

Executive Summary
2011 NASPGHAN Strategic Plan
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Last September 2010, the NASPGHAN Executive Council held a Strategic Retreat to review accomplishments of the previous Strategic Plan and to generate new goals and concrete objectives, which were based on a needs assessment survey of the members sent out in the summer of 2010. The first task was to review and agree upon the mission statement which was revised as follows:

The mission of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition is to improve quality of care and health outcomes for children with disorders of the gastrointestinal tract and liver. This will be accomplished by supporting research that advances our understanding of these disorders, fostering the translation and dissemination of this knowledge into practice through scientific meetings, professional and public education, and policy development, and by serving as an effective voice for children, their families, our membership, and the profession.

In January 2011, the Executive Council reviewed the Strategic Plan from September 2010 and generated a list of priorities that we believed could be realized in the next 3 years. The Executive Council is pleased to distribute both the Strategic Plan and this brief summary of the revised objectives to the entire NASPGHAN membership and welcomes comments and suggestions.

An overarching goal statement was developed for each set of objectives related to the four priority areas: research, quality clinical care, advocacy, and education/training. Goals were established for each of these strategic domains as follows:

- I. Research: NASPGHAN will become an effective resource for members interested in research. NASPGHAN will advance knowledge to improve pediatric GI health by promoting research careers, developing an effective research agenda and establishing a clinical investigators registry.**
 - Establish collaborative and approved priority research agenda within 18 months
 - Complete development and launch of a clinical research registry within 18 months
 - Complete plan to increase research career visibility and success within 2 years
- II. Quality Care: Develop and disseminate evidence-based information that will have the greatest impact on the health of children with digestive disorders and support NASPGHAN efforts in advocacy, professional and public education and research.**
 - Complete guideline review and alignment within 3 years
 - Develop quality measures in pediatric IBD
 - Perform a practice survey and publish in JPGN by 2013
 - Develop and launch a new public website within 2 years
- III. Advocacy: NASPGHAN is THE effective voice for pediatric digestive health.**
 - Identify and hire a Washington advocate
 - Decide top advocacy priorities for our patients and our profession
 - Expand the number of NASPGHAN members involved in advocacy

IV. Education and Training: Optimize training and ongoing education to foster and strengthen competence of our members.

- Increase the number of training programs aware of, and that take advantage of, individualized, flexibility option
- Complete and publish updated Training Guidelines and promote to the membership
- Develop tools to assess proficiency of trainees