

Who We Are

About ImproveCareNow

ImproveCareNow (ICN) exists 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 ICN has 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.



I learned in ICN that there is a great benefit when we all share our knowledge, experience, strength, and hope with each other. **It's very powerful.**

#ImproveCareNow #InTheLOOP #StoriesMatter

♥♥ Jane W

About the PFAC

As parents and guardians of children with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, the **Parent / Family Advisory Council (PFAC)** is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the young people and their families who live with IBD. In partnership with the ImproveCareNow Network and the local Care Center teams, the PFAC empowers patients and their families to thrive in their lives by improving the quality and outcomes of IBD care.

Scan the QR code to connect
with IBD caregivers in the PFAC



Your child's diagnosis is a part of them, but it does not define who they are.

The ICN PFAC is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the young people and their families who live with IBD. You can get more information and join the PFAC at:

improvecarenow.org/connecting-parents



Are you the caregiver of a child with IBD?

The ImproveCareNow **Parent / Family Advisory Council (PFAC)** understands and we care. We hope you will join us.

Scan the QR code to connect
with the PFAC - a supportive
group of IBD caregivers!



Our Success

Together we...

- Have raised the remission rates for young people with IBD from 55% to 83%, without new medications.
- Provide tools, training and support that centers use to deliver more reliable, proactive IBD care.
- Encourage open sharing of ideas, techniques, tools, knowledge and innovations across the Network.
- Believe that when patients and parents/caregivers are true partners, we achieve even better outcomes.

ICN brings together...

- 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 50 top 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 (PAC), Parent/Family Advisory Council (PFAC), Professional Working Groups & Partners

ImproveCareNow is always growing & improving.

Visit improvecarenow.org for the most up-to-date statistics.



Connecting with other parents and families who are navigating life with IBD is always a highlight. We all have different stories and experiences to share, and it's empowering to have the opportunity to exchange our lived experiences and support one another.

Maria L.

ImproveCareNow Parent/Family Advisory Council
ImproveCareNow Professional Working Groups



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If you are a parent, patient, provider, or other professional in the IBD community and are hesitant about getting involved, I strongly encourage you to explore further and join us.

This is a community of genuinely compassionate individuals who are dedicated to transforming the lives of families affected by IBD.

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ICN Parent Partner & 2023 Ignite Talk Speaker

ICN is working towards...

- **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

The ICN community values...

- ♥ Inclusivity
- ♥ Honesty
- ♥ Transparency
- ♥ Learning
- ♥ Empowerment
- ♥ Continuous Improvement



IBD is part of your life. But you are not alone.

You can join thousands of patients with IBD and their families in the ICN Community - **CIRCLE**.

improvecarenow.org/join-circle

Joining CIRCLE connects you with IBD resources & information, stories of hope, research opportunities, and an inclusive & supportive community of people who understand life with IBD and want to make it better, together!

We are better together

Scan the QR code to join the ICN Community - CIRCLE!

