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PROFILE

Highly skilled board-certified physician with over 20 years of extensive experience in pediatrics, pediatric gastroenterology, academics, research, hospital, and clinical settings.

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Chief Pediatric Gastroenterologist
Metropolitan Gastroenterology Associates, Inc.
Marrero, LA 70072

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Louisiana State University School of Medicine
New Orleans, LA 70112

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

1982 - 1986	Harvard University – Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA AB, English and American Literature/Language (magna cum laude)
1992 - 1996	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD Doctor of Medicine
1996 - 2001	Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA Residency, Department of Surgery
1998 - 2001	Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA Research Fellowship, Tulane Cancer Center
2001 - 2003	Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA Residency, Department of Pediatrics
2004 - 2007	Vanderbilt University Department of Pediatrics, Nashville, TN Fellowship, Pediatric Gastroenterology

BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Pediatrics, Pediatric Gastroenterology
Valid through 12/2019

LICENSURE

Current and Unrestricted

Louisiana Medical License

HONORS AND AWARDS

2010 - 2017 Louisiana's Best Doctors, Louisiana Life Magazine
2009 - 2017 Best Doctors, New Orleans Magazine
2009 - 2014 Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE)
Prescott Deininger, PHD (PI)
NIH - Tulane COBRE in Cancer Genetics
2007 NASPGHAN Fellows' Research Award, Salt Lake City, UT
2005 - 2007 National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program
2002 Teaching and Tomorrow, NASPGHAN, San Antonio, TX
2001 Edward Kremenz Research Award
Department of Surgery
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
1998 - 2001 National Institutes of Health Training Grant
CA-65436 - Department of Surgery
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present Chief, Pediatric Gastroenterology
Metropolitan Gastroenterology Associates Inc., Marrero, LA
2012 - Present Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
2007 - 2015 Assistant Professor and Chief, Department of Pediatrics, Division of
Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
2006 - 2007 Attending Physician
Shade Tree Free Clinic, Nashville, TN
2001 - 2004 Clinical Instructor, Neonatology
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Louisiana State Medical Society
Orleans Parish Medical Society

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

West Jefferson Medical Center, Marrero, LA
Associate Physician - Application Pending

Children's Hospital of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
Clinical Assistant Professor (2012 - Present)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Metairie, LA
Take Steps: Advances in the Treatment of IBD
- 2014 Department of Surgery, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
Grand Rounds: Managing Intestinal Failure: A Recipe for Success
- 2013 Tulane Regional Primate Research Center, Covington, LA
Research Conference: TNFR1 Functions as a Tumor Suppressor
- 2013 Nume, LLC, Scientific Advisory Board, New Orleans, LA
Clinical Consultation Conference: Pediatric Obesity: A Growing Problem
- 2012 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, New Orleans, LA
Patient Education Program: Nutrition in IBD
- 2011 Department of Pediatrics, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans
Grand Rounds: Got Gluten or Not Gluten: A Guide to Allergy, Intolerance and Distaste
- 2010 NASPGAN/ASPGN, New Orleans, LA
Acute Diarrhea: Working It Up and Working It Out
- 2010 Hayward Genetics Center, Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans
Grand Rounds: Uncomplimentary complement; the opposing roles of TNF and TNFR1 in the progression of murine colitis-associated carcinoma
- 2009 Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, New Orleans, LA
Common Causes in Pediatric Gastroenterology
- 2008 Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL
Research conference: TNFR1 signaling promotes colon epithelial cell repair following injury and protects against progression to inflammation-associated carcinogenesis

TEACHING ACTIVITIES/EXPERIENCE

- 2014 - 2015 Lecturer, Tulane Advanced Pediatric Elective (APE): Nutrition in Pediatrics
- 2013 - 2014 Lecturer/Preceptor, Tulane Biochemistry Master's Program: H. Pylori as parasite, pathogen and inspiration
- 2013 - 2014 Lecturer, Tulane Genetics Master's Program: Congenital Liver Disease
- 2012 - 2015 Lecturer, Tulane Medical School, Pathophysiology Course: Pediatric GI and Liver Disease
- 2012 - 2015 Faculty, Tulane Interdisciplinary Experience Seminars (TIDES); TV, MD: Are we ever ready for Primetime?
- 2009 - 2015 Judge, Tulane Research Days.

MENTORING

- 2014 Supervisor, Undergraduate student
- 2012 - 2015 Dissertation Committee Member, MD/PhD candidate
- 2011 - 2014 Supervisor, Post-baccalaureate student
- 2008 - 2012 Supervisor, Post-doctoral student

PUBLICATIONS AND CURRENT RESEARCH

Boué, S, I Fortgang, RJ Levy, D Bhatnagar, M Burow, G Fahey, ML Heiman. 2016, A novel gastrointestinal microbiome modulator from soy pods reduces absorption of dietary fat in mice. *Obesity* 24 (1): 87-95.

Niranjan, R, P Rajavelu, SU Ventateshaiah, JS Shukla, A Zaidi, SJ Mariswamy, J Mattner, I Fortgang, M. Kowalczyk, L Balart, A Shukla, A Mishr. 2015, Involvement of Interleukin-18 in the Pathogenesis of Human Eosinophilic Esophagitis. *Clin Immunol* 157(2): 103-113.

Fortgang, I and K Sestak, 2013. Celiac and Non-Celiac forms of Gluten Sensitivity: Shifting Paradigms of an Old Disease, *Br Microbiol Res J* 3(4); 585-589.

Anderson, M, M Knudsen, M Petrescu, E Frieberg and IS Fortgang, 2013. Fatal *Vibrio vulnificus* sepsis in a 12-year-old patient with vertically acquired Hepatitis C. *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr* 56(5):e32-33.

Fortgang, IS, Enteral Nutrition in Crohn's Disease (slide set). 2012, NASPGHAN.

Chang F, MS Lacey, M Boulijhad, K Honer Zu Bentrup, and IS Fortgang, 2012. TNFR1 Functions as a Tumor Suppressor. *Am J Physiol Gastrointest Liver Physiol* 302:G195-G206.

Fortgang, I, S Srivastav, GB Baskin, Pm Schumacher and LS Levy, 2004. Retrospective Analysis of Clinical and Laboratory Factors Associated with Lymphoma in Simian AIDS, Leukemia and Lymphoma 45: 161-169.

Bellows C, P Belafsky, IS Fortgang and DJ Beech, 2001. Melanoma in African-Americans: trends in biological behavior and clinical characteristics over two decades. *J Surg Oncol Suppl* 78(1): 10-16.

Fortgang, IS, GB Baskin, K Ruff and LS Levy, 2001. Pathobiology of Simian-AIDS-associated lymphoma: the Tulane Regional Primate Research Center (TRPRC) Experience, *Recent Res. Devel Virol* 2(2001): 455-470.

Fortgang, IS, T Rege, GB Basking, M Murphy-Corb and LS Levy, 2001. Variation in simian immunodeficiency virus env V1 region in simian AIDS-associated lymphoma. *AIDS Res and Hum Retroviruses* 17: 459-465.

Fortgang, IS, PJ Didier and LS Levy, 2000. B-cell leukemia in a rhesus macaque (*Macacamulatta*) infected with simian immunodeficiency virus. *Leukemia and Lymphoma* 37:657-652

Habis, A, G Baskin, L Simpson, I Fortgang, M Murphey-Corb and LS Levy, 2000. Rhesis lymphocryptovirus infection during the progressions of SAIDS and SAIDS-Associated Lymphoma in the rhesus macaque. *AIDS Res and Hum Retroviruses* 16: 163-171.

Moore, RD, IS Fortgang, J Keruly and RE Chaisson, 1996. Adverse events from drug therapy for HIV disease. *Am J Med* 101: 34-40.

Fortgang, IS, PC Belitsos, RE Chaisson, and RD Moore, 1995. Hepatomegaly and steatosis in HIV-infected patients receiving nucleoside analog antiretroviral therapy. *Am J Gastroenterol* 90: 1433-1436.

Fortgang, IS, and RD Moore, 1995. Hospital admissions of HIV-infected patients from 1988 to 1992 in Maryland. *J. Acquir Immune Defic Syndr Hum Retrovirol.* 8:365-372.