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September 2025 Newsletter



Mark your calendar

Research in Progress meeting: every 2nd Tuesday of each month from 3-4pm EST. All members, P.I.s and coordinators are welcome to join. It is a forum for presenting and discussing active research studies.

Co-Chair Election: deadline for applications is **October 24, 2025**. Refer to the email sent by Suzanne with application details, and send your application package to [Eytan](#) & [Suzanne](#).

CIDSCaNN Virtual Town Hall Meeting: all members are encouraged to attend the Virtual Town Hall Meeting, **November 18, 2025 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST**.

CIDSCaNN International SUMMIT: plans are well underway for the international meeting to be held **Spring of 2026**! Stay tuned for more details as they are available.

News & Events

***Published:* High Healthcare Costs in Childhood Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Development of a Prediction Model Using Linked Clinical and Health Administrative Data**

Thank you to all members who contributed to this study. [Read the full article here.](#)

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New blog post highlights research into the costs of caring for children with IBD

Predicting Costs in Childhood Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

OUR AIM was to develop a model to help predict the cost of caring for children with IBD, using linked clinical and health administrative data.

BACKGROUND - The incidence of pediatric-onset IBD and the costs of caring for individuals with IBD are both increasing. We calculated the direct healthcare costs of pediatric IBD in the first year after diagnosis and developed a model to predict children who would have high costs (top 25th percentile).

Primary Outcome

The cost of caring for children with IBD in the first year after diagnosis is immense and can be predicted based on characteristics at diagnosis. Efforts that mitigate rising costs without compromising quality of care are needed.

The cost of caring for children with IBD – averaging **CAS\$15,168** between the 31st and 365th day after diagnosis (as seen in 487 children from Ontario included in this study).

Predictors of high costs included:

- Initial treatment with anti-TNF therapy
- Having an encounter with the healthcare system for a mental health reason
- Older age at IBD diagnosis

Lower costs were experienced by those with a regular primary care provider.

DEFINITIONS

Anti-TNF therapy indicates the use of anti-tumour necrosis factor (TNF) medications. These are a class of advanced therapies used to treat inflammation in Crohn's disease. **Adalimumab** and **infliximab** are both anti-TNF medications.

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To request more information on this study email info@cidscann.ca
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< < < A single-page summary of this study, and many others, can be found on the [CIDSCaNN blog](#) on the website. These summaries are designed to share CIDSCaNN research for the broader public audience. Sharing this information helps raise the profile of the network, and the important research being done by CIDSCaNN members.

If you have research, or other news, you'd like to see highlighted on the blog or social media, contact Heather (heather.dyer@ucalgary.ca). > > >

Medication fact sheet posters

Printable 8.5"x11" posters in three different designs are now available for you to print and display!

Patients and families can scan the posters' QR code and go straight to the downloadable medication fact sheets on the website. The fact sheets were developed by doctors, psychologists and pharmacists from the network to help patients and families understand their medications.

Download the posters in English and French on the shared Dropbox!

Dropbox



Watch for these CIDsCaNN members' posters and presentations at PIBD 2025

Course:

Is real life different from RCTs? Real-world data to complement paediatric drug approval ~ Anne Griffiths

Oral:

Longitudinal analysis of characteristics and outcome in Canadian children with small bowel Crohn's disease: Cumulative rate of remaining free of intestinal stricturing complications. Nicol SN, Belaghi R, Shaikh A, Huynh HQ, El-Matary W, Crowley E, Critch J, deBruyn JC, Deslandres C, Mack DR, Otley AR, Sherlock M, Wine E, Walters TD, Griffiths AM, Jacobson K

e-Poster:

Outcomes in intestinal ultrasound in children with Crohn's disease commencing biologic therapies.

deBruyn JC, Huynh HQ, Jeong J, Deslandres C, Greer M_L, Hudson A, Smyth M, Grzywacz K, Taves Bhutto S, Issac D, Lawrence S, Dirks M, Faingold R, El-Jalbout R, Damphousse A, Belaghi R, Griffiths AM

e-Poster:

Accurate Personalized Prediction for Clinical Remission with Exclusive Enteral Nutrition in Pediatric Crohn Disease Patients Ricardo Suarez Suarez

Patients Ricardo Suarez Suarez

e-Poster Presentations will be available for viewing on the PIBD website [here](#).

The following projects have been selected for the Future Research Fund

Deciphering Mucosal host-microbe interactions during fistulizing crohn's disease

Dr. Jessica Breton

The PEDAL study: Pharmacokinetic and multi-omic modeling platform to explore novel drugs across the Canadian Children Inflammatory Bowel Disease Network

Amanda Ricciuto & Eileen Crowley

Comparison of mental health-related services utilization across induction therapies in pediatric-onset inflammatory bowel disease: protocol for cohort study

Ellen Kuenzig

Decoding the gut-hormone axis in a pediatric IBD microbiota: impacts on puberty and sexual development

Carolina Tropini

Join us in welcoming our newest CIDsCaNN members, **Tusia Pohoreski** and **Fatima Hussain!**

≡Welcome≡

Important Reminders



The CIDsCaNN shared documents [Dropbox](#) has logo files, poster templates, branded powerpoint templates and the Project Tracker for member use.

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

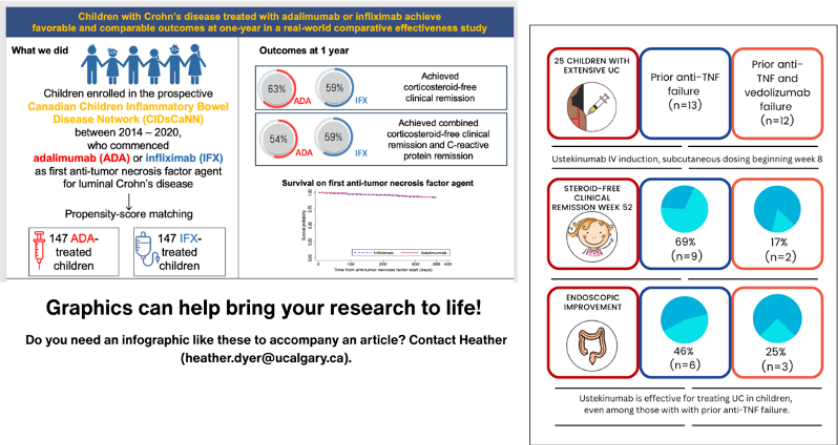
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	financial support for the cost of printing posters and abstract fees for network-related submissions. Please email Suzanne at suzanne.shek@sickkids.ca for information.	are available for trainees and early-stage investigators who submit and present abstracts of CIDsCaNN data. Find the application form on the website.	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.	

Don't forget about 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).

Project Tracker on the shared Dropbox



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Education Update

Presented by: Professor Cynthia Seow, University of Calgary

Supported by: The CIDsCaNN Education Committee

Oct 28, 2025 | 1:00 — 2:30 EST

Missed the latest Education Session? No problem!

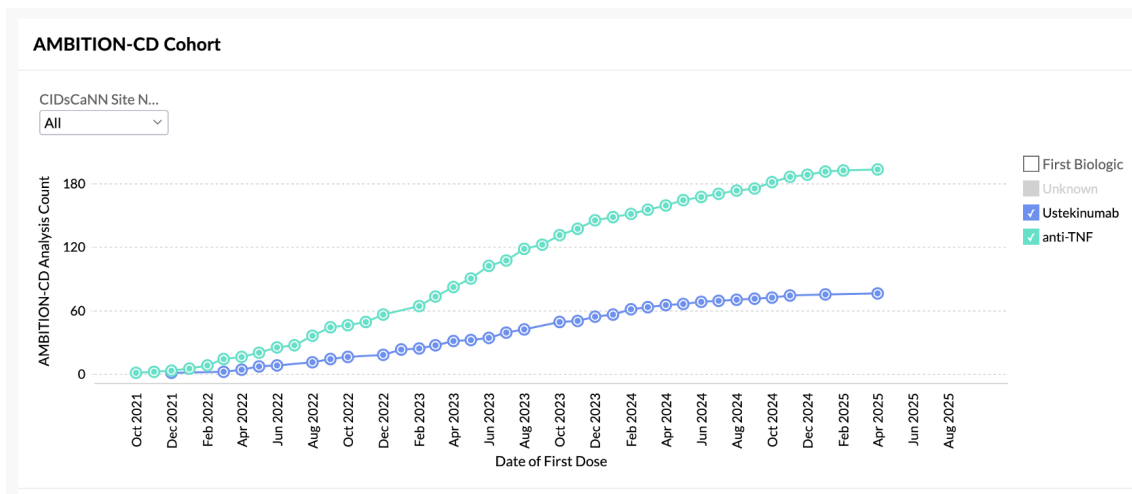
You can watch it on the [CIDsCaNN YouTube channel](#).

Have you subscribed to be notified of Education sessions?

This is intended to help us keep track of registration and notify participants of cancellations or changes. All you need to do is [visit the website](#) and fill in a short form.

Go to 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

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

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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	3	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%)

PARTICIPATING SITES



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