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**Education**

1983-1988	B.S., Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education, C.C.N.Y., N.Y.
1988-1990	M.D., SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, N.Y.

**Postgraduate Education**

1990-1991	Intern in Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.
1991-1993	Resident in Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.
1993-1995	Fellow in Gastroenterology, New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York.
1995-1996	Fellow in Liver Disease, University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee.

**Board Certification**

Internal Medicine Certificate 148840-1993  
Gastroenterology Certificate 148840-1995  
Transplant Hepatology 2009 148840  
Recertification in  
Internal Medicine 2003-2013  
Gastroenterology 2005-2015

**License**

South Carolina 19715  
Tennessee 27035  
New York 192050  
Pennsylvania MD-047627-L  
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## **Academic Positions**

1995-1997	Instructor, Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, University of Tennessee Medical School
1997-2003 Department South	Assistant Professor of Medicine, Of Medicine, Medical University of Carolina
1999-Present 2003-Present	Medical Director Liver Transplantation Associate Professor of Medicine, Department Of Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina
2003-Present	Director of Gastroenterology/Hepatology Training Program. Medical University Of South Carolina

## **Awards**

1999-2000	Department of Internal Medicine Attending of the Year
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## **Hospital Appointments**

1997-Present	MUSC Hospital
1997-Present	VAMC Charleston, South Carolina
1997-Present	Charleston Memorial Hospital

## **Memberships**

AASLD  
American College of Physicians  
American Medical Association  
American College of Gastroenterology  
EASL

## **Committees/Offices**

2000- Present	Internal Medicine Selection Committee MUSC, Charleston SC
2000-2003	Member, Program Evaluation Committee, AASLD
2000-2007	Councilor South Carolina Gastroenterology

Association

2008-present

Practice Partner Advisory Committee

### **Presentations and Invited Lectures**

October 1994, Oral Presentation, World Congress of Gastroenterology, Los Angeles, CA :  
“Prevention of stone formation after sphincterotomy.”

October 1995, Oral presentation Plenary Session, American College of Gastroenterology, New York, NY : “Physiology (not endoscopy) predicts ulcer rebleeding after heater probe therapy.”

February 1997, Oral presentation, American Federation for Medical Research, Southern Section, New Orleans, LA.: “Clinical features of nonalcoholic steatohepatitis and its relationship to syndrome X. “

February 1998, Third Annual MUSC Update in Liver Disease, Columbia SC, “Update on Viral Hepatitis”

September 1998, Seventeenth Annual MUSC GI Update, Charleston SC, “ASH, NASH and other Trash”

February 1999, Fourth Annual MUSC Update in Liver Disease, Charleston SC, “Update on NASH”

January 2000, Grand Rounds Department of Medicine MUSC, Charleston SC, “Fatty Liver: Fat or Fiction”

February 2000, Fifth Annual MUSC Update in Liver Disease, Charleston SC, “Update on Variceal Bleeding”

February 2002, Six Annual MUSC Update in Liver Disease, Charleston SC, “Update on Hepatitis B”

April 2002, Trident Hospital Medical Grand Rounds, North Charleston SC “Update on viral Hepatitis A-Z”

April 2002, SC Gastroenterology Meeting, Charleston SC, “NASH-is it still a liver disease”

June 2003, MUSC Family Medicine Update, Kiawah Island, SC. “Update on Viral Hepatitis”

February 2005 MUSC 7<sup>th</sup> Update in Liver Disease, Charleston SC, “Treatment of Ascites and SBP”

February 2005 MUSC 7<sup>th</sup> Update in Liver Disease, Charleston SC, “Indications and Contraindications to Liver Transplantation”

April 2005 Sumter County Medical Society Day, Sumter SC, “Update on Hepatitis C”

July 2005 Tenth Annual Medical College of Georgia Medical and Surgical Approaches to GI disorders, Amelia Island, FL. “The difficult to manage Hepatitis C patient”

April 2006 Sumter County Medical Society Day, Sumter SC, “NASH fat or fiction”

February 2007 MUSC 8<sup>th</sup> Update in Liver Disease, Charleston SC, “Treatment of Hepatitis C”

February 2007 MUSC 8<sup>th</sup> Update in Liver Disease, Charleston SC, “The transplant non-candidate”

February 2009 MUSC 9<sup>th</sup> Update in Liver Disease, Charleston SC “The candidate in waiting”

## **Publications**

### **Abstracts** (\*= accepted for presentation)

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\*Heier SK, Willner IR, Charushia G et al. Risk and prevention of new stone formation after sphincterotomy. World Congress of Gastroenterology, Los Angeles, October 1994.

\*Heier SK, Gronowitz SD, Willner IR, et al. The Apache III prognostic system : predicting outcome after heater probe therapy. *Gastroenterology* 1995;108;111S

Heier SK, Willner IR, Rosenthal WS, et al. Short segment Barrett's esophagus: diagnosis, symptoms, histology, manometry, and ambulatory pH. *Gastroenterology* 1995;108;111S

\*Willner IR, Heier SK, Gronowitz SD, Heier LM. Physiology (not endoscopy) predicts ulcer rebleeding after heater probe therapy. *Am J Gastroenterology* 1995;90;1595

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\*Willner IR, Patil R, Petrides ASA, Riely CA. Clinical features of nonalcoholic steatohepatitis and its relationship to syndrome X. *J Invest Med* 1997;45;31A

\*Shokouh-Amiri MH, Gaber AO, Vera SR, Flick P, Willner IR, Gold R, Baggous W. The impact of transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunts on liver transplantation in a single center. American Society of Transplant Physicians, Chicago, IL June 1997

\*Heir SK, Heier LM, Bellnier H, Khan N, Seif F, Trehan A, Gronowitz SD, Willner IR et al. A pharmacokinetic basis for changing parameters of photodynamic therapy for Barrett's, addressing photosensitivity and patient convenience. *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* 1997;45;AB31

\*Willner IR, Waters B, Payton JD, Deicher SR, Levinson MJ, Riely CA. Hepatoportal sclerosis : clinical features and association with hypercoagulable states. *Hepatology* 1997;26; 204A

\*Mokhashi MS, Willner IR, Lazarchick J, Reuben AR. T-Cell lymphoma : a rare complication of liver transplantation. *Am J Gastroenterology* 1998;93; 1525

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\*Radhakrishnan S, Rajagopalan P, Reuben A, Willner IR, Baliga P. Peritoneo-venous shunts in the treatment of refractory ascites post liver transplant. South Eastern Surgical Congress, Tampa, FL, February 1999.

\*Hadzijahic N, Lewin D, Willner IR. Troglitzone-induced subfulminant hepatic failure. *Am J Gastroenterology*, 1999;94;2657

\*Madhotra R, Willner IR, Carter T, Reuben A. Reversible flaccid paraplegia following liver transplantation. *Am J Gastroenterology* 2000;95;2588

\*Morelli J, Lewin DL, Payne KM, Willner IR. Subfulminant hepatic failure from propylthiouracil necessitating liver transplantation. *Am J Gastroenterology* 2000;95;2590

\*Willner IR, Chavin KD, Rogers J, Baliga P, Reuben A. Combination interferon-ribivirin is ineffective and poorly tolerated by liver transplantation recipients with genotype 1 recurrent hepatitis C. *Hepatology* 2000;32;291A

\*Madhotra R, Willner IR, Reuben A. A novel endoscopic approach to screening for esophageal varices in cirrhotic patients. *Hepatology* 2000;32;406A

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\*Morelli J, Balistreri A, Kim C, Willner IR. Rebetron for HCV in US veterans: success or failure? *Am J Gastroenterology* 2001;96;130S.

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\*Koch D, Willner IR, Baliga P, Chavin K, Lin A, and Reuben A. post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTD): the great mimic in liver transplantation. Am J Gastroenterology 2005

\*Koch D Willner IR. Hepatic Epithelioid Hemangioendothelioma (HEHE) after solid organ transplantation : a new transplant associated malignancy? Am J Gastroenterology 2006 S300-s301. Astra\_Zeneca Clinical award

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Willner IR, El-Sakr R, Werkman RF, Taylor WZ, Riely CA. A fistula from the portal vein to the bile duct : An unusual complication of transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt. Am J Gastroenterology 1998; 93:1952-1955

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