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Personal Statement for 2026 Clinical Practice Councilor Position

I have been in solo private practice in Puerto Rico for the last 17 years and an active member of NASPGHAN for almost 22 years. The focus of my career has always been delivering the highest level of direct patient care by applying everything I learn. The Post Graduate Course was essential in supporting my growth as a new gastroenterologist practicing on an island both literally and figuratively, and I still believe it is one of the most valuable aspects of the Annual Meeting. As I have grown in my career, I appreciate how the nuances of private practice has become more of a focus during this conference. That is a theme I would like to continue seeing in NASPGHAN. My main qualification would be my experience as a solo practitioner. I am very aware of the challenges physicians like myself encounter working in settings where there can be multiple barriers affecting patients' access to care. I am also fully bilingual in English and Spanish and can represent different cultures and communicate effectively. I have already been able to give back to NASPGHAN participating in the First and Second Year Fellows conferences since 2016. It is always gratifying when a fellow later comes to me saying my contributions in the conferences helped them at the time and later in life too. Many seemed surprised at the solo aspect of my practice which makes them curious and wonder if they can also make it on their own. I give them hope that they most definitely can with the support of NASPGHAN.

If given the opportunity, I will work hard to fulfill all the requirements of the Clinical Practice Councilor position and serve NASPGHAN members to the best of my abilities by advocating for pediatric gastroenterologists in clinical and private practice and encouraging fellows and practitioners to pursue their aspirations and future goals.

Sincerely,

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Education:

8/96-6/00 M.D. University of Puerto Rico School of
Medicine San Juan, PR.

8/93-7/96 B.S. University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras
Campus
(General Sciences), San Juan, PR.

Postgraduate Training and Fellowship Appointments:

7/07-6/08 Research and Clinical Fellowship in Pediatric
Gastroenterology and Nutrition, The Children's Hospital of
Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

7/04-6/07 Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology and
Nutrition, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia,
Philadelphia, PA

7/00-6/03 Internship and residency in Pediatrics, University
Pediatric Hospital – University of Puerto Rico School
of Medicine, San Juan, PR

Employment Appointments and Positions:

10/2025-present	Pediatric Gastroenterology Division Chief at Puerto Rico Children's Hospital, Bayamón, PR
09/2024-present	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Medical Faculty Member of Doctors' Center Orlando Health Hospital, Dorado, PR
07/17 - present	Active faculty at Puerto Rico Women and Children's Hospital Pediatric Residency Program
01/10-present	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Medical Faculty Member of Manatí Medical Center, Manatí, PR
10/09-present	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Medical Faculty Member of Puerto Rico Women and Children's Hospital, Bayamón, PR
07/09-present	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Medical Faculty Member of Doctors' Center Hospital, Manatí, PR
09/10-10/12	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Medical Faculty Member of Doctors' Center Hospital, Bayamón, PR
1/04-7/05	Neonatal intensive care unit hospitalist at Christiana Care Hospital, Newark, DE

Specialty Certification:

2003 – present	Board Certified in Pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics
2007 – present	Board Certified in Pediatric Gastroenterology by the American Board of Pediatrics

Licensure: Puerto Rico

Awards and Honors:

- 2006. American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Single Topic Conference on Hepatic Fibrosis, Travel Award
- 2007. Award for outstanding Basic Science Poster by a Clinical Fellow, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Fellow's Research Poster Day
- 2011, 2016 Doctors' Choice Awards for Pediatric Gastroenterology (Buena Vida Publications, San Juan, PR)

Memberships in Professional Societies:

- North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) (2004-present)
- Puerto Rican Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology (2009-present)
- Vice President of the Puerto Rican Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology (2009 - 2025)
- American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) (2004-2008)
- American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) (2004-2008)

Research Experience:

7/05-6/08. University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, under Rebecca G. Wells, M.D., Department of Medicine (Gastroenterology). Investigation of mechanisms of liver fibrosis in biliary atresia and other pediatric liver diseases.

Grants:

7/05-6/08 T32 NIH grant # DK07066 (wrote proposal for and received minority trainee supplement to training grant)

Invited Lectures and Conferences:

- Co-host for The Bowel Sounds En Español podcast, the official podcast of NASPGHAN. Topic: Microbiome and its role in child health (Feb, 2026)
- Panelist at Mastering the Negotiation Game - Tactics for Success. NASPGHAN Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. Nov, 2025
- Co-host for the first Spanish Episode of The Bowel Sounds podcast, the official podcast of NASPGHAN. Topic: Cow's milk protein intolerance (Nov, 2024)
- Nutrition Symposium presented by Sociedad de Pediatría de Puerto Rico: "Introduction of Complementary feedings in Infants", San Juan, PR, May, 2024
- Colegio de Médicos de Puerto Rico Convention: "Obesity epidemic" talk, December, 2023, San Juan PR
- Eleventh Pediatric Gastroenterology Symposium presented by the Puerto Rican Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology: "Obesity Guidelines Review"; San Juan, P.R., August, 2023
- Colegio de Médicos de Puerto Rico Convention: "Pediatric Gastroenterology potpourri" talk, December, 2022, San Juan PR
- Tenth Pediatric Gastroenterology Symposium presented by the Puerto Rican Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology: "Houston We Have a Problem: The Obesity Epidemic"; San Juan, P.R., August, 2022
- Faculty at the 2023 NASPGHAN Second Year Fellows Conference and panelist in the discussion of Work and Life Balance and in "A day in the life of ...". Arizona, USA. April 2022
- Faculty at the 2022 NASPGHAN Second Year Fellows Conference and panelist in the discussion of Work and Life Balance and in "A day in the life of ...". Arizona, USA. April 2022
- Faculty Mentor in the Underrepresented in Medicine (URIM) Teaching and tomorrow Program at NASPGHAN Annual Meeting,
- Faculty at the 2021 NASPGHAN Second Year Fellows Conference. Virtual, Zoom platform. April 2021

Research Publications, peer reviewed:

Umhau JC, Petrulis SG, Díaz R, Biddison JR, George AD. Hypothalamic function in response to 2-deoxy-D-glucose in long-term abstinent alcoholics. *Alcohol Clin Exp Res*, 2001;25:781-6.

Umhau, JC, Petrulis, SG, Díaz R, Riggs, PA, Biddison, JR and George, DT. Long-term abstinent alcoholics have a blunted blood glucose response to 2-deoxy-D-glucose. *Alcohol and Alcoholism*, 2002;37:586-590.

Umhau JC, Petrulis SG, Díaz R, Rawlings R, George DT. Blood glucose is correlated with cerebrospinal fluid neurotransmitter metabolites. *Neuroendocrinology*, 2003;78:339-43.

Díaz R, Kim JW, Hui J-J, Li Z, Swain GP, Fong KS, Russo PA, Rand EB, Furth EE, Wells RG. Evidence for the epithelial to mesenchymal transition in biliary atresia fibrosis. *Human Pathology*, 2008;39:102-115.

Chu AS, Díaz R, Hui J-J, Yanger K, Zong Y, Alpini G, Stanger BZ, WellsRG. Lineage tracing demonstrates no evidence of cholangiocyte epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition in murine models of hepatic fibrosis. In press *Hepatology*, 2011.

Presentations/Abstracts:

Rodriguez AM, Castro P, Díaz R, Cabezas A. "Congenital Esophageal Stricture and Trisomy 21: A Case Report". (Poster presentation at Puerto Rican Pediatric Society Annual Convention, San Juan, PR. Feb, 2022).

Salcedo G, Díaz R. Development of multiple de novo food allergies in an adolescent recipient of liver transplant. (Oral presentation at Ponce Health Science University 17th Annual Scientific Conference, Ponce, PR. May 2022)

Morales C, Bonilla A, Díaz R. Providing a non-stigmatized and disease defining diagnosis: Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease. (Poster presentation, 8th Interdisciplinary Research Symposium. San Juan Bautista School of Medicine. Caguas, PR April, 2024).