

Message from the Executive

Thank you to all our wonderful members for your contributions to the network, helping us work toward our ongoing mission to enhance the health of children with IBD. Although CIDSCaNN remains predominantly a network for research (clinical, basic, translational, and with links to health administrative data), our scope has expanded to include pillars of Education and Patient Engagement & Advocacy. And of course, sustainability continued to be a strong focus in 2024.

These highlights are from the Year Three Report submitted to ChILD. We encourage you to read the full report for more detailed information.

Changes to the Executive Committee

We thank Dr. Jennifer deBruyn, who completed her term in November. Dr. Eileen Crowley transitioned to Co-Chair alongside Co-Chair Dr. Eytan Wine, and Dr. Eric Benchimol was welcomed as Co-Chair Elect.

AMBITION

Our major research initiative prospective cohort study comparing anti-TNF antibody therapy with anti-IL12/23 antibody therapy has recently completed recruitment.

It offers unique opportunities to optimize therapy based on pro-active therapeutic drug monitoring, and to refine assessment of endoscopic severity in children using central reading of colonoscopy video-recordings (first manuscript submitted).

PARTNERED PROJECTS

Partnered projects allow us to investigate:

- the role of pathobionts in children with colitis
- predictors of response to anti-TNF therapy
- collection of intestinal resection biospecimens
- youth and parent preferences for treatments
- improving transition to adult care

EDUCATION

In 2024, the Education Committee held **four National Education Events**. These webinars help us identify research gaps and facilitate discussions about possible collaborative research ideas.

As part of the Crohn's Colitis Canada PACE transition study, the education committee ran national educational transition webinars for control participants in 2023 and 2024. These will continue in 2025.

MANUSCRIPTS & PUBLICATIONS

Members continue to share the amazing work being done, through articles and presentations, in Canada and internationally.

There were **three presentations and one publication** by CIDSCaNN members in 2024.