



## Trinh Thi Nhat Truong, M.D.

### Philosophy of Care

I believe in empowering both patients and families to be a part of the decision making process when it comes to their health decisions. I also believe that medical therapy should not only focus on medications but, where indicated, should address any other concerns that may affect a child's health including nutrition, religious or cultural beliefs, alternative medicine as well as psychosocial health.

### Clinical Interests

Dr. Truong is a general pediatric gastroenterologist & hepatologist offering care for children with various gastroenterologic, hepatologic & nutritional conditions such as chronic abdominal pain, bowel dysfunction, inflammatory bowel disease, eosinophilic esophagitis, gastroesophageal reflux disease, liver disease, feeding disorders and failure to thrive. She is the director of the pediatric endoscopy center at UC Davis and has specialized skills in more advanced endoscopic techniques. She has special clinical interest and expertise in irritable bowel syndrome, gastroesophageal reflux disease, aerodigestive diseases and gastrointestinal bleeding.

### Research/Academic Interests

In addition to her medical degree, Dr. Truong has a Masters in clinical research from UCLA. Some past & present research activity and interest areas include:

- Alternative treatment options for irritable bowel syndrome including I-Stim
- Cystic fibrosis enzyme replacement therapy and nutritional status
- Lubiprostone in pediatric subjects with functional constipation
- Common etiology of functional syndromes such as irritable bowel syndrome & fibromyalgia
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease - funduplications
- Human milk beta glucuronidase levels and neonatal jaundice
- Selection of peptide ligands to target drugs and genetic material and construct biocompatible materials

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<b>Residency</b>	Pediatrics, University of California - Irvine, Orange CA 2002-2004
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<b>Board Certifications</b>	American Board of Pediatrics, Pediatric Gastroenterology/Nutrition
<b>Professional Memberships</b>	North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN)
<b>Honors and Awards</b>	Sacramento Magazine's Top Doctors for Pediatric Gastroenterology, 2019, 2020
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