

Outstanding Young Alumnus

David R. Nelson, MD Class of 1990

Dr. David Nelson is Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Florida where he serves as the Chief for the Section of Hepatobiliary Diseases and Director for Liver Transplantation. He received his medical degree from SUNY Upstate University in Syracuse, completed a Residency in Internal Medicine at The University of Massachusetts, and obtained fellowship training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Florida.

Dr. Nelson's area of clinical expertise is Hepatology with an emphasis on the management of viral hepatitis. Dr. Nelson is leading statewide and national programs to improve treatment opportunities for patients with hepatitis. He is a founding member of the Viral Hepatitis Council, which advises the state of Florida on management of hepatitis and has spearheaded a unique project called Florida Hepatitis Collaboration, Assessment, Resources, and Education (Hep-Care). Florida Hep-Care is a unique partnership between the Department of Health, Florida academic institutions, and private industry that allows public healthcare providers the opportunity to work with liver specialists in providing care and treatment for Floridians with viral hepatitis.

Dr. Nelson is a recipient of both NIH and industry sponsored research grants, with a research focus on pathogenesis and treatment of viral hepatitis. He is principal investigator on National Institutes of Health (NIH)-sponsored awards related to hepatitis C and involved in numerous hepatitis C treatment studies. He is Director for the Hepatobiliary Research Center at the University of Florida, Director of NIH-sponsored training grant that is responsible for the training of future academic physicians, and is an author/contributor to more than 60 publications related to viral hepatitis and liver transplantation. He has been honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award for the Department of Medicine and Exemplary Teaching Award for the College of Medicine at the University of Florida. Dr. Nelson is a Guest Editor for *Clinics in Liver Disease*, an Associate Editor for *Hepatitis: Index & Reviews* and reviewer for numerous scientific and medical journals. In addition he reviews grant applications for the NIH, VA, and GCRC and is an invited lecturer at many national and international scientific programs. He has been a long standing member of the American Association of Liver Diseases (AASLD), where he is currently serving on the Practice Guidelines Committee.

