DHSCN Award Recipient for 2017

The Digestive Health SCN is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2017 Seed Grant and Systematic Review Grant Competitions. A total of ten projects have received funding, with recipients from diverse professional groups based at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary. These projects represent quality research opportunities that are aligned with the DHSCN strategic goals and priorities and will enhance knowledge and improve care for patients with digestive health concerns.

DHSCN Seed Grants:

1) Vitamin D supplementation in pregnant women with inflammatory bowel disease
   PI: Dr. Cynthia Seow (U of C)

2) Assessing the magnitude of alcoholic liver diseases in Alberta
   PI: Dr. Abdel Aziz Shaheen (U of C)

3) Characterization and assembly of a cohort of patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) referred to the Hepatology Triage Clinic: Initiative to assess and optimize screening protocols and resource allocation strategies for management of patients with chronic liver disease
   PI: Dr. Mang Ma (U of A)

4) Improving colonoscopy resource utilization and appropriateness in functional intestinal disorders
   PI: Dr. Humberto Jijon (U of C)

5) IBD Dashboard – an innovative e-health program for providing equal access to quality care for all IBD patients in Alberta
   PI: Dr. Vivian Huang (U of A)

6) Success of enhanced primary care pathways in managing routine GI referrals
   PI: Dr. Paul Belletrutti (U of C)

7) Development and feasibility assessment of the Alberta Nutrition Screen (ANSr) in digestive disorders
   Co-PIs: Dr. Puneeta Tandon (U of A) & Dr. Maitreyi Raman (U of C)

8) Choosing Wisely: Improving the appropriateness of use of esophagogastroscopy in young healthy patients with dyspepsia
   PI: Dr. Kerri Novak (U of C)

DHSCN Systematic Review Grants:

1) Association between Endoscopist procedural volume and colonoscopy outcomes
   PI: Dr. Steven Heitman (U of C)

2) The genetics of post-operative Crohns disease recurrence
   PI: Dr. Karen Madsen (U of A)