
NOVEL LIPID BIOMARKERS DERIVED FROM PHOSPHOLIPID AND SPHINGOLIPID SIGNATURES MAY PREDICT THE EMERGENCE OF PANCREATITIS WITH ASPARAGINASE EXPOSURE

2025—Olawale Oduru, MD
Children’s of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
CHILDREN WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE HOSPITALIZED AT CHILDREN’S HOSPITALS WITH ACUTE PANCREATITIS HAVE A LONGER LENGTH OF STAY AND REQUIRE MORE PROCEDURES COMPARED TO THOSE WITHOUT SICKLE CELL DISEASE

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2024—Joshua Wechsler, MD, MSci
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
DOSE DEPENDENT EFFECT OF SEVOFLURANE ON THE ESOPHAGEAL CONTRACTILE RESONSE BY FUNCTIONAL LUMEN IMAGING PROBE PANOMETRY

2025—Jonathan Miller, MD
New York-Presbyterian—New York, NY
FGFBP1+ UPPER CRYPT STEM CELLS REGENERATE INJURED INTESTINAL EPITHELIUM

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2024—John A. Barnard, MD

PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY IN TRANSITION:
WORKFORCE STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE

2025—John E. Pandolfino, MD

HOW AI IS RESHAPING PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY

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Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

PROTECTIVE EFFECT OF FXR AGONIST IS MEDIATED THROUGH STAT3 A PROSPECTIVE STUDY ON THE DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERISTICS OF PEDIATRIC CYCLIC VOMITING SYNDROME

2025—Sergio Cobos, MD

Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH

IMPACT OF APREPITANT USE ON LENGTH OF STAY AND REPEAT HOSPITALIZATION FOR CHILDREN WITH CYCLIC VOMITING SYNDROME



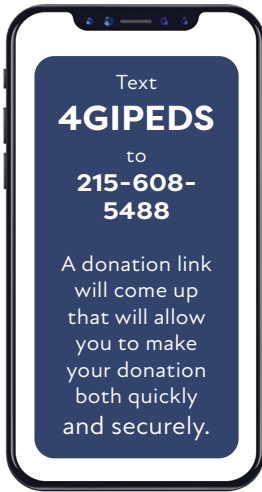
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In honor of his extraordinary devotion to pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, nutrition, and to NASPGHAN, the William F. Balistreri, MD Prize for Excellence in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition endows an outstanding speaker at our Annual Meeting.

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In 2019, way before any of us could imagine a global shut down or his own untimely and far too early loss — Dr. Heubi envisioned and started work on a “living” timeline on the NASPGHAN website with digital, written and video materials. It is therefore in his honor that NASPGHAN proudly established the Jim Heubi Memorial NASPGHAN Timeline Fund — to support a digest of significant historical events of NASPGHAN over the past half century that is — just as Jim envisioned — a living document that will expand in content as the history of NASPGHAN continues to unfold and our society continues to flourish in future years. Contributions to this fund will ensure that this work is both enduring and endearing.

◆ **Teri Li Award in Education**

This award recognizes novel and/or extensive educational efforts in pediatric GI for a junior faculty (within 10 years of fellowship). As a Montessori teacher, Teri’s lifelong passion was education.

The clinician-educator pathway is currently the most commonly chosen career track amongst GI fellows and junior faculty. There are currently no recognition awards to support novel or extensive efforts in pediatric GI education. By providing recognition, such an award could help further a young faculty member’s career as a clinician-educator.

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