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ICN is about continued learning and improving.

Because of the work of this network, children with IBD are getting their health back.

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The leading learning health system for children in the nation - transforming care, health and costs for all children and youth with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

 **IMPROVECARENOW™**

THE IMPROVECARENOW™ NETWORK



Our Network

- Has raised the remission rates for young people with IBD from 55% to 83%, without new medications.
- Provides tools, training and support that centers use to deliver more reliable, proactive IBD care.
- Encourages open sharing of ideas, techniques, tools, knowledge and innovations across our Learning Health Network.
- Believes when patients and caregivers/parents are true partners, we achieve even better outcomes.
- Invites you to learn more & join the ICN community at improvecarenow.org

Our Work

ImproveCareNow's mission is to transform the health, care and costs for all children and adolescents with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (Inflammatory Bowel Disease or IBD) by building a sustainable collaborative chronic care network.

To do this we have created an inclusive, transparent and collaborative community where patients, families, clinicians, researchers, improvers, collaborators and friends are all empowered to learn, share and continuously improve, bringing about more reliable, proactive IBD care and healthier children and youth.

Together we can.

Our Success

Reach

- 100+ care centers in the United States & District of Columbia, England, Qatar and Belgium
- 9 of 10 U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll Children's Hospitals and 43 of the top 50 pediatric GI & GI Surgery programs*
- 1,950+ IBD care providers, including 1,180 pediatric gastroenterologists, caring for 33,000+ pediatric patients with IBD and their families
- Patient Advisory Council, Parent/Family Advisory Council, Professional Working Groups & Partners

Impact

- Sustained improvements in IBD outcomes since 2007
- Model IBD Care & Depression Screening Guidelines
- Enhanced pediatric IBD registry for continuous improvement & research
- Population management & pre-visit planning
- Robust research program with full patient & family integration
- Co-production of free pediatric IBD resources
- IBD stories, perspectives and experiences #InTheLOOP

Aims

- **OUTCOMES** - identify whole person health measures and improve clinical outcome measures by 1% per year
- **HEALTH EQUITY** - identify and address Social Drivers of Health and well-being to achieve excellent, equitable outcomes
- **LEADERSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY** - develop a sustainable and diversified funding, research, and leadership structure while identifying and developing the next generation of community leadership
- **ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY BUILDING** - cultivate relationships with internal and external stakeholders to strengthen the presence of ICN as the leader in pediatric IBD and advance community priorities
- **TECHNOLOGY** - advance ICN's integrated technology platform to better support all network stakeholders
- **RESEARCH & INNOVATION** - increase community involvement in research and learn from community-driven innovation that advances our strategic domains

* U.S. News & World Report uses ImproveCareNow membership as a ranking criteria for rating top Children's Hospitals



Support

ImproveCareNow is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Our work is made possible through a combination of participation fees paid by care centers in our network, grant awards, and the generous contributions of our supporters, collaborators and friends.

Every dollar donated is used to advance our mission of continuously improving the health and care of young people living with IBD. **Donate today >>**



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