



NASPGHAN Councilor Position Description

Clinical Practice Councilor*

General Description

The Clinical Practice Councilor serves as an elected member of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) and is a member of the Council. The Clinical Practice Councilor advocates for clinical practice issues, community providers, and patient care priorities within a professional society with members from diverse practice settings. They serve as a voice for smaller institutions, resource-limited environments, and fully clinical practices, helping to ensure that NASPGHAN initiatives are practical, implementable, and scalable across a wide range of practice settings. Upon election, they serve a three-year term as a member of the Council. The Councilor may not succeed themselves in the same office.

The Clinical Practice Councilor works closely with the Officers, Executive Director, and Council members to support the governance responsibilities and advance NASPGHAN's mission.

Qualifications and Competencies

Ideally, the Clinical Practice Councilor will possess the following competencies and attributes:

- Able to represent and advocate for clinicians practicing in diverse settings while maintaining a fiduciary responsibility to what is best for NASPGHAN.
- Understand the unique challenges and opportunities within these professional settings.
- Demonstrate strong presentation and public speaking skills to represent NASPGHAN to diverse stakeholders.
- Able to collaborate effectively with NASPGHAN leadership, fellow Council members, committee chairs, and external partners.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the operation of multiple pediatric GI practice settings and effectively manage and engage with diverse stakeholders.
- Serve as an active Council member, attending meetings and contributing to strategic discussions.
- Possess excellent communication skills (both written and oral).

- Support the Council in maintaining financial stewardship of the Society.

Additional Responsibilities

- Review NASPGHAN financial reports, budgets, and audit summaries as a member of Council.
- Provide input on reimbursement, funding, and economic challenges impacting clinical practice.
- Advise on initiatives that support the financial sustainability of community and private practice providers.
- Participate in Council meetings and support completion of Council business.
- Support organizational operation through engagement with committees as a Council Liaison.

NASPGHAN Foundation: As a member of the Council, the clinical practice councilor is expected to:

- Financially support the NASPGHAN Foundation.
- Support and advocate for the mission and initiatives of the NASPGHAN Foundation.
- Support and promote Foundation initiatives that advance research, education, and professional development in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition.
- Support the Foundation financially and identify potential supporters of NASPGHAN leveraging one's network.

Duties of a Councilor:

- Participate in monthly virtual NASPGHAN Council meetings and two in-person meetings per year.
- Serve as a fiduciary, focusing on supporting matters that benefit NASPGHAN.
- Gather and communicate member feedback, concerns, and emerging needs to leadership.
- Promote member engagement and participation across diverse clinical practice settings.
- Ensure governance decisions reflect the changing needs of clinical practice environments.
- Contribute to the development and review of initiatives, policies, and guidelines.
- Be knowledgeable of and uphold NASPGHAN'S mission, bylaws, and governance standards.

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- Participate in the full review journey of Society papers, from initial concept proposals through formal Council review of completed manuscripts, helping determine whether revisions are needed to ensure each paper appropriately represents the Society.