

Stony Brook Children's Gastroenterology and Nutrition Team



L to R: Kathleen Usmani, RN, CPNP; Janet DiFalco, RN, CPNP; Jeffrey Morganstern, MD; Grace Gathungu, MD; Anupama Chawla, MD, Chief, Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition; Michelle Tobin, MD; Lesley Small-Harary, MD; Brianna Burghard, MS, RD, CDN, CDE; Keith J. Breglio, MD

Providing speciality services for children with gastrointestinal, liver and nutrition-related disorders.

- The first comprehensive Celiac Disease & Gluten Sensitivity Center on Long Island to address celiac and gluten issues for children and young adults
- Team includes board certified pediatric gastroenterologists, along with nurse practitioners, a registered dietitian, and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and celiac educators
- Offers a complete range of diagnostic and treatment options, including state-of-the-art endoscopy and motility studies
- Provides multidisciplinary care with other Stony Brook Children's pediatric specialists as needed
- A major referral center, where the most complex cases are treated
- Advancing the study and practice of pediatric gastroenterology through basic research and clinical trials, as well as teaching medical students, residents and fellows affiliated with the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University



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Anupama Chawla, MD
Chief, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition

Anupama Chawla, MD, is a Professor of Pediatrics at Stony Brook Medicine. Graduated from Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi, India, and holds a diploma in child health from the Royal College of Physicians in the United Kingdom. She completed her residency and chief residency in pediatrics at Stony Brook University School of Medicine and completed a fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology at North Shore University Hospital, Cornell Medical Center. Board certified in pediatrics and pediatric gastroenterology, Dr. Chawla is also a diplomate of the National Board of Physician Nutrition Specialists (NBPNS).

Dr. Chawla is dedicated to promoting children's gastrointestinal health and nutrition. She is actively involved in clinical and basic science research involving varying aspects of children's gastrointestinal health. She has authored several journal articles and chapters in the field of pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition. She is the director of the Celiac Disease and Gluten Sensitivity Center. She has repeatedly been named on the Castle Connolly Top Doctors list.



**For consultations and appointments,
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Keith J. Breglio, MD
Director of Pediatric Endoscopy

Keith J. Breglio, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. Dr. Breglio graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse and completed his pediatric residency at Cohen Children's Medical Center. He completed his pediatric gastroenterology fellowship at Mount Sinai Kravis Children's Hospital. Upon completion of his fellowship in 2008, Dr. Breglio conducted basic science research in Inflammatory Bowel Disease at Mount Sinai while maintaining a busy clinic practice until 2013. From 2013 to 2019 he was the Director of Pediatric Endoscopy at Maimonides Children's Hospital in Brooklyn. He joined the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology at Stony Brook in July of 2019. His clinical interests focus on endoscopy and Inflammatory Bowel Disease. He has been repeatedly named on the Castle Connolly Top Doctor list.

Grace Gathungu, MD
Physician Scientist

Grace Gathungu, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University and is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric gastroenterology. She graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC and completed her residency at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn. She completed her pediatric gastroenterology fellowship at Yale School of Medicine, where she was also an associate research scientist. Dr. Gathungu's research focus at Stony Brook includes pediatric inflammatory bowel disease.

Jeffrey Morganstern, MD
Director of Pediatric IBD Center

Jeffrey A. Morganstern, MD, is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University and is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric gastroenterology. A graduate of Stony Brook University School of Medicine, Dr. Morganstern went on to complete a residency in pediatrics at Cohen Children's Medical Center followed by a fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore. Upon completion of his fellowship in 2006, Dr. Morganstern returned to Stony Brook, where he maintains a busy clinical practice. Dr. Morganstern's clinical and research interests focus on inflammatory bowel disease.

Lesley Small-Harary, MD
Assistant Fellowship Director

Lesley Small-Harary, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University and is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric gastroenterology. A graduate of the Jacobs School of Medicine at the University at Buffalo, Dr. Small-Harary completed both her pediatric residency and pediatric

gastroenterology fellowship at New York- Presbyterian/ Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Small-Harary cares for patients with various gastrointestinal diseases and disorders. She is the assistant director of the Celiac Disease and Gluten Sensitivity Center. Her clinical interests include inflammatory bowel disease and Celiac disease.

Michelle Tobin, MD
Physician in Charge of Pediatric Motility Lead

Michelle Tobin, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University and is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric gastroenterology. A graduate of Cornell University, Dr. Tobin received her medical degree from Stony Brook University School of Medicine. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where she served as chief resident, and her fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. In addition to motility her areas of expertise include pediatric liver disease, eosinophilic esophagitis, Cystic Fibrosis and inflammatory bowel disease. She is also the lead GI physician with the Duchene Muscular Dystrophy Comprehensive Care Center.

Brianna Burghard, MS, RD, CDN, CDE

Brianna Burghard, MS, RD, CDN, CDE, is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. She received her BS at SUNY Oneonta, and completed her dietetic internship and Masters in Health Care Policy & Management at Stony Brook University. Brianna provides nutritional therapy and planning for children and adolescents with a wide range of gastrointestinal conditions. She is the dietitian in charge of the Celiac & Gluten Sensitivity Center and the Cystic Fibrosis Center. She is also a Certified Diabetes Educator.

Janet DiFalco, RN, CPNP

Janet DiFalco earned her BS in Nursing from Adelphi University and completed her Masters of Nursing Science at Stony Brook University. Janet is a certified Pediatric Nurse. She cares for patients with various gastrointestinal and nutritional disorders, and is actively involved in clinical research and education of pediatric patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease. She also has a clinical interest in Pediatric Nutrition, specifically weight management.

Kathleen Usmani, RN, CPNP

Kathleen Usmani received her MSN from Stony Brook University and holds dual certification as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Pediatric Primary Care and is a board certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. Kathleen has had multiple abstract and poster presentations at national conferences. She is actively involved in clinical research and education with pediatric patients with inflammatory bowel disease.

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