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Welcome!

Dear team members,

We are very happy to share this second newsletter with you. Since our last update, we are proud to announce that we have made tremendous strides in implementing the UCAN CAN-DU study. Your hard work so far is greatly appreciated by all of us and we are so excited about what the future holds for this project.

We hope that this newsletter will help to bring you up to speed on all of our progress and achievements so far and where we will go from here. There are great things ahead and we are thrilled you are all a part of it!

-- On behalf of the UCAN CAN-DU investigator team

UCAN CAN-DU Recruitment Updates

We are very excited to announce that five sites are up and running!

Data as of April 3, 2020

Site	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3	Cohort 4	Total
Amsterdam	9	12	2	4	27
Calgary	5	7	4	-	16
Groningen	3	4	2	1	10
Toronto	46	23	4	13	86
Utrecht	40	35	18	8	101
Total	103	81	30	26	240

Site Onboarding

In addition to the five sites that have started enrolment, several sites are well on their way to getting underway. In Ontario, **SickKids** has received site approval from Clinical Trials Ontario, enabling all Ontario sites to finalize their own REB submissions. Site agreements have been sent to all Canadian sites and budgets are being finalized.

Achievements

We are very proud to announce that members of our team are being recognized for their contributions to the scientific community.

In November, the work of UCAN biostatistician **Dr Simon Eng**, under the supervision of **Dr Rae Yeung** and **Dr Quaid Morris**, was selected as one of the **Arthritis Society's Top 10 Research Advances of 2019!**

Here's the article from the [Arthritis Society](#) website.



Dr Simon Eng with Dr Rae Yeung

Updates to the UCAN CAN-DU team

Since our last update, we have welcomed a new member to the UCAN CAN-DU team.

Blake Farion

UCAN CAN-DU Country Project Coordinator , Calgary

Blake holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Calgary and a Juris Doctor from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego. After graduating, he took an interest in project management and is currently working towards earning his PMP designation. Blake saw a bright opportunity in UCAN CAN-DU and is working as the Country Project Coordinator for the Canadian sites.



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