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Canadian Children Inflammatory Bowel Disease Network

February 2025 Newsletter



Calling all children/youth with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and their parent(s)/caregiver(s)!

We are doing a **study on IBD treatment preferences**. Share your thoughts in an online survey!

What is this study about?
We want to learn what is important to children/youth and their parents/caregivers in treating IBD.

Who can join the study?




- ✓ Children/youth (11-18 years old) diagnosed with IBD living in Canada.
- ✓ Parents/caregivers of children/youth (8-18 years old) diagnosed with IBD living in Canada.

We will offer the first **300 children/youth** and the first **300 parents/caregivers** who finish the survey an **electronic Indigo gift card**.

How to join the study: Complete a 20-40 minute survey online.

Interested in taking the survey? Go to: bit.ly/IBDTreatmentPrefs or scan this QR code:



For more information, email: karenv.mactomold@ucalgary.ca This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board REB20-1332

Spread the word!

The Patient Preferences Study is Recruiting

Members can help by posting the [flyer](#) and inviting patients and/or families to participate in the survey.

If you need more information, contact [Jennifer deBruyn](#).

POPULATION GROUP	FULLY COMPLETED SURVEY
Parents/caregivers	246
Alberta Children's Hospital	50
BC Children's Hospital	94
IWK Health Centre	53
McMaster Children's Hospital	24
SickKids	10
Stollery Children's Hospital	1
Winnipeg HSC	7
Other	7
Children/youth	104
Alberta Children's Hospital	34
BC Children's Hospital	38
IWK Health Centre	15
McMaster Children's Hospital	8
SickKids	1
Winnipeg HSC	4
Other	3
Unsure	1

Important Reminders

manuscript accepted for publication. When that acceptance email comes in, please forward it to Michelle at michelle.ouzounis@sickkids.ca.

For more information, the Publications Policy and the Publications Submission & Approval Roadmap can be downloaded on the [website](#).

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

CIDCaNN 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.

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

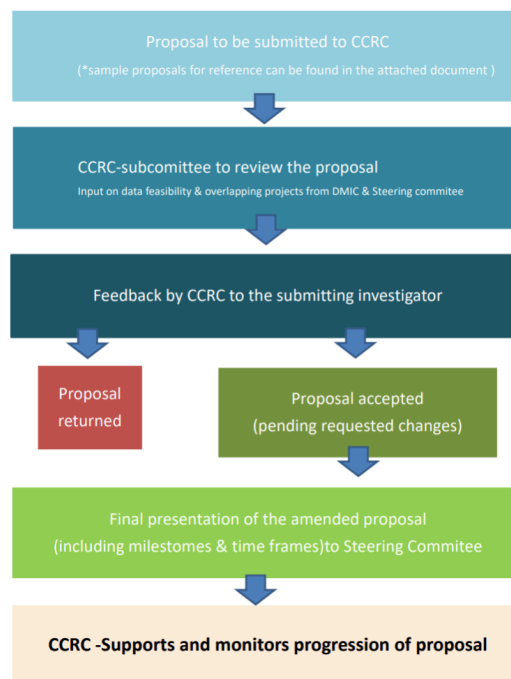
The CIDCaNN shared documents [Dropbox](#) has logo files and branded powerpoint templates for member use.

How to submit a proposal

Have a great idea for a project?
CIDCaNN is here to help!

Visit the website for information,
including sample proposals, forms and
contacts.

[Learn more](#)



Presentations

If you're attending upcoming conferences, watch for the following abstracts from CIDsCaNN members.

Abstract to be presented at CDDW 2025 and GRIT 2025:

ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ANTIMICROBIAL SEROLOGIES AND IBD LOCATION AND BEHAVIOUR: DATA FROM THE CIDSCANN INCEPTION COHORT

Eliana Fanous Vukas, Aleixo Muise, Kevan Jacobson, Hien Huynh, Anthony Otley, Jennifer deBruyn, David Mack, Colette Deslandres, Wael El-Matary, Thomas Walters, Anne M Griffiths, Amanda Ricciuto

Abstract to be presented at CDDW 2025:

PREDICTING THE SURVIVAL TIME FOR BOWEL RESECTION IN INDIVIDUAL CROHN DISEASE PATIENTS

Ricardo Suarez Suarez

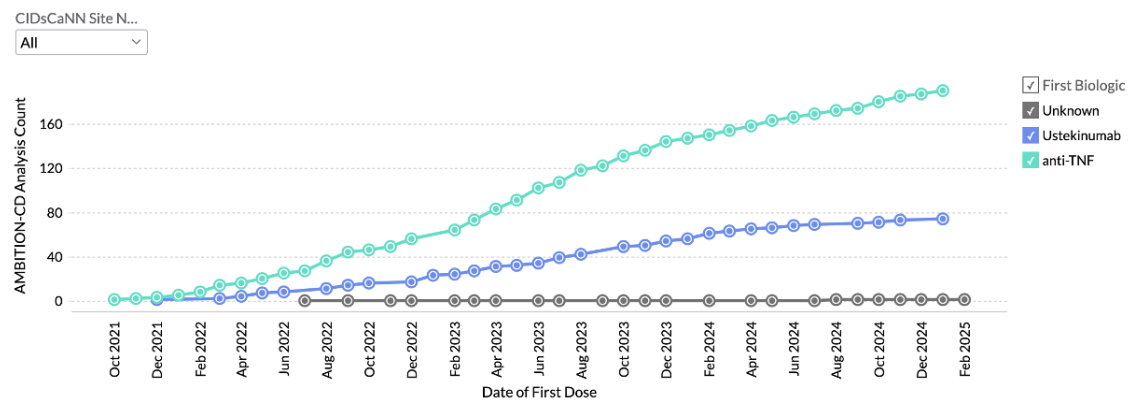


Did you know? Conference travel funds are available for trainees and early-stage investigators who submit and present abstracts of CIDsCaNN data.

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

Current Projects

AMBITION-CD Cohort



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

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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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	37	1	47
Toronto	64	18	46
London	20	5	15
Edmonton	28	18	10
Halifax	19	3	16
St Johns	4	0	4
Winnipeg	16	3	13
McMaster	3	3	0
Total	264	74	190

Biospecimen Type	Baseline (Date 0 or Anchor Date)
Biopsies	97 (43%)
DNA	189 (84%)
RNA	167 (77%)
Serum	173 (77%)
Stool	110 (49%)

Education Update

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

Watch it now!

Recordings of recent Education Sessions are also available on cidscann.ca.

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.

Please respond to the Education Committees' survey about future topics! As we take your topic suggestions very seriously, you may see one of your topic ideas show up during future sessions. Thank you very much for your ongoing engagement and ideas!

We encourage you to share the Education Session calendar invites with your multidisciplinary teams. Please find the dates for future sessions, and past recordings at cidscann.ca/education

[Go to the website](#)



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