

Valeria Cohran MD, MS

Personal Statement

My personal commitment to NASPGHAN began during my fellowship training at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where I had the privilege of learning in an environment deeply shaped by my mentors. They represented the best in leadership, collaboration, and service to the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition. Early in my training, I attended my first NASPGHAN Annual Meeting and was struck by the sense of shared purpose and community that defined it. Watching my mentors serve as Presidents, Councilors, Treasurers, committee chairs, and Foundation leaders demonstrated the profound influence NASPGHAN could have on advancing pediatric healthcare and shaping future leaders within our specialty.

Throughout my career, NASPGHAN has remained central to my professional identity and growth. I have been fortunate to serve the organization in a variety of roles, including on the Professional Education Committee, Nutrition Committee, and Diversity Committee, as well as a NASPGHAN Councilor. As Chair/facilitator of the Special Interest Group for Intestinal Rehabilitation, I have worked to strengthen collaboration across institutions, expand educational opportunities, and support innovation in a rapidly evolving area of pediatric care. Each experience provided me with a valuable perspective on the organization's priorities and reinforced the importance of collaboration and the incredible breadth of knowledge and expertise that exists in NASPGHAN's members.

One of the most meaningful aspects of my involvement has been the opportunity to support education and mentorship across all career stages. My work with the First-Year Fellows Conference and as faculty for NASPGHAN Nutrition University has underscored the transformative impact that early engagement, mentorship, and professional support can have on trainees and junior faculty. I believe strongly that one of NASPGHAN's greatest responsibilities is to cultivate the next generation of physicians who will continue to move our field forward.

Advocacy has also become an increasingly important part of my professional and in many ways, personal mission. Initiatives such as the Medical Nutrition Equity Act highlight the powerful role NASPGHAN can play in advancing equitable access to care and improving the lives of vulnerable patients. My experience serving on the FDA expert panel addressing infant formula safety and policy further demonstrated the importance of ensuring that NASPGHAN's expertise is represented in national conversations that directly affect children's health.

In 2025, I was deeply honored to receive the Margaret Stallings NASPGHAN Distinguished Service Award. I view this recognition not as an endpoint, but as a reflection of the spirit of this community and a renewed responsibility to continue serving at the highest level.

NASPGHAN is a community that fosters leadership, advances discovery, supports professional growth, and drives meaningful progress in pediatric healthcare. I remain deeply committed to helping strengthen and shape the future of our organization and our field through leadership and service. It would be my utmost honor to be the next president of NASPGHAN and part of its long lasting legacy.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

08/89 – 05/93 Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi
Chemistry, B.S., *magna cum laude*

08/93 – 05/97 Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri
Medicine, M.D.

08/01 – 06/04 University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH
Epidemiology, M.S.

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

07/97 – 06/00 Pediatric Residency
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

07/00 – 06/03 Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

07/03 – 06/04 Advanced Clinical Fellowship
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

2003 – Present American Board of Pediatrics, Pediatric Gastroenterology

2008 – Present American Board of Pediatrics, Pediatric Transplant Hepatology

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

2004 – Present Illinois License

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

9/24-Present Professor
Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

Chicago, Illinois

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

- 08/05 – Present Medical Director, Intestinal Rehabilitation and Transplantation
 Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition
 Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Formerly Children's Memorial Hospital
 Chicago, Illinois
- 8/2019-Present Associate Chair of Health Equity
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HONORS AND AWARDS

National

- 2019 Top Reviewers, Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition
- 2020 Top Reviewers, Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition
- 2021 Top Reviewers, Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition
- 2024 Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society Inductee, Northwestern University
- 2025 Margaret R. Stallings Clinical Service Award, NASPGHAN
- 2026 American Pediatric Society Inductee

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- 07/00 – Present North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition,
 NASPGHAN
- 01/15 – 01/21 American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, ASPEN,

EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 10/15 –10/18 NASPGHAN Councilor
- 10/18 – Present NASPGHAN Co-Chair of Special Interest Group, Intestinal Rehabilitation

EDITORSHIPS / EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE

- 01/22 – Present *Journal of Pediatrics*
- 7/23-7/25 Guest Editor for special edition *Gastroenterology Clinics of North America*
 devoted to Pediatric Nutrition.

INVITED TALKS

International

Short Bowel Syndrome and Intestinal Adaptation

7th Annual World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 12/24

National

1. *Growth Failure in Liver Disease*
NASPGHAN Nutrition University, Chicago, IL, 04/24
2. *Intestinal Failure 2024: Latest and Greatest*
University of Rochester Pediatric Gastroenterology Grand Rounds, virtual, 4/24
3. *Advancing Independence Via Intestinal Rehabilitation*
Digestive Diseases Week, American Gastroenterology Association, Washington DC, 05/24
4. *Intestinal Rehabilitation: Long-term outcomes and Considerations*
Advances in Neonatal and Pediatric Nutrition, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH, 2/25
5. *FDA Expert Panel on Infant Formula*, Panel Discussant, Silver Spring, MD, 6/25
6. *Progress and Equity in Pediatric Short Bowel Syndrome and Intestinal Transplantation*, National Medical Association Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly, Chicago, IL, 7/25
7. *Improving Enteral Autonomy after NEC*, NEC Symposium 2025, Chicago, IL, 9/25
8. *Improving Outcomes for Pediatric Intestinal Failure*, PIONEER Conference, St. Louis, MO, 10/25

SCHOLARLY BIBLIOGRAPHY

Selected Peer-reviewed Original Investigations

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