



Press Release

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Crohn's and Colitis UK releases first Research Impact Report after awarding £5.2 million to research in the last 10 years

Patient information and support charity, Crohn's and Colitis UK^[1], has today released a [The Power of Research – 10 years of Crohn's and Colitis UK research](#)² which details how the charity has awarded over £5.2million in research grants to over 80 groundbreaking research projects since 2008.

The report gives an overview of the projects the charity has funded, the researchers they have supported, and the impact³ this research has made in improving the lives of those affected by Inflammatory Bowel Disease⁴.

For over 30 years, Crohn's and Colitis UK has been the leading charity funding research into Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)⁵, funding life-changing research into the causes, symptoms and treatments of IBD. The report highlights the benefits that charity – funded research brings:

- 1/3 of projects funded by the charity have subsequently attracted further funding.
- 50% of projects have involved patients in their project design or delivery.
- Almost 100 peer-reviewed scientific publications have featured our research.
- 10% of researchers have reported policy and practice changes as a direct result of our research.

Dr Wendy Edwards, Research Manager at Crohn's and Colitis UK said;

“This Research Impact Report is fantastic in showing the incredible work we have been investing in over the last 10 years. We have come a long way in our understanding of the complexities of Inflammatory Bowel Disease, but there is still so much we do not know and need to find out. These investments into research are critical if we want to improve lives today and have a world free from Crohn's and Colitis tomorrow”

Dr Gill Holdsworth, Chair of the Research Strategy and Funding Committee at Crohn's and Colitis UK said;

“Crohn’s and Colitis UK is committed to continuing the journey of discovery and to improving the lives of people with Inflammatory Bowel Disease. We are very proud of our collective achievements so far – but so much more needs to be done, with the fantastic donors, patients and researchers.”

For more information about our research please visit www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk/research

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[1] Crohn’s and Colitis UK are fighting to achieve a better quality of life for the 300,000 people in the UK suffering physically and emotionally from these and other forms of Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

[2] crohnsandcolitis.org.uk/10yearsofresearch

[3] Impact accessed using Researchfish - <https://www.researchfish.net/>

[4] 98% of the research funded has been made possible by donations from members and supporters of Crohn’s and Colitis UK.

[5] Crohns Disease and Ulcerative Colitis are the two main forms of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). These chronic conditions can cause ulceration and inflammation in the colon (Ulcerative Colitis) or any part of the digestive system (Crohn’s Disease). Symptoms can include diarrhea (often with blood), severe pain, extreme fatigue, and dramatic weight loss. This means 1 in 210 people are living with these unpredictable, life-long and potentially life-threatening conditions.

Crohn’s & Colitis UK is a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) and holds a Certificate for best practice in peer review.

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[Crohn’s and Colitis UK](http://www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk) aims to improve life for everyone affected by Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) - the main forms being Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis. Established in 1979 as a partnership between patients, their families and the health professionals caring for them, the charity’s services include four information and support services, a wide range of accredited publications and a nationwide network of groups. With 30,000 members the charity also campaigns for improved health and social provision for patients and awards medical research grants annually.

Lifelong chronic conditions, Crohn’s Disease and Ulcerative Colitis, collectively known as IBD, can cause urgent and frequent diarrhoea, rectal bleeding, pain, profound fatigue and anaemia. In some patients, there is an associated inflammation of the joints, skin, liver or eyes. Malnutrition and weight loss are common, particularly in Crohn’s Disease.

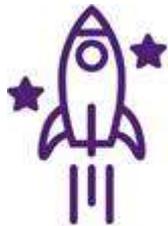
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