

Request for Applications
Editor-in-Chief, Western Hemisphere
Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition

The North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) requests qualified members of the Society to apply for the position of Editor-In-Chief, Western Hemisphere, for the *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (JPGN)* for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025. The due date for this application is January 13, 2020.

JPGN is the official publication of NASPGHAN and the European Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN). In 1999, the two Societies and the Publisher, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins (now replaced by Wolters Kluwer [WK]), entered into an agreement with the Asian Pan-Pacific Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (APPSPGAN) and the Latin American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (LASPGHAN) to have the journal become the official publication of these societies. Thus, *JPGN* is the premier international peer-reviewed journal for the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.

Brief Overview of *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition*

JPGN was founded by Dr. Emmanuel Lebenthal in conjunction with Raven Press in 1982. In 1991, NASPGHAN and ESPGHAN officially became joint sponsors of the journal. Those who have served as editors of the Journal since Dr. Lebenthal are listed in the table below.

<i>Editor</i>	Year
Melvin Heyman, MD, MPH	2011 - 2020
Eric Sibley, MD PhD	2006 - 2010
Judith Sondheimer, MD	2001 - 2005
Allan Walker, MD, PhD	1996 - 2000
William Balistreri, MD	1991 - 1995

Effective January 2007, ownership of the journal and copyright on subsequently published issues was transferred to NASPGHAN and ESPGHAN. Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins will be the publisher through December 31, 2016 when Wolters-Kluwer (WK) became the publisher.

ESPGHAN selects the Eastern Hemisphere editor, and NASPGHAN selects the Western Hemisphere editor. The Western Hemisphere editor is responsible for overseeing peer-review and selection of manuscripts submitted from authors in the Western Hemisphere, and inviting review articles and other special contributions to the journal. The Western Hemisphere editor also coordinates production of each issue with the Eastern Hemisphere editor. Each month the Western Hemisphere editor works with the publisher to generate the upcoming lineup for the next issue about two months in advance. The Western Hemisphere manuscripts are submitted

through Editorial Manager, an electronic manuscript tracking system, for intake, distribution for peer-review, and adjudication of acceptability for publication.

The journal publishes original articles, special reports, guidelines, commentaries, review articles, rapid communications, case reports, letters to the editor, and news and views on all aspects of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition. At present the journal consists of 128 print pages and 24 online pages per issue, and is published 12 times per year. *JPGN* impact factors for the past 5 years are tabulated below.

Impact Factor: 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Citations	1563	1559	1380	1573	1607
Articles	544	594	575	562	584
Impact Factor	2.873	2.625	2.400	2.799	2.752

Category Ranking: 2013-2017

Category	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>Gastroenterology & Hepatology</i>	29/75	37/76	45/79	40/79	51/80
<i>Nutrition & Dietetics</i>	29/79	33/77	39/80	33/81	39/81
<i>Pediatrics</i>	16/118	23/120	27/120	18/121	23/124

JPGN is available as an institutional electronic subscription through Ovid, and receives approximately 23,000 full text article views per month. JPGN has a dedicated website at jpgn.org, which receives approximately 35,000 visits per month. Active Facebook and Twitter accounts, currently with more than 5200 FaceBook followers and 1740 followers on Twitter, are generating increased attention to JPGN content.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Western Hemisphere Editor

An editorial office is established at the editor's institution with financial support from NASPGHAN. In 2019, for example, approximately \$70,000 is being provided by NASPGHAN and WK for the functions necessary to ensure timely review of submitted manuscripts, communication with authors, reviewers and the publisher, and the other miscellaneous activities of the editorial office. Currently, WK provides a coordinating editor responsible for maintaining the manuscript submission and peer review process.

The editor will prepare written semi-annual reports for review at NASPGHAN Executive Council and Publications Committee meetings in the spring and autumn. The editor will meet with members of the NASPGHAN Publications Committee and the Joint (NASPGHAN/ESPGHAN) *JPGN* Committee as necessary.

The editor's primary responsibility is to oversee scientific and clinical content of the *JPGN*, and to assure the efficient functioning of the editorial office. The editor must work closely with the Eastern Hemisphere editor (currently, Dr. Dominique Belli) to coordinate scientific direction and content. The Western Hemisphere editor is the sole and final authority over all decisions regarding the acceptance or rejections of manuscripts submitted to the Western Hemisphere editorial office for publication. It is also the responsibility of the editor to encourage solicitation of high quality manuscripts, to assist in maintaining the ethical and fiscal integrity of *JPGN*, and to increase the readership and impact factor in collaboration with the publisher. The editor should be an active member of NASPGHAN, as the journal is a key vehicle for disseminating information about our society's activities.

Specific responsibilities of the editor include oversight of an orderly, efficient and timely intake, peer-review and approval of submitted manuscripts with highly effective communication to all relevant stakeholders. The specific nature of associate editors' involvement occurs at the discretion of the editor. Frequent face-to-face, telephone or electronic communication between the editor and associate editors is encouraged. The editor is responsible for the operational and fiscal management of the editorial office. The editor is also encouraged to work with representatives for the APPSGHAN and LASPGHAN to encourage submission of manuscripts from and journal operational involvement of members of those Societies.

Each month the NASPGHAN Editor in coordination with the coordinating editor (currently at WK) also assesses the accepted manuscripts to develop a line-up for upcoming issues, typically with a deadline about two months prior to publication. ~~A summary of the articles in the line-up, currently written by the editor, is now included for publication in the issue's table of contents.~~ The NASPGHAN Editor selects the cover image and works with the CME Editor to help create CME (and MOC) content in each issue.

The Western Hemisphere editor of *JPGN* is appointed by agreement between the Executive Council of NASPGHAN, from applicants solicited by the Publications Committee of NASPGHAN. The editor will appoint or re-appoint an editorial board, consisting of up to 10 members of NASPGHAN. Candidate editorial board members are also suggested by the Executive Councils of the APPSGHAN and LASPGHAN. Western Hemisphere associate editors must be approved by the NASPGHAN Publications Committee.

The activities of the journal are overseen by the NASPGHAN Publications Committee, which consists of senior members of the Society. This committee coordinates the relationship between NASPGHAN, ESPGHAN, *JPGN*, and the publisher. The Publications Committee does not influence the editorial content, but is responsible to the Executive Council for assuring that the journal operates in an efficient fashion.

Requirements for the Position of Editor of *JPGN*

The editor must be an active NASPGHAN member with a sustained record of scientific achievement and publication in the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, pancreatology and/or nutrition. The editor must possess a deep understanding of medical,

scientific, and ethical publication issues and processes, high quality writing and editing skills, and the capacity to devote adequate time and energy to this project over the 5 year term of appointment (January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025). The editor will be named approximately nine months in advance of the start date to insure a smooth transition with Melvin Heyman, MD, the current Western Hemisphere editor.

Application Process

Applicants should submit the following materials in the order specified to the NASPGHAN National Office by January 13, 2020. Applications should be single spaced using a comfortably legible font size. Suggested page lengths are approximate only.

1. A brief cover letter.
2. An up-to-date, detailed curriculum vitae
3. An assessment of *JPGN*'s mission (approximately one-half page)
4. A critique of the existing journal format and content, emphasizing strengths and weakness (approximately one page)
5. A visioning statement for the future of *JPGN* in an increasingly sophisticated and interactive electronic era, including potential new initiatives and planned changes that will enhance overall quality, readership numbers reputation and impact factor (approximately 2 to 4 pages)
6. A conflict of interest and disclosure statement as outlined in the NASPGHAN policy documents:
[NASPGHAN Policy on Resolution of Conflict of Interest for Officers and Committees](#) (adopted January 2010)
[Flowchart for Resolution of Conflicts of Interest](#) (adopted May 2009)
[NASPGHAN Policy on Ethics in Journalism](#). (adopted February 2018)
7. A brief business or work-flow plan for journal operations and how communications will be coordinated with the editorial board, the publisher, the Eastern Hemisphere editor, and NASPGHAN (one to two pages).
A list of proposed associate editors, their qualifications, and their roles (approximately one page)
8. Additional supportive information to strengthen the application (approximately 2-3 pages)
9. A department chair's (or similar institutional official) letter of commitment and support of time and space for *JPGN* activities.

The application should be submitted by email on or before January 13, 2020 to:

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