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Hepatology/Transplant**

# CALL FOR PAPERS

Recently, the American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) issued a report describing the psychosocial impact of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) with corresponding recommendations for how these considerations can be addressed in comprehensive medical care (Mackner et al., 2013). Indeed, this topic is critical for the field of Pediatric Hepatology and Transplantation as well. While much is known about quality of life among pediatric transplant recipients, less research has been focused on the needs of diverse types of pediatric hepatology patients. Our aim is to disseminate work that broadly addresses quality of life and mental health as well as family, cognitive, school, and social functioning in pediatric hepatology/transplant. Submissions are invited that describe assessment strategies and corresponding findings, such as how psychosocial variables impact medical outcomes, as well as innovative approaches to addressing psychosocial challenges in this population. We welcome contributions presenting developmental and practice considerations that can be feasibly employed by a wide readership.

We invite investigators to contribute original research articles as well as review articles that will stimulate the continuing efforts to understand the psychosocial impact of pediatric liver disease or transplantation as well as informing about the implementation of evidence-based ancillary services.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Examinations of interactions between psychosocial variables and medical outcomes
- ▶ Psychosocial risk and protective factors for nonadherence
- ▶ Patient and family adjustment over the course of illness
- ▶ Psychosocial assessment research and how this informs about intervention development
- ▶ Innovative interventions to improve quality of life
- ▶ Psychosocial interventions employed within the context of comprehensive medical care
- ▶ Integration and/or consideration of other systems important to pediatric patients such as family, school, and the community
- ▶ Investigation of how peer relationships impact outcomes or functioning

Authors can submit their manuscripts via the Manuscript Tracking System at <http://mts.hindawi.com/submit/journals/bmri/hepatology/pcph/>.

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