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Lea Ann Chen, M.D. is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Inflammatory Bowel Disease Translational Research at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She completed her gastroenterology fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, her internal medicine training at the Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC, and her medical degree at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Dr. Chen's work is dedicated to the care of patients with inflammatory bowel disease, and her research is focused on understanding longitudinal microbiome dynamics in IBD and its correlating implications for IBD clinical care. Her studies have been supported by sources such as the National Institutes of Health, the American College of Gastroenterology, the New York Crohn's Foundation, the American Gastroenterological Association, and multiple private and industry sponsors.

Dr. Chen is an active member in IBD professional societies. She has served as President of the New York Crohn's and Colitis Organization and as Chair of the REACH-IBD committee of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. She is a member of the Rutgers University Microbiome Program and has received several distinctions over the course of her training and career, including the Daniel Ford National Housestaff Research Award, the Salix Fellowship to Leadership Award, the United to Care and Cure Award from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and the Sherman Emerging Leader Prize for Excellence in Crohn's and Colitis.