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November 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.

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.



From the Executive Committee

Please join us in welcoming our newest Co-Chair Elect, Sally Lawrence! Sally joins Co-Chairs, Eileen Crowley and Eric Benchimol.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to outgoing Co-Chair Eytan Wine for his dedication and leadership to the Executive Committee.

While we missed seeing everyone in person, it was a fantastic opportunity for staff and members from across the country to share updates on the work being done!

Members Represent CIDSCaNN at PIBD 2025

Thank you to all those who shared the amazing work being done by CIDSCaNN with the international community at PIBD 2025!



Kevan Jacobson, presenting an abstract at PIBD 2025

≡Welcome≡

Our newest trainee members:

Mathilde Credeville
Dagmar Zeef
Alexandra Cohen
Maeve Reidy
Jonathan O'Donnell
Eliana Fanous Vukas
E. Paul Lerner

Our newest individual members:

Fatima Hussain
Morgan Morrissey



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.

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.

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](#).

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.

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

Education Update



CIDSCaNN Educate Session 14:

Enhancing Biologic Therapy Efficacy Through a Complementary Nutritional Approach in Pediatric Patients with Crohn's Disease

Presented by: Dr. Genelle Lunken & Dr. Kevan Jacobson, University of British Columbia

Supported by: The CIDSCaNN Education Committee

Dec 2, 2025 | 3:00 — 4:30 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?

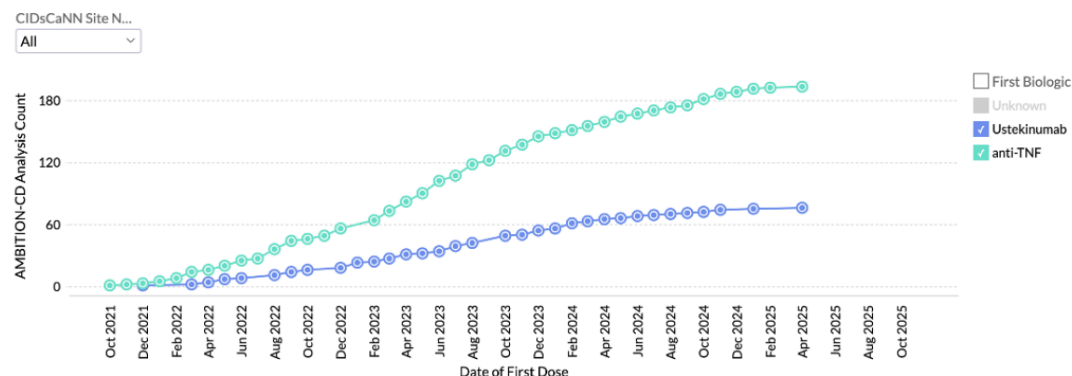
This is intended to help us keep track of registration and notify participants of cancellations or changes. All you need to do is [visit the website](#) and fill in a short form.

[Go to the website](#)

Current Projects

AMBITION-CD Total Recruitment

AMBITION-CD Cohort



Assessment of Mucosal Biochemical 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

Target: 200 antiTNF, 100 UST

AMBITION-CD Site Lead Meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Hayley hayley.mckay@sickkids.ca

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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%)

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