



**Division Chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology
McGovern Medical School – UTHealth Houston**

The Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, & Nutrition at McGovern Medical School (MMS) at UTHealth Houston, is seeking its next chief to propel the Division's trifold mission of excellence in clinical care, education, and research. This is an exceptional opportunity to lead a community-focused clinical division in the world-renowned Texas Medical Center.

Under the leadership of nationally recognized Professor and Chair Mary Aitken, MD, MPH, FAAP, and in alignment with the Department of Pediatrics' broader strategic plans, the incoming chief will be responsible for creating and implementing the vision and goals for the Division and leading and mentoring esteemed faculty and next generation of clinicians. Affiliated with Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital and the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, the Division is comprised of 12 gastroenterologists — 9 academic staff and 3 full-time, clinic-based physicians — and 6 fellows who evaluate and treat a wide range of gastrointestinal disorders in our clinics, hospitals, and endoscopy laboratories. In a typical year, the Pedi GI Team completes more than 8,000 visits across 6 clinics and about 700 admissions across 4 hospitals. The Division has active programs in inflammatory bowel disease; specialized clinics in liver disease and children with high risk; an aerodigestive program; and a growing program on celiac and colorectal diseases.

The Pediatric Gastroenterology Division is currently #29 in the US News and World Report Top Children's Hospitals, ranked ahead of many more populated programs, and is expanding outreach clinics across the growing pediatric population in Greater Houston. There is strong institutional support to continue this growth and develop additional areas, including advanced endoscopy and motility programs.

The ideal candidate for the chief position will be an associate or full professor with demonstrated experience and skill in leading academic programs and a commitment to excellence, discovery, and service along with a track record of achievement in their field of expertise. Expertise in managing pediatric gastroenterology clinical practice will ideally support current Division programs and Department goals. Additional requirements include board certification by the American Board of Pediatrics in General Pediatrics and Pediatric Gastroenterology, along with eligibility for Texas licensure and credentialing at affiliated medical institutions.

For consideration, please include a CV and cover letter. To express personal interest and obtain additional information or offer a nomination, please contact Search Committee Chair Josh Samuels, MD, MPH, professor and division chief of nephrology and hypertension, through UTHealth Houston's Office of Executive Recruitment at DivChiefPedGastro@uth.tmc.edu or by phone at (O) 713-500-3166.

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