



Member Newsletter September 2026



News

Please join us in welcoming new member, **Melanie Watson!** Melanie is a Nurse Practitioner from the London Health Services Centre.

The **Travel Grant** for trainees or junior faculty who present a network research project at a conference has been increased to \$1,200. To apply for the grant, [visit the website.](#)

CCIBDN is now on LinkedIn — [join us there for news and updates](#), and be sure to interact and share our content to help more people discover the amazing work being done by the Network! Contact Heather (heather.dyer@ucalgary.ca) with suggestions for LinkedIn posts.

Feedback from attendees at CCIBDN Summit 2026 overwhelmingly positive!

Thank you to all who completed the survey following the Summit in Vancouver in April!

Attendees greatly valued the opportunity to gather together to learn about the latest in pediatric IBD care from international speakers and network members. They also would've liked a little more time for informal networking and smaller break-out sessions.

Presented in Canada by the Canadian Children Inflammatory Bowel Disease Network and The CH.I.L.D. Foundation

107 conference attendees (senior faculty, junior faculty, trainees, research nurses/coordinators, pharma reps, & others)

8 event sponsors

19 presentations, moderated discussions, and Q&A sessions

3 esteemed international speakers

Special presentation of artwork in memory of Mary Parsons and The Honourable Grace Mary McCarthy, founders of the CH.I.L.D. Foundation

Two days of leading experts sharing cutting-edge **research, treatment strategies, and innovations** in pediatric IBD care.

Attendees from across Canada, and beyond, enjoyed unique opportunities to **network, share ideas and collaborate.**

data Nutrition research collaboration Parent Perspectives Transition to Adult Care trends

Bioinformatics IUS in Pediatric IBD

19-20 APR 2026 Vancouver, BC

and much more...

Overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees

Great meeting, very well organised, excellent communication.

98% agreed overall quality of the event was excellent

The agenda was clear and well structured, time was well managed for each topic, and there was good participation with smooth discussions.

95.8% rated international speakers very or somewhat valuable

Well-timed and incredible speakers!

It's inspiring to see what the network is doing!

It was fantastic to see so many network friends and colleagues in person!

planning future in-person events!

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Next Education session is just around the corner!

Join us Sept 15, 2026 @ 3-4:30 p.m. EST

Title: The Changing Landscape of IBD Therapy

Presented by: Dr. Marla Dubinsky

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.

Important Reminders

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

Michelle (michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca).

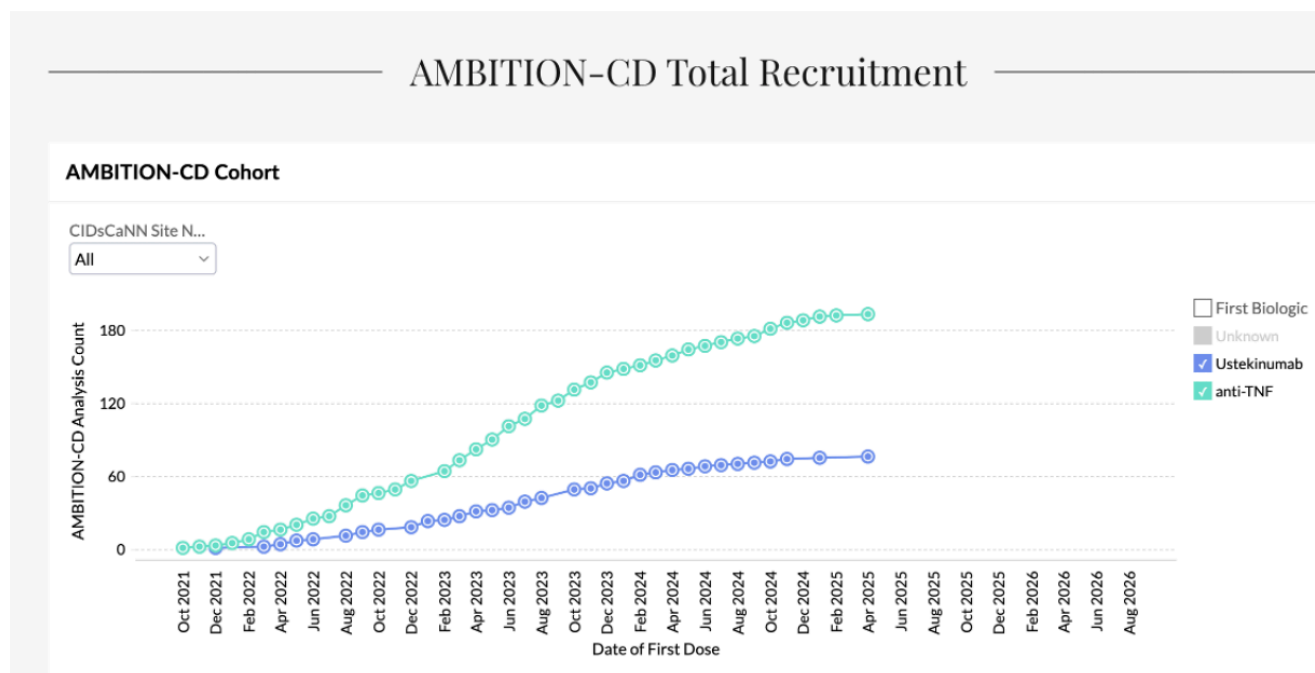
Are you using the right logo? The CCIBDN shared documents [Dropbox](#) has the latest CCIBDN logo files, poster templates, branded powerpoint templates for member use.

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.

Preparing a grant application? The budget builder is available by contacting Michelle at michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca.

CCIBDN provides financial support for the cost of printing posters and abstract fees for network-related submissions. Please email Suzanne at suzanne.shek@sickkids.ca for information.

Current Projects



biologic-naïve Crohn's Disease

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

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

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Site	Enrolled in AMBITION-CD	Biologic	
		Ustekinumab	Anti TNF
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%)

Thank you to all participating sites!

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