

A framed photograph hanging beside my medical diploma captures a moment from the 2004 NASPGHAN fellows' conference and reflects what NASPGHAN means to me. More than a professional society, **NASPGHAN has been my academic home and an extended family**—one that fosters education, research, advocacy, mentorship, and lifelong relationships. That sense of belonging explains why this image still holds such a place of pride in my office more than two decades later!

My path to Peds GI began unexpectedly during a gap year after medical school, when a research job opportunity with Dr. N.K. Arora at AIIMS, New Delhi, sparked a lasting interest in the field. I was fortunate to develop these interests under the mentorship of outstanding mentors; Drs. Alonso and Whittington at Northwestern/Children's Memorial Hospital (*now Lurie*); Drs. Cohen, Balistreri, Bucuvalas, and Bezerra at Cincinnati Children's; and Dr. Frank Sinatra at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). Now, nearly 25 years in, my clinical focus continues to be on **improving the care of children with liver disease**.

My academic work, focused on liver disease, has been supported since 2007 continuously by the NIH across laboratory and translational research. However, continuing to be curious, I sought out further training. First in quality with the Cincinnati Children's Intermediate Improvement Science Series (I2S2) and now administrative training through the Graduate School of Business at Stanford. Together these have helped better prepare me for my current leadership roles, including being responsible for the **GI division at CHLA since 2016, leading its growth across budgetary, clinical, academic, and research verticals by >3x**.

Service and mentorship remain core to my mission. I have led CHLA's Pediatric Scientist Development Program and now serve as PI of an NIH-NIDDK T32 Program. Nationally, I contribute through service on the American Board of Pediatrics Sub-Board for Pediatric GI and was lucky to Chair the Research Committee when we **relaunched the NASPGHAN mentor-mentee program in 2017** that continues to be active to date! I currently serve as Associate Director for Training and Education for the Research Institute at CHLA.

My personal journey has been shaped by strong family support. My wife and I are proud parents of three children now all pursuing their own independent career paths, but we still live in a multigenerational household together with our mothers. NASPGHAN gave me my training cohort, my first grant, and my first leadership opportunity. NASPGHAN is therefore also part of my family — **I consider this application my way of giving back to my NASPGHAN family!**

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Professional Summary

Pediatric hepatologist, physician-scientist, and academic leader with > 175 publications with an h-index of 48 and > 10,700 citations.

Key Highlights:

- National leadership roles with NASPGHAN, AGA, AASLD, NIH CSR, American Board of Pediatrics, and multiple advocacy organizations.
- Continuous NIH-funded investigator since 2007, including leadership of NIH-funded T32 and multicenter translational hepatology programs.
- Recognized expert in pediatric MASLD/MASH, bile acid biology, obesity, liver transplantation, and translational hepatology.
- Established track record of mentoring physician-scientists, fellows, and junior faculty who have gone on to independent academic careers and NIH funding.

NASPGHAN Service Summary

Active member of NASPGHAN since 2003

Leadership and Governance: Progressive leadership roles including Professional Development Committee, Nutrition Committee, Advocacy Committee, Research Committee, Chair of the NASPGHAN Research Committee (2016-2019), NASPGHAN representative to WCPGHAN, and current Board Member of the NASPGHAN Foundation.

Guideline Development: Contributing author of the landmark NASPGHAN Clinical Practice Guideline for the Diagnosis and Treatment of NAFLD in Children 2007/2025.

Education and Annual Meeting Leadership: Course Director, symposium organizer, moderator, PG course faculty, and invited speaker at annual meetings for >15 years.

Mentorship and Workforce Development: Developed and led mentorship initiatives through the NASPGHAN Research Committee.

NASPGHAN Awards: George Ferry Young Investigator Award, Takeda Research Innovation Award, Elected Fellow of NASPGHAN.

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NASPGHAN SERVICE

- **Chair**, Research Committee
 - Led national research strategy, abstract review oversight, and funding priorities
 - Developed mentor–mentee program initiative
- **Chair / Co-Chair**, Research & Mentor–Mentee Program
 - Developed and scaled mentorship pathways supporting trainees and early-career faculty
- **Member**, Advocacy Committee
- **Member**, Nutrition Committee
- **Member**, Award/Nominating Committees
- **Chair**, Pediatric SIG (AASLD liaison role)
- **Member**, NASPGHAN Strategic Plan Development
- **Member**, NASPGHAN Foundation Board

Additional NASPGHAN Contributions

- Faculty and leadership roles for NASPGHAN fellow hepatology conferences, annual meetings, single topic symposia, and postgraduate courses

NATIONAL SOCIETY LEADERSHIP

American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)

- **Chair**, Obesity, Metabolism & Nutrition Section
- Member, Multi-society Task Force on Climate Change
- Member, AGA Nominating Committee

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD)

- **Chair**, Pediatric Liver Disorders Special Interest Group
- Chair/Co-Chair, Pediatric Focused Study Groups

American Liver Foundation (ALF)

- **Co-Chair**, Research Award Committee (2024–Present)

INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

Children's Hospital Los Angeles / USC (2016–Present)

- **Division Chief**, Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition

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- **Associate Director**, The Saban Research Institute
 - Training, Education, Career Development and Planning
- **Director**, Rodent Metabolic Core
- **Director**, Donnell Society for Pediatric Scientists

University of Cincinnati / Cincinnati Children's Hospital (2007–2016)

- Co-Founder & Director, Steatohepatitis Center
- Medical Director, Liver Transplant Program
- Medical Director, Complex Surgery & Transplant Unit
- Director of Clinical Research, NIH -NIDDK Digestive Health Center

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- **MBBS**, Armed Forces Medical College, University of Pune, India
- **MS (Clinical Investigation)**, Northwestern University
- **Physician Executive Program**, The Graduate School, Stanford University

Postgraduate Training

- Pediatrics – New York Medical College
- Pediatric Gastroenterology – Northwestern University
- Advanced Transplant Hepatology – Northwestern University

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

- **Professor of Pediatrics**, University of Southern California (2019–)
- **Adjunct Professor**, Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, New Delhi, (2026–)
- Associate Professor, USC (2016–2018)
- Associate Professor, University of Cincinnati (2012–2016)
- Assistant Professor, University of Cincinnati (2007–2012)

EDUCATION, MENTORSHIP & WORKFORCE

- Primary mentor to >50 trainees (medical students, residents, fellows, postdoctoral scholars, and faculty)
- Mentor to multiple NIH K-awardees now in senior faculty positions
- Grown GI fellowship from 6 to 9 spots and added 4th year training programs in IBD, Liver Transplant, Neurogastromotility, and Intestinal rehabilitation/Nutrition

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- Chair/member of PhD and MSc thesis committees (USC, University of Toronto, University of Cincinnati)

SELECTED HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Member, American Pediatric Society
- Fellow, NASPGHAN and AASLD
- Los Angeles Magazine & Castle Connolly Top Doctor
- Healthcare Visionary Award, Liver Health Foundation
- Member, National Academy of Medical Sciences (India)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

- Member, Men as Allies, Children's Hospital Los Angeles
- Mentor, Diversity and Inclusion Mentoring Program (DIMP), USC
- Member, Gender Equity Council, CHLA
- Mentor, Future Leaders Program, American Gastroenterology Association
- Member, Strategy Implementation Team - CHLA
- Mentor, SPR/APS Journeys Program

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

- Continuous NIH funding as PI since 2007
- Site PI and steering leadership for national multicenter networks (ChILDRen, NASH CRN), and NIDDK/NIH funded T32 training Program
- Leadership of translational and clinical research programs in pediatric MASLD/NASH and liver transplantation

EDITORIAL & SCHOLARLY LEADERSHIP

- Associate Editor, *Pediatric Obesity*
- Editorial Boards: *Hepatology*, *Gastroenterology*, *Scientific Reports*, *Pediatric Transplantation*
- Author of >200 peer-reviewed publications, national/international guidelines

INNOVATION & TRANSLATIONAL IMPACT

- Listed Inventor on issued and pending patents and Trademarks on Acute Liver Failure Score and NASH biomarkers and therapeutics
- Leader in bridging basic discoveries, clinical trials, and society guidelines

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