



Inflammation, Microbiome & Alimentation  Gastro-Intestinal & Neuropsychiatric Effects

## The latest news and updates from the IMAGINE Network

### WELCOME MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Last year continued to challenge our Network research activities due to COVID-19 restrictions. Despite these restrictions I am extremely pleased to report that our main cohort study, MAGIC, reached a significant milestone. We have recruited over 5,000 subjects of the 8,000 target (62.5%). We are extremely grateful to all the study participants that have enrolled in this study, our research coordinators, and site coordinators that have continued to work in this unprecedented time to keep our research study going. We are reviewing, cleaning and coding our current data so that we are ready to move rapidly for the final analysis when we reach our goal. With this analysis of the cohort data, we hope to uncover ground-breaking findings about the brain-gut connection in persons with IBD and IBS. Furthermore, all our other research projects continue to make major progress and we encourage you to visit [www.imaginespor.com](http://www.imaginespor.com) to learn more about these exciting initiatives.



IMAGINE also submitted its application to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to secure new funding for Phase 2 of the Network. If successful, this grant will enable us to translate what we've learned from our initial phase of the Network into programs and services for patients with GI disorders. Thank you to all our investigators and patient research partners who worked closely with us to develop our proposal and review our application. We will learn the results of the application in late March.

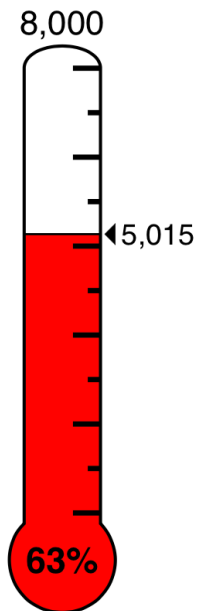
Finally, I would like to congratulate my IMAGINE Network Co-lead, Dr. Paul Moayyedi, for being elected the next Co-Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Gastroenterology*, along with Dr. David Weinberg from 2022-2027. In this new role, I am certain that he will continue to showcase the value of patient engagement in GI research.

Wishing all our network members and study participants a successful and healthy start to 2022.

Dr. Deborah Marshall,  
Co-Principal Investigator  
IMAGINE Network

## Current Recruitment Status

Current recruitment for IMAGINE's MAGIC study is **5,105**. We are so close to our recruitment goal of 8,000!



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.

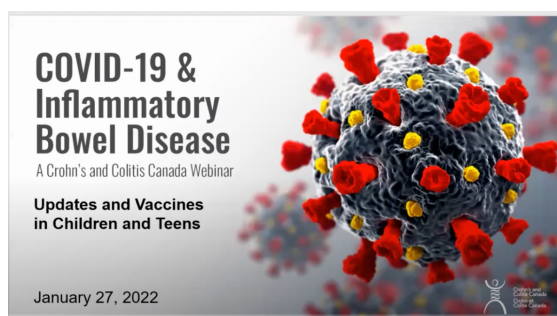
[Visit our website to find out more about MAGIC .](#)

## JOIN THE "BOWEL MOVEMENT"

If you, or someone you know, want to join the "bowel movement" and participate in our MAGIC study, [click here to visit our website and find a recruitment site near you.](#)



## COVID-19 RESOURCES



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.

The latest Crohn's and Colitis Canada webinar [COVID-19 and IBD: Updates and Vaccines is available to view here.](#)

## FUNDING SUPPORT: DASH CAN HELP

As the CIHR Spring 2022 Project Grant deadlines are approaching, researchers are invited to take advantage of the resources offered through HDRN Canada's Data Access Support Hub (DASH).

The Data Access Support Hub (DASH) is a one-stop data access service portal for researchers requiring multi-jurisdictional data in Canada.

DASH can support research teams who require access to data from multiple provinces and/or territories, and can

provide feasibility confirmation, cost estimates, and Letters of Support. To ensure that DASH can provide all necessary information prior to the grant deadline, research teams are asked to submit an intake form by February 18, 2022.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



## IMAGINE WEBINAR SERIES: *STATISTICS & RESEARCH - GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR WORK*



IMAGINE is excited to be holding our first training webinar for 2022!

Join us on **Tuesday February 22 at 12pm EST** via Zoom where statistician, Gabrielle Boucher, will be discussing how to get the most out of your research from a statistical standpoint.

Topics that will be discussed include:

- How to recognize errors at the design stage of an experiment.
- How to effectively interpret data and share study results.
- How to get the most out of your study/experiment.

[Click here to register for this webinar.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: CDDW 2022

IMAGINE is excited to be a partner again with CDDW 2022. This virtual event will be taking place from **March 5-6** as well as **April 23**. We hope that you have the opportunity to visit our virtual booth! [For more information, click here.](#)

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