



Inflammation, Microbiome & Alimentation  Gastro-Intestinal & Neuropsychiatric Effects

The latest news and updates from the IMAGINE Network

WELCOME MESSAGE

The COVID pandemic continues to impact the Network's main research study, [MAGIC](#). Our current recruitment is 4,823 subjects, which means we are at 60% of our goal of 8,000! However, as the summer months come to an end and we enter a new season, we are hopeful that we'll build the same momentum as we did pre-COVID and increase our recruitment numbers at our sites across Canada. Most of our sites are still mainly focused on virtual recruitment and follow-up visits, but we hope that as COVID-19 numbers drop and vaccination numbers rise, we may be able to start in-person recruitment and follow-up visits at some of our sites soon.



As always, a big thank you to our research coordinators, site directors and participants for being flexible when it comes to visits and sample collection throughout all of the COVID restrictions. All of your efforts will ensure that our study moves forward to reach our goal!

We are also excited about progress on the research front, especially with our sub-studies. Dr. Dean Tripp recently published his IMAGINE-funded research project on Suicide Risk in IBD in the *Journal of Health Psychology*. [To read about his findings, click here](#).

Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and [visit our website](#) regularly to get updates on our Network's activities.

Dr. Paul Moayyedi,
Co-Principal Investigator
IMAGINE Network

A PaCER EXPERIENCE

Recent graduate, Tatiana Kuzmyn, shares her experience in the University of Calgary's Patient and Community Engagement Research (PaCER) program:

Hello! My name is Tatiana Kuzmyn and I am a graduate of the University of Calgary's PaCER program.



This year, I am one of four Team Supports for students enrolled in the current PaCER program. Why did I choose to do this? Well, as a retired RN I have always enjoyed mentoring nursing students and providing health education to patients and their families on a one-one basis, in small or large groups. Supporting and guiding PaCER students in a program that I am very familiar with seemed like a natural progression. Plus, I wanted to put my newly-acquired patient-oriented research knowledge and skills into practice.

It has been very rewarding working with my team of six students who come from across Canada, in four different times zones. They are young (aged 18-25), eager to learn, excited to be in this program and thrilled to

meet other team members with the same condition. They genuinely want to help other patients with the same condition to have a better experience than they themselves have had navigating the Canadian healthcare system. So admirable!

They are also very technologically savvy and have introduced me to platforms and programs that I had heard of, but never used. It truly is a win-win situation. It gives me great satisfaction seeing these students succeed despite their many challenges. I see them not just as a student research team, but as their own support group sharing their coping strategies related to their physical condition. They are so considerate of one another and truly appreciate my support and guidance.

I have also enjoyed collaborating with the other Team Supports, the professor, the sponsors and with members of the Continuing Education faculty. These types of multi-disciplinary interactions are very stimulating, thought provoking and offer further opportunities for networking within Patient-Oriented Research (POR). I am always open to learning something new and meeting new people in this field and this has provided many such opportunities.



MEET OUR NEWEST PATIENT RESEARCH PARTNER

Madge Applin joins the IMAGINE team as our newest Patient Research Partner!

Madge is a retired nursing leader with extensive experience in nursing education, practice, management, and regulation. Throughout her career that spanned a year less than five decades, Madge has experienced care situations exemplifying collaborative partnerships between patients and providers. Those experiences affirmed for her the outcome benefit of patient as partner and became the catalyst for her pursuit, pre and since retirement, to strengthen the commitment to fostering collaborative partnerships in health care practice, education, research, and management. Welcome Madge!



RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Current recruitment for IMAGINE's MAGIC study is **4,823**. We have recruited 60% of our recruitment goal, but need to continue to actively recruit new participants in order to reach the 8,000 mark! We hope that as more sites open up to in-person recruitment and follow-up visits along with continued virtual recruitment, we will be able to start gaining more participants in the coming months.

A big thank you to those of you who are participating in our study. Please spread the word about the MAGIC Study and help us boost recruitment and get to our goal!

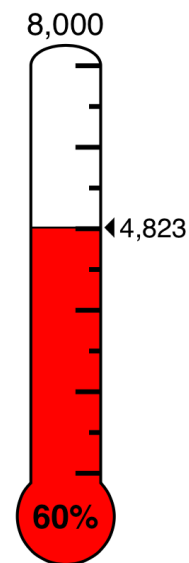
We are especially in need of healthy individuals (those without underlying gastrointestinal disease) to join the MAGIC study.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in participating, [click here to find a recruitment site near you](#).

[Visit our website to find out more about MAGIC](#).

Please check out the [COVID-19 section on our website](#) for upcoming and past webinars related to COVID-19 as well as resources and tools to help you navigate the current situation with COVID-19.

Current Recruitment Status



CONGRATS DR. DEBORAH MARSHALL

Health System Impact Fellowship
National Cohort Training Program

HEALTH SYSTEM IMPACT FELLOWSHIP

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Congratulations to IMAGINE's Co-Principal Investigator, Dr. Deborah Marshall, for being part of the leadership team for CIHR's National Cohort Training Program, a 2-year initiative that will advance embedded research training, networking, collaboration & learning health systems across Canada. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

CHECK OUT OUR LATEST VIDEOS

We are excited to show off our latest recruitment videos for IMAGINE's **MAGIC Study!** We have three videos available that you can [view on our website](#) or our [YouTube Channel](#). We welcome you to share these with your peers.

MAGIC is studying the interactions between:



As well, our "Get to Know Us Virtual Interview Series" features short interviews with our team so that you can get to know us, our research and why it's so important for you to participate in our studies. [Watch the full series here.](#)



CAPACITY BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS

Two new fellowships were awarded in partnership with the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, whose projects closely align with the IMAGINE mandate:

1. Josie Libertucci, under the supervision of Dr. Elena Verdu, is working on a project entitled "*The role of mucosa-associated proteolytic bacteria in Crohn's disease*"
2. Sun-Ho Lee, under the supervision of Dr. Ken Croitoru, is working on a project entitled "*Defining the pre-inflammatory changes of gut microbiome, metabolome, and host proteome associated with the development of*"



We wish both of them much success in their research endeavours and stay tuned to get an update on their progress!

UPCOMING EVENTS: ANNUAL MEETING 2021



We are hoping to schedule the 2021 IMAGINE Network Annual Meeting for **September 2021**. Stay tuned for an RSVP being emailed in the coming weeks!

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James Lind Alliance Inflammatory Bowel Disease Group

Maternofetal outcomes research–Canadian Registry in IBD (MORe CaRe IBD)

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- [Read about IMAGINE's MAGIC study](#)
- [Learn about Patient Engagement](#)
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