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December 2024 Newsletter



From the Executive

We're excited to welcome our newest Co-Chair Elect, Eric Benchimol, to the Executive Committee! Eric joins Co-Chairs, Eytan Wine and Eileen Crowley.

And please join us in our heartfelt thanks to Jennifer DeBruyn for her dedication and hard work on the Executive Committee, as she steps down from her role as Co-Chair.

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.

CIDSCaNN 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 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.

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

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting in Toronto in November.

It was a fantastic opportunity for staff and members from across the country to meet face-to-face and share updates on the work being done!



Watch the CIDsCaNN promotional video that was shown at the meeting:



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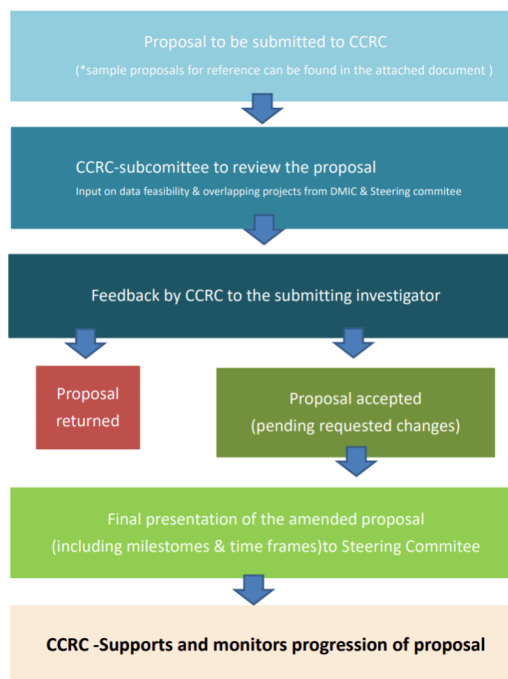
The Canadian Children Inflammatory Bowel Disease Network

A Partnership with the CH.I.L.D. Foundation

How to submit a proposal

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

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

[Learn more](#)

Awards & Grants

Congratulations to Dr. Eileen Crowley,
**recipient of the Rising Star award
from Crohn's and Colitis Canada!**

This award recognizes an outstanding investigator in the early stages of their career. Nominated by their fellow scientists, recipients of the Rising Star Award are innovative leaders who are advancing Crohn's and colitis research in Canada and have made an outstanding contribution to the mission of Crohn's and Colitis Canada.



**CIRC's second \$1M PIONEER Grant
has been awarded to Dr. Kevan
Jacobson and Dr. Genelle Lunken** for
their study Open Label Multicentre
Randomized Dietary Intervention Study
in Pediatric Crohn Disease Patients
Initiating Anti-TNF Therapy (DISPENSE-
T).



The study will look at the benefit of combining nutrition therapy with biologic therapy (Infliximab) in children with newly diagnosed Crohn's disease at CIDsCaNN research sites across Canada. Their goal is to improve the effectiveness of Infliximab through the addition of diet to help control inflammation, reducing the amount of drug therapy required.

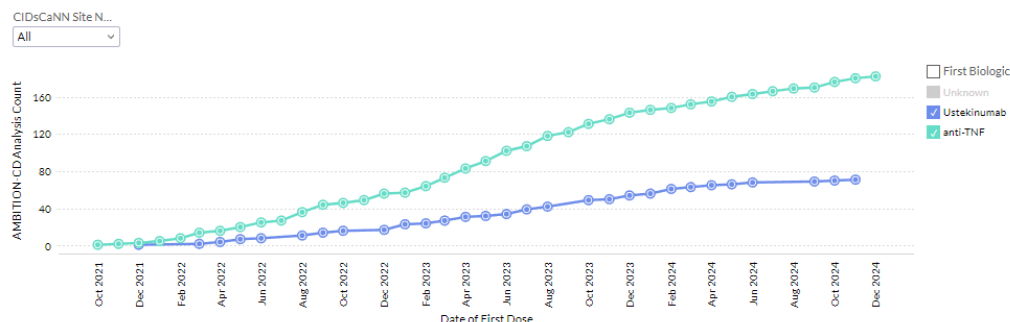
Reminder →

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



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

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	16	9	7
Vancouver	44	0	44
Toronto	60	17	43
London	20	5	15
Edmonton	28	18	10
Halifax	17	3	14
St Johns	4	0	4
Winnipeg	16	3	13
McMaster	3	3	0
Total	251	71	180

Biopsies	97 (43%)
DNA	189 (84%)
RNA	167 (77%)
Serum	173 (77%)
Stool	110 (49%)

Education Update

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

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