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May 2026 Newsletter



Same evolving pediatric IBD research. Same Network. New reference name (sort of).

Actually, our title has not changed. We are still and always have been the **Canadian Children Inflammatory Bowel Disease Network**.

We are refreshing our short form reference to phase out CIDsCaNN, and bring in **CCIBDN**. You will slowly start seeing **CCIBDN** used in more frequency, across our socials, website, documentation and communications. We ask all members to join us in using **CCIBDN** when referencing the network in future.



Thank you to all who joined us in Vancouver for the CCIBDN Summit 2026!

Our two-day, in-person conference brought together leading Canadian and international experts to share cutting-edge research, treatment strategies, and innovations in pediatric IBD care.

moderators, and everyone else who helped plan and coordinate this amazing conference.



Congratulations to Amanda Ricciuto et al on the publication of: **Early proactive therapeutic drug monitoring with ustekinumab therapy in pediatric Crohn's disease: data from the prospective Canadian children IBD network.**

You can read the article in Vol 8, Issue 1 of *Crohn's & Colitis 360*.



Joseph Katz (Toronto)
Abdullah Alharbi (Vancouver)

Remember to update the Project Tracker!

With so many projects underway, the tracker makes it easy to see what's happening across the board, ensure key policies are followed, and highlight the amazing work being done. Already leading a project? Make sure it's listed —and if it is, take a moment to confirm the info is accurate and up to date. Let's keep the momentum going!

Find the Tracker in the CCIBDN Shared Documents DropBox folder, within the CCIBDN Activity Management folder. If you have trouble accessing it, contact Michelle (michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca).

Project Tracker on the shared Dropbox

Important Reminders

The CCIBDN shared documents Dropbox has logo files, poster templates, branded powerpoint templates and the Project Tracker for member use.	Preparing a grant application? The budget builder is available by contacting Michelle at michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca.	Access the CCIBDN database. We encourage members and trainees to develop research protocols, abstracts and publications using information from the database. Find information on the Governance & Policies page.
CCIBDN provides financial support for the cost of printing posters and abstract fees for	Conference travel funds are available for trainees and early-stage investigators who submit	Download medication fact sheets. The Patient Engagement & Advisory Committee has created a

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 for information.

Find the application form
on the website.

printed and provided to
 patients and families.
 They're available in
 multiple languages (stay
 tuned as more will be
 added as they're
 available) on the website!



Next Education session will be on June 9, 2026 — 3-4:30 p.m. EST

Title: Extra-Intestinal Manifestations of IBD – “Don’t get out of joint, get the skinny here”

Presented by:

Dr. Jeff Critch, Pediatric GI, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Dr. Ian Landells, Dermatology, Memorial University of
 Newfoundland

Dr. Paul Dancey, Pediatric Rheumatology, Memorial University of
 Newfoundland

Dr. Sarah Dinn, Pediatric GI, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Supported by: The CCIBDN Education Committee

Can't make it? No problem!

You can watch recordings of past education sessions on the
[CCIBDN YouTube channel.](#)

Have you subscribed to be notified of Education sessions?

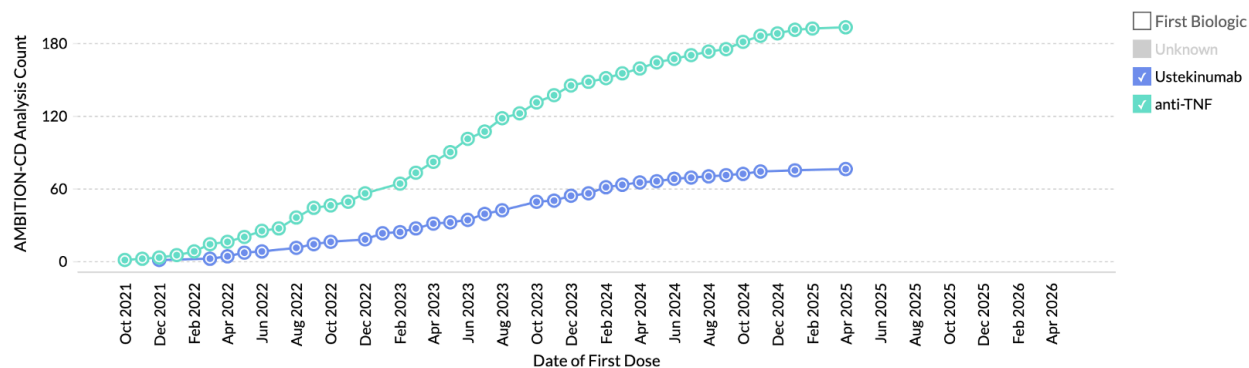
This is intended to help us keep track of registration and notify participants of cancelations or changes. All you need to do is [visit the website](#) and fill in a short form.

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AMBITION-CD Cohort

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Phase 2 CCIBDN: AMBITION-CD

Participating sites: All

Assessment of Mucosal Biochemical and clinical response to Interleukin-12/23 or TNF Inhibitors in biologic-naïve Crohn's Disease

Target: 200 antiTNF, 100 UST

Inclusion criteria: Children age 2-17y with Crohn's disease starting first biologic as antiTNF or UST for luminal Crohn's disease

AMBITION-CD Site Lead Meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month.

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Calgary	12	9	3
Ottawa	27	1	26
Montreal	4	3	1
Ste Justine	19	10	9
Vancouver	50	1	49
Toronto	66	20	46
London	20	5	15
Edmonton	28	18	10
Halifax	20	3	17
St Johns	4	0	4
Winnipeg	16	3	13
McMaster	4	3	0
Total	269	76	193

Biospecimen Type	Baseline (Date 0 or Anchor Date)
Biopsies	114 (45%)
DNA	215 (86%)
RNA	191 (76%)
Serum	196 (78%)
Stool	119 (47%)

Participating Sites



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