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Dr. Chen is a member of the NYU Human Microbiome Program and is the President of the New York Crohn's and Colitis Organization (NYCCO), a local consortium dedicated to collaborative IBD research and education. She serves on the editorial board of the journal *Inflammatory Bowel Diseases*, as well as on the steering committee of REACH-IBD, the junior faculty arm of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Dr. Chen has received several distinctions, including the Daniel Ford National Housestaff Research Award, the Salix Fellowship to Leadership Award, and the Sherman Emerging Leader Prize for Excellence in Crohn's and Colitis.