



Crohns and Colitis UK

Demonstrating the power of research

This case study discusses the 2017 Crohn's and Colitis UK first impact report "The Power of Research – 10 years of Crohn's and Colitis research." The report was the culmination of a detailed review undertaken by Dr Wendy Edwards, Research Manager, which looked at the impact of funding £5.2 million to over 80 groundbreaking research projects since 2008.

The Power of Research covers a decade of dedicated hard work and support – and the impact that researchers have made towards improving the lives of people affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (Inflammatory Bowel Disease)

The report highlighted new discoveries in the field of Crohn's and Colitis research, showed how funding could enhance the career pathways for researchers enabling them to specialise in IBD, and exhibited the importance of medical research charity funding in providing the stepping stone to further funding from major funding organisations such as NIHR and MRC.

Data for the report was gathered through the researchfish impact assessment platform. researchfish was a crucial part of the review enabling information to be accumulated

“ 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 Wendy Edwards
Research Manager

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within one central database for accessible detailed data analysis.

researchfish data analysis showed that £5.2 million of funding had led to 98 peer reviewed publications in over 100 peer reviewed scientific journals such as Nature Genetics and the Journal of Gastroenterology; over 50% of the research grant recipients had involved patients in their research; and one third of projects funded by Crohn's and Colitis UK received further funding from other grant making bodies.

researchfish was key in the identification of over 10 research case studies which are presented in the impact report. Findings from researchfish data analysis and the full impact review informed the development of the new 5 year research strategy to be launched by Crohn's and Colitis UK in 2018.

[The Power of Research — 10 years of Crohn's and Colitis research](#)

“ We were delighted to support Crohn's and Colitis UK in this exciting look at the research they have funded, revealing and evidencing the significant impact that the work of the charity has had on the lives of those affected by the disease. This Research Impact Report demonstrates the huge value and importance to funders seeking information on outputs, outcomes and impacts from their researchers, enabling smarter funding decisions to be made and detailed reports to stakeholders on the difference they have and will continue to make. ”

Dr Beverley Sherbon
Impact and Evaluation Adviser at researchfish

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