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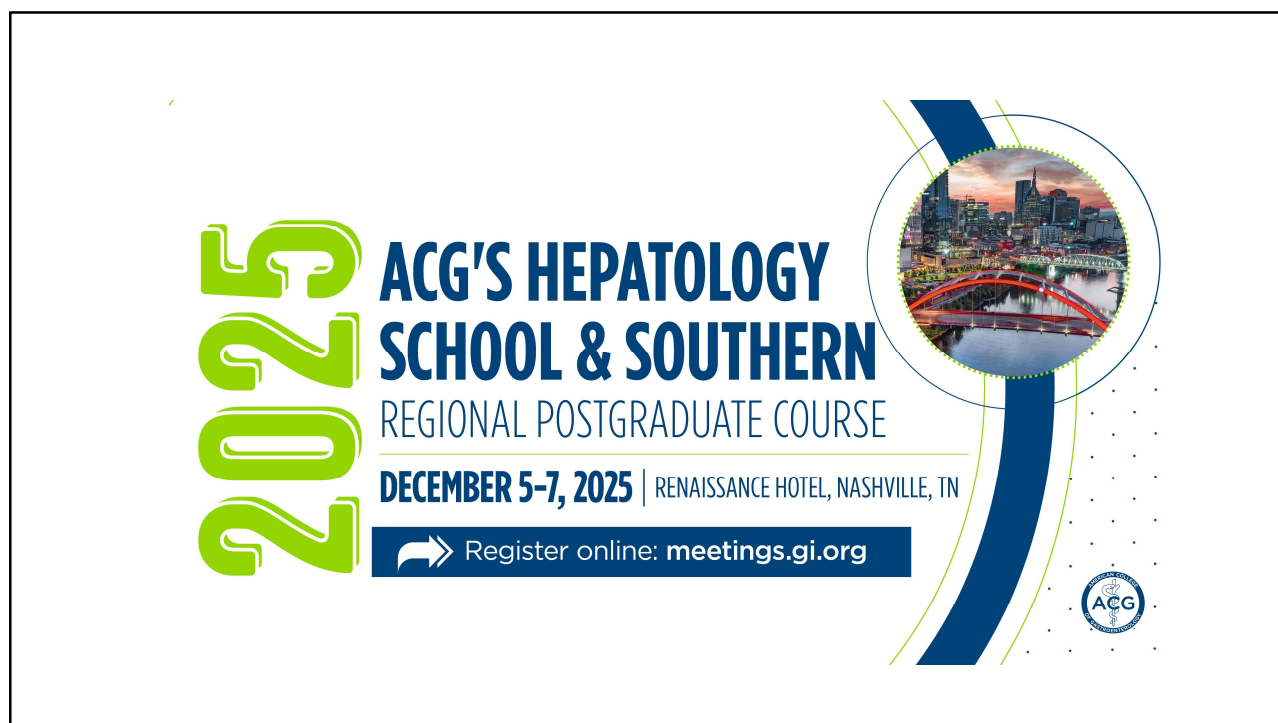
  

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## ACG Grand Rounds: Patients Needs and Satisfaction in the IBD Transition to Adult Care

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### Objective:

Discuss challenges and recommendations related to the transition of IBD patients from pediatric to adult care.

### Goals:

- Better understand some of the unique needs of young adult IBD patients, particularly during transition of care.
- Identify 1-2 recommendations to incorporate into practice when working with young adult patients.
- Consider opportunities for future research.

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## Session Agenda

- Background: The Young Adult Patient
- About the Roundtable on Young Adults with IBD
- Roundtable Findings
- Recommendations: Supporting Young Adults with IBD
- Opportunities for Future Research
- Additional Resources

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## The Young Adult (YA) Patient

Ages 18-34

- Agency
- Identity
- Self-management
- Self-advocacy
- Self-efficacy
- Burnout



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## The Young Adult (YA) Patient

- Young adults with a chronic illness are at an increased risk of developing a psychiatric disorder, leading to an increased risk of having suicidal thoughts (28%), having a death by suicide (134%) and attempting suicide (363%).
- Important to establish interventions for young adult patients with IBD to help them navigate their health with their healthcare team.

**Key point:** need for peer support, mental health support & patient activation

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## Need for Global Consensus on Young Adults with IBD

Exploring the age spectrum of real-world patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease: a machine learning approach

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### Introduction

Ulcerative colitis (UC) is a chronic, gastroenterological disease, heterogeneous in presentation. In many studies and clinical trials, age categories of the young adult population are often based on arbitrary measures which can complicate interpretation of age-related data. Little is known regarding where specific clinical characteristics heterogeneity lies in the context of age groups.

### Aims

We aimed to investigate whether distinct naturally occurring age groups existed among adult patients with UC based on symptomatology and health-related quality of life (HRQL) and to assess differences in the symptomatology and flaring status of these age groups.

### Methods

- Data were drawn from the Aetaph Disease Specific Programme™ for UC, a cross-sectional survey of gastroenterologists (GIs) and patients with UC in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom (UK), the United States (US), and Japan from Jan 2020-Mar 2021.
- GIs reported data for their next seven consulting patients, including demographics, clinical characteristics, and components of the Mayo score, allowing full Mayo scores to be calculated for all patients.
- Patients voluntarily reported on HRQL via the Short Inflammatory Bowel Disease Questionnaire (SIBDQ).
- 10-fold cross-validation was used to identify age groupings by adjusting knot placement in three splines of age in regression models with outcomes of patients' Mayo scores and SIBDQ scores.
- Patients' clinical characteristics across the age groups were compared using bivariate analysis.

### Results

- **Disease Activity- Mayo score age groupings:**
  - Age groupings based on Mayo scores were 18-28 yrs (n=452), 29-40 yrs (n=214), 41-50 yrs (n=287). The mean [SD] Mayo score for patients was 3.1 [3.1] for 18-28 yrs, 2.8 [2.9] for 29-40 yrs and 3.1 [2.9] for 41-50 yrs (p<0.05).
  - Flaring status at time of data collection was significantly different across groups with 79.2% of patients in the 18-28 yrs group flaring, 13.7% flaring in the 29-40 age group, and 14.8% flaring in the 41-50 age group (p<0.05).
  - Of symptoms with the greatest difference in prevalence between age groups, prevalence of rectal bleeding, abdominal pain, bloody diarrhoea, bowel movement urgency, and anaemia differed, although the results were not always significant.

### Quality of Life- SIBDQ score age groupings:

- Overall, 3262 patients with UC were included (55.8% male, mean [standard deviation; SD] body mass index [BMI] 24.1 [3.9], mean [SD] disease duration 5.1 [5.9] yrs), of which 960 had known SIBDQ scores (52.7% male, mean [SD] BMI 23.6 [3.5], mean [SD] disease duration 3 [6.2] yrs).
- Age groupings based on SIBDQ scores were 18-37 yrs (n=504), 38-49 yrs (n=443), 50-59 yrs (n=1173), and 60+ yrs (n=198). The mean [SD] SIBDQ total score was 53.1 [22.8] for patients aged 18-37, 53.2 [11.3] for patients aged 38-49, 50.3 [13.4] for patients aged 50-59, and 53.5 [12.4] for patients aged 60+ (p<0.05).
- Flaring at time of data collection also differed across age groups. With 13.8% flaring in the 18-37 age group, 4.2% in the 38-49 group, 13.3% in the 50-59 group, and 17.7% in the 60+ group.
- Among symptoms with the greatest difference in prevalence between age groups, prevalence of fatigue/fatigue, abdominal pain, abdominal distension, and anaemia differed, although not always significantly.

### Conclusion

- Naturally occurring age groups were identified by exploring disease activity measures and HRQL outcomes.
- Further analyses found differences in flaring status and symptomatology across age groups. This highlights that age should be considered when treating patients with UC as patients of different ages are likely to present and respond differently.
- While further research is warranted, aspects of treatments in clinical trials, such as safety and efficacy, should be tested within different age cohorts, and publishing individual age data would aid in enabling the analysis of drug disposition and safety in patients with UC.

Table 1. Patient demographics by age groupings - Mean score age groupings

	18-28 (n=452)	29-40 (n=214)	41-50 (n=287)	P value
Median age, Mean (SD)	24.0 (3.1)	34.5 (3.2)	45.0 (3.1)	<0.001
Female sex, Mean (SD)	22.0 (3.1)	24.0 (3.1)	26.0 (3.1)	<0.001
Male sex, Mean (SD)	22.0 (3.1)	24.0 (3.1)	26.0 (3.1)	<0.001
Disease duration, Mean (SD)	5.1 (5.9)	5.1 (5.9)	5.1 (5.9)	0.74
Ulcerative Proctitis, Prevalence (n/N)	10 (2.2)	31 (14.5)	38 (13.1)	
Ulcerative Proctitis, Mean (SD)	200 (28.5)	277 (31.7)	129 (31.3)	
Colitis, Prevalence (n/N)	352 (77.8)	183 (85.5)	249 (86.9)	
Colitis, Mean (SD)	630 (21.8)	630 (21.8)	64 (21.5)	

Figure 1a. Scatter plot of data collection by age groupings - Mean score age groupings

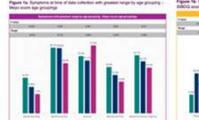


Table 2. Patient demographics by age groupings - SIBDQ score age groupings

	18-37 (n=504)	38-49 (n=443)	50-59 (n=1173)	60+ (n=198)	P value
Median age, Mean (SD)	27.0 (4.1)	43.5 (3.1)	54.5 (3.1)	65.0 (3.1)	<0.001
Female sex, Mean (SD)	22.0 (3.1)	24.0 (3.1)	26.0 (3.1)	28.0 (3.1)	<0.001
Male sex, Mean (SD)	22.0 (3.1)	24.0 (3.1)	26.0 (3.1)	28.0 (3.1)	<0.001
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Figure 1b. Scatter plot of data collection by age groupings - SIBDQ score age groupings



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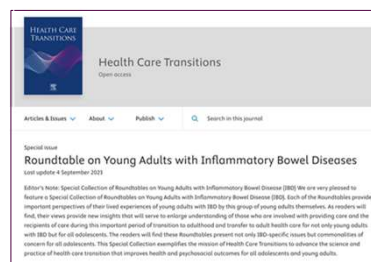


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# About the Crohn's & Colitis Young Adults Network

## Roundtable on Young Adults with IBD

- A yearlong multidisciplinary discussion series, bringing together patients and providers to discuss eight "domains" of young adulthood where IBD patients often need additional support
- Proceedings published in *Health Care Transitions*
- Developed clinician-facing resources with recommendations for addressing unique needs of YA with IBD



Peer support interventions for young adults with inflammatory bowel diseases

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What adult gastroenterologists should know about young adults with IBD: Navigating transition of care for young adults with IBD

Sydney Reed <sup>a, R, BS</sup>, Linda Yoo <sup>b</sup>, Amy Bugwadia <sup>c</sup>, Navin Kariyawasam <sup>d</sup>, Sneha Dave <sup>e</sup>

Sexual and reproductive health considerations in the care of young adults with inflammatory bowel disease: A multidisciplinary conversation

Sydney Reed <sup>a, R, BS</sup>, Amy K. Bugwadia <sup>a, b</sup>, Sneha Dave <sup>c</sup>, Hannah E. Wilson <sup>d</sup>, Prathikha Bamesh <sup>e</sup>, Hilary K. Michel <sup>f</sup>

Roundtable on Young Adults with IBD: A multi-stakeholder perspective and patient-driven analysis of the current transitional challenges and gaps in research

Sneha Dave <sup>a, R, BS</sup>, Sydney Reed <sup>b</sup>, Rajal Patel <sup>c</sup>, Sandra C. Kim <sup>d</sup>

Providing LGBTQ+ affirming care to young adults with inflammatory bowel diseases

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## Roundtable Findings:

### Challenges of Transition & Unique Considerations for Working with Young Adult Patients

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- **Inadequate preparation/support in learning self-management skills**
  - “tossed into” the adult care world, pressure to learn too many new skills or information at once can be overwhelming
- **Gaps in care between last pediatric and first adult care visits**
  - Hesitation and barriers (insurance, logistical questions, lack of system integration, etc)
  - delayed check-ups/care, missed medications
- **General lack of psycho-social support throughout the process**
  - fear, anxiety, unsure what to expect, etc.

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### **Systems-level barriers:**

- **Lack of time and dedicated staff** to support patients through process
- **Lack of healthcare policies** addressing the needs of transitioning YA with chronic conditions (when to start, what resources exist, who does what, etc.)
- **Absence of systems that effectively share patient data between pediatric and adult care clinics/clinicians**
- Exploring the cost-effectiveness for a medical practice for the role of a **nurse transition coordinator**

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***What are other barriers or challenges you have seen in your practice?***

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## Recommendations:

### Supporting Young Adults with IBD

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#### \*Psychosocial support is key

##### Ex: Peer support

- Participants expressed social isolation, difficulty connecting with healthy peers, and desire for greater availability of peer support.
- 72 % (n = 96) reported a UCLA loneliness score  $\geq 6$  (indicating loneliness); 91 % (n = 119) expressed that it was important to them to know other chronically ill young adults.
- 90 % of respondents (n = 122) noted that symptoms or physical limitations from their chronic condition limited them from doing things they wanted to do.
- Only 11 % (n = 15) reported that their hospital provided peer support programming.

*"Peer support has been something that keeps me going. I need that monthly or bi-weekly check in to be ok with dealing with the hard stuff. Even if we are not discussing our medical stuff just being around others that I don't need to explain or apologize if I'm unwell or can't answer a question (#12, inflammatory bowel disease, other comorbidities)."*

Melton et al (2025); <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2949923225000200>



#### Peer-support needs and experiences of young adults with chronic conditions: A mixed methods study

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##### Introduction

Little is known about how young adults with chronic conditions view peer support and virtual peer-support programming. The purpose of this study is to (1) describe the psychosocial and peer support needs of young adults with different chronic conditions and (2) evaluate the acceptability of a virtual community led peer-support program.

##### Methods

We developed and pilot-tested a 64-item online survey that included items about demographics, diagnosis and disease severity, peer support use and beliefs, program use and satisfaction, the UCLA 3-item loneliness scale, and free text responses. 136 young adults (18–35) with chronic conditions recruited from an email listserv participated. Two researchers coded free text responses and integrated quantitative and qualitative data using a convergent parallel mixed methods approach.

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- **Normalize the variety of feelings** (e.g., nervousness, hesitation) that YA may experience when learning new skills or gaining independence
- Emphasize that transition of care does not entail or necessitate complete “independence” – **encourage patients to ask for help when they need it**
- **Help YA identify who on their medical team they can/should go to with different questions**

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***“It is normal to feel excited, nervous, or both when we’re thinking about getting older and gaining independence! How are you feeling? How can I support you?”***

***“Just because you’re growing older or taking on more responsibilities doesn’t mean you have to do it all alone! An important part of the transition process is learning how, when, and who to ask for support.”***

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- Focus less on what patients “should” be able to do by a certain age -- **meet them where they are and celebrate ‘small wins’**
- Focus on ***one goal at a time***
- Identify **incremental steps** for skill building
- **Ask, don’t assume:** Instead of “do you have any questions?” use open-ended questions/prompts

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***“What are some concerns you have about transitioning to adult care?”***

***“What are some things that excite/intrigue you?”***

***“What are some questions you have about \_\_\_\_\_?”***

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- Encourage patients to **build self-advocacy skills**, and **validate** that they are an expert in their own body/life
- **Listen, validate, share, and ask.**
  - Instead of “I don’t think X symptom is anything to worry about”
- YA patients are often still learning how and what information they should share with providers, so may need some prompting

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**Listen/Validate:** *“It sounds like X symptom is [impacting Y, concerning you, etc.].”*

**Share:** *“These are some possible reasons why you might be experiencing X, and this is how we might rule out other possibilities.”*

**Ask:** *“What do you think about what I shared?”*

*“Can you share more about how X symptom is impacting you/your daily functioning? That will help me figure out if it’s something we should keep an eye on, or if we should order XYZ tests today.”*

*“Thanks for bringing that to my attention – that’s a good thing to keep an eye on! It sounds like right now, it’s not causing you major issues, but if you start noticing XYZ, definitely let me know.”*

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## Opportunities and Ongoing Needs for Future Research

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- Assess **long-term impact** of transition programs (on health outcomes, quality of life, and healthcare utilization) → show need for funding
- Understand **barriers/facilitators for implementing** effective transition programs in different settings → showing how to have most impact
- **Consensus on core outcome measures** for evaluating transition programs → better comparison across studies/programs
- More **multidisciplinary collaboration** between gastroenterology, mental health, nursing, social work, public health researchers, etc. → address the multifaceted nature of transition

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- **Collaboratively** design, implement, and evaluate interventions **alongside YA patients**: Community-based participatory research, Community-engaged research, Patient Advisory Boards

Check out our CCYAN Directory: a resource to connect researchers with YA IBD patients (for advisory boards, research teams, etc.)



- **Qualitative** or **mixed-methods** studies to more fully understand lived experiences/preferences of YA patients
- **Peds/adult collaboration** to gather data/understand ongoing patient needs and satisfaction

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***What are other research gaps/needs you see in your practice?***

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## 'For Clinicians' Resources

- Transition of Care
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Providing LGBTQ+ Affirming Care
- Caring for YA Men with IBD
- Medical Trauma
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