

**Request for Applications**  
**Editor-in-Chief, Western Hemisphere**  
***JPGN Reports***

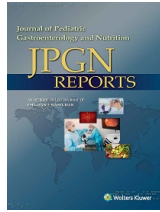
The North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) requests qualified members of the Society to apply for the position of Editor-In-Chief, Western Hemisphere, for *JPGN Reports* for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027. The due date for this application is November 30, 2021

*JPGN Reports* is the newly developed, peer reviewed, Open Access on line journal that is a companion journal to *JPGN*. *JPGN* is the original official publication of NASPGHAN and the European Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN). *JPGN Reports* is now the second official publication of NASPGHAN and ESPGHAN and provides a forum for exchange of information pertinent to the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition aimed to enhance the care of pediatric and young adult patients and for investigators to pursue related areas requiring further study. The journal fills a broad and inclusive role for publication of reports across the spectrum of clinical and translational research, from bench to public health, clinical study protocols, reports on scientific conferences and workshops, clinical reports of novel cases, and treatment opportunities in this field.

**Brief Overview of *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Reports***

*JPGN Reports* was developed by *JPGN*, NASPGHAN, and ESPGHAN leaderships in 2019-20. The ownership of the journal, and copyright on subsequently published issues, belongs to NASPGHAN and ESPGHAN, with Wolters-Kluwer (WK) as publisher.

*JPGN Reports* provides a forum for exchange of information pertinent to the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, pancreatology, and nutrition aimed to enhance the care of pediatric and young adult patients and for investigators to pursue related areas requiring further study. *JPGN Reports* publishes novel case reports, images and videos, original articles, clinical trials protocols, review articles, short communications, letters to the editor, selected meeting proceedings, editorials and commentaries on all aspects of clinical and translational research, educational, and public health issues in the area of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, pancreatology, and nutrition. *JPGN Reports* also welcomes novel exploratory hypothesis-generating research, qualitative and quantitative epidemiologic research, studies of novel mechanisms and methodologies including public health interventions, hypothesis-generating small studies, methods papers, and translational research applicable for pediatric pathogenesis and physiology in health and disease.



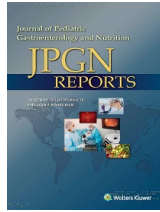
*JPGN Reports* is open access and available online without cost to the reader; authors pay to publish in the journal. A compendium of published articles in the preceding three months is published online each quarter. *JPGN Reports* currently has no impact factor; however after sufficient articles have been published and cited, an application for PubMed acceptance and an impact factor will be submitted. *JPGN Reports* has a dedicated website at [jpgnreports.org](http://jpgnreports.org).

### **Roles and Responsibilities of the Western Hemisphere Editor**

The Western Hemisphere editor of *JPGN Reports* is appointed by the Executive Council of NASPGHAN from applicants solicited by the Publications Committee of NASPGHAN; ESPGHAN selects the Eastern Hemisphere editor for *JPGN Reports*. NASPGHAN provides financial support to the editor to ensure timely review of submitted manuscripts, communication with authors, reviewers and the publisher, and the other miscellaneous activities of the Journal. In addition, NASPGHAN coordinates with WK to provide a managing editor responsible for maintaining the manuscript submission and peer review process.

The editor's primary responsibility is to oversee all content of the *JPGN Reports* and to assure the efficient functioning of the editorial office along with the Eastern Hemisphere editor of *JPGN Reports* (currently Dr Dominique Belli has both roles). The editor must also work closely with the Western Hemisphere editor of *JPGN* (currently, Dr. Sandeep Gupta) and the Eastern Hemisphere editors of *JPGN* and *JPGN Reports* (currently Dr. Dominique Belli has both roles) to coordinate scientific direction and content. The Western Hemisphere editor of *JPGN Reports* 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 in *JPGN Reports*. 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 Reports*, and to increase the readership and impact factor, once established, in collaboration with the publisher and the Eastern Hemisphere editor. The editor must be an active member of NASPGHAN, as the journal is a key vehicle for disseminating information to our society members.

The Western Hemisphere editor is responsible for oversight of an orderly, efficient and timely intake, peer-review and approval/rejection of submitted manuscripts with highly effective communication to all relevant stakeholders, and inviting review articles and other special contributions to the journal. 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 editor is also encouraged to work with representatives for the Latin American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (LASPGHAN) and the Asian Pan Pacific Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (APPSPGHAN) to encourage submission of manuscripts from members of these affiliated Societies.



The editor will appoint or re-appoint an editorial board, consisting of up to 7 members of NASPGHAN. A representative from each of our affiliate societies, LASPGHAN and APPSPGHAN, will be solicited from the leadership of each society.

Every three months, the NASPGHAN Editor in coordination with the Eastern Hemisphere editor and managing editor (currently at WK) will develop a compendium of published articles, typically with a deadline about two weeks before the end of the quarter.

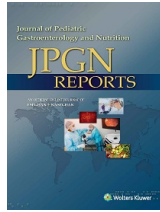
The activities of the NASPGHAN editorial process of the journal are overseen by the NASPGHAN Publications Committee, which consists of senior members of the Society. The Publications Committee will be responsible for approving the Editorial Board. This committee coordinates the relationship between NASPGHAN, *JPGN*, *JPGN Reports*, and, in coordination with ESPGHAN, with the publisher. The Publications Committee does not influence the editorial content, but is responsible to the NASPGHAN Executive Council for assuring that the journal operates in an efficient fashion. 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 at least annually at the NASPGHAN Meeting (and at the DDW meeting or other times if needed) and the combined (NASPGHAN/ESPGHAN) *JPGN Reports* Editorial Boards as necessary. The editor may elect to attend the ESPGHAN meeting to collaborate with the ESPGHAN editor and the ESPGHAN Publication Committee.

### **Requirements for the Position of Editor of *JPGN Reports***

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, 2023 to December 31, 2027). The editor will be named well in advance of the start date to insure a smooth transition from Melvin Heyman, MD, the current Western Hemisphere *JPGN Reports* editor.

### **Application Process**

Applicants should submit the following materials, in the order specified, to the NASPGHAN National Office by November 30, 2021. Applications should be single spaced using a comfortably legible font size (e.g., Arial font 11 or Calibri font 12). Suggested page lengths are approximate only.

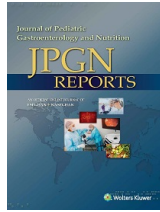


1. A brief cover letter.
2. An up-to-date, detailed curriculum vitae
3. A visioning statement for the future of *JPGN Reports* in an increasingly sophisticated and interactive electronic era, including potential new initiatives and changes that will enhance overall quality, readership numbers, reputation, and impact factor (approximately 2 pages). Accordingly, *JPGN Reports* presents unique opportunities for utilizing emerging technological advances to enhance the journal's clinical and academic offerings in a variety of web-based formats. Specific emphasis should be placed on the quality of the journal for readers and marketing to ensure a stream of valuable articles for publication. Comment on how you will maintain and foster interactions with the *JPGN Reports* Editor for the Eastern Hemisphere, the *JPGN* Western Hemisphere (NASPGHAN) Editor, and the NASPGHAN Publications Committee.
4. 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)
5. A statement and comments regarding consideration of application of diversity, equity and inclusiveness in many aspects of *JPGN Reports* must be included and integrated into the application.
6. 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 *JPGN Reports* editor, and Western Hemisphere editor for *JPGN* (one to two pages). Include brief discussion of the organization/configuration of the associate editors and editorial board members (do not contact individuals before acceptance of the application).
7. Additional supportive information to strengthen the application (approximately 2-3 pages).
8. A department chair's (or similar institutional official) letter of commitment and support of time and space for *JPGN Reports* activities.

The application should be submitted by email on or before November 30, 2021 to:

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