

Program Director: Christine Lee, MD

Associate Program Directors: Daniel Kamin, MD; Meenakshi Rao, MD, PhD

## Summary

- ✦ Three-year ACGME-accredited program helping fellows become **leaders** in academic pediatrics gastroenterology
- ✦ We have **5 fellows per year**
- ✦ **Largest pediatric GI fellowship program in the US**
- ✦ Individualized mentorship and training in:
  - ✦ Medical Education
  - ✦ Basic and Translational Research
  - ✦ Patient Advocacy and Public Policy
  - ✦ Quality Improvement
  - ✦ Ethics
  - ✦ Clinical Research and Epidemiology
- ✦ **Continually advancing fellowship education every year**
  - ✦ In 2021, pioneered “Post-call go-home” and “Saturday night off” culture- using **faculty** coverage



## Program Highlights

- ✦ More than 80 faculty members
- ✦ 7 NIH funded basic science laboratories
- ✦ 4<sup>th</sup> year fellowships in Transplant Hepatology, Advanced Nutrition, Motility & IBD.
- ✦ NIH T32 funded for over 30 years
- ✦ Over \$10,000,000/year of research funding
- ✦ Numerous graduate training opportunities- Harvard School of Public Health, the Harvard Catalyst, and the Harvard Macy Program
- ✦ GI Division Centers of Excellence include:
  - ✦ Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Med/surgical and VEOIBD multidisciplinary program)
  - ✦ Childhood Liver Disease and Liver, Multivisceral and Intestine Transplant Program
  - ✦ Therapeutic Endoscopy
  - ✦ Clinical Nutrition
  - ✦ Center for Advanced Intestinal Rehab
  - ✦ Motility Program
  - ✦ Functional Abdominal Pain
  - ✦ Aerodigestive center
  - ✦ Celiac Disease
  - ✦ Bariatric Surgery
  - ✦ Congenital Enteropathy
  - ✦ **And many, many MORE!**



## Procedural Training

- First Year Fellows**
  - ✦ Procedure “Bootcamp” during orientation
  - ✦ Approximately ½ day each week
  - ✦ Dedicated 1 month endoscopy rotation
- Second and Third Year**
  - ✦ Off-site, high volume endoscopy center (Lexington Satellite)
  - ✦ Assigned endoscopy mentored experience
  - ✦ Saturday urgent procedure on-call opportunity
- All Fellows**
  - ✦ Hands-on Endoscopy GI Course at Brigham and Women's
  - ✦ NASPGHAN Hands-on Endoscopy Course

## Individualized Mentorship

- ✦ Assigned mentors as 1<sup>st</sup> year fellows
- ✦ Monthly meetings with Division Chief
- ✦ Meet with Program Directors several times per month
- ✦ Scholarship Oversight Committee (SOC)
- ✦ Formal Biannual Meetings with Program Directors



## Details by Fellowship Year

- Fellowship Year 1**
  - ✦ Building core proficiency in Consults, Inpatient, Nutrition, Hepatology, Endoscopy
  - ✦ Weekly half-day ambulatory teaching clinic and half-day most weeks in endoscopy
- Fellowship Years 2 & 3**
  - ✦ Focus on scholarly work projects with established mentors at Boston Children's Hospital or neighboring institutions
  - ✦ Continue weekly core GI and sub-specialty elective clinics
  - ✦ Approximately 4 weeks of inpatient services
  - ✦ Procedural competency is enhanced with mentored exposure to more advanced endoscopic techniques.



## Boston

- ✦ 3 major medical schools, 27 hospitals and large biotech and pharma presence
- ✦ Youthful energy with approximately 65 universities/colleges
- ✦ Immensely diverse with some twenty neighborhoods
- ✦ Cape Cod/ New England are an easy drive away for beaches and outdoor summer and winter sports/ activities
- ✦ Additional support given to all fellows
  - ✦ \$2500/ year academic discretionary funds
  - ✦ 10,000/ year housing stipend
  - ✦ \$2400/ year loan assistance
  - ✦ Lease guarantee program
  - ✦ Licensing reimbursement during fellowship

# Stony Brook Children's Hospital Pediatric Gastroenterology

Program director: Lesley Small-Harary

Division chief and assistant program director: Anupama Chawla

## Program highlights

8 full time board certified faculty:

- Anupama Chawla, MD
- Jeffrey Morganstern, MD
- Grace Gathungu, MD
- Lesley Small-Harary, MD
- Keith Breglio, MD
- Ada Lee, DO
- Shivany Pathania, MD
- Jenna Berson, MD

- One fellow per year

- Only free standing children's hospital in Suffolk County, NY

- Pediatric Celiac Disease Center, multidisciplinary IBD Center, Healthy Weight and Wellness Center, Cystic Fibrosis Center, Duchene Muscular Dystrophy Center,

- 3 registered dieticians, 2 full time pediatric GI nurse practitioners, 1 full time RN, 1 full time research coordinator

## Current Fellows



## Our Curriculum

### First Year

- 10 months of inpatient service with 1 month vacation and 1 month research
- 1 weekly continuity clinic with fellow's own patient panel
- 2 additional half day clinics and 2 scope sessions per week

### Second Year

- 1 month of service
- 1 weekly continuity clinic with fellow's own patient panel
- 2 additional half day clinics and 2 scope sessions per week
- 1 month Transplant Hepatology at CHONY

### Third Year

- 1 month of service
- 1 weekly continuity clinic with fellow's own patient panel
- 1 additional half day clinic and 2 scope sessions per week
- 2 week nutrition rotation, 1 week motility rotation, 2-4 week elective blocks for specific interests

## Annual spring graduation party





# Duke University Medical Center Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program

Program Director: Narayanan Venkatasubramani, MD



## Program Overview

- ACGME-accredited
- 3 Fellows, one Fellow per year
- 13 Physicians (3 Hepatologists)
- 5 Outpatient sites, daily inpatient care
- Full spectrum of procedures

### What can Duke PGI program offer?

- Only fellowship program in North Carolina with **Motility, Hepatology & small bowel transplant, celiac disease & Transnasal endoscopy experience**
- Great emphasis on clinical care with tertiary referral of complex kids to Duke
- Great research facility at Duke
- Faculty diversity, engaged, dynamic and open to change, work-life balance
- RTP, close to mountains, beach, beautiful restaurants
- **Programs:**
  - **Hepatology/Transplant**
  - **Intestinal Rehabilitation Center**
  - **Inflammatory Bowel Disease**
  - **Motility center**
  - **Celiac disease center**
  - **Feeding disorder**
  - **Aerodigestive/Transnasal Endoscopy**

## Fellowship Rotations

Rotation	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Inpatient Service	40 weeks (29/GI, 11/H)	8-12 weeks	8-12 weeks
Research	6 weeks	36-40 weeks	36-40 weeks
Electives/Conf	2 weeks (nutrition)	N/A	N/A
Vacation	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks
Continuity Clinic	Faculty clinics	1/2 day/week	1/2 day/week
Specialty Clinics	IRP/IBD/Hepatology	Hepatology & Small bowel Transplant, IBD Feeding disorder	Hepatology & Small bowel Transplant, Motility
Procedures	1/2 day per week General GI/Liver biopsy	1/2 day per week GI, ARM, capsule, pH impedance	1/2 day per week GI, ARM, capsule pH impedance Adult GI

## Faculty/Fellows

### GI Faculty:

Dr. Bruno Chumpitazi  
Dr. N. Venkatasubramani  
Dr. John Lyles  
Dr. Sana Syed  
Dr. Danielle Mebuge  
Dr. Arun Ajmera  
Dr. Derek Armstrong  
Dr. Haley Neef  
Dr. Sandeep Puri  
Dr. Jasmine Penderghast

### Hepatologist:

Dr. Gillian Noel  
Dr. Mansi Amin  
Dr. Amrita Salunke  
**Fellows:**  
Dr. Reshma Patel  
Dr. Sharmilaa Babu  
Dr. Christine Martin

## Conferences

- **Tuesdays:**
  - Pediatric Grand Rounds 8-9 AM
  - Fellows' Core Curriculum 4-5 PM
  - GI/Surgery/Radiology 7-8 AM
  - Adult/Peds GI Fellow case 5-6 PM
- **Thursdays:**
  - Pediatric GI Conference 4-5 PM
  - GI/Pathology Conference 4-5 PM
  - Adult/Peds GI endoscopy session 5-6 PM
- **Fridays:**
  - UNC Joint conference 7:30-8.15 AM
  - Chair's Clinical Case 12-1 PM

## Links to Duke Fellowship Program

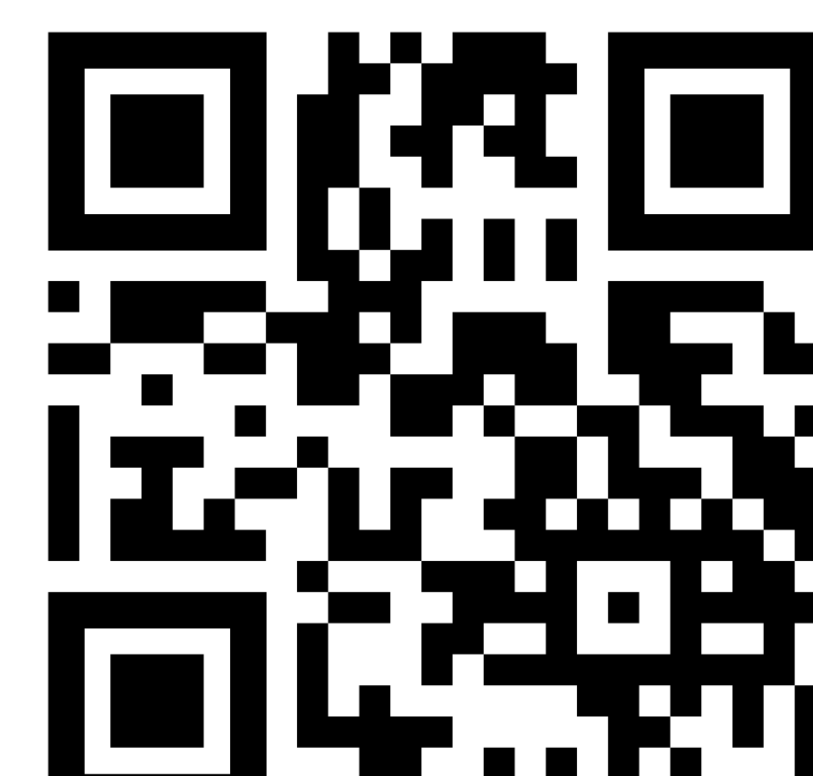
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<https://pediatrics.duke.edu/divisions/gastroenterology-hepatology-and-nutrition>

“Why Choose Duke”:  
<https://pediatrics.duke.edu/education-and-training/fellowship-programs/why-choose-duke>

“Why Train at Duke?”:  
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“Life in Durham”:  
<https://gme.duke.edu/life-in>

Link to a recent issue of the Magazine <https://durham>



## Clinical Experience

### OUTPATIENT

- Weekly continuity clinics
- Hepatology and IBD Clinic in 1st year
- Electives to attend sub specialty clinics and community satellite clinics



### INPATIENT

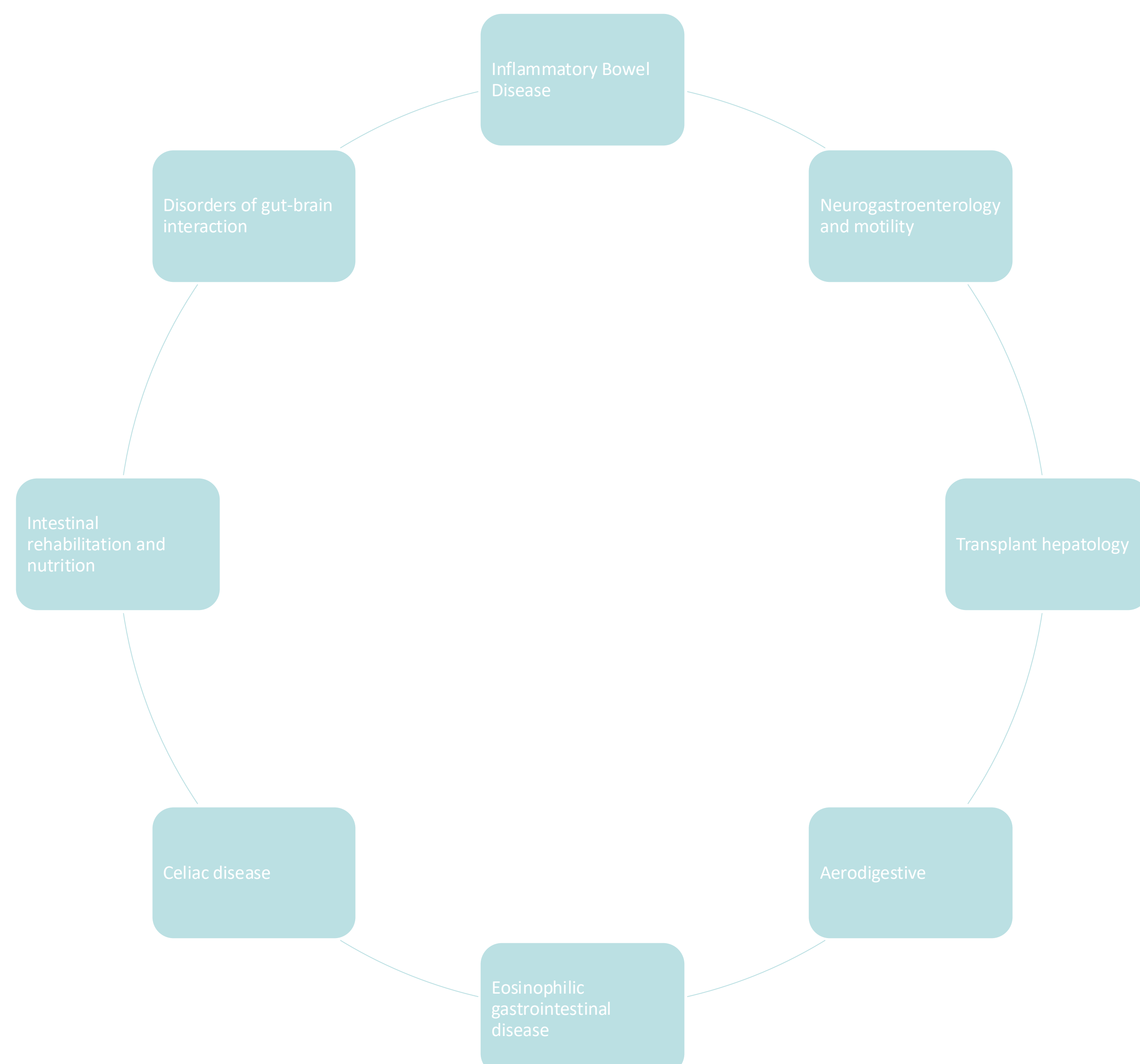
- GI and Hepatology services and inpatient consults
- Nutrition Consult Service



### PROCEDURES

- Multiple procedure days split between fellows
- Exposure to diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic procedures.

## Subspecialty Focus



## Program Overview

- Comprehensive clinical and research experience in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.
- First year of fellowship is dedicated to inpatient and outpatient clinical experience.
- Second and third years focus on research, completing an academic project and honing outpatient clinical skills.
- Care for patients with a wide variety of clinical gastrointestinal diseases in the outpatient and inpatient setting.
- Develop outstanding endoscopic skills
- Care for diverse patient base from all cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Yale School of Medicine and Yale University have a wealth of academic, research, social and cultural resources

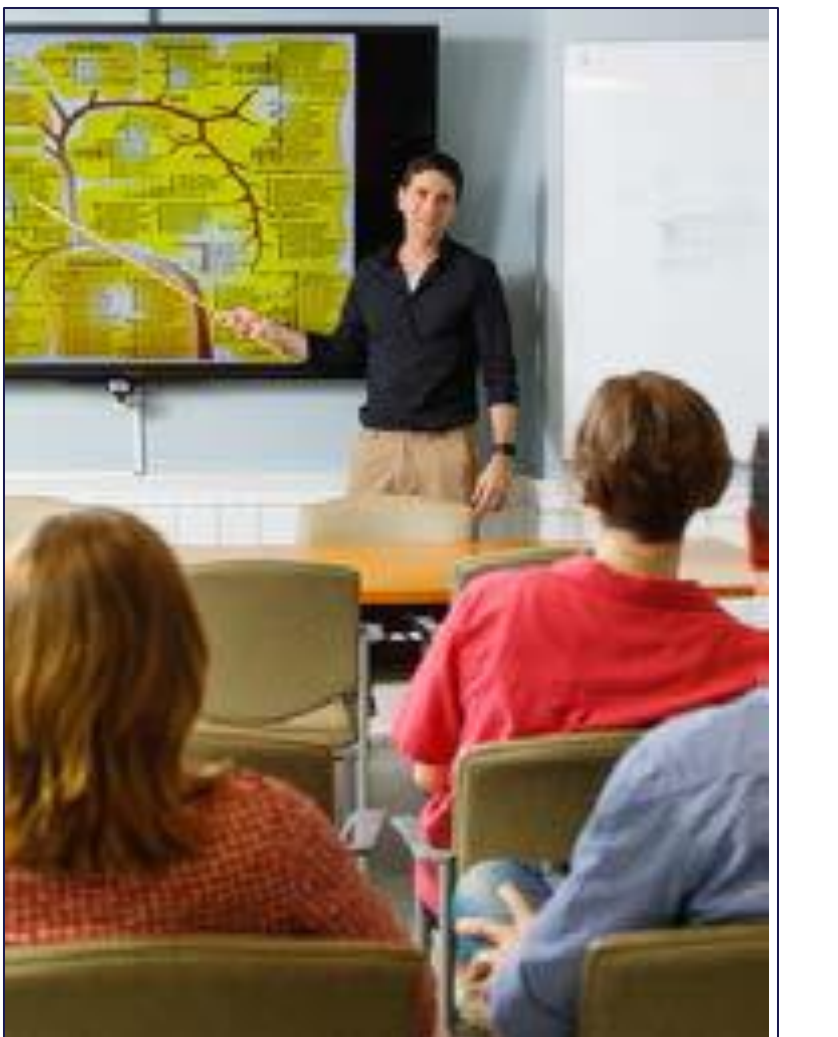
## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Clinical, basic science and translational opportunities
- Fellows who choose a basic science laboratory may be placed under the T32 grant
- Opportunities to work with other sections and other departments
- Fellow are encouraged to pursue a project in their area of interest



## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Weekly Pediatric GI conferences include:
  - GI Grand Rounds: State of the art lectures
  - Case conferences
  - Journal club
  - Morbidity and Mortality conference
  - Monthly pediatric radiology, pathology and joint surgery conferences.
- Joint pediatric and adult GI conferences
- Weekly pediatric grand rounds
- Opportunities to participate in medical education with medical students and residents
- Opportunities to attend Yale University courses and obtain post-graduate degrees: MHS, MHS- MedED, research courses
- Encouraged and supported to present at national conferences



## Our Graduates Are:

- Academic Gastroenterologists
- Transplant Hepatologists
- Medical Educators
- Section Leaders

## INTERVIEW PROCESS

July: Applications received through ERAS  
 July-August: Review of applications  
 September-October: Interviews  
 Nov/Dec: Submission of rank list to the NRMP  
 December: Match Day

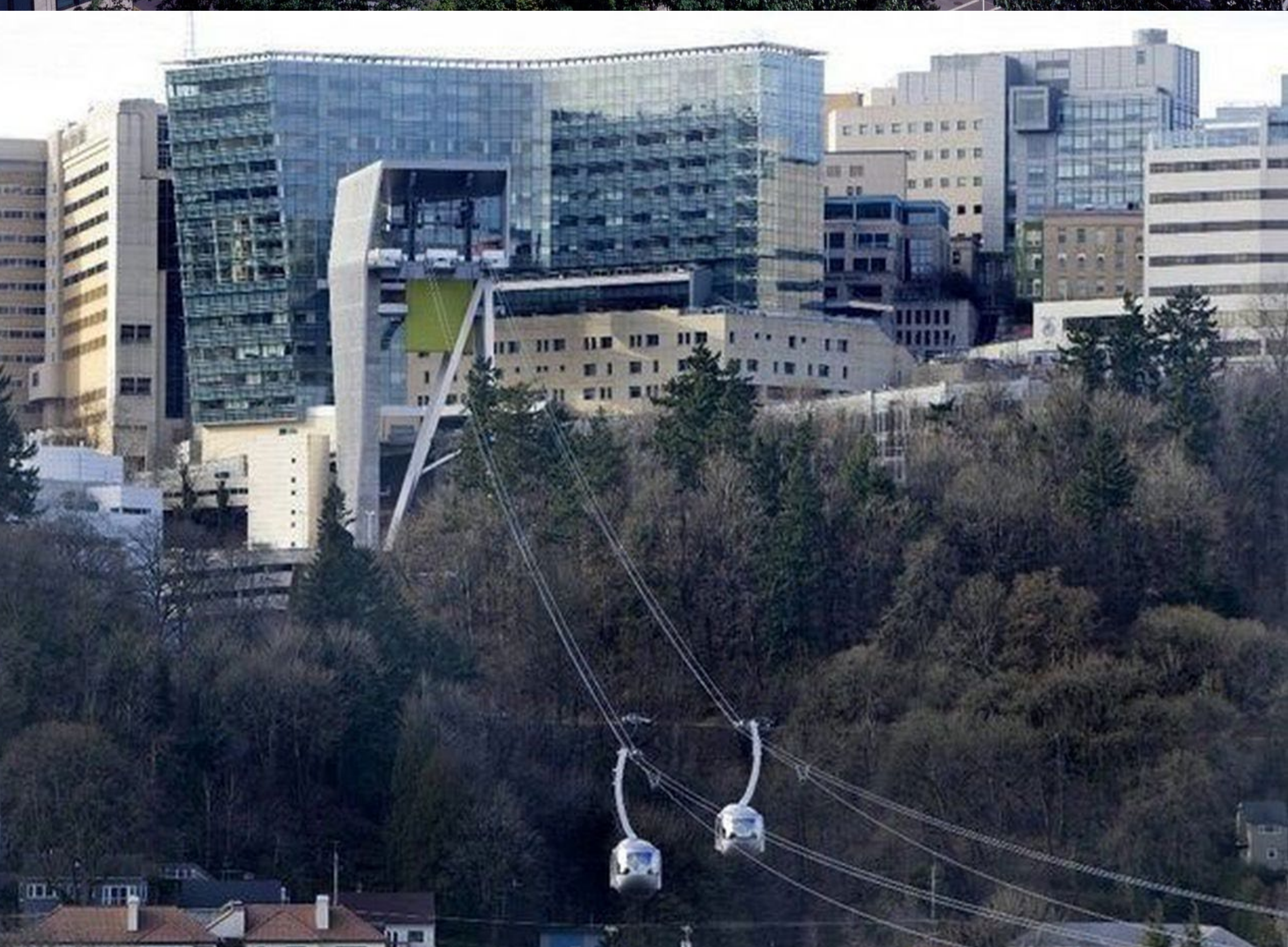
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# Oregon Health & Science University



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CHILDREN'S  
Hospital



## Personalized Fellowship Experience

- 1 Fellow per year, First fellow started 2025
- Flexible schedule to prioritize fellow's interests
- Many multi-disciplinary team-based clinics
- Outreach Clinics throughout the state
- Clinical/Bench Research opportunities available

## Focus on Work-Life Balance while Learning

- We want you to ENJOY Portland and Oregon
- We want you to ENJOY fellowship while learning

## Large Catchment Area

- Only academic center in the state
- Diverse diseases and patient population

## Great Friendly Faculty and Staff

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| • 11 GI Attendings     | • 2 GI Fellows       |
| • 6 GI Nurses          | • 2 GI psychologists |
| • 4 GI Dietitians      | • 2 Pharmacists      |
| • 3 Nurse Partitioners | • 1 PhD scientist    |
| • 3 Medical Assistants | • 2 Coordinators     |



Melanie K. Greifer, MD, Program Director  
Michael Dolinger, MD, Associate Program Director

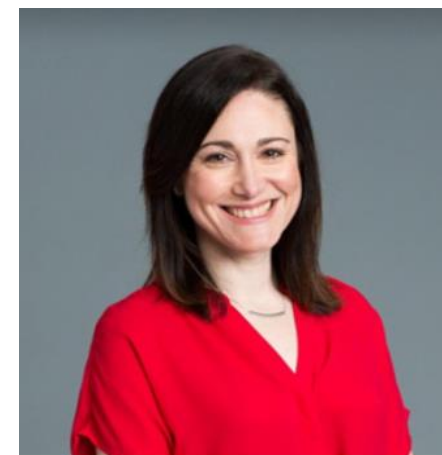
## Our Fellowship

The goal of our fellowship program is to prepare the fellow for a career in academic pediatrics, with a strong emphasis on excellence in clinical care, teaching and productive and independent research. We are a three year, ACGME accredited program with TWO fellows per year. Because of the strong academic and research activities of the NYU Medical Center, the fellow will be exposed to a stimulating environment in one of the top Children's Hospitals and research Universities.

## Faculty



Nadia Ovchinsky, MD, MBA  
Division Chief of Pediatric GI, Hepatology and Nutrition  
Professor of Pediatrics



Melanie Greifer, MD  
Program Director  
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics



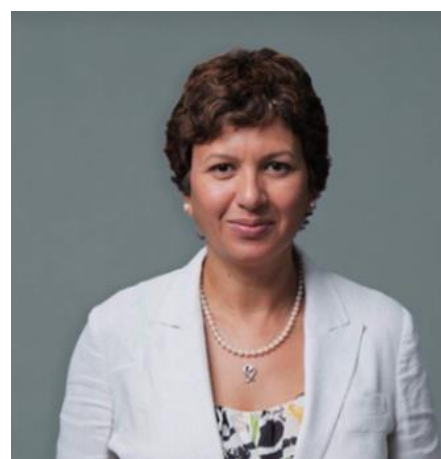
Michael Dolinger, MD  
Director of Pediatric IBD  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Dana Goldner, MD  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



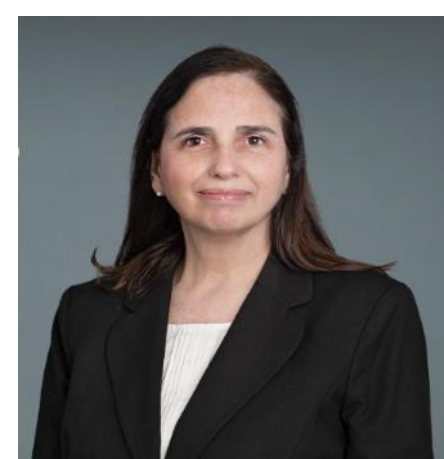
Shelly Joseph, MD  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Abha Kaistha, MD  
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Bridget Kiernan, MD  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Debora Kogan-Liberman  
Director of Hepatology  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Archana Kota, MD  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Jeremiah Levine, MD  
Professor of Pediatrics



Helen Mac, MD  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Libia Moy, MD  
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Jennifer Vittorio, MD  
Medical Director, Pediatric Liver Transplant  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Kara Margolis, MD  
Director of Brain Gut Research  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Minoti Vather, MD  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

## Overview of Fellowship Schedule

### First Year of Fellowship:

- Inpatient (GI/Hepatology)
- Nutrition Rotation
- Research
- Continuity Clinic (all rotations)
- Endoscopy Suite (all rotations)

### Second Year Of Fellowship:

- Research
- Inpatient (GI/Hepatology)
- Nutrition Rotation
- Outpatient Hepatology
- Continuity Clinic (all rotations)
- Endoscopy Suite (all rotations)

### Third Year of Fellowship:

- Research
- Inpatient (GI/Hepatology) incl "pretending"
- Adult GI Rotation
- Continuity Clinic (all rotations)
- Endoscopy Suite (all rotations)

## Fellowship Conferences and Didactic Sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Adult GI Grand Rounds	Pediatric Grand Rounds		Advanced Endoscopy conference (1x/month) TPN & Nutrition Rounds (weekly)	
Afternoon				Pediatric GI Grand Rounds (weekly) Case presentation (weekly) Pathology (weekly)	Transplant Lunch and Learn (monthly)
Evening	Liver Pathology (biweekly)	Fellows Didactic Sessions (weekly) Resident Academic Half Day (weekly)	Pediatric Liver Transplantation (weekly) Liver Radiology Rounds (weekly) Peds Subspecialty Fellows College (quarterly) IBD conference (weekly)		

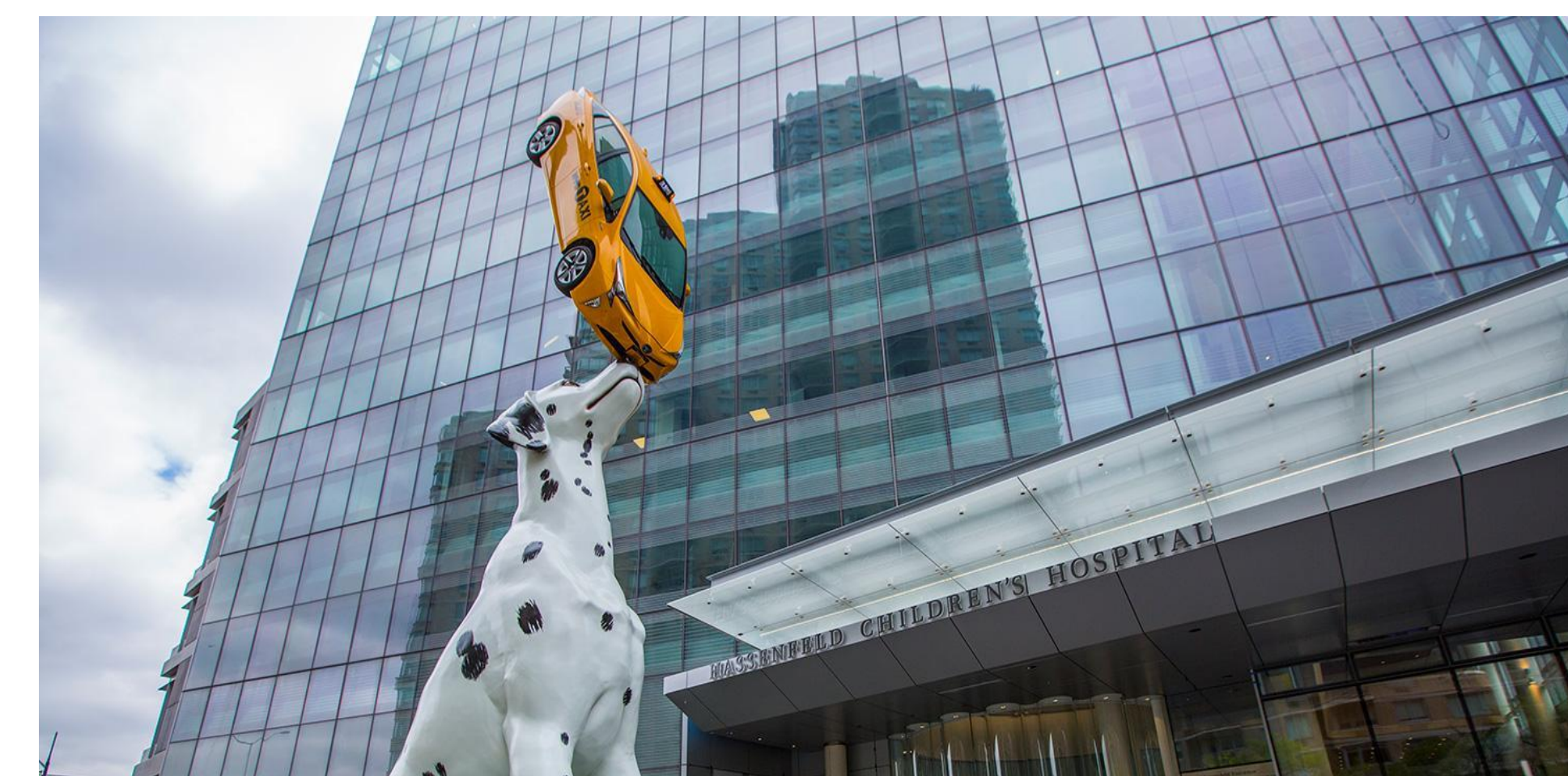
## Program Highlights

- Close relationship with Adult GI: Excellent experiences in advanced endoscopy, interventional procedures, collaboration with a **comprehensive IBD center**
- Robust and active Pediatric Hepatology and Transplant Program
- Hassenfeld Children's Hospital: all single bed rooms & state-of-the-art technologies
- Active research projects and clinical trials in:

- Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- IBD
- Celiac Disease
- Gut Microbiome
- Aerodigestive Diseases and Asthma
- Liver Transplantation
- NAFLD/MASLD
- IBAT inhibitors in Cholestatic Disorders
- Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis
- Xenotransplantation

- Collaboration with Margolis Lab focused on translational and basic science research examining the diverse aspects of gut-brain signaling
- Special Interests include:

- Pediatric Celiac Disease and Gluten-Related Disorders Program
- Eosinophilic Disorders Program
- GUARD (Gastroesophageal, Upper Airway & Respiratory Diseases) Center
- Pediatric Interdisciplinary Nutrition and Feeding Program
- Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program/Transition of Care Clinic
- Intestinal Ultrasound Training Program
- Complex Colorectal Care Team for Bowel Management
- Neurogastroenterology and Motility Program
- Intestinal Rehabilitation Program



# Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans

## Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program

Dr. Colleen LeBlanc, Program Director



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at LSUHSC New Orleans is a 3-year fellowship that has been accredited by the ACGME since 1995. Our practice is located at Manning Family Children's, a 257 bed, not-for-profit hospital that is the gulf south's major pediatric medical center. We accept 1 fellow a year. Our fellows have extensive inpatient and outpatient experiences throughout their 3 years in addition to 20 months set aside for their scholarly activities and QI projects.



### MISSION STATEMENT

To educate and train our future pediatric gastroenterologists to become knowledgeable, culturally competent, caring physicians, who can function in evolving healthcare systems, engage in life-long learning, and appreciate and evaluate medical research.

### FELLOWSHIP STRUCTURE

- **First Year**
  - Inpatient GI Service 6 months
  - GI clinic Elective 1 month
  - Endoscopy Elective 1 month
  - Research Elective 3 months
  - Pathology 2 weeks
  - Radiology 2 weeks
  - Continuity Clinic, Liver Clinic & IBD Clinic
- **Second Year**
  - Inpatient GI Service 3 months
  - Research 8 months
  - Nutrition Elective 1 month
  - Continuity Clinic, Liver Clinic & IBD Clinic
  - Endoscopy
- **Third Year**
  - Inpatient GI Service 3 months
  - Research 9 months
  - Continuity Clinic, Liver Clinic & IBD Clinic
  - Endoscopy
- **Education**
  - GI Division lectures every Friday afternoon
  - Combine conferences with Pathology, Radiology and Pediatric Surgery throughout the year
- 4 weeks of vacation per year, 2 weeks of paid sick leave per year, 5 CME days per year

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program
- Liver Transplant Program
- Pediatric Advanced Endoscopy
- Multiple other specialty clinics including: aerodigestive, eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders, intestinal rehab, pain associated disability syndrome, combo general GI/psychology visits
- Nutritionist available for fellow's clinic
- Symbionix GI Mentor™ Endoscopy Simulator



### FACULTY



Patricio Arias, MD   Michael Carver, MD   Amanda Glinky, MD   Colleen LeBlanc, MD   Beth McDonough, MD   Kirk Thame, MBBS   Russ Zwiener, MD   Amber Gafur, MD   Kyle Glisson, MD

Incoming Faculty

### VISIT LSU





### HIGHLIGHTS

- Unparalleled variety and acuity
- Solid foundation in “bread and butter” pediatric gastroenterology
- Exposure to all facets of the field
- Myriad research opportunities
- Cutting-edge procedures and technology
- Live and play in New York City
- Work with a diverse and vibrant group of people

### MISSION AND GOALS

- Guide fellows as they develop into independent practitioners and scholars who will shape the field of pediatric gastroenterology
- Develop highly skilled clinicians capable of delivering care to a diverse patient population
- Promote scholarship through a high-quality mentored research experience
- Foster compassion, caring and professionalism with an emphasis on well-being of fellows and faculty
- Cultivate individual strengths, leadership skills and career goals so that each graduate has a niche



Fellows' Graduation 2025



Fellows out to dinner



Annual Halloween party

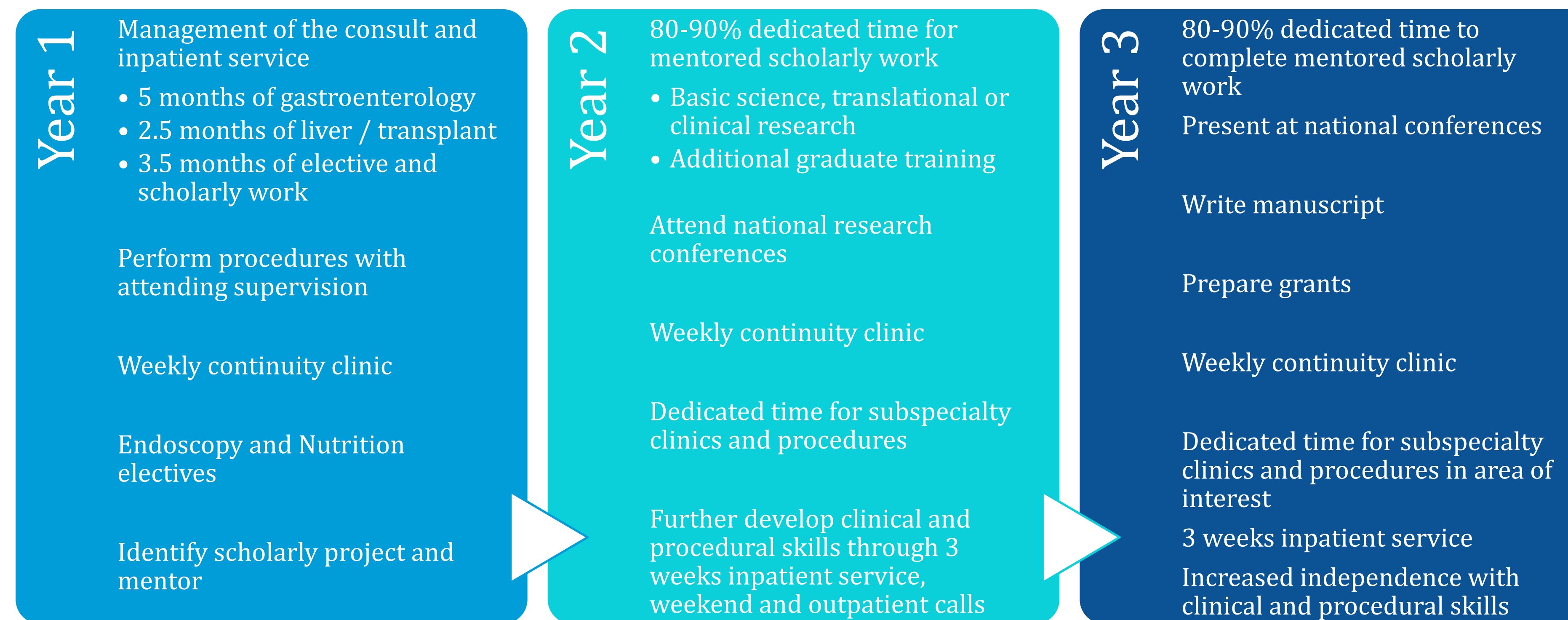


Fellows at NYC Gut Club



Fellow Fun Day 2025

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE



### CLINICAL PROGRAMS

We provide 24/7 consultation to the **Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital** which contains a total of 214 pediatric beds including 41 PICU beds, 75 NICU beds as well as an active ED with 50,000 visits per year. We have the highest case mix index in the Northeast. The **Phyllis and Ivan Seidenberg Center for Children's Digestive Health** can accommodate more than 25,000 patient visits per year. Our patient population comes from northern Manhattan, the greater New York City area, and beyond.

The **Gastrointestinal Motility Center (Julie Khlevner, Director)** provides state-of-the-art multidisciplinary care for children with motility and functional disorders and congenital anomalies of the GI tract.

The **Pediatric Intestinal Rehabilitation Center (Sivan Kinberg, Director and Elizabeth Berg, Associate Director)** provides comprehensive care for over 130 patients with intestinal failure.

The **Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program (Joseph Picoraro, Director)** focuses on multidisciplinary management as well as the genetics of IBD, new therapies, and nutrition.

The **Center for Liver Disease and Transplantation (Steven Lobritto, Director)** performs over 30 liver transplants per year, as well as intestinal and multivisceral transplants. It also specializes in complex hepatobiliary surgeries.

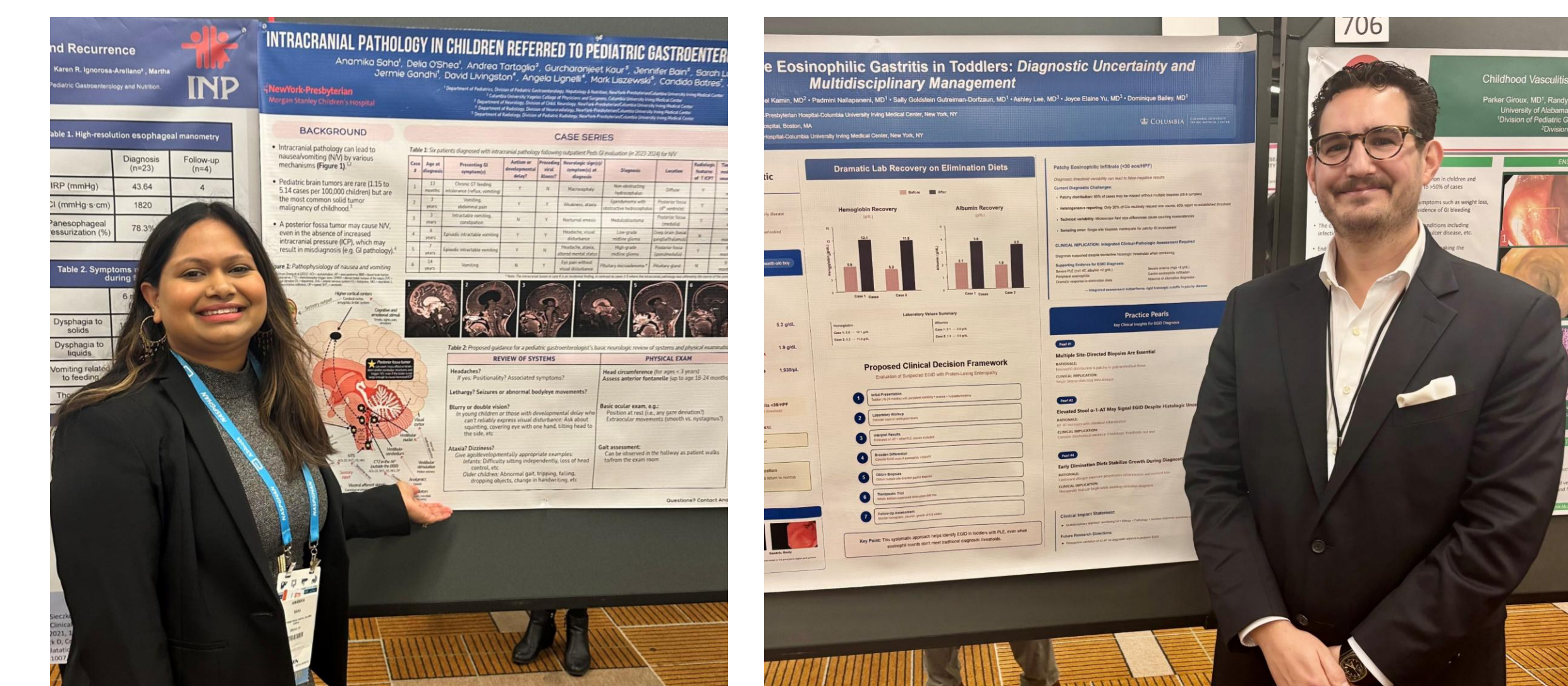
The **Celiac Disease Center (Jacqueline Jossen, Director)** is a world-renowned program for the expert management of adults and children with celiac disease and other gluten-related disorders.

The **Eosinophilic and Allergic GI Disease Program (Dominique Bailey, Director)** provides multidisciplinary care for children with EoE and other immune dysregulatory disorders.

The **Institute of Human Nutrition (Sabrina Diano, Director)** provides outstanding educational programs in human nutrition and conducts basic science and translational research.

### SCHOLARLY WORK

- **Metabolic-associated Steatotic Liver Disease** (understanding pathogenesis, biomarkers, non-invasive diagnostic testing, therapies): Ali Mencin, Wei Shen, Cynthia Akagbosu
- **Liver Transplantation** (immunosuppression, QI, transition of care): Steven Lobritto, Mercedes Martinez, Pooja Reddy, Amanda Cantor, Elise Kang
- **Gut Immunology** (pathogenesis of eosinophilic esophagitis, intestinal transplantation and immunosuppression): Dominique Bailey, Mercedes Martinez
- **Intestinal Stem cells** (development and differentiation): Jonathan Miller
- **Inflammatory Bowel Disease** (clinical trials, predictive models): Joseph Picoraro, Neil LeLeiko, Hillary Moore, Padmini Nallapaneni
- **Intestinal Rehabilitation** (nutrition, prevention of liver disease): Sivan Kinberg, Mercedes Martinez, Elizabeth Berg
- **Obesity** (body composition, early life interventions to eliminate socioeconomic disparities): Cynthia Akagbosu, Evianna Cruz Herrera, Wei Shen
- **Celiac Disease** (epidemiology, quality of life, natural history): Jacqueline Jossen, Amy DeFelice, Phillip Kazlow
- **Cystic Fibrosis** (nutrition, pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy): Sarah Lusman
- **Motility Disorders** (diagnosis and treatment): Julie Khlevner, Jermie Gandhi



Fellows presenting at NASPGHAN 2025

### RECENT GRADUATES

**Gastroenterology:** Baylor College of Medicine, Boston Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Columbia University Medical Center (6), New Jersey Medical School, New York Medical College, Mercer University Health Science Center, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Children's Hospital at Montefiore (2)

**Hepatology / Transplant:** Columbia University Medical Center (3), University of Colorado, New York University

# Children's Mercy Kansas City

## Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program

### Career Training

Our division wants you to succeed. We have supportive attendings with expertise in IBD, motility, intestinal rehab, feeding, liver transplant, pancreatitis, polyposis, and more. Fellows receive excellent endoscopic training and can participate in advanced procedures, including ERCP, double balloon endoscopy, and motility procedures. Well-rounded curriculum, plus conferences with pathology, surgery, radiology, journal clubs, and M&M. All of this plus fellows' office space, free parking, and a physician's lounge with free food.



### Unique Schedule

Our fellows' time on service is spread out over all three years. This allows our fellows to have dedicated endoscopy, pathology, outpatient, and research blocks—beginning in their first year. Each block is 2 weeks, and call is only scheduled during inpatient blocks. This simplicity makes life easier to plan, while also providing more flexibility for fellows when not on inpatient rotations.

### Large, Urban Hospital

The Children's Mercy system has a large catchment area, with patients coming from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arkansas, and more. Its flagship hospital – CMKC – is a free-standing, 390 bed academic pediatric hospital in Kansas City, MO with more than 40 subspecialty areas and the only Level 1 pediatric trauma center in the region. In addition to a large residency program and a plethora of fellowships, CMKC is also the primary pediatric teaching hospital for the University of Missouri-Kansas City and University of Kansas Medical Center.



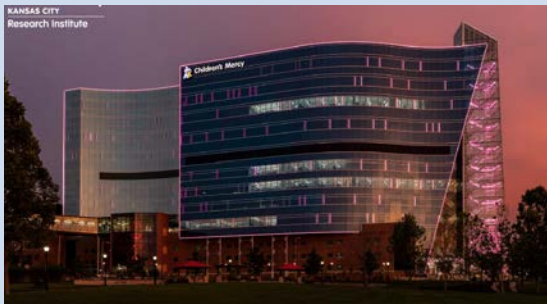
### Awesome City

Kansas City is a bustling, urban center with big city amenities—famous museums, fantastic arts (ballet, symphony, musicals, street art), champion-caliber professional men's and women's sports teams (including repeated Super Bowl champions – the Kansas City Chiefs), and excellent restaurants (not JUST great BBQ). With so much to offer, it's no wonder KC was named a National Geographic Top Travel Destination, but it's an even better place to live!



### Research Institute

The Children's Mercy Research Institute is a free-standing, 9 story building next to CMKC that opened in 2020. This state-of-the-art space contains wet and dry lab space, auditoriums, and conference rooms. Research is focused on Genomic Medicine, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutic Innovation, Health Services and Outcomes, and Innovation in Healthcare delivery. Our GI division has NIH, foundation, and philanthropically funded researchers with a national presence.



### Come Join Us!



Voytek Slowik, MD  
Fellowship Program Director



Visit our Website!



Halee Patel, MD  
Associate Program Director



A video about our fellows!



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# TOPIC SUMMARY

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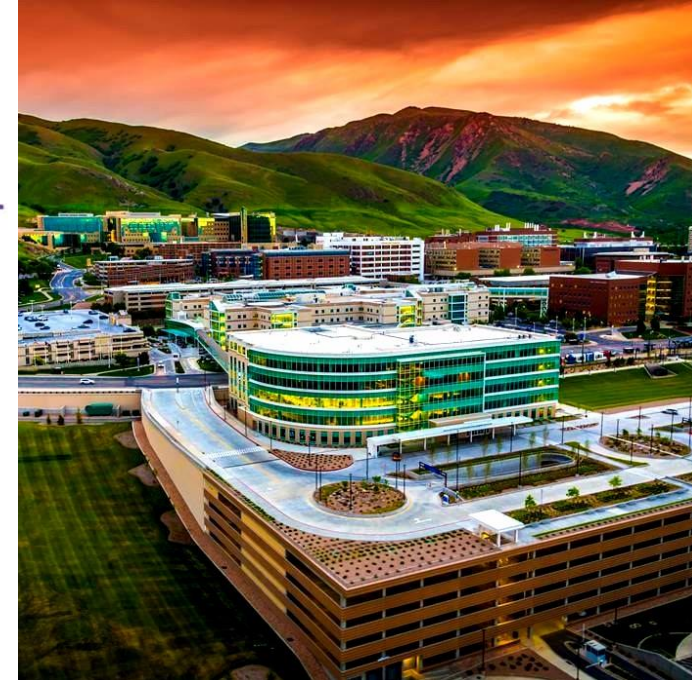
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University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City is a diverse and awe-inspiring place to live and work! The medical center has world-renowned research and clinical opportunities.



Program Director:  
Anna Ermarth  
MD, MSc



Asst. Program Director:  
Andrea McInerney  
MD, MSc



Program Coordinator:  
Christie Davis

**6 Gen GI fellows – 2 fellows per year**

**1 Transplant Hepatology Fellow**

- 300+ bed regional pediatric hospital and center  
Liver transplant (20+/year)  
Motility center, Feeding Center, Int Failure, IBD center  
Advanced endoscopy w/ ERCP

- **PERKS:** Boards repayment, Wellness fund, Meals paid, Competitive pay, 20 days off

2 tracks: clinical or research-based

- Master's Certificate (truncated courses) to pursue and use to produce scholarly project
- MedED or Clinical Investigation tracks OR
- Clinical track: focused clinical time to hone practice



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# Riley Hospital for Children / Indiana University School of Medicine

## Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Training Program

Brian A. McFerron, M.D.  
Program Director



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Riley Hospital For  
Children

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Brian DeBosch, MD** Division Co-Chief  
**Charlie Vanderpool, MD** Division Co-Chief  
**Brian McFerron, MD** Program Director  
**Kanika Puri, MD** Associate Program Director  
**Tina Cochran, C-TAGME** Program Coordinator

- 3-year AGCME accredited Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Training Program
- ACGME accredited Transplant Hepatology fellowship
- GI Psychology fellowship



### SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

- Advanced Endoscopy Program
- Aerodigestive Program
- Bariatric Surgery Program
- Biliary Atresia Program
- Celiac Disease Program
- Colorectal Program
- Cystic Fibrosis Program
- Disorders of the Gut-Brain Interaction Program
- Eosinophilic Disease Program
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program
- Intestinal Care Program
- Liver Disease Program
- Liver Transplant Program
- MACE Program
- Neurogastroenterology Program
- Pancreas Program
- Polyposis Program
- VEOIBD Program
- Weight Management Program

### CURRICULUM

#### First Year

- 6 months inpatient/consults
- 1 month research
- 1 month clinic & procedures
- Nutrition Support
- Transplant Hepatology
- 2 Electives

#### Second Year

- 4 months inpatient/consults
- 8 months research

#### Third Year

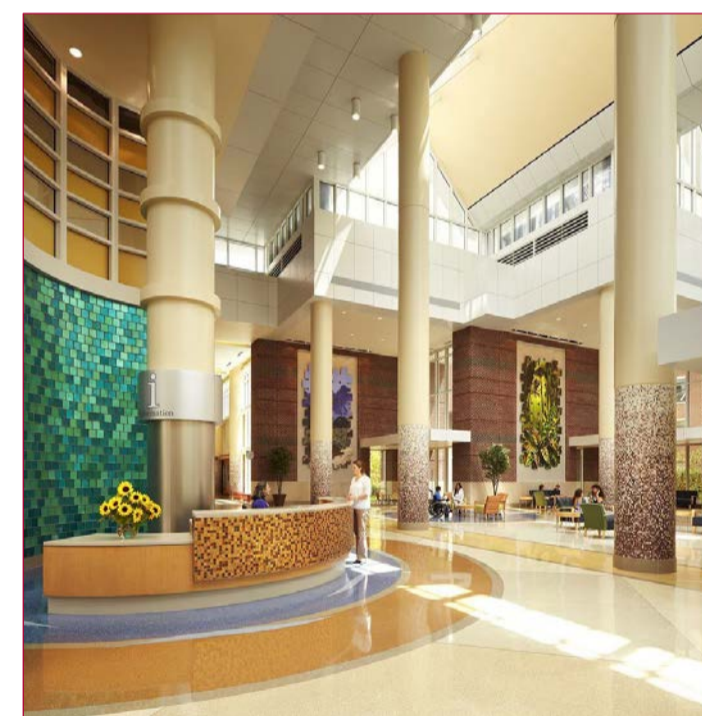
- 2 months inpatient/consults
- 10 months research

#### Fellow's Continuity Clinic

- 1-2 half days per week when not on service

#### Available Pathways

- Clinical Educator Pathway
- Research Pathway
- Special Interest Pathway



### RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Basic and translational research in GI and liver disease, mucosal immunology, microbiome, liver metabolism and inflammation
- Clinical research in all areas of GI, Nutrition and Liver Disease
- Morris Green Physician Scientist Development Program
- Master's Degree in Clinical Research



### FACULTY

**Kathryn Adams, M.D.** Weight Management/MASLD  
**Erik Andrewski, MD** Neurogastroenterology  
**William Bennett, M.D.** Medical Informatics  
**Paroma Bose, M.D.** EGIDs  
**Molly Bozic, M.D.** Cystic Fibrosis  
**Joseph Croffie, M.D.** Neurogastroenterology  
**Brian DeBosch, M.D.** Basic/Translational Research  
**Joseph Fitzgerald, M.D.** Emeritus  
**Kate Hawa, D.O.** Neurogastroenterology  
**Brett Hoskins, D.O.** Advanced Endoscopy/Polyposis  
**Chao Jarasvaraparn, M.D.** Transplant Hepatology  
**Brian McFerron, M.D.** Pancreas, Medical Education  
**Brad Miller, M.D.** General Gastroenterology  
**Jean Molleston, M.D.** Transplant Hepatology  
**Sara Naramore, M.D.** Bariatric and Weight Management  
**Marian Pfefferkorn, M.D.** IBD, Endoscopy  
**Natalia Plott, M.D.** Weight Management, Med Ed  
**Kanika Puri, M.D.** Intestinal Care, Nutrition Support  
**Abby Russi, M.D.** Hepatology, Basic Research  
**Brandon Sparks, M.D.** Celiac Disease, QI  
**Steve Steiner, M.D.** IBD, Improve Care Now  
**Kyla Tolliver, M.D.** Transplant Hepatology  
**Charles Vanderpool, M.D.** Intestinal Care, Nutrition Support  
**Shamaila Waseem, M.D.** Neurogastroenterology  
**Tina Zhang, M.D. PhD** IBD, Polyposis

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Annual Report



IU Health/Riley  
Pediatric GI



# Diamond Children's Hospital-University of Arizona in Tucson

## Empowering Future Leaders in Pediatric GI



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
College of Medicine  
Tucson

Department of Pediatrics-Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
Banner University Medical Center-Tucson | University of Arizona, College of Medicine-Tucson

### Program Identity and Leadership

#### Expert Leadership Team



Led by nationally recognized experts with extensive clinical, research, and educational experience.

#### State-of-the-Art Facility

Located in a modern medical center serving diverse, high-acuity pediatric patients.

#### Integrated Clinical and Research Programs

Combines clinical care, research, and education to empower future pediatric GI leaders.



### Fellowship Highlights and Program structure

#### Comprehensive Clinical Rotations

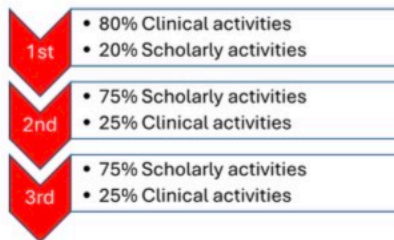
Fellows gain hands-on experience in general GI, feeding, nutrition, and adult GI procedural rotations.

#### Specialized Subspecialty Clinics

Exposure includes Aerodigestive, Liver, EoE, and IBD clinics for complex multidisciplinary care.

#### Elective Training Opportunities

Fellows customize training with electives in motility, intestinal rehabilitation, and liver transplant.



#### Scholarly Activities Tracks

Clinical tract  
Clinical scholar track  
**Structured Academic Schedule**

Weekly activities include didactics, board prep, journal clubs, case presentations, and interdisciplinary rounds.

### Research opportunities

#### Dedicated Research Support

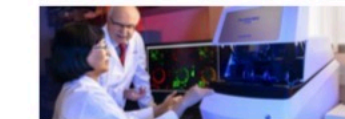
Fellows receive dedicated time and mentorship to advance scholarly projects effectively.

#### Advanced Research Facilities

Access to PANDA Core and Steele Children's Research Center supports cutting-edge pediatric research.

**Simulation and Training**  
Simulation training at ASTEC improves procedural skills in a controlled environment.

**Educational Initiatives**  
Case-based learning and topic conferences enhance understanding of GI pathophysiology.



### Life in Tucson

#### Family-Friendly Environment

Tucson offers a welcoming environment ideal for families and personal growth.

#### Affordable Living

The city is known for its affordable housing and cost of living.

#### Outdoor Lifestyle

Residents enjoy hiking trails and sunny weather promoting active lifestyles.

#### Supportive Community

A strong community supports wellness and work-life balance for fellows.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR: JULIE GALLAGHER, MD  
DIVISION CHIEF: JOEL ROSH, MD

## Program Overview

- To train pediatric gastroenterologists who are excellent clinicians encompassing skills in broad aspects of evaluation, diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal disease
- To provide scholarship opportunities that will allow our trainees to advance the field of pediatric gastroenterology



## Fellowship Overview

### First Year

- Exposure to a broad range of gastrointestinal disease including those affecting intestinal mucosa, intestinal motility, liver, gallbladder, and pancreas
- Perform diagnostic and therapeutic invasive procedures
- GI Inpatient Service and Consult Service, Liver Service, Intestinal Rehab, Continuity Clinic, Endoscopy, Research

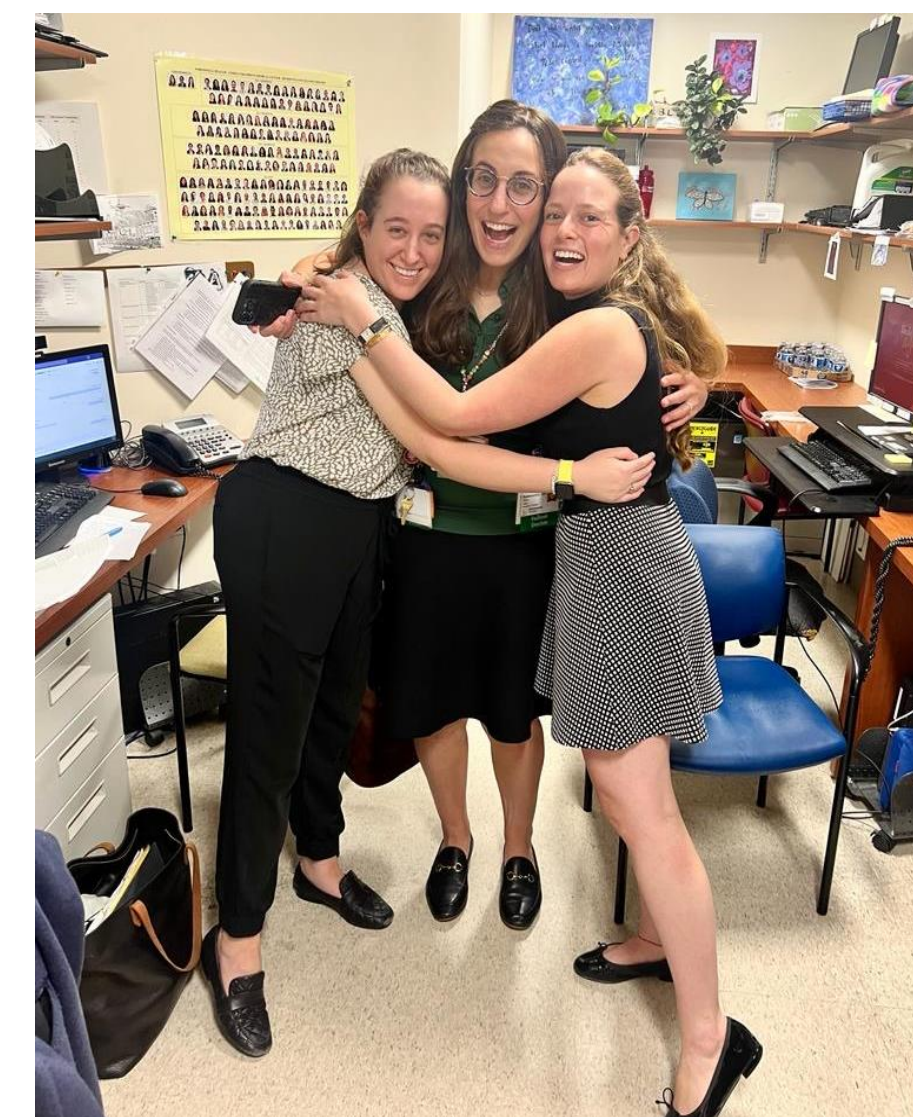
### Second and Third Year

- Gain more experience and competency in clinical and endoscopic skills
- Increased focus on scholarly activities and clinical niche
- Refine teaching skills



## Our Division

- **16 Attending Physicians**
  - Academic Appointments at Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
- **2 Fellows Per Year**
- Involvement in National Societies
- Dietitians
- Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACPs)
- Nurses
- Research Coordinators
- Secretarial and Administrative Staff
- GI Social Worker
- GI Clinical Pharmacist



## Specialized Programs

- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
- Intestinal Rehabilitation Program
- Pediatric CARE (Comprehensive Airway Respiratory & Esophagus)
- Center for Pediatric Liver Disease
- Pediatric FARE (Food and Allergy Research Education)
- Cystic Fibrosis Center
- Nutrition Support Team



## Program Highlights

- Dedicated State of the Art Children's Hospital
- US News and World Ranked
- Medical School Affiliation
- Advanced Pediatric Endoscopy/ERCP
- Dedicated Pediatric Endoscopy Suite
- State of the Art Pediatric Operating Rooms
- Dedicated Pediatric GI Endoscopy Nursing Staff
- Dedicated Pediatric Infusion Center
- Feinstein Institute for Medical Research

## Program Highlights

- 3-year ACGME accredited program
- 8 faculty members
- 1 GI fellow/year
  - 4-5 Weeknight calls/month
  - 1 Weekend call/month
  - Service months split over 3 years
- Opportunity for advanced procedures
- Consultants and clinic at St. Jude
- Liver transplant program
- Subspecialty clinics
  - Hepatology/Transplant
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  - Eosinophilic Esophagitis
  - IBD



## Research

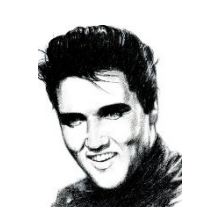
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- Fellow's Grant
  - up to \$10 K/year for 2 years
- 1 week research skills workshop
- Children's Foundation Research Institute
  - IRB coordination
  - Grant development support
  - Statistician support
  - Scientific writing support

## Fellowship Perks

- Free scrubs, white coats, & covered parking
- Meal allowance
- Book stipend
- National conference/travel stipend
- Access to recreational facilities
- Competitive salary (with ~4% increase each year)



## Memphis

- Low cost of living
- Home of Elvis' Graceland 
- Numerous professional sports teams
- St. Jude Marathon
- World Golf Championship – FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- Shelby Farms Park
- Professional theater and concerts
- Museums and nationally ranked zoo

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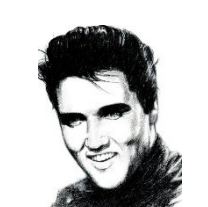
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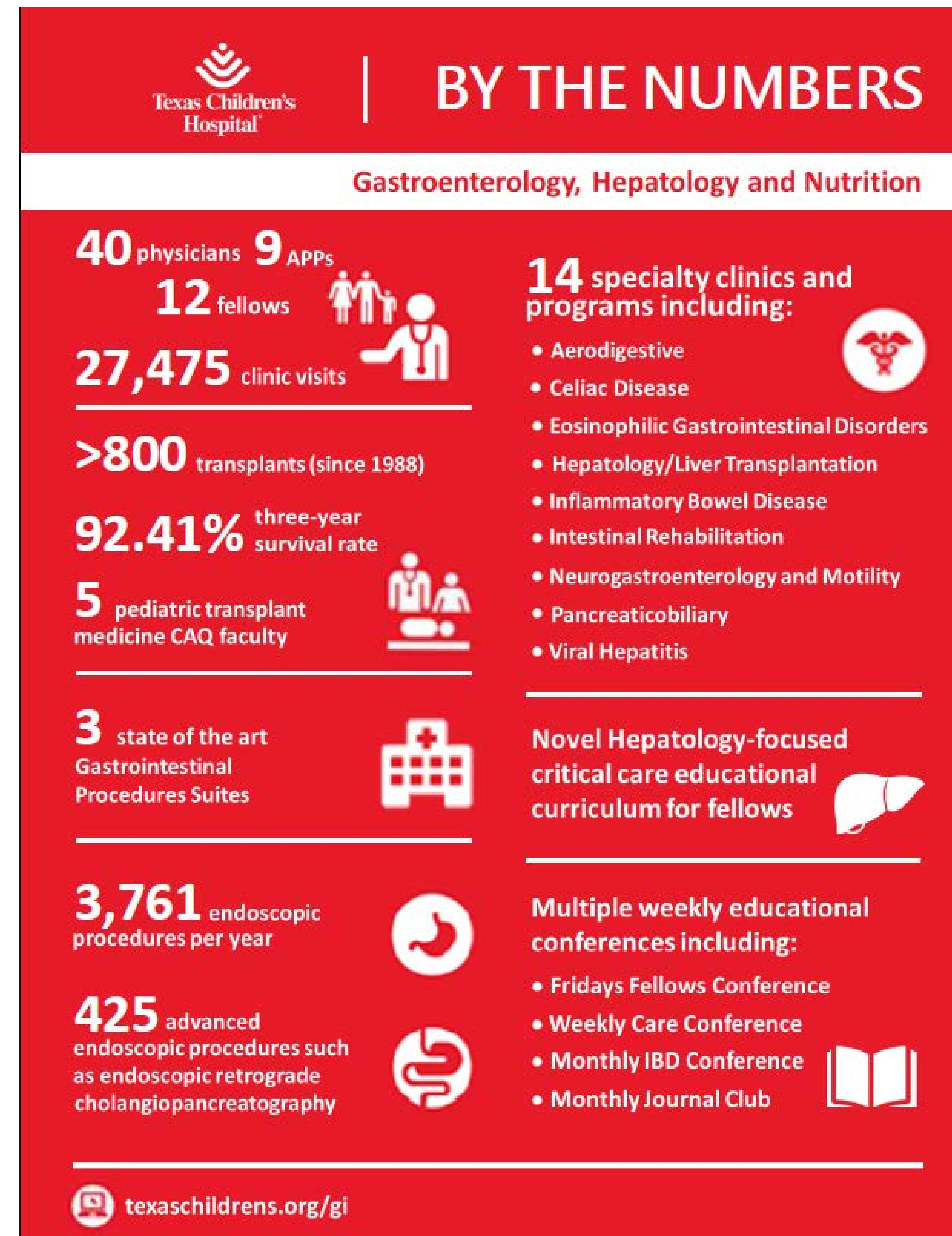
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## Texas Children's Hospital



- One of the ten children's hospitals named to the 2024-2025 Honor Roll by U.S. News & World Report.
  - 4 fellowship positions per year
  - First year
    - GI (Consult A) service- 3 months
    - GI (Consult B) service – 6 weeks
    - Liver service- 3 months
    - Outpatient clinics- 6 weeks
    - Research rotations- 3 months
  - Second and third year
    - Research (Option of Investigator, Clinical Niche or Physician Scientist Research Track)
    - Electives- 3 months
    - GI (Consult B)- 3 weeks each year
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> year procedural elective with adult GI
  - Weekend call divided among 12 fellows
  - Overnight, weekend, and holiday nurse triage line
  - Fellow's College
    - Collaboration
    - Career Development
    - Scholarships for advanced degrees

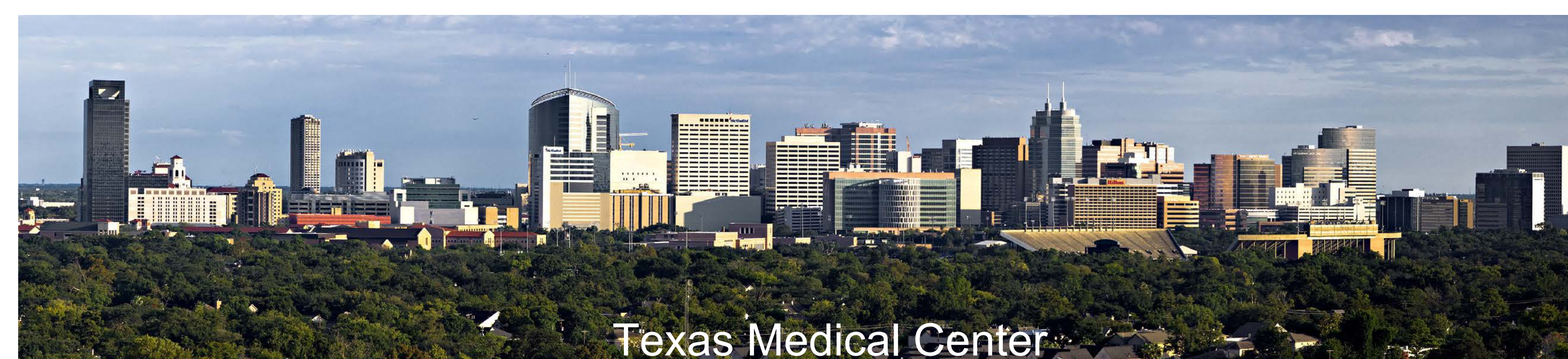
## Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition



## Houston



- Houston is the 4th largest city in the U.S.
  - The most ethnically diverse metropolitan area in the U.S. with >145 languages spoken, 90 nations with consular representation.
    - Thriving arts scene with resident companies in theater, ballet, symphony and opera.
    - The Houston Museum District is one of the largest in the country: 18 museums within walking distance of each other.
    - Multiple professional sports teams: Rockets (Basketball), Dynamo and Dash (Soccer), Astros (Baseball), Texans (Football).
    - The Texas Medical Center (TMC), centrally located in Houston, is the largest medical center in the world.
- (Reference: <http://www.houstontx.gov/aboutHouston/>)



## Program Overview

- Three-year ACGME-accredited Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Training Program since 2001
- Affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
- Nemours Children's Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware
- Two fellows per year
- Six fellows per academic year
- We offer a variety of clinical settings and gastrointestinal (GI) procedures including:
  - Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center
    - IBD Clinic with dietitian, psychologist, and surgeons
    - Improve Care Now Center
  - Endoscopy
    - Standard and therapeutic endoscopy
    - Endoscopy simulator
    - Transnasal Endoscopy
  - Video capsule
  - Impedance probe
  - Liver Transplant Program
  - Intestinal Rehabilitation Program
  - EndoFLIP

## Research Opportunities

- Improve Care Now research projects
- Industry-sponsored clinical trials
- Collaboration with University of Delaware
- On-site laboratory conducts
  - Disaccharidase, pancreatic enzyme, and pepsin analysis
- Delaware Center for Translational Research (CTR) ACCEL grant-funded projects
- Nemours fellow research grant available
- Nemours core laboratories for translational research available
- Master's degree offered at College of Population Health at Thomas Jefferson University

## Fellowship Structure

### First Year

- 32 weeks of GI service (inpatient/ consults - Liver service coverage)
- 2 weeks of Outpatient Rotation
- 16 weeks of Research
- 1-2 endoscopy blocks per rotation
- 2 weeks of orientation
- Four weeks of vacation ( during research block )
- Half-day Continuity Clinic each week

### Second/Third Year

- 28 -34 weeks of research.
- 8 - 12 weeks of outpatient rotation. IBD clinic, Hepatology and Intestinal Failure
- 10 - 12 weeks of GI service (Transplant rotation for third year fellows)
- 1-2 endoscopy blocks per rotation
- Half-day Continuity Clinic each week
- Opportunity for electives (away or local)
- Four weeks of vacation ( during research block )






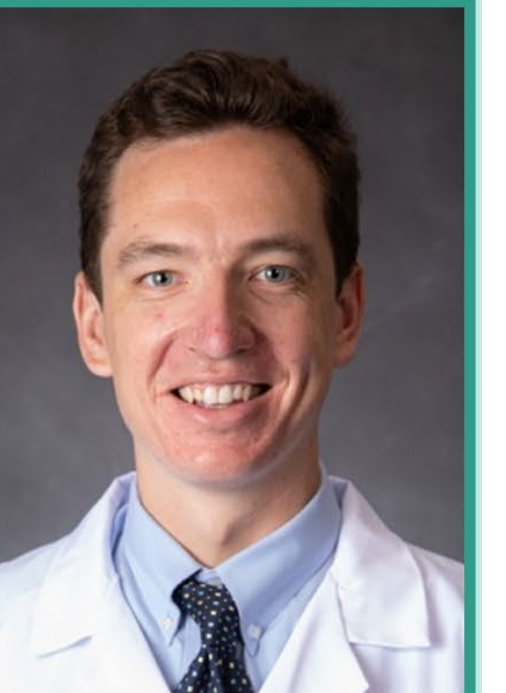
## Fellowship Didactics/Conferences

- Weekly Friday morning didactics
- Improve Care Now meetings monthly
- Pathology conferences monthly
- Radiology conferences monthly (also includes IBD, motility, and hepatology-focused conferences)
- Journal club every other month
- Article reviews every other month
- GI/allergy conference monthly
- Aerodigestive conference monthly
- Biostatistics course
- Fellows Professional Development course

## Faculty

- Fernando Del Rosario, MD – Division Chief
- Erika Kutsch, DO– Fellowship Program Director
- Shaida Nasiri-Blomgren, MD – Associate Program Director
- Adebowale Adeyemi, MD
- Arieda Gjikopulli, MD
- Gabriele Meyer, DO
- Madelyn J. Cohen, MD
- Patrice Kruszewski, DO
- Vikas Uppal, MD
- Zarela Molle-Rios, MD
- Gina Buhrman, APRN
- Roseann Hausmann, APRN
- Zhaoping He, PhD

## Current Fellows

3 <sup>rd</sup> Years/Chief Fellows		2 <sup>nd</sup> Years		1 <sup>st</sup> Years	
					
Cayanne Liew, DO	Heemali Kamdar, DO	Shumaila Ather, MD	Krystal Ealy, MD	Jasmin Martin, MD	Francis Peropat, MD



# Wake Forest University School of Medicine

## Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program



### Program overview

- ACGME accredited 3 year program: 1 fellow/yr
- Children's Hospital (Brenner Children's Hospital) within larger academic center
- First Year focused on clinical rotations: inpatient, outpatient, endoscopy, radiology, nutrition
- Second/Third Years protected time for research with some clinical time and ongoing endoscopy exposure
- Fellows Clinic – you are the primary GI
- Individualized curriculum in Second/Third years based on career goals.
- Dedicated endoscopy team (pediatric RNs, and techs)
- Live in Winston-Salem – named one of America's "Best Cities on the Rise"



### Our Division

- 7 Faculty + 6 APPs
- 2 clinical psychologists
- 4 Endo RNs, 5 Clinical RNs, Social worker, Dietician
- Join a division that values work-life balance!



### Program Highlights

- Intestinal Rehabilitation Multidisciplinary clinic
- Aerodigestive Multidisciplinary clinic
- Gluten and Allergic Digestive Disorders
- Kids EAT
- Brenner FIT
- Liver transplant (at partner hospital in Charlotte)



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**Wake Forest University**  
**School of Medicine**



Visit Winston-Salem



# Emory University / Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Training Program



Barb McElhanon, MD  
Joanna Niklinska-Schirtz, MD  
Cary Sauer, MD MSc  
Nitika Gupta, MD

Training Program Director  
Associate Program Director  
Associate Program Director  
Research Program Director & Program Director Transplant Hepatology

## Overview

3 year ACGME-accredited Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Training Program

3 Fellows per Year (9 total)

1 Transplant Hepatology Fellow per Year (PGY 7)

## Faculty

### Gastroenterology

Subra Kugathasan, MD  
Cary Sauer, MD MSc  
Barbara McElhanon, MD  
Joanna Niklinska-Schirtz, MD  
Sharmistha Rudra, MD  
Chat Rajendra, MD  
Tsega Temtem, MD  
Lauren Bloom, MD  
Katie Black, MD  
Vivek Shenoy, MD  
Shaunte McKay, MD  
Teresa Oh, MD  
Adjowa Amevor, MD  
Joel Friedlander, DO  
Jessica Reilly, MD (Peds)

### Hepatology

Nitika Gupta, MD  
Rene Romero, MD  
JP Stevens, MD  
Zev Cohen, MD  
Chrissy Lopez, MD

### Advanced Endoscopy

Field Willingham, MD  
Elaine Odiase, MD

### Psychology

Jessica Buzenski, PhD  
Bonney Reed, PhD

## High-Tech Beautiful New Campus



## Fellowship Structure

### First Year Curriculum

GI Inpatient | Hepatology Service | GI Consult/Specialty Clinic  
Early Endoscopy | Continuity Clinic 2 days/month | Transplant Clinic on Liver Months

### Second / Third Year

Research-focused  
Motility Rotation | Endoscopy sessions  
Continuity Clinic | Super- Subspecialty & Multidisciplinary Experiences

## Fellowship Didactics/Conferences

### Every Tuesday from 12pm – 4pm

Acute Care Series (July – September)  
Board Review Sessions  
Program Director/Fellow Meetings

### 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday GHN Fun!

ICN/IBD Program Meetings | IBD Seminar Series  
GI/Surgery Conferences | GI/Radiology/Pathology Conferences  
Invited Speakers | GHN Grand Rounds

	August-25			
	5th	12th	19th	26th
7:00 AM	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	GI/Surgery Conf - ERCP vs intra-op
12:00 PM	Fellows' RESEARCH Meeting (Gupta)	Fellows' Board Review	Fellows Meeting with PDs	Fellows' Board Review
1:00 PM	Acute Care Series- Intestinal Rehab 101 Dr. Amevor	Acute Care Series- Liver outpatient 101- Lopez	Acute Care Series- IBD 101, Dr. Niklinska-Schirtz	National Guest-IBD Seminar Series -Dr. Marla Dubinsky
2:00 PM	Acute Care Series- Common GI Outpatient, Dr. Rudra	Acute Care Series- Liver Inpatient/Consult 101 -Dr. Stevens	Case Presentation - 1st year fellow- Christine Kaba	Case Presentation - 1st year fellow- Rasha Abou Jaoudeh
3:00 PM	National Speaker- Dr. Drossman		Faculty Meeting	Topic Presentation - Senior Fellow- Sriya Subramani



## Program Strengths

### Transplant Hepatology

25+ Liver Transplants Annually  
Transplant Hepatology Fellowship

### Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Dedicated IBD clinic  
Kugathasan Basic  
Translational Research  
Improve Care Now Member  
Clinical Research  
Consortium Research



### Endoscopy

Standard & Advanced Endoscopy  
Single Balloon Enteroscopy  
ERCP  
Trans-nasal

### Super-Subspecialty & Multidisciplinary Clinics

Aerodigestive | Motility | Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Obesity | Hepatology/Transplant | Cystic Fibrosis  
Intestinal Rehabilitation | Pancreas | Eosinophilic GI  
Disease | Feeding Disorders

## Honorable Mentions

Free Lunch for Physicians!  
APPs take all Caregiver calls!

## Research Opportunities | T32 Program

### Emory Pediatrics Ranks Top 5 NIH funding (#1 2022) x 9yrs

NIH DK108735 T32 Grant –Pediatric-based T32  
Kugathasan Lab (genomics & organoids)  
Paul Dawson PhD Lab (bile acid/cholestasis)  
Rheinallt Jones PhD Lab (germ-free, gnotobiotic models)  
Jean Welsh PhD in Vos Lab (nutrition/obesity)  
IBD Clinical Research (CAMEO, CAPTURE)  
Emory Department of Pediatrics Extramural Research

## A Little About Us!

- 3 year ACGME-accredited fellowship
- 2 Fellows Per Academic Year
- Robust academic and clinical experience
- **Immersive Inpatient Experience**
  - IBD, Hepatology, Liver and Small bowel transplant
- **Comprehensive Outpatient Experience**
  - Fellow-driven clinics
  - Satellite clinic opportunities
- **Core Curriculum**
  - Pathophysiology lecture series
  - Board Review Series
  - Radiology and Pathology Conferences
  - Departmental Grand Rounds
- **Strong Collaboration with adult gastroenterology**
  - Research projects
  - Procedural experience
  - Complex medical and surgical IBD patient management

## Our Department



Dr. Sandra Kim, MD  
Department Chair



Dr. Nila Mistry Ambani  
Program Director



Dr. Sophia Ali Patel  
Associate Program Director

## CCF Children's GI Fellows



Menkar Thandana  
Karunanar, MD  
PGY6



Mira Younis, MD  
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PGY6



Christina Varghese, MD  
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Shankar Neupane, MD  
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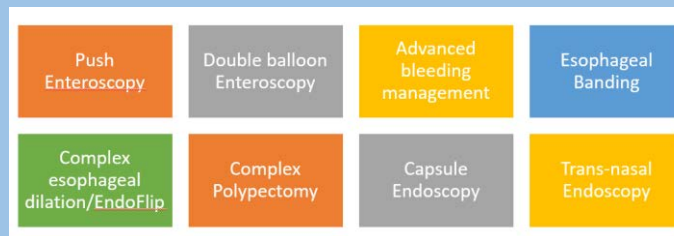
Briana Thompson, MD  
PGY4

## Clinical Experience

### Centers of Excellence

- Liver Transplant Center
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
  - Multidisciplinary Clinic, Transition of Care Clinic
- Eosinophilic Disorders Center
- Motility Center of Excellence
  - Myelomeningocele and Aerodigestive Programs
- PTEN/Polyposis Center
- Cystic Fibrosis Center/Pancreatic Center of Excellence

### Advanced Procedure Experience



## Research Program

### Research Curriculum

- Fellow Research Curriculum
- Statistical Methods Course
- Strong research mentorship

### Supports

Translational, clinical and lab research opportunities with Lerner Research Institute

Cleveland Clinic Grant opportunities

Certificate Course in Scientific Research

### Fellow Research

- Effect of Maternal Diet on Breastmilk and Infant Microbiome (Ross Grant Awardee)
- Psychological Impacts of Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- IBD Care in Women and Girls
- Medication Compliance in Patients with Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- Role of fungal organisms in non-healing mucosal ulcers in pediatric-onset Crohn's disease (Pediatric Research Day Winning Project)
- Resiliency in IBD Patients



Check out our  
video!





## Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, & Nutrition Fellowship

Located in Hartford CT; 2 hours to Boston or NYC, medium cost of living

Program Director: Katherine Baldwin, MD Associate Program Director: Bella Zeisler, MD

### Connecticut Children's

- 230 Bed hospital
- 18 Bed PICU
- 47 Bed Emergency Department
- Level I Trauma Center
- 2 NICUs
- State's First Integrated Med/Psych Unit
- 30+ Subspecialties
- 60 Pediatric Residents
- 12 Pediatric Fellowship Programs

ONLY Freestanding Children's Hospital in CT

### Specialty Programs

- Center for Pediatric IBD
  - 800+ IBD patients
- Center for Pediatric Liver Disease
- Center for Neurogastroenterology and Motility
- Intestinal Rehabilitation Service
- Aerodigestive Multidisciplinary Clinic
- Center for Food Allergy & Eosinophilic Disorders
- Program for Pediatric Psychogastroenterology



### Fellowship Overview

4 fellows total  
(2 fellows recruited every third year)

#### Rotations

- Inpatient GI
- ICC/Outpatient
- Dedicated procedure time
- Weekly fellow clinic (your own patients)
- Sub-subspecialty clinics
- Research

#### Education

- Wed PM Didactics Series (entire division protected for 1/2 day)
- Fellows Core Curriculum
- Research design, epidemiology, biostatistics, wellness curriculum and teaching skills

### Research

Affiliated with

- UCONN School of Medicine
  - Master of Science Program in Clinical and Translational Research
- The Jackson Laboratory

### Subspecialty Clinics

IBD	Motility Clinic
Aerodigestive	Hepatology
Disorders of Gut-Brain Interaction (DGBI)	Spina Bifida
Nutrition	Intestinal Rehab
Constipation Clinic	Food Allergy
NAFLD	Psychogastro

### Our Team

Division Director  
• Jeffrey Hyams, MD

#### Faculty

- Katherine Baldwin, MD
- Corey Baker, MD
- Karan Emerick, MD
- Victoria Grossi, DO
- Logan Jerger, MD
- Bradley Jerson, PhD
- Panam Kaur, MD
- Sunpreet Kaur, MD
- Sydney Kuzoian, DO
- Jing Marrero, MD
- Jonathan Salazar, MD
- Ellen Sejkora, PhD
- Sarita Singhal, MD
- Pete Townsend, MD
- Annette Vannilam, MD
- Bella Zeisler, MD



UCONN Website

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Connecticut Children's Fellowship Website

<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/education-and-training/graduate-education/fellowships>

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### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 3-year ACGME accredited Program that is designed to offer each trainee a strong clinical and research experience
- The Program accepts 3 fellows per year – total 9
- NIH-funded Postdoctoral T32 Training Grant in Hepatology
- ACGME accredited Advanced Transplant Hepatology 4<sup>th</sup> year
- Non-ACGME 4<sup>th</sup> year advanced training available in Nutrition, Motility, and IBD
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) is ranked #6 for gastroenterology and GI surgery care on the U.S. News & World Report (USNWR) Best Children's Hospitals and is an Honor Roll Hospital ranked #1 in California and #1 on the West Coast.
- CHLA is affiliated with the University of Southern California (USC) and Division faculty are members of the Faculty of the USC Keck School of Medicine
- The Division includes 35 faculty, including 4 PhD faculty, that provide excellent care and research opportunities in general gastroenterology as well as specialty care including Hepatology and Liver transplant, Intestinal Rehabilitation and Nutrition support, IBD care, Eosinophilic GI disorders, Pancreatic disorders, Motility disorders, Aerodigestive disorders, and Advanced/therapeutic endoscopy
- The Division participates in networks for research and quality improvement including Improve Care Now for IBD (ICN), International Study Group of Pediatric Pancreatitis: In Search for a Cure (INSPIRE 2), the Childhood Liver Disease Research Network (ChILDRen)
- The Division has numerous research initiatives sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, industry, or philanthropic foundations
  - \* 10 faculty with NIH funding in areas of hepatology, nutrition, and IBD
  - \* > 24 active IRB sponsored research projects
- The program has 54 alumni, the majority of whom practice at large academic centers nationally and internationally. Some of our graduates are also at the NIH, leading Divisions, or have established their own private practices

### CURRICULUM

#### First Year:

- Fellows rotate on the Gastroenterology service, Hepatology and Liver transplant service, and the Intestinal Rehabilitation service including inpatient procedures
- 2-week outpatient Endoscopy
- Weekly continuity clinic
- 2.5 months of non-clinical/research time

#### Second/Third Year:

- Fellows will focus on a research project under the supervision of a mentor and a scholarship oversight committee. Research projects are in line with the requirements of the American Board of Pediatrics for fulfillment of scholarly activity
- Fellows rotate for one month each on the three inpatient services in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and for one month on the GI service, and one month on the hepatology service in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- Weekly continuity clinic
- Weekly procedural day
- 2-week rotation in outpatient subspecialty clinics
- Opportunity for obtaining an advanced degree is available through the University of Southern California

### DIDACTICS/CONFERENCES

#### Division of Gastroenterology Education Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Core Curriculum</b> 12:00-1:00pm	<b>Transplant Conf.</b> 12:00-2:00pm <b>Pathology Conf</b> 3:00-4:00pm <b>GI JC/Grand Rounds</b> 4:00-5:00pm			<b>Pediatric Grand Rounds</b> 8:00-9:00am  <b>GI Sign Outs</b> 3:00pm – 5:00pm
<b>Core Curriculum</b> 12:00-1:00pm	<b>Transplant Conf.</b> 12:00-2:00pm <b>Case Conference</b> 3:00-4:00pm <b>GI JC/Grand Rounds</b> 4:00-5:00pm		<b>Pathophysiology Conference</b> 7:30-8:00am	<b>Pediatric Grand Rounds</b> 8:00-9:00am  <b>GI Sign Outs</b> 3:00pm – 5:00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 3PM- Radiology Conference

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 3PM- IBD Conference

5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 4PM- Combined GI/Peds Surgery JC and M&M Conference

### Application Process and Timeline

Please submit the following through ERAS:

- Completed application form and CV
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- USMLE score reports (prefer steps 1-3)
- COMPLEX score reports if applicable
- Medical school transcript
- ECFMG reports if applicable
- Recent photograph

Interview timeline:

- July: ERAS opens
- July-August: application review
- August-October: Interviews every Monday, Thursday, and/or Friday
- November: Rank Order List submission to the NRMP
- Early December: Match Day

Children's Hospital Los Angeles is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Our program follows the recruitment guidelines of the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) Pediatric Gastroenterology match.

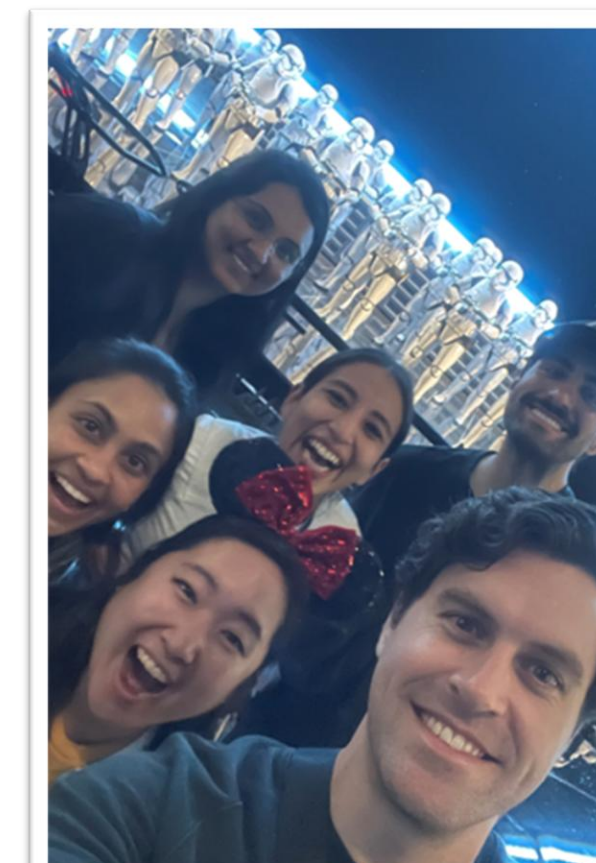
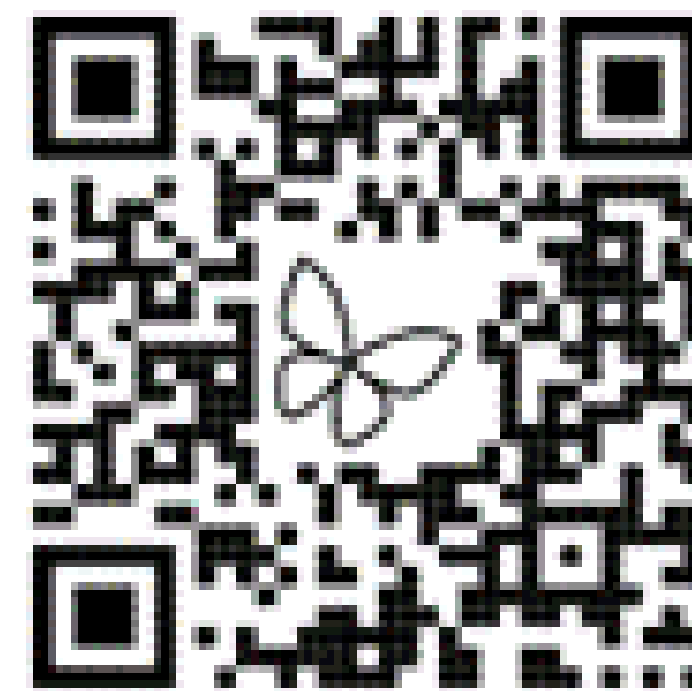
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# University of CA, San Diego & Rady Children's Hospital

## Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition



### THE FELLOWSHIP

- MAIN pediatric GI referral center in the area (92% market share), large catchment: Mexico/ Pacific Rim
- California's largest free standing children's hospital
- Year 1 - clinical
- Year 2 & 3 - protected time for research
- Funded opportunities for Masters degrees
- Formal Medical Education tract
- Informatics Elective

### OUR DIVISION

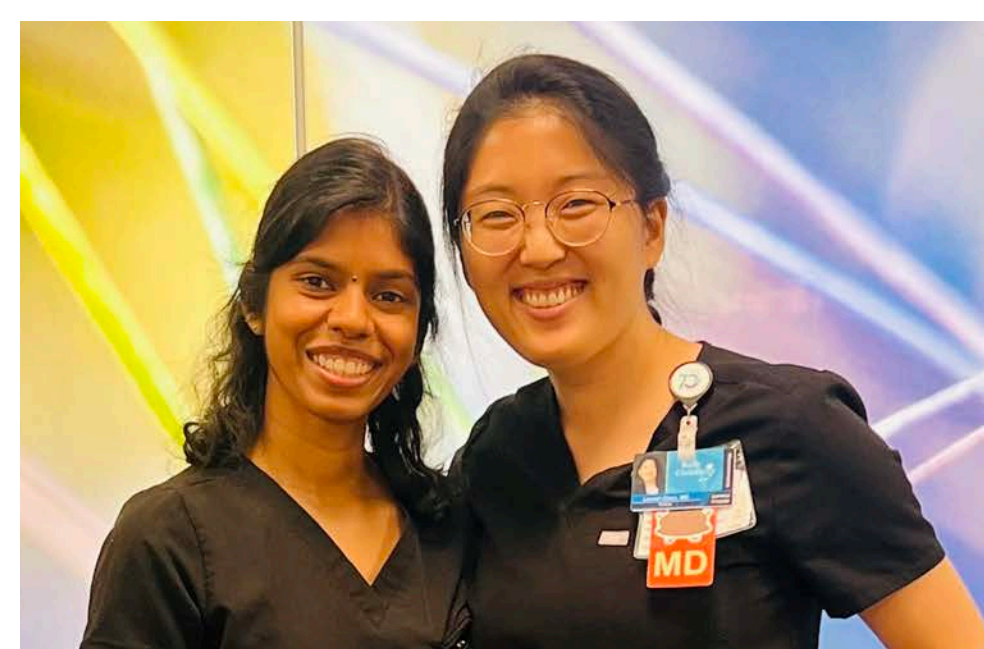
23 faculty, 6 NP/PA, 6 fellows



### RESEARCH

**UCSD ranks #1 in the nation for NIH funding per faculty member and GI research and education**

- The Salk Institute
- Rady Children's Genomic Institute
- Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine
- Scripps Research Institute
- Sanford Burnham Research Institute
- La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology
- Torrey Pines Institute
- >500 biotech companies



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Fellows

Lauren Chun  
Arthi Ramu

**D. Brent Polk**  
Division Chief



**Soma Kumar**  
Clinical Director



**Advanced Endoscopy with Pediatric ERCP/EUS**



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Fellows

Mandeep Bajwa  
Anjella Manoharan



**Lillian Choi**  
Director of Endoscopy



**Ranjan Dohil**  
Director of EoE



**Mary Abigail Garcia**  
Director of Intestinal Rehab



**Amber Hildreth**  
Director for Transplant Hepatology



**Jeannie S. Huang**  
Medical Director for IBD and Informatics  
NASPGHAN President

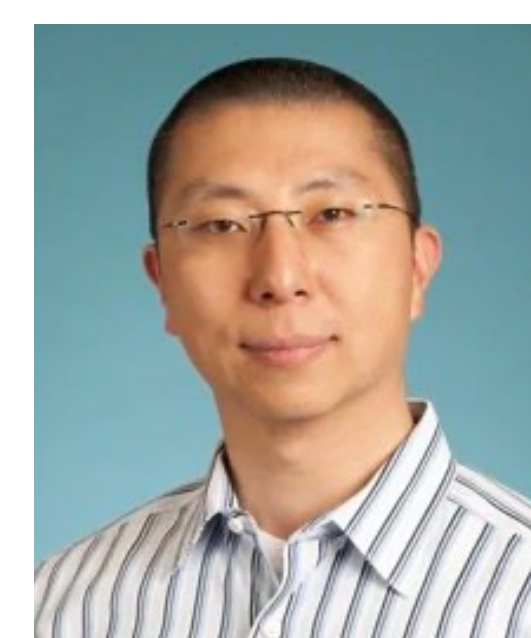
#### Sub-Specialty and Multi-D Clinics:

- Aerodigestive
- Advanced Endoscopy and Pancreas Program
- Bowel Continence
- Cancer Predispositions
- Celiac Disease
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- Fatty Liver
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Integrative Medicine
- Intestinal Rehabilitation
- Liver Transplant
- Obesity Hypertension
- Single Ventricle
- Strive to Thrive
- Weight and Wellness



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Fellows

Lauren Nichols  
Tin "Nick" Lam



**Tom Lin**  
Director of Advanced Endoscopy



**Kimberly Newton**  
Director of Celiac



**Kathleen Schwarz**  
Former President of NASPGHAN



**Jeffrey B. Schwimmer**  
Director of Fatty Liver



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Motility – coming Aug 2026



# Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

## Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Fellowship Program



### Program Overview

- Comprehensive, expansive clinical and research training
- Wide exposure to diverse clinical experiences from common GI conditions to rare diagnoses
- Excellent opportunities for clinical, translational, and basic science research through the Darby Children's Research Institute (DCRI) and the Digestive Disease Research Center Core
- Fellows encouraged to personalize their fellowship experience through a broad range of educational opportunities available
- 3 Fellows in total, 1 Fellow per year
- Year 1 is predominantly clinical training
- Majority of Years 2 and 3 are for scholarly activities



### Our Team

We pride ourselves on creating a collegial and grounded learning environment to help our Fellows' intellectual curiosity thrive during their training. We want our Fellows to carve their own path in their educational experience to reach their goals, and we provide the support and resources to do so.

### The Division

- Nationally ranked
- 12,000+ patient visits/year
- 600+ new inpatient consultations/year
- 1300+ upper and lower endoscopies/year
- 6-8 liver transplants/year
- Multidisciplinary specialty clinics including Intestinal Rehab, IBD, Feeding, Aerodigestive, Hepatology, Liver Transplant, EoE, Neurogastroenterology and Motility, Interventional Endoscopy, CF

### The Medical University of South Carolina

Founded in 1864, MUSC is the oldest medical school in the South and has a rich history of academic excellence. MUSC leads the state in biomedical research and is in the top 20% of health science institutions for NIH funding.

### Charleston, SC

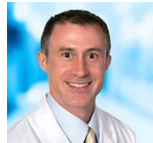
- Charming historic architecture and cobblestone streets
- Coastal city with picturesque beaches and waterways
- Vibrant culinary hotspot with multiple Michelin Star restaurants
- Beautiful weather with plentiful outdoor activities year-round



**Jordan Whatley, MD**  
Program Director



**Candi Jump, DO**  
Associate Program Director



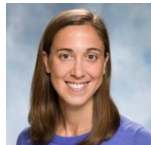
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Division Chief



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**Carmine Suppa, DO**  
IBD



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**Nagraj Kasi, MD**  
Hepatology



**Janaina Anderson, MD**  
Hepatology



**Sherif Ibrahim, MD**  
Advanced Endo



**Mike Hook, MD**  
CF / Nutrition



**Rathna Amarnath, MD**  
Murrells Inlet



**Rayna Grothe, MD**  
Prof. Emeritus

### Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital

- Opened in February 2020
- Leading children's hospital in the state
- 250 inpatient beds
- State of the art endoscopy and surgical suites



Children's Hospital Colorado  
Digestive Health Institute

Affiliated with  
University of Colorado  
Anschutz Medical Campus

# Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition University of Colorado/Children's Hospital Colorado

Section of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, Digestive Health Institute, Children's Hospital Colorado  
Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora CO



## Goal of Program

Prepare fellows for a career in academic medicine, with an emphasis on excellence in clinical care, teaching and independent research.

## Program Overview

- University of Colorado: Top 20 research universities
- Children's Hospital CO (CHCO) - Top 10 Children's Hospitals
- Nationally recognized, accessible, committed faculty
- Broad spectrum of Pediatric GI and Liver Diseases
- #1 Pediatric Living Donor Liver Transplant Program
- Regional center with a large referral area
- 1<sup>st</sup> year primarily clinical
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year 80% protected for research

## Faculty and Clinical Programs

### Faculty

- 35 MDs, 4 PhDs, 11 APPs
- 25 MD and PhDs conducting clinical/translational research
- 5 MD, 4 PhD conducting laboratory research
- 20 NIH grants support research

### Training Program

- 3 year Fellowship
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year Transplant Hepatology Fellowship

### Special Clinical Programs

- Numerous multidisciplinary clinics



## Contact Information



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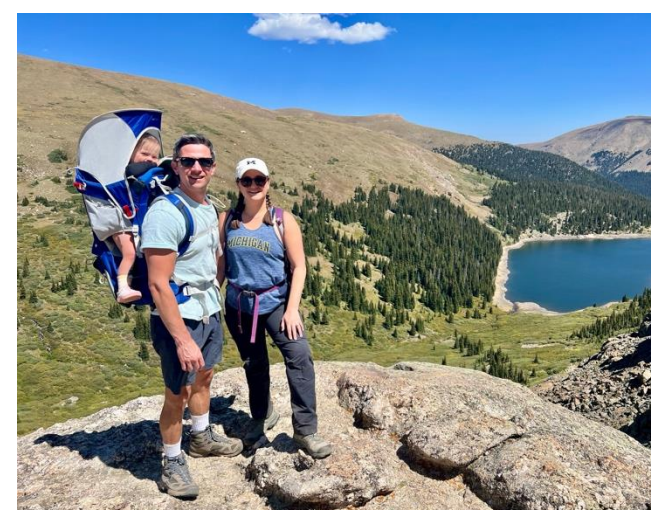
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## Children's Hospital Colorado



- Patients seen at CHCO and 8 satellite location\*  
(\*trainees practice at other locations at their own request)
- > 30,000 patient encounters per year
- > 24,000 outpatient visits per year
- > 4,800 endoscopies per year
- > 700 advanced procedures per year
- > 60 ERCPs per year
- > 30 endoscopic ultrasounds per year
- > 1,000 transnasal endoscopies performed in total
- 15 – 20 liver transplants per year



## Research Training

- Clinical, translational and basic research opportunities
- 9 NIH grant funded investigators within the Section
- Opportunities and mentors within Peds GI, Adult GI, Neonatology, Cell Biology, Immunology, Obesity, Epidemiology, and elsewhere on campus

## NIH-NIDDK T32 Training Program

- **Goal:** To provide exceptional research training and mentoring; to allow trainees to develop skills and knowledge for future careers as physician scientists
- **Continuously** funded since 2005
- Opportunity to obtain Masters in Clinical Sciences
- Opportunity to do a 4<sup>th</sup> year research fellowship



View from research lab

## Educational Conferences

- Weekly:
  - Wednesday Conference: Fellow Rounds + Topic Conference
  - Tuesdays: Ask the Experts
- Monthly: Pathology, Radiology, Research, M&M
- Joint Conferences: Surgery/GI, Adult/Peds GI, Nutrition/GI

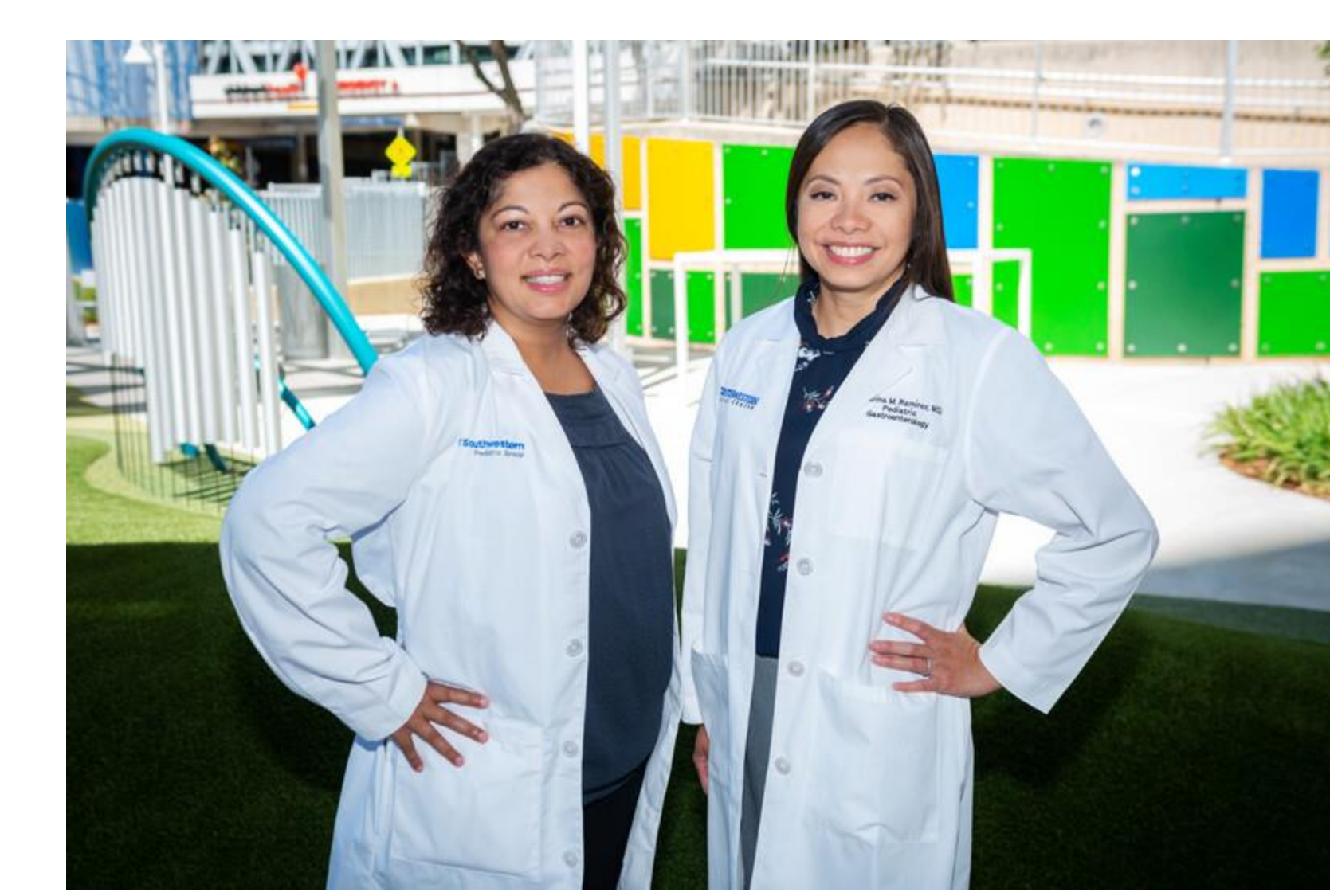


## Call Structure

Weekend Call: Only on call every 9<sup>th</sup> weekend  
1<sup>st</sup> Year: 2 nights/week on Inpatient/Consult (32 weeks)  
 4 weeks off for research  
 Sunday night off on weekend calls  
2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> : 2 weeks per year on Inpatient/Consult  
Other: Time off for boards, retreats, and fellow conferences

# UT Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, Texas

Meghana Sathe M.D., Fellowship Program Director  
Charina Ramirez M.D., Associate Fellowship Program Director



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Thirty-four faculty members and a multidisciplinary team composed of advanced practice providers, transplant surgeons and coordinators, dietitians, social workers, child life specialists and dedicated GI psychologists and therapists.
- Internationally-recognized faculty actively pursuing clinical and basic science research.
- Training performed at Children's Health Dallas; a 490 licensed beds hospital ranked #13 in the nation by the 2025-26 *U.S. News & World Report*.
- An active therapeutic endoscopy program with a busy endoscopy suite and exposure to a wide variety of procedures.
- Robust multidisciplinary programs in cystic fibrosis, neurogastroenterology, motility and intestinal rehabilitation, hepatology, liver transplantation, and pancreaticobiliary disorders.
- Culinary Medicine session twice a year to enhance nutrition education experience.
- We also offer 4th year advanced fellowships in:
  - Pediatric Endoscopy
  - Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease
  - Pediatric Neurogastroenterology & Motility



## CURRICULUM

### First Year

- Fellows participate in rotations on the gastroenterology inpatient unit, the hepatology inpatient unit, consult service, electives, procedures, research and the continuity clinic.
- Interested fellows can gain exposure to specialized procedures in ERCP, endoscopic ultrasound, and motility studies.
- Fellows have elective research weeks to explore potential research options and mentors for their focused academic endeavor.



### Second and Third Years

- Three training tracks: Clinical/QI, Cystic Fibrosis, and Research. There is also an opportunity to obtain Masters in Public Health.
- Fellows focus on a scholarly project during 2nd & 3rd year of fellowship to meet the ACGME requirements for a scholarly activity. We have monthly research and QI meetings. Fellow's clinical activities include inpatient wards, hepatology, consults, electives, procedures and continuity clinic.

### Monthly Fellow's Business Meeting

- An opportunity to meet with Program Directors and Division Director to celebrate successes, explore areas for improvement, and discuss program updates.

## DIDACTIC ACTIVITIES

Our teaching activities are designed to provide a comprehensive educational program for fellows with an emphasis on the integration of clinical practice, scientific knowledge, and scholarly activities. We have a fully protected academic ½ day every other week for the majority of our didactic activities.

### Didactics include:

- Core Curriculum
- Journal Club
- Radiology Conferences
- Lumen and Liver Pathology Conferences
- Fellow-Faculty Teaching Series
- Board Review
- M&M (Endoscopy and Medical)
- Quality Improvement
- Multidisciplinary Conferences
- Culinary Medicine
- Fireside Chats
- Book Club & Social Media Topic Discussions
- Social Determinants of Health



## LIVING IN DALLAS, TX

- Dallas – 9th largest US city
- Dallas Fort Worth – 4th largest metroplex
- Vibrant Food Scene
- Affordable living
- Iconic Attractions
- Culture & Arts
- Professional sports
- Walking Trails & Lakes
- No State Income Tax



For more information about our program, please contact Allison Miles at [allison.miles@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:allison.miles@utsouthwestern.edu) or 214-456-8000



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## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Inpatient GI	10-11 weeks	Average daily census of 15-20 patients, fellow performs procedures Team consists of residents, NPs/PAs, pharmacist, dietitian, SW
GI Consults	10-11 weeks	Fellow staffs consults and performs associated procedures
Procedures	10-11 weeks	Dedicated to developing procedural skills in the GI suite/OR Backup to consult fellow in afternoons
Liver Transplant	5 weeks	Inpatient liver transplant service and outpatient transplant clinic Fellow responsible for related procedures including liver biopsy, paracentesis, and banding/sclerotherapy
Intestinal Rehabilitation	2 weeks	Inpatient, consult service, and outpatient intestinal rehabilitation clinic
Nutrition	2 weeks	Inpatient Nutrition Support Service and specialty nutrition clinics
Night float	6 weeks	Weeknights of night call (from home)
Research planning	2 weeks	Plan research for years 2 and 3; spend time in sub-specialty clinics, Pathology, Radiology
Continuity Clinics	½ day weekly	Fellow-driven patient panel, supervised by a consistent team of 3-5 attendings throughout fellowship



@chopGI\_fellows

## BENEFITS

- \$1000/year allowance for travel and educational expenses
- Laptop and software provided
- iPhone provided (*with free data*)
- Medical/Dental/Vision/Disability/Life Insurances with spouse/domestic partner benefits
- Membership provided to professional societies
- Access to UPenn recreational facilities, and libraries

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- The Division T32 Training Grant (NIDDK) supports fellows in clinical or basic science research in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- Additional T32 Training Grants supporting current fellows include Genetics, Clinical Pharmacology, General Pediatrics (all NICHD), General Gastroenterology (NIDDK), & Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- 2 Research Development Weeks in first year gives fellows protected time to meet with potential mentors and learn about available research opportunities both within and outside of the division
- Weekly and monthly educational conferences include pathology, radiology, liver transplant, IBD, intestinal rehabilitation, joint pediatric/adult GI case discussions, nutrition, and Pediatric Grand Rounds
- Weekly chief rounds are one hour weekly protected conferences for bedrock GI concepts
- Monthly fellows' meeting provides a low-stress environment for program feedback and updates
- Scholarship Oversight Committee meetings occur biannually to ensure academic progress

### Third year fellows

	Jonathan Berken ( <i>combined NICU-GI fellow</i> ) Interests: Alterations in brain/behavior associated with neonatal GI inflammation
	Mark Mahon Interests: Eosinophilic Esophagitis, Transnasal endoscopy
	Christie Quake Interests: Inflammatory bowel disease, Intestinal Rehabilitation
	Virginia Saurman (T32) Interests: Understanding colonic dysmotility in mouse and 3D organoid models
	Andrea Tou Interests: MASLD, pediatric obesity, and endoscopic bariatrics

### Second year fellows

	Jibraan Fawad Interests: IBD, basic and translational microbiome research
	Stephanie Hum Interests: Effective and evidence-based practices in GI
	Dana Neugut Interests: IBD, informatics and big data
	Ananthi Rajamoorthi (T32) Interests: Metabolic syndrome, intrauterine programming of obesity and liver disease
	Doris Valenzuela-Araujo (T32) Interests: Health disparities in GI, health services research

### First year fellows

	Archana Anandakrishnan Interests: Motility neurogastroenterology
	Gillian Greenberg Interests: IBD, microbiome
	Katri Thiele Interests: IBD, eosinophilic esophagitis
	Erica Chang Interests: IBD
	Brandon Perumpall Interests: MASLD, endoscopic bariatrics

### Advanced fellows

	Aaron Bennett Transplant Hepatology Fellow
	Elaine Lin Advanced Nutrition Fellow
	Vivian Vega Lemus Advanced Nutrition Fellow
	Haley Pearlstein Motility Fellow



## PHILLY



wishunu.com - Things to do in Philly

- UNESCO World Heritage City – *the only one in the USA*
- Diverse population
- Award-winning restaurants – *that don't break the bank*
- Affordable rent – *both in the city and the 'burbs*
- Fairmount Park – *more than 4000 acres of awesome greenspace*
- Easily walkable, bikeable, trainable

## THE CHOP GI DIVISION



GI Division Web Site

- Consistently in the top of US News rankings
- Has graduated over 150 fellows – *practicing all over the country*
- 71 Attendings – *who go by their first names*
- 5 GI fellows/year – *balanced call and service coverage*
- 4-5 additional GI subspecialty fellowships – *great resources*
  - Transplant Hepatology, Nutrition, Motility, IBD, Aerodigestive
- 34 NPs/PAs, 6 GI psychologists, 6 social workers, 13 dietitians
- 11,000 procedures performed annually – *plenty to go around*
- 15,000 inpatient admissions per year
- >52,000 outpatient encounters per year

## THE HOSPITAL



Hospital Web Site

- Consistently in the top of the US News Honor Roll
- ~1.5 million outpatient encounters per year in the largest pediatric healthcare network in the country
- ~30,000 admissions per year to the 627-bed acute care hospital
- ~101,000 ED visits per year
- Longest continually-running and consistently top-ranked pediatric residency program in the country
- >50 active fellowships with >130 fellows per year in total
- Located on the campus of a major research university
- New campus in King of Prussia opened in early 2022

## UPENN



UPenn Web Site

- Top 10 University in US News
- Top 5 Research University in US News
- Masters programs fellows have pursued during fellowship:
  - MSCE, MTR, MSHP, MCP, MED
- Top-ranked Hospital and GI Division with active transition program
- Monthly shared Peds/Adult GI conferences
- Tuition benefit available

Program Director: Christine Lee, MD

Associate Program Directors: Daniel Kamin, MD; Meenakshi Rao, MD, PhD

## Summary

- ✦ Three-year ACGME-accredited program helping fellows become **leaders** in academic pediatrics gastroenterology
- ✦ We have **5 fellows per year**
- ✦ **Largest pediatric GI fellowship program in the US**
- ✦ Individualized mentorship and training in:
  - ✦ Medical Education
  - ✦ Basic and Translational Research
  - ✦ Patient Advocacy and Public Policy
  - ✦ Quality Improvement
  - ✦ Ethics
  - ✦ Clinical Research and Epidemiology
- ✦ **Continually advancing fellowship education every year**
  - ✦ In 2021, pioneered “Post-call go-home” and “Saturday night off” culture- using **faculty** coverage



## Details by Fellowship Year

- ### Fellowship Year 1
- ✦ Building core proficiency in Consults, Inpatient, Nutrition, Hepatology, Endoscopy
  - ✦ Weekly half-day ambulatory teaching clinic and half-day most weeks in endoscopy
- ### Fellowship Years 2 & 3
- ✦ Focus on scholarly work projects with established mentors at Boston Children's Hospital or neighboring institutions
  - ✦ Continue weekly core GI and sub-specialty elective clinics
  - ✦ Approximately 4 weeks of inpatient services
  - ✦ Procedural competency is enhanced with mentored exposure to more advanced endoscopic techniques.

## Program Highlights

- ✦ More than 80 faculty members
- ✦ 7 NIH funded basic science laboratories
- ✦ 4<sup>th</sup> year fellowships in Transplant Hepatology, Advanced Nutrition, Motility & IBD.
- ✦ NIH T32 funded for over 30 years
- ✦ Over \$10,000,000/year of research funding
- ✦ Numerous graduate training opportunities- Harvard School of Public Health, the Harvard Catalyst, and the Harvard Macy Program
- ✦ GI Division Centers of Excellence include:
  - ✦ Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Med/surgical and VEOIBD multidisciplinary program)
  - ✦ Childhood Liver Disease and Liver, Multivisceral and Intestine Transplant Program
  - ✦ Therapeutic Endoscopy
  - ✦ Clinical Nutrition
  - ✦ Center for Advanced Intestinal Rehab
  - ✦ Motility Program
  - ✦ Functional Abdominal Pain
  - ✦ Aerodigestive center
  - ✦ Celiac Disease
  - ✦ Bariatric Surgery
  - ✦ Congenital Enteropathy
  - ✦ **And many, many MORE!**



## Procedural Training

- ### First Year Fellows
- ✦ Procedure “Bootcamp” during orientation
  - ✦ Approximately ½ day each week
  - ✦ Dedicated 1 month endoscopy rotation
- ### Second and Third Year
- ✦ Off-site, high volume endoscopy center (Lexington Satellite)
  - ✦ Assigned endoscopy mentored experience
  - ✦ Saturday urgent procedure on-call opportunity
- ### All Fellows
- ✦ Hands-on Endoscopy GI Course at Brigham and Women's
  - ✦ NASPGHAN Hands-on Endoscopy Course

## Individualized Mentorship

- ✦ Assigned mentors as 1<sup>st</sup> year fellows
- ✦ Monthly meetings with Division Chief
- ✦ Meet with Program Directors several times per month
- ✦ Scholarship Oversight Committee (SOC)
- ✦ Formal Biannual Meetings with Program Directors



## Boston

- ✦ 3 major medical schools, 27 hospitals and large biotech and pharma presence
- ✦ Youthful energy with approximately 65 universities/colleges
- ✦ Immensely diverse with some twenty neighborhoods
- ✦ Cape Cod/ New England are an easy drive away for beaches and outdoor summer and winter sports/ activities
- ✦ Additional support given to all fellows
  - ✦ \$2500/ year academic discretionary funds
  - ✦ 10,000/ year housing stipend
  - ✦ \$2400/ year loan assistance
  - ✦ Lease guarantee program
  - ✦ Licensing reimbursement during fellowship

# Stony Brook Children's Hospital Pediatric Gastroenterology

Program director: Lesley Small-Harary

Division chief and assistant program director: Anupama Chawla

## Program highlights

8 full time board certified faculty:

- Anupama Chawla, MD
- Jeffrey Morganstern, MD
- Grace Gathungu, MD
- Lesley Small-Harary, MD
- Keith Breglio, MD
- Ada Lee, DO
- Shivany Pathania, MD
- Jenna Berson, MD

- One fellow per year

- Only free standing children's hospital in Suffolk County, NY

- Pediatric Celiac Disease Center, multidisciplinary IBD Center, Healthy Weight and Wellness Center, Cystic Fibrosis Center, Duchene Muscular Dystrophy Center,

- 3 registered dieticians, 2 full time pediatric GI nurse practitioners, 1 full time RN, 1 full time research coordinator

## Current Fellows



## Our Curriculum

### First Year

- 10 months of inpatient service with 1 month vacation and 1 month research
- 1 weekly continuity clinic with fellow's own patient panel
- 2 additional half day clinics and 2 scope sessions per week

### Second Year

- 1 month of service
- 1 weekly continuity clinic with fellow's own patient panel
- 2 additional half day clinics and 2 scope sessions per week
- 1 month Transplant Hepatology at CHONY

### Third Year

- 1 month of service
- 1 weekly continuity clinic with fellow's own patient panel
- 1 additional half day clinic and 2 scope sessions per week
- 2 week nutrition rotation, 1 week motility rotation, 2-4 week elective blocks for specific interests

## Annual spring graduation party





# Duke University Medical Center Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program

Program Director: Narayanan Venkatasubramani, MD



## Program Overview

- ACGME-accredited
- 3 Fellows, one Fellow per year
- 13 Physicians (3 Hepatologists)
- 5 Outpatient sites, daily inpatient care
- Full spectrum of procedures

### What can Duke PGI program offer?

- Only fellowship program in North Carolina with **Motility, Hepatology & small bowel transplant, celiac disease & Transnasal endoscopy experience**
- Great emphasis on clinical care with tertiary referral of complex kids to Duke
- Great research facility at Duke
- Faculty diversity, engaged, dynamic and open to change, work-life balance
- RTP, close to mountains, beach, beautiful restaurants
- **Programs:**
  - **Hepatology/Transplant**
  - **Intestinal Rehabilitation Center**
  - **Inflammatory Bowel Disease**
  - **Motility center**
  - **Celiac disease center**
  - **Feeding disorder**
  - **Aerodigestive/Transnasal Endoscopy**

## Fellowship Rotations

Rotation	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Inpatient Service	40 weeks (29/GI, 11/H)	8-12 weeks	8-12 weeks
Research	6 weeks	36-40 weeks	36-40 weeks
Electives/Conf	2 weeks (nutrition)	N/A	N/A
Vacation	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks
Continuity Clinic	Faculty clinics	1/2 day/week	1/2 day/week
Specialty Clinics	IRP/IBD/Hepatology	Hepatology & Small bowel Transplant, IBD Feeding disorder	Hepatology & Small bowel Transplant, Motility
Procedures	1/2 day per week General GI/Liver biopsy	1/2 day per week GI, ARM, capsule, pH impedance	1/2 day per week GI, ARM, capsule pH impedance Adult GI

## Faculty/Fellows

### GI Faculty:

Dr. Bruno Chumpitazi  
Dr. N. Venkatasubramani  
Dr. John Lyles  
Dr. Sana Syed  
Dr. Danielle Mebuge  
Dr. Arun Ajmera  
Dr. Derek Armstrong  
Dr. Haley Neef  
Dr. Sandeep Puri  
Dr. Jasmine Penderghast

### Hepatologist:

Dr. Gillian Noel  
Dr. Mansi Amin  
Dr. Amrita Salunke  
**Fellows:**  
Dr. Reshma Patel  
Dr. Sharmilaa Babu  
Dr. Christine Martin

## Conferences

- **Tuesdays:**
  - Pediatric Grand Rounds 8-9 AM
  - Fellows' Core Curriculum 4-5 PM
  - GI/Surgery/Radiology 7-8 AM
  - Adult/Peds GI Fellow case 5-6 PM
- **Thursdays:**
  - Pediatric GI Conference 4-5 PM
  - GI/Pathology Conference 4-5 PM
  - Adult/Peds GI endoscopy session 5-6 PM
- **Fridays:**
  - UNC Joint conference 7:30-8.15 AM
  - Chair's Clinical Case 12-1 PM

## Links to Duke Fellowship Program

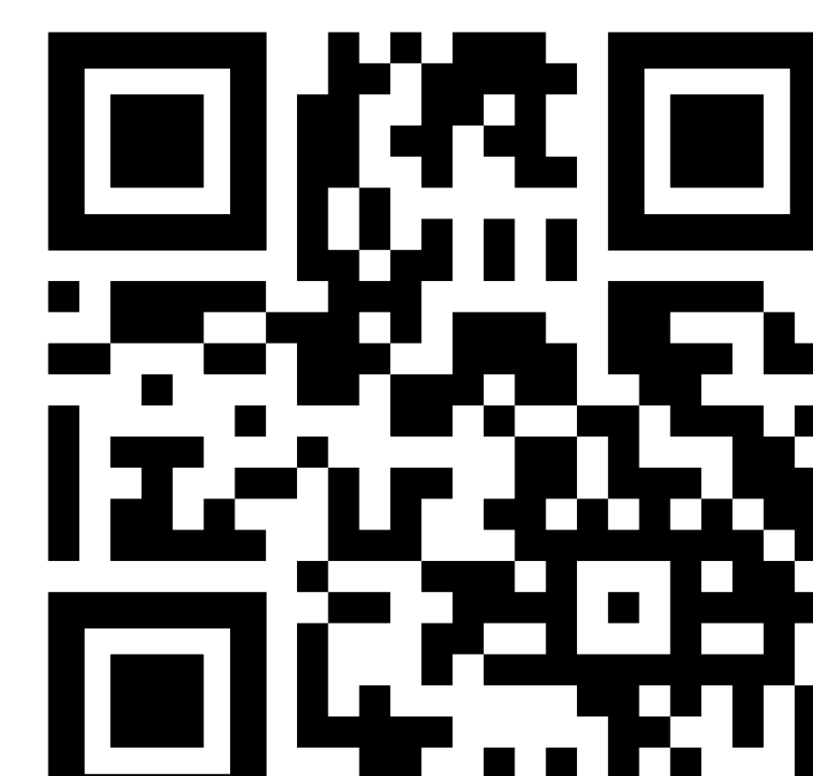
Link to the Department of Pediatrics Gastroenterology webpage  
<https://pediatrics.duke.edu/divisions/gastroenterology-hepatology-and-nutrition>

“Why Choose Duke”:  
<https://pediatrics.duke.edu/education-and-training/fellowship-programs/why-choose-duke>

“Why Train at Duke?”:  
<https://gme.duke.edu/why-train-at-duke>

“Life in Durham”:  
<https://gme.duke.edu/life-in>

Link to a recent issue of the Magazine <https://durham>



## Clinical Experience

### OUTPATIENT

- Weekly continuity clinics
- Hepatology and IBD Clinic in 1st year
- Electives to attend sub specialty clinics and community satellite clinics



### INPATIENT

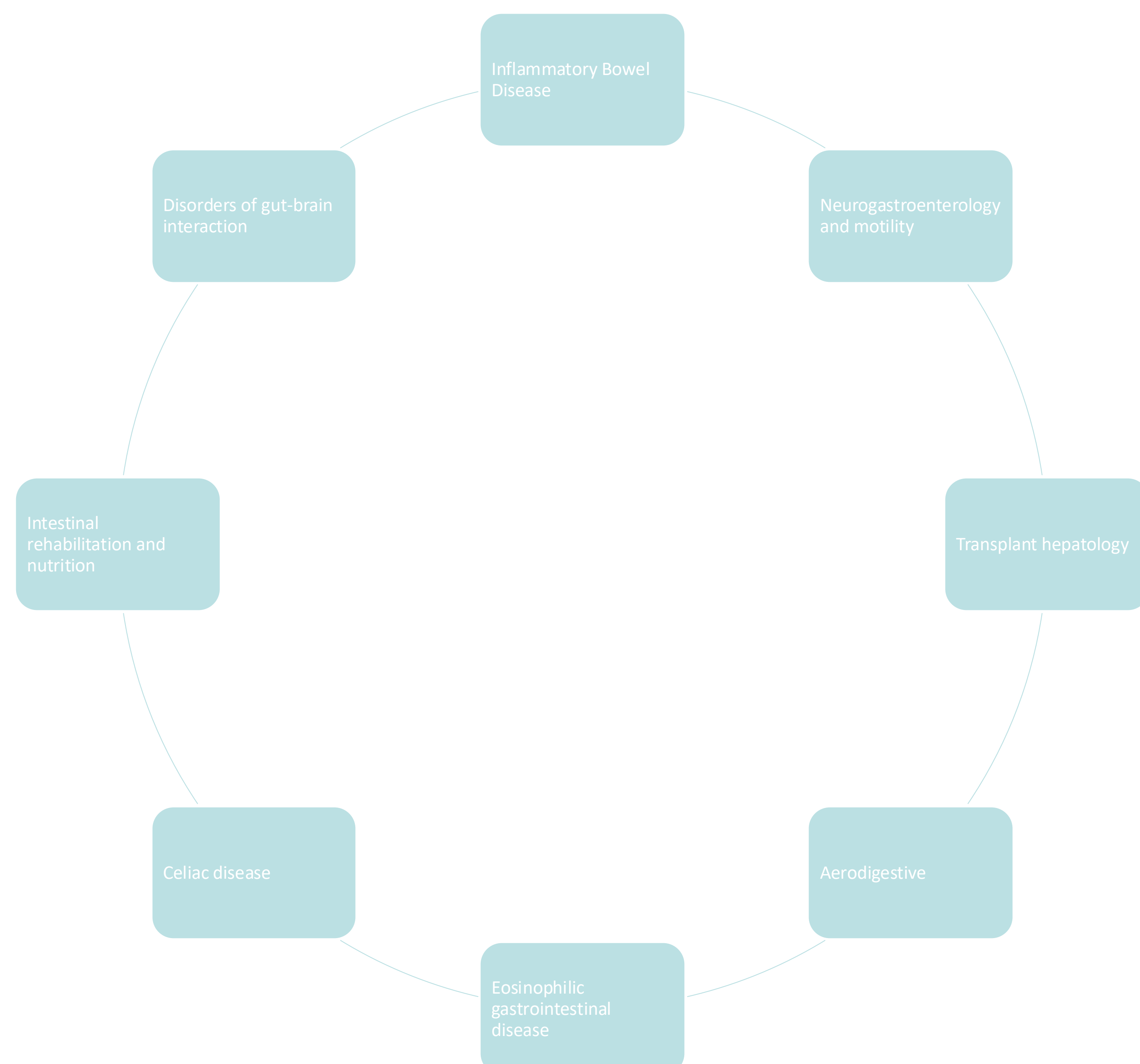
- GI and Hepatology services and inpatient consults
- Nutrition Consult Service



### PROCEDURES

- Multiple procedure days split between fellows
- Exposure to diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic procedures.

## Subspecialty Focus



## Program Overview

- Comprehensive clinical and research experience in pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.
- First year of fellowship is dedicated to inpatient and outpatient clinical experience.
- Second and third years focus on research, completing an academic project and honing outpatient clinical skills.
- Care for patients with a wide variety of clinical gastrointestinal diseases in the outpatient and inpatient setting.
- Develop outstanding endoscopic skills
- Care for diverse patient base from all cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Yale School of Medicine and Yale University have a wealth of academic, research, social and cultural resources

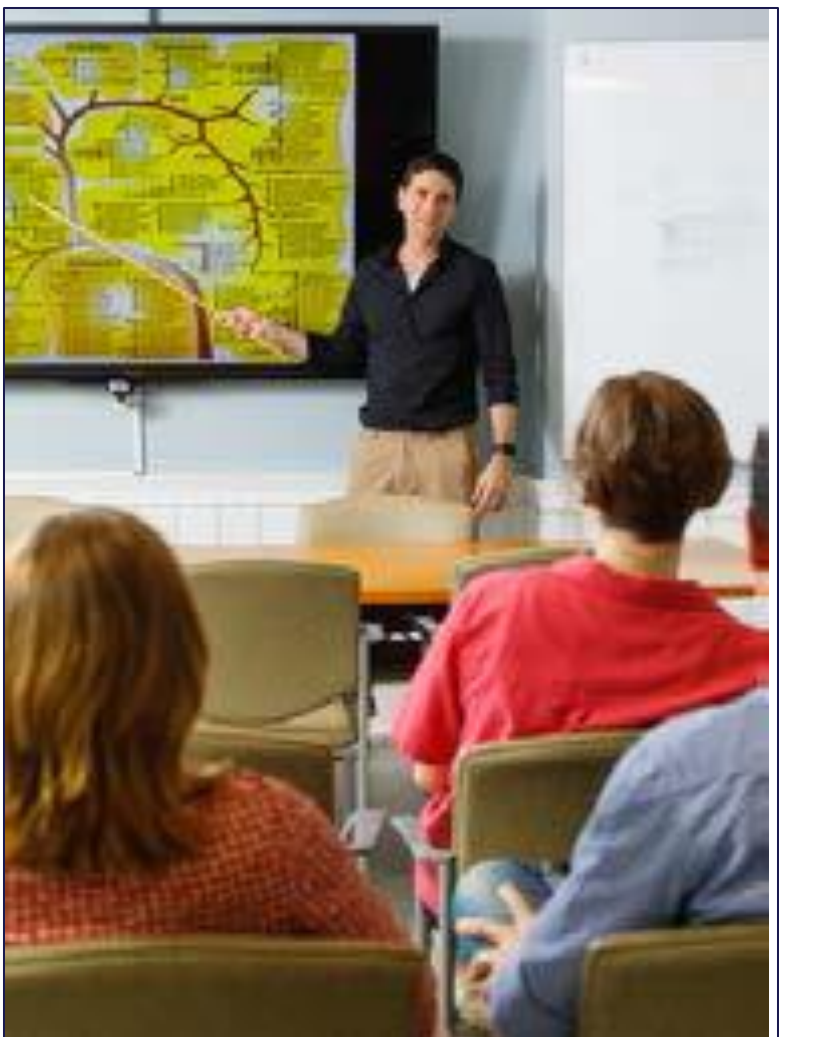
## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Clinical, basic science and translational opportunities
- Fellows who choose a basic science laboratory may be placed under the T32 grant
- Opportunities to work with other sections and other departments
- Fellow are encouraged to pursue a project in their area of interest



## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Weekly Pediatric GI conferences include:
  - GI Grand Rounds: State of the art lectures
  - Case conferences
  - Journal club
  - Morbidity and Mortality conference
  - Monthly pediatric radiology, pathology and joint surgery conferences.
- Joint pediatric and adult GI conferences
- Weekly pediatric grand rounds
- Opportunities to participate in medical education with medical students and residents
- Opportunities to attend Yale University courses and obtain post-graduate degrees: MHS, MHS- MedED, research courses
- Encouraged and supported to present at national conferences



## Our Graduates Are:

- Academic Gastroenterologists
- Transplant Hepatologists
- Medical Educators
- Section Leaders

## INTERVIEW PROCESS

July: Applications received through ERAS  
 July-August: Review of applications  
 September-October: Interviews  
 Nov/Dec: Submission of rank list to the NRMP  
 December: Match Day

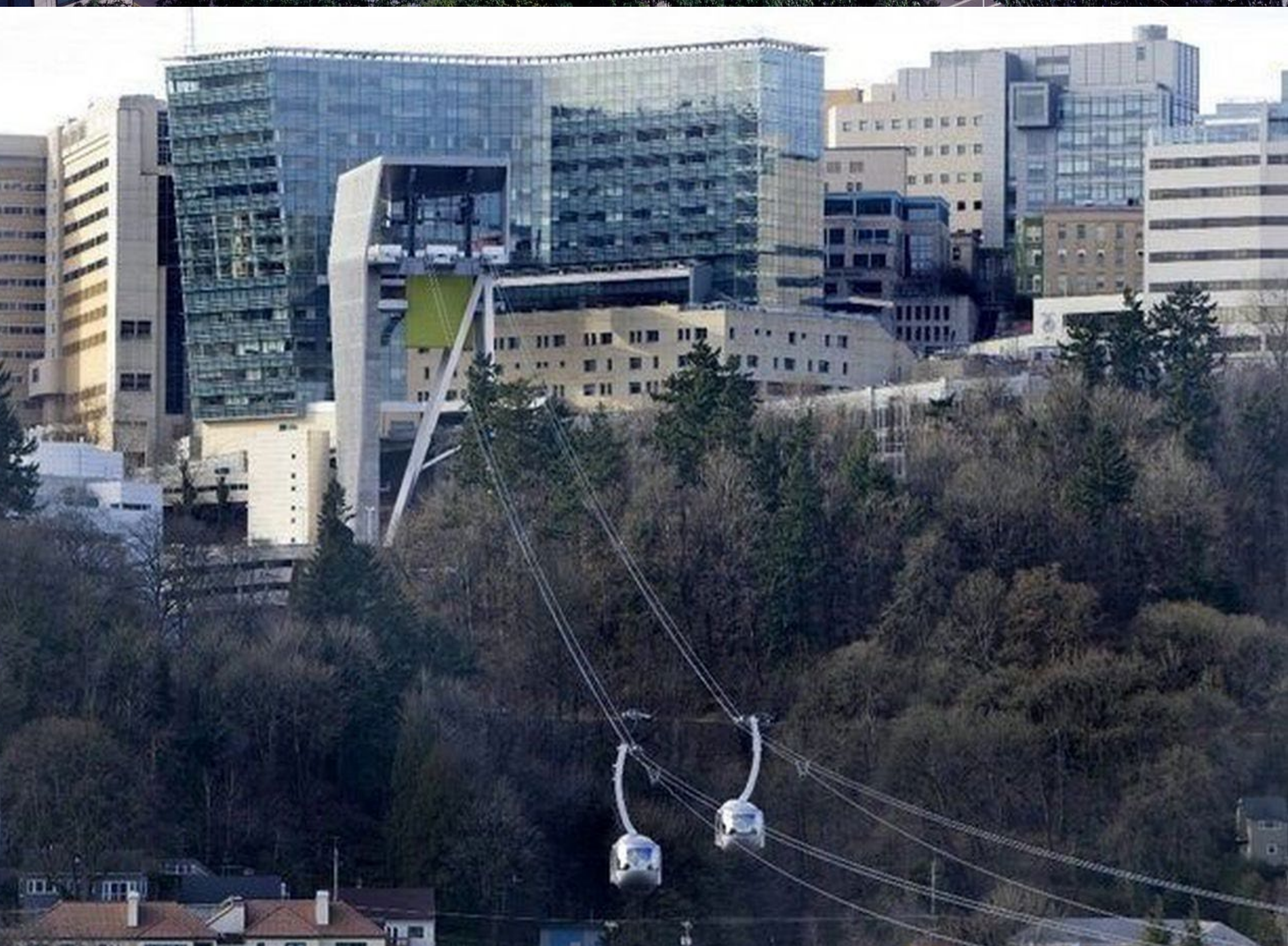
Months may change depending on NRMP



# Oregon Health & Science University



DOERNBECHER  
CHILDREN'S  
Hospital



## Personalized Fellowship Experience

- 1 Fellow per year, First fellow started 2025
- Flexible schedule to prioritize fellow's interests
- Many multi-disciplinary team-based clinics
- Outreach Clinics throughout the state
- Clinical/Bench Research opportunities available

## Focus on Work-Life Balance while Learning

- We want you to ENJOY Portland and Oregon
- We want you to ENJOY fellowship while learning

## Large Catchment Area

- Only academic center in the state
- Diverse diseases and patient population

## Great Friendly Faculty and Staff

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| • 11 GI Attendings     | • 2 GI Fellows       |
| • 6 GI Nurses          | • 2 GI psychologists |
| • 4 GI Dietitians      | • 2 Pharmacists      |
| • 3 Nurse Partitioners | • 1 PhD scientist    |
| • 3 Medical Assistants | • 2 Coordinators     |



Melanie K. Greifer, MD, Program Director  
Michael Dolinger, MD, Associate Program Director

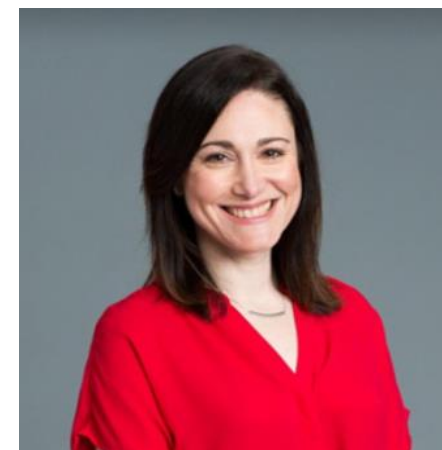
## Our Fellowship

The goal of our fellowship program is to prepare the fellow for a career in academic pediatrics, with a strong emphasis on excellence in clinical care, teaching and productive and independent research. We are a three year, ACGME accredited program with TWO fellows per year. Because of the strong academic and research activities of the NYU Medical Center, the fellow will be exposed to a stimulating environment in one of the top Children's Hospitals and research Universities.

## Faculty



Nadia Ovchinsky, MD, MBA  
Division Chief of Pediatric GI, Hepatology and Nutrition  
Professor of Pediatrics



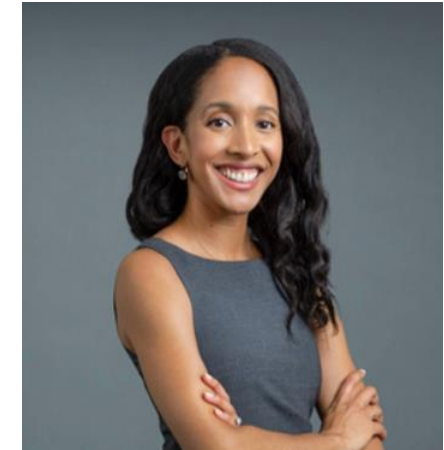
Melanie Greifer, MD  
Program Director  
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics



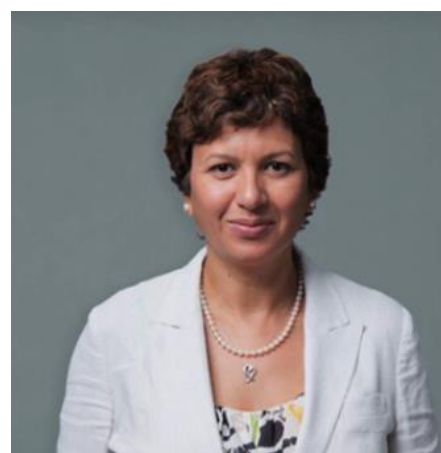
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Director of Pediatric IBD  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Dana Goldner, MD  
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



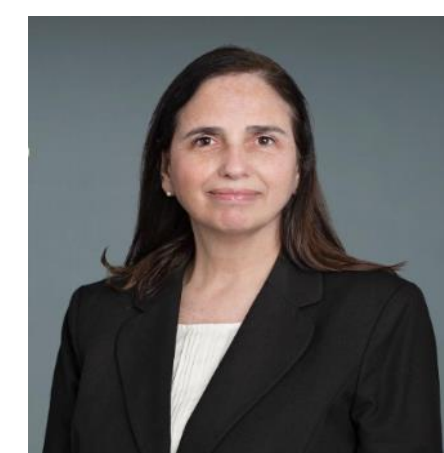
Shelly Joseph, MD  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



Abha Kaistha, MD  
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Bridget Kiernan, MD  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



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Associate Professor of Pediatrics



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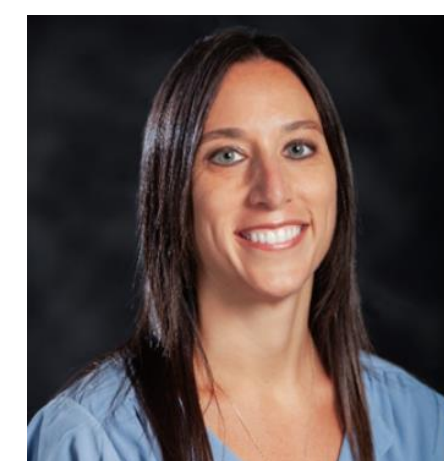
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Professor of Pediatrics



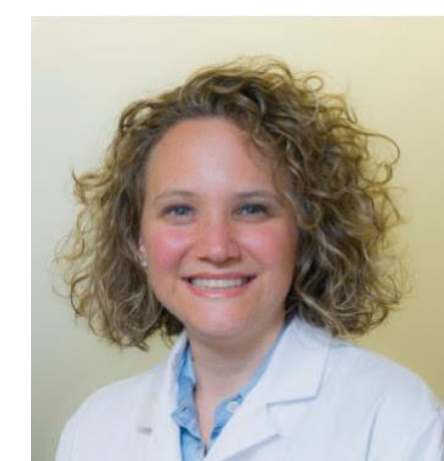
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Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics



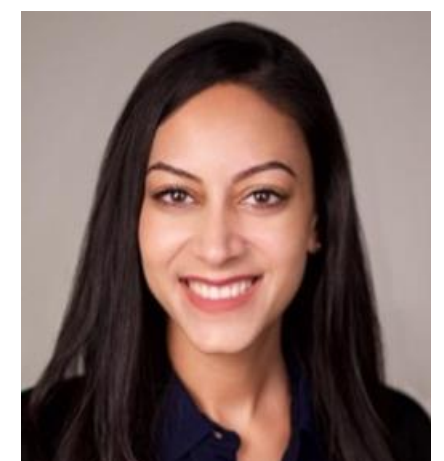
Libia Moy, MD  
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Jennifer Vittorio, MD  
Medical Director, Pediatric Liver Transplant  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Kara Margolis, MD  
Director of Brain Gut Research  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics



Minoti Vather, MD  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

## Overview of Fellowship Schedule

### First Year of Fellowship:

- Inpatient (GI/Hepatology)
- Nutrition Rotation
- Research
- Continuity Clinic (all rotations)
- Endoscopy Suite (all rotations)

### Second Year Of Fellowship:

- Research
- Inpatient (GI/Hepatology)
- Nutrition Rotation
- Outpatient Hepatology
- Continuity Clinic (all rotations)
- Endoscopy Suite (all rotations)

### Third Year of Fellowship:

- Research
- Inpatient (GI/Hepatology) incl "pretending"
- Adult GI Rotation
- Continuity Clinic (all rotations)
- Endoscopy Suite (all rotations)

## Fellowship Conferences and Didactic Sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Adult GI Grand Rounds	Pediatric Grand Rounds		Advanced Endoscopy conference (1x/month) TPN & Nutrition Rounds (weekly)	
Afternoon				Pediatric GI Grand Rounds (weekly) Case presentation (weekly) Pathology (weekly)	Transplant Lunch and Learn (monthly)
Evening	Liver Pathology (biweekly)	Fellows Didactic Sessions (weekly) Resident Academic Half Day (weekly)	Pediatric Liver Transplantation (weekly) Liver Radiology Rounds (weekly) Peds Subspecialty Fellows College (quarterly) IBD conference (weekly)		

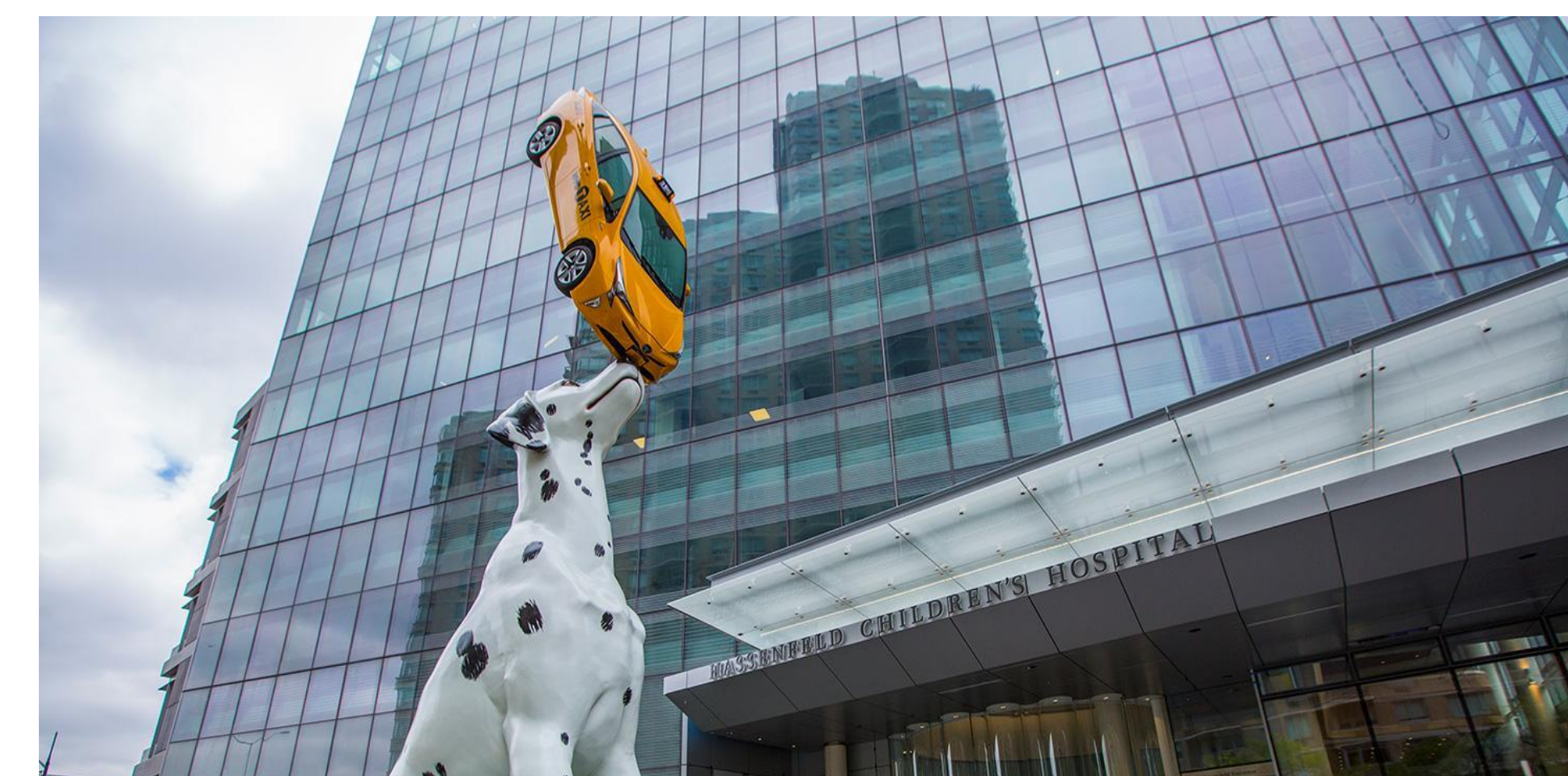
## Program Highlights

- Close relationship with Adult GI: Excellent experiences in advanced endoscopy, interventional procedures, collaboration with a **comprehensive IBD center**
- Robust and active Pediatric Hepatology and Transplant Program
- Hassenfeld Children's Hospital: all single bed rooms & state-of-the-art technologies
- Active research projects and clinical trials in:

- Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- IBD
- Celiac Disease
- Gut Microbiome
- Aerodigestive Diseases and Asthma
- Liver Transplantation
- NAFLD/MASLD
- IBAT inhibitors in Cholestatic Disorders
- Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis
- Xenotransplantation

- Collaboration with Margolis Lab focused on translational and basic science research examining the diverse aspects of gut-brain signaling
- Special Interests include:

- Pediatric Celiac Disease and Gluten-Related Disorders Program
- Eosinophilic Disorders Program
- GUARD (Gastroesophageal, Upper Airway & Respiratory Diseases) Center
- Pediatric Interdisciplinary Nutrition and Feeding Program
- Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program/Transition of Care Clinic
- Intestinal Ultrasound Training Program
- Complex Colorectal Care Team for Bowel Management
- Neurogastroenterology and Motility Program
- Intestinal Rehabilitation Program



# Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans

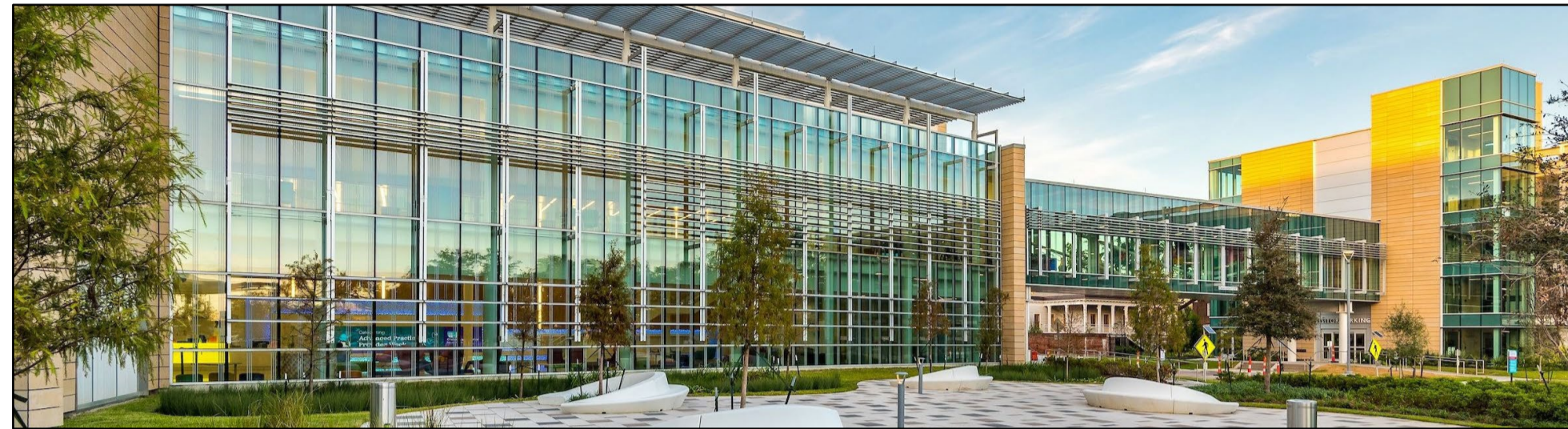
## Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program

Dr. Colleen LeBlanc, Program Director



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at LSUHSC New Orleans is a 3-year fellowship that has been accredited by the ACGME since 1995. Our practice is located at Manning Family Children's, a 257 bed, not-for-profit hospital that is the gulf south's major pediatric medical center. We accept 1 fellow a year. Our fellows have extensive inpatient and outpatient experiences throughout their 3 years in addition to 20 months set aside for their scholarly activities and QI projects.



### MISSION STATEMENT

To educate and train our future pediatric gastroenterologists to become knowledgeable, culturally competent, caring physicians, who can function in evolving healthcare systems, engage in life-long learning, and appreciate and evaluate medical research.

### FELLOWSHIP STRUCTURE

- **First Year**
  - Inpatient GI Service 6 months
  - GI clinic Elective 1 month
  - Endoscopy Elective 1 month
  - Research Elective 3 months
  - Pathology 2 weeks
  - Radiology 2 weeks
  - Continuity Clinic, Liver Clinic & IBD Clinic
- **Second Year**
  - Inpatient GI Service 3 months
  - Research 8 months
  - Nutrition Elective 1 month
  - Continuity Clinic, Liver Clinic & IBD Clinic
  - Endoscopy
- **Third Year**
  - Inpatient GI Service 3 months
  - Research 9 months
  - Continuity Clinic, Liver Clinic & IBD Clinic
  - Endoscopy
- **Education**
  - GI Division lectures every Friday afternoon
  - Combine conferences with Pathology, Radiology and Pediatric Surgery throughout the year
- 4 weeks of vacation per year, 2 weeks of paid sick leave per year, 5 CME days per year

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program
- Liver Transplant Program
- Pediatric Advanced Endoscopy
- Multiple other specialty clinics including: aerodigestive, eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders, intestinal rehab, pain associated disability syndrome, combo general GI/psychology visits
- Nutritionist available for fellow's clinic
- Symbionix GI Mentor™ Endoscopy Simulator



### FACULTY



Patricio Arias, MD   Michael Carver, MD   Amanda Glinky, MD   Colleen LeBlanc, MD   Beth McDonough, MD   Kirk Thame, MBBS   Russ Zwiener, MD   Amber Gafur, MD   Kyle Glisson, MD

Incoming Faculty

### VISIT LSU





### HIGHLIGHTS

- Unparalleled variety and acuity
- Solid foundation in “bread and butter” pediatric gastroenterology
- Exposure to all facets of the field
- Myriad research opportunities
- Cutting-edge procedures and technology
- Live and play in New York City
- Work with a diverse and vibrant group of people

### MISSION AND GOALS

- Guide fellows as they develop into independent practitioners and scholars who will shape the field of pediatric gastroenterology
- Develop highly skilled clinicians capable of delivering care to a diverse patient population
- Promote scholarship through a high-quality mentored research experience
- Foster compassion, caring and professionalism with an emphasis on well-being of fellows and faculty
- Cultivate individual strengths, leadership skills and career goals so that each graduate has a niche



Fellows' Graduation 2025



Fellows out to dinner



Annual Halloween party



Fellows at NYC Gut Club



Fellow Fun Day 2025

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE



### CLINICAL PROGRAMS

We provide 24/7 consultation to the **Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital** which contains a total of 214 pediatric beds including 41 PICU beds, 75 NICU beds as well as an active ED with 50,000 visits per year. We have the highest case mix index in the Northeast. The **Phyllis and Ivan Seidenberg Center for Children's Digestive Health** can accommodate more than 25,000 patient visits per year. Our patient population comes from northern Manhattan, the greater New York City area, and beyond.

The **Gastrointestinal Motility Center (Julie Khlevner, Director)** provides state-of-the-art multidisciplinary care for children with motility and functional disorders and congenital anomalies of the GI tract.

The **Pediatric Intestinal Rehabilitation Center (Sivan Kinberg, Director and Elizabeth Berg, Associate Director)** provides comprehensive care for over 130 patients with intestinal failure.

The **Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program (Joseph Picoraro, Director)** focuses on multidisciplinary management as well as the genetics of IBD, new therapies, and nutrition.

The **Center for Liver Disease and Transplantation (Steven Lobritto, Director)** performs over 30 liver transplants per year, as well as intestinal and multivisceral transplants. It also specializes in complex hepatobiliary surgeries.

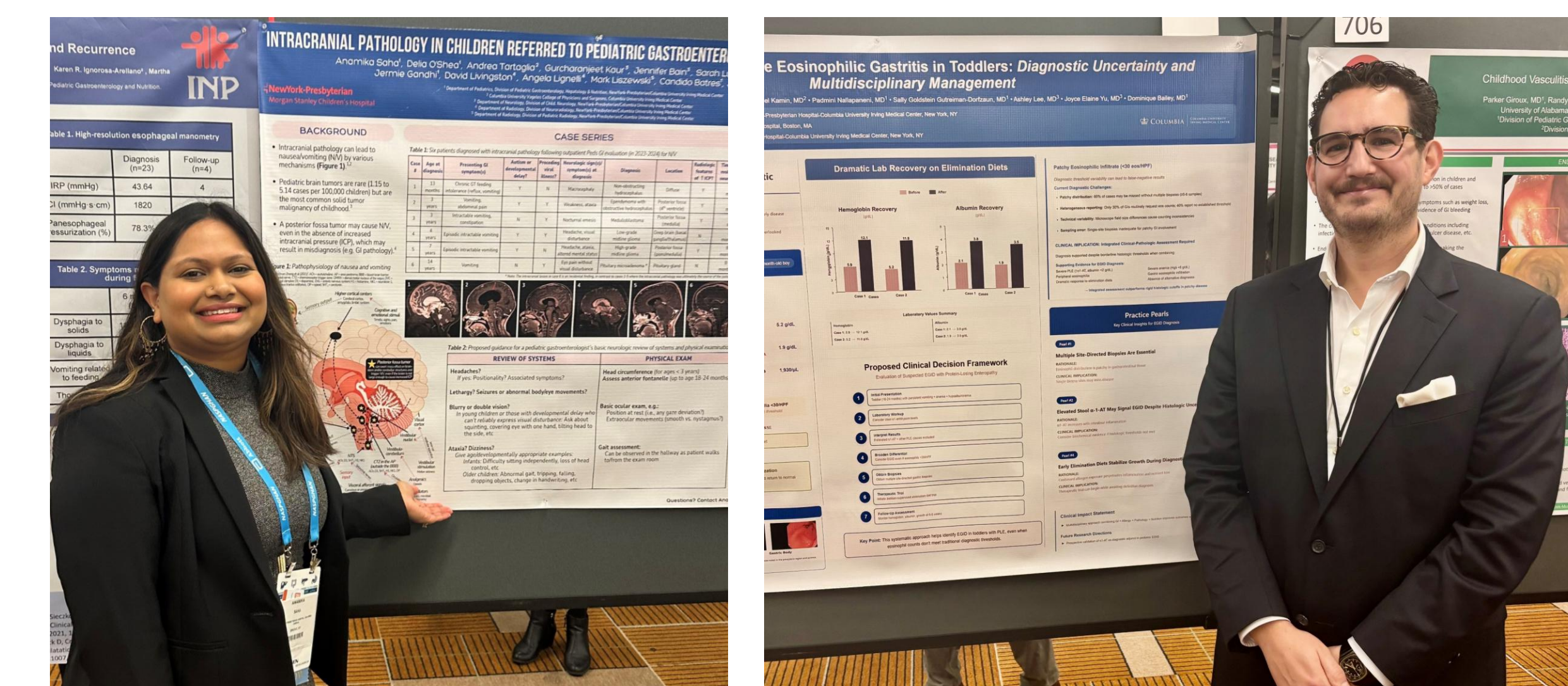
The **Celiac Disease Center (Jacqueline Jossen, Director)** is a world-renowned program for the expert management of adults and children with celiac disease and other gluten-related disorders.

The **Eosinophilic and Allergic GI Disease Program (Dominique Bailey, Director)** provides multidisciplinary care for children with EoE and other immune dysregulatory disorders.

The **Institute of Human Nutrition (Sabrina Diano, Director)** provides outstanding educational programs in human nutrition and conducts basic science and translational research.

### SCHOLARLY WORK

- **Metabolic-associated Steatotic Liver Disease** (understanding pathogenesis, biomarkers, non-invasive diagnostic testing, therapies): Ali Mencin, Wei Shen, Cynthia Akagbosu
- **Liver Transplantation** (immunosuppression, QI, transition of care): Steven Lobritto, Mercedes Martinez, Pooja Reddy, Amanda Cantor, Elise Kang
- **Gut Immunology** (pathogenesis of eosinophilic esophagitis, intestinal transplantation and immunosuppression): Dominique Bailey, Mercedes Martinez
- **Intestinal Stem cells** (development and differentiation): Jonathan Miller
- **Inflammatory Bowel Disease** (clinical trials, predictive models): Joseph Picoraro, Neil LeLeiko, Hillary Moore, Padmini Nallapaneni
- **Intestinal Rehabilitation** (nutrition, prevention of liver disease): Sivan Kinberg, Mercedes Martinez, Elizabeth Berg
- **Obesity** (body composition, early life interventions to eliminate socioeconomic disparities): Cynthia Akagbosu, Evianna Cruz Herrera, Wei Shen
- **Celiac Disease** (epidemiology, quality of life, natural history): Jacqueline Jossen, Amy DeFelice, Phillip Kazlow
- **Cystic Fibrosis** (nutrition, pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy): Sarah Lusman
- **Motility Disorders** (diagnosis and treatment): Julie Khlevner, Jermie Gandhi



Fellows presenting at NASPGHAN 2025

### RECENT GRADUATES

**Gastroenterology:** Baylor College of Medicine, Boston Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Columbia University Medical Center (6), New Jersey Medical School, New York Medical College, Mercer University Health Science Center, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Children's Hospital at Montefiore (2)

**Hepatology / Transplant:** Columbia University Medical Center (3), University of Colorado, New York University

# Children's Mercy Kansas City

## Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program

### Career Training

Our division wants you to succeed. We have supportive attendings with expertise in IBD, motility, intestinal rehab, feeding, liver transplant, pancreatitis, polyposis, and more. Fellows receive excellent endoscopic training and can participate in advanced procedures, including ERCP, double balloon endoscopy, and motility procedures. Well-rounded curriculum, plus conferences with pathology, surgery, radiology, journal clubs, and M&M. All of this plus fellows' office space, free parking, and a physician's lounge with free food.



### Unique Schedule

Our fellows' time on service is spread out over all three years. This allows our fellows to have dedicated endoscopy, pathology, outpatient, and research blocks—beginning in their first year. Each block is 2 weeks, and call is only scheduled during inpatient blocks. This simplicity makes life easier to plan, while also providing more flexibility for fellows when not on inpatient rotations.

### Large, Urban Hospital

The Children's Mercy system has a large catchment area, with patients coming from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arkansas, and more. Its flagship hospital – CMKC – is a free-standing, 390 bed academic pediatric hospital in Kansas City, MO with more than 40 subspecialty areas and the only Level 1 pediatric trauma center in the region. In addition to a large residency program and a plethora of fellowships, CMKC is also the primary pediatric teaching hospital for the University of Missouri-Kansas City and University of Kansas Medical Center.



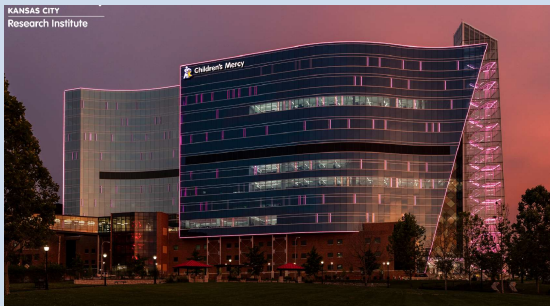
### Awesome City

Kansas City is a bustling, urban center with big city amenities—famous museums, fantastic arts (ballet, symphony, musicals, street art), champion-caliber professional men's and women's sports teams (including repeated Super Bowl champions – the Kansas City Chiefs), and excellent restaurants (not JUST great BBQ). With so much to offer, it's no wonder KC was named a National Geographic Top Travel Destination, but it's an even better place to live!



### Research Institute

The Children's Mercy Research Institute is a free-standing, 9 story building next to CMKC that opened in 2020. This state-of-the-art space contains wet and dry lab space, auditoriums, and conference rooms. Research is focused on Genomic Medicine, Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutic Innovation, Health Services and Outcomes, and Innovation in Healthcare delivery. Our GI division has NIH, foundation, and philanthropically funded researchers with a national presence.



### Come Join Us!



Voytek Slowik, MD  
Fellowship Program Director



Visit our Website!



Halee Patel, MD  
Associate Program Director



A video about our fellows!



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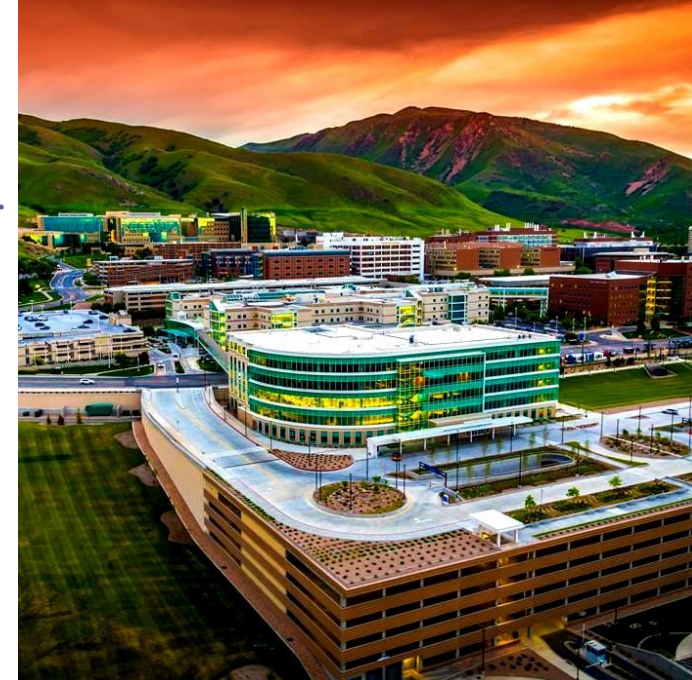
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Program Director:  
Anna Ermarth  
MD, MSc



Asst. Program Director:  
Andrea McInerney  
MD, MSc



Program Coordinator:  
Christie Davis

**6 Gen GI fellows – 2 fellows per year**

**1 Transplant Hepatology Fellow**

- 300+ bed regional pediatric hospital and center  
Liver transplant (20+/year)  
Motility center, Feeding Center, Int Failure, IBD center  
Advanced endoscopy w/ ERCP

- PERKS: Boards repayment, Wellness fund, Meals paid, Competitive pay, 20 days off

2 tracks: clinical or research-based

- Master's Certificate (truncated courses) to pursue and use to produce scholarly project
- MedED or Clinical Investigation tracks OR
- Clinical track: focused clinical time to hone practice



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# Riley Hospital for Children / Indiana University School of Medicine

## Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Training Program

Brian A. McFerron, M.D.  
Program Director



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



**Riley Hospital For Children**

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**Brian DeBosch, MD** Division Co-Chief  
**Charlie Vanderpool, MD** Division Co-Chief  
**Brian McFerron, MD** Program Director  
**Kanika Puri, MD** Associate Program Director  
**Tina Cochran, C-TAGME** Program Coordinator

- 3-year AGCME accredited Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Training Program
- ACGME accredited Transplant Hepatology fellowship
- GI Psychology fellowship



### SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

- Advanced Endoscopy Program
- Aerodigestive Program
- Bariatric Surgery Program
- Biliary Atresia Program
- Celiac Disease Program
- Colorectal Program
- Cystic Fibrosis Program
- Disorders of the Gut-Brain Interaction Program
- Eosinophilic Disease Program
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program
- Intestinal Care Program
- Liver Disease Program
- Liver Transplant Program
- MACE Program
- Neurogastroenterology Program
- Pancreas Program
- Polyposis Program
- VEOIBD Program
- Weight Management Program

### CURRICULUM

#### First Year

- 6 months inpatient/consults
- 1 month research
- 1 month clinic & procedures
- Nutrition Support
- Transplant Hepatology
- 2 Electives

#### Second Year

- 4 months inpatient/consults
- 8 months research

#### Third Year

- 2 months inpatient/consults
- 10 months research

#### Fellow's Continuity Clinic

- 1-2 half days per week when not on service

#### Available Pathways

- Clinical Educator Pathway
- Research Pathway
- Special Interest Pathway



### RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Basic and translational research in GI and liver disease, mucosal immunology, microbiome, liver metabolism and inflammation
- Clinical research in all areas of GI, Nutrition and Liver Disease
- Morris Green Physician Scientist Development Program
- Master's Degree in Clinical Research



### FACULTY

**Kathryn Adams, M.D.** Weight Management/MASLD  
**Erik Andrewski, MD** Neurogastroenterology  
**William Bennett, M.D.** Medical Informatics  
**Paroma Bose, M.D.** EGIDs  
**Molly Bozic, M.D.** Cystic Fibrosis  
**Joseph Croffie, M.D.** Neurogastroenterology  
**Brian DeBosch, M.D.** Basic/Translational Research  
**Joseph Fitzgerald, M.D.** Emeritus  
**Kate Hawa, D.O.** Neurogastroenterology  
**Brett Hoskins, D.O.** Advanced Endoscopy/Polyposis  
**Chao Jarasvaraparn, M.D.** Transplant Hepatology  
**Brian McFerron, M.D.** Pancreas, Medical Education  
**Brad Miller, M.D.** General Gastroenterology  
**Jean Molleston, M.D.** Transplant Hepatology  
**Sara Naramore, M.D.** Bariatric and Weight Management  
**Marian Pfefferkorn, M.D.** IBD, Endoscopy  
**Natalia Plott, M.D.** Weight Management, Med Ed  
**Kanika Puri, M.D.** Intestinal Care, Nutrition Support  
**Abby Russi, M.D.** Hepatology, Basic Research  
**Brandon Sparks, M.D.** Celiac Disease, QI  
**Steve Steiner, M.D.** IBD, Improve Care Now  
**Kyla Tolliver, M.D.** Transplant Hepatology  
**Charles Vanderpool, M.D.** Intestinal Care, Nutrition Support  
**Shamaila Waseem, M.D.** Neurogastroenterology  
**Tina Zhang, M.D. PhD** IBD, Polyposis

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Annual Report



IU Health/Riley Pediatric GI



# Diamond Children's Hospital-University of Arizona in Tucson

## Empowering Future Leaders in Pediatric GI



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
College of Medicine  
Tucson

Department of Pediatrics-Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
Banner University Medical Center-Tucson | University of Arizona, College of Medicine-Tucson

### Program Identity and Leadership

#### Expert Leadership Team



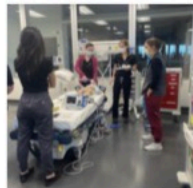
Led by nationally recognized experts with extensive clinical, research, and educational experience.

#### State-of-the-Art Facility

Located in a modern medical center serving diverse, high-acuity pediatric patients.

#### Integrated Clinical and Research Programs

Combines clinical care, research, and education to empower future pediatric GI leaders.



### Fellowship Highlights and Program structure

#### Comprehensive Clinical Rotations

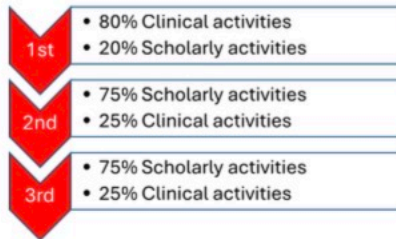
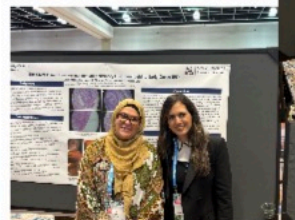
Fellows gain hands-on experience in general GI, feeding, nutrition, and adult GI procedural rotations.

#### Specialized Subspecialty Clinics

Exposure includes Aerodigestive, Liver, EoE, and IBD clinics for complex multidisciplinary care.

#### Elective Training Opportunities

Fellows customize training with electives in motility, intestinal rehabilitation, and liver transplant.



#### Scholarly Activities Tracks

Clinical tract  
Clinical scholar track

#### Structured Academic Schedule

Weekly activities include didactics, board prep, journal clubs, case presentations, and interdisciplinary rounds.

### Research opportunities

#### Dedicated Research Support

Fellows receive dedicated time and mentorship to advance scholarly projects effectively.

#### Advanced Research Facilities

Access to PANDA Core and Steele Children's Research Center supports cutting-edge pediatric research.

**Simulation and Training**  
Simulation training at ASTEC improves procedural skills in a controlled environment.

**Educational Initiatives**  
Case-based learning and topic conferences enhance understanding of GI pathophysiology.



### Life in Tucson

#### Family-Friendly Environment

Tucson offers a welcoming environment ideal for families and personal growth.

#### Affordable Living

The city is known for its affordable housing and cost of living.

#### Outdoor Lifestyle

Residents enjoy hiking trails and sunny weather promoting active lifestyles.

#### Supportive Community

A strong community supports wellness and work-life balance for fellows.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR: JULIE GALLAGHER, MD  
DIVISION CHIEF: JOEL ROSH, MD

## Program Overview

- To train pediatric gastroenterologists who are excellent clinicians encompassing skills in broad aspects of evaluation, diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal disease
- To provide scholarship opportunities that will allow our trainees to advance the field of pediatric gastroenterology



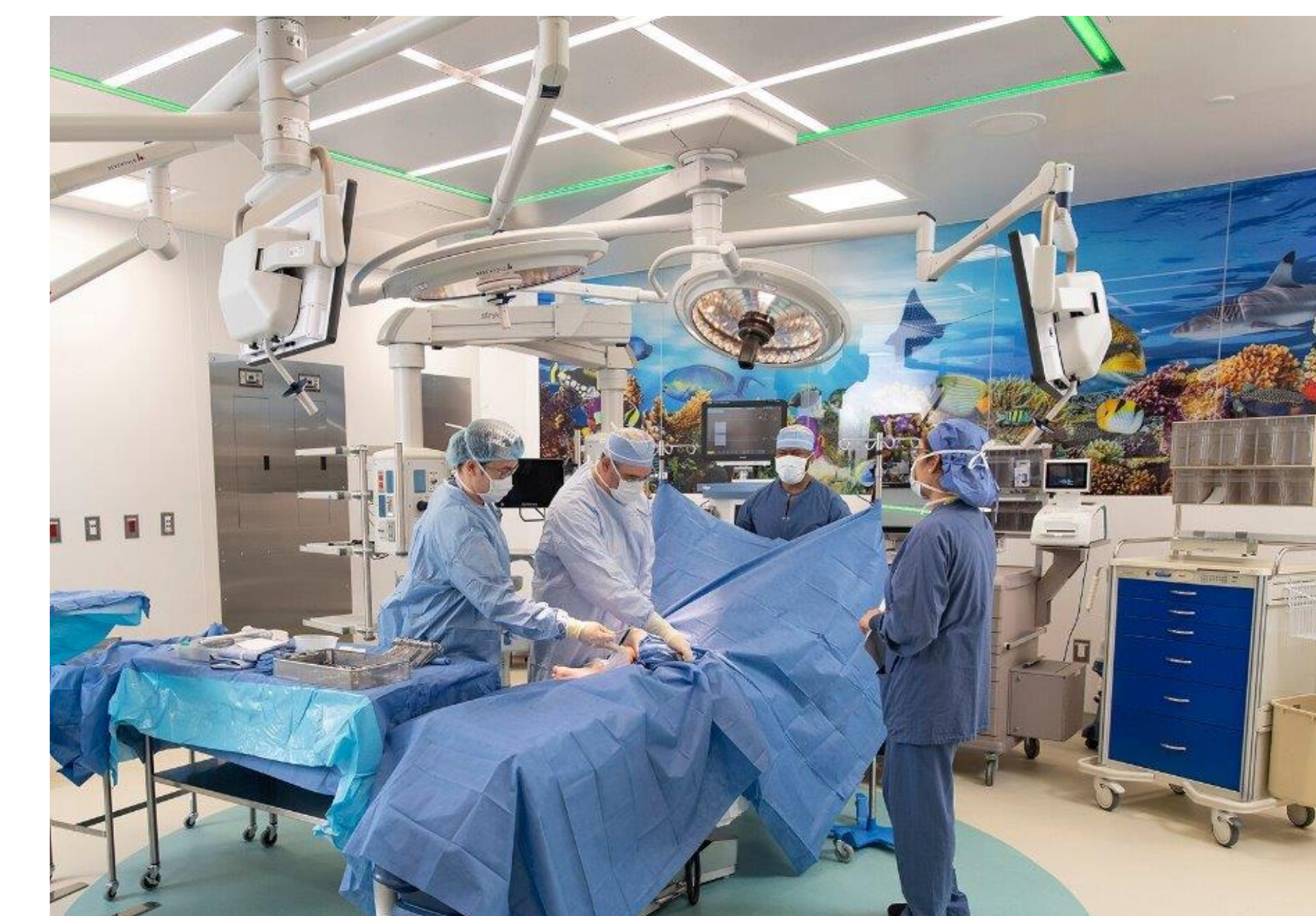
## Fellowship Overview

### First Year

- Exposure to a broad range of gastrointestinal disease including those affecting intestinal mucosa, intestinal motility, liver, gallbladder, and pancreas
- Perform diagnostic and therapeutic invasive procedures
- GI Inpatient Service and Consult Service, Liver Service, Intestinal Rehab, Continuity Clinic, Endoscopy, Research

### Second and Third Year

- Gain more experience and competency in clinical and endoscopic skills
- Increased focus on scholarly activities and clinical niche
- Refine teaching skills



## Our Division

- **16 Attending Physicians**
  - Academic Appointments at Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
- **2 Fellows Per Year**
- Involvement in National Societies
- Dietitians
- Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACPs)
- Nurses
- Research Coordinators
- Secretarial and Administrative Staff
- GI Social Worker
- GI Clinical Pharmacist



## Specialized Programs

- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
- Intestinal Rehabilitation Program
- Pediatric CARE (Comprehensive Airway Respiratory & Esophagus)
- Center for Pediatric Liver Disease
- Pediatric FARE (Food and Allergy Research Education)
- Cystic Fibrosis Center
- Nutrition Support Team



## Program Highlights

- Dedicated State of the Art Children's Hospital
- US News and World Ranked
- Medical School Affiliation
- Advanced Pediatric Endoscopy/ERCP
- Dedicated Pediatric Endoscopy Suite
- State of the Art Pediatric Operating Rooms
- Dedicated Pediatric GI Endoscopy Nursing Staff
- Dedicated Pediatric Infusion Center
- Feinstein Institute for Medical Research



## Program Highlights

- 3-year ACGME accredited program
- 8 faculty members
- 1 GI fellow/year
  - 4-5 Weeknight calls/month
  - 1 Weekend call/month
  - Service months split over 3 years
- Opportunity for advanced procedures
- Consultants and clinic at St. Jude
- Liver transplant program
- Subspecialty clinics
  - Hepatology/Transplant
  - Intestinal Rehab
  - Eosinophilic Esophagitis
  - IBD



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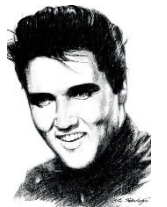
- Opportunity to develop research project
- Fellow's Grant
  - up to \$10 K/year for 2 years
- 1 week research skills workshop
- Children's Foundation Research Institute
  - IRB coordination
  - Grant development support
  - Statistician support
  - Scientific writing support

## Fellowship Perks

- Free scrubs, white coats, & covered parking
- Meal allowance
- Book stipend
- National conference/travel stipend
- Access to recreational facilities
- Competitive salary (with ~4% increase each year)



## Memphis

- Low cost of living
- Home of Elvis' Graceland 
- Numerous professional sports teams
- St. Jude Marathon
- World Golf Championship – FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- Shelby Farms Park
- Professional theater and concerts
- Museums and nationally ranked zoo

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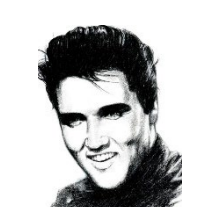
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Baylor  
College of  
Medicine

# Texas Children's Hospital Baylor College of Medicine

Houston, Texas

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## Texas Children's Hospital



■ One of the ten children's hospitals named to the 2024-2025 Honor Roll by U.S. News & World Report.

■ 4 fellowship positions per year

■ First year

GI (Consult A) service- 3 months

GI (Consult B) service – 6 weeks

Liver service- 3 months

Outpatient clinics- 6 weeks

Research rotations- 3 months

■ Second and third year

Research (Option of Investigator, Clinical Niche or Physician Scientist Research Track)

Electives- 3 months

GI (Consult B)- 3 weeks each year

3<sup>rd</sup> year procedural elective with adult GI

■ Weekend call divided among 12 fellows

■ Overnight, weekend, and holiday nurse triage line

■ Fellow's College

Collaboration

Career Development

Scholarships for advanced degrees

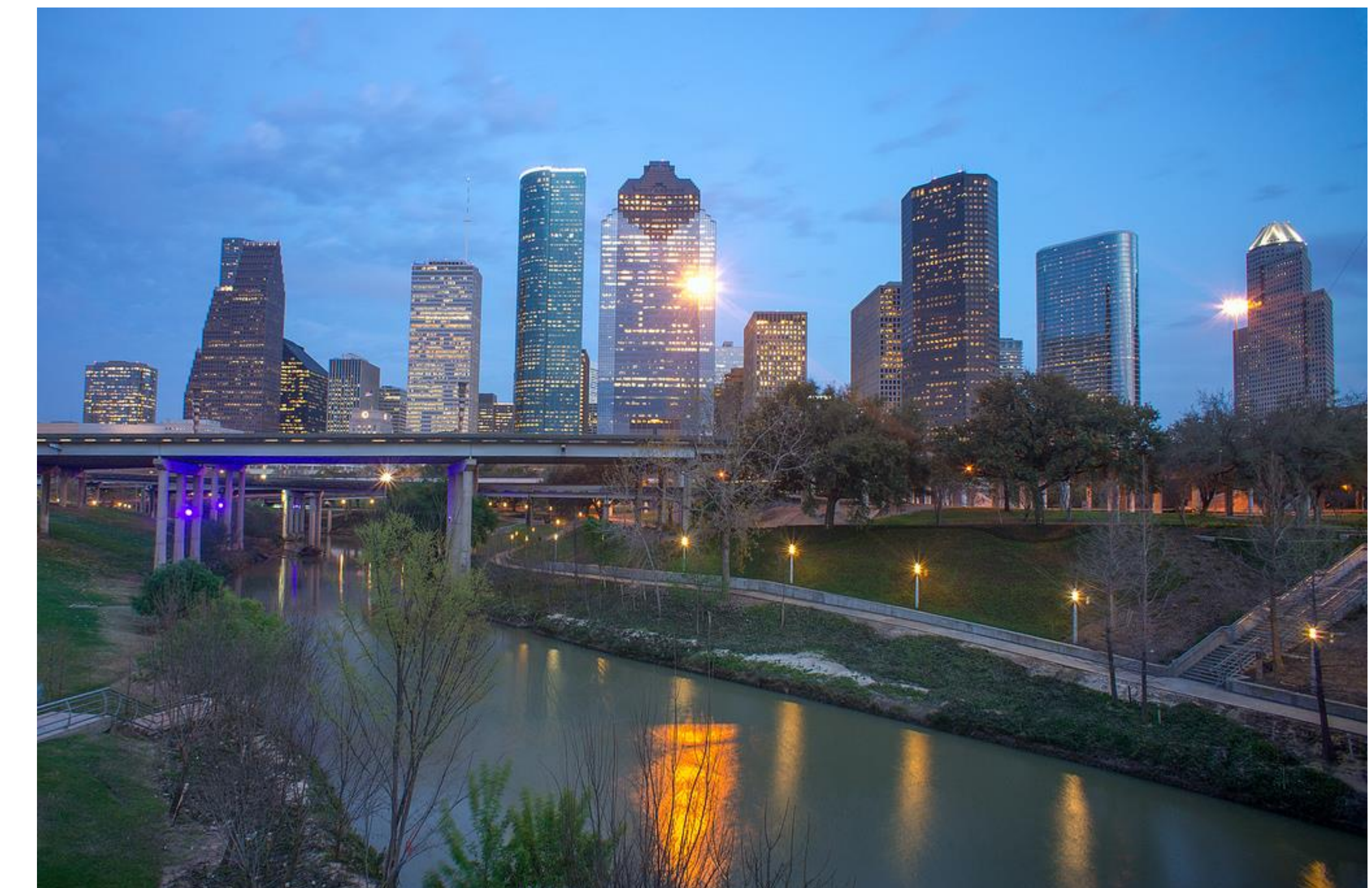
## Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

- 40 physicians, 9 APPs, 12 fellows, 27,475 clinic visits, >800 transplants (since 1988), 92.41% three-year survival rate, 5 pediatric transplant medicine CAQ faculty, 3 state of the art Gastrointestinal Procedures Suites, 3,761 endoscopic procedures per year, 425 advanced endoscopic procedures such as endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
- 14 specialty clinics and programs including:
  - Aerodigestive
  - Celiac Disease
  - Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders
  - Hepatology/Liver Transplantation
  - Inflammatory Bowel Disease
  - Intestinal Rehabilitation
  - Neurogastroenterology and Motility
  - Pancreaticobiliary
  - Viral Hepatitis
- Novel Hepatology-focused critical care educational curriculum for fellows
- Multiple weekly educational conferences including:
  - Fridays Fellows Conference
  - Weekly Care Conference
  - Monthly IBD Conference
  - Monthly Journal Club

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## Houston



- Houston is the 4th largest city in the U.S.
- The most ethnically diverse metropolitan area in the U.S. with >145 languages spoken, 90 nations with consular representation.
- Thriving arts scene with resident companies in theater, ballet, symphony and opera.
- The Houston Museum District is one of the largest in the country: 18 museums within walking distance of each other.
- Multiple professional sports teams: Rockets (Basketball), Dynamo and Dash (Soccer), Astros (Baseball), Texans (Football).
- The Texas Medical Center (TMC), centrally located in Houston, is the largest medical center in the world.

(Reference: <http://www.houstontx.gov/aboutHouston/>)



## Program Overview

- Three-year ACGME-accredited Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition Training Program since 2001
- Affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
- Nemours Children's Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware
- Two fellows per year
- Six fellows per academic year
- We offer a variety of clinical settings and gastrointestinal (GI) procedures including:
  - Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center
    - IBD Clinic with dietitian, psychologist, and surgeons
    - Improve Care Now Center
  - Endoscopy
    - Standard and therapeutic endoscopy
    - Endoscopy simulator
    - Transnasal Endoscopy
  - Video capsule
  - Impedance probe
  - Liver Transplant Program
  - Intestinal Rehabilitation Program
  - EndoFLIP

## Research Opportunities

- Improve Care Now research projects
- Industry-sponsored clinical trials
- Collaboration with University of Delaware
- On-site laboratory conducts
  - Disaccharidase, pancreatic enzyme, and pepsin analysis
- Delaware Center for Translational Research (CTR) ACCEL grant-funded projects
- Nemours fellow research grant available
- Nemours core laboratories for translational research available
- Master's degree offered at College of Population Health at Thomas Jefferson University

## Fellowship Structure

### First Year

- 32 weeks of GI service (inpatient/ consults - Liver service coverage)
- 2 weeks of Outpatient Rotation
- 16 weeks of Research
- 1-2 endoscopy blocks per rotation
- 2 weeks of orientation
- Four weeks of vacation ( during research block )
- Half-day Continuity Clinic each week

### Second/Third Year

- 28 -34 weeks of research.
- 8 - 12 weeks of outpatient rotation. IBD clinic, Hepatology and Intestinal Failure
- 10 - 12 weeks of GI service (Transplant rotation for third year fellows)
- 1-2 endoscopy blocks per rotation
- Half-day Continuity Clinic each week
- Opportunity for electives (away or local)
- Four weeks of vacation ( during research block )


## Fellowship Didactics/Conferences

- Weekly Friday morning didactics
- Improve Care Now meetings monthly
- Pathology conferences monthly
- Radiology conferences monthly (also includes IBD, motility, and hepatology-focused conferences)
- Journal club every other month
- Article reviews every other month
- GI/allergy conference monthly
- Aerodigestive conference monthly
- Biostatistics course
- Fellows Professional Development course

## Faculty

- Fernando Del Rosario, MD – Division Chief
- Erika Kutsch, DO– Fellowship Program Director
- Shaida Nasiri-Blomgren, MD – Associate Program Director
- Adebowale Adeyemi, MD
- Arieda Gjikopulli, MD
- Gabriele Meyer, DO
- Madelyn J. Cohen, MD
- Patrice Kruszewski, DO
- Vikas Uppal, MD
- Zarela Molle-Rios, MD
- Gina Buhrman, APRN
- Roseann Hausmann, APRN
- Zhaoping He, PhD

## Current Fellows

3 <sup>rd</sup> Years/Chief Fellows		2 <sup>nd</sup> Years		1 <sup>st</sup> Years	
					
Cayanne Liew, DO	Heemali Kamdar, DO	Shumaila Ather, MD	Krystal Ealy, MD	Jasmin Martin, MD	Francis Peropat, MD



# Wake Forest University School of Medicine

## Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship Program



### Program overview

- ACGME accredited 3 year program: 1 fellow/yr
- Children's Hospital (Brenner Children's Hospital) within larger academic center
- First Year focused on clinical rotations: inpatient, outpatient, endoscopy, radiology, nutrition
- Second/Third Years protected time for research with some clinical time and ongoing endoscopy exposure
- Fellows Clinic – you are the primary GI
- Individualized curriculum in Second/Third years based on career goals.
- Dedicated endoscopy team (pediatric RNs, and techs)
- Live in Winston-Salem – named one of America's "Best Cities on the Rise"



### Our Division

- 7 Faculty + 6 APPs
- 2 clinical psychologists
- 4 Endo RNs, 5 Clinical RNs, Social worker, Dietician
- Join a division that values work-life balance!



### Program Highlights

- Intestinal Rehabilitation Multidisciplinary clinic
- Aerodigestive Multidisciplinary clinic
- Gluten and Allergic Digestive Disorders
- Kids EAT
- Brenner FIT
- Liver transplant (at partner hospital in Charlotte)



### Contact Us:

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**Wake Forest University**  
**School of Medicine**



Visit Winston-Salem



# Emory University / Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Training Program



Barb McElhanon, MD  
Joanna Niklinska-Schirtz, MD  
Cary Sauer, MD MSc  
Nitika Gupta, MD

Training Program Director  
Associate Program Director  
Associate Program Director  
Research Program Director & Program Director Transplant Hepatology

## Overview

3 year ACGME-accredited Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Training Program

3 Fellows per Year (9 total)

1 Transplant Hepatology Fellow per Year (PGY 7)

## Faculty

### Gastroenterology

Subra Kugathasan, MD  
Cary Sauer, MD MSc  
Barbara McElhanon, MD  
Joanna Niklinska-Schirtz, MD  
Sharmistha Rudra, MD  
Chat Rajendra, MD  
Tsega Temtem, MD  
Lauren Bloom, MD  
Katie Black, MD  
Vivek Shenoy, MD  
Shaunte McKay, MD  
Teresa Oh, MD  
Adjowa Amevor, MD  
Joel Friedlander, DO  
Jessica Reilly, MD (Peds)

### Hepatology

Nitika Gupta, MD  
Rene Romero, MD  
JP Stevens, MD  
Zev Cohen, MD  
Chrissy Lopez, MD

### Advanced Endoscopy

Field Willingham, MD  
Elaine Odiase, MD

### Psychology

Jessica Buzenski, PhD  
Bonney Reed, PhD

## Fellowship Structure

### First Year Curriculum

GI Inpatient | Hepatology Service | GI Consult/Specialty Clinic  
Early Endoscopy | Continuity Clinic 2 days/month | Transplant Clinic on Liver Months

### Second / Third Year

Research-focused  
Motility Rotation | Endoscopy sessions  
Continuity Clinic | Super- Subspecialty & Multidisciplinary Experiences

## Fellowship Didactics/Conferences

### Every Tuesday from 12pm – 4pm

Acute Care Series (July – September)  
Board Review Sessions  
Program Director/Fellow Meetings

### 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday GHN Fun!

ICN/IBD Program Meetings | IBD Seminar Series  
GI/Surgery Conferences | GI/Radiology/Pathology Conferences  
Invited Speakers | GHN Grand Rounds

	August-25			
	5th	12th	19th	26th
7:00 AM	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	GI/Surgery Conf - ERCP vs intra-op
12:00 PM	Fellows' RESEARCH Meeting (Gupta)	Fellows' Board Review	Fellows Meeting with PDs	Fellows' Board Review
1:00 PM	Acute Care Series- Intestinal Rehab 101 Dr. Amevor	Acute Care Series- Liver outpatient 101- Lopez	Acute Care Series- IBD 101, Dr. Niklinska-Schirtz	National Guest-IBD Seminar Series -Dr. Marla Dubinsky
2:00 PM	Acute Care Series- Common GI Outpatient, Dr. Rudra	Acute Care Series- Liver Inpatient/Consult 101 -Dr. Stevens	Case Presentation - 1st year fellow- Christine Kaba	Case Presentation - 1st year fellow- Rasha Abou Jaoudeh
3:00 PM	National Speaker- Dr. Drossman		Faculty Meeting	Topic Presentation - Senior Fellow- Sriya Subramani

## Program Strengths

### Transplant Hepatology

25+ Liver Transplants Annually  
Transplant Hepatology Fellowship

### Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Dedicated IBD clinic  
Kugathasan Basic  
Translational Research  
Improve Care Now Member  
Clinical Research  
Consortium Research



### Endoscopy

Standard & Advanced Endoscopy  
Single Balloon Enteroscopy  
ERCP  
Trans-nasal

### Super-Subspecialty & Multidisciplinary Clinics

Aerodigestive | Motility | Inflammatory Bowel Disease  
Obesity | Hepatology/Transplant | Cystic Fibrosis  
Intestinal Rehabilitation | Pancreas | Eosinophilic GI  
Disease | Feeding Disorders

## Honorable Mentions

Free Lunch for Physicians!  
APPs take all Caregiver calls!

## Research Opportunities | T32 Program

### Emory Pediatrics Ranks Top 5 NIH funding (#1 2022) x 9yrs

NIH DK108735 T32 Grant –Pediatric-based T32  
Kugathasan Lab (genomics & organoids)  
Paul Dawson PhD Lab (bile acid/cholestasis)  
Rheinallt Jones PhD Lab (germ-free, gnotobiotic models)  
Jean Welsh PhD in Vos Lab (nutrition/obesity)  
IBD Clinical Research (CAMEO, CAPTURE)  
Emory Department of Pediatrics Extramural Research

## High-Tech Beautiful New Campus



## A Little About Us!

- 3 year ACGME-accredited fellowship
- 2 Fellows Per Academic Year
- Robust academic and clinical experience
- **Immersive Inpatient Experience**
  - IBD, Hepatology, Liver and Small bowel transplant
- **Comprehensive Outpatient Experience**
  - Fellow-driven clinics
  - Satellite clinic opportunities
- **Core Curriculum**
  - Pathophysiology lecture series
  - Board Review Series
  - Radiology and Pathology Conferences
  - Departmental Grand Rounds
- **Strong Collaboration with adult gastroenterology**
  - Research projects
  - Procedural experience
  - Complex medical and surgical IBD patient management

## Our Department



Dr. Sandra Kim, MD  
Department Chair



Dr. Nila Mistry Ambani  
Program Director



Dr. Sophia Ali Patel  
Associate Program Director

## CCF Children's GI Fellows



Menkar Thandana  
Karunanar, MD  
PGY6



Mira Younis, MD  
PGY6



Singtha Raja, MD  
PGY6



Christina Varghese, MD  
PGY6



Shankar Neupane, MD  
PGY4



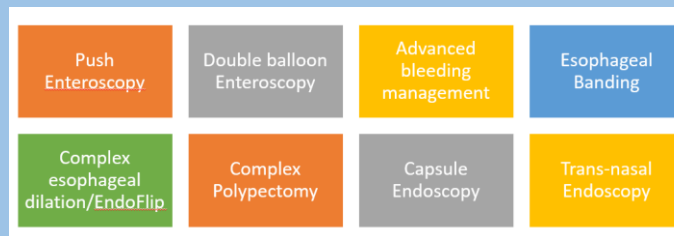
Briana Thompson, MD  
PGY4

## Clinical Experience

### Centers of Excellence

- Liver Transplant Center
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center
  - Multidisciplinary Clinic, Transition of Care Clinic
- Eosinophilic Disorders Center
- Motility Center of Excellence
  - Myelomeningocele and Aerodigestive Programs
- PTEN/Polyposis Center
- Cystic Fibrosis Center/Pancreatic Center of Excellence

### Advanced Procedure Experience



## Research Program

### Research Curriculum

- Fellow Research Curriculum
- Statistical Methods Course
- Strong research mentorship

### Supports

Translational, clinical and lab research opportunities with Lerner Research Institute

Cleveland Clinic Grant opportunities

Certificate Course in Scientific Research

### Fellow Research

- Effect of Maternal Diet on Breastmilk and Infant Microbiome (Ross Grant Awardee)
- Psychological Impacts of Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- IBD Care in Women and Girls
- Medication Compliance in Patients with Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- Role of fungal organisms in non-healing mucosal ulcers in pediatric-onset Crohn's disease (Pediatric Research Day Winning Project)
- Resiliency in IBD Patients



Check out our  
video!





## Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, & Nutrition Fellowship

Located in Hartford CT; 2 hours to Boston or NYC, medium cost of living

Program Director: Katherine Baldwin, MD Associate Program Director: Bella Zeisler, MD

### Connecticut Children's

- 230 Bed hospital
- 18 Bed PICU
- 47 Bed Emergency Department
- Level I Trauma Center
- 2 NICUs
- State's First Integrated Med/Psych Unit
- 30+ Subspecialties
- 60 Pediatric Residents
- 12 Pediatric Fellowship Programs

ONLY Freestanding Children's Hospital in CT

### Specialty Programs

- Center for Pediatric IBD
  - 800+ IBD patients
- Center for Pediatric Liver Disease
- Center for Neurogastroenterology and Motility
- Intestinal Rehabilitation Service
- Aerodigestive Multidisciplinary Clinic
- Center for Food Allergy & Eosinophilic Disorders
- Program for Pediatric Psychogastroenterology



### Fellowship Overview

4 fellows total  
(2 fellows recruited every third year)

#### Rotations

- Inpatient GI
- ICCU/Outpatient
- Dedicated procedure time
- Weekly fellow clinic (your own patients)
- Sub-subspecialty clinics
- Research

#### Education

- Wed PM Didactics Series (entire division protected for 1/2 day)
- Fellows Core Curriculum
- Research design, epidemiology, biostatistics, wellness curriculum and teaching skills

### Research

Affiliated with

- UCONN School of Medicine
  - Master of Science Program in Clinical and Translational Research
- The Jackson Laboratory

### Subspecialty Clinics

IBD	Motility Clinic
Aerodigestive	Hepatology
Disorders of Gut-Brain Interaction (DGBI)	Spina Bifida
Nutrition	Intestinal Rehab
Constipation Clinic	Food Allergy
NAFLD	Psychogastro

### Our Team

Division Director

- Jeffrey Hyams, MD

Faculty

- Katherine Baldwin, MD
- Corey Baker, MD
- Karan Emerick, MD
- Victoria Grossi, DO
- Logan Jerger, MD
- Bradley Jerson, PhD
- Panam Kaur, MD
- Sunpreet Kaur, MD
- Sydney Kuzoian, DO
- Jing Marrero, MD
- Jonathan Salazar, MD
- Ellen Sejkora, PhD
- Sarita Singhal, MD
- Pete Townsend, MD
- Annette Vannilam, MD
- Bella Zeisler, MD



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Connecticut Children's Fellowship Website

<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/education-and-training/graduate-education/fellowships>

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### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 3-year **ACGME accredited Program** that is designed to offer each trainee a strong clinical and research experience
- The Program accepts **3 fellows per year – total 9**
- NIH-funded Postdoctoral **T32 Training Grant** in Hepatology
- **ACGME accredited Advanced Transplant Hepatology 4<sup>th</sup> year**
- **Non-ACGME 4<sup>th</sup> year** advanced training available in **Nutrition, Motility, and IBD**
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) is ranked **#6** for gastroenterology and GI surgery care on the **U.S. News & World Report (USNWR) Best Children's Hospitals** and is an **Honor Roll Hospital ranked #1 in California and #1 on the West Coast.**
- CHLA is affiliated with the University of Southern California (USC) and Division faculty are members of the Faculty of the USC Keck School of Medicine
- The Division includes **35 faculty, including 4 PhD faculty, that** provide excellent care and research opportunities in general gastroenterology as well as specialty care including Hepatology and Liver transplant, Intestinal Rehabilitation and Nutrition support, IBD care, Eosinophilic GI disorders, Pancreatic disorders, Motility disorders, Aerodigestive disorders, and Advanced/therapeutic endoscopy
- The Division participates in **networks for research and quality improvement** including Improve Care Now for IBD (ICN), International Study Group of Pediatric Pancreatitis: In Search for a Cure (INSPIRE 2), the Childhood Liver Disease Research Network (ChILDRen)
- The Division has numerous **research** initiatives sponsored by the **National Institutes of Health**, industry, or philanthropic foundations
  - \* 10 faculty with NIH funding in areas of hepatology, nutrition, and IBD
  - \* > 24 active IRB sponsored research projects
- The program has **54 alumni**, the majority of whom practice at large academic centers nationally and internationally. Some of our graduates are also at the NIH, leading Divisions, or have established their own private practices

### CURRICULUM

#### First Year:

- Fellows rotate on the Gastroenterology service, Hepatology and Liver transplant service, and the Intestinal Rehabilitation service including inpatient procedures
- 2-week outpatient Endoscopy
- Weekly continuity clinic
- 2.5 months of non-clinical/research time

#### Second/Third Year:

- Fellows will focus on a research project under the supervision of a mentor and a scholarship oversight committee. Research projects are in line with the requirements of the American Board of Pediatrics for fulfillment of scholarly activity
- Fellows rotate for one month each on the three inpatient services in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and for one month on the GI service, and one month on the hepatology service in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- Weekly continuity clinic
- Weekly procedural day
- 2-week rotation in outpatient subspecialty clinics
- Opportunity for obtaining an **advanced degree is available through the University of Southern California**

### DIDACTICS/CONFERENCES

Division of Gastroenterology Education Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Core Curriculum 12:00-1:00pm	Transplant Conf. 12:00-2:00pm Pathology Conf 3:00-4:00pm GI JC/Grand Rounds 4:00-5:00pm			Pediatric Grand Rounds 8:00-9:00am  GI Sign Outs 3:00pm – 5:00pm
Core Curriculum 12:00-1:00pm	Transplant Conf. 12:00-2:00pm Case Conference 3:00-4:00pm GI JC/Grand Rounds 4:00-5:00pm		Pathophysiology Conference 7:30-8:00am	Pediatric Grand Rounds 8:00-9:00am  GI Sign Outs 3:00pm – 5:00pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 3PM- Radiology Conference**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 3PM- IBD Conference**

**5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 4PM- Combined GI/Peds Surgery JC and M&M Conference**

### Application Process and Timeline

Please submit the following through ERAS:

- Completed application form and CV
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- USMLE score reports (prefer steps 1-3)
- COMPLEX score reports if applicable
- Medical school transcript
- ECFMG reports if applicable
- Recent photograph

Interview timeline:

- July: ERAS opens
- July-August: application review
- August-October: Interviews every Monday, Thursday, and/or Friday
- November: Rank Order List submission to the NRMP
- Early December: Match Day

Children's Hospital Los Angeles is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Our program follows the recruitment guidelines of the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) Pediatric Gastroenterology match.

### Contact Information:

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# University of CA, San Diego & Rady Children's Hospital

## Fellowship in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition



### THE FELLOWSHIP

- MAIN pediatric GI referral center in the area (92% market share), large catchment: Mexico/ Pacific Rim
- California's largest free standing children's hospital
- Year 1 - clinical
- Year 2 & 3 - protected time for research
- Funded opportunities for Masters degrees
- Formal Medical Education tract
- Informatics Elective

### OUR DIVISION

23 faculty, 6 NP/PA, 6 fellows



### RESEARCH

UCSD ranks #1 in the nation for NIH funding per faculty member and GI research and education

- The Salk Institute
- Rady Children's Genomic Institute
- Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine
- Scripps Research Institute
- Sanford Burnham Research Institute
- La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology
- Torrey Pines Institute
- >500 biotech companies



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Fellows

Lauren Chun  
Arthi Ramu

D. Brent Polk  
Division Chief



Soma Kumar  
Clinical Director



Advanced Endoscopy  
with Pediatric ERCP/EUS



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Fellows

Mandeep Bajwa  
Anjella Manoharan



Lillian Choi  
Director of Endoscopy



Ranjan Dohil  
Director of EoE



Mary Abigail Garcia  
Director of Intestinal Rehab



Amber Hildreth  
Director for Transplant Hepatology



Jeannie S. Huang  
Medical Director for IBD and Informatics  
NASPGHAN President

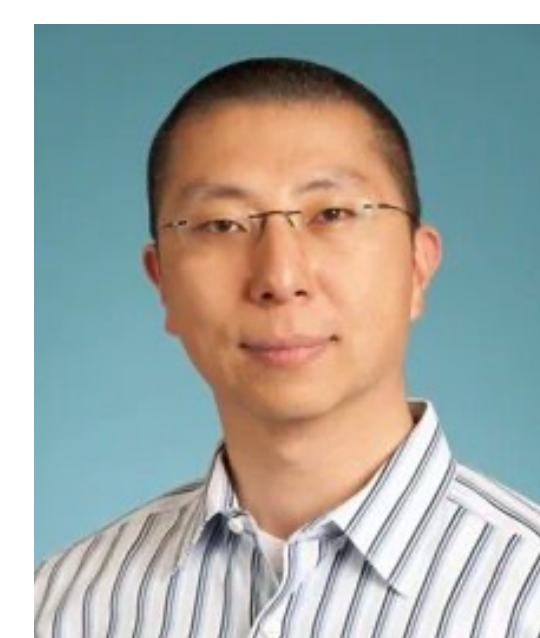
#### Sub-Specialty and Multi-D Clinics:

- Aerodigestive
- Advanced Endoscopy and Pancreas Program
- Bowel Continence
- Cancer Predispositions
- Celiac Disease
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Eosinophilic Esophagitis
- Fatty Liver
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Integrative Medicine
- Intestinal Rehabilitation
- Liver Transplant
- Obesity Hypertension
- Single Ventricle
- Strive to Thrive
- Weight and Wellness



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Fellows

Lauren Nichols  
Tin "Nick" Lam



Tom Lin  
Director of Advanced Endoscopy



Kimberly Newton  
Director of Celiac



Kathleen Schwarz  
Former President of NASPGHAN



Jeffrey B. Schwimmer  
Director of Fatty Liver



Mamata Sivagnanam  
Pediatric Residency Program Director



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Elizabeth Yu  
Associate Fellowship Director  
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Motility – coming Aug 2026



# Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

## Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Fellowship Program



### Program Overview

- Comprehensive, expansive clinical and research training
- Wide exposure to diverse clinical experiences from common GI conditions to rare diagnoses
- Excellent opportunities for clinical, translational, and basic science research through the Darby Children's Research Institute (DCRI) and the Digestive Disease Research Center Core
- Fellows encouraged to personalize their fellowship experience through a broad range of educational opportunities available
- 3 Fellows in total, 1 Fellow per year
- Year 1 is predominantly clinical training
- Majority of Years 2 and 3 are for scholarly activities



### Our Team

We pride ourselves on creating a collegial and grounded learning environment to help our Fellows' intellectual curiosity thrive during their training. We want our Fellows to carve their own path in their educational experience to reach their goals, and we provide the support and resources to do so.

### The Division

- Nationally ranked
- 12,000+ patient visits/year
- 600+ new inpatient consultations/year
- 1300+ upper and lower endoscopies/year
- 6-8 liver transplants/year
- Multidisciplinary specialty clinics including Intestinal Rehab, IBD, Feeding, Aerodigestive, Hepatology, Liver Transplant, EoE, Neurogastroenterology and Motility, Interventional Endoscopy, CF

### The Medical University of South Carolina

Founded in 1864, MUSC is the oldest medical school in the South and has a rich history of academic excellence. MUSC leads the state in biomedical research and is in the top 20% of health science institutions for NIH funding.

### Charleston, SC

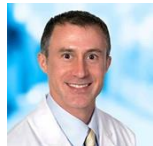
- Charming historic architecture and cobblestone streets
- Coastal city with picturesque beaches and waterways
- Vibrant culinary hotspot with multiple Michelin Star restaurants
- Beautiful weather with plentiful outdoor activities year-round



**Jordan Whatley, MD**  
Program Director



**Candi Jump, DO**  
Associate Program Director



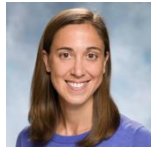
**Ben Kuhn, DO**  
Division Chief



**Nancy Swiader, DO**  
Motility



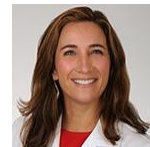
**Carmine Suppa, DO**  
IBD



**Kristin Capone, MD**  
IBD



**Nagraj Kasi, MD**  
Hepatology



**Janaina Anderson, MD**  
Hepatology



**Sherif Ibrahim, MD**  
Advanced Endo



**Mike Hook, MD**  
CF / Nutrition



**Rathna Amarnath, MD**  
Murrells Inlet



**Rayna Grothe, MD**  
Prof. Emeritus

### Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital

- Opened in February 2020
- Leading children's hospital in the state
- 250 inpatient beds
- State of the art endoscopy and surgical suites

# Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Fellowship



Karla Vaz M.D., M.Ed, Program Director  
Hilary Michel, M.D., Associate Program Director  
Ross Maltz M.D. & Peter Lu M.D., M.S., Research Associate Program Directors  
Mackenzie Kibbe, Program Coordinator  
[NationwideChildrens.org/Gastroenterology-Fellowship](http://NationwideChildrens.org/Gastroenterology-Fellowship)



## Fellowship Overview

9 GI fellows (**4 per year, new in 2027**)  
1 Motility fellow per year  
ACGME accredited program  
Research and Visiting Scholars from Across the Globe  
EPIC electronic medical record  
25 Faculty with Diverse Clinical and Research Interests  
Culture of Collegiality, Respect and Camaraderie  
*Carlo Di Lorenzo M.D., Division Chief*  
*Brendan Boyle M.D., Section Chief*

## Clinical

1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
GI Inpatient Service (2)	GI Inpatient Service (1)	GI Inpatient Service/ "Pretending" (1)
GI Consult Service (4)	GI Consult/ IRS/ Inpatient Service (1)	Intestinal Rehab (1)
Hepatobiliary Service (1)	Hepatobiliary Service (1.5)	Hepatobiliary Service (0.5)
Intestinal Rehab (IRS) (1)	Electives	Electives
Clinic/ Procedures/ Board study (1)	Research (9-10)	Research (9-10)
Research (4)		

Fellow's Continuity Clinic 1 half-day each week  
Internationally Renowned Motility Center with Expertise in Gastric & Sacral Nerve Pacing and Rumination Disorder  
**Advanced Procedures:** POEM, Double Balloon Endoscopy, ERCP, EUS, Capsule Endoscopy, Impedance, TNE & More

**Average First Year Fellow does 100+ EGDs and 40+ Colonoscopies**

**Joint conferences:** Radiology, Pathology and Pediatric Surgery  
**Education curriculum:** IBD, Motility, Nutrition, Liver/Pancreas



## Research

Renowned Hospital, Research Institute and University  
Funds Available by Intramural Grant Submission  
Supportive Scholarship Oversight Committees  
Abundant Basic Science, Translational and Clinical Projects  
Obtain an Advanced Degree from OSU During Fellowship:  
**Master's of Biomedical Education, Public Health, Medical Science, Clinical Research**  
Hospital-wide Research Curriculum  
Faculty are Leaders for Many International Consortia (ImproveCareNow, INSPPIRE)

## Nationwide Children's Hospital

One of the Largest Children's Hospitals in America  
Over 1.9million Outpatient Visits per Year  
New Hospital Tower in 2028  
Over 22,000 GI Outpatient Visits Each Year  
US News and World Report Honor Roll (GI is #4 in 2025)  
Top 10 NIH Pediatric Research Funding  
Teaching Facility for OSU College of Medicine  
National Leader in Safety and Quality Research  
Dedicated Outpatient GI Endoscopy Suite (2300+ scope/yr)  
Active Collaboration with Center for Colorectal and Pelvic Reconstruction



## Columbus

14<sup>th</sup> Largest City in US and Growing  
Over 2.2M People in Metropolitan Population  
Cost of Living Below National Average  
Capital of Ohio



## Benefits

ERAS/NRMP  
Reimbursement for ABP Board Exam  
Ohio License Reimbursement  
Academic Enrichment Fund  
Health & Dental Insurance and Annuity Funds





Children's  
of Alabama

# PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY, HEPATOLOGY AND NUTRITION TRAINING PROGRAM

**UAB**  
MEDICINE

## Leadership

- Yung Lau, MD – Chair, Department of Pediatrics
- Sandeep Gupta, MD – Division Director
- David Galloway, MD – Fellowship Program Director
- Maggie Vickers, MD – Associate Program Director

## Program highlights

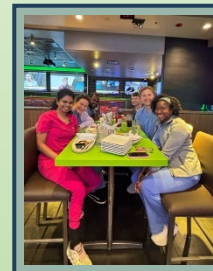
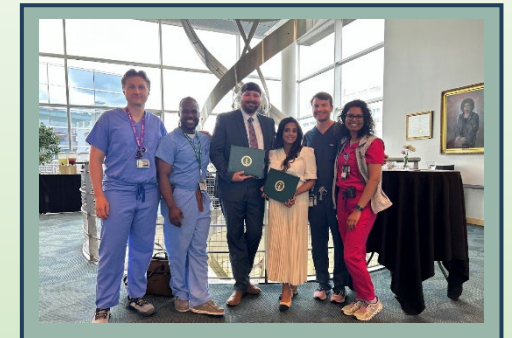
- Multidisciplinary Subspecialty Clinics
  - Inflammatory bowel disease, Aerodigestive, Eosinophilic diseases, Intestinal rehabilitation, Liver transplant, Hepatobiliary, Pancreas, Polyposis, Cystic Fibrosis, Celiac, Colorectal, Spina Bifida
- Specialized training tracts
  - Education, global health
- Block schedule (call spread out- 28/16/8 weeks/year)
- Procedural exposure
- Career and Research faculty mentors provided (20 faculty)
- Quarterly Fellow Retreats and wellness activities



- Only free-standing pediatric hospital in Alabama
- One of 10 busiest and largest pediatric medical facilities in the United States
- 386 beds, 50 PICU beds, 20 CVICU beds, and 26 step-down ICU beds
- Dedicated GI floor, GI clinic and GI ambulatory procedure lab
  
- UAB ranks in the top 1% of all NIH-funded institutions, including private, public and international organizations

## Fellowship Didactics

- GI Seminar Series – *weekly*
- Pathology Conference – *weekly*
- Grand Rounds – *weekly*
- Fellows Core Conference – *weekly*
- Patient Chit-Chat patient Review – *weekly*
- Lunch and Learn Board Review – *monthly*
- GI Research Conference – *monthly*
- GI/Surgery Conference – *quarterly*
- GI Radiology Conference – *quarterly*
- Nutrition Seminar Series – *yearly*
- Department of Peds Scholarship Day – *yearly*



## Contact information

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One of the top 20 research universities

CHCO - One of the top 10 Children's Hospitals

US News & World Report- No. 7 in Children's Gastroenterology & GI Surgery

Nationally recognized, accessible, committed faculty

Broad spectrum of Pediatric GI and Liver Diseases

Long track record of training successful fellows

Regional center with a large diverse referral area



### Fellowship Executive Committee:

*Program Director:* Dania Brigham, MD  
*Associate Program Director:* Marisa Stahl, MD, MSCS  
*Section Head:* Glenn Furuta, MD  
*Research Training:* Ed De Zoeten, MD, PhD  
*Education Director:* Dania Brigham, MD



### Current Fellows

**1<sup>st</sup> years:** Bella Barclay, Nicole Barsanti, Tighrid Brouzine  
**2<sup>nd</sup> years:** Alex Dodd, Kelsey Ryan, Julia Sessions  
**3<sup>rd</sup> years:** Darius Blanding, Julie Luna, Danielle Noles



### Year One

Inpatient Service 16 weeks  
Consult Service 16 weeks  
Outpatient GI/Procedures 13 weeks  
1 month: Exploring Research Opportunities & Nutrition and Research Curriculum  
Vacation: 3 weeks + most holidays  
1<sup>st</sup> years: work one major holiday  
Seniors: work one minor holiday

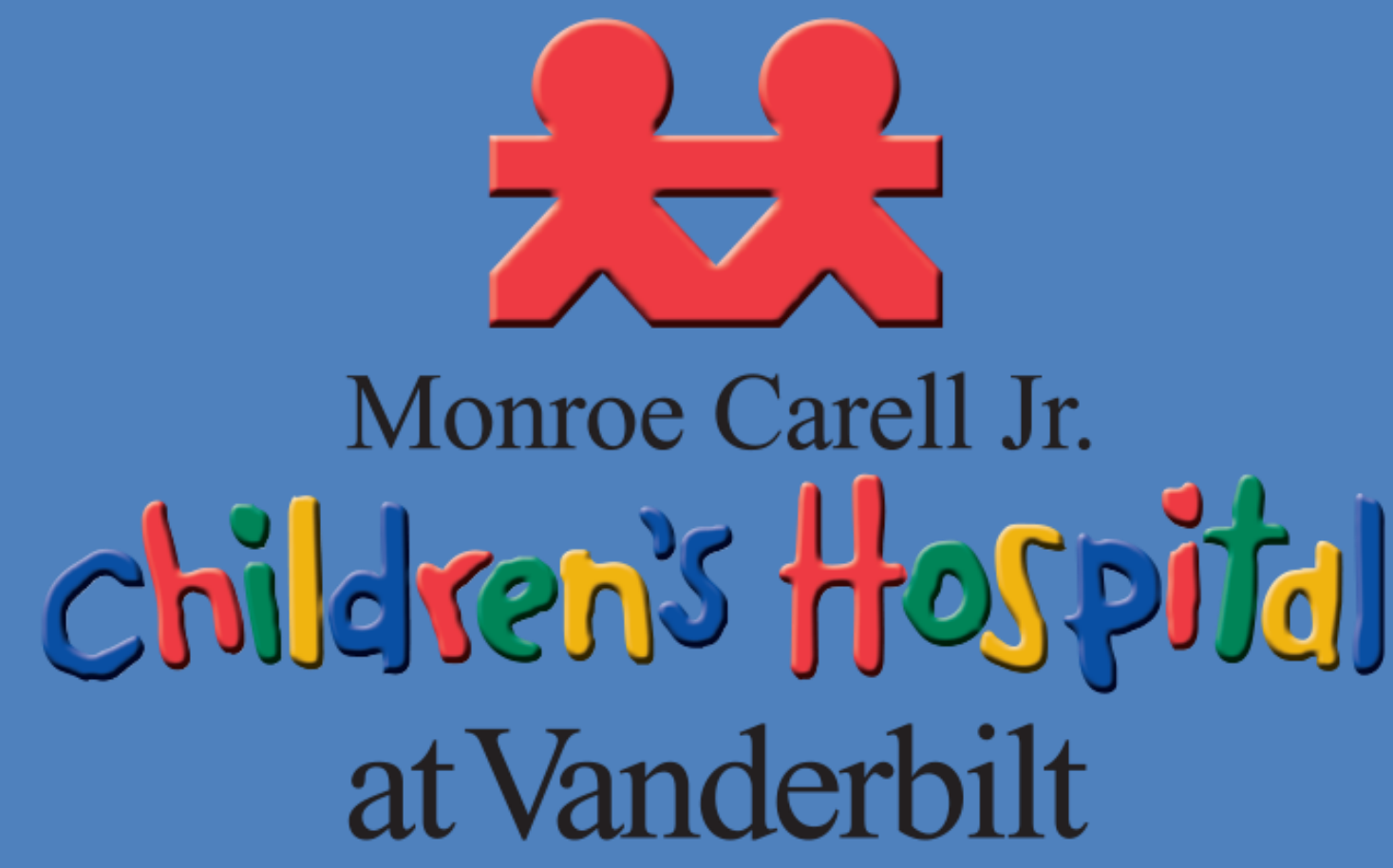
### Year Two-Three

PROTECTED Time devoted to research: 4 days per week average  
Two ½ day continuity clinics per month  
Two ½ day procedure blocks per month  
Two ½ day specialty clinics per month  
2 weeks of service coverage  
On call every 9th weekend



### Graduation 2025





# Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Nashville, Tennessee



Program Directors: Drs. Michael Dole, Sarah Kemme, and Anita Pai

## Program Overview

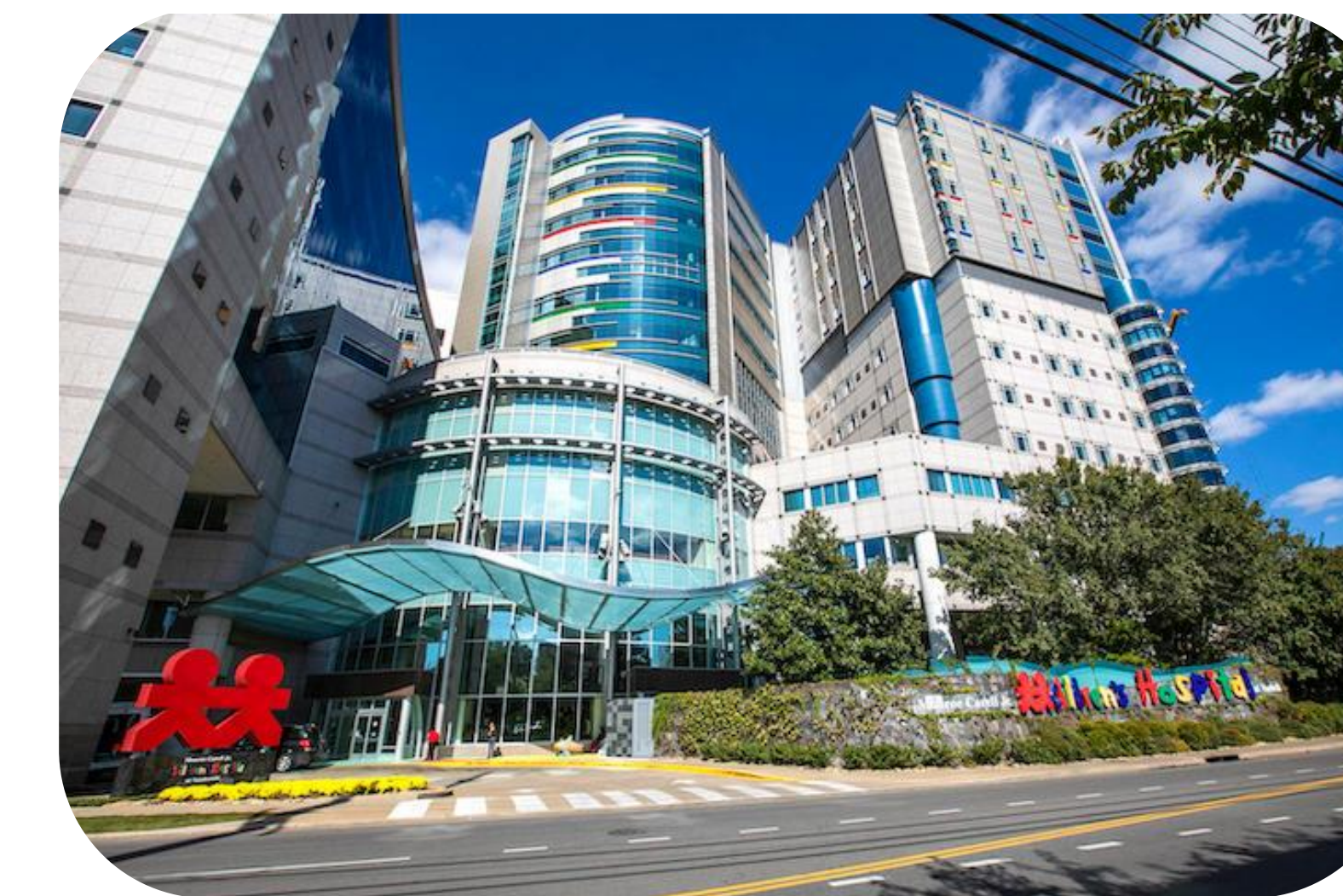
- Fellowship training in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt provides an excellent opportunity for a broad-based, comprehensive, clinical and research experience.
- Two positions are available for 2026-27 (expansion request to three is pending).
- Our three-year training is designed such that fellows are expected to spend approximately one-third of the three-year training program in clinical training (the bulk being in the first year) and two-thirds in research.
- Our program is designed to prepare fellows for an academic career. It's our philosophy that investigative and clinical skills acquired during training should distinguish the fellow for an academic faculty position.
- We strive for collegiality in a friendly, intellectually curious atmosphere.
- Fellow selection is through the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) for GI fellowships.
- Applicants should apply and submit all materials through ERAS (electronic residency application service) on the AAMC.org website.

## Our City and Facilities



Nashville

In addition to being the one of the "Friendliest Cities in America" and the epicenter for country music, Nashville is booming right now. It is filled to the brim with excellent food, live music and performances, beautiful parks and greenways, professional sports, and shopping. Nashville's culturally diverse and friendly environment make it an ideal place to live, work, and raise a family.



Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Freestanding children's hospital & clinics on Vanderbilt University Medical Center campus  
267 inpatient beds • 53-bed PICU/PCICU, 106-bed NICU • 42-room Pediatric ED  
Regional Pediatric Trauma Center  
Doctor's Office Tower for outpatient visits  
446 full time pediatric faculty; 94 fellows in 13 subspecialties  
Vanderbilt Pediatrics ranked 1<sup>st</sup> nationally in NIH funding (2024)



Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, & Nutrition

23 faculty and 11 APPs • 12 subspecialty GI programs • 4500 endoscopies and other procedures annually • Research funded by NIH, CCFA, and other organizations • "Improve Care Now" participant • Strong track record of mentorship • Quality Improvement Projects within IBD registry • Multidisciplinary clinics with pharmacy, RD, psychology, social work • Over 500 IBD patients • 4 full time GI dietitians

## Fellowship Structure

### First Year

- ✓ 4 Months GI and 4 months Hepatology inpatient
- ✓ Outpatient Clinic Rotation
- ✓ Endoscopy Rotation
- ✓ Protected Research Planning Time
- ✓ Continuity Clinic Every other week (GI and Liver)
- ✓ T32 Grant Writing Assistance

### Second and Third Year

- ✓ Protected research time
- ✓ Basic, translational, clinical science, population-based, or global health research opportunities
- ✓ Opportunity for graduate degree (MPH, MSCI)
- ✓ 1 month inpatient or "acting attending"
- ✓ 1 month electives (special procedures, nutrition, subspecialty clinic experiences)

## Program Highlights

### Didactic opportunities

- New fellow "Boot Camp"
- Didactic Lecture series
- GI/Radiology Conference
- GI/Pathology Conference
- GI/Pediatric Surgery Conference
- Journal Club
- Patient Care Conference

### Active liver transplant program

### Fellowship research opportunities:

- Graduate degree (MPH)
- Basic, translational, clinical science, population-based, or global health research opportunities

### The Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (VICTR)

- Provides resources and services to support clinical and translational research programs

### NIH-supported Vanderbilt Digestive Diseases Research Center

## Get to know us



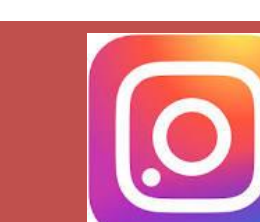
18 Gastroenterology faculty members

4 Hepatology/transplant faculty members

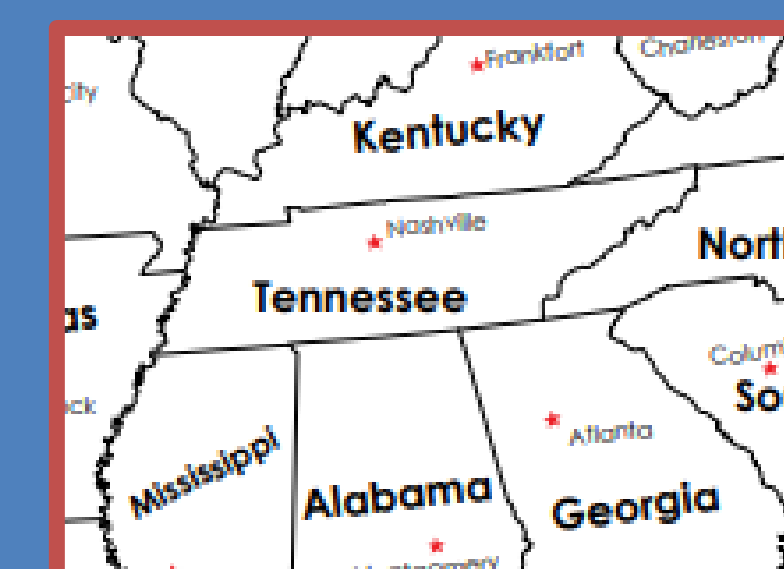
6 fellows



## Find us on social media



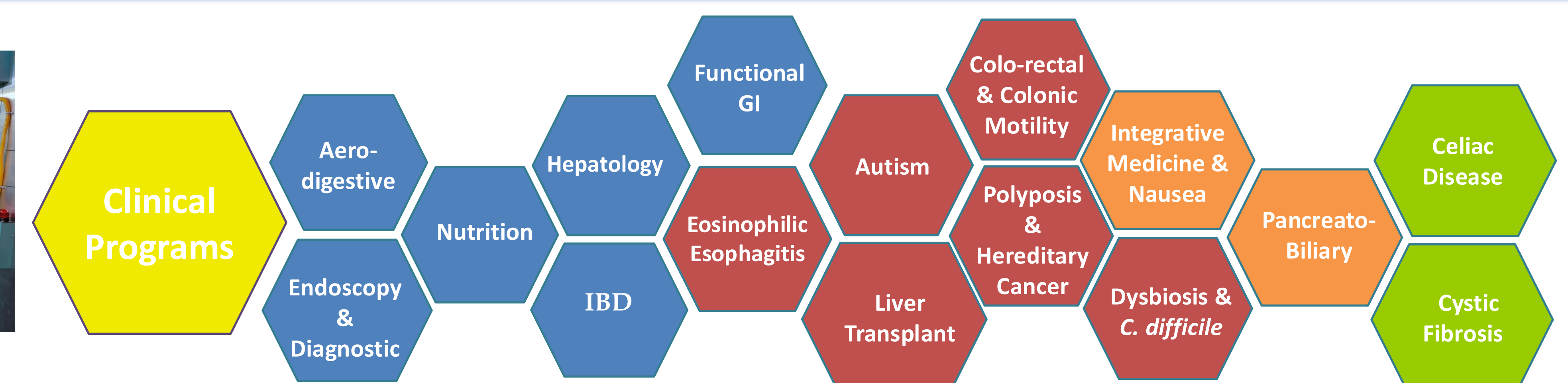
@vumcpedgifellow



We serve the middle and eastern Tennessee, southern Kentucky, Northern Alabama pediatric populations, and as a tertiary/quaternary referral center for adjoining states

Number of yearly outpatient clinic visits: 20,000

Number of yearly outpatient endoscopies: 3000+





## Program Overview

- Located in the heart of Chicago on Northwestern's medical campus
- 23-story state-of-the-art hospital opened in 2012
- Diverse ethnic and socioeconomic patient population
- Comprehensive clinical, educational, procedural, and research curriculum
- Improvement-driven guided by fellow feedback
- Culture and training atmosphere prioritizes fellow well-being for a balanced experience

## Lurie Children's Hospital

- Guided by the belief that all children need to grow up in a protective and nurturing environment where each child is given the opportunity to reach their full potential
- Culture of care, supporting patients and families in all ways
- Taking healthcare beyond the hospital walls through advocacy, and community initiatives/ partnerships



## First Year

- Inpatient experience divided into GI Service, GI Consults and Liver Service/ Consults
- Focused procedure time during GI Consults blocks
- 1-month research elective
- Structured meetings with the Research Committee to jump-start planning of the scholarly project
- Continuity clinic experience and outpatient hepatology clinics

## Second & Third Year

- Focus on basic science, transitional, educational, or clinical research
- Ability to work with faculty across disciplines at Northwestern
- Opportunities for a Master's degree in clinical investigation, public health, health services, and outcomes research
- Opportunities to develop skills as a medical educator
- Ongoing continuity clinic 2 times/month
- Subspecialty rotations-- IBD, Intestinal Rehabilitation & Transplant, NASH, Motility, EoE clinics and additional interest-tailored clinical experiences

## Clinical Programs/Research Opportunities

- Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Jeff Brown, Jennifer Strople, Joseph Runde, Jonathan Cordova, Lauren Potthoff
- Neurointestinal and Motility: John Fortunato, Peter Osgood, Maria E. Perez, Bonnie Essner
- Nutrition/Intestinal Rehabilitation: Val Cohran, Batul Kaj-Carbaidwala, Bridget Whitehead, Corie Klepper, Ellen Wagner
- Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Diseases: Josh Wechsler, Barry Wershil, Natalie Hoffmann, Sharon Tam
- Advanced Endoscopy: Lee Bass, Amanda Gomez
- Liver Transplant/Hepatology: Catherine Chapin, Estella Alonso, Alyssa Kriegermeier, Batul Kaj-Carbaidwala, Bridget Whitehead
- Quality Improvement: Sharon Tam
- Integrative Medicine: Joshua Prozialeck, Lauren Potthoff
- Chronic Abdominal Pain Program: Maria E. Perez, Bonnie Essner



## Current Fellows

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year: Hyung-Gyo Cho, Megan Glait, Umber Waheed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Shai Dollin, Maya Feldman, Amreen Masthan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year: Joseph Hirst, Andrew Rivera-Campana
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year (Transplant Hepatology): Christine Brichta

# Akron Children's Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship

Fellowship Director: Matthew J. Wyneski, MD

Assistant Fellowship Directors: Christine Pasquarella, MD and Kevin Watson, MD

Division Director: Reinaldo Garcia, MD



## About Akron Children's

Akron Children's is an independent, nonprofit pediatric health care system that has been caring for children since 1890. With two hospital campuses, seven regional health centers and more than 50 primary and specialty care locations throughout Ohio, we are the only health care system in our region fully dedicated to pediatric care.

With our vast network of Akron Children's Pediatrics offices, we offer convenient access to expert pediatric primary care for patients from infancy through young adulthood. From our School-Based Health Care to our Quick Care Online® virtual visits and Akron Children's Anywhere app, we make it easy for today's busy families to find the high-quality care they need. In 2024, our health care system provided over 1.5 million patient encounters and employed 7,338 employees.

### Delivering Family-Centered Care to Our Patients

<b>Inpatient Admissions:</b> 10,350 <small>Akron campus, Boardman campus and off-site regional sites</small>	<b>Emergency Room Visits</b> Akron campus: 100,116 Boardman campus: 60,950 Total: 161,066
<b>Urgent Care Visits</b> Beechwood: 44,815 Boston Heights: 6,896 Mantoloking: 11,901 Marionese: 14,013 Warren: 11,057 Total: 88,682	<b>Observation Visits</b> 11,083
<b>Surgeries</b> Children's Home Care Visits: 21,513 School Health Visits: 748,389*	<b>Primary Care Visits</b> 691,543
	<b>Specialty Care Visits</b> 421,657
	<b>Other Outpatient Visits</b> 295,541
	<b>Total Outpatient Visits</b> 1,564,855

### Akron Children's Locations

Legend:  
 - Hospital locations (indicated by red dots)  
 - School-based clinics (indicated by blue dots)  
 - Locations in southeast Ohio reflected in circle on left.

### Registered Beds by Location

<b>Akron Campus Beds</b>	281	<b>Leased Beds by Location</b>	25
General Care	119	Autism Hospital	25
Specialty	39	St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital	25
Neonatal Intensive Care	100	Neonatal Intensive Care	25
Pediatric Intensive Care	23	St. Joseph Warren Hospital	6
<b>Boardman Campus Beds</b>	42	Special Care Nursery	6
General Care	24	Summa Akron City Hospital	22
Special Care Nursery	18	Neonatal Intensive Care	22
		Worster Community Hospital	5
		Special Care Nursery	5

### People and Education

**Nurturing a highly competent, diverse and engaged workforce**

<b>Employees</b>	7,338
<b>Medical Staff</b>	1,365
<b>Volunteers</b>	1,069

**Training a New Generation of Providers**

Medical Students (3rd/4th year)	292
Residents	71
Fellows	26
Nursing Students	147
Medical Laboratory Science Graduates	16



### About Akron

- Small Midwest town with all the amenities of a big city
- Growing population with around 536,000 people in Summit County
- Racially and economically diverse patient population



### Parks

- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Ohio's only National Park
- 33,000 acres of land and over 2 million visitors per year
- Breathtaking scenery including waterfalls, rolling hills & open farmland
- Summit County Metroparks



### So, Why Do We Love Akron?

- Small town feel with all the amenities of a big city
- Beautiful parks and nature
- Affordable housing
- Close knit communities
- Diverse neighborhoods
- Suburban, urban, or rural living within comfortable driving distance
- Each neighborhood has its own character



### Major Museums

- Museums in Akron / Canton
  - Akron Art Museum
  - Akron Children's Museum
  - Pro Football Hall of Fame
  - MAPS Air Museum
- Museums in Cleveland
  - Children's Museum of Cleveland
  - Cleveland Museum of Natural History
  - Cleveland Botanical Gardens
  - Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
  - Great Lakes Science Center
  - Cleveland Art Museum



### Food & Drink

- Main Street & Lock 3 events
  - Rib, White, and Blue Festival
  - Burger Festival
  - Italian American Festivals
  - Rock the Lock
- Riverfront Park in Cuyahoga Falls
  - Oktoberfest
  - St. Patrick Day celebration
- West Side Market
- Huge selection of local restaurants, coffee shops, cafes, breweries, & wineries

## Peds GI Fellowship

### Mission Statement

At Akron Children's, our Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship focuses on real-world, hands-on clinical training. We help fellows grow their skills, build strong teamwork, and find joy in caring for children—because great medicine starts with both knowledge and happiness in what we do.

### Peds GI Staff

- 11 Full Time Physician Faculty
- 7 Nurse Practitioners
- 6 Nurses
- Fellows: Planning 1 per year for now (but in future would like 2/yr)



### Sub-Clinics In Peds GI

- IBD Clinic (and part of ICN)
- EoE Clinic
- Pancreatic/CF Clinic
- Myelodysplasia Clinic
- Aerodigestive Clinic
- Motility Clinic/Functional GI
- Constipation/Biofeedback
- Healthy Active Living (NAFLD/Obesity)
- Hepatology
- Full Fellows-Run Outpatient Clinic (Staffed with Attending)

### Peds GI Call

- All Home Call
- Each Fellow will cover 1 weekend a month (3 off)
- Call – Full Backup with Attending
  - 1st Year: 10 Days per month
  - 2nd Year: 5 Days per month
  - 3rd Year: 3 Days per month



### Procedures: 2700 through 2024

- EGD
- Colonoscopy
- Polypectomy
- Control of Bleeding: HemoClot, EndoClip, Injection, Banding
- Motility: Manometry: Ano-Rectal, Full Colonic, Antro-Duodenal, Esophageal Manometry; and EndoFlip; Botox Injections
- Dilation (Balloon): Esophageal; Duodenal; Colonic/Anastomosis
- Foreign Body Removal
- Reduction of Sigmoid Volvulus; Gastrostomy Tube/GJ Placement

### Pediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology & Nutrition Fellowship Block Diagram

**PGY 4**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Site	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH
Rotation	Inpatient	Inpatient	Inpatient	Outpatient	Inpatient	Inpatient	Inpatient	Research	Inpatient	Inpatient	Research	Research
% Outpatient	10	10	10	100	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
% Scholarly activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	90

**PGY 5**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Site	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH
Rotation	Research	Research	Research	Inpatient	Endoscopy	ACH	Outpatient	Endoscopy	Outpatient	Endoscopy	Research	ACH
% Outpatient	10	10	10	10	10	100	10	100	100	100	100	10
% Scholarly activity	90	90	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90

**PGY 6**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Site	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH	ACH
Rotation	Research	Research	Research	Research	Research	Research	Research	Research	Inpatient	Outpatient	Endoscopy	ACH
% Outpatient	10	10	10	10	100	10	10	10	10	100	100	10
% Scholarly activity	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	0	0	0	90

Notes:  
 Vacation: 15 days/year  
 One of the Outpatient months of a PGY 6 could be changed to an elective outside rotation  
 \*ACH: Akron Children's Hospital  
 †Outpatient: General GI clinic (16 hrs/week), Endoscopic esophagitis (4 hrs/month), Cystic Fibrosis (4 hrs/month), Motility and Functional (6 to 8 hrs/week), Biofeedback/constipation clinic (4 hrs/month), Hepatology 8 hrs twice a month