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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Syracuse University – Cum Laude August 1992 – May 1996
B.A. Psychology and Public Relations

Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society, May 1996
Golden Key National Honor Society, May 1996
Phi Beta Delta International Scholar Honor Society, May 1996

Escuela de Idiomas Costa Rica January 1997 – June 1997
Studied Spanish and taught English

Columbia University August 1999 – May 2001
Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program

State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate College of Medicine
Doctor of Medicine August 2002 – December 2006

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

State University of New York Downstate College of Medicine
Department of Pediatrics *Resident* July 2008 – June 2011
Chief Resident July 2011 – June 2012

Rhode Island Hospital/ Hasbro Children's Hospital
Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Nutrition & Liver Diseases – *Teaching Fellow*
July 2012 – June 2015

New York-Presbyterian/ Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York
Division of Surgery - Center for Liver Disease and Transplantation
- *Advanced Fellowship in Pediatric Transplant Hepatology*
July 2016 – June 2017

POSTGRADUATE AWARDS

Doris H. Milman, MD Award - Excellence as a Pediatric Resident June 2011

2014 Lifespan Clinical Research Center Research Scholar Award
included \$20,000 in research support July 2014
Brown University - Step Back to Move Forward Peer Mentorship Program
Selected for participation in educator development program February – October 2022
Warren Alpert Medical School – Brown University Dean’s Excellence in Teaching Award
2022

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND BOARD CERTIFICATION

Massachusetts State License

New York State License - inactive

Rhode Island State License

Board Certification in Pediatrics December 2011
Board Certification in Pediatric Gastroenterology December 2015
Board Certification in Pediatric Transplant Hepatology December 2018

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

State University of New York Downstate College of Medicine

Department of Pediatrics

Clinical Assistant Instructor July 2008 – June 2012

Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Rhode Island Hospital/Hasbro Children’s Hospital

Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Nutrition & Liver Diseases

Teaching Fellow in Pediatric Gastroenterology July 2012 – June 2015

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics – Clinician educator July 2015 – June 2016

July 2017 – Present

Director of the Center for Pediatric Liver and Pancreas Disorders July 2017 – Present

Director of the Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship Education Curriculum

January 2021 – January 2023

Associate Program Director - Pediatric GI Fellowship January 2022 – January 2023

Associate Director – Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Program February 2022 – November 2022

Director – Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Program November 2022 – Present

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

Consulting Physician, Department of Pediatrics

■ Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island July 2011 – Present

Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Nutrition and Liver Diseases

■ Rhode Island Hospital/Hasbro Children’s Hospital July 2015 – Present

Consulting Physician, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Nutrition and Liver Diseases

■ The Miriam Hospital – Bariatric Surgery Program, Pediatric Medical Advisor
July 2015 – Present

Physician, Greater New Bedford Community Health Center September 2017 – June 2019

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- Reviewer, Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition July 2012 – Present
- Abstract Reviewer, North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology And Nutrition (NASPGHAN), Annual Meeting 2019 – Present
- Abstract Reviewer, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), The Liver Meeting 2019 – Present
- Abstract Reviewer, Digestive Disease Week Conference 2019 – Present
- Data Safety Monitoring Board, “Packaging and Disseminating the JOIN for ME Program in Low-Income Settings”. Principal Investigator, Elissa Jelalian, PhD 2020 – Present
- Data Safety Monitoring Board, Project REST (Regulation of Eating and Sleep Topography). Principal Investigator, Andrea Goldschmidt, PhD 2020 – Present
- Principal investigator, “Daily Association of Physical Activity with Lung Function and How It Impacts Exercise Engagement in Adolescents and Adults with Cystic Fibrosis” 2021 – Present

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- Committee of Interns and Residents, King’s County Hospital, Department Representative 2009 – 2010
- Pediatric Education Committee, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics 2009 – 2012
- Communications Committee, Hasbro Children’s Hospital, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology 2017 – 2018
- Cystic Fibrosis Quality Improvement Committee – Core member 2019 – 2020
- Pediatric GI Fellowship Clinical Competency Committee 2017 – Present
- Adolescent Bariatric Surgery Committee – Co-Chair 2017 – Present
- Patient Flow and Capacity Initiative 2021 – 2022
- Pediatric Cardiology Division Director Search Committee - Member 2022
- Care Transformation Collaborative (CTC) of Rhode Island - Project Planning Committee, Pediatric Weight Management 2022
- Sweat Test Advisory Committee, Rhode Island Hospital 2022 – Present

REGIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- Rhode Island Hepatitis Action Committee, Department of Health 2018 – Present
 - Participated in development of the Rhode Island Hepatitis C Elimination Plan <https://health.ri.gov/publications/actionplans/Hepatitis-C-RI-Strategic-Plan-2022.pdf>
- Medical Advisory Council, American Liver Foundation North East Chapter 2019 – Present
 - Mentor and Judge – North East Academic Debate May 2021
Debate Topic - Is a liver biopsy essential in the diagnostic algorithm for biliary atresia?
Hasbro Team – Winner of People’s Choice Award
 - Mentor – North East Academic Debate April 2022
Debate Topic - Endoscopic variceal surveillance and primary prophylaxis of esophageal variceal hemorrhage is/is not INDICATED in cirrhotic children.
Hasbro team – Winner of Debate
- Newborn Screening Advisory Counsel, Rhode Island Department of Health November 2022 – Present

NATIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology And Nutrition (NASPGHAN), Ethics Committee 2014 – 2017
- North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology And Nutrition (NASPGHAN), Hepatology committee 2018 – 2021
 - Moderator – Special Topic Symposium, NASPGHAN National Meeting *Chronic Liver Disease Management for the Gastroenterologist* October 2019
 - Moderator – Concurrent session, NASPGHAN National Meeting *Cystic Fibrosis* November 2020
- American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), Pediatric Liver Special Interest Group, Education Subcommittee 2018 – 2022
 - Co-Chair – 2020 AASLD/NASPGHAN Pediatric Symposium, *Medical and Ethical Dilemmas of Patient and Organ Selection for Liver Transplantation*
- North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology And Nutrition (NASPGHAN), Public Education Committee 2022 – 2025
 - Moderator – Webinar, “Children with Cholestatic Liver Disease: Pruritus Management” Scheduled for May 2023

MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETIES

- North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology And Nutrition July 2012 – Present
- American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases March 2014 – Present
- Society for Pediatric Research April 2016 – Present
- Society of Pediatric Liver Transplantation (SPLIT) October 2020 – 2022

ORIGINAL PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL

Faries PL, **Briggs VL**, Rhee JY, Burks JA Jr, Gravereaux EC, Carroccio A, Morrissey NJ, Teodorescu V, Hollier LH, Marin ML. Failure of endovascular aorto-aortic tube grafts: a plea for preferential use of bifurcated grafts. *J Vasc Surg.* 2002 May;35(5):868-73. PMID: 12021700

Faries PL, Brener BJ, Connelly TL, Katzen BT, **Briggs VL**, Burks JA Jr, Gravereaux EC, Carroccio A, Morrissey NJ, Teodorescu V, Won J, Sparacino S, Chae KS, Hollier LH, Marin ML. A multicenter experience with the Talent endovascular graft for the treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms. *J Vasc Surg.* 2002 Jun;35(6):1123-8. PMID: 12042722

Faries PL, Won J, Morrissey NJ, **Briggs VL**, Cadot H, Carroccio A, Teodorescu V, Chae KS, Hollier LH, Marin ML. Endovascular treatment of failed prior abdominal aortic aneurysm repair. *Ann Vasc Surg.* 2003 Jan;17(1):43-8. PMID: 12545253

Faries PL, **Briggs VL**, Bernheim J, Craig Kent K, Hollier LH, Marin ML. Increased recognition of type II endoleaks using a modified intraoperative angiographic protocol: implications for intermittent endoleak and aneurysm expansion. *Ann Vasc Surg.* 2003 Nov;17(6):608-14. PMID: 14564551

Shapiro JM, Subedi S, Machan JT, Cerezo CS, Ross AM, Shalon LB, Silverstein JA, Herzlinger MI, *Kasper V*, LeLeiko NS. Durability of Infliximab is Associated with Disease Extent in Children with Inflammatory Bowel Disease. *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr*. 2015 Nov 17. PMID: 26583483

Donaldson AA, Hall A, Neukirch J, *Kasper V*, Simones S, Gagnon S, Reich S, Forcier M. Multidisciplinary Care Considerations for Gender Non-Conforming Adolescents with Eating Disorders: A Case Series. *International Journal of Eating Disorders*. 2018 May 8. PMID: 29740834

Quillin RC 3rd, Bongu A, *Kasper V*, Vittorio JM, Martinez M, Lobritto SJ, Griesemer AD, Guarrera JV. Roux-en-Y enterolith leading to obstruction and ischemic necrosis after pediatric orthotopic liver transplantation. *Pediatric Transplantation*. 2018 May;22(3):e13160. PMID: 29607581

Darling K, Ranzenhofer LM, Hadley W, Villalta D, *Kasper V*, Jelalian E. Negative Childhood Experiences and Disordered Eating in Adolescents in a Weight Management Program: The Role of Depressive Symptoms. *Eating Behaviors*. 2020 August; 38:101402. PMID: 32485589

Squires JE, Alonso EM, Ibrahim SH, *Kasper V*, Kehar M, Martinez M, Squires RH. North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) Position Paper on the Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Acute Liver Failure. *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr*. 2022 Jan 1;74(1):138-158. PMID: 34347674

Pillai SS, Has P, Quintos JB, Topor LS, Gonzalez MS, *Kasper VL*, Fredette ME. Incidence, Severity, and Presentation of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Youth Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Diabetes Care*, 2023 Jan 13. PMID 33637859.

BOOK CHAPTER

Andrews C, *Kasper V*. Encopresis: Diagnosis and Treatment. In; Ferri's Clinical Advisor, 2023 Edition.

OTHER NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Cerezo CS, *Kasper V*. Medicine won't work if not taken. *AAP Grand Rounds*. February 2014; 31(2): 17.

Kasper V, Neimark E, LeLeiko L, Rosenthal P. Cognitive Function Post Liver Transplant. *AAP Grand Rounds*. October 2014; 32(4): 45.

Ross A, *Kasper V*. Can Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease Start in Utero? *AAP Grand Rounds*. July 2015; 34(1): 5

PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED OR IN PREPARATION

Gibson M, Subedi S, Barker D, Masur S, Mallette M, Lingannan A, Recinos A, Esharif D, Maxwell S, Riaz MS, Herzlinger MI, Shalon L, Cerezo C, *Kasper V*, Ross A, Leleiko NS,

Shapiro JM. Safety and Durability of Accelerated Infliximab Dosing Strategies in Pediatric IBD: A Single Center, Retrospective Study. Accepted for publication.

Gangaram, J, Lingannan A, Subedi S, Murillo A, Has P, Gibson M, Mallette M, Barker D, Leleiko NS, **Kasper V**, Cerezo C, Shapiro JM. BMI Changes in Pediatric Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease Treated with Infliximab: A Single Center, Retrospective Study. Manuscript in preparation.

Kasper V, Taylor S, Goldner D, Rundle A, Albrecht A, Vittorio J, Griesemer A, Lobritto S, Martinez M. Indicators of biliary strictures in pediatric liver recipients. Manuscript in preparation.

Kasper V, Yu R, Hirway P, Cerezo CS, de la Monte SM. Markers of inflammation in obese children with fatty liver disease. Manuscript in preparation.

ABSTRACTS

Ovitsh R, Schwartz C, **Kasper V**, Golden M. Building Better Bassinets. Poster presentation at the Pediatric Academic Societies, May, 2010.

Rodenas M, Kumar S, Solomon H, Concepcion E, **Kasper V**, Moallem J. Retinitis as the First Manifestation of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. Presented at 3rd Latin American Congress on Autoimmunity, July 2010.

Kasper V, Shapiro J, Cerezo C, LeLeiko N. Medical Management of Crohn's Appendicitis. Poster presentation at North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology And Nutrition (NASPGHAN) Annual Meeting, October 2013.

Ranzenhofer L, **Kasper V**, Hadley W, Gonzalez G, Gayes L, Jelalian E. Life events and adolescent obesity: Metabolic and behavioral pathways. Poster presentation at Brown Mind-Brain Research Day, April 2016.

Gonzalez G Jr, Ranzenhofer L, Hadley W, **Kasper V**, Gayes L, Jelalian E. The Influences of Acculturation Obese Hispanic-White Adolescents Participating in a Standardized Behavioral Weight-Control Program. Poster presentation at Brown Biology Poster Day, April 2016.

Hayward AR, **Kasper V**, Uzun A, Mangray S, Meffre E. TLR7/9 variants in a case of giant cell hepatitis with autoimmune hemolytic anemia (GCH, AHA) and pneumonitis: just a coincidence? Poster presentation at The European Society for Immunodeficiencies Biennial Meeting, September 2016.

Ross A, Shapiro J, **Kasper V**, Menz T, Unnikrishnan N, Renaud T, Montcrieff, C. Significant hemorrhage from endoscopic biopsies. Poster presentation at North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology And Nutrition (NASPGHAN) Annual Meeting, October 2016.

Kasper V, Taylor S, Goldner D, Rundle A, Albrecht A, Vittorio J, Griesemer A, Lobritto S, Martinez M. Indicators of biliary strictures in pediatric liver recipients. Poster presentation at American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Annual Meeting, October 2017.

SCHOLARLY WORK PUBLISHED IN OTHER MEDIA

Rabinowitz SS, *Kasper VL*. Abdominal Examination. Medscape Reference. Available at: <http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/1909183-overview>.

North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology And Nutrition (NASPGHAN) <https://gikids.org/digestive-topics/> contributor to:

Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, 2019

Gilbert's syndrome, 2021

Kasper, V. Hepatitis in Children and How it Affects the Liver. Blog. July 28, 2022
<https://www.lifespan.org/lifespan-living/hepatitis-children-and-how-it-affects-liver>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Regional:

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| Grand Rounds, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI.
<i>The CHANGES Program (Creating Healthy Attitudes, Nutrition Goals and Exercise Strength)</i> | September 2013 |
| Grand Rounds, Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket, RI.
<i>Obesity and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease</i> | November 2013 |
| Clinicopathological Conference, Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI.
<i>Liver failure in a healthy neonate</i> | December 2017 |
| Lunch-n-Learn, Narragansett Pediatrics, Narragansett, RI.
<i>Medical and Surgical Management of Pediatric Obesity</i> | May 2018 |
| Clinicopathological Conference, Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI.
<i>Cholestasis in premature infant with dysmorphic features</i> | March 2019 |
| Grand Rounds, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI.
<i>Pediatric Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease – updates</i> | September 2019 |
| Endocrine Grand Rounds (Adult and Pediatric), Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI.
<i>Glycogenic Hepatopathy</i> | February 2020 |
| Rhode Island American Academy of Pediatrics – Annual Meeting: Childhood Obesity Prevention and Treatment, Warwick, RI.
<i>Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Children.</i>
Event postponed due to COVID19 | April 2020 |
| Progress in Pediatrics, Joint Colby College/Brown University CME Review Course, Waterville, ME.
<i>My Baby is Yellow! Case discussion of cholestasis in a newborn</i>
<i>Updates in Our Understanding and Management of Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease</i>
Event postponed due to COVID19 Pandemic | July 2020 |
| Clinicopathological Conference, Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI.
<i>Bilious emesis in a preterm newborn</i> | October 2020 |
| Morbidity Mortality Conference, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI. | October 2021 |

Missed neonatal hyperbilirubinemia
Care Transformation Collaborative – RI, Pediatric Weight Management ECHO, September 2022
Epidemiology, assessment and management of pediatric overweight and obesity
Grand Rounds, Hasbro Children’s Hospital, Providence, RI February 2023
Hepatitis C Infection in Children and Adolescents
Adult Gastroenterology Grand Rounds March 2023
Pediatric GI Disease for the Adult Gastroenterologist

National:

Educational Seminar for Team Impact. April 2021
Pediatric Gastrointestinal Diseases in Children
North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference, Virtual November 2021
Symposium: Updates in CF Liver Disease,
“*Cystic Fibrosis Modulators and Liver Function Tests*”
DIGEST (Developing Innovative GastroEnterology Specialty Training Program) Webinar
“*Obesity in Cystic Fibrosis*” December 2021
Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Children and Adolescents. American Liver Foundation Video
Series for Medical Providers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7G7jGUuHuc>,
December 2021

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

“Is watching sporting event making children overweight?”, WJAR NBC interview. April 2018
“RIDOH issues health advisory for Similac Alimentum and EleCare Powdered Infant Formulas”,
ABC6 interview. February 2022
“FDA recalls some lot of power infant formula”, WJAR NBC interview. February 2022

GRANTS

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellow, Dr. Jack Wands,
Advisor. Department of Gastroenterology, Liver Research Center. The Warren Alpert Medical
School of Brown University. (IT-32 DK60415-01) – Included \$51,582 in salary support per year
January 2012 – December 2014
Developing Innovative GastroEnterology Specialty Training Program (DIGEST) grant,
-- Principal Investigator, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. \$35,640 in salary support per year
July 2019 – June 2022
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Pediatric Center Grant, Principal Investigator, \$42,502.50 annually
November 2022 – Present

UNIVERSITY TEACHING, ADVISING and MENTORING ROLES

Women in Medicine Mentor – Neesha Nama, 2014
Brown University Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship – Julia Rothschild, 2020 – 2021
Michael Stephens, 2021 – 2022
Meghan McCarthy 2022 – 2023
Brown Pediatric Residency Mentor – Anne Kennedy 2022 – 2025
Pediatric Department’s Research Mentor – Kevin Scully 2022 – Present

HOSPITAL TEACHING, ADVISING and MENTORING ROLES

Pediatric GI Journal Club – Multiple presentations per year	July 2012 – Present
Pediatric Resident Noon Conference	
General Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology topics	July 2012 – Present
Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellow Core Curriculum	
Multiple lectures on GI physiology and pathophysiology	July 2015 – Present
Director of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship Education Curriculum	
Created and scheduled curriculum for fellowship education, January 2021 – January 2023	

Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellows:

- Shova Subedi, 2015 – 2016
- Basavaraj Kerur, 2015 – 2016
- Timothy Menz, 2017 – 2018
- Navneetha Unikrishnan, 2017 – 2018
- Anjali Gangaram, 2017 – 2019
- Julie Sanville, 2017 – 2019
- Meghan Gibson, 2018 – 2021
- Archana Lingannan, 2018 – 2021
- Aldo Recinos Soto, 2018 – 2021
- Dyadin Esharif, 2019 – 2022
- Muhammad Riaz, 2019 – 2022
- Christine Andrews, 2021 – current
- Rahiya Rehman, 2021 – current
- Laurie-Ann Panton, 2022 – current
- Shivany Pathania, 2022 - current

Scholarly Oversight Committee:

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| -Anjali Gangaram (Pediatric Gastroenterology fellow) | 2017 – 2019 |
| -Sabitha Sasidharan Pillai (Pediatric Endocrinology fellow) | 2021 – Present |

Research Assistants:

- Caryn Cobb, February – October 2014
- Cheickna Fofana, May – August 2015
- Rosa Yu, July 2014 – August 2016
- Miyako Wantanabe, January – December 2016
- Miranda Triedman, August 2021 – Present

Student Rotators:

- Ayo Zahra, Rhode Island College Pre-medical Post-baccalaureate Student Rotator
 Shadowed in clinic for one month, May 2019
- Thomas Lobritto, Johnson and Wales Undergraduate – Hospital internship
 June – August 2019
- Rahma Ibrahim, Brown University Undergraduate
 Shadowed in clinic for one month, November 2019

Ryan Agnew, St. Michael's University Undergraduate (pre-med)

Shadowed in clinic and inpatient for 8 weeks, July – August 2020

TIME NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

Maternity leave

May 2004 – December 2004

January 2007 – June 2007

Medical deferral of training

July 2007 – June 2008