

Judith Kelsen, MD

Speaker Biography

Judith Kelsen is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Attending Gastroenterologist in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition and Director of the Very Early Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program (VEO-IBD) and Director of the Fecal Microbiome Transplantation (FMT) at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Kelsen's research has focused on pediatric inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), both the etiology and new therapies for IBD. As an Instructor in Pediatrics, Dr. Kelsen completed her Master's in Translational Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania where she studied the role of the gut and oral microbiome in pediatric IBD. She then developed an interest in the very young children with IBD. She developed and now directs the multidisciplinary VEO-IBD Program and her current primary focus of work and research is in the study of the genetic, immunologic and microbiome drivers of VEO-IBD. She is considered a world's expert in this field and the CHOP VEO-IBD clinic attracts patients nationally and internationally. She was recently named the Ann and Richard Frankel of Pediatric Gastroenterology Research.