



## NASPGHAN Policy on Links and External Resources on Website

The North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) seeks to disseminate advances in the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition to physicians, patients, and families to improve quality of care and increase knowledge in digestive diseases. Since the internet has become a source for much of this information, NASPGHAN has ensured that the NASPGHAN and GIKids websites (websites) are a reliable source of such information. These websites will continue to provide information and tools to physicians and patients which improve quality of care; **which may extend beyond those produced exclusively by NASPGHAN.**

NASPGHAN will use the following process when determining if resources/links not specifically developed by NASPGHAN are consistent with the overall mission of NASPGHAN and should be accessible through the NASPGHAN website and/or GIKids website:

1. NASPGHAN identifies or is made aware of a resource for patient/family or physician education or quality improvement tool related to digestive disease that could be of benefit to clinicians and/or patients and families, and is asked to review for possible inclusion on the NASPGHAN website.
2. The person/group/entity approaching NASPGHAN for development of new content or for updating of an existing content, will also submit, as part of their proposal, the rationale for the proposal, the gap that the new material intends to fill, and **how** and **what** is new in the submitted material. NASPGHAN will **not** entertain or approve any material that is completed and does not go through this process or is submitted in a finalized version.
3. The appropriate NASPGHAN committee reviews the material for content, ensuring it is balanced, unbiased, scientifically sound, objective and supports the mission of NASPGHAN. The Technology Committee should be involved in each step of this approval process to ensure that the content is in appropriate formatting and to review any issues regarding the posting, or technological issues regarding the content.
4. The committee will review potential conflicts of interest and subsequent disclosure in accordance with North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) Policy on Resolution of Conflict of Interest for Officers and Committees and Policy on Conflict of Interest and Relationships with Industry and Other Organizations. Any concerns identified that are not resolved by the reviewing committee will be referred to the ethics committee for consultation.

5. The committee makes a recommendation to reject, revise (if applicable) or endorse the material. It may decide to reject the material based on scientific grounds, conflicts of interest, overall usefulness of the material, or lack of alignment with the mission of NASPGHAN.
6. The accepted material will be referred to council for approval for placement on the NASPGHAN website either as a link or as whole content depending on the material format after permission, when applicable, is obtained.
7. Upon approval, the appropriate committee will notify the contact person for the resource, tool or weblink (eg. Principal investigator). This individual can remain the contact person or name another contact who will be responsible for the content and future correspondence with NASPGHAN regarding the resource. That individual will be required to certify every three years that the content of the resource, tool or weblink is current, or it will be removed from the website. The contact person for the approved content will work with the Technology and Public education Committees to post the material initially and to certify that the content is current at the 3 year renewals.
8. All potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed with a statement *“be advised that members of NASPGHAN have participated/are participating in the development of this material and are supported, in part, by XXXXXXXX”*.
9. The NASPGHAN membership will be made aware of the newly approved resource through a series of once monthly blast email notifications for 3 months and inclusion in the next newsletter.

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**NASPHAN Mission Statement:**

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