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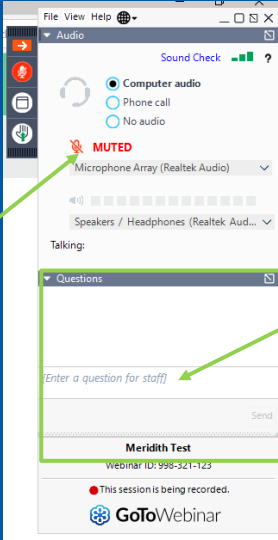
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Exploring Gender Diversity in GI

Faculty: Asmeen Bhatt, MD, PhD, FACG;

Millie D. Long, MD, MPH, FACG; And Allison R. Schulman, MD, MPH

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Week 5 – Thursday, February 9, 2023

Liver Cancer Update and Review for the Gastroenterologist

Faculty: Ayse Aytaman, MD, FACG

Moderator: Janice Jou, MD

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Technology-Enabled Solutions Elevate GI Patient Care



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Objectives

- Provide a brief overview of the growth of technology-enabled solutions in the treatment of chronic GI conditions.
- Review what patients want out of their GI care and how resilience can determine disease self-management behavior.
- Review the significance of not using technology as a single point solution (e.g. prescribing an “app”) but leveraging technology/technology-enabled solutions to ensure patients receive truly integrated care.

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Terminology

Let's talk

- mHealth = mobile health
- eHealth = health care provided electronically, via the internet
- ePRO = electronic patient reported outcome
- DTx = digital therapeutics
 - “evidence-based behavioral treatments delivered online that can increase accessibility and effectiveness of healthcare.”
 - Expected to have a \$7.1 billion (USD) global value by 2025
- Digital Health = all technologies that engage a patient in their health and well-being
 - mHealth, telehealth (i.e. telehealth), smart devices, sensors and wearables, DTx, health information technology, certain virtual reality (VR), certain artificial intelligence (AI) products and personalized medicine

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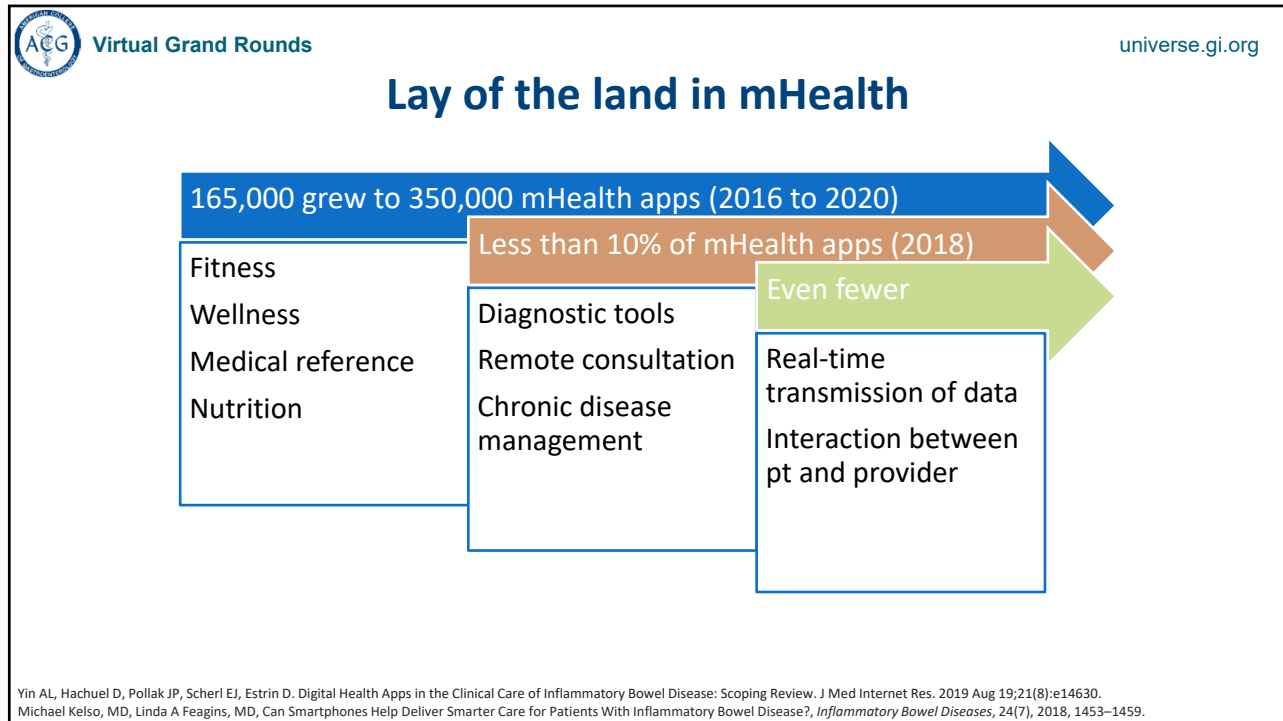
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Evolving health care with technology

- Patients who use apps to monitor their medical conditions
 - Felt more secure about their condition
 - Participated in their health more
 - Felt like they were well taken care of outside of the clinical setting
- Use of mobile health apps were associated with
 - Decreases in costs
 - Increases in convenience, productivity and efficiency

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The cautions of fast-moving products

- The majority of mHealth apps commercially available
 - Not evidence-based
 - Lack clinical validation
 - Have limited professional medical involvement
- 16% (9 of 56) were developed by GI or IBD patients alone.

Michael Kelso, MD, Linda A Feagins, MD, Can Smartphones Help Deliver Smarter Care for Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease?, *Inflammatory Bowel Diseases*, 24(7), 2018, 1453–1459.

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Potential benefits of smartphone use in the care of IBD patients

Patient education on disease and management
Remote disease monitoring
Symptom tracking
Medication adherence tracking
Dietary logs
Earlier interventions based on tracked data
Alerts to medical team if symptoms not on track
Improved adherence (alarms/reminders)
Improved self-management/patient empowerment
Online support network

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Psychological factors in IBD

- Stress and mood disorders negatively impact disease course
 - Flares
 - Surgeries
 - Poor QoL
 - High health care costs
- Psychological resilience is a protective factor

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            graph LR
            A[IBD = stressful event] --> B{high resilience}
            A --> C{low resilience}
            B --> D[Patient is already able to "bounce back," adapt to disease demands]
            C --> E[Patient develops anxiety, depression in response to disease demands]
            D --> F["❖ Lower disease activity  
❖ Good quality of life"]
            E --> G["❖ Higher disease activity  
❖ Poor quality of life"]
            
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Empowering through resilience

Resilience is a modifiable trait that is responsive to behavioral interventions, with resilience-building therapies associated with improved physical health and well-being.



Perception is key to resilience: Do you conceptualize an event as traumatic, or as a chance to learn and grow? Illustration by Gizem Vural

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Patients are using apps and technology

4 Apps I Use to Help Manage My Crohn's Disease

By [thedancingcrohnie](#) • July 8, 2021
 Last updated: July 2021





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It's no secret that nowadays there is an app for everything! And boy is it so true. So what applications are out there for Crohn's disease? Well, actually there are a few.









Google Play
Low FODMAP diet A to Z - Ap...

<https://inflammatoryboweldisease.net/living/apps-crohns>

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Considerations for the patient and provider

- What are you hoping to accomplish with use of digital health?
- Is this a safe and quality product?
- Will the patient and provider share information?

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What is available: A scoping review

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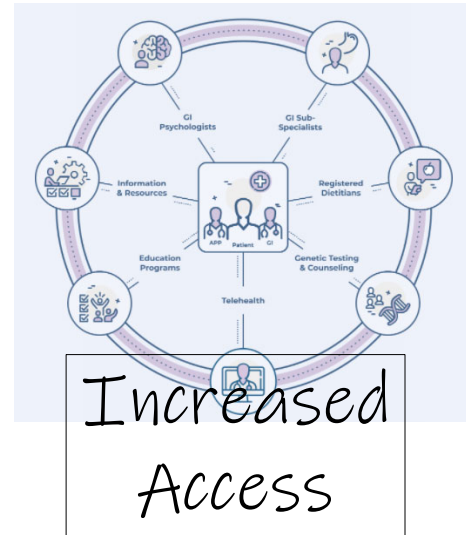
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Brain-gut behavioral therapies

- Self-management programs
- GI cognitive behavioral therapy (GI-CBT)
- Gut-directed hypnotherapy
- Mindfulness-based interventions
- Psychodynamic interpersonal therapy

Scalable solutions for integrative care



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 - Are interested in high quality, digital therapeutics

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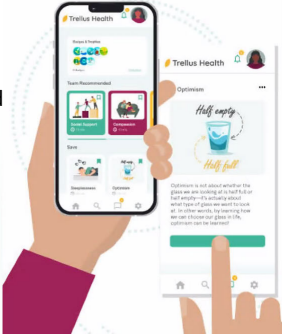
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Various models for supporting patients through technology






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Key Take Aways

- IBD (and IBS) care is complex and often most beneficial to the patient when approached from an integrative perspective.
- Access to evidence-based behavioral health care is limited.
- Technology enabled solutions can support patients and providers!
 - Learn more about resilience-based behavioral health program, Trellus Health here: trellushealth.com/giondemand

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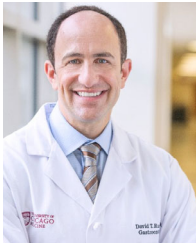
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Common Barriers To the Implementation of Optimal Disease Outcomes in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: The Challenges to Moving Forward



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Inflammatory Bowel Disease

- Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis
- Chronic intestinal inflammation
- No medical cure
- 3.1 million Americans
- Incidence and prevalence rising
- Co-existing mental health disorders
- Treatments have evolved considerably
- Surgery and hospitalization is frequently needed
- Disability occurs

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Goals and Preferred Outcomes in IBD

- Sustained remission
- No hospitalization or ER visits
- Avoidance of corticosteroids
- Avoidance of surgery or repeat surgery
- High level/unencumbered personal and professional functioning
- Affordable healthcare



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Changes in IBD Care Over Time



THEN

Crisis Care
Symptom-based
Limited Treatment options

NOW

Advances in science
Chronic care model
Multiple treatment options
Prevention strategies
Multi-disciplinary care
Quality of care Initiatives
Patient satisfaction measures
Dramatic rise in costs of care
Growth of insurance companies/third party payors

TIME



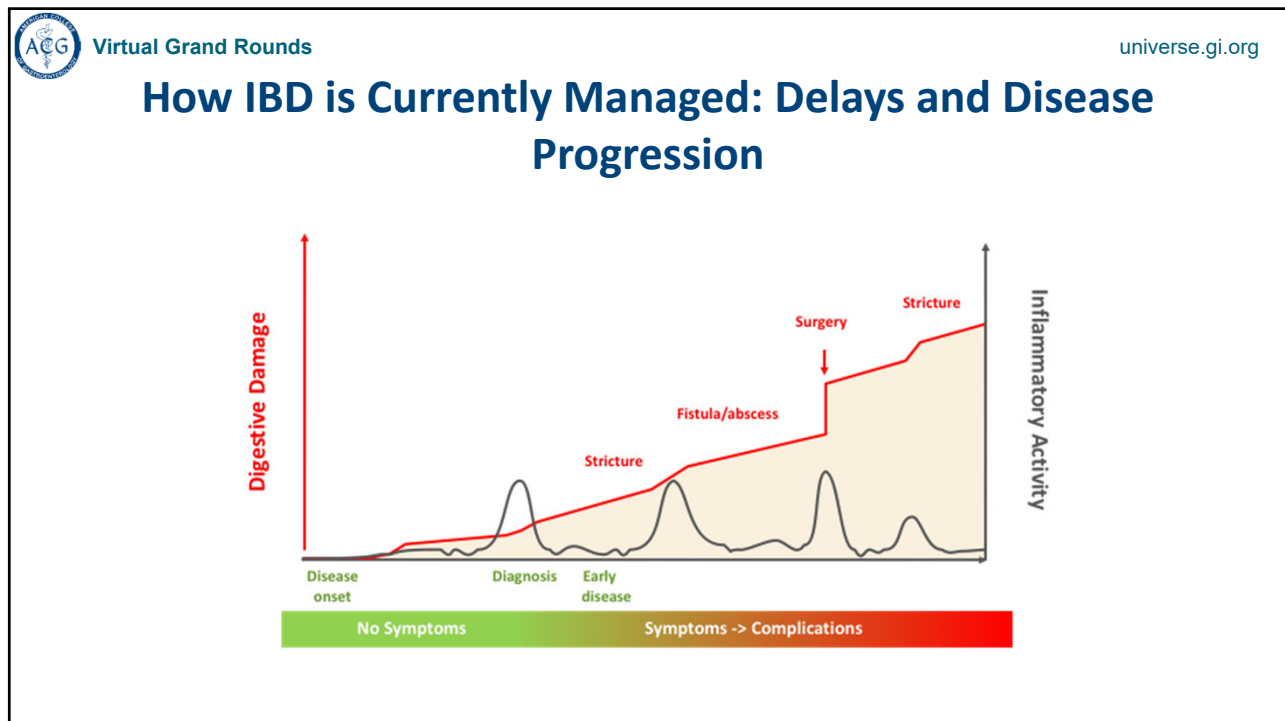
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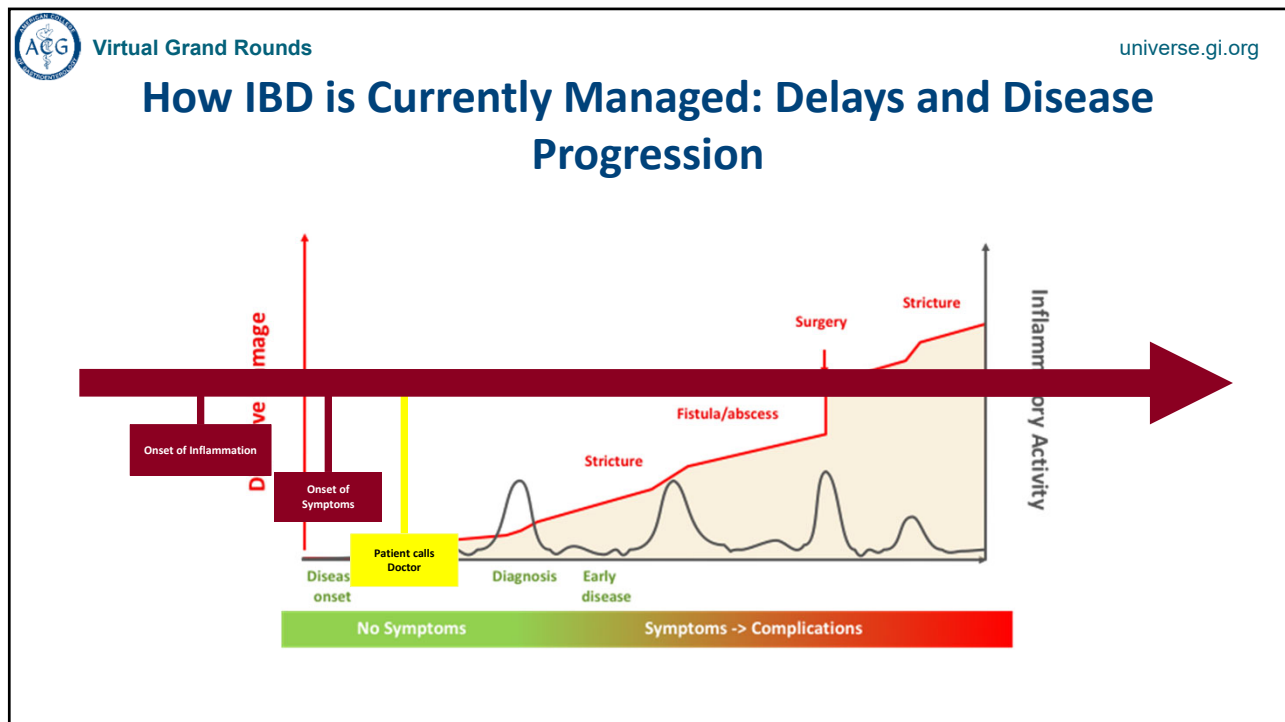
Medical Treatment Options for IBD 2023

Treatment	Induction	Maintenance	
Dietary treatment (PEN/EEN)	CD	CD	Conventional Therapies (traditional)
5-ASA	UC	UC	
Steroids (budesonide and prednisone equivalents)	✓	✗	
Antibiotics	?	?	
Thiopurines	✗	✓	Conventional Therapies (Immunomodulators)
Methotrexate	CD	CD	
Anti-integrin (natalizumab, vedolizumab)	✓	✓	Biological Therapies
Anti-p40 (ustekinumab) Anti-p19 (risankizumab)	✓	✓	
Anti-TNF (adalimumab, certolizumab pegol, golimumab, infliximab)	✓	✓	
JAKinibs (tofacitinib, upadacitinib)	UC	UC	Targeted synthetic Small molecules
S1P receptor mod (ozanimod)	UC	UC	

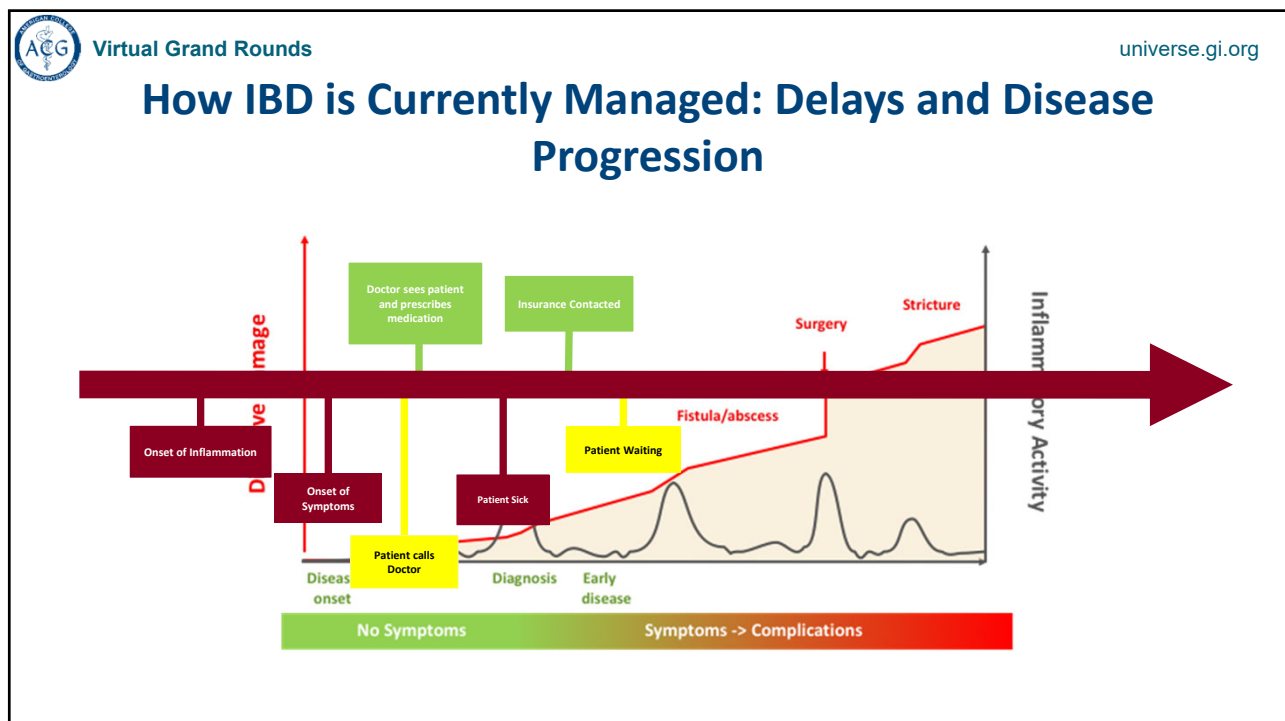
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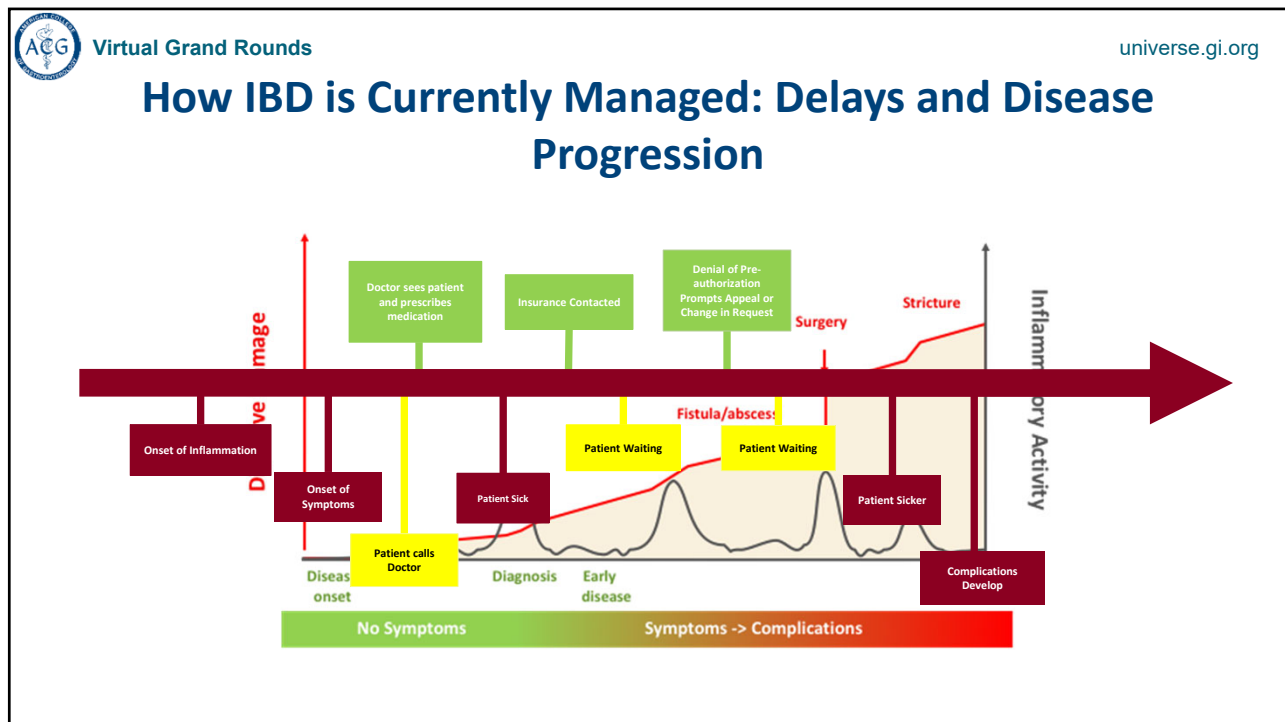
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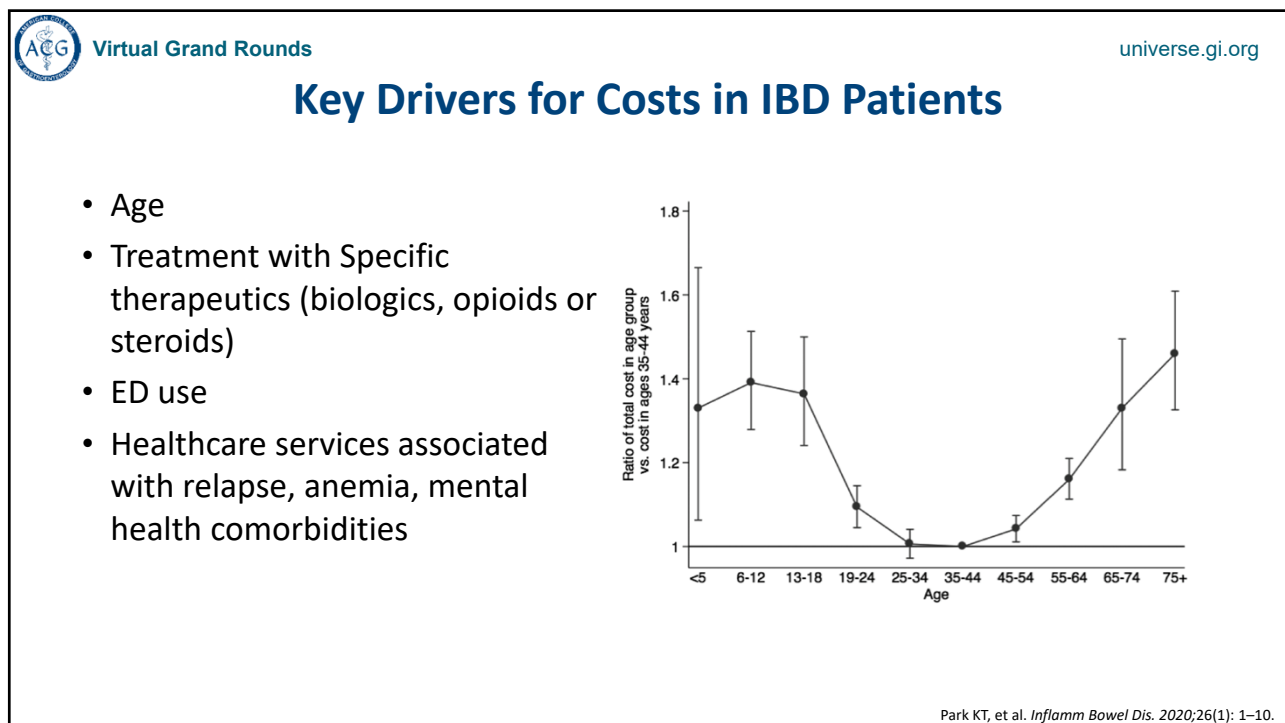
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Access to Specialists and Emergency Room Visits in IBD in Canada: a Population Based Study

Promoting Access and Care through Centres of Excellence (PACE) Network


- Poor access to outpatient IBD specialists contributes to IBD-related emergency department visits
- Greater access to gastroenterologists was associated with lower risks of visits to the ER

Table 3. Predictors of rates of emergency department visits

	Predictors of emergency department visits	
	Multivariable Poisson regression	
	Model 1 Incidence rate ratio [95% CI]	Model 2 Incidence Rate Ratio [95% CI]
Regional access to gastroenterologists		
Low	ref	n/a
Moderate	0.78 [0.75-0.82]	n/a
High	0.74 [0.69-0.80]	n/a
Region-wide implementation of NICS		
Low	n/a	ref
Not Low	n/a	0.78 [0.75-0.81]
Mean attained age [SD]	0.96 [0.96-0.97]	0.96 [0.96-0.97]
Sex		
Female	0.92 [0.90-0.93]	0.92 [0.90-0.93]
Male	ref	ref
IBD diagnosis		
Crohn's disease	2.12 [2.03-2.22]	2.12 [2.03-2.22]
Ulcerative colitis	0.90 [0.86-0.94]	0.90 [0.86-0.94]
IBD-unclassified	ref	ref
Neighborhood income		
Bottom quintile	1.24 [1.20-1.28]	1.24 [1.20-1.28]
2nd quintile	1.14 [1.11-1.18]	1.14 [1.11-1.18]
3rd quintile	0.98 [0.95-1.01]	0.98 [0.95-1.01]
4th quintile	0.91 [0.88-0.94]	0.91 [0.88-0.94]
Top quintile	ref	ref
Comorbidity [ADG] score		
0-5	0.50 [0.49-0.51]	0.50 [0.49-0.51]
6-9	0.92 [0.90-0.95]	0.92 [0.90-0.95]
10+	ref	ref

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Step Therapy (“Fail First”)


IBD Patients and Step Therapy Protocol

In a survey¹ of 2,600 IBD patients:




40% indicated they had been subject to step therapy


Of those:




58% of patients were required to fail two or more drugs before having access to the originally prescribed drug




60% were unable to have a doctor intervene to stop the step therapy process on their behalf



59% were delayed from their optimal treatment plan for over three months



32% were delayed for over seven months



94% believe step therapy to be a barrier to timely and appropriate care

¹National survey performed by the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. 2,602 respondents were surveyed in December 2016.

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Days from Initial Request to Receiving Determination From Insurance

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	Total (n=1693)	Not Approved (n=53)	Approved (n=1640)	p-value
Prior Authorization, median (IQR)	11 (6-20)	28 (16-48)	9 (5-16)	<0.001
First Level Appeal, median (IQR)	29 (17-48)	44 (27-79)	27 (15-43)	<0.001
Second Level Appeal, median (IQR)	51 (27-84)	45 (26-83)	59 (29-93)	0.564
External Review Request, median (IQR)	73 (28-98)	107 (86-127)	64 (26-79)	0.027

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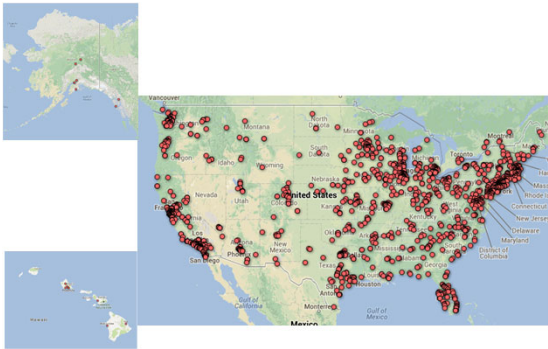
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TABLE 2. Reasons Identified for Delaying Health Care (Total n = 3646)


	% (n)
Delaying care	
Reported delaying care (of those who answered)	25.4 (897)
Rationale patient identified (were able to select more than one)	
Cost	48.0 (431)
Unable to get an appointment soon enough	31.7 (284)
Not enough time due to scheduling priorities	31.8 (285)
The doctor's office/clinic was not open when you could get there	8.2 (74)
Unable to get through on the telephone	7.4 (66)
On arrival, you have to wait too long to see the doctor	6.8 (61)
No transportation available	4.7 (42)

TABLE 3. How Patients with IBD Save Money and Delay Care (n = 1305); Number of Respondents Who Identified Each Reason


Way to Save Money	N (%)
Skipped medication	317 (25.2)
Took less medicine	375 (29.8)
Delayed filling a prescription	445 (35.3)
Asked your doctor for a lower cost medication	524 (41.6)
Purchased prescription drugs from another country	81 (6.4)
Used alternative therapies (other than those prescribed)	177 (14.0)
Delayed an appointment with health care provider	596 (47.3)
Declined/delayed medical test	440 (34.9)

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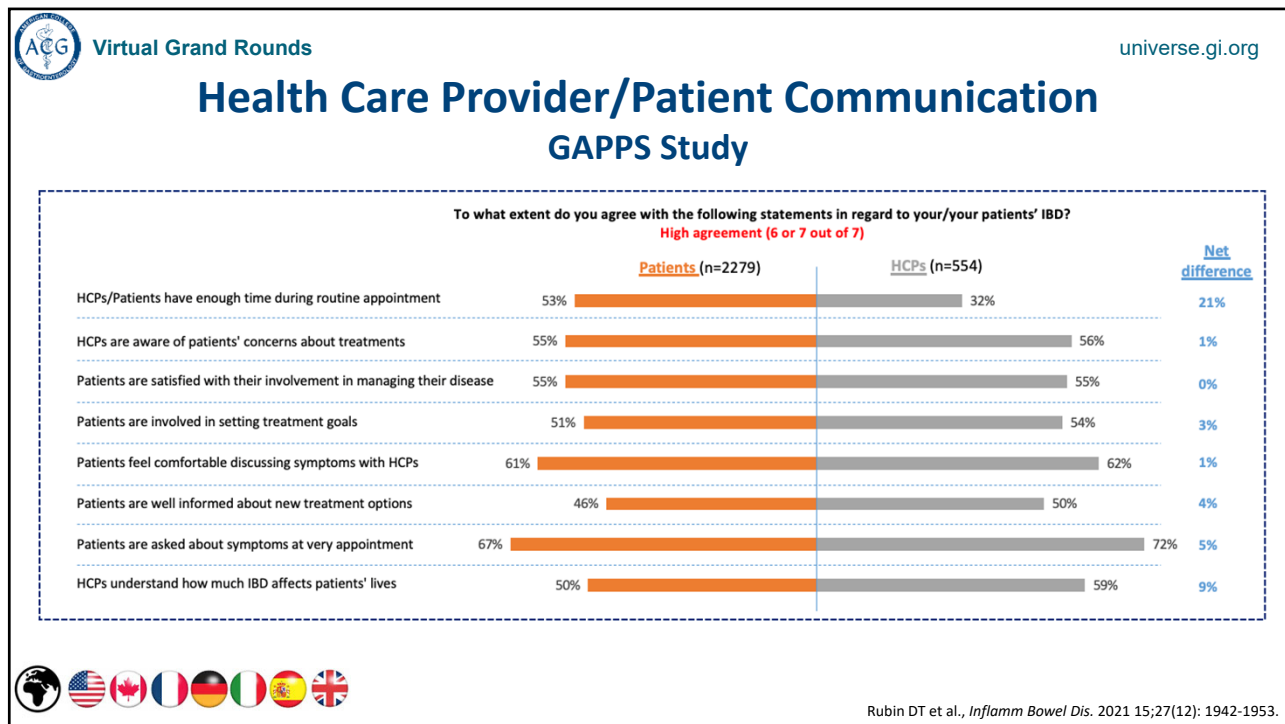


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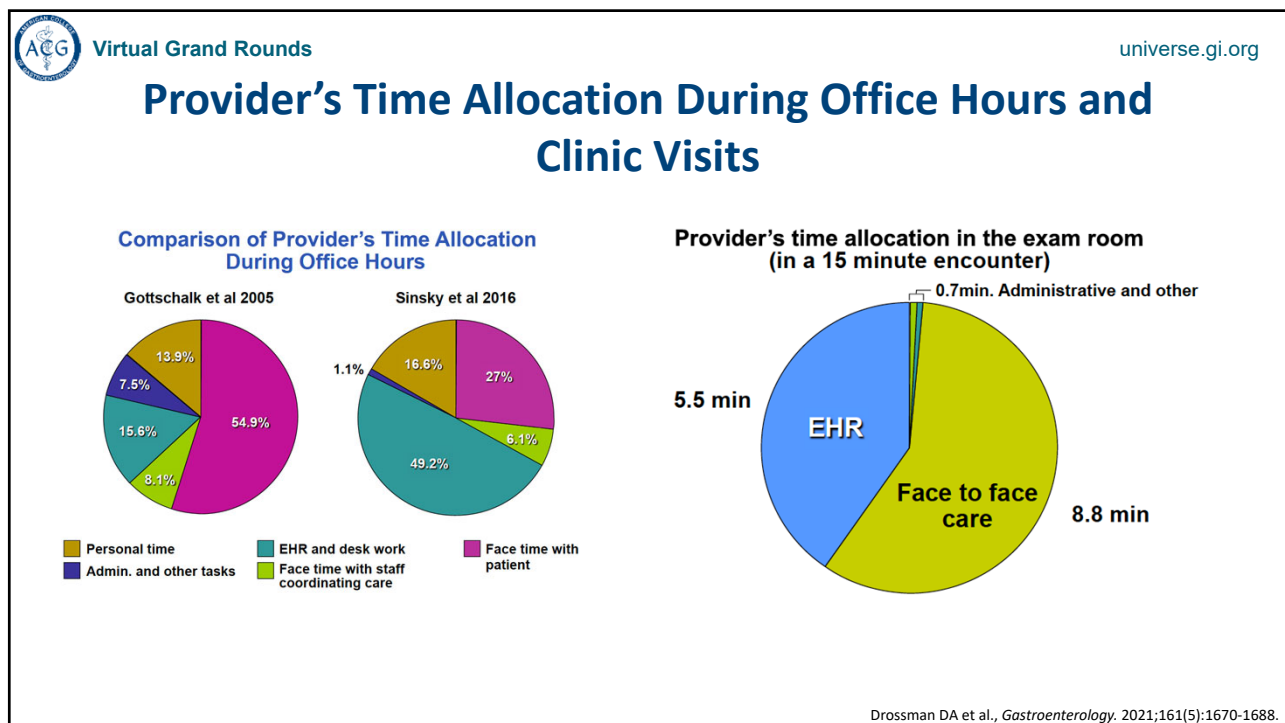
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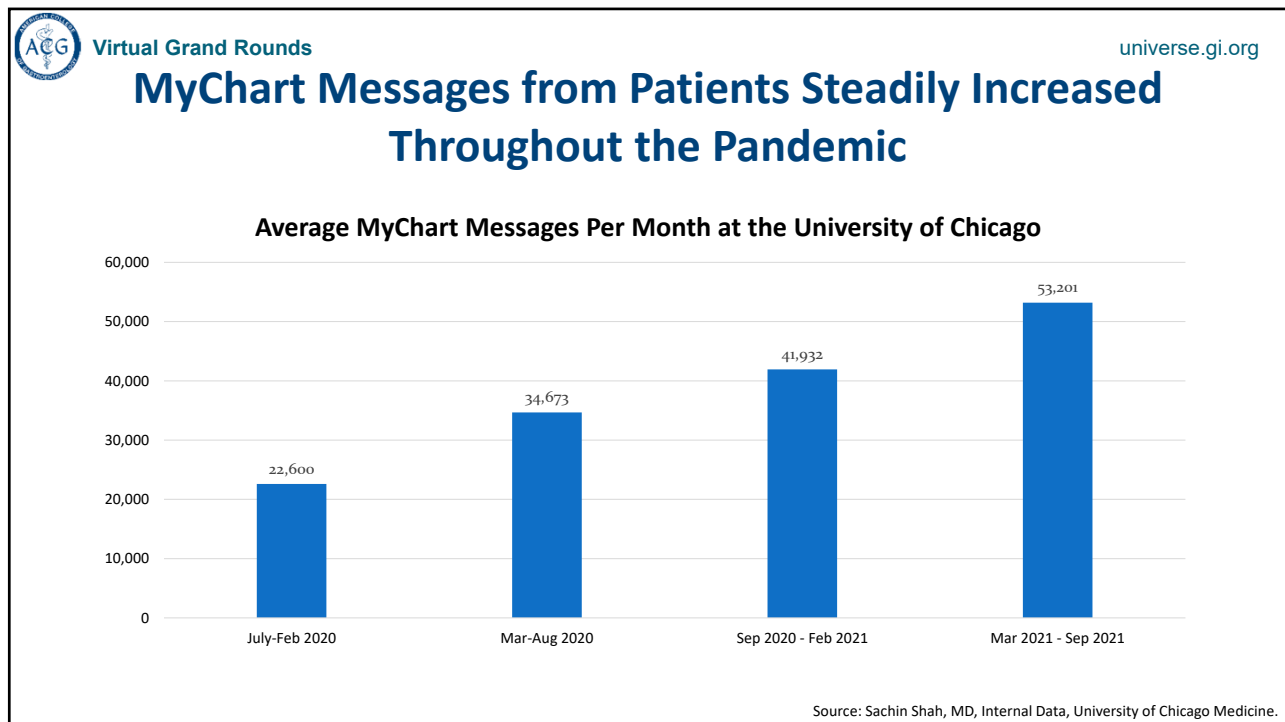
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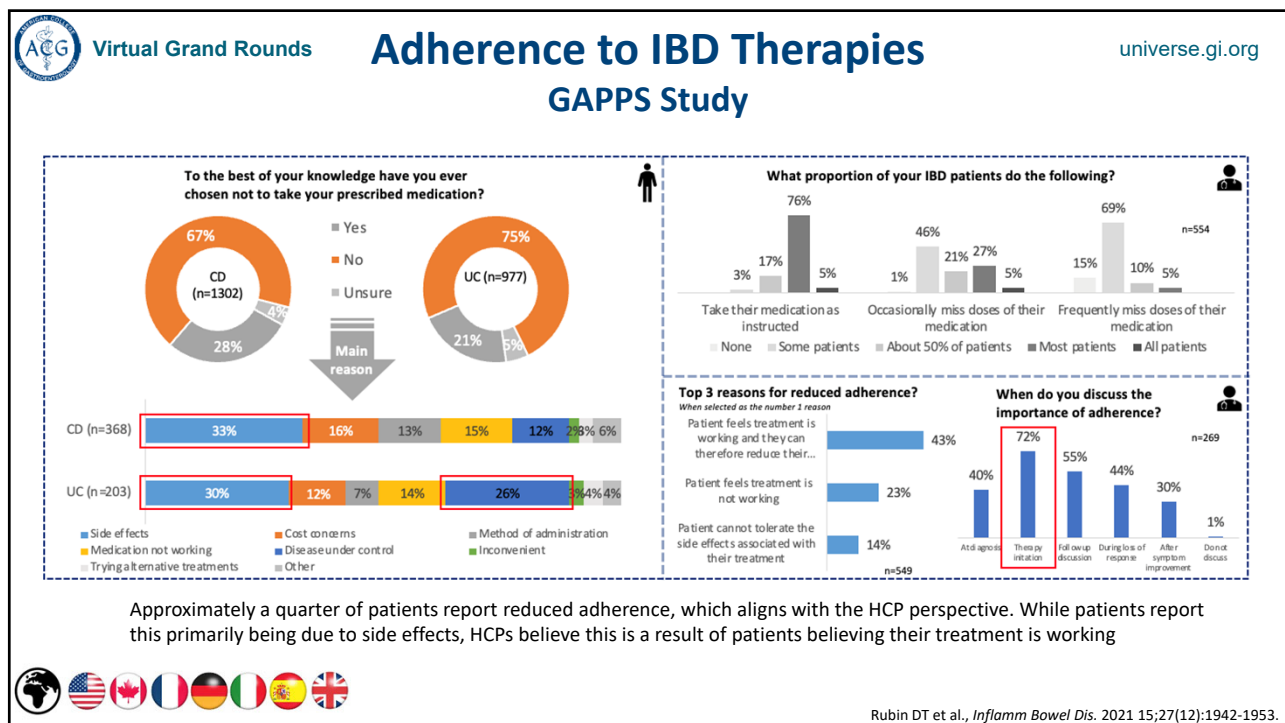
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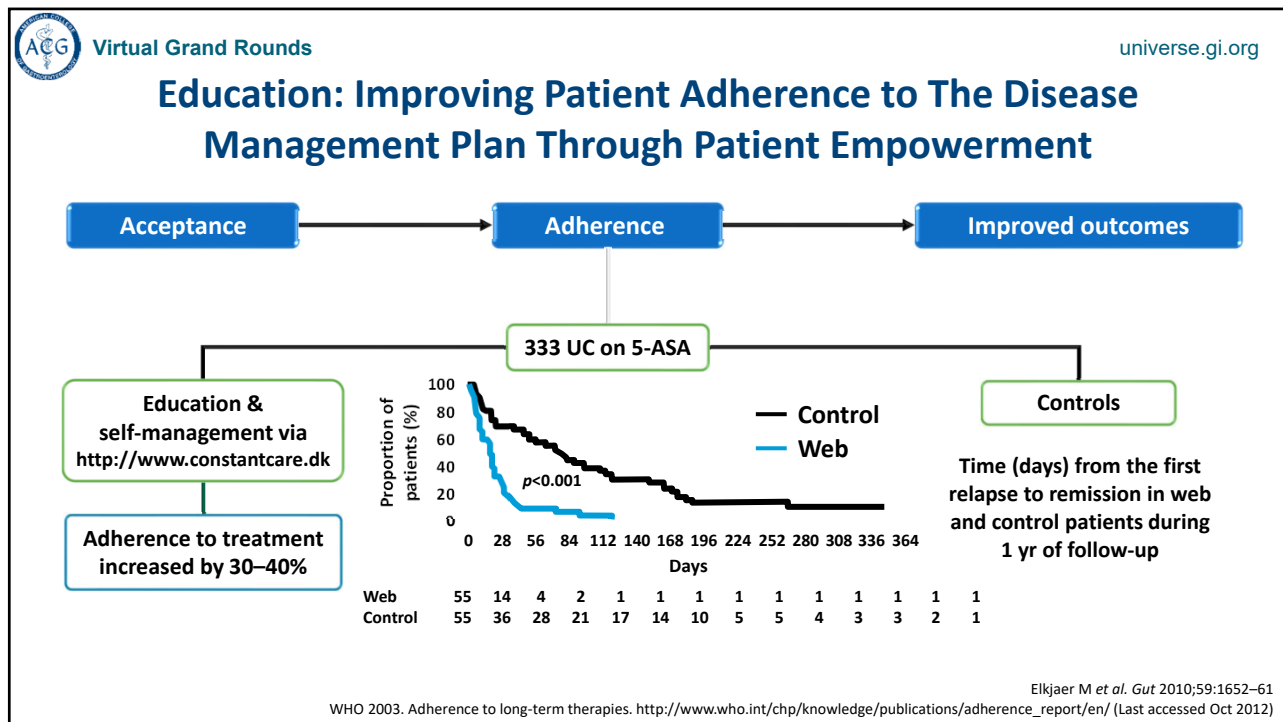
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Barrier in Delivery of Care: Problems to Solve

Problems

- Delays in diagnosis
- Delays in scheduling
- Insurance company delays in pre-authorizations and re-authorizations
- Uncertain timing of assessment of therapy efficacy
- Patient:Provider disconnects

Potential Solutions

- Education of doctors and nurses: **TODAY!**
- Talk to your patients about goals and expectations
- Ask about affordability of therapy
- Reimbursement for appropriate services and multi-disciplinary high value care
- Specialty pharmacies, public advocacy, legislation against Step Care
- Point of care testing, remote monitoring
- Digital solutions

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The IBD Care Bill of Rights: Update 2023

1. Patients should have informed providers who make the diagnosis quickly
2. Patients should have access to expert care and second opinions
3. Patients and providers should understand the goals of management and a systematic, thoughtful approach to relapse or loss of response
4. There must be adequate support for an engaged and collaborative multidisciplinary team
5. There must be appropriate education of available treatment options and shared decision making between patients and their primary IBD providers
6. The care of IBD must be affordable for the individual and for our society
7. Patients and providers must have access to needed therapies in a timely manner
8. There must be an appropriate, transparent and expedited appeals process for decisions by payers
9. Patients should have appropriate accommodation for their condition at school, at work and in public spaces
10. Patients and providers must have ample support for meaningful research into better treatments and cures of IBD

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