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Making Progress Message from the Principal Investigator

We are well into our second year of the IMAGINE Network and delighted about the progress we're making in 2018. Earlier this month, IMAGINE members met during the Canadian Digestive Disease Week (CDDW) conference to showcase the success to date on the network's activities.



McMaster University, Queen's University and University of Manitoba have been actively recruiting subjects for the past few months and nearly 250 subjects have been enrolled to date for the main cohort study. Five additional sites have received ethics approval and are expected to launch recruitment shortly. Agreements are also being sent to other sites with this impetus, we anticipate to get back on track to reach our goal of recruiting 8,000 subjects in two years.



A number of sub-studies have also been making significant progress. The fecal transplantation studies—one in ulcerative colitis (UC) and another in Crohn's disease (CD)—are well underway to determine the efficacy of the microbial therapy to treat UC and CD. The interactive Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (iCBT) for inflammatory bowel disease is in its early stage and we are currently finalizing the online platform to be used and will be engaging with our patient partners to fine-tune the questions. The PET imaging in IBD study will be ready to recruit as soon as ethics approvals are received.



During our meeting, we heard from one of our patient research partners, >>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Executive Oversight Committee
Annual Meeting
May 2018
Location TBD

Network Face-to-Face Meeting
June 2018
Location TBD

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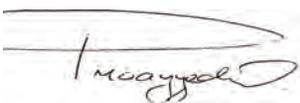


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Sara Blake, who discussed her recent research training experience through PaCER Innovates. An additional six patients, identified through one of our partners, Crohn's and Colitis Canada, will undergo this basic training curriculum in the coming months and serve to build capacity in patient engagement within the network.

The Knowledge Translation team has also been making significant strides and groundwork is underway to convene stakeholder dialogues and citizen panels in Fall 2018 on the priority topic "Reducing emergency department usage in people with IBD in provincial health systems in Canada."

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Paul Moayyedi
Principal Investigator,
IMAGINE Network



PATIENT PARTNER NEWS



We are pleased to introduce Ellen Kuenzig as IMAGINE's newest patient research partner. Ellen completed her Master's in epidemiology from the University of Western Ontario in 2012 and her PhD in epidemiology from the University of Calgary in 2016. Combining her experiences living with Crohn's disease and her passion for better understanding IBD, her research during her PhD focused on genetic and environmental risk factors in IBD. Ellen will be serving on IMAGINE's Training and Capacity Building working group.

Recently, the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) updated their clinical practice guidelines for the management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). IMAGINE patient research partner, Megan Marsiglio, played a key role as lay representative on the IBS Clinical Guidelines Consensus Group. As a patient representative, Megan was a full participant throughout the clinical guidelines development process—contributing to the pre-voting process and the group discussion. Furthermore, the consensus group submitted an abstract to the upcoming Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) conference on how "Patient Engagement Changes Clinical Guideline Development and Decisions: A comparison of two Irritable Bowel Syndrome guidelines using the same data" which was accepted for an oral presentation. We'd like to thank Megan and the other IMAGINE Network members that contributed (Paul Moayyedi, Chris Andrews, Lesley Graff, Christina Korownyk, Brent Kvern, Adriana Lazarescu, Louis Liu, Glenda MacQueen, William Paterson, Sacha Sidani, Stephen Vanner) and demonstrated that value of patient engagement.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Charles Bernstein, IMAGINE's IBD research lead, was recently recognized by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) as part of their *CIHR Celebrates Canada 150* compilation highlighting health researchers who are making an impact on patients' lives nationwide.



IMAGINE's Principal Investigator, Dr. Paul Moayyedi received the **CDDW**

Research Leadership Award at CDDW 2018.



Patient Preferences

IMAGINE's Dr. Deborah Marshall talks about the patient voice in a recent workshop



Dr. Deborah Marshall, Professor and Canada Research Chair of Health Systems and Services Research at the University of Calgary, and the co-lead of IMAGINE's patient engagement working group, was an invited speaker at the Patient Preferences Workshop on

'Advancing the use of patient preference information as scientific evidence in medical product evaluation' this past December.

The workshop was hosted by the Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation (CERSI) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. Marshall's presentation provided an overview of different methods for measuring patient preferences and how to select the methods that best aligns to the specific research question, the health condition of interest, and the patient population in which the product or intervention would be applied.

Patient preference information is qualitative input or quantitative data elicited from patients about the desirability or acceptability of outcomes or other aspects of health products or interventions, focusing particularly on benefit-risk trade-offs. Patient preference information is now being considered in the context of its application to regulatory decision making. For more information and the workshop recordings, [click here](#).

ONLINE UPDATES

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- ✓ A full list of **IMAGINE recruitment sites** is now available including an interactive map that allows you to find the site nearest to you. We have also listed the sites by research study so that you can easily see where each study is being conducted.
- ✓ The **research studies page** has been updated to be more user friendly, including full study descriptions and recruitment site locations. We will be adding patient information/eligibility requirement PDFs to each study so that potential participants can see if they are good candidates for an **IMAGINE study**.
- ✓ We have added a **Training Opportunities** section that includes a comprehensive list of patient-oriented training opportunities and resources from across the country.

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Do you have a story suggestion, research update or news item that you would like to share with the IMAGINE Network in a future edition? Email Veronica Vandenev at vandenev@mcmaster.ca with your ideas.