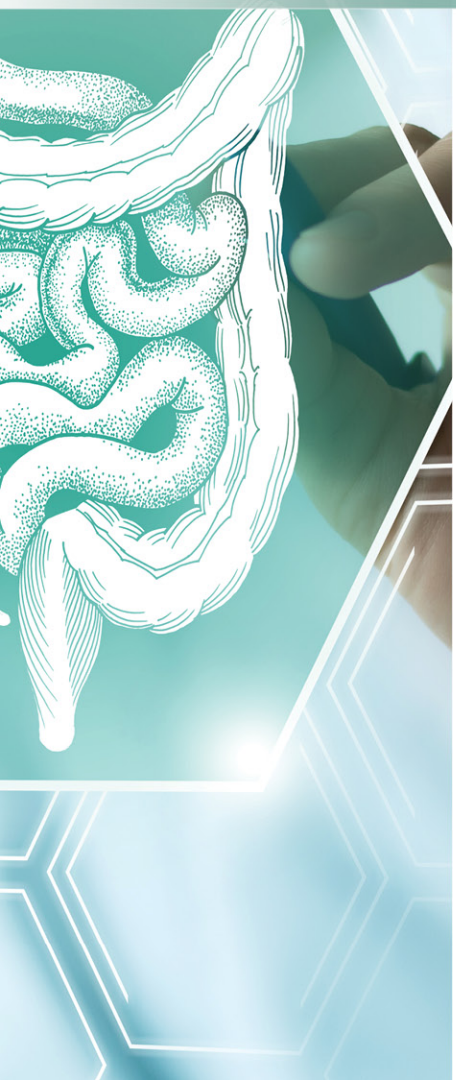


# **Evolving Horizons in the Management of Ulcerative Colitis**

**Optimizing Outcomes Through Multidisciplinary Collaboration**

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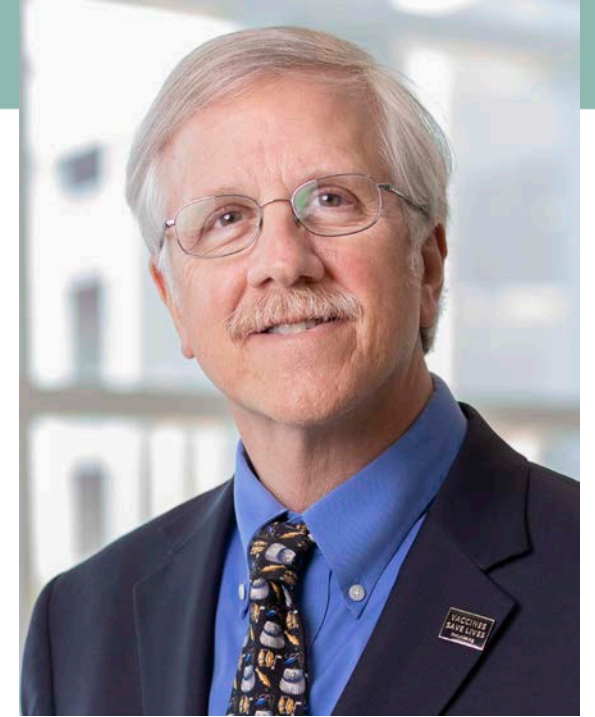
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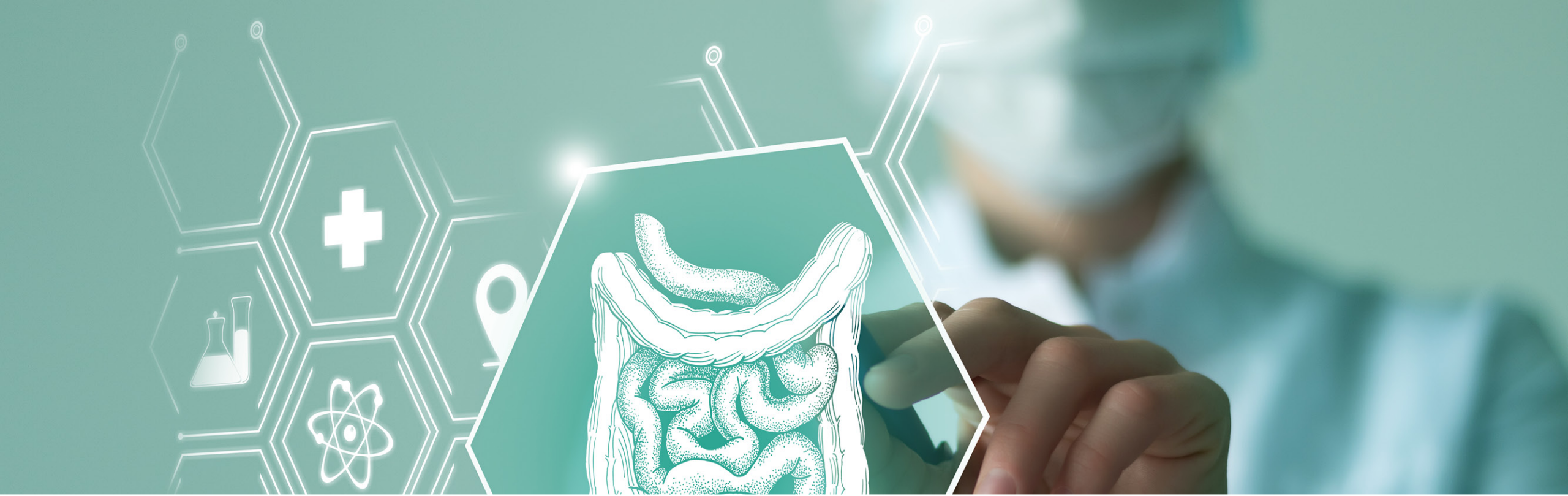
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# Learning Objectives

- **Describe** the goals of therapy for patients with ulcerative colitis (UC), including relevant clinical, endoscopic, and patient-reported outcomes
- **Summarize** current treatment options for UC and limitations associated with their use
- **Discuss** novel treatment options for UC, with a focus on the role and use of sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor modulators
- **Formulate** a collaborative, multidisciplinary plan of care for a patient with UC



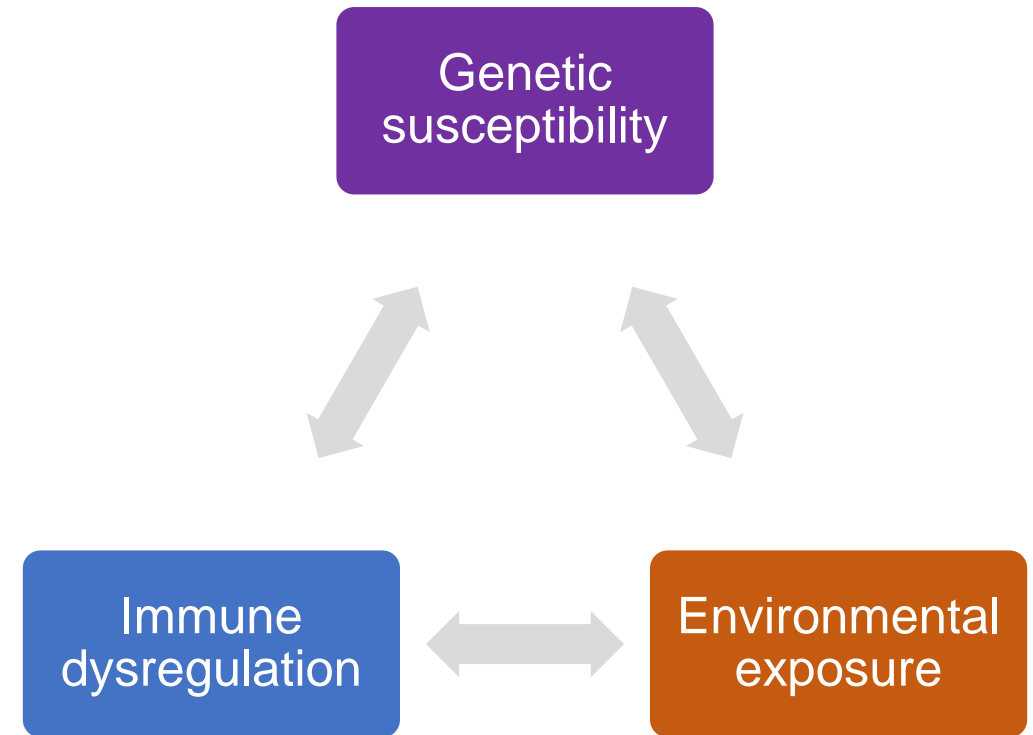
# Introduction to Ulcerative Colitis

# Ulcerative Colitis

- Chronic idiopathic inflammatory disease of the colon
- Peak of onset: adults aged 30-40 years
- Incidence and prevalence increasing worldwide
  - 3.7 million worldwide in 1990 → 6.8 million in 2017
- 15% of patients will require surgical intervention
- Disability + higher healthcare resource utilization
  - \$11,029 higher direct costs per patient per year

# Pathophysiology

- Exact pathophysiology is not completely understood
  - Defects in colonic epithelial cells, mucosal barrier, and epithelial barrier
  - Family history of IBD, ≈200 identified risk loci, cigarette use, all ethnicities affected

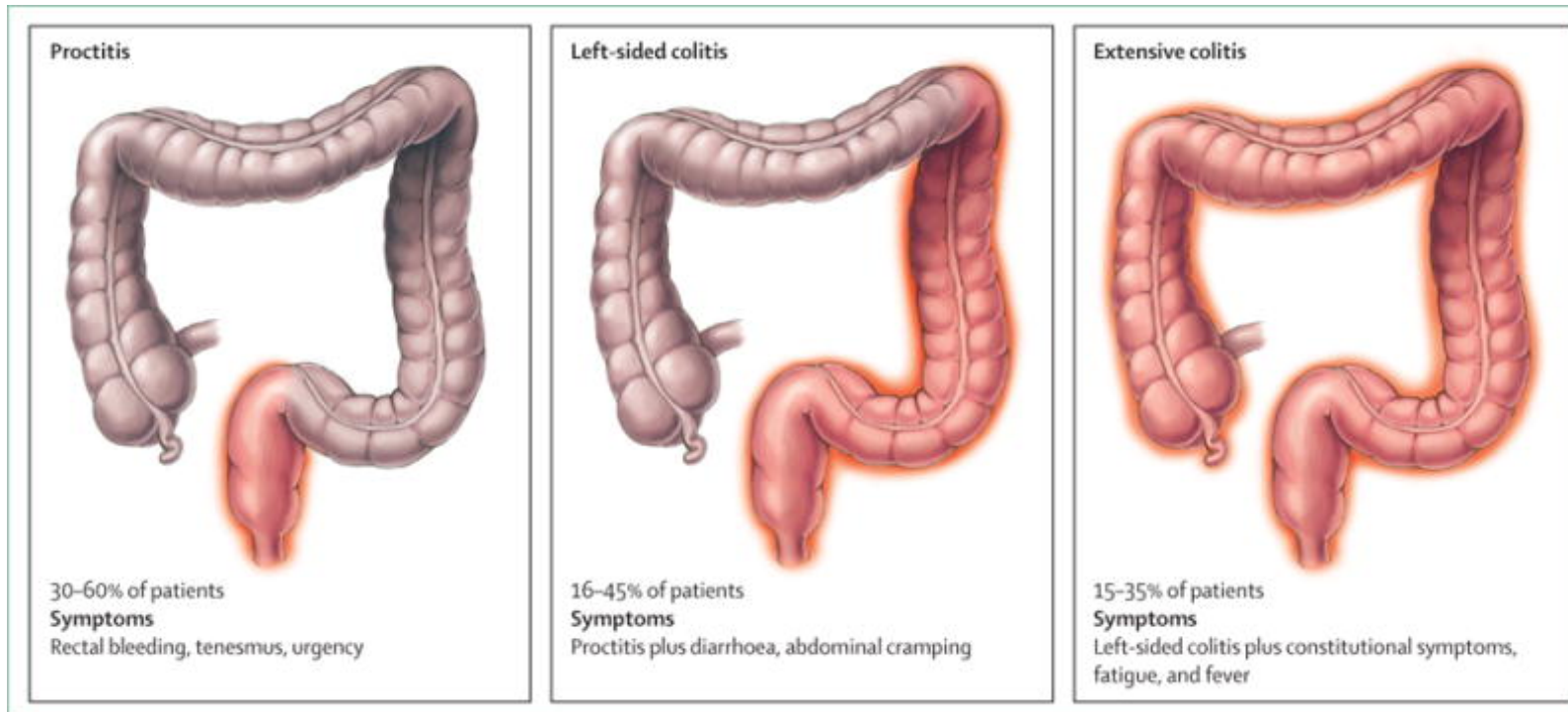


IBD: inflammatory bowel disease.  
Ungaro R, et al. *Lancet*. 2017;389(10080):1756-1770.



# Clinical Presentation

- **Blood in stool, diarrhea, urgency, incontinence, fatigue, increased frequency, mucus discharge, nocturnal defecations, weight loss, and abdominal discomfort**



# Disease Severity Classification

	Remission	Mild	Moderate to Severe	Fulminant
Stools per day, n	Formed	<4	>6	>10
Blood in stool	None	Intermittent	Frequent	Continuous
Urgency	None	Mild, occasional	Often	Continuous
Hemoglobin	Normal	Normal	<75% of normal	Transfusion
Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), mm/h	<30	<30	>30	>30
C-reactive protein (CRP)	Normal	Increased	Increased	Increased
Fecal calprotectin (FCP), mg/kg	<150-200	>150-200	>150-200	>150-200
Mayo subscore (endoscopy)	0-1	1	2-3	3
UC Endoscopic Index of Severity	0-1	2-4	5-8	7-8

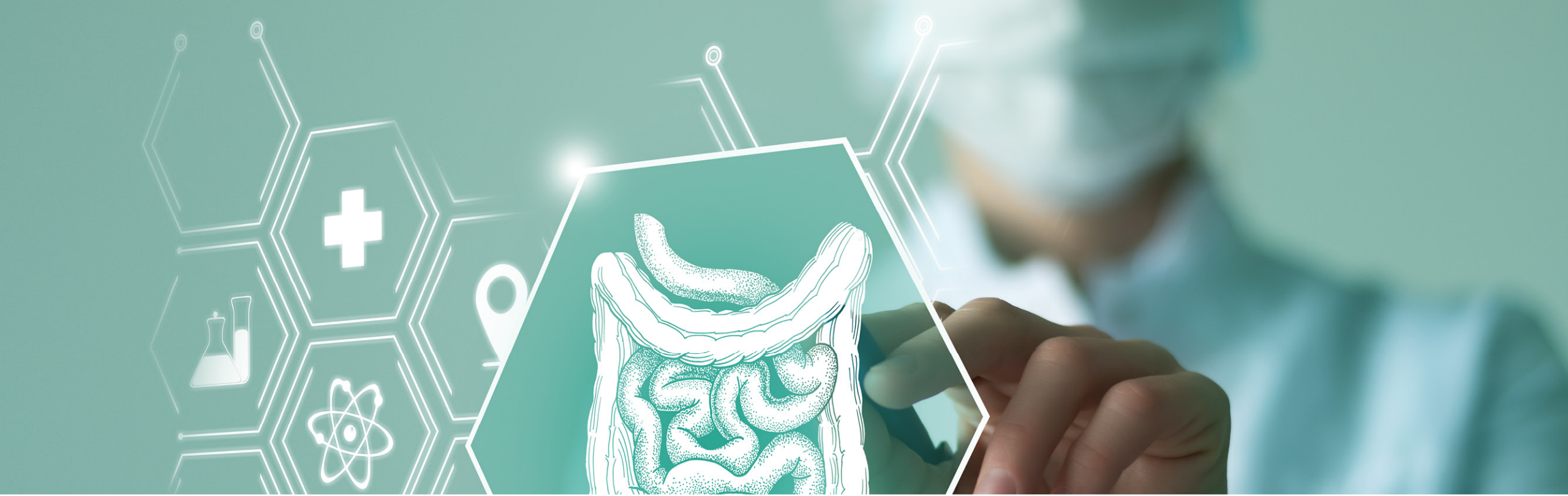
# Patient Impact

## Complications

- Anemia
- Colorectal cancer
- Toxic megacolon
- Venous thromboembolism
- Malnutrition

## Reduced quality of life

- Depression/anxiety
- Severe impairment of social/professional activities
- More sick leave/higher unemployment
- Sexual functioning
- Body image dissatisfaction



# Treatment Considerations

# Goals of Therapy

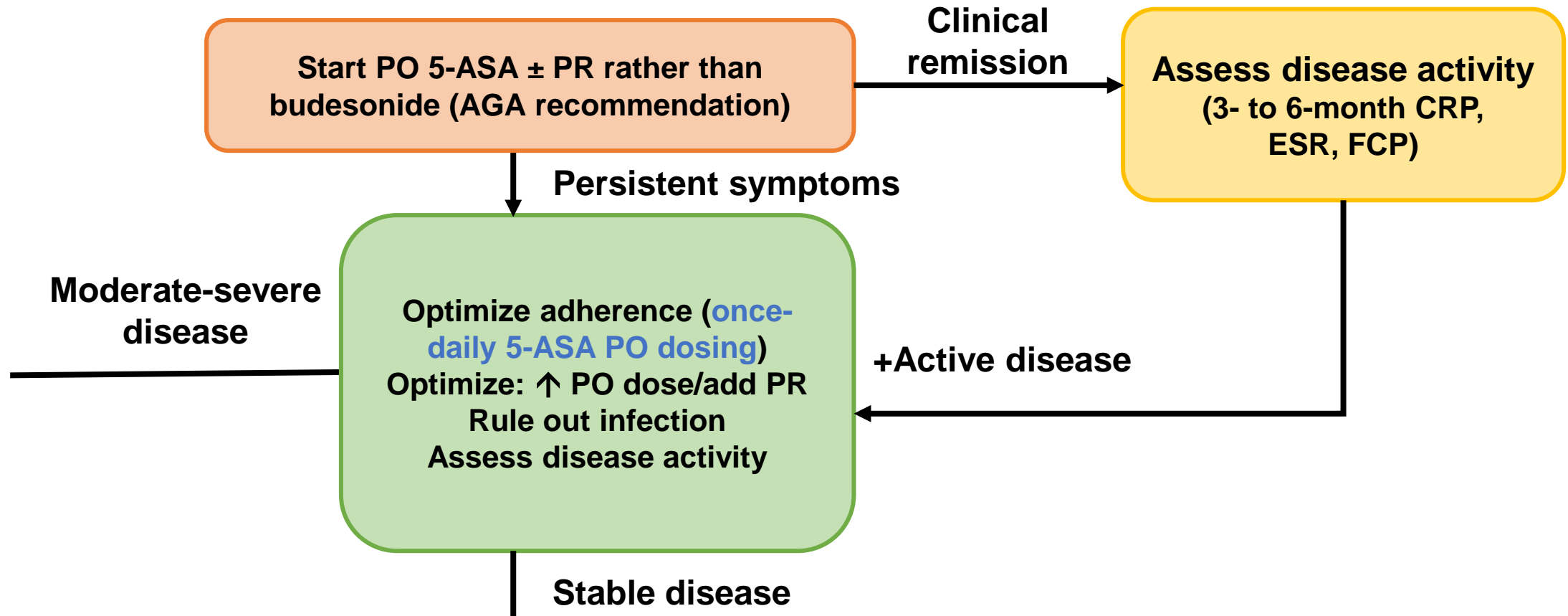
Induce and maintain clinical and endoscopic remission

Maintain steroid-free remission

Improve quality of life

Prevent complications, hospitalizations, and surgery

# Mild to Moderate UC Treatment Algorithm

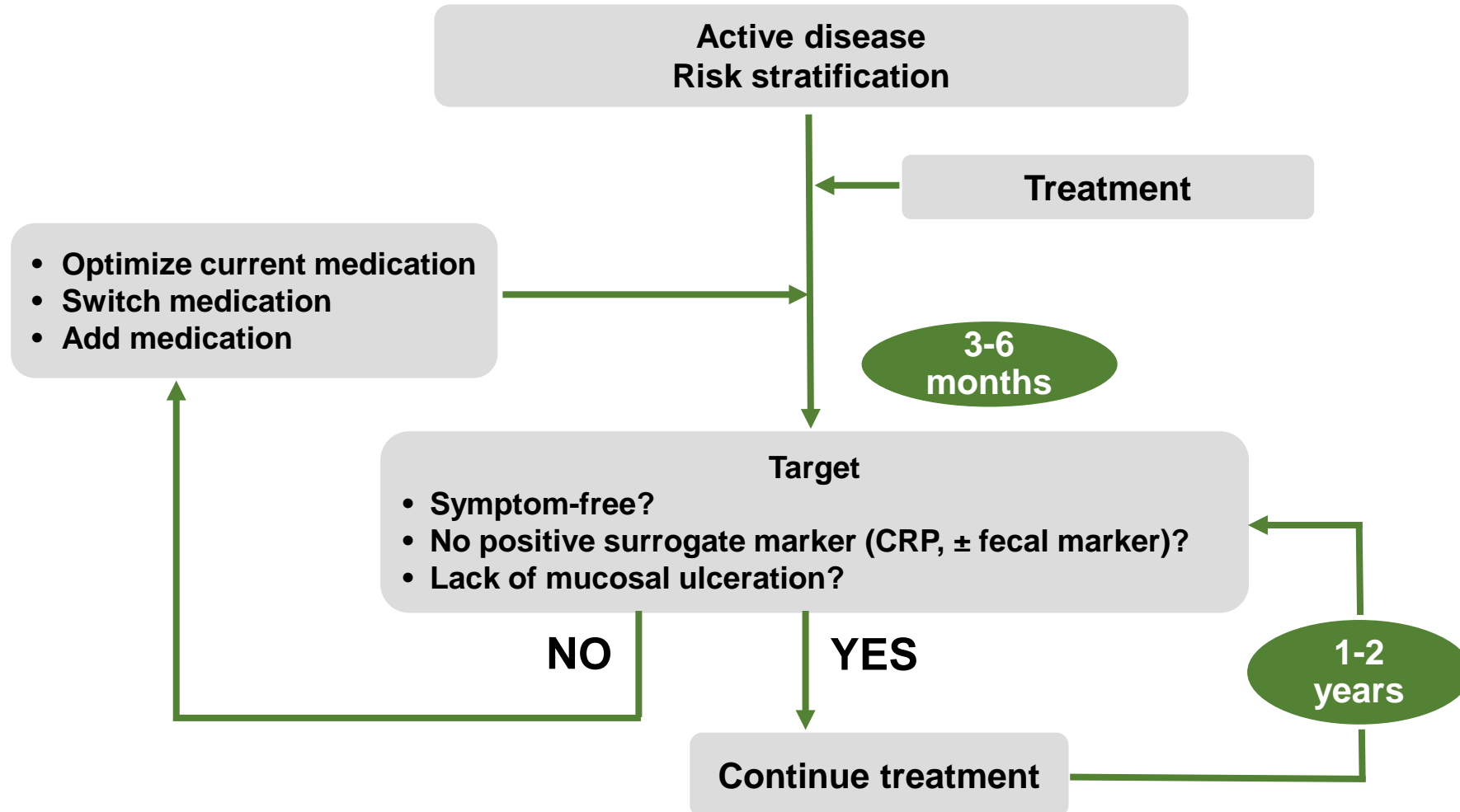
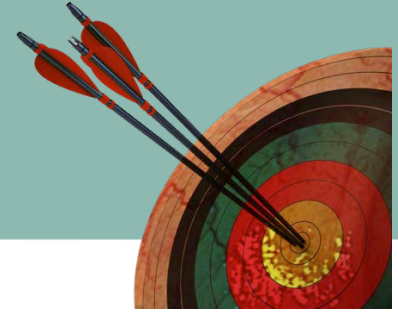


5-ASA: 5-aminosalicylates; AGA: American Gastroenterological Association; PO: oral; PR: rectal.  
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# Moderate to Severe UC Treatment

- Biologics or small molecules
- Concomitant immunomodulator to decrease immunogenicity ± alternative mechanism of action
- Assess clinical response and remission
- Repeat imaging, surrogate markers (FCP, CRP), and/or sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy for endoscopic ± histologic response/remission within 3 to 6 months of initiating treatment
- Periodic surveillance

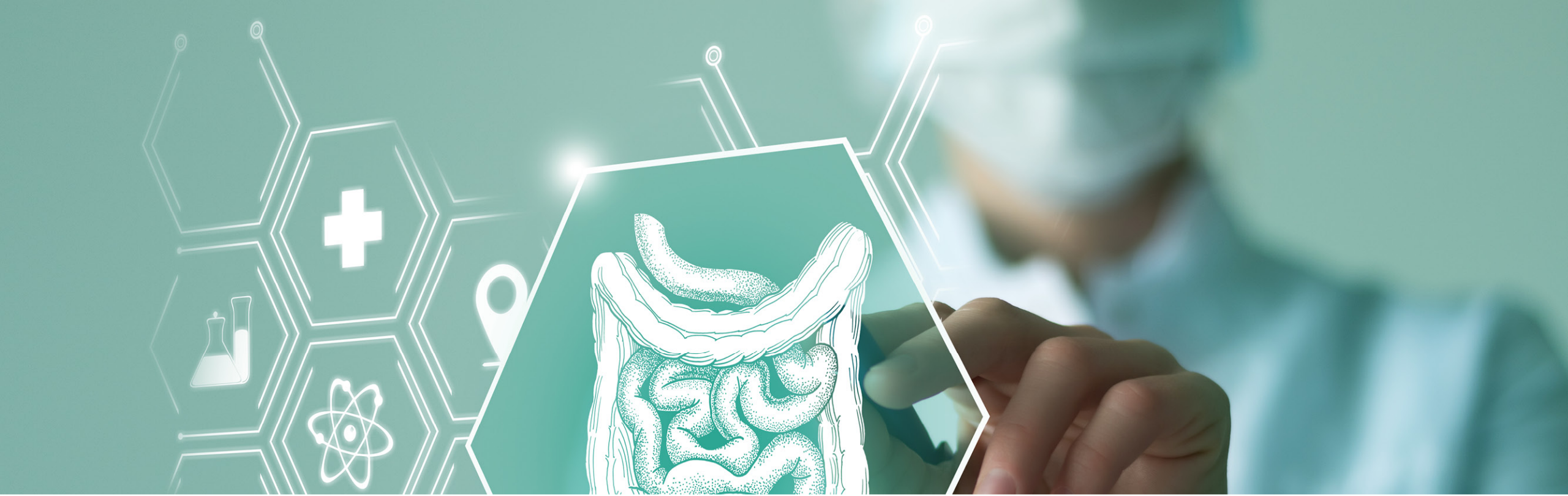
# Treat-to-Target Approach





# Patient/Treatment Considerations

- Disease severity
- Colonic extension
- Prior UC treatment history
- Age
- Comorbidities
- Lifestyle (oral vs injectables vs infusions)
- Drug interactions
- Insurance coverage



# Current Treatment Options

# Brief Overview

Corticosteroids

5-ASA

Thiopurines

Biologics

Small Molecules

# Corticosteroids

- Prednisone, budesonide (oral); methylprednisolone, hydrocortisone (parental)
- Used only for ***induction***, NOT maintenance of remission
- Associated with numerous AEs
  - Short-term: acne, insomnia, weight gain, irritability, and Cushingoid features
  - Long-term: osteoporosis, glaucoma, infection, diabetes mellitus, and mortality

# 5-ASA

	Mesalamine (Several Products Available)	Balsalazide	Sulfasalazine
Chemical structure	5-ASA	Prodrug converted to 5-ASA in the colon	Prodrug converted to 5-ASA and sulfapyridine moieties in the colon
Dosage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low dose = &lt;2 g/d</li> <li>• Standard dose = 2-3 g/d</li> <li>• High dose = &gt;3 g/d</li> </ul>	6.75 g provides approximately 2.4 g of 5-ASA	4 g provides approximately 1.6 g of 5-ASA
AEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rare idiosyncratic worsening of colitis, presumed hypersensitivity syndrome</li> <li>• Rare: interstitial nephritis</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Folate metabolism interference</li> <li>• Male infertility</li> <li>• Rare serious cutaneous side effects, such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome</li> <li>• Anemia, leukopenia, and thrombocytopenia</li> <li>• Pneumonitis</li> <li>• Hepatitis</li> </ul>
Monitoring	Renal function periodically		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBC and LFTs periodically</li> <li>• Recommend folic acid supplement</li> </ul>

CBC: complete blood count; LFT: liver function test.  
 Ko CW, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2019;156(3):748-764.

# Thiopurines: Azathioprine, 6-Mercaptopurine

- Inhibit proliferation of rapidly dividing cells (lymphocytes)
- Maintenance of remission
  - Typically, slower onset:  $\approx$ 3 months
  - Often used in combination with biologics
- Dosing is weight based, *TPMT/NUD15* dependent
- Frequent (every-3-month) laboratory monitoring (CBC, LFTs) recommended

**Drug Interaction:**  
Allopurinol

**AEs:**  
Nausea, vomiting, fever, malaise, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, pancreatitis, and hepatotoxicity

**Rare AEs:**  
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma

# Biologics

Anti-Tumor  
Necrosis Factors  
(TNFs)

Interleukin (IL)-  
12/23 Inhibitor

Anti-Integrins

# Anti-Tumor Necrosis Factor

	Infliximab	Adalimumab	Golimumab
Dosage	5 mg/kg IV at weeks 0, 2, and 6, then every 8 weeks	160 mg SQ on day 0, 80 mg on day 14, then 40 mg SQ every 2 weeks	200 mg SQ on week 0, 100 mg on week 2, 50 mg on week 4, then 50 mg (or 100 mg if >80 kg) every 4 weeks
AEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infusion/injection site reactions</li> <li>• Hypersensitivity reactions</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Malignancy</li> <li>• Hepatotoxicity</li> <li>• Demyelinating disease</li> <li>• Contraindicated in New York Heart Association III/IV heart failure</li> </ul>		
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis B and tuberculosis screening pretreatment</li> <li>• CBC and CMP periodically</li> </ul>		

CMP: comprehensive metabolic panel; IV: intravenous;  
SQ: subcutaneous.

Burri E, et al. *Digestion*. 2020;101(suppl 1):2-15.

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# IL-12/23 Inhibitor: Ustekinumab

- **Dose:** weight-based (260, 390, or 520 mg) IV induction x 1, then 90 mg SQ every 8 weeks
- **AEs:** infusion/injection site reaction, infection
- **Monitoring:** Hepatitis B panel + tuberculosis screen at baseline; CBC and CMP every 6 months

# Anti-Integrin: Vedolizumab

- **Dose:** 300 mg IV at weeks 0, 2, and 6, then every 8 weeks thereafter
- **AEs:** infusion reaction, upper respiratory tract infections, and LFT elevation (transient)
- **Monitoring:** LFTs

# Small Molecules

Janus Kinase (JAK)  
Inhibitors

Sphingosine-1-Phosphate  
Receptor (S1PR) Modulator

# JAK Inhibitors

	Tofacitinib	Upadacitinib
Dosage	<p><b>Immediate release:</b> 10 mg PO twice daily x 8 weeks, then 5 mg PO twice daily for maintenance</p> <p><b>Extended release:</b> 22 mg PO once daily x 8 weeks, then 11 mg PO once daily for maintenance</p>	45 mg by mouth daily x 8 weeks, then 15 mg by mouth daily for maintenance. Can consider 30 mg by mouth daily for refractory disease.
AEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection (especially herpes zoster reactivation)</li> <li>• Black-box warning for major cardiovascular AEs in individuals aged <math>\geq 50</math> years with <math>\geq 1</math> cardiovascular risk factor, malignancy, and venous thromboembolism per ORAL Surveillance data</li> <li>• Lymphocyte abnormalities and anemia</li> <li>• Lipid elevation</li> <li>• Need to monitor for concurrent drug interactions (e.g., CYP3A4 inhibitor, CYP2C19 inhibitor) and renal/hepatic impairment</li> </ul>	
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis B and tuberculosis screening pretreatment</li> <li>• Lipid panel</li> <li>• CBC and CMP</li> </ul>	

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# Treatment Limitations



## Corticosteroids

- Not intended for long-term use

## Anti-TNF

- Systemic immunosuppression
- Opportunistic infections
- IV/SQ administration
- Additional coordination of care (e.g., infusion center and refrigeration)

# Treatment Limitations (cont)

## Anti-Integrin

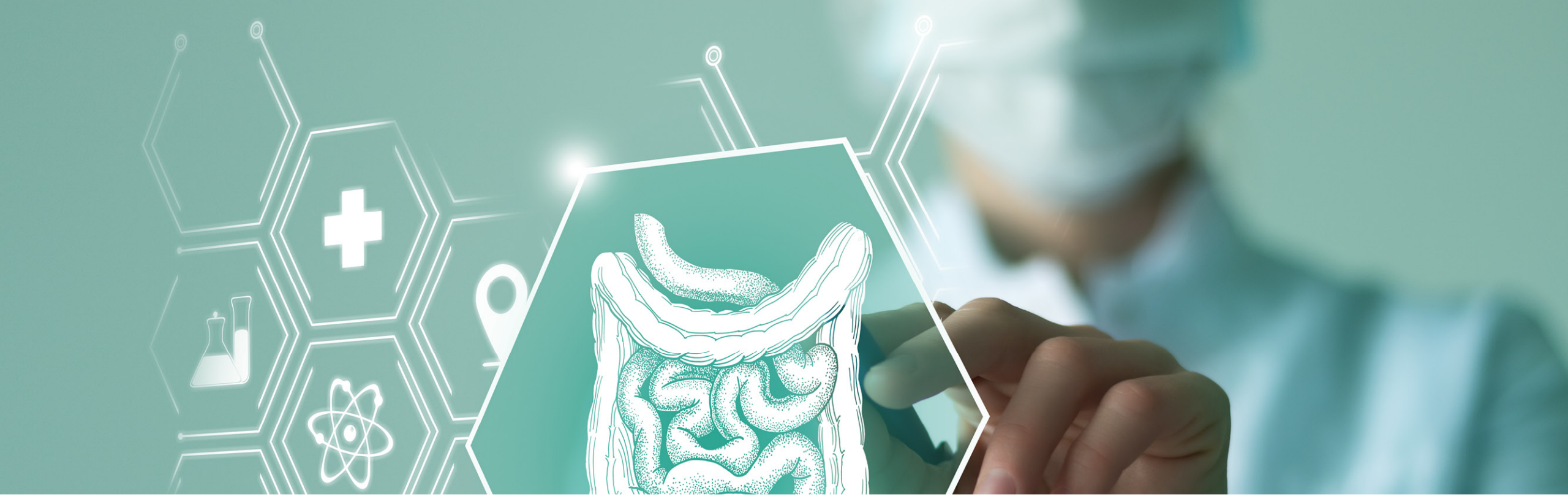
- Typically, slower onset of action
- IV
- Additional coordination of care (e.g., infusion center)

## Anti-IL-12/23

- Systemic immunosuppression
- IV/SQ administration
- Additional coordination of care (e.g., infusion center and refrigeration)

## JAK Inhibitors

- Systemic immunosuppression
- Venous thromboembolism, major cardiovascular events
- Herpes zoster
- Not available as first-line therapy

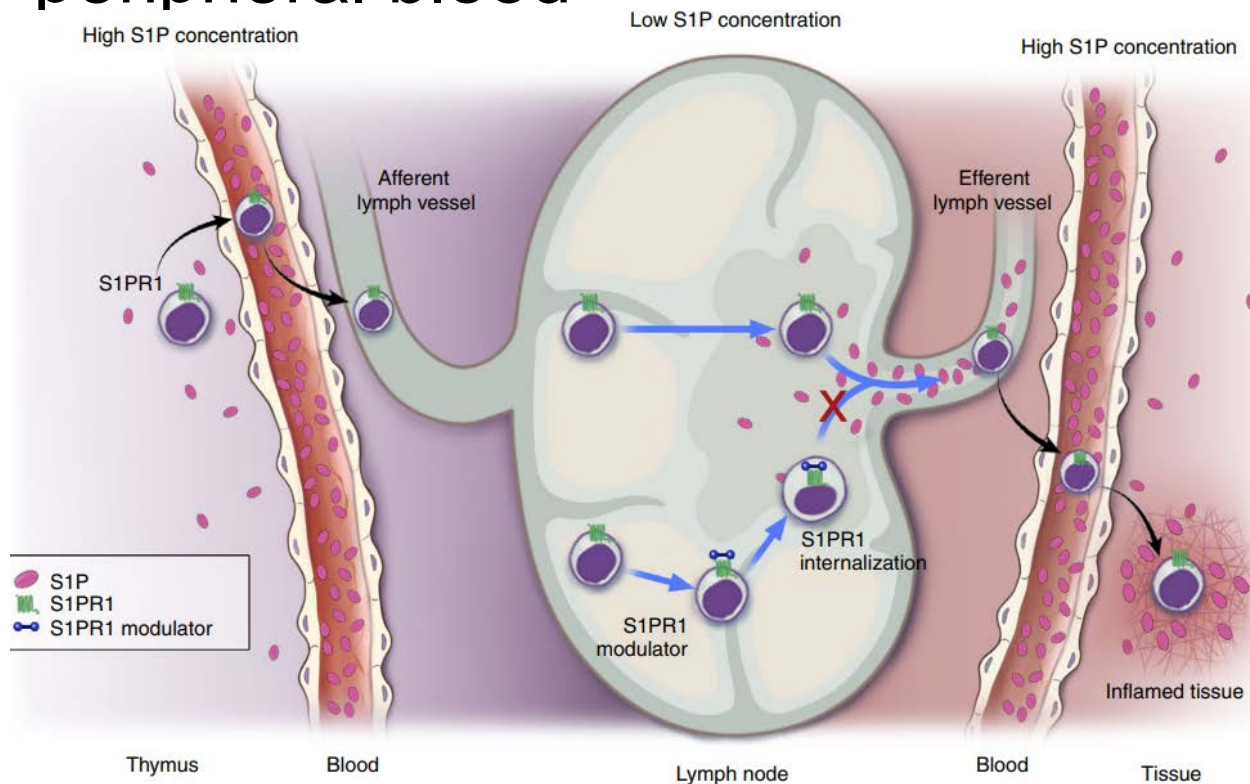


# Novel Approved Treatment Options

Sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor modulators

# S1PR Modulators: Background

- Limits egress of lymphocytes from lymph nodes to intestine via peripheral blood



Name	S1PR Target
Ozanimod <sup>a</sup>	1, 5
Etrasimod	1, 4, 5
Amiselimod	1, 4, 5
Fingolimod	1, 3, 4, 5
Siponimod	1, 5
Ponesimod	1
Cenerimod	1, 5

<sup>a</sup>Currently available on market for UC.



# Ozanimod: True North (Randomized-Controlled Trial)

## Induction

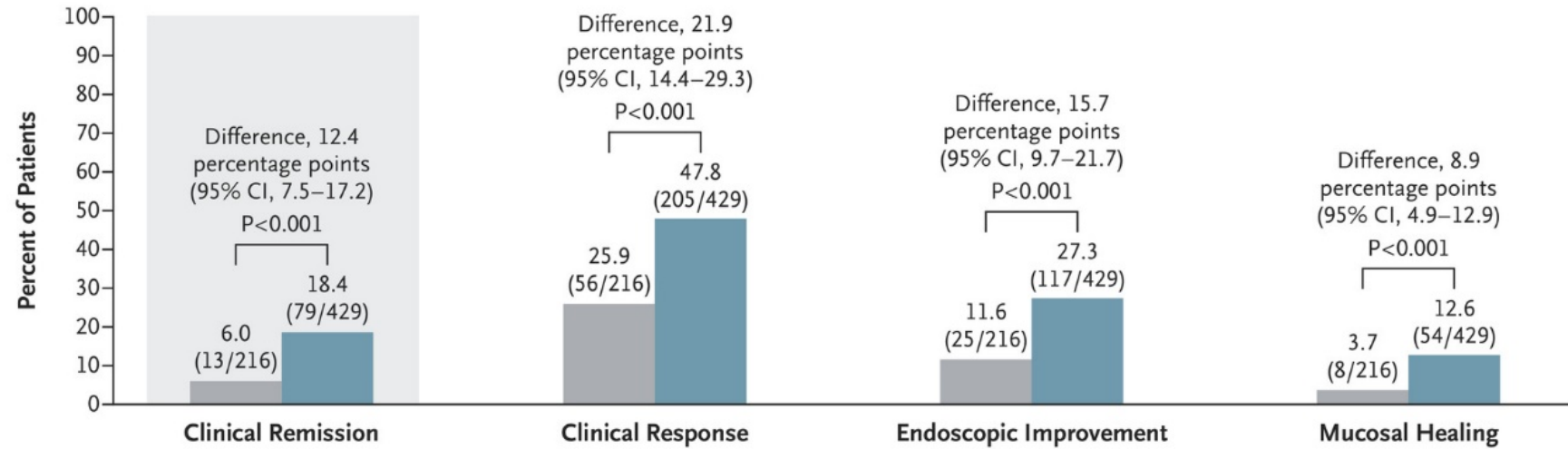
- Ozanimod 1 mg daily (n = 429) vs placebo (n = 216)
- 60% male, mean age = 42 years, mean disease duration = 7 years
- 30% with prior anti-TNF exposure
- Outcomes at week 10

## Maintenance

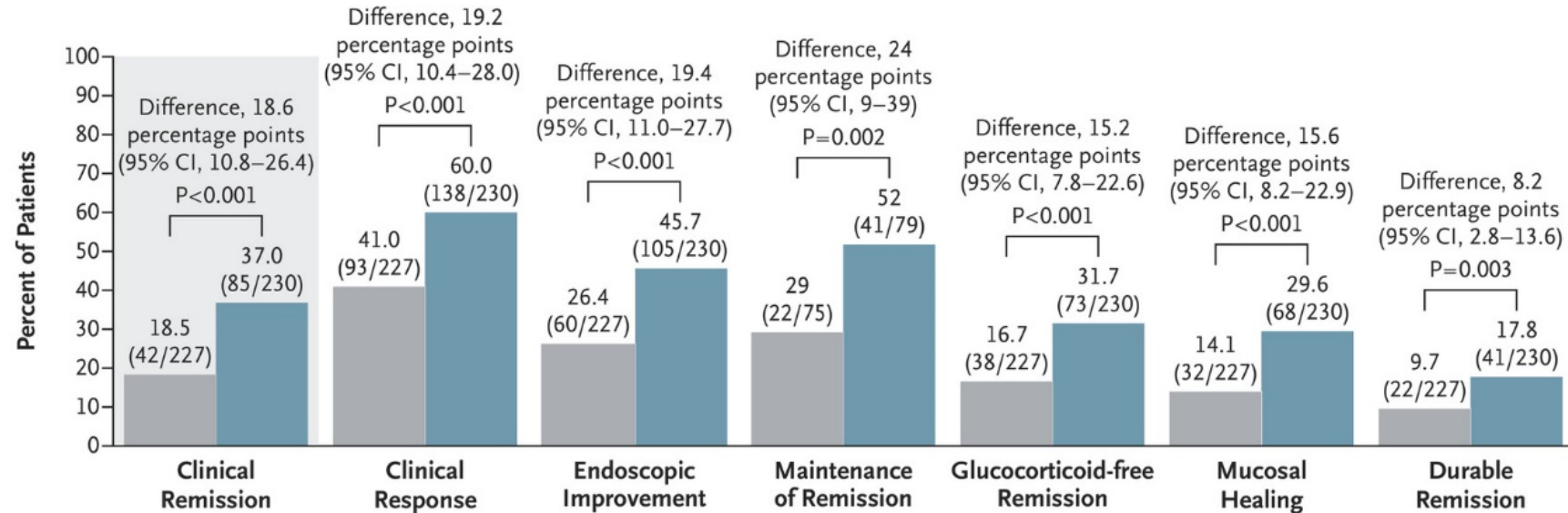
- Ozanimod 1 mg daily (n = 230) vs placebo (n = 227)
- 31% with prior anti-TNF use
- Outcomes at week 52

■ Placebo ■ Ozanimod

**A Efficacy: Induction Period**



**B Efficacy: Maintenance Period**



# Ozanimod Dosing

## Starter Kit

- PO daily: 0.23 mg days 1-4, then 0.46 mg days 5-7

## Maintenance

- 0.92 mg PO daily

# S1PR Modulator Safety

Receptor	Location	Function
S1P <sub>1</sub>	Lymphocytes, neural, endothelial, atrial myocytes, and smooth muscles	Lymph node egression, neural cell migration/function, vasculature formation, endothelial barrier, and cardiovascular and nervous system development
S1P <sub>2</sub>	Central nervous system, endothelial, and smooth muscle	Endothelial barrier, vascular tone, and hearing and balance
S1P <sub>3</sub>	Neural, endothelial, and smooth muscle	Neural cell migration/function and endothelial barrier
S1P <sub>4</sub>	Lymphocytes	Lymphoid tissue expression, dendritic cell modulation, and vasoconstriction
S1P <sub>5</sub>	Central nervous system, oligodendrocytes, and natural killer cells	Oligodendrocyte function and natural killer cell migration

# True North: Safety

- Incidence of infection (of any severity) with ozanimod was comparable during induction but higher in maintenance when compared with placebo
- <2%: serious infections, bradycardia, hypertension, and macular edema
- Elevations in liver function, headaches, and decrease in absolute lymphocyte count

# Ozanimod Initiation Checklist

Contraindications		Baseline laboratory monitoring	
Recent history of a cardiac event within the past 6 months, including a myocardial infarction, unstable angina, stroke, transient ischemic attack, decompensated heart failure requiring hospitalization, or class III or IV heart failure	<input type="checkbox"/> No history	CBC with differential within the past 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
Second- or third-degree atrioventricular block, sick sinus syndrome, or sinoatrial block, unless the patient has a functioning pacemaker	<input type="checkbox"/> No history	Liver transaminases and bilirubin with the past 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
History of untreated sleep apnea	<input type="checkbox"/> No history	Immunity documented to varicella zoster virus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varicella zoster virus antibodies, or</li> <li>• History of varicella, or</li> <li>• Documentation of a full vaccination course</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
Taking a MAO inhibitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonselective type A and type B: isocarboxazid, phenelzine, or tranylcypromine</li> <li>• Type B: selegiline, rasagiline, or safinamide</li> <li>• Type A: moclobemide</li> <li>• Linezolid</li> <li>• Methylene blue</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not taking	Baseline examination	
		Electrocardiogram <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QTc <math>\leq</math>450 ms in male or <math>\leq</math>470 ms in female patients</li> <li>• Baseline heart rate <math>&gt;</math>55 beats per minute</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed
		Ophthalmic evaluation <b>only</b> in patients at high risk for macular edema (i.e., diabetes mellitus or history of uveitis)	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Or <input type="checkbox"/> Not needed

MAO: monoamine oxidase.

Choi D, et al. *Ann Pharmacother.* 2022;56(5):592-599.

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# Treatment Monitoring

- Signs and symptoms of infections
- CBC
- CMP
- Blood pressure
- Effective contraception during and 3 months post-treatment

# Interactions

## Medications

- Immunosuppressants
- Antiarrhythmics, beta blockers, and calcium channel blockers
- QT-prolonging agents
- Adrenergic and serotonergic
- CYP2C8 inducers/inhibitors
- MAO inhibitors

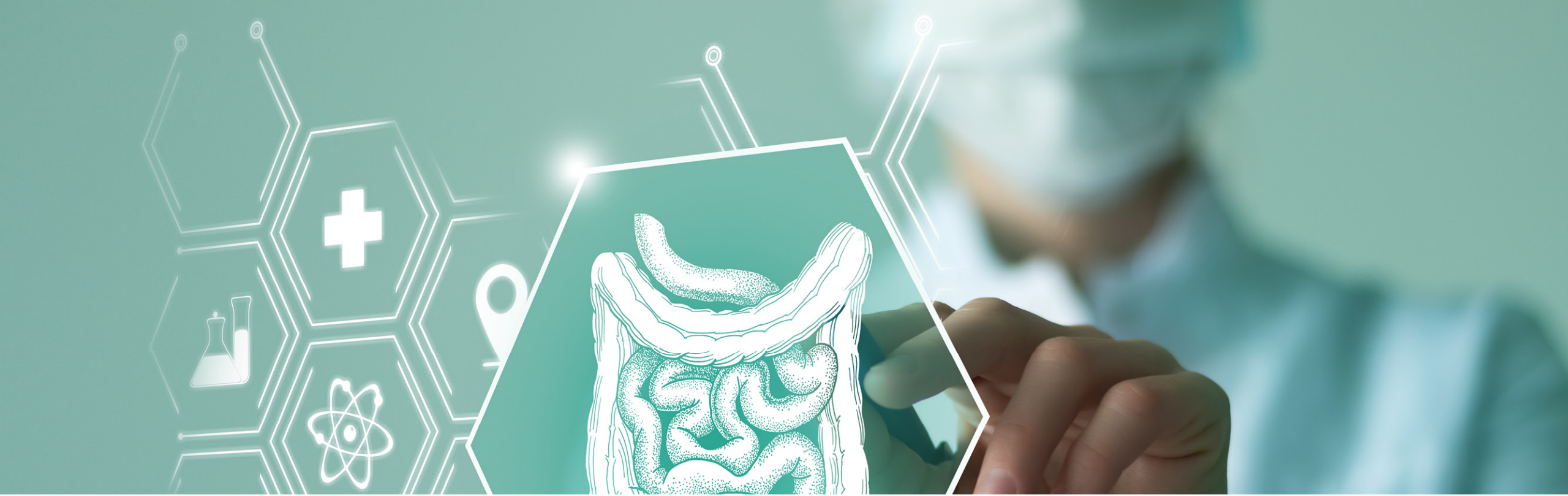
## Vaccinations

- Avoid live

## Tyramine

- >150 mg may lead to hypertension
- Aged, fermented, cured, smoked, and pickled foods
  - Cheddar, feta, gouda, and artisanal cheese
  - Kimchi
  - Sauerkraut
  - Beer
  - Soy sauce

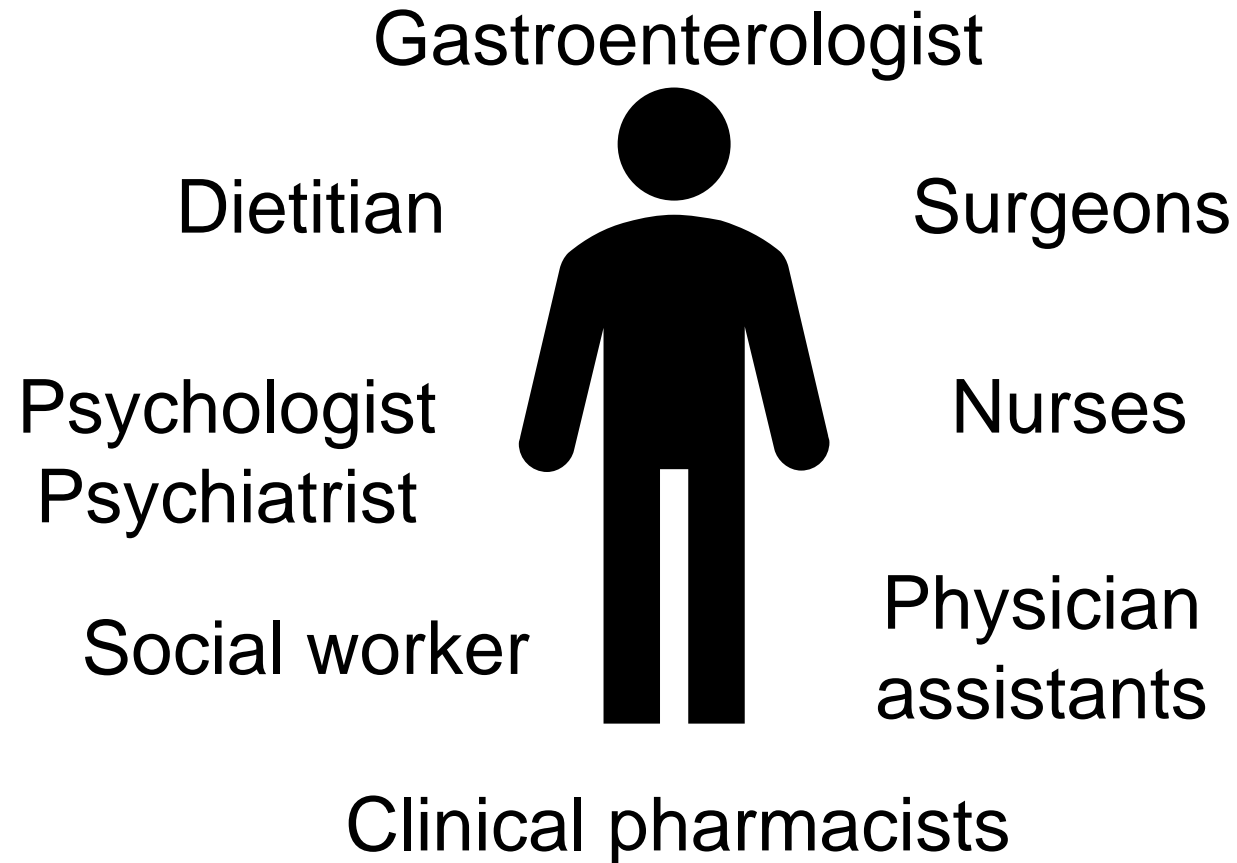
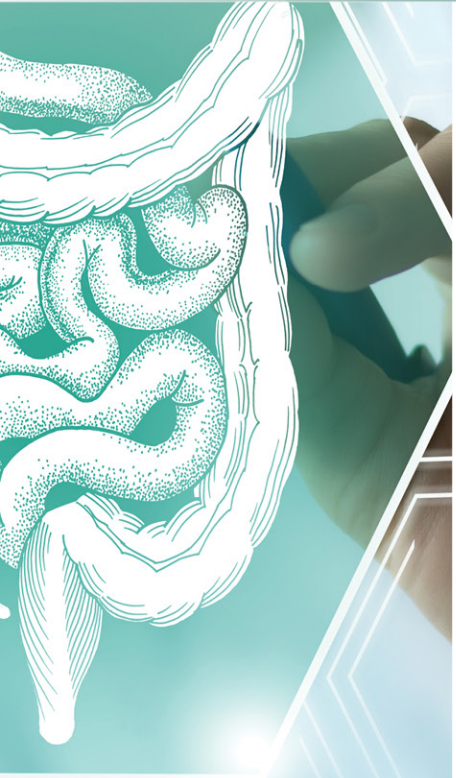




# Care Planning

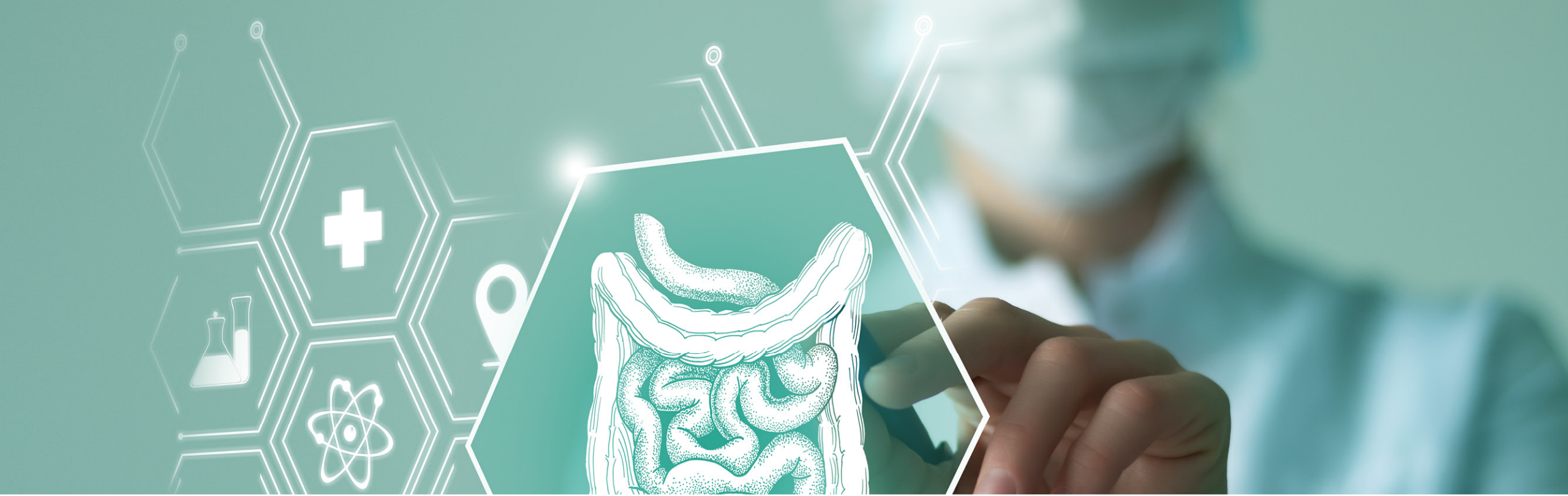
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# Multidisciplinary Team and Roles



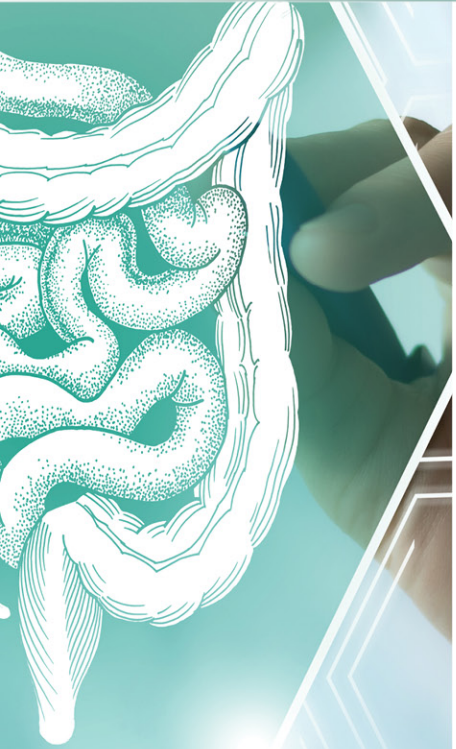
# IBD Team Impact

- N = 322 patients with IBD
- 47.3% reduction in emergency department visits
- 35.9% reduction in hospitalizations
- Decrease in UC activity index
- Increase in quality of life



# Case Discussion

# BK: A Case Study

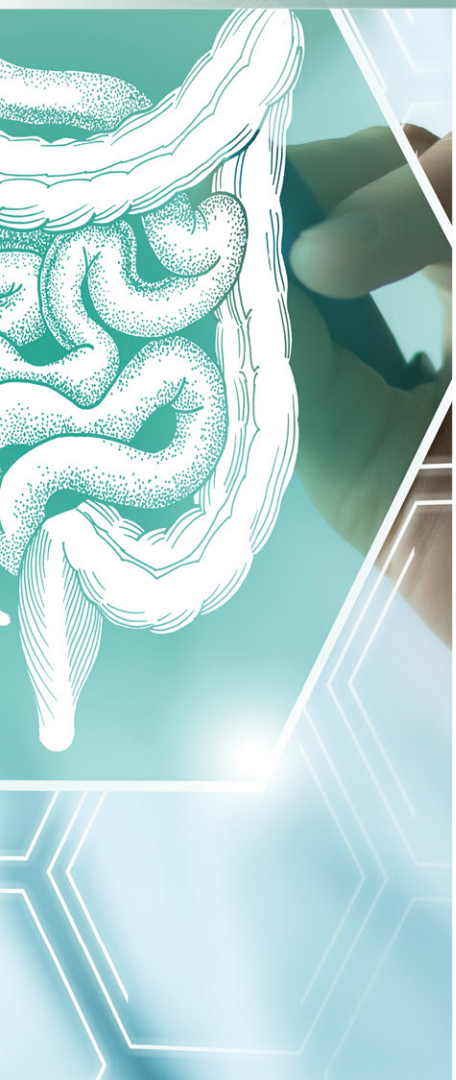


- 34-year-old woman with a 2-month history of diarrhea (6-8 bowel movements/day), bleeding, and urgency
- No other medical history; nonsmoker
- Medications: oral contraceptive and occasional NSAID use for menstrual-related cramps
- Family history: brother has UC

NSAID: nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

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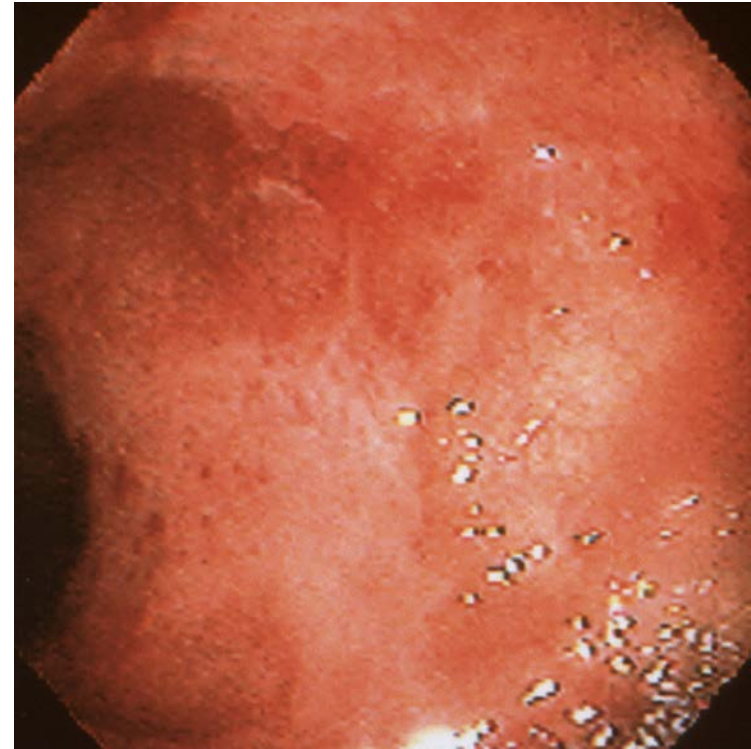
# BK: Pertinent Laboratory Results



Parameter	Results
Hemoglobin, g/dL	11
Hematocrit, %	36
Platelets, k/uL	440
Creatinine, mg/dL	0.68
Alanine aminotransferase, U/L	10
Aspartate aminotransferase, U/L	15
CRP, mg/dL	1.9 (<0.3 is normal)
ESR, mm/h	45
FCP, mg/kg	324

# BK: A Case Study

- Infectious stool studies negative
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy:
  - Erythema, friability, granularity, erosions in a continuous distribution to  $\geq 50$  cm (Mayo subscore 2)
- Biopsies:
  - Acute/chronic inflammation and crypt abscess
  - No granulomas



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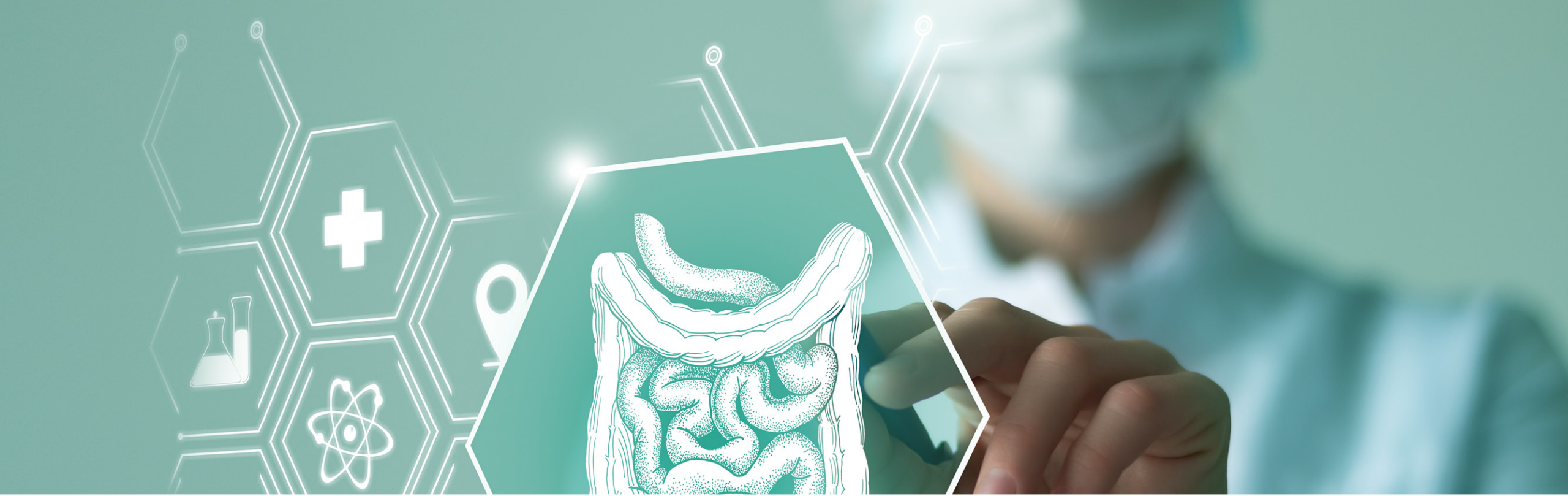


# Discussion

1. What are potential treatment options?
2. What is the recommended monitoring plan?
3. What are the roles of the IBD team members?

# Conclusion

- UC is a systemic chronic inflammatory condition with increasing incidence and prevalence and significant effect on quality of life
- Several treatment options are currently available, but have limitations
- S1PR modulators are a newer class of medications available for treatment of moderate to severe UC
- Management by an IBD multidisciplinary team can help improve patient outcomes



# Thank you!