

UPLEARN UPDATE

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HIGHLIGHTS

IDEAS TO PROPOSAL (I2P) COURSE: WINNERS!

The DFCM Research Program and UPLEARN hosted the final proposal presentation day for the I2P Course on April 28, 2025. In groups or individually, attending learners presented their amazing and insightful proposals. Topics broadly spanned equity in patient care and planning, physician wellness, improving identification of patients at increased risk of pancreatic cancer, and more. Our learners attended the course from across our sites, from the Scarborough Health Network to Trillium Health Partners, and joined us from as far as Waterloo, Ontario.

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to I2P winners:

- **Effect of preferred language on access to primary care among patients presenting to the emergency department: A cross-sectional study:** Nisanthini Ravichandiran (Scarborough Health Network) and Keshini Abeyewardene (Unity Health Toronto)
- **Leveraging machine learning to improve identification of patients at risk of alternate level of care:** Amy Li (Sinai Health System)
- **Engagement of family doctors in Ontario with Asian patients in advance care planning:** Han Yan (Unity Health Toronto) and Zhimeng Jia (Sinai Health System)

Upcoming UPLEARN Updates will feature more detail on each winning project – stay tuned!

Registration for the 2026 I2P Course will launch in Fall 2025.



2025 I2P Learner Cohort and Course Organizers

NEW PROJECTS

Recent projects that have been approved by the UPLEARN Site and Community Council:

- **Exploring barriers and facilitators of pediatric blood pressure screening among primary care providers and nurses in Ontario:** High blood pressure (BP) among children is becoming increasingly common. Early detection and treatment are crucial to prevent complications at later stages in life. The rates of BP screening for children are low in Canadian primary care settings. There is a need to understand barriers and facilitators affecting BP screening in children. The proposed project aims to use mixed methods to assess individual and contextual factors that influence pediatric BP screening in primary care and to develop strategies and implementation plans to improve the pediatric hypertension screening and care across Canada.
 - Principal Investigator: Dr. Rahul Chanchlani (chanchlr@mcmaster.ca)

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Do you have a project or proposal you would like to submit for UPLEARN support and partnership? Please go through the [UPLEARN intake process](#) to submit your request!
- Have other questions about UPLEARN and how to get involved? Please get in touch with Jamie Wang, Research Project Coordinator (jamie.wang@utoronto.ca).

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