Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for taking the time to glance through our inaugural edition of the GI/Hep Research Newsletter. This quarterly event focuses on sharing and celebrating our research accomplishments. It also begins to address the need for improved communication around ongoing research and resources in the division. Clearly, the last several months have been quite productive for our faculty, fellows and staff, a sign of our growing GI/Hep research enterprise and our collaborative atmosphere. While I did not include everything, I have highlighted a range of accomplishments. I look forward to having much more news to report!

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Congrats on your NIH funding!

John Pandolfino, MD, MSCI was recently awarded an R01 grant from NIDDK entitled “Mechanisms of symptom generation in dysphagia.”
Ikuo Hirano, MD and Nimi Gonsalves, MD were recently selected as Co-Investigators/Site PIs on an NIDDK U54 grant supporting the Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease Researchers.

Welcome T32 Fellows

The T32 in GI Physiology and Psychology, co-directed by Drs. Pandolfino and Keefer and coordinated by Claire Jost, is excited to announce the start of its inaugural candidates, Dusty Carlson, MD and Alyse Bedell, BA.

Publications to Check Out!


Hanauer SB. Still in pursuit. 2014 Gastroenterology 146(1)13-5.


New Clinical trials

April- **Dr. Hanauer** received funding from to enroll patients in an RCT called Methotrexate Response in Treatment of UC (UNC)

April- **Dr. Hanauer** received funding from DAIT/NIH to conduct a Phase II trial of trichurus suis ova (worms) in left-sided ulcerative colitis.

June- **Dr. Komanduri** received funding to look at the use of endoscopically-delivered RFA for the treatment of patients who have failed Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass (B-600)

July- **Dr. Hanauer** started a non-interventional registry to assess safety and effectiveness of adalimumab in patients with moderate to severely active UC (Abbvie)

August- **Dr. Hirano** received funding from Receptos to conduct a clinical trial of a new biologic in adolescent and adults with EoE

Have a clinical trial to recruit for? **Email me** the details!


Upcoming Research Events

StudyTrax, our new research data platform has successfully launched in the Esophageal Center, thanks to the work of Kate Dowjotas and others. We will be holding a StudyTrax training program sometime later this fall so everyone can learn more about how it might benefit their research program.

Please send accomplishments, questions, comments or concerns to laurie.keefer@northwestern.edu