

Developments in the treatment of Crohn's disease: From steroids to biological therapy, are we really improving the prognosis?

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Crohn's disease is a chronic illness that affects mostly young individuals, working at full capacity and in the reproductive phase of their lives, causing great impact on their quality of life. The disease affects labor productivity and psycho-social life of these patients either through symptoms like abdominal pain and chronic diarrhea, either through the presence of fistulas or the need for surgery. This talk will address the rates of success and complications of different treatments available over the years, from corticosteroids to biological therapy, with particular emphasis on the latter. We will analyze the changes in quality of life and clinical outcomes, the ability to avoid surgical indications and the complications of therapy itself.

Biography

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