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Joel E. Lavine, MD, PhD, a noted physician-scientist who recently joined New York-Presbyterian/Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital as Chief of Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition, has devoted his career to helping children with acute and chronic liver diseases. Dr. Lavine, who is also Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, comes to the Hospital from the University of California, San Diego, where he was Professor and Vice Chairman of Pediatrics and Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at Rady Children's Hospital for 15 years. He also served as Medical Director of the Liver Transplant Program.

While at the University of California, Dr. Lavine oversaw faculty development and the pediatric fellowship programs and was Fellowship Director for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. Prior to joining the University of California, San Diego, he was a faculty member at Harvard Medical School and Director of Liver Research at The Children's Hospital, Boston from 1991 to 1995. Dr. Lavine earned his doctorate in molecular biology in 1980 at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and his medical degree from University of California, San Diego, in 1984. He completed a residency in pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco, in 1986, followed by a fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology there through 1989.

A Noted Researcher

For the past 15 years, Dr. Lavine's research interests have focused on viral hepatitis and fatty liver disease in children, the most common liver disease in American children. While at the University of California, he received several grants from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease and the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for a national seven-year study on fatty liver disease in children and adults. This study has been renewed for an additional \$4.2 million for five more years. Dr. Lavine serves on the Executive Committee and Chairs the Steering and Pediatric Committees for the national multicenter network. He is Chair of the DSMB for the national NIH network on pediatric cholestatic diseases, and chairs review sections for NIH grant submissions.

Awards and Honors

Among the awards and honors Dr. Lavine has received are the A. Baird Hastings Medical Honors Society from the University of California, San Diego; American Gastroenterological Association Research Scholar Award; American Liver Foundation Research Scholar Award; Glaxo Institute for Digestive Health Research Scholar Award; Lucille Markey Child Health Award; and the Pediatric Research Prize from the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease. He is a member of the American Pediatric Society.