

A smiling male doctor with dark skin and short hair, wearing a white lab coat over a dark shirt. A stethoscope is draped around his neck. He is holding a young child with light skin and blonde hair. The child is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with small gold stars and pink pants. The doctor is looking towards the camera with a warm smile, and the child is looking slightly away from the camera.

*NASPGHAN Foundation  
for Children's Digestive Health & Nutrition*

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

# **NASPGHAN Foundation for Children's Digestive Health & Nutrition Mission Statement**

The NASPGHAN Foundation  
funds and supports  
the research and education  
missions of NASPGHAN  
in order to enhance  
the health and well-being of  
children with gastrointestinal,  
liver, pancreas and  
nutritional disorders.

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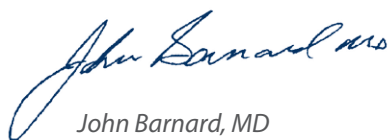
*The NASPGHAN Foundation exists to fund and support the research and educational missions of NASPGHAN. To do so, we work hard to forge effective partnerships with industry colleagues, sister societies and our society's membership, now totaling more than two thousand.*

*Described in this biennial report are recent research and education initiatives undertaken by the NASPGHAN Foundation. We also tell the story of the Foundation's major impact on the future of our profession. Finally we thank our many donors and contributors whose generous financial support and commitment of time and creativity is so important to the success of NASPGHAN.*

*I would like to call special attention to the many industry colleagues participating in our Partners Program, listed on the back cover of of this report. This program establishes an annual forum involving NASPGHAN leaders and industry. It has proved an especially valuable mechanism to share ideas and priorities for our respective interests, as we together strive to improve the health of all children, especially those with gastrointestinal, liver and nutritional disorders.*

*Special thanks are also due to Katharine Odell, PhD who generously established an endowment to honor her late husband, Dr. Gerard Odell, a pediatric hepatologist and expert in bilirubin metabolism. The Gerard Odell Award for Excellence in Liver Disease Research will recognize the most highly scored pediatric liver disease research abstract submitted to the annual NASPGHAN meeting. Visionary supporters like Mrs. Odell will ensure the vitality of our organization for generations to come and we express our deep appreciation for her visionary gift to NASPGHAN.*

*Your past support is deeply appreciated. Your ongoing support is essential for our success as we seek to overcome challenges and realize the many opportunities that promise to define the future of our profession and the precious patients we serve.*



John Barnard, MD  
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*"The Foundation is the engine that keeps NASPGHAN going. Without the resources raised by the Foundation it would be impossible for the Society to accomplish its research and education mission."*

Carlo Di Lorenzo, MD

## Making A Difference Through Research

### Research Funding

The future of our subspecialty rests with our trainees and young professionals. A pipeline of research talent into NASPGHAN ensures the long term vitality of our profession as practitioners of state-of-the-art, evidence-based medicine.



The Foundation has awarded more than 75 investigator-initiated grants to NASPGHAN members. Our track record of converting these awards into NIH and CIHR-funded grants is outstanding.

In addition, thanks largely to two generous endowments by Takeda Pharmaceuticals

International, Inc. and AstraZeneca, the NASPGHAN Foundation has been able to expand its grant portfolio to include awards to more senior investigators.

### Grants

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Abbott Nutrition Advanced Fellowship Training in Pediatric Nutrition*

Pediatric nutrition is one of the fastest growing areas of scientific and clinical importance to child and population health. To address this growing interest and to accelerate the training of pediatric experts, this award provides direct funding to support a year of advanced training in pediatric nutrition for a NASPGHAN member. The primary objective of the fellowship is to catalyze and increase the number of highly trained, expert nutrition clinicians, educators and scientists among the membership of NASPGHAN, as a means to improve service to our patients and the public.

*Support provided by Abbott Nutrition*

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/AstraZeneca Research Award for Disorders of the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract*

This award is granted to an investigator to study the epidemiology, pathogenesis, natural history, genetics, diagnosis and management of peptic diseases affecting children. "Peptic diseases" refers to a variety of disorders including, but not limited to, gastroesophageal reflux, reflux esophagitis, eosinophilic (allergic) esophagitis, motility disorders of the upper gastrointestinal tract, *Helicobacter pylori* infection with or without ulceration, non-ulcer dyspepsia, and non-bacterial ulcer diseases.

*"The NASPGHAN Foundation/AstraZeneca Award has been invaluable to my career development. The award secured protected time for me to conduct my research, provided salary support for a research technician, and supplemented necessary reagents for my studies. As a recipient of this award, I have received countless moral support from the NASPGHAN community, which is an incredible and priceless feeling. I am extremely honored and grateful to have received this award and for the generosity of the Foundation. I hope to have the opportunity to pay it forward with future young investigators,"*

Edaire Cheng, MD

*Support provided by AstraZeneca*

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America Investigator Development Award*

This two-year grant is available to junior faculty in support of research relating to a clinical, epidemiological or basic scientific aspect of pediatric inflammatory bowel disease.

*"I was able to publish two articles as a direct result of the NASPGHAN Foundation's support of my work through the CCFA/NASPGHAN Foundation Young Investigator Development Award in IBD. I am, and will be, forever incredibly grateful for the Foundation's and CCFA's investment in my early career. I have just this year been awarded an NIH K01 from the NIDDK and continue my research focusing on improving the lives of children."*

Joanne Masterson, PhD

*Support provided by Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America*

*"Every member of our organization; practitioners, nurse practitioners, young and senior investigators all can benefit from the grants program."*

William F. Balistreri, MD

### *NASPGHAN Foundation Fellow To Faculty Transition Award in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases*

This award provides support to enable promising senior pediatric gastroenterology fellows to spend an additional year upon completion of their fellowship training, to be engaged in full-time research and patient care related to pediatric inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). The intent of this research award program is to develop additional clinical and research expertise in pediatric IBD.

*"The NASPGHAN Foundation Fellow to Faculty IBD Transition Award was such an honor to receive. It not only helped me advance my academic career but also allowed me to generate preliminary data in support of a successful NIH grant application. Without the initial funding from NASPGHAN, I was not even sure that I was able to continue to pursue academic medicine. Therefore, I am very grateful to the NASPGHAN Foundation."*

Sam Cheng, MD.

Support provided by Abbvie and Janssen Biotech, Inc.

### *NASPGHAN Foundation George Ferry Young Investigator Development Award*

This two-year grant is available to junior faculty and supports research activities that have the potential for evolution to an independent research career in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. Monies are awarded in support of a meritorious research project in the clinical or basic sciences to study the gastrointestinal tract, liver or pancreas in children.

*"I recently received a K08. My reviewers cited support by NASPGHAN as a strong reason that I should be funded. I hope to continue bringing something meaningful to our profession and be able to continue the legacy the Foundation has given to me."*

Dean Yimlamai, vM.D., Ph.D.

### *NASPGHAN Foundation In-Office Member Grant for Development of Patient Education Prototypes*

The NASPGHAN Foundation supports grants designed to develop and implement prototype projects focusing on patient education in practice settings. The goal of this grassroots program is to support patient's needs through prototypic concepts that could potentially be utilized by the NASPGHAN/APGNN community in the future.

*"It was truly an incredible honor to receive the NASPGHAN Foundation In Office Member Award. It allowed us to develop and study a prototype of a patient education tool which has proven to be very valuable in our practice. The impact of this award on my career has been enormous."*

Harpreet Pall, MD

### *NASPGHAN Foundation Mid-Level Career Development Award*

Application for biomedical research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is suffering from historically low success rates because of constraint on the federal budget. Some of the nation's most accomplished scientists now experience gaps in funding their work as meritorious ideas undergo repeated cycles of peer-review at the NIH. There is a great need for research grant mechanisms that smooth over these gaps and provide funding continuity.

The mid-level career development award is for NASPGHAN members pursuing research related to pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition and are at a mid-level in their career. This two-year award is available to a faculty member who is at least 6 years from the start of a first faculty position at the time of the application, but has not reached professor level.

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### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Nestlé Nutrition Young Investigator Development Award*

This two-year grant is available to junior faculty and supports research activities that have the potential for evolution to an independent research career in pediatric

gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. Made possible by a long standing, generous contribution from Nestlé Nutrition, this grant is awarded to a junior investigator in support of a meritorious basic or clinical proposal relating to nutrition in infancy, childhood or adolescence.

*“NASPGHAN Foundation Grants and Awards are critically important for advancing science through research to improve the care of our patients that defines our clinical practice today.”*

*Neera Gupta, MD, MAS*

*“It is essential for new investigators to have initial support to facilitate building a career in science. The Nestlé Nutrition Award allowed me to establish my own independent research line. With the award, I was able to recruit talented staff and start to build my research team. The award was pivotal in helping my team produce significant insight into the metabolic pathophysiology of malnutrition.”*

*Robert Bandsma, MD, PhD*

*Support provided by Nestlé*

### *NASPGHAN Foundation/APGNN Susan Moyer Nursing Research Grant*

Partnering with the Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Nurses, this one-year grant is available to pediatric gastroenterology, nutrition and hepatology nurses to support research activities that have the potential to advance nursing care of patients and families of children with gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, pancreatic or nutritional disorders.

*“I am very grateful to the NASPGHAN Foundation for sponsoring the Susan Moyer APGNN nursing research grant. Without the support, I would not have been able to conduct a small pilot study comparing Vitamin D dosing regimens in children with IBD. I also hope that sharing my research and experience with this grant will stimulate more APGNN nurses to pursue areas of inquiry and research.”*

*Shari Huffman, MN, ARN*

### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Takeda Pharmaceutical Products, Inc. Research Innovation Award*

NASPGHAN Foundation/Takeda Pharmaceutical Products, Inc. Research Innovation Award provides a two-year grant for innovative, high-impact research in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. The intent of this research award is to stimulate scientific inquiry in an area that is exceptionally innovative and has the potential to impact the field in a highly novel manner. Applicants at any career level may apply.

*“Being awarded the NASPGHAN Foundation/Takeda Innovation Award, was like manna from heaven! I was “man overboard” and the Foundation/ Takeda grant was my lifeline! Without this grant I would not have been able to keep my basic science lab open between the ending of my NIH K award and the starting of my R01. The NASPGHAN Foundation grant was a true bridge for me to cross over to being an independent NIH funded investigator.”*

*Rohit Kohli, MBBS, MS*

*Support provided by Takeda Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.*





## Legacy Program

### *William F. Balistreri Prize*

The Legacy Program honors exceptional NASPGHAN members and acknowledges their contribution to our field and our Society. The first campaign, honoring William F. Balistreri, was a tremendous success. The William Balistreri Prize celebrates Dr. Balistreri's career-long commitment to excellence in clinical care, education, research and advocacy. The Balistreri Prize is presented at the NASPGHAN Annual Meeting to the author of a highly ranked scientific abstract.

*"The William Balistreri Prize has been pivotal for my research project. The award provided a national forum in which to share our results, which has since led to a number of collaborations and new research avenues. With the award, I was able to generate enough data to win an AASLD research grant and apply for an NIH grant. I am truly grateful to the NASPGHAN Foundation and Dr. Balistreri for so enthusiastically supporting my work."*

*Sanjiv Harpavat, MD*

Now, the NASPGHAN Foundation is proud to launch the next chapter in the Legacy Program.

### *NASPGHAN Foundation Richard J. Grand and John B. Watkins Prize*

Drs. Grand and Watkins were pioneers in the field of pediatric gastroenterology and helped define our field as we know it today. Dr. Grand is probably best known for his pivotal contributions to the field of pediatric inflammatory bowel diseases, but he was also incredibly active in such diverse areas as studying the developmental biology of the GI tract, defining the molecular regulation of disaccharidase production, and numerous aspects of pediatric nutrition. Like Dr. Grand, Dr. Watkins was a pioneer in broad areas of pediatric GI/hepatology and nutrition; from understanding lipid digestion and absorption, examining the pathogenesis of neonatal cholestasis, to defining and optimizing the nutritional needs of premature infants.

Drs. Grand and Watkins worked together to build one of the earliest "full service" GI Divisions in the country. They have been extensively involved in the formative days of NASPGHAN, are both past Presidents of the Society, and both are recipients of the Shwachman Award. It is in the spirit of the work they did together, that this Legacy Award will bear both their names.



*William F. Balistreri, MD*



*Richard J. Grand*



*John B. Watkins*

## Named Awards

The NASPGHAN Foundation is fortunate to be the beneficiary of donations to acknowledge, honor and commemorate two individuals' lives and work.

### *Gerard B. Odell Award*

Dr. Odell, a professor of pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, was a pediatric liver specialist. Later in his career, he established the pediatric gastroenterology division at the University of Wisconsin. He was a passionate scientist and his research on bilirubin metabolism and hepatobiliary disorders was a point of immense career pride.

Dr. Odell was born in London and reared in the New York suburbs. He earned a bachelor's degree from New York University in 1947 and graduated from the Yale University Medical School in 1951.

While in the Navy from 1954 to 1956, he was director of pediatrics at the Navy hospital in Guam.

### *New Award*

*The NASPGHAN Foundation  
thanks Katharine Odell, PhD for  
her remarkable generosity in  
establishing an endowment in  
honor of her late husband,  
Dr. Gerard Odell.*

### *Teri Li Award in Education*

The Teri Li Award recognizes novel or extensive education efforts by junior faculty in NASPGHAN. The award is named in honor of Dr. B Li's spouse, Teri, who was passionately dedicated to quality education all of her life. Awardees are recognized at the annual NASPGHAN meeting.

*"The Teri Li Educational award has had a tremendous impact on my career. Winning the award provided me with clarity that I am an educator. My career is now focused on education. Clinical care allows me to help people, but training the next generation of doctors amplifies that impact."*

*Christine Waasdorp Hurtado, MD*



Teri Li



## 2014 Recipients

### Research Grants

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/APGNN Susan Moyer Nursing Research Grant*

**Nancy Murray, RN, MS**

Influence of bottle/nipple systems on feedings in term infants

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/AstraZeneca Research Award for Disorders of the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract*

**Rachel Rosen, MD**

*Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA*

Pepsin and bacteria as a trigger for neutrophil trans-epithelial migration: A mechanism behind reflux related lung disease

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Young Investigator Development Award*

**Phillip Minar, MD**

*Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH*

Redefining deep remission in pediatric Crohn's Disease

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation Development and Study of Clinical Outcome Assessments for use in Clinical Trials in Children with IBD*

**Anthony Otley, MD**

*Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia*

Development and evaluation of the Tummy CD Index: A patient reported signs and symptom index for pediatric Crohn's Disease

#### *NASPGHAN/NASPGHAN Foundation George Ferry Young Investigator Development Award*

**Nirmala Mavila, PhD**

*Cedars Sinai, Los Angeles, CA*

Role of Prominin-1 expressing cells in biliary fibrosis of biliary atresia



#### *NASPGHAN Foundation In-Office Member Grant for Development of Patient Education Prototypes*

**James Brief, MD**

*Stony Brook Children's Hospital, Stony Brook, NY*

The impact of an interactive computer application on the quality of colonoscopy preparation, overall patient satisfaction and outpatient ambulatory center efficiency

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Nestlé Nutrition Research Young Investigator Development Award*

**Ajay Jain, MD**

*Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO*

Role of bile acids in preventing parenteral nutrition associated disorders

### Legacy Award

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation William F. Balistreri Prize*

**Sanjiv Harpavat, MD**

*Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX*

Prospective newborn screening study for biliary atresia

### Named Award

#### *Teri Li Education Award*

**Ruba Abdelhadi, MD**

*Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, MO*

## 2015 Recipients

### Research Grants

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Abbott Nutrition Advanced Fellowship Training in Pediatric Nutrition*

**Jefferson Naylor Brownell, MD**

*Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Philadelphia, PA*

Vitamin A in Sickle Cell Disease: Improving Suboptimal Status with Supplementation

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/APGNN Susan Moyer Nursing Research Grant*

**M. Denise Pollard-Manigault, PhD, CPNP, MPH**

*Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA*  
Implementation of Evidenced-Based Guidelines in Pediatric Functional Constipation: Using NASPGHAN/ESPGHAN 2014 Recommendations-Measuring Outcomes

#### *NASPGHAN/NASPGHAN Foundation George Ferry Young Investigator Development Award*

**Calies Menard-Katcher, MD**

*Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO*  
Structural and molecular markers for detection and monitoring of pediatric fibrostenotic Eosinophilic Esophagitis

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation In-Office Member Grant for Development of Patient Education Prototypes*

**Ramya Ramraj, MD**

*Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR*  
Chronic abdominal pain-taking the support home and going back to school

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation Mid-Level Career Development Award*

**David A Rudnick, MD, PhD**

*Washington University, St Louis, MO*  
PPAR $\gamma$ -Dependent Genetic Regulation of NAFLD

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Nestlé Nutrition Research Young Investigator Development Award*

**Geoffrey A. Preidis, MD, PhD**

*Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, TX*  
Glycan metabolism shapes the undernourished intestinal microbiome and influences weight gain

#### *NASPGHAN Foundation/Takeda Pharmaceutical Products, Inc. Research Innovation Award*

**Hiroshi Nakagawa, MD, PhD**

*University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa*  
Autophagy and human maturation in eosinophilic esophagitis

### Legacy Award

#### *William F. Balistreri Prize*

**Kara G. Margolis, MD**

*Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY*  
Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors have critical and long lasting effects on enteric nervous system development and gastrointestinal function

### Named Award

#### *Gerard B. Odell Award*

**Davide Povero, PhD**

*UCSD-Rady Children's Hospital  
San Diego, CA*  
Human induced pluripotent stem cell derived extracellular vesicles reverse hepatic stellate cell activation

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## Education

The Foundation supports the educational mission of NASPGHAN through a large number and diverse portfolio of professional and public education initiatives. Topic areas are reflux and GERD, inflammatory bowel disease, celiac disease and gluten-related disorders, eosinophilic esophagitis, nutrition, endoscopy, and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease in children, adolescents and young adults. The Foundation's goal is to educate medical professionals and the public, and to support the development of new research in these areas.

The primary objectives are to improve the quality of life and to change pediatric and adult health outcomes by early detection and intervention.

*"Really what's important to me as a private practitioner is that the science is being used for a good purpose – the Foundation really helps teach people – physicians and parents."*

*Suzanne Nelson, MD*

## Pediatric Reflux and GERD Education Campaign

**Chair:** Benjamin D. Gold, MD

**Past Chair:** Harland Winter, MD

The Foundation's pediatric Reflux and GERD Campaign launched our inaugural educational initiative in the fall of 2002. This campaign targeted gaps in knowledge, practice and behavior. Working closely with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Foundation developed five sequential phases of pediatric GERD campaigns over the ensuing years. The campaign raises awareness, changes practice and behavior, educates targeted audiences and reinforces the role of the pediatric gastroenterologist as thought leaders and caregivers of children with gastroesophageal reflux. Campaign materials continue to be referenced based on published NASPGHAN guidelines and used today by our members, their patients and families.

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## Education in Quality Improvement for Pediatric Practice – EQIPP

Accurately distinguishing between uncomplicated physiologic reflux (GER) and gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is crucial to ensuring children receive the right care. Yet, differentiating between the two can be complicated. It's a practice gap the AAP/NASPGHAN Foundation online quality improvement (QI) course: EQIPP: GER or GERD? Diagnosis and Management helps eliminate.

"When you think about some of the more common diseases, reflux is one of the most prevalent. Accurately distinguishing between disease and normal physiology is critical," explains Benjamin Gold, MD, FACP, FAAP and one of the authors of EQIPP: GER or GERD. "This is how the EQIPP course came about. It provides a very strong framework for differentiating between normal physiology and disease conditions and optimally care for the child."

The course offers generalists and specialists separate tracks and helps satisfy MOC Part 4 requirements.

*Support provided by AstraZeneca.*

## Nutrition Education Campaign

**Chair:** Ann O. Scheimann, MD, MBA

There has been an explosion of interest and need for education in nutrition for our members, primary care providers and patients and families. To fill the gaps, the Foundation has worked closely with NASPGHAN's Nutrition Committee currently led by Praveen Goday, MBBS, CNSC to develop a series of activities and resources for medical professionals and the public.

The Foundation created a groundbreaking nutrition course, NASPGHAN Nutrition University, focusing on areas of nutrition science and clinical care associated with the practice of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. This annual course has been highly rated and well attended since its inception in 2012.

The Nutrition Campaign has also developed a series of educational resources focusing on carbohydrate malabsorption, enteral and parenteral nutrition, and fiber. Methods include CME case-based newsletters and slide sets, grand rounds, webinars and information for patients and families on GIKids.org

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## Gluten-Related Disorders Education Campaign

**Chair: Alessio Fasano, MD**

This campaign was launched in 2004 following the NIH Consensus Conference and the release of the NASPGHAN guideline on "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Celiac Disease in Children," *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition* 40:1–19 January 2005.

The Foundation led a visionary multi-year, multi-dimensional education campaign using the guidelines as the basis for the educational content targeting medical professionals as well as the public. The campaign continues to be successful with three recent webinars for physicians and dietitians. This topic is the most highly accessed content on our website including: *Gluten Free Diet Guide* in English and Spanish, patient brochure, slide set, grand rounds, guideline summary, and CME activities. Coupled with ongoing efforts by the NIH and other organizations, the public is more aware of celiac disease and gluten intolerance.

To address the educational needs of medical professionals regarding celiac disease and gluten sensitivity, the NASPGHAN Foundation, along with Dr. Fasano, MD and leading thought leaders, authored a book *"Clinical Guide on Gluten Related Disorders."*

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## Pediatric IBD Education Campaign

**Co-Chairs:**

**Maria M. Oliva-Hemker, MD**

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Launched in 2005, the IBD Campaign focuses on the development of evidence-based resources in this rapidly changing field for medical professionals, patients and families.

Working closely with NASPGHAN's IBD Committee, educational resources include webinars, CME case-based newsletters, a CME slide set, a podcast series on transition, a website focusing on transition for college students and young adults living and working on their own while navigating the disease and a new interactive web-based program on self-management for IBD patients. The Foundation collaborated with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America to develop and launch an exciting new teen IBD website [www.justlikemeibd.org](http://www.justlikemeibd.org). Coming soon is a new decision aid tool on the Risks vs. Benefits of Treatments for Crohn's Disease

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## Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Education Campaign

**Co-Chairs:**

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Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease is the most common chronic liver disease, affecting an estimated 10% of the US pediatric population. The latest studies on prevalence suggest that the incidence of NAFLD is still rising despite the slowing of the obesity epidemic. Children and adults with NAFLD are at high risk of progressing to end stage liver disease and the pathophysiology of NAFLD appears to dramatically increase the risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease. NAFLD research is multidisciplinary and involves collaborations between pediatric hepatologists, endocrinologists, cardiologists, metabolism experts, nutrition scientists, experts in insulin resistance, liver development, and adipocyte effects to name just a few.

## By the numbers 2013-2015

*More than 65 CME activities*

*More than 11,000 attendees for webinars*

*More than 3000 CME applicants for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*

The NAFLD Campaign focuses on research and education, clinical practice guidelines, and endpoints to help medical professionals implement optimal strategies in their clinical practice.

To address these issues, NASPGHAN is hosting an NIH supported single topic symposium on October 7, 2015 in Washington DC: "STOPNASH: Symposium on The Origins and Pathways of NASH: Is it Preventable?" The goal of the symposium is to bring together experts from diverse fields to move NAFLD research forward, to develop consensus regarding priorities in NAFLD research and to encourage young investigators and investigators from diverse backgrounds to study NAFLD.

Past and ongoing educational activities include a webinar, CME case based newsletter, patient brochure in English and Spanish and a webpage on GIKids.org.

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## Capsule Endoscopy Education Campaign

**Chair: Douglas S. Fishman, MD**

Working with NASPGHAN's Endoscopy Committee, the Foundation created a variety of educational resources on capsule endoscopy for members, their patients and families.

An innovative comic book for patients was developed depicting a capsule's journey inside the body through a character named "Cappy." A more in-depth parent brochure explaining the procedure also was developed and combined with the comic book as an in-office handout. An animated video of the Cappy Journey will be released at the end of 2015.

A live and archived CME webinar as well as a CME case-based newsletter were developed for the medical professional.

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## Eosinophilic Esophagitis Education Campaign

*Co-Chairs:*

**Glenn T. Furuta, MD**

**Chris Liacouras, MD**

NASPGHAN hosted the First International Gastrointestinal Eosinophilic Research Symposium (FIGERS) in 2006, where worldwide experts came together to discuss an increasingly recognized disease, Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE). Also supported by the NIH, this symposium was attended by an international audience of 300 physicians and scientists which led to the development of novel diagnostic criteria as well as an increasing interest in developing a research agenda for cooperative multi-center studies. FIGERS generated excellent results with an EoE Consensus statement published in 2007 in *Gastroenterology* (Furuta GT, Liacouras CA, Collins MH, et al. Eosinophilic esophagitis in children and adults: a systematic review and consensus recommendations for diagnosis and treatment. *Gastroenterology*. 2007;133:1342-1363.). This has been revised twice now and published in the *Journal of Allergy Clinical Immunology* and the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Since that time, the Foundation has provided infrastructure support for a consortium of The International Gastrointestinal Eosinophilic Researchers (TIGERS). This consortium has led the way in revising the initial diagnostic criteria and pushed to develop therapeutic measures in conjunction with the FDA. Engagement with the FDA led to a day-long conference, The GREAT Conference, to determine therapeutic endpoints.

In addition, TIGERS has organized subsequent multi-disciplinary meetings to increase awareness and research. It has collaborated with the NIH supported Registry for Eosinophilic Disorders (REGID) to develop a novel comprehensive database. Finally, TIGERS entered into a multi-center trial to validate diagnostic criteria and received funding for an NIH U54 grant, Consortia for Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Research (CEGIR). This grant funds multicenter natural history study, training platforms and pilot awards focused on EGIDs.



The NASPGHAN Foundation worked with TIGERs to launch an educational campaign to raise awareness among medical professionals about the diagnosis and treatment of EoE in adults and pediatric patients. A series of educational resources and activities were developed including an updated slide set and a recent CME webinar targeting primary care through a collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Interest remains very high among medical professionals and the need continues to educate and present current state of the art findings related to EoE. The consortium and the NASPGHAN Foundation remain committed to moving forward.

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