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Knowledge translation of the KID Studies: Supporting the educational and mental health needs of students with Crohn's, Colitis, and Inflammatory Bowel Disease

There's been a sharp increase in the reported incidence rates of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) for children around the world in recent years. Although the onset of IBD may occur at any age, it most commonly appears in young people, with approximately 10% of all new diagnosed cases in Canada in children under age 10. Given the personal and sensitive nature of the symptoms and challenges faced by students with IBD, it can have a significant impact on the daily lives of students. In many cases the results include significant educational and mental health difficulties. In the proposed project, members of our lab will use the results of our previous research along with a review of the literature on students with IBD to develop educational materials including a video and website addressing the educational and mental health needs of students with IBD for students, families, educators, and mental health/health professionals.