



## This Spring's Highlights

- Upcoming events
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- CP Project Updates
- Elections
- Last Publications

## Upcoming Events

Please take note of the important dates!



### Engagement Rounds

**Date:** March 25<sup>th</sup> 2026, at 4 PM ET

**Guest Presenter:** Dr. Rudaina Banihani  
& Dr. Karen Thomas

**Subject:** The PARTNER framework:  
improving communication of important  
news with families.

**Date:** April 8<sup>th</sup> 2026, at 4 PM ET

**Guest Presenter:** Dr. Tricia S. Williams

**Subject:** Growing Connections, Scaling  
Impact: Collaborative Pathways in  
Neonatal Follow-up for Evidence-Based  
Psychosocial Interventions with  
Interact-North.

**Date:** May 13<sup>th</sup> 2026, at 4 PM ET

**Guest Presenter:** Sarah Weaver

**Subject:** Trauma Informed Perinatal  
Care: Supporting Safe Beginnings for  
Families and Healthcare Staff.

## \*Reminders\*

### ❖ Deadline for uploading data:

- March 15th to April 1<sup>st</sup>

### ❖ Parent Satisfaction Survey

- If approved by your REB, don't forget to introduce the survey to families **at each visit.**
- Thank you to the sites that have already begun!



- ### ❖ Each Site should forward a copy of the IRB/REB approval and the annual renewal to the CNFUN National Coordinator

## New documents for CNFUN

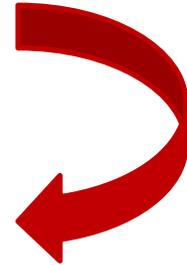
### Implementation of Family important outcome measures

including two parental questionnaires:

- PedsQL Infant Scale
- About My Baby / About My Baby Toddler

Now included in the new version of:

- ❖ CRF version 5, 28 January 2026
- ❖ Data Abstractors Manual, version 9, January 2026
- ❖ [Database version 2.1.0](#)



New versions of the documents are now available on the [CNFUN website](#) / Member resources (password required)

## Elections

### CNFUN Steering Committee Election coming this Spring!



We are excited to officially announce the upcoming elections for the Steering Committee. Get involved and consider nominating yourself or other CNFUN members! Positions include all healthcare professionals ( MD, nursing, physiotherapy, psychology, etc). Nominations forms will be emailed to all members soon. Elections will be held in late **May 2026**.

There will be 7 available positions, including 2 new ones: one for Quebec and one for the Maritimes. Depending on site size, sites will be asked to designate either four or two voting members. Each voting member will be able to cast one ballot. More details to follow.

# CNFUN Breakout Session – Banff 2026

On January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Banff, Alberta, CNFUN was pleased to host a Breakout Session highlighting current initiatives and future directions in neonatal follow-up across Canada.

The session featured three excellent presentations:



1. Extended Neonatal Follow-Up: Survey of Families' Perspectives
  - Presenter: Jessie van Dyk, MD, Director, BCCH NFUP
  - Dr. van Dyk shared insights from a national survey exploring families' experiences and priorities within extended neonatal follow-up programs.
2. Screening for Developmental Coordination Disorder in Children Born Preterm: Proposal for an Implementation Study
  - Presenter: Jill Zwicker, PhD (OT), Member of the CNFUN Steering Committee, BCCHDr.
  - Dr. Zwicker presented a proposal for a multi-site implementation study focusing on early screening for developmental coordination disorder (DCD) in preterm children.
3. School Readiness: Moving Forward
  - Presenter: Kamini Raghuram, MD, Director, Mount Sinai NFUP
  - Dr. Raghuram discussed emerging approaches to evaluating and supporting school readiness in children born preterm, highlighting opportunities for collaborative advancement across the network.

The BreakOut session is available on the [CNFUN website](#) / member resources (password required)



# CP Ethics and Contract Updates

## ➤ CP Ethics

Last approved sites:

- Alberta: Calgary

Total: 15 sites

## ➤ CP Contract agreement

Last sites signed:

- Ontario: London, SickKids

Total: 13 sites

- ❖ Each Site should forward a copy of the IRB/REB approval and the annual renewal to the CNFUN National Coordinator

# CP Project Updates

Launching implementation of best practices for earlier diagnosis of CP:

- Three new sites have started implementation
  - ✓ CHEO;
  - ✓ Edmonton;
  - ✓ Fredericton



***Congratulations to all the sites that have started implementation for their great collaboration!***



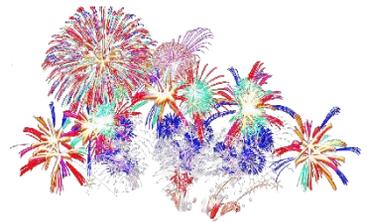
- The next three sites to start in March - April:
  - ✓ IWK Health Centre;
  - ✓ Jewish General Hospital;
  - ✓ Mount Sinai

# CHILD-BRIGHT Parent Voices Project Updates

- The project is implementing two Family-Important-Outcome-Measures (FIOMs) at the 18-24 month visit, reflecting the 7 outcomes families ranked most important:
  - About My Baby / Toddler (AMB)
  - Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory Infant Scales (PedsQL)

- **Implementation completed with FIOMs:**

- ✓ CHUSJ
- ✓ BC Women's Hospital
- ✓ McMaster
- ✓ Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont



Well done!

- **Implementation planning underway with Parent Voices team for:**

- ✓ Manitoba
- ✓ Mount-Sinai
- ✓ CHUL-Quebec
- ✓ Jewish General Hospital
- ✓ Moncton
- ✓ IWK Health Centre
- ✓ London
- ✓ Calgary
- ✓ McGill

If others sites are interested in beginning implementation planning, they can reach out to :

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**We hope that other CNFUN sites  
will implement these FIOMs in  
the near future!**



# New CNFUN Publications

**1. Severity of Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia Using a Contemporary Canadian Definition and Early Childhood Outcomes: A Population-Based Cohort Study**

Mukerji A, Read B, Su Y-C, Barbosa de Oliveira C, Louis D, Makary H, Zwicker J, Thomas K, Dunn M, Shah PS. J Pediatr. 2025 Dec 287:114763.  
[PMID: 40783050](#)

**2. Probiotic Receipt and Neurodevelopmental Outcomes of Infants <29 Weeks' Gestation: A Cohort Study.**

Shah PS, Bando N, Lee S, Raghuram K, Beltempo M, Fajardo C, Bertelle V, Ly LG, Banihani R, Alshaikh BN. J Pediatr. 2025 Dec 287:114783.  
[PMID: 40846205](#)

**3. Patterns of Neonatal and Neurodevelopmental Comorbidities in Neonates of <29 Weeks' Gestation.**

Shah PS, Luu TM, Beltempo M, Zwicker JG, Afifi J, Soraisham AS, Shivananda S. Neonatology. 2026 Jan 22:1-10. [PMID: 41569950](#)

**4. Neurodevelopmental Outcome after Late-Onset Bacterial Sepsis in Infants Born before 29 Weeks' Gestation.**

Roychoudhury S, et al. Am J Perinatol. 2026 Jan 29. [PMID: 41610863](#)

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**Congratulations to the CNFUN members  
who have had recently published papers!**

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