

# 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

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## About the PFAC

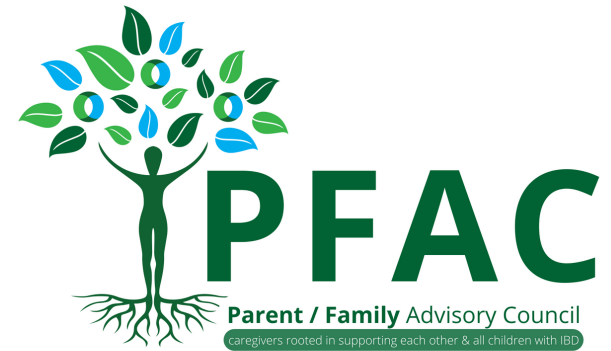
As parents and guardians of children with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, the **Parent/Family Advisory Council (PFAC)** is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the young people and their families who live with IBD. In partnership with the ImproveCareNow Network and the local Care Center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



# 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](https://improvecarenow.org/connecting-parents)

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



# 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 82%, 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 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
- 8 of 10 U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll Children's Hospitals and 43 of 50 top pediatric GI/GI Surgery programs\*
- 1,200 IBD care providers, including 980 pediatric gastroenterologists, caring for 30,000+ 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](https://improvecarenow.org) for the most up-to-date statistics.



What a unique and wonderful thing it is to be part of a community that is so dedicated to support and involvement of all the stakeholders - **it's more than a learning network, it's a family!**

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My call to action is for us to work together to make truly meaningful progress in outcomes for kids with IBD and also to really believe that radical, transformative progress is possible.

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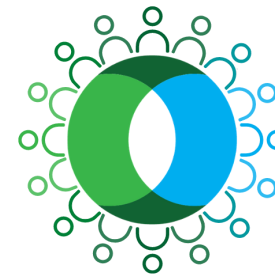


## What is ICN working towards?

- **OUTCOMES** - increase remission rates across the network by 0.5%-1% per year (2021-24) through intentional QI and research endeavors
- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION** - identify and begin to address inequity in our patient population and across network leadership, participants, and teams
- **SUSTAINABILITY** - develop a more sustainable and diversified funding, research, and leadership structure to advance our mission and the next generation of community leadership
- **ENGAGEMENT** - strengthen our presence as leader in the pediatric IBD community
- **TECHNOLOGY** - leverage integrated technology platform to better support network stakeholders

## What are 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](https://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.

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