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CLINICAL OFFICE (PRIMARY)

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Bio

BIO

I enjoy working with a multidisciplinary team to care for patients who have complex medical needs with the aim of giving children a better future. As a clinical researcher, my main focus is on finding improved therapies for autoimmune and cholestatic liver diseases, since an ideal therapy currently does not exist.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Transplant Hepatology
- Pediatric Transplant Hepatology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Pediatrics - Gastroenterology
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Medical Director of Liver Transplantation, LPCH, (2023- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Studies in Pediatric Liver Transplant Grant Recipient, SPLIT (2017)
- Fellow Symposium Grant Recipient, AST (2016)
- Award for Excellence in Quality Improvement, TTHSC (2015)
- Resident of The Year Award, TTHSC (2014)
- Resident of The Year Award, TTHSC (2013)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, SPLIT (2018 - present)

- Member, AASLD (2017 - present)
- Member, NASPGHAN (2014 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Pediatric Transplant Hepatology, American Board of Pediatrics (2020)
- Fellowship: UCSF Pediatric Transplant Hepatology (2019) CA
- Board Certification, Pediatric Gastroenterology (2019)
- Fellowship: Yale University Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship (2018) CT
- Board Certification: Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatrics (2015)
- Residency: Texas Tech University Pediatric Residency (2015) TX
- Medical Education: Royal College of Surgeons In Ireland School of Medicine (2010) Ireland

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- PSC/HAAPS, Recruiting

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Oral vancomycin for primary sclerosing cholangitis and associated inflammatory bowel disease - paving a path forward.** *Expert review of gastroenterology & hepatology*
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- **Global multi-stakeholder endorsement of the MAFLD definition.** *The lancet. Gastroenterology & hepatology*
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2022

- **THE IMPACT OF SARS-COV2 INFECTION IN CHILDREN WITH LIVER DISEASE: AN INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATIONAL REGISTRY STUDY**
Kehar, M., Ebel, N. H., Ng, V., Sehgal, A., Slowik, V., Leung, D. H., Shah, A. A., Ovchinsky, N., Kogan-Liberman, D., Arnon, R., Vitola, B., Waheed, N., Lebel, et al
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- **THE IMPACT OF SARS-CoV2 INFECTION IN PEDIATRIC LIVER TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS: AN INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATIONAL REGISTRY STUDY**
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- **SARS-CoV2 Infection in Children with Liver Transplant and Native Liver Disease: An International Observational Registry Study.** *Journal of pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition*
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- **Open-label prospective therapeutic clinical trials: oral vancomycin in children and adults with primary sclerosing cholangitis.** *Scandinavian journal of gastroenterology*
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- **Refractory Infantile Chronic Diarrhea and Failure to Thrive in a 6-Month-Old Boy With a Complex Past Medical History** *CLINICAL PEDIATRICS*
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- **Bile-Derived Organoids from PSC Patients Recapitulate the Inflammatory Immune Profile Seen in Cholangiopathies, Providing an in Vitro Model to Test Candidate Therapeutic Agents.**
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- **Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Improves Stress, Disease Activity and Cytokine Levels in Patients with Autoimmune Hepatitis (AIH)**
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- **Assessment of Community Pediatric Providers' Approach to a Child With Celiac Disease and Available Serological Testing Associated With a Large Tertiary Care Center** *CLINICAL PEDIATRICS*
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