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Ali A. Mencin, MD, is a board certified pediatrician and pediatric gastroenterologist who maintains a general pediatric gastroenterology practice while active in research that focuses on fatty liver disease, liver fibrosis, and toll-like receptors. In addition to his research pursuits, Dr. Mencin has a strong clinical interest in inflammatory bowel disease, eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders, congenital diaphragmatic hernia, constipation, reflux, endoscopy, and capsule endoscopy.

Dr. Mencin received his undergraduate degree from Williams College in 1995 where he graduated magna cum laude. He received his medical degree in 1999 from Mount Sinai School of Medicine's Humanities in Medicine program. He then pursued his internship and residency in pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the Children's Hospital at Montefiore, where he was selected as a pediatric chief resident from 2002-2003. Dr. Mencin completed his fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology at NewYork-Presbyterian/Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital in 2006 and currently holds an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University.

Among his research endeavors, Dr. Mencin is currently an investigator in the national NAFLD (non-alcoholic fatty liver disease) Pediatric Database. This study evaluates the etiology, pathogenesis, natural history, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of NAFLD. He also plays a central role in Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital's fellowship program as a clinic preceptor/instructor and as director of the fellowship lecture curriculum.

Dr. Mencin serves on the editorial board of *World Journal of Gastroenterology* and has been invited to review for several journals, including *Gastroenterology*, *Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology*, *Journal of Hepatology*, and the *Journal of Cellular and Molecular Medicine*. He is a member of the American Gastroenterology Association, the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterologists, Hepatologists and Nutritionists, as well as the Society for Pediatric Research. His honors include the Child Health Research Career Development Award and the Leo M. Davidoff Teaching Award for Medical Students.