



North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition

The mission of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition is to be a world leader in advancing the science and clinical practice of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition in health and disease.

Who we are: The North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN), is the leading society in the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. The membership of NASPGHAN consists of more than 1100 pediatric gastroenterologists, hepatologists and nutritionists in North America. NASPGHAN members are volunteers who donate their time and expertise to the organization for all NASPGHAN initiatives

What is a pediatric gastroenterologist? A pediatric gastroenterologist is a physician specialist who cares for sick children with digestive disorders, including nutritional problems and diseases of the esophagus, stomach, intestines and liver.

OBJECTIVES

NASPGHAN's objectives include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that children with digestive disorders receive the best medical care available and protecting the health of children.
- Improving the digestive health and nutrition of children worldwide and particularly in North America.
- Fostering dialogue and research on pertinent issues that impact the pediatric gastroenterology patient and their family.
- Providing opportunities for clinicians and researchers to gain knowledge of the scientific advances in the field of pediatric gastroenterology.
- Disseminating the wealth of scientific information that exists in order to improve clinical outcomes and advance the practice of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.

NASPGHAN PROGRAMS

NASPGHAN has succeeded because members interested in basic research, clinical investigation, patient care, and public policy work together to improve the digestive health of children. This diverse, yet cohesive, group along with volunteers, staff, and alliances with other interested organizations, responds to the needs of the pediatric gastroenterology community by providing a wide variety of programs and services including an Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course.

RESEARCH

To enhance the body of knowledge that ultimately leads to improved patient outcomes, NASPGHAN encourages and supports the research endeavors of basic scientists and clinical investigators seeking solutions and cost-effective, pragmatic approaches to problems faced by children with GI diseases.

SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

In an effort to keep the larger gastroenterology and pediatrics community abreast of advances in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition, NASPGHAN, in partnership with the European Society for Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN), publishes the *[Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition](#)*. The Society also posts electronic educational publications through their web site (www.naspghan.org).