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## June 2025 Newsletter



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### Don't forget to check 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 CIDsCaNN Shared Documents DropBox folder, within the CIDsCaNN Activity Management folder. If you have trouble accessing it, contact Michelle ([michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca](mailto:michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca)).

[Project Tracker on the shared Dropbox](#)

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## Important Reminders

**Access the CIDsCaNN database.** We encourage CIDsCaNN members and trainees to develop research protocols, abstracts and publications using information from the CIDsCaNN database. Find information on the [Governance & Policies](#) webpage.

network-related submissions. Please email Suzanne at [suzanne.shek@sickkids.ca](mailto:suzanne.shek@sickkids.ca) for information.

**Preparing a grant application?** The budget builder is available by contacting Michelle at [michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca](mailto:michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca).

**The CIDSCaNN shared documents** [Dropbox](#) has logo files, poster templates and branded powerpoint templates for member use.

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## Announcements, Publications & Awards

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**Congratulations to the following members who received awards at CDDW (Annual meeting of Canadian Association of Gastroenterology)!**

Members **Nicola Jones** and **Bruce Vallance** (along with Derek McKay) were awarded the **2025 Education Excellence award** for their work in establishing TRIANGLE. This award is given for outstanding contribution to education on a national or international basis.

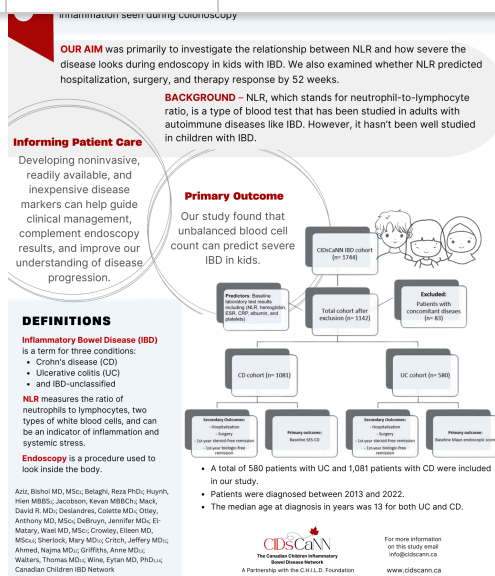


**Anne Griffiths** was awarded the **2025 CAG Research Excellence award** (awarded to a member of the CAG who has made an outstanding contribution to gastroenterology through basic and/or clinical research).



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**Neutrophil-to-Lymphocyte Ratio at  
Diagnosis Predicts Colonoscopic Activity**



## Clinical and Translational Gastroenterology

(Aziz, Bishoi MD, MSc; Belaghi, Reza PhD; Huynh, Hien

MBBS; Jacobson, Kevan MBBS; Mack, David R. MD;

Deslandres, Colette MD; Otley, Anthony MD, MSc; DeBruyn,

Jennifer MD; El-Matary, Wael MD, MSc; Crowley, Eileen MD,

MSc; Sherlock, Mary MD; Critch, Jeffery MD; Ahmed, Najma

MD; Griffiths, Anne MD; Walters, Thomas MD; Wine, Eytan

MD, PhD)

< < < A single-page summary of this study can be found on the [CIDSCaNN blog](#) on the website. These summaries are intended to share CIDSCaNN research in easy-to-understand language for the broader public audience. If you have research you'd like to highlight on the blog or social media, contact Heather ([heather.dyer@ucalgary.ca](mailto:heather.dyer@ucalgary.ca)).

## CIDSCaNN represented at ESPGHAN 2025

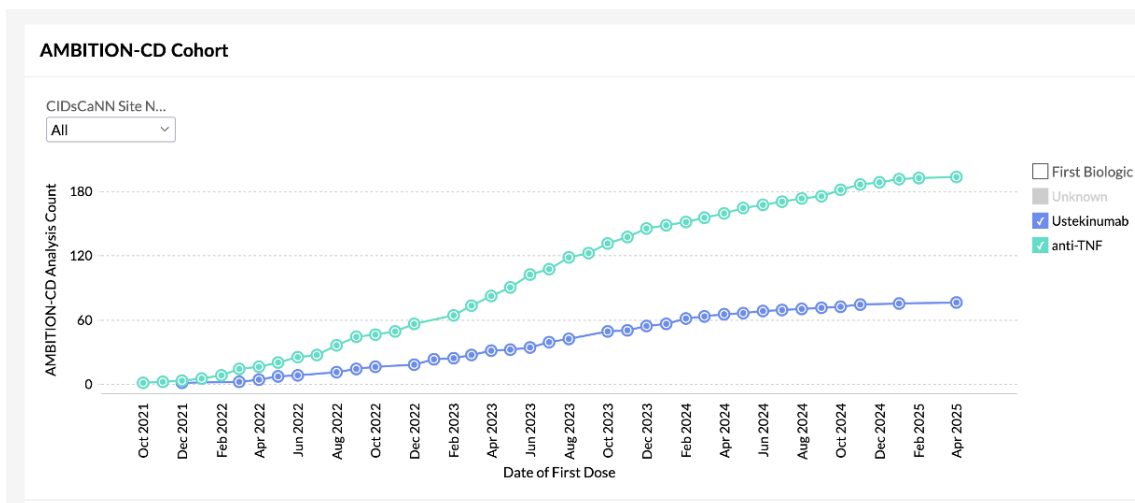
Thomas Walters presented the abstract: ONE-YEAR OUTCOMES WITH USTEKINUMAB THERAPY IN BIONAIVE PAEDIATRIC CROHN'S DISEASE: A PROSPECTIVE MULTI-CENTRE COHORT STUDY

- Congratulations to **Ellen Kuenzig** who is starting her position as Assistant Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Clinical Epidemiology at the Schulich School of Medicine, Western University!
- **Carolina Tropini** is now Co-Chair, along with **Anne Griffiths**, of the Training and Mentorship Committee.
- **Anthony Otley** has stepped down from Co-Chair of Patient Engagement and Advocacy Committee, and **Jennifer deBruyn** is now Co-chairing the committee with **Kelly Grzywacz**.
- **Eric Benchimol** has stepped down from Chair of the Health Services Research Committee, and **Ellen Kuenzig** has filled the position.

**Did you know?** Conference travel funds are available for trainees and early-stage investigators who submit and present abstracts of CIDsCaNN data.

Find the application form [on the website](#).

## Current Projects



Phase 2 CIDsCaNN: 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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London	20	5	15			
Edmonton	28	18	10			
Halifax	20	3	17			
St Johns	4	0	4			
Winnipeg	16	3	13			
McMaster	3	3	0			
Total	285	69	169			

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

# Education Update

**Missed the latest Education Session?** No problem!  
 You can watch it on the [CIDsCaNN 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.

Go to the website

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## Educate



Thank you for your ongoing support  
of CIDsCaNN.

Watch for the next newsletter in  
September. Have a wonderful  
summer!

## PARTICIPATING SITES



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