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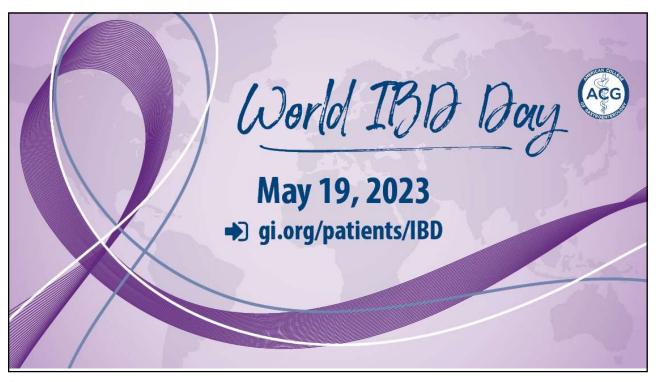


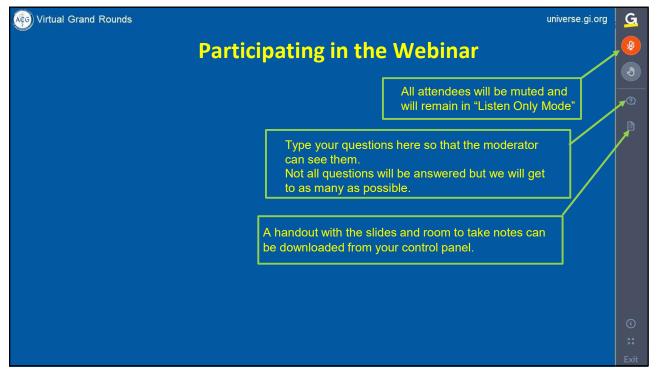
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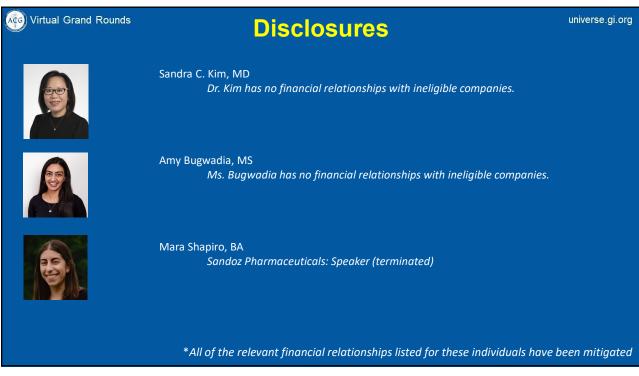
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# Crash Course in Caring for the Emerging Adult Living with IBD: It's NOT "Mission Impossible"

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# **OBJECTIVES**

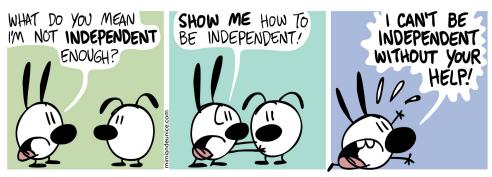
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- Define the concepts of transitioning and transfer of care for young adults with IBD
- Recognize the psychological impact of IBD for the transitioning adolescent and their caregivers
- Discuss common barriers to care
- Review factors that prepare the adolescent patient to successfully transfer and transition to adult care
- Develop a transition plan/expectations that includes the pediatric and adult GI providers, young adult patient, and family
- Provide resources and tools to help in these processes



# The Road to Independence

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- Crucial to start/ramp up transitioning process early
  - Gradual process: parents shift into role of "coach"
  - Preparation for being away from home after high school
- Adult GI teams will expect young adults to be independent

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# What is Transitioning?

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- Transition ≠ Transfer
- Transfer of care
  - Moving from one provider to another
- Transition
  - Planned, purposeful process of adolescent patients towards independence from pediatric to adult –focused healthcare systems
  - Flexible, dynamic process
  - \*Timing important



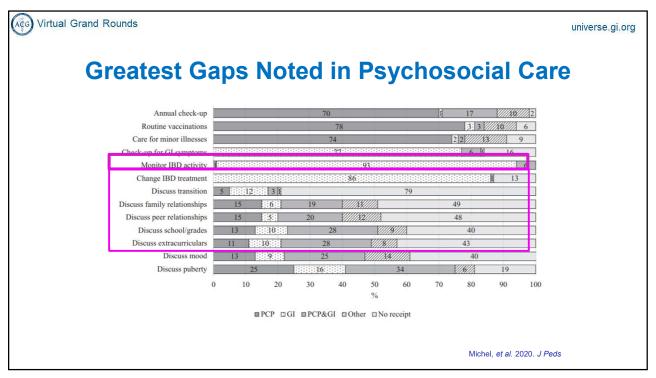
# **NASPGHAN: Transitioning of Care**

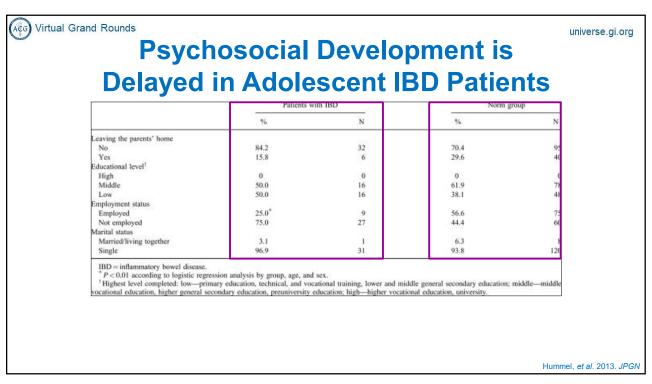
"The goal of a transition program is to achieve for each chronically ill patient a continuum of care that includes normalization of social and emotional development and the acquisition of independent living skills."

- NASPGHAN Medical Position Statement 2002

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# The Cost Of Disease In Pediatric IBD In Ibo In Ib





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# School Functioning and Performance Affects K-12, Higher Ed, and Beyond

 Children with IBD have poorer school functioning compared to healthy children

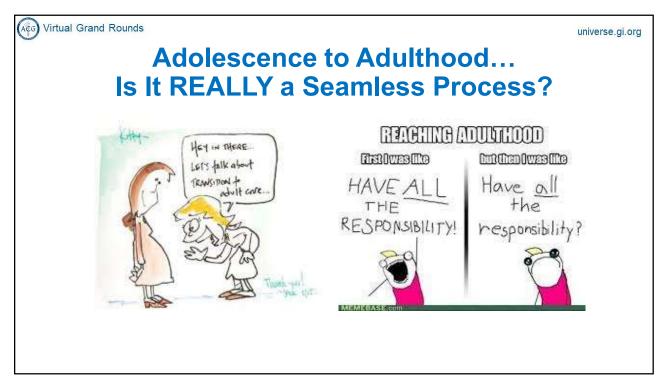
(Mackner et al. 2012. J Clin Beh Psych)

- Poorer functioning but only significant differences were in absences (although decreased GPA and QOL as well)
- Predictors for worse educational outcomes:

(Singh, et al. 2015. J Peds)

- Age, gender–matched children with IBD to controls
- Predictors: \*Lower SES and <u>diagnosis with mental health issues</u>, but not age at diagnosis, IBD type, steroids, or hospitalizations
- Higher ed can impact future jobs, economic/insurance status (Almadani, et al. 2014. Clin Gastro Hepatol)
  - More difficult adjustment to college, lower attendance and self-efficacy for students with IBD (especially when experiencing symptoms)

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# Considerations for Care in Young Adults

Provider

**Parent** 

**Patient** 

- Shift in roles
- Social pressures
- Developmental changes
- Life changes
- Issues of confidentiality
- Redefining responsibility
- Financial and insurance considerations
- Increasing independence and autonomy
- Shared-decision making

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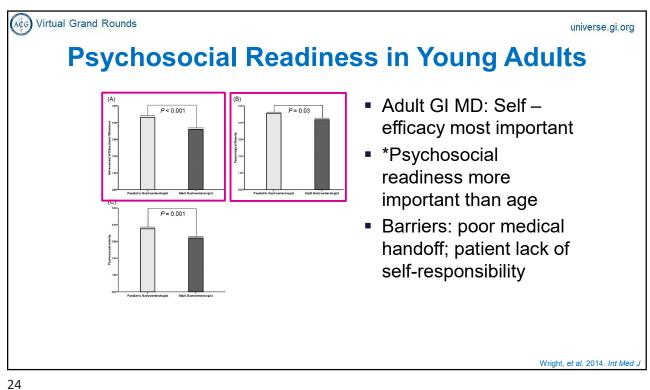


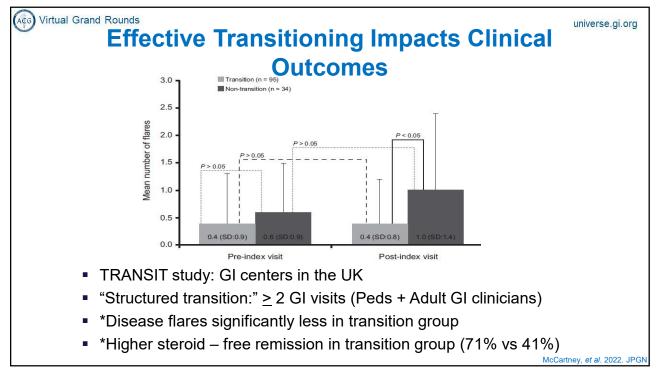
# **Transitioning in IBD Care**

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- Adolescent IBD patients have low baseline knowledge of disease
- Discrepancies in adult vs. pediatric GI MD perceptions of patient readiness
  - Inadequate disease knowledge, lack of self advocacy
  - Insufficient time/clinical resources
- Poor correlation between clinician vs. measures defined health literacy readiness in adolescent IBD patients
  - Lowest correlation in patient-reported <u>self-efficacy</u> in disease management
  - Differences in how clinicians and patients define health literacy

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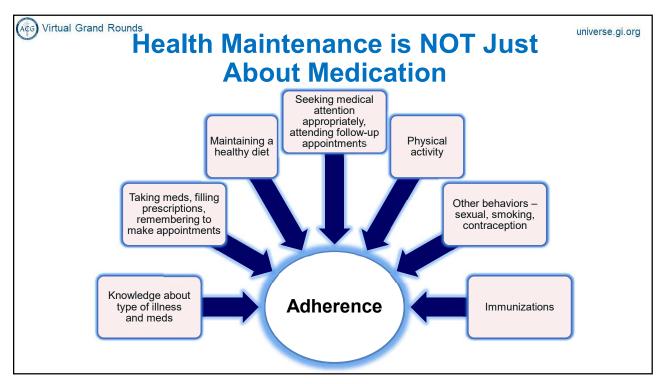




# **Transitioning from Pediatrics to Adults...**

- Recognizing and reconciling differences in approaches to care
  - Differences in style
  - Differences in management
  - Differences in time allotted for office visit
  - Differences in procedures and sedation
- Planning for care at college/time away from home
- Balancing parent and patient interests

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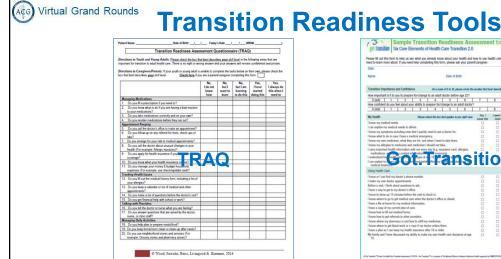
# **How Can Adult Gls Effectively Address This?**

- Many Pediatric GIs currently use:
  - Readiness assessments
  - Utilization of checklists
  - Educational and self-management tools
  - Written comprehensive healthcare plan
- Adult GIs can consider implementing...
  - Dedicated clinics for the adolescent (annual visits)
  - Dedicated APP/Nurse Coordinator
  - Discussions of the Transition Readiness domains during initial visits

Hait, et al. 2006. JPGN Leung, et al. 2012. Inflamm Bowel Dis

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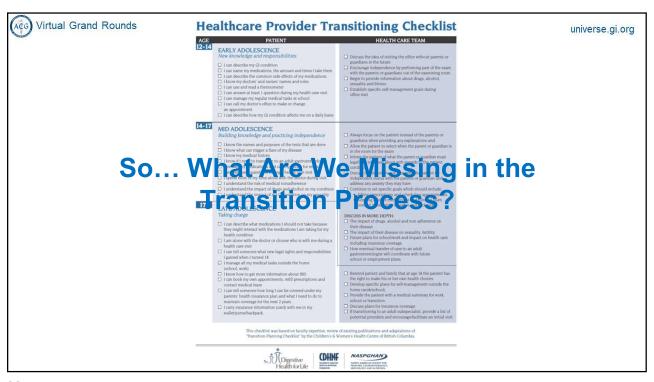
#### **Patients**

- Medication management
- Appointment keeping
- Tracking health issues
- Managing ADL
- Communication with providers



#### Patients, parents, caregivers

- Transition importance and confidence;
- My health
- Skills for using health care





# **Medical Summary**

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- Date of (and age at) IBD diagnosis
- IBD phenotype: Disease distribution/severity
- IBD-related surgeries and complications
- Medication/therapy history (including prior adverse reactions)
- Diagnostic testing results: most recent endoscopies and imaging
- Vaccination/screening status: Hepatitis
   B, pneumococcal vaccines; TB status
- Recent labs (including TDM results)

Menon & Afzali.2019. AJG



# What to Discuss with Young Adult Patients

#### "Administrative" issues related medical care

- Accommodations
  - College (Disability office; letters/forms)
  - Academic internships/work programs
  - Work related (FMLA)

## Dealing with insurance mandates

- Type of insurance and coverage
- Understanding insurance versus pharmacy benefits manager (PBM)



- Prior authorizations
- \* Not everyone needs to be a health policy expert! But patients *do* need a baseline understanding in order to be an active partner in their care!

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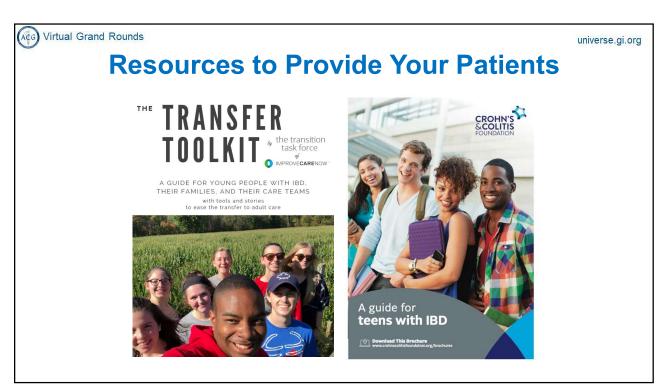
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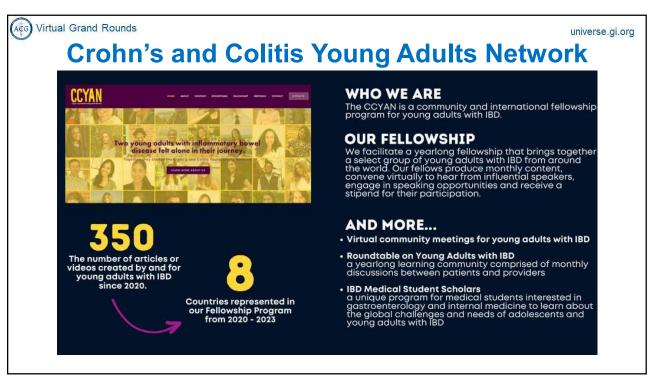
# **What to Discuss with Young Adult Patients**

- Health management
  - Emergency support/contacts (and disclosure)
  - Knowing where to get your medications, and how to use them
  - Scheduling visits, tests, and procedures
  - Knowing when and how you should contact your healthcare team

#### Health maintenance

- Understanding medication interactions
- Understanding self-protection in the time of COVID (and other future pandemics/viral seasons)
- Sexual health and family planning







# **Peer Support Networks**

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- Crohn's and Colitis Young Adults Network (CCYAN)
  - Resources and virtual meetings
- ImproveCareNow Pediatric Advisory Council (PAC)
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation
  - National Council of College Leaders (NCCL) and <u>Campus</u> Connection
  - Young Professionals Groups (Chapter-specific)
  - Camp Oasis (<u>Counselors</u>)
  - Power of Two program
- Clinic and hospital-based support groups
- College-based groups
  - Student clubs, Disability Office events
- Fostering 1:1 mentorship/connections

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# Psychosocial Readiness → Routine Practice

- Pediatric GI MD:
  - Be proactive and provide appropriate resources for young adult patients
  - Focus on patient self management of their disease...and life
  - Ask the tough questions!
  - Have a comprehensive medical summary ready
- Adult GI MD:
  - Collaborate with the peds team in the early stages of care transfer
  - Anticipate existing gaps of knowledge and self management skills
  - Prepare for more time for questions, additional education... and parents



# **Teamwork is the Key to Success**

- Transition of medical care coincides with other life transitions, which may or may not promote effective medical transition
  - School and college
- Transition is a gradual process ("continuum of care") of achieving autonomy as an independent young adult in medical care and overall health management
- One size does NOT fit all!
- Transition is most successful when patients, parents, AND clinicians are involved.

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#### **Ultimate Goals**

- Empower your emerging adult patients
  - Acknowledge the challenges they are encountering as they form their own identity as a young adult with a chronic illness
- Ensure that there is an effective therapeutic alliance
  - Shared decision making on all levels
  - Open communication
  - Safe space
- Educate on available resources
  - Within the healthcare institution
  - Additional scientific and patient focused information

