DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago North Shore Conference Center  
April 16, 2024  
5:15-5:55 p.m. Reception  
5:55-7:45 p.m. Program

Welcome

Kathy Shafer, President, GI Research Foundation

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**GI Research Foundation and UChicago Medicine Digestive Diseases Center:**

A Shared Mission

David T. Rubin, MD

Chief, Section of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
Director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center, University of Chicago Medicine  
GI Research Foundation Senior Scientific Advisor

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**Advancing the Use of Regenerative Medicine to Treat Digestive Diseases**

Dr. Cambrian Liu, PhD  
UChicago Medicine Faculty

Overview of Regenerative Medicine for Digestive Diseases/ Stem Cells and Healing IBD/  
The Microbiome and Healing

Questions/Discussion
Highlights of Research Driving Clinical Advances
Overview by David Rubin, MD

Presenters
Benjamin McDonald, MD/PhD
Changing the Paradigm of Crohn’s Disease Management

Chris Weber, MD/PhD
Novel Approach to Treat IBD: Targeting Claudin-2 with Small Molecule

Benjamin Shogan, MD
Bile Acids Role in Colorectal Cancer Recurrence

Bozhi Tian, PhD
Creating the Right Environment for a Healthy Microbiome

David Rubin, MD and Ashley Sidebottom, PhD
The Microbiome Brain Connection – Promoting Mental Health in Those with IBD

Edwin McDonald, MD and Eugene Chang, MD
The Individual Microbiome and Community Health

Questions/Discussion

Closing Remarks
Kathy Shafer
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