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2017 ENVISION GALA

*Within
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JUNE 3, 2017



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Tonight's Program

GREETING

Lee Gould, President, Board of Directors Digestive Health Foundation

WELCOME

Bonnie Hunt, Master of Ceremonies

REMARKS

Janet and Dr. Michael Ruchim, Event Chairs

DINNER

LIVE AUCTION

David Goodman, Auctioneer

MUSIC & DANCING

**ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE EVENING
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Friends,

Welcome to the Digestive Health Foundation's second Envision Gala: Within Reach. Thanks to your support, the vision of a brighter future for those who suffer from digestive health diseases is truly within reach. Tonight we celebrate the achievements of the incredible physicians and researchers at the Northwestern Medicine Digestive Health Center (DHC). We also extend a very special thank you to Michael and Janet Ruchim for chairing this year's Gala. Their efforts have contributed to the tremendous success of this evening, and we are very grateful for their energy, time and commitment.

Drs. Hanauer, Strong, and Pandolfino lead dynamic and dedicated teams of physicians and researchers who continue to make breakthroughs in personalized integrated patient care for those living with digestive health disorders. Over the last year, DHF's support of the DHC has contributed to better diagnostic technology and innovative techniques.

Since 2015, we have raised more than \$2.5 million for digestive health care and research. Tonight you will learn about the groundbreaking work being done thanks to the 10 research grants, which your generosity has enabled us to sponsor. Furthermore, your support has helped us to award 11 new grants this year.

We are especially excited about the unveiling of the cutting edge research project that will be unveiled during the Paddle Raise. We know you will share our excitement when you hear about the state-of-the art, limitless potential of this research endeavor. This is only the beginning of breakthroughs and better prognosis for the 1 in 5 people that live with a digestive health disorder. We hope that this story will inspire you to join us in making DHF's bold vision for the future of digestive health a reality.

We recognize that our work doesn't end tonight. We must challenge ourselves to continue to work together to create a better future for those living with digestive diseases. I am truly honored to be part of this journey.

The DHF Board of Directors, staff and I thank you for your continued support.

Warmest Regards

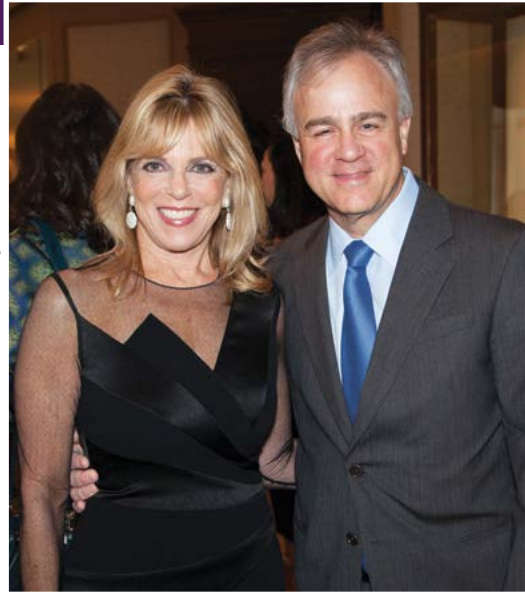
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lee', with a stylized, flowing script.

Lee Gould
President, Board of Directors

To Our Generous DHF Supporters:

Thank you for joining us at the Envision Gala supporting the work of Northwestern Medicine's Digestive Health Foundation.

We are all so proud of the amazing work and innovative research being done at Northwestern Medicine. Not only do we provide a unique brand of patient care but we are passionately working to advance medical knowledge for those with gastrointestinal illness. Our Digestive Health Center is amongst the highest rated programs in the nation and our physicians are recognized leaders in advancing scientific discovery.



It is our hope and belief that your support will lead to much needed care and improvements in the quality of life for many people living with digestive diseases. Already funds raised through the DHF have funded several promising front line research projects and after tonight, will fund many more that will help touch and transform many lives.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital is an incredible place to work and receive care. The gastroenterology division is obviously very personal to both of our lives. We are so proud to co-chair this event and are humbled and so grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support. Your generosity is an inspiration to all of our talented physicians.



Janet and Michael Ruchim

Event Co-Chairs

About **Bonnie Hunt**

Bonnie Hunt is a versatile and accomplished writer, director, producer and an Emmy, Golden Globe and SAG Award-nominated actress, earning critical acclaim in film, television and theater. She became familiar to audiences with her unforgettable talk show appearances and cameos in such films as Rain Man, and Dave “we’re walking-we’re walking”, building an impressive film résumé and receiving rave reviews for her roles in Jerry Maguire, The Green Mile, Jumanji, Only You, and Cheaper By The Dozen, to name a few. Bonnie is currently on tour with Billy Crystal.



Growing up in one of Chicago’s blue-collar neighborhoods, Hunt pursued an acting career with the famous Second City improvisational theater doing shows at night while continuing to work days as an oncology nurse at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

This year Ms. Hunt was honored with the SPIRIT OF HOPE award for her dedication to The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Bonnie continues to apply her nursing background and dedicate herself to patient advocacy, medical research and other causes near and dear to her heart: Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute, American Veterans, Arthritis Foundation, The Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, City of Hope, and The Casa Colina Hospital & Centers for Healthcare.

In appreciation of Bonnie’s efforts on behalf of traumatic brain injury patients and the rehab center at Casa Colina, a dedication plaque in Bonnie’s honor at the hospital’s entrance reads:

“BONNIE HUNT - Movie Star, Director, Producer, Writer, Television Celebrity, Comedienne, Entrepreneur and Media Innovator... but always a Nurse.”

Tonight's Menu

PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES

Shrimp Cocktail Shooter
Tuna Tartare in a Wonton Cone with Ponzu Sauce
Thai Spring Rolls
Baby Lamb Chops with Mint Sauce
Chicken Potstickers with Scallion Soy Dipping Sauce

DINNER MENU

Mini Baguettes
Pretzel Rolls
Flatbread Crisps

STARTER

Chilled Gazpacho
Baby Assorted Greens, Watermelon Radishes, Goat Cheese, & Grilled Corn with a Meyer
Lemon vinaigrette

COMBINATION ENTRÉE

Seared Tenderloin of Beef with a Cabernet Sauvignon Reduction
and Wild Sea Bass with Mango Chutney
Truffle Potato Galette
Broccolini and Peppers

VEGETARIAN OPTION

Grilled Vegetable Pavé, Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Carrots, Peppers,
Eggplant, Piquillo Pepper Coulis

DESSERT

A Selection of Petite Sweets

DINNER WINE

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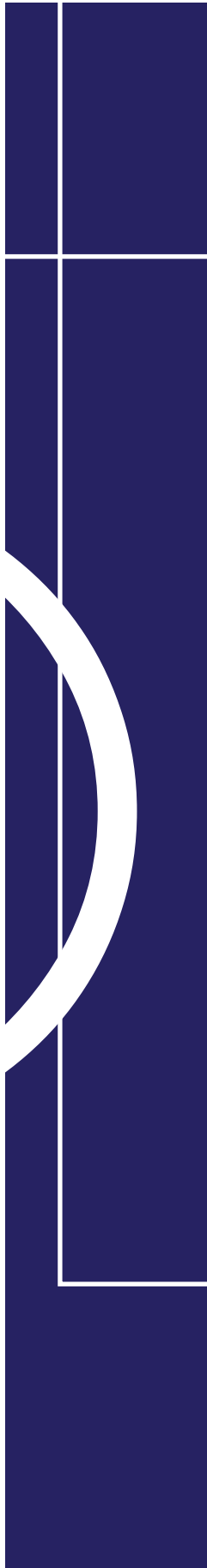
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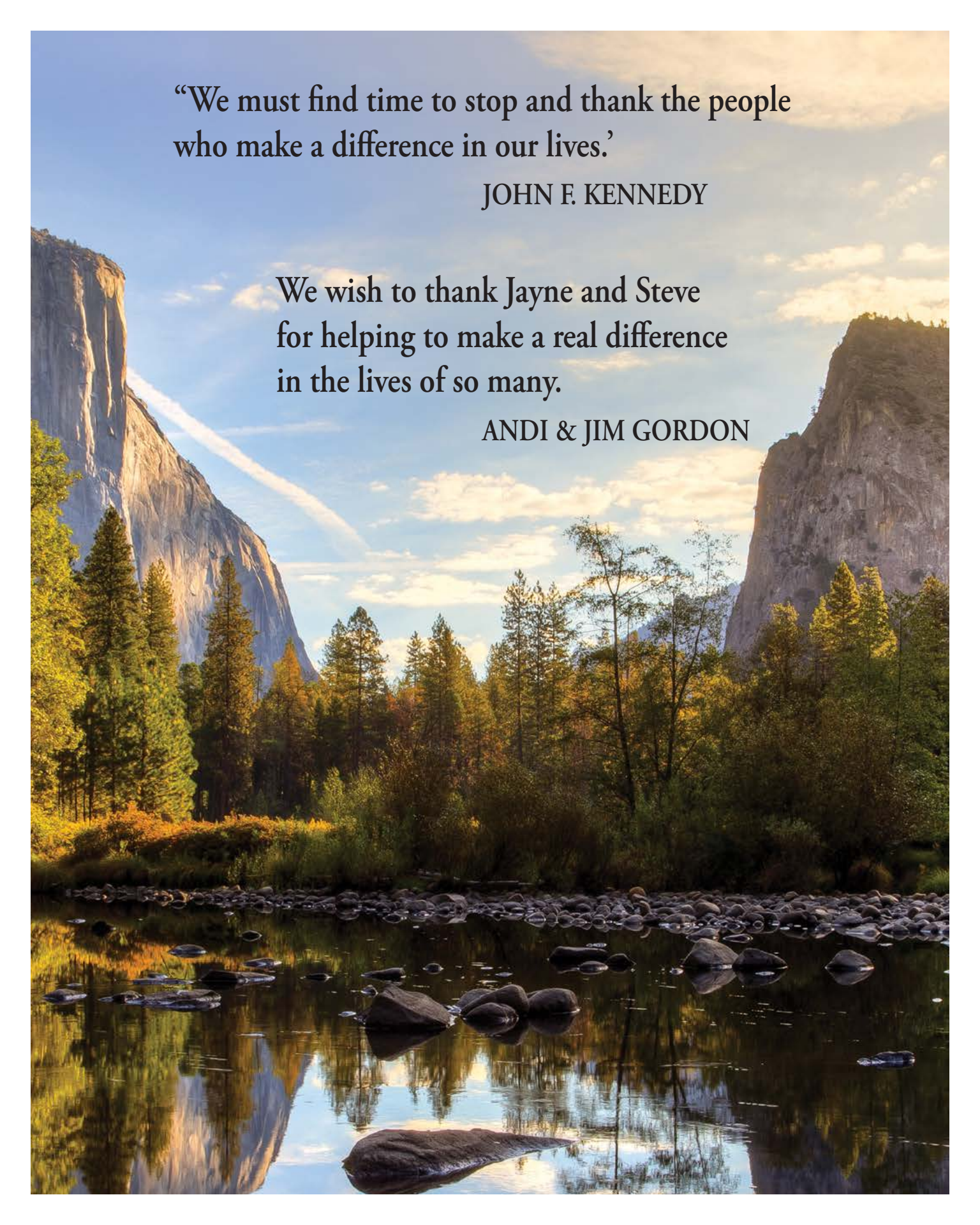
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Janet and Michael Ruchim

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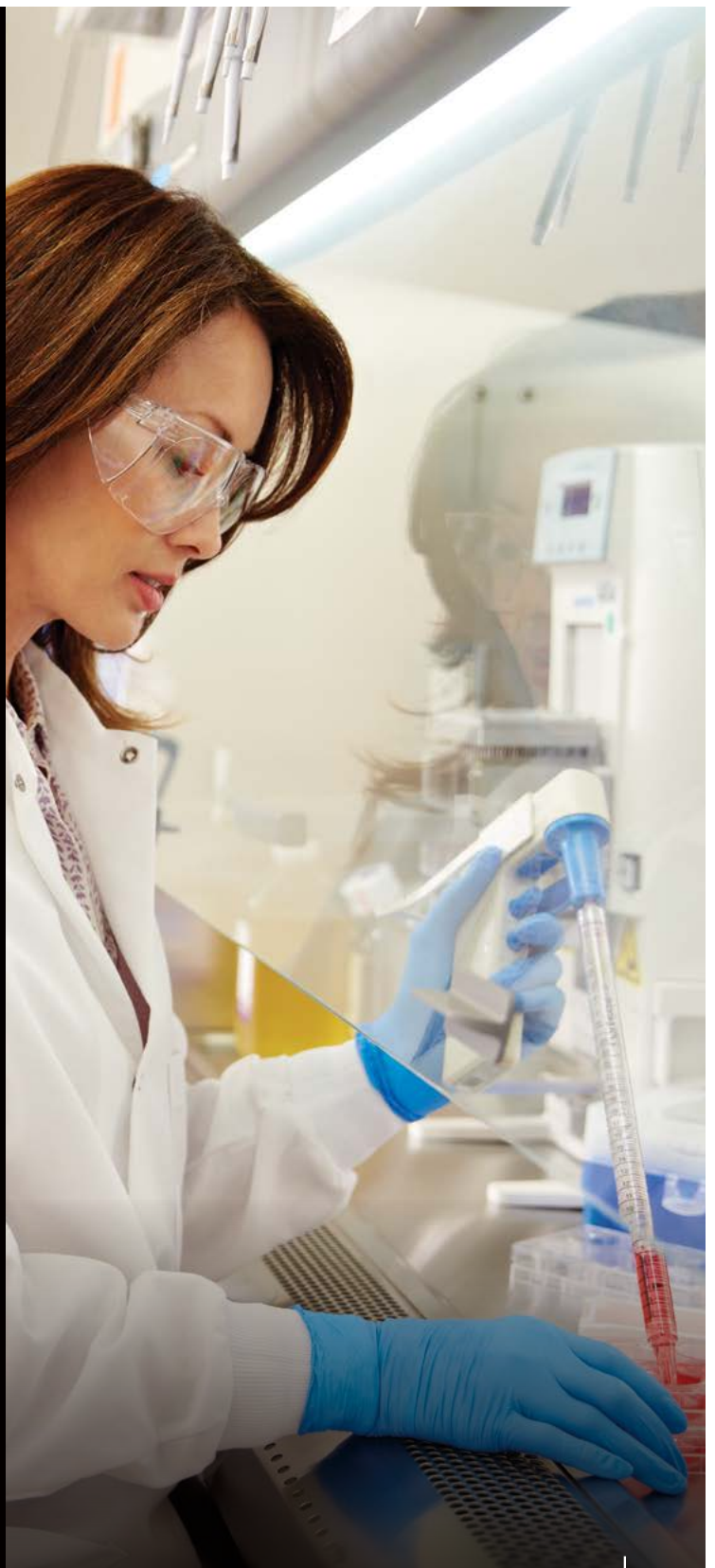
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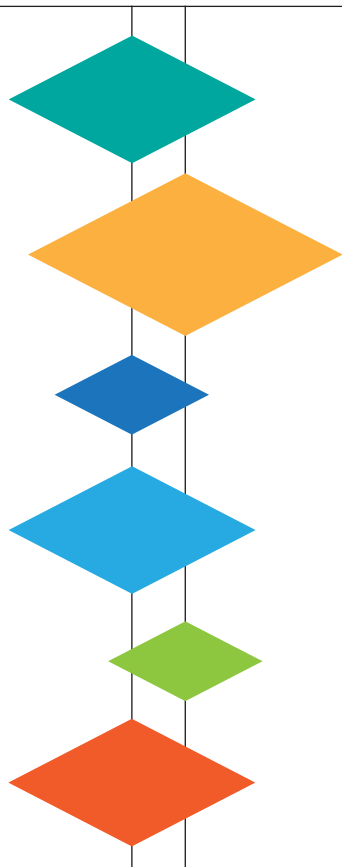
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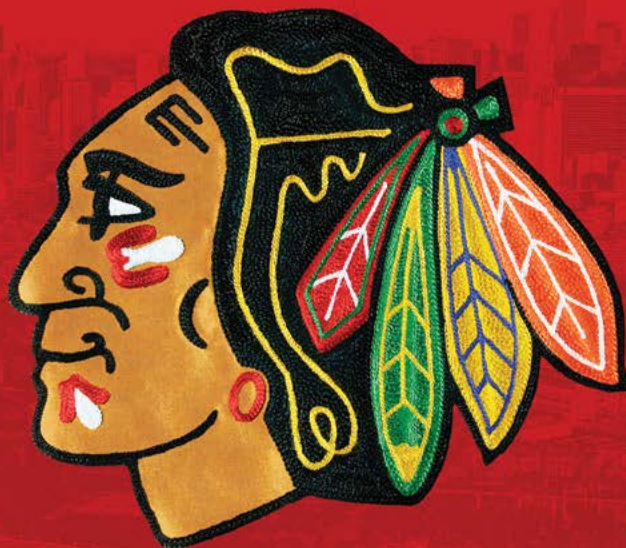




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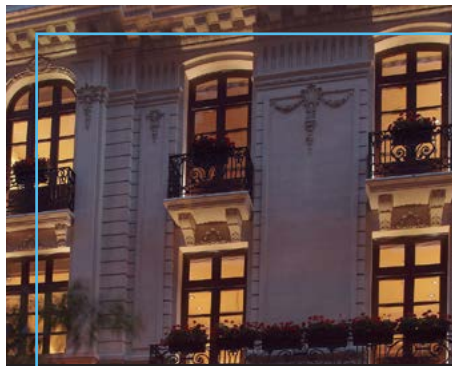
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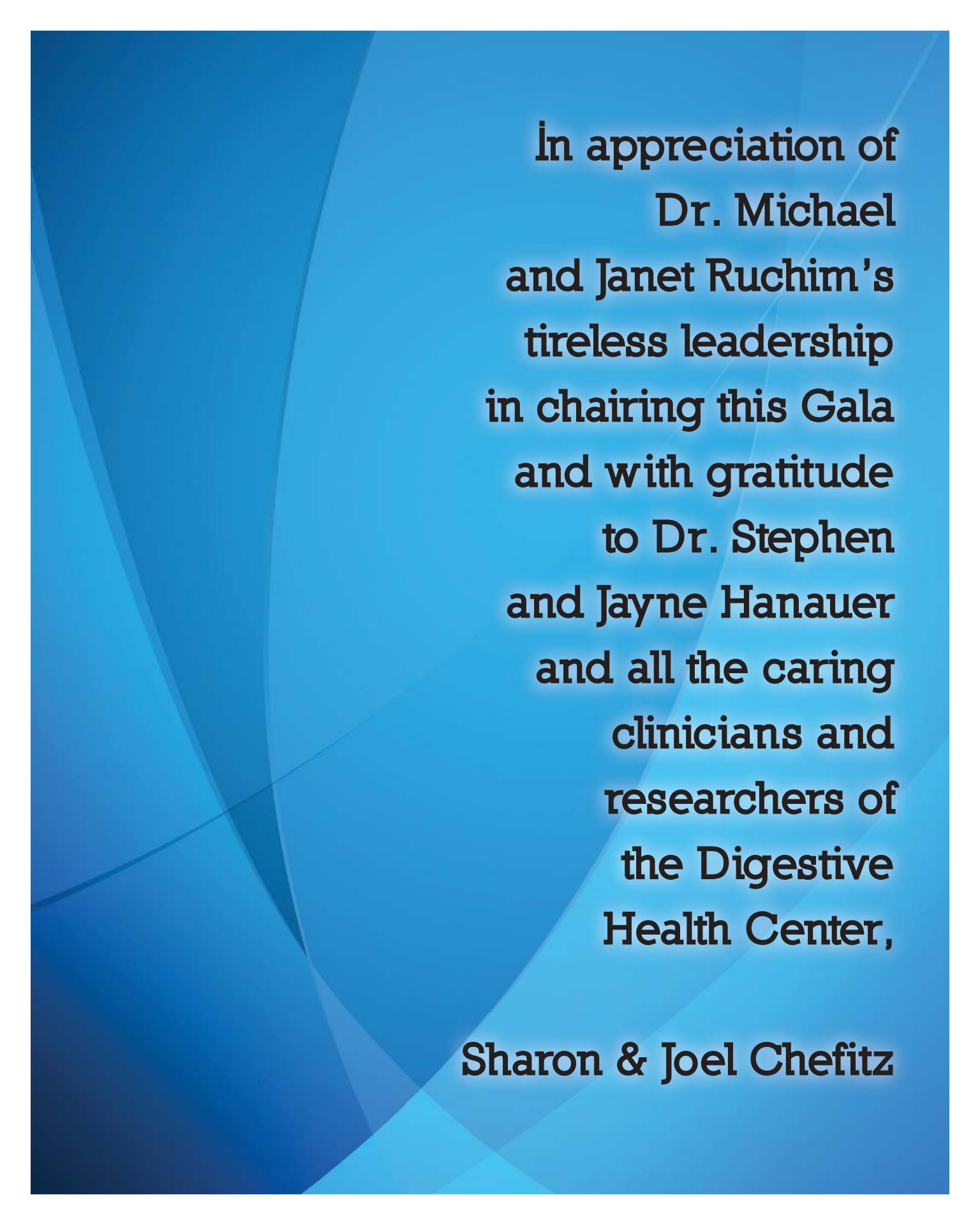
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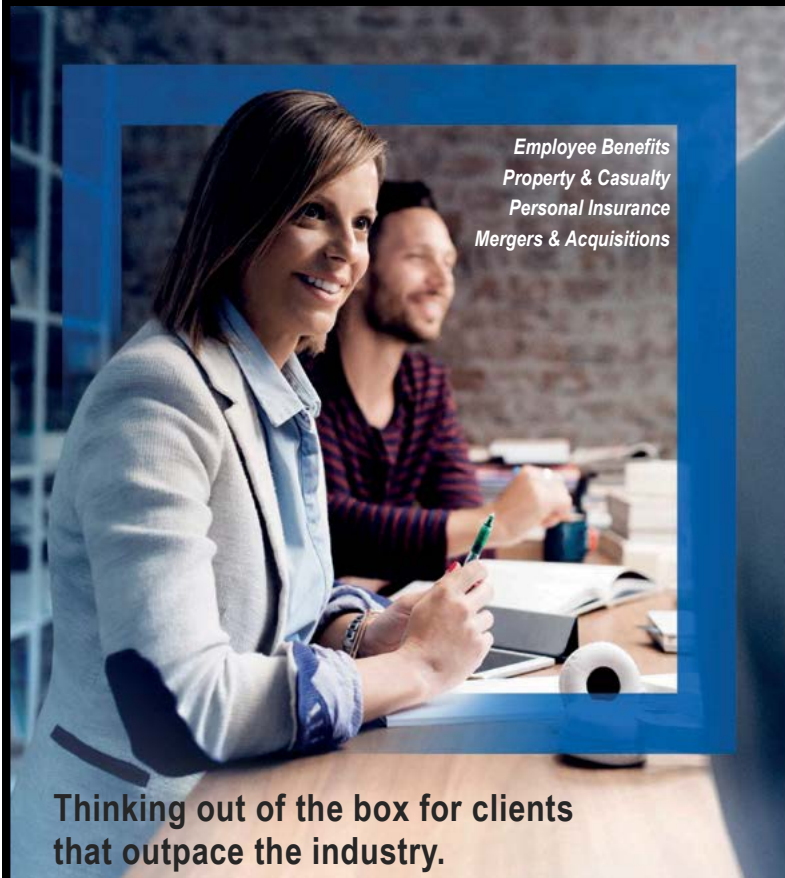
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1. **Evaluation of Esophagogastric Junction in Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Using the Functional Lumen Imaging Probe (The FLIP)**

Principal Investigator: Dustin A. Carlson, MD

Funded by the Digestive Health Foundation, researchers at Northwestern Medicine's Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology are investigating the expanded use of a new device, the functional lumen imaging probe (FLIP). FLIP is already commercially available and FDA-approved. Because the FLIP can be quickly performed during a sedated upper endoscopy, it is much more comfortable for patients than previous techniques.

2. **Pharmacogenomic Polymorphisms and Clinical Outcomes in Liver Transplant Recipients**

Principal Investigator: Pranab Barman, MD

Thanks to a grant from the Digestive Health Foundation, researchers at Northwestern Medicine's Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology will study blood samples previously collected from 50 Northwestern liver transplant recipients and stored in the hospital's biorepository to examine the connection between patient genetics and drug metabolism.

3. **Improving Care Integration of Youth with IBD Using Stakeholder Input**

Principal Investigator: Itishree Trivedi, MD

Thanks to a grant from the Digestive Health Foundation, a researcher at Northwestern Medicine's Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology will use a systematic approach to adapt the GotTransition toolbox (developed by the Center for Health Care Transition Improvement) specifically for youth with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) to track and improve their transition from pediatric to adult care.

4. **Enhancing Physician Competency for High-Resolution Esophageal Manometry: Developing a High-Quality Standardized Training System & Measuring Physician Learning Curves**

Principal Investigator: Rena Yadlapati, MD

Funded by the Digestive Health Foundation, researchers at Northwestern Medicine have designed a web-based training program that they used to observe learning curves for high-resolution esophageal manometry (HREM) among 20 gastroenterology trainees. These researchers will now apply their methodology to a larger group of physicians to validate the data and determine competency benchmarks for HREM.

5. Health Coaching to Enhance Effectiveness of Behavioral Interventions for Chronic Digestive Conditions

Principal Investigator: Sarah Quinton, MD

Thanks to funding from the Digestive Health Foundation, Northwestern Medicine, researchers will evaluate the usefulness of health coaching paired with standard health psychology services directed by a GI health psychologist. Behavioral interventions for digestive health conditions are highly effective, yet while the majority of patients are interested in these treatments, there are many barriers to accessing this care. Integrating health coaching to assist patients in make lifestyle changes and managing their health conditions may increase access to care by reducing the number of sessions needed with GI health psychologists.

6. HepQuant Liver Function Testing in the Prediction of Outcomes

Principal Investigator: Daniel R. Ganger, MD

Awarded a grant from the Digestive Health Foundation, Northwestern Medicine investigators will study patients born with a rare congenital heart condition, single ventricle disease, who receive a common surgery known as the Fontan procedure. While it helps these young patients to overcome their heart problem, unfortunately the Fontan procedure can lead to liver problems—from cirrhosis and liver cancer to even liver failure. Researchers see a potential solution to providing effective screening and treatment for this chronically-ill population: the HepQuant-SHUNT test. Safe and non-invasive, the HepQuant-SHUNT test has shown promise by yielding easily reproducible and accurate measurements of liver function. In studies involving Hepatitis C patients, the novel test has begun demonstrating its strength for predicting important hepatic clinical outcomes, including liver-related death. The HepQuant-SHUNT test may offer a more accurate as well as tolerable test for patients.

7. The Impact of a Video Educational Tool on Perceived Cancer Risk in Patients with Barrett's Esophagus

Principal Investigator: Amanda Guentner, MD

Supported by the Digestive Health Foundation, researchers in Northwestern Medicine's Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology are evaluating the use of multimedia to enhance the patient experience pre- and post-endoscopic eradication therapy (EET). Recent studies have shown multimedia to be successful with patients who have undergone general and orthopaedic surgical procedures. The investigators plan to create an educational video for patients undergoing EET for Barrett's esophagus through Northwestern's Digestive Health Center and measure its impact on reducing patient anxiety.

8. Semen Quality in Males with Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Influence of Methotrexate Treatment

Principal Investigator: Anne Grosen, MD

Funded by a Digestive Health Foundation grant, Northwestern Medicine researchers plan to shed light on the effects of Methotrexate (MTX), a commonly prescribed drug treatment for IBD. Linked to birth defects, though, MTX is not recommended for pregnant women. However, how the drug affects a man's ability to start a family remains a mystery. Researchers will examine several markers of male fertility, including sperm quality and reproductive hormones. The investigators hope to determine if MTX makes a clinically relevant impact on male fertility.

9. Video Case Series with 3D Animation for Endoscopic Submucosal Endoscopy (ESD) Strategies

Principal Investigator: A. Aziz Adam, MD

Introduced in the 1990s in Japan, minimally-invasive endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) has become the standard of care for not only treating but also, most importantly, curing early gastrointestinal cancers. While widely accepted practice in Japan and eastern countries, ESD hasn't yet gain a foothold in western countries—mainly due to lack of available training from specialists skilled in performing ESD. Supported by a grant from the Digestive Health Foundation, investigators in Northwestern Medicine's Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology plan to bring much-needed training for the minimally-invasive endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) closer to home through the creation of six 3D animated videos based on real-world examples.

10. Utilization of Video-Based Education through the Patient Portal to Improve Adherence to Colorectal Cancer Screening

Principal Investigator: Rajesh N. Keswani, MD

Thanks to a grant from the Digestive Health Foundation, researchers will apply the novel patient portal concept to colon cancer screening. Patient portals have fast become a standard feature of many electronic health records (EHRs) systems. Creating a two-minute, English and Spanish-language video on the benefits of colonoscopy screening, the research team will conduct a randomized study of patients scheduled for screening or surveillance procedures. Ahead of their appointment, some will receive the video education through the patient portal; others will receive a standard reminder message via the portal. Encouraging more patients to follow through on their appointments could greatly improve the fight against colorectal cancer, a highly preventable disease.

Congratulations to the 2018 Digestive Health Foundation Grant Awardees

The Digestive Health Foundation would like to congratulate the recipients of the research grant awards for 2018. We look forward to the successes of your projects.

1. **Neutrophil microRNAs Promote Genomic Instability and Carcinogenesis in Inflamed Intestinal Tissue**

Principal Investigator: Ronen Sumagin, PhD

Normally immune cells like neutrophils protect our body against invading pathogens but sometimes they go overboard. Accumulating in tissue, they can cause cell injury in the GI tract leading to the development of inflammatory bowel disease and potentially, colorectal cancer. While neutrophils can drive inflammation, it remains unclear just how they contribute to tumor development. Dr. Sumagin and colleagues plan to define the mechanism that allows neutrophils to both promote abnormal cell mutations and inhibit DNA repair genes, and to test if neutralizing these harmful effects can prevent increased mutations and cancer.

2. **A Collaborative Study to Evaluate the Efficacy of Prospective Post-Induction Infliximab Dosing Based on Trough Levels at week 12 and 28 in Subjects with Crohn's Disease (CD) and Ulcerative Colitis (UC)**

Principal Investigator: Emanuelle Bellaguarda, MD

The drug infliximab (Remicade) offers relief to millions of people with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Yet, which dose is the best dose? The same dose does not work for all patients to prevent flare ups and improve quality of life. Better personalizing the use of infliximab, Dr. Bellaguarda's research team has designed a study to monitor and adjust dosing of the medication during two key times during the therapeutic infusion timeline. The Digestive Health Foundation grant will support a study coordinator to manage patient enrollment, monitoring and outcomes during the one-year project.

3. **Optimizing Patient Outcomes through Early Detection of Uncontrolled Acid Reflux after Endoscopic Therapy for Pre-Cancerous Lesions in the setting of Barrett's Esophagus**

Principal Investigator: Sri Komanduri, MD

Barrett's Esophagus (BE) occurs when damaging acid reflux causes the lining of the esophagus to change from normal to pre-cancerous tissue. Although BE can be effectively treated with acid-blocking medications, some individuals still progress to advanced disease and even cancer. Using tissue samples already collected during routine surveillance endoscopies, Dr. Komanduri and colleagues hope to identify tissue markers to indicate which BE patients are at high risk of developing cancer. Improving cancer detection in this way could allow for earlier intervention and better outcomes as well as limit the use of costly and invasive procedures.

4. The Effect of a Colonoscopy Skills Report Card on Colonoscopy Technique

Principal Investigator: Anna Duloy, MD

Skills matter when it comes to screening colonoscopies for colon cancer. Some doctors are better than others at finding and removing precancerous polyps that may lead to cancer if left to grow. Striving to enhance colonoscopy performance to ensure the best quality care, Dr. Duloy's research team plans to provide feedback to GI specialists at Northwestern Medicine on their technique. The study will involve video grading by experts and pre- and post-"report cards" to measure improvement.

5. Metabolomic Biomarkers for the Diagnosis of NASH in Liver Transplant Population

Principal Investigator: Mary Rinella, MD

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is associated with obesity and a few other conditions and occurs when extra fat builds up in liver cells. A serious offshoot of NAFLD, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) can cause the liver to scar (cirrhosis) and is now the second leading cause of liver transplant. However, patients who undergo liver transplants for NASH are at particularly high risk of redeveloping NASH, which can lead to graft failure and even death. Currently painful and invasive needle biopsies are the only way to diagnose and stage NASH after liver transplant. Dr. Rinella and her co-investigators hope to develop a blood-based alternative by identifying biomarkers that can accurately indicate the onset or recurrence of NASH. A simple blood test would allow for more frequent monitoring and earlier intervention with less discomfort and cost to patients.

6. Bowel Purge and Change in Pulmonary Function Tests in People With Cystic Fibrosis: A Pilot Study

Principal Investigator: Adam C. Stein, MD

Does constipation cause breathing problems? In some individuals with cystic fibrosis (CF), a genetic disorder typically affecting lung function and sometimes the GI tract, the answer is yes-maybe. After undergoing a bowel preparation, much like one used before colonoscopies, some CF patients have reported improvements in their breathing. To determine if there is a connection, Dr. Stein and colleagues will characterize the effect of a single bowel purge on pulmonary function tests in patients with CF who also have pancreatic insufficiency. They plan to enroll 20 patients in this pilot study.

7. Perioperative Lidocaine Pharmacokinetics in Patients Receiving Intravenous Lidocaine Analgesia during and after Colorectal surgery

Principal Investigator: Shireen Ahmad, MD

Intravenously-injected lidocaine, a numbing agent, provides pain relief without the side effects of narcotic pain medications after bowel surgery. Northwestern Memorial began using lidocaine in September 2016 at standard doses recommended by experts at other medical centers. A small number of patients, though, experienced side effects. Their metabolism of the drug may have resulted in higher than expected levels of lidocaine in the blood stream. Dr. Ahmad's research team will study blood levels of lidocaine in 40 patients at various times while they are receiving the medication. The aim is to identify predisposing characteristics that put certain patients at risk for lidocaine-induced side effects to better individualize the dosing, safety and effectiveness of the drug.

8. A Multidisciplinary Collaboration to Minimize Diversion of Opioids

Principal Investigator: Jonah J. Stulberg, MD

A surplus of prescription pain killers continues to fuel the drug crisis in America. Accidental overdose of opioids have surpassed motor vehicle crashes in this country. Nearly two-thirds of opioid pills prescribed to Digestive Health Center (DHC) patients now go unused, leaving these narcotics vulnerable to abuse or misuse within our own community. Dr. Stulberg's intervention project will include the installation of a one-way drug collection receptacle within the DHC Clinic; provider training on opioid prescribing risks, benefits and alternatives; and patient education materials promoting opioid medication safety.

9. Assessment of Subclinical Inflammation in Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease who use Cannabis

Principal Investigator: Madeline McGuire Bertha, MD, MS

Medical marijuana's popularity has grown as a treatment for tamping down the debilitating effects of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). However, no one knows if it improves intestinal inflammation—critical to treating IBD. In fact, it could be simply masking symptoms and delaying treatment. To determine if that's the case, Dr. Bertha and colleagues will compare patients in symptomatic remission (feeling well) who use marijuana to those without symptoms who do not. Using blood and fecal tests, the researchers will assess levels of intestinal inflammation in the two groups. Findings of this study could have important clinical and societal implications as medical marijuana becomes more widespread.

10. Molecular Profiling and Associations with Clinical Phenotypes in Adult Eosinophilic Esophagitis

Principal Investigator: Nirmala Gonsalves, MD

Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) is a common cause for swallowing problems (dysphagia) in adults. Resulting in inflammation of the esophagus, EoE can severely impede the passage of food, increasing the risk of food impactions that require immediate medical attention. While diet changes and medications work well, matching the best treatment to the right patient remains challenging. Uncovering the genetic differences between EoE patients could lead to better predictors of treatment response and more personalized care. Dr. Gonsalves's research team plans to mine Northwestern's comprehensive clinical database (NUCATS) in combination with sophisticated genetic testing and analysis to conduct what will be the largest molecular-phenotype association study of its kind for EoE.

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