

DR. PRAGATHI L K

Associate Consultant - Paediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Qualification

MBBS | MD Paediatrics | FNB gastroenterology & hepatology

Overview

Dr. Pragathi L K is a distinguished paediatric gastroenterologist in Whitefield, currently practising as an Associate Consultant - Paediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Manipal Hospital Whitefield, Bangalore. She brings advanced expertise in the diagnosis, management, and treatment of complex gastrointestinal and liver conditions in children. She is adept at managing neonatal and infantile cholestasis, acute and chronic liver diseases, metabolic liver disorders, pancreatic and biliary conditions, paediatric functional gastrointestinal disorders, inflammatory bowel disease, and complex nutritional issues affecting growth and development. With a career deeply rooted in excellence and compassion, Dr. Pragathi's medical journey began with her MBBS at JJM Medical College, Davangere, followed by an MD in Paediatrics at Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, under Manipal University. She further refined her specialisation by completing an FNB in Paediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the prestigious B J Wadia Hospital for Children, Mumbai. This strong academic and clinical foundation has shaped her ability to handle a wide range of conditions, from neonatal cholestasis and chronic liver diseases to advanced

procedures like paediatric liver transplantation. Dr. Pragathi is highly trained in performing advanced diagnostic and therapeutic interventions such as paediatric endoscopy, colonoscopy, motility studies, real-time elastography, fibroscan interpretation, and emergency foreign body removal. She is also actively involved in paediatric liver transplantation programmes, contributing to pre-transplant evaluation, peri-operative management, and post-transplant care. Beyond her clinical skills, Dr. Pragathi has a deep commitment to evidence-based, holistic, and family-centred care. Dr. Pragathi believes that treating children requires not only medical expertise but also empathy and clear communication with families. By involving parents in shared decision-making, she ensures that children receive the most appropriate treatment in a supportive and compassionate environment. Her approach combines cutting-edge medicine with a patient-first philosophy, reflecting her dedication to improving both short- and long-term outcomes for her young patients. Her academic contributions are equally notable. Dr. Pragathi has presented multiple case reports and research findings at national and international forums, including ISPGHAN and the Kawasaki Disease Summit. She has also published case studies and research papers in reputed journals, covering topics such as neonatal seizures, cholestatic liver diseases, autoimmune hepatitis, and glycogen storage disorders. Her ongoing research interests include genetic and phenotypic variability in metabolic liver conditions, clinical outcomes in Wilson’s disease, and complex hepatobiliary anomalies in children. Fluent in English, Kannada, Hindi, and Telugu, Dr. Pragathi bridges communication gaps with families across diverse linguistic backgrounds, making her care accessible to a wide patient base. She is an active member of professional bodies such as the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) and the Indian Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ISPGHAN), which keeps her connected with the latest global guidelines and collaborative practices in the field. Through her extensive training, hands-on experience with over 100+ endoscopic

procedures, and compassionate patient care, Dr. Pragathi has established herself as one of the most promising specialists in paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology in Bangalore. Her dedication to advancing care for children with liver, pancreas, and gastrointestinal conditions underscores her role as a trusted and empathetic clinician who continues to make a meaningful difference in her field.

Fellowship & Membership

- IAP
- ISPGHAN

Field of Expertise

- Neonatal and infantile cholestasis.
- Acute and chronic liver diseases.
- Metabolic liver diseases.
- Pancreatic disorders.
- Gall bladder and biliary stones.
- Pediatric liver transplantation.
- Pediatric endoscopy.
- Emergency foreign body removal.
- Pediatric Functional GI Disorders.
- Inflammatory bowel syndrome.
- Pediatric motility studies.
- Acute and chronic diarrhoea.
- GI polyps.
- Management of Constipation.
- NAFLD.

Languages Spoken

- English
- Kannada
- Hindi
- Telugu

Talks & Publications

- Case report - Graves' Disease with Autoimmune Hepatitis and Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis: An Overlap Syndrome presented in ISPGHAN-Hyderabad 2023.
- Case report on Cholestatic Liver Disease in an Adolescent – Do not forget progressive familial intrahepatic Cholestasis-8 in ISPGHAN, New Delhi 2024.
- Paper presentation: “A psychological aftermath among the parents of children with microcephaly” Presented at the 4th International
- Conference on Counselling, Psychotherapy and Wellness held in Christ University, Bangalore from 3rd to 6th January 2019.
- Can portal hypertension occur following Kawasaki disease in a toddler? Presented at the 6th Kawasaki disease summit of India and the 1st annual conference of the Kawasaki disease society of India held in the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, on November 3rd and 4th of 2018.
- Case report – "An Unusual Case of Neonatal Seizures as Manifestation of Asymptomatic Maternal Hypoparathyroidism" Presented at the South Pediatric Conference 2017, Kollam, Kerala.
- Talks and publications :
- ICMR (Indian Medical Research Council) approved project on “Use of Indian Diabetes Risk Score (IDRS) as a tool to screen undiagnosed type-2 diabetes mellitus among ministerial staff

working at JJM Medical College, Davangere”- 2011.

- Dissertation on “Clinico-Etiological Profile of Children with Microcephaly and The Psychological Impact of the Illness On their Parents”- 2018.
- Case report on “An unusual case of neonatal seizures as manifestation of asymptomatic maternal hypoparathyroidism” published in BMJ case reports - 2019.
- Case report: Enteric duplication cyst presenting as hematochezia - submitted to Oxford medical case report, 2025.
- Cholestatic liver diseases in an Adolescent: Don't forget Progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis-8, 2025.
- Graves’ disease with Autoimmune Hepatitis and primary Sclerosing cholangitis-An overlap syndrome. 2025.
- Genetic and phenotypic variability in Glycogen Storage Diseases Type IX: A report of two cases with PHKB and PHKG2 mutations, 2025.
- Clinical profile and long-term Outcome in children with Wilson's disease: A retrospective data from central India, 2025.