



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Quebec Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research Conference (QIRC)

Tuesday, May 19th 2026 – WORLD IBD DAY

8:30am-5:30pm

CHUM Research Center Auditorium

CONCURRENT Session 1A (1 hour)

- **Patient-partners: What is it, and is it for me?**
- **Science 101: Understanding the science of IBD**

N.B. While this session is designed for patients, it is open to all conference participants.

In this first session of the day, we will have a presentation regarding what it means to be a patient partner within a research team. This will be followed by a mini course on the scientific concepts that will be presented and discussed throughout the day. The objective of this session is to provide patients with additional knowledge to facilitate their immersion in the day's activities. In addition, all poster and oral presentations in subsequent sessions will include a lay summary to encourage discussions by all participants. At the end of this session, participants will be invited to join the 2nd hour of Concurrent Session 1B.

CONCURRENT Session 1B: Poster & Booth session (2 hours)

This poster session aims to help all participants to know what research is ongoing in Quebec, what scientific platforms are available, and to discuss opportunities for collaboration. Posters must include a lay summary to encourage discussions by all participants. Top presentations will be selected for our annual awards, to be presented at the end of the day.

SESSION 1: Understanding and using gut microbiome to achieve better outcomes in IBD

PLENARY: Harry Sokol, Hôpital Saint-Antoine, Paris

Invited talk: Emilia Falcone, Institut de Recherches Cliniques de Montréal

Trainee presentation: to be selected from abstracts

SESSION 2: Gut homeostasis - the role of Immune and Epithelial cells in IBD

PLENARY: Karen Edelblum, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Invited talk: François Boudreau, Université de Sherbrooke

Trainee presentation: to be selected from abstracts

BREAKOUT SESSION: REINFORCING THE IBD RESEARCH NETWORK IN QUEBEC

In this interactive session, all conference participants will be invited to participate in discussions to identify current strengths and weaknesses of the current IBD research environment in Quebec, and to identify opportunities for reinforcing our network through collaborative projects, training opportunities, information sharing etc.

SESSION 3: Developing and optimizing therapeutic approaches in IBD

PLENARY: Dermot McGovern, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Invited talk: Karine Tremblay, CIUSSS-SLSJ

Trainee presentation: to be selected from abstracts

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION: Growing CQRM to meet community needs

In this interactive session, all conference participants will be invited to share their thoughts on how we can support the mission of accelerating scientific discoveries that will have a positive impact on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of the inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD) worldwide.

Presentation of awards & Closing remarks