

Dr. Bernstein graduated from SUNY-Stony Brook School of Medicine in 1988. Following graduation from SUNY-Stony Brook School of Medicine, he completed his medical residency at Montefiore Medical Center and his fellowship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Miami Affiliated Hospitals under the direction of Dr Eugene Schiff.

After completing his Fellowship, Dr. Bernstein joined the faculty of the University of Miami in the Division of Hepatology. At the University of Miami, he started his career as a clinician, teacher and researcher. After leaving the University of Miami, he moved to Long Island to establish the Winthrop University Hospital Center for Liver Disease and eventually became the Chief of Clinical Gastroenterology at Winthrop. While at Winthrop, he continued his academic career and was appointed as an assistant professor at SUNY-Stony Brook School of Medicine. While at Winthrop, he received the award as academic teacher of the year. In 1999, Dr Bernstein moved to North Shore University Hospital and served for 7 years at the Chief of Gastroenterology for both North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Hospital and in 2012, he was appointed as Chief of Hepatology for both North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Hospital and the Director of the Center for Liver Diseases for the North Shore LIJ Health System.

Dr. Bernstein's main research interest has been in field of liver diseases, with most of his work concentrated on developing new treatments for chronic hepatitis C. Since 1994, he has been involved in designing programs for the treatment of hepatitis C and has been an influential national and international leader in this field. He is the author of over 100 publications, 10 book chapters, and has been the principle investigator in more than 100 clinical trials. His work has been published in such prestigious journals as the *New England Journal of Medicine* and *The Lancet*. He regularly is asked to lecture about this topic on Long Island, across the nation and around the globe. His research has led to the development of new medications which are able to cure more than 95% of patients with hepatitis C infection and in the future could lead to the eradication of hepatitis C infection in the United States. Hepatitis C affects an estimated 5-7 million Americans and is the leading indication for liver transplantation in the United States and is the most common predisposing factor for the development of liver cancer in the United States. These new therapies should dramatically change these statistics for the better.

Dr. Bernstein is active in many national and international societies and has held elective office in many of them. He is the current President of the Bockus International Society of Gastroenterology and a former president of the New York Gastrointestinal Society. He served for six years as the American College of Gastroenterology Governor for Long Island. He has served on numerous committees of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and the American College of Gastroenterology. He is also a member of the European Society for the Study of Liver Diseases, the Asia-Pacific Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

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Dr. Bernstein has been involved in shaping public policy and education regarding liver diseases. He serves as a special consultant to the New York State Department of Health and in that role has helped develop and implement New York State's 5-year Strategic Plan for Viral Hepatitis as well as lead the group developing guidelines to be used for the treatment of hepatitis C in New York State. He regularly leads telemedicine conferences for public health providers, prison health providers and federally qualified health care centers to educate these providers and has made himself available as a special consultant to these centers for individual cases questions. It is important to note that all this work is done on a volunteer basis.

Since 1999, he has written regular columns under the masthead "Liver Lines" in the Anton Community Newspapers on Long Island to better educate the public about all aspects of liver disease in the hopes of bringing a better understanding of these diseases and issues to the local population.

In an effort to improve provider education and educate local and state governments on the overall health care burden of liver diseases, Dr. Bernstein organized his colleagues across New York State and founded the Empire Liver Foundation in 2013. The Empire Liver Foundation, comprised of more than 90% of the practicing liver doctors in New York State, has quickly become the premier liver organization in the state and is looked to regularly by the New York City and State Department of Health to provide consultation on liver related issues.

Dr Bernstein is a Professor of Medicine at the Hofstra North Shore LIJ School of Medicine. He was the Director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship at North Shore LIJ from 2005-2009. He is an active lecturer at the Hofstra North Shore LIJ School of Medicine. He is the course director for the American College of Gastroenterology's Hepatitis School that educates health care providers in three large courses held each year in Boston, Nashville and Las Vegas.

Dr. Bernstein has developed a reputation as an outstanding clinician. In addition to all the work listed above, Dr. Bernstein maintains a busy clinical practice in the field of hepatology. He is well respected by his fellow physicians and by his patients. Over the years, he has helped improve the quality of life thousands of patients and their families in the area which he serves. Castle-Connelly has recognized him as one the Best Doctors since 2006.

Dr Bernstein serves on the Board of Directors of Paion Inc.