

# מה חדש - מחלות מעי דלקתיות וגסטרואנטרולוגיה

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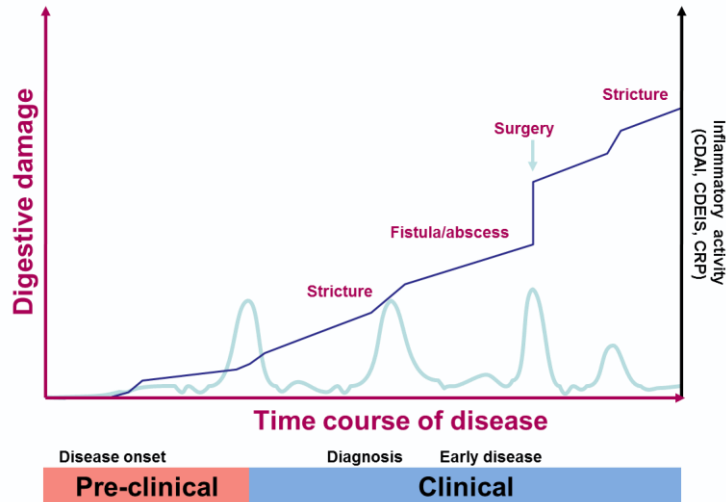


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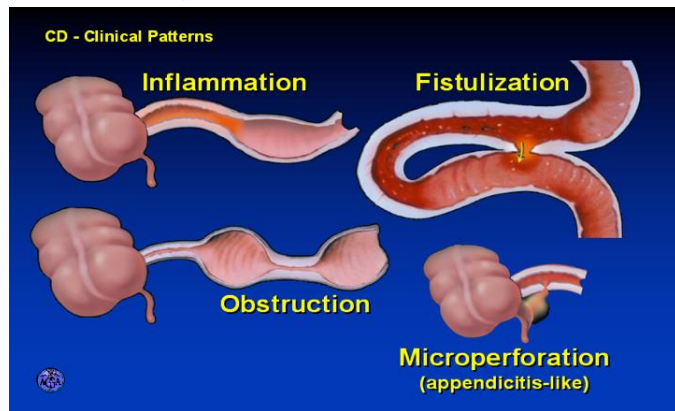


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# Accumulation of damage in IBD

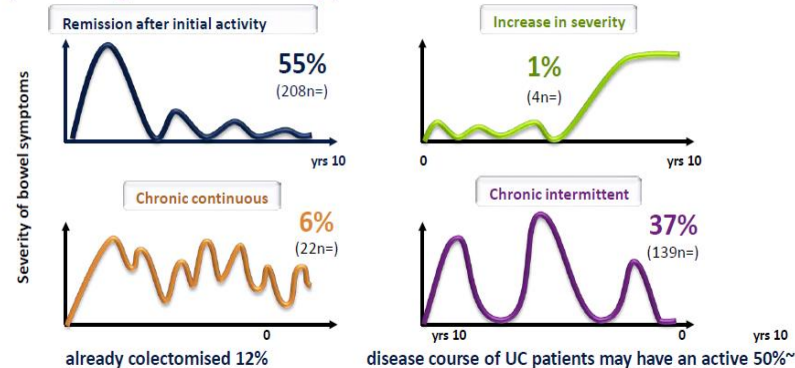


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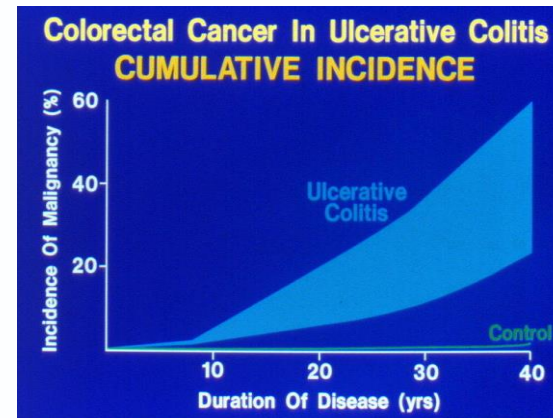
## Variable UC disease course over first 10 years

(\*379Norwegian IBSEN cohort study (N=



\*Data missing for 6 patients (1%)

Solberg IC et al. *Scand J Gastroenterol* 2009;44:431–40

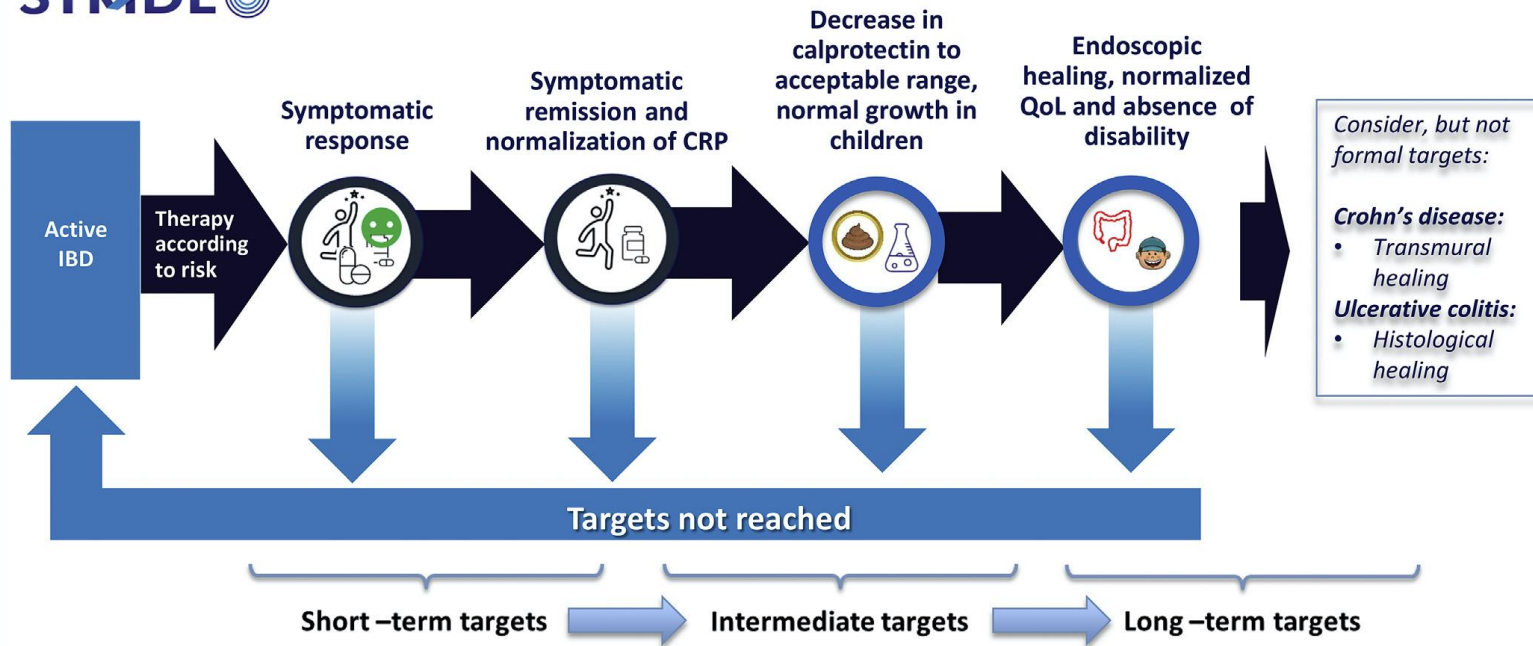


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# Treatment targets in IBD



# Monitoring tools for decision making in treatment of CD

**Sensitive/  
Subjective**

**Specific/  
Objective**

**Symptom-based**  
(CDAI, HBI, IBDQ)

**Biomarkers**  
(CRP, FeCa)

**Endoscopic  
assessment**  
(CDEIS, SES)

**Cross-  
sectional  
imaging**  
(MRI, CT)



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## "Mind the Gap"

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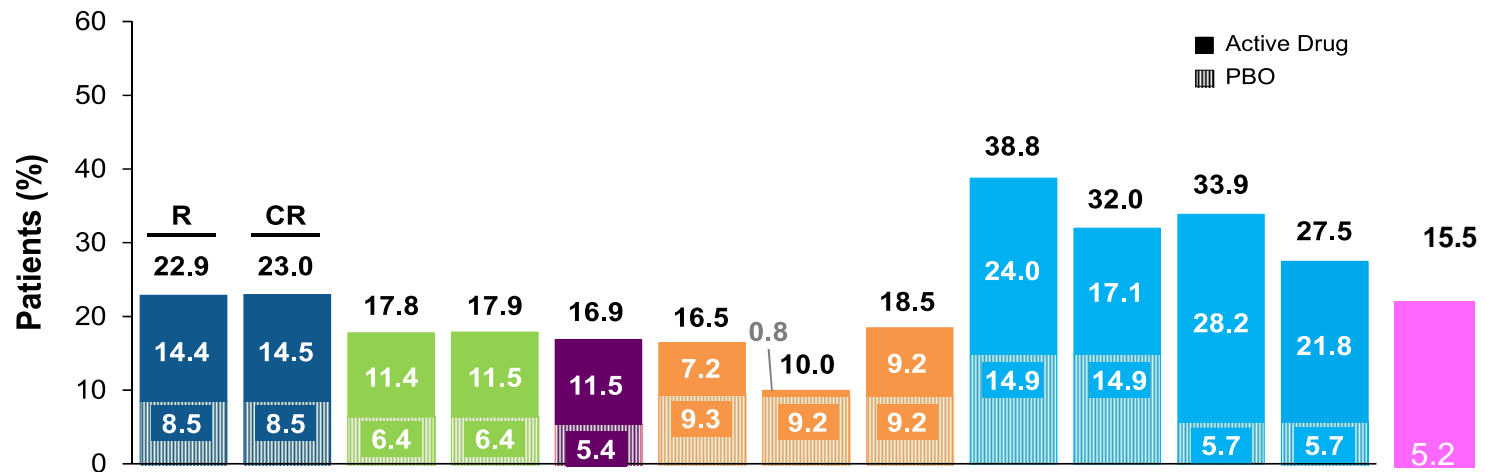
- Approximately, 40% to 60% of patients will **not** benefit from the available treatments, indicating a considerable unmet need for new, more effective therapies.



# Many medications but mediocre efficacy– Ulcerative colitis

## Treatment Effects in Clinical Remission\* (Tofacitinib and Approved Biologics)

Data are derived from published randomized controlled trials and do not represent a head-to-head comparison.



Drug	Tofa† (2015) <sup>1</sup>	Tofa (2015) <sup>1</sup>	Gol (2014) <sup>2</sup>	Gol (2014) <sup>2</sup>	Vedo (2013) <sup>3</sup>	Ada (2012) <sup>4</sup>	Ada (2010) <sup>5</sup>	Ada (2010) <sup>5</sup>	IFX (2005) <sup>6</sup>	IFX (2005) <sup>6</sup>	IFX (2005) <sup>6</sup>	IFX (2005) <sup>6</sup>	UST (2019)
Dosages	10 mg BID	10 mg BID	400/200 mg	400/200 mg	300 mg	160/80/40 mg	80/40 mg	160/80/40 mg	5 mg/kg	10 mg/kg	5 mg/kg	10 mg/kg	6 mg/kg
Time point	8 wk	8 wk	6 wk	6 wk	6 wk	8 wk	8 wk	8 wk	8 wk	8 wk	8 wk	8 wk	8 wk
Prior TNFi, %	54	54	0	0	48	40†	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
N, drug	905	905	257	257	225	248	130	130	121	122	121	120	
N, PBO	234	234	251	251	149	246	130	130	121	121	123	123	
P value vs PBO	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.019	0.833	0.031	<0.001	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	

\*Data on clinical remission, defined as total Mayo score ≤2 points, with no individual subscore >1 point, are shown. Data are based on local read. †Data on remission, defined as clinical remission and a rectal bleeding subscore of 0, are shown (local read). ‡Primary TNFi nonresponders were excluded. Ada=adalimumab; BID=twice daily; CR=clinical remission; Gol=golimumab; IFX=infliximab; TNFi=tumor necrosis factor inhibitor; PBO=placebo; R=remission; Tofa=tofacitinib; Vedo=vedolizumab.

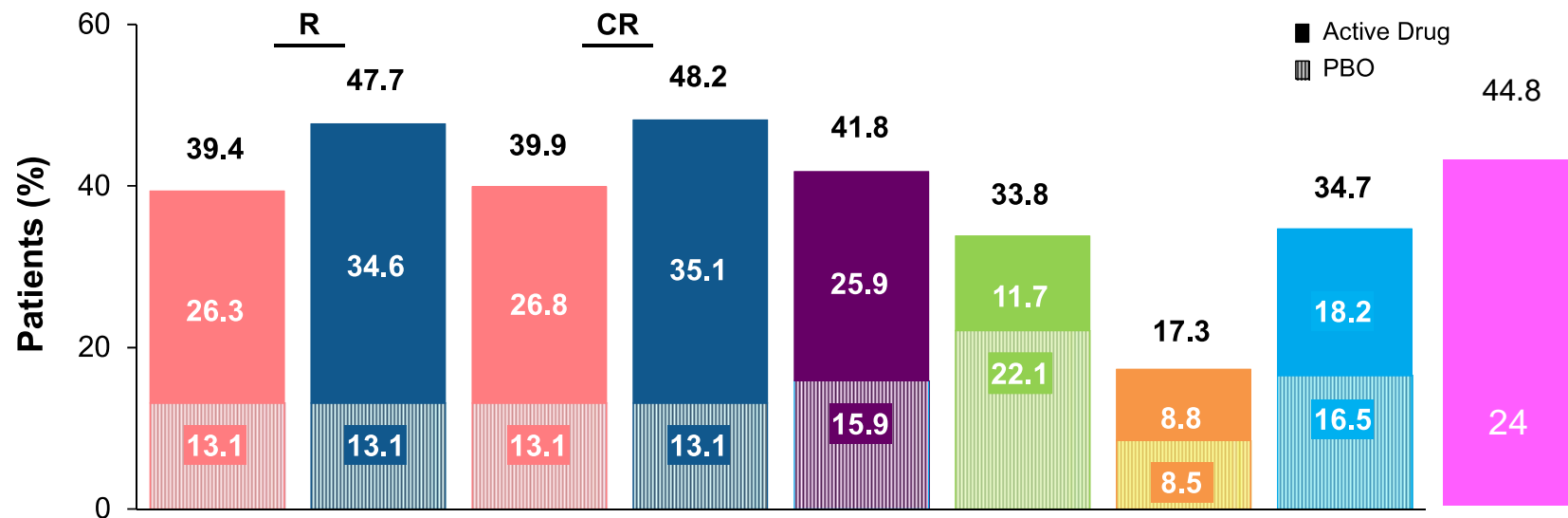
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## Maintenance Treatment Effects in Clinical Remission\* (Tofacitinib and Approved Biologics)

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Drug	Tofa <sup>1</sup>		Tofa <sup>1</sup>		Vedo <sup>2</sup>	Gol <sup>3</sup>	Ada <sup>4</sup>	IFX <sup>5</sup>	UST
Dosages	5 mg PO BID	10 mg PO BID	5 mg PO BID	10 mg PO BID	300 mg IV Q8W	100 mg SQ Q4W	40 mg SQ Q2W	5 mg/kg IV Q8W	(2019) 90 mg Q8W
Time point	52 wk	52 wk	52 wk	52 wk	52 wk <sup>6</sup>	54 wk	52 wk <sup>6</sup>	54 wk <sup>6</sup>	44 wk
N, drug	198	197	198	197	122	151	248	121	
N, PBO	198	198	198	198	126	154	246	121	
P value vs PBO	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.001	0.011	0.004	0.001	

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# MANAGING THE THERAPEUTIC GAP

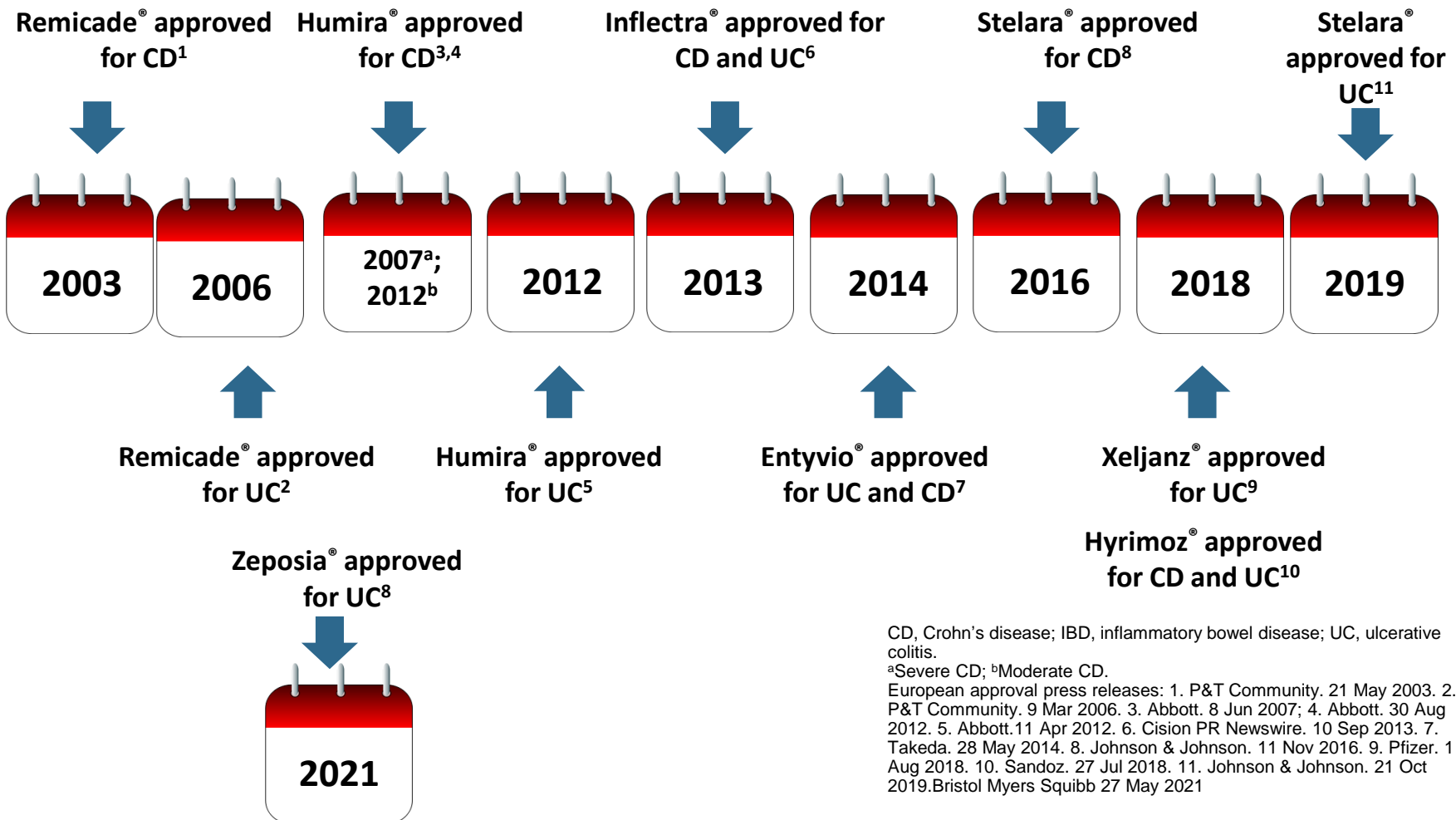
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We now have several strategies that can help us choose the right treatment for the patient and thereby bridge the therapeutic gap that currently exists in our daily reality.





# The evolution of biologic therapies in IBD



# This is what we all want!

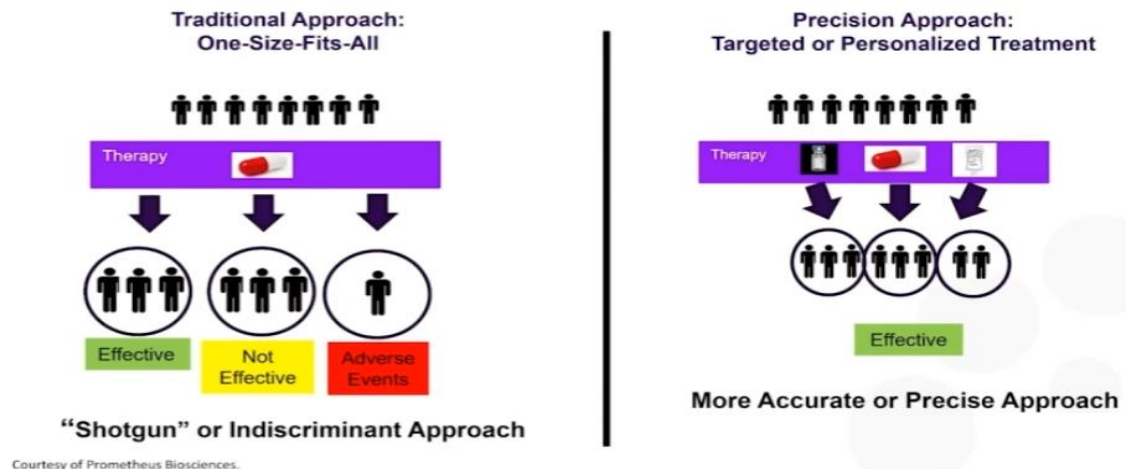


# PRECISION MEDICINE

*where treatment strategies are tailored to the individual patient*

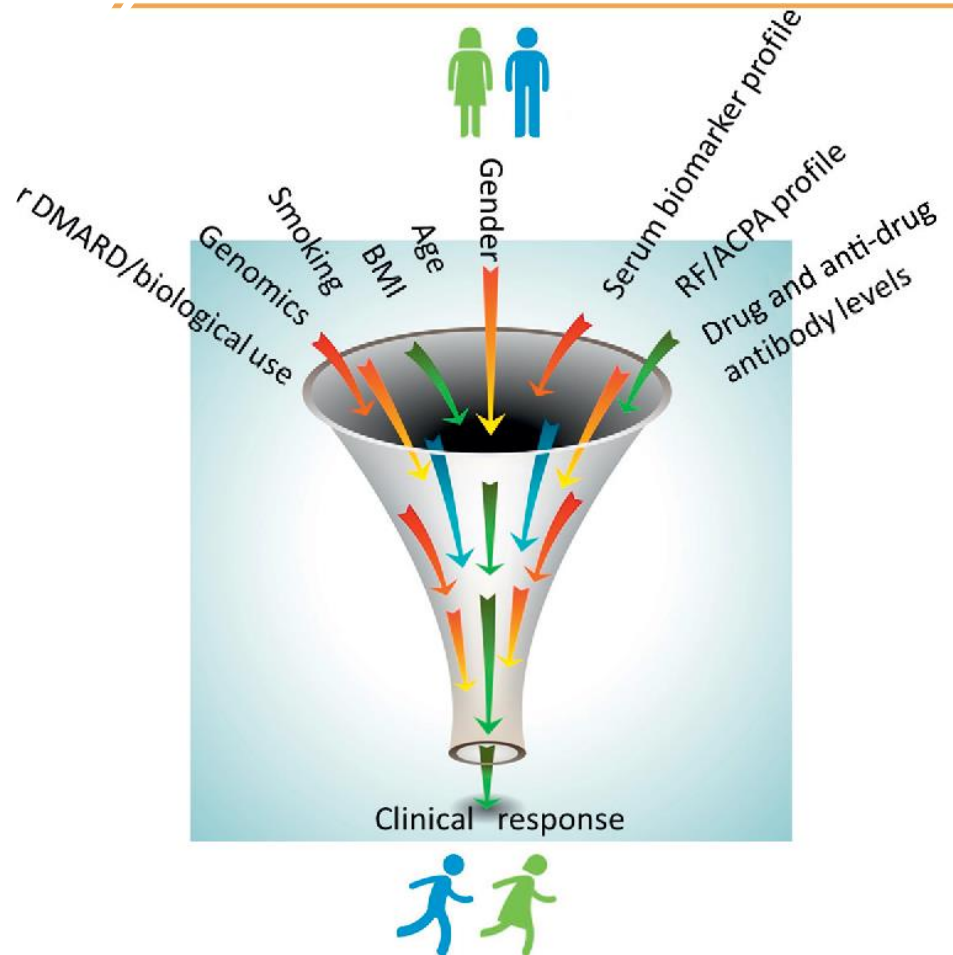
- Allows for shifting the emphasis in medicine *from reaction to prevention.*
- Medical decisions, practices, interventions and/or products tailored to the individual patient based on their predicted response or risk of disease

## Present Therapies vs. Future Therapies: Importance of Precision Medicine



# Predicating response to treatment

- Clinical predictors
- Biochemical predictors
- Genetics and epigenetics predictors



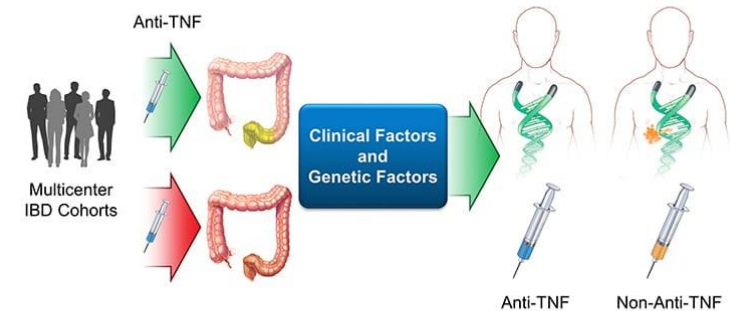
# PREDICTORS FOR TREATMENT RESPONSE- CLINICAL

Zampeli E *et al.* Anti-TNF treatment for ulcerative colitis

**Table 1** Prognostic indicators of response to anti-tumor necrosis factor treatment in ulcerative colitis

At initiation of treatment	During treatment
Clinical and epidemiological parameters	
Severity of the disease	Early clinical response
Younger age	
Duration of colitis < 3 yr	
Extensive colitis	
Laboratory indicators	
CRP	Low CRP at week 12
Hemoglobin	Drop of serum CRP
Serum albumin	Fecal calprotectin
Immunological and genetic markers	
p-ANCA	Gene expression profiling
Pre-treatment mucosal TNF- $\alpha$ expression	Percentages of regulatory T cells
Mucosal expression of IL-17 and IFN- $\gamma$	
Genetic polymorphisms	
Endoscopic findings	
	Mucosal healing
Treatment-related factors	
Pharmacological history	Number of IFX infusions
Exposure to immunosuppressants	Co-administration of immunosuppressants
Response to prior treatment with infliximab	Escalation of anti-TNF therapy
	IFX trough levels
	Antibodies against anti-TNF

## Factors Associated With Anti-TNF Treatment Response

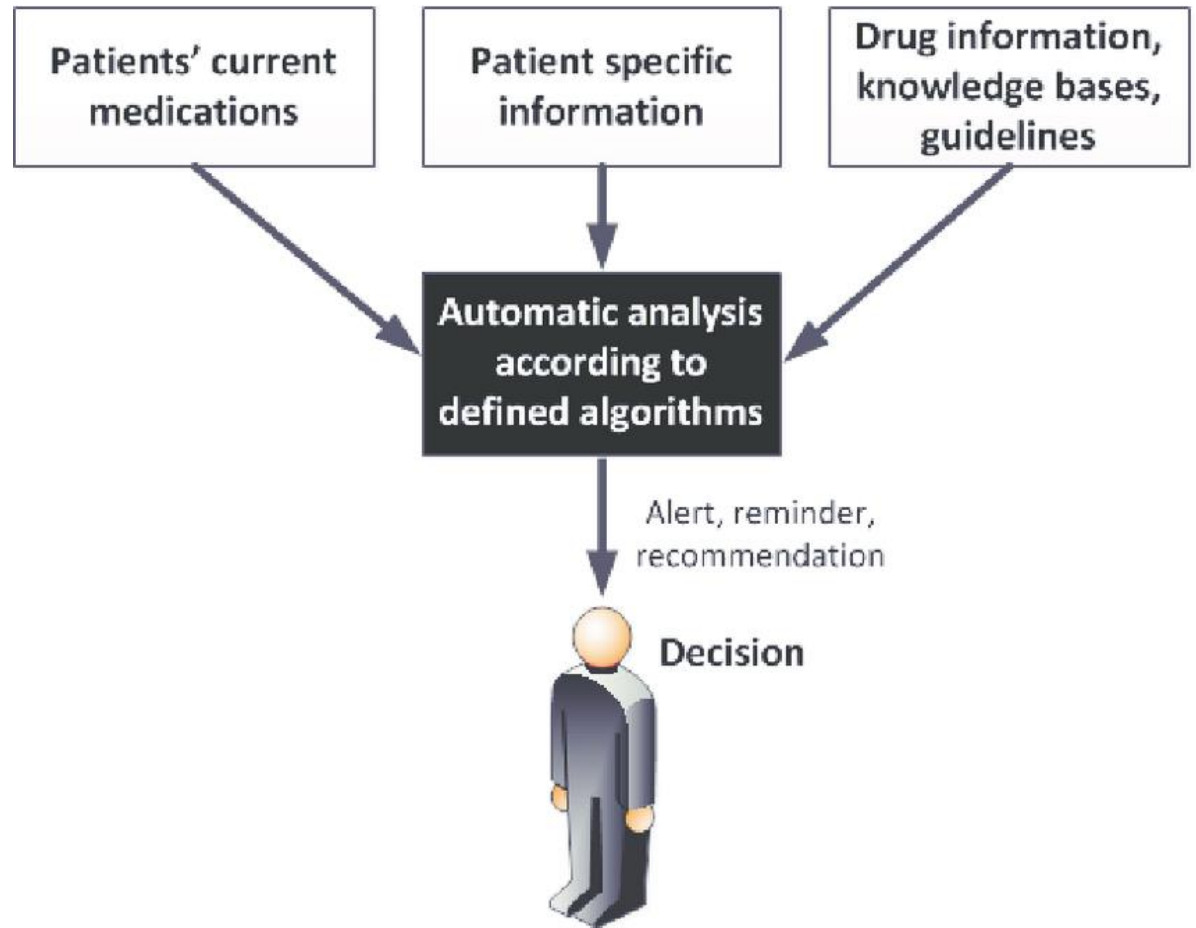


Multicenter inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) cohorts and a genomic database identify clinical and genetic factors associated with anti-TNF treatment response, which can help clinicians select patients and apply different treatment strategies (for example, anti-TNF agent vs. non-anti-TNF agent).

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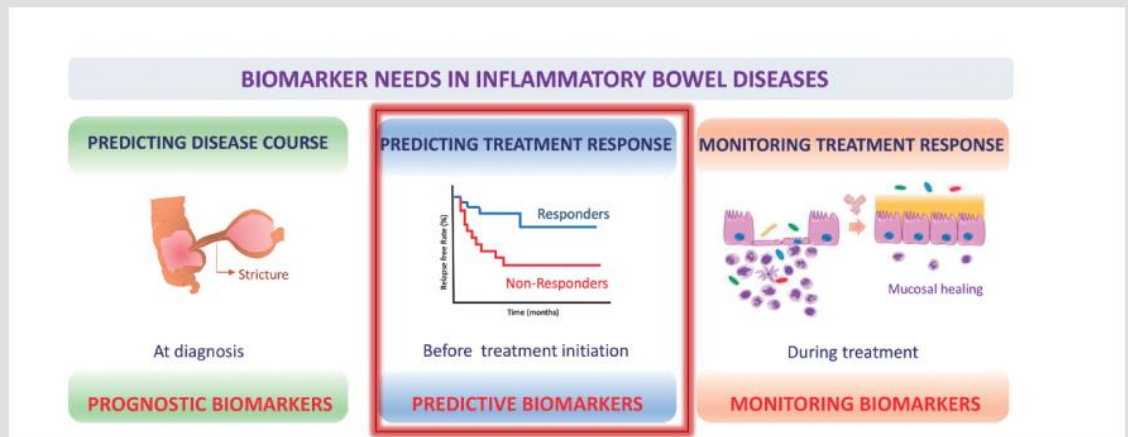
## clinical decision support tools (CDSTs)

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# The use of biochemical biomarkers

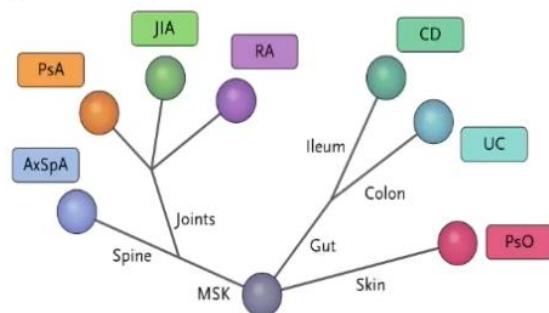
## The Biomarker Spectrum





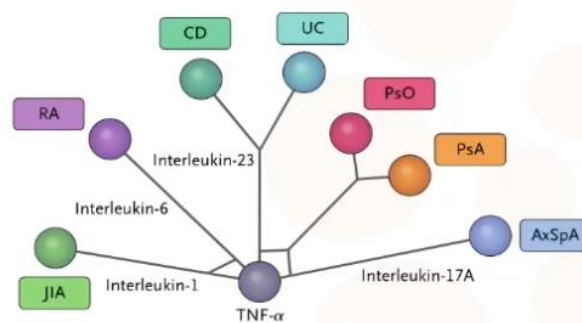
# Signature Cytokines and Their Functions in the Inflammatory Process of Arthritis and Colitis

Organ-Based Concept



	Joints	Spine	Ileum	Colon	Skin
RA					
PsA					
JIA					
AxSpA					
CD					
UC					
PsO					

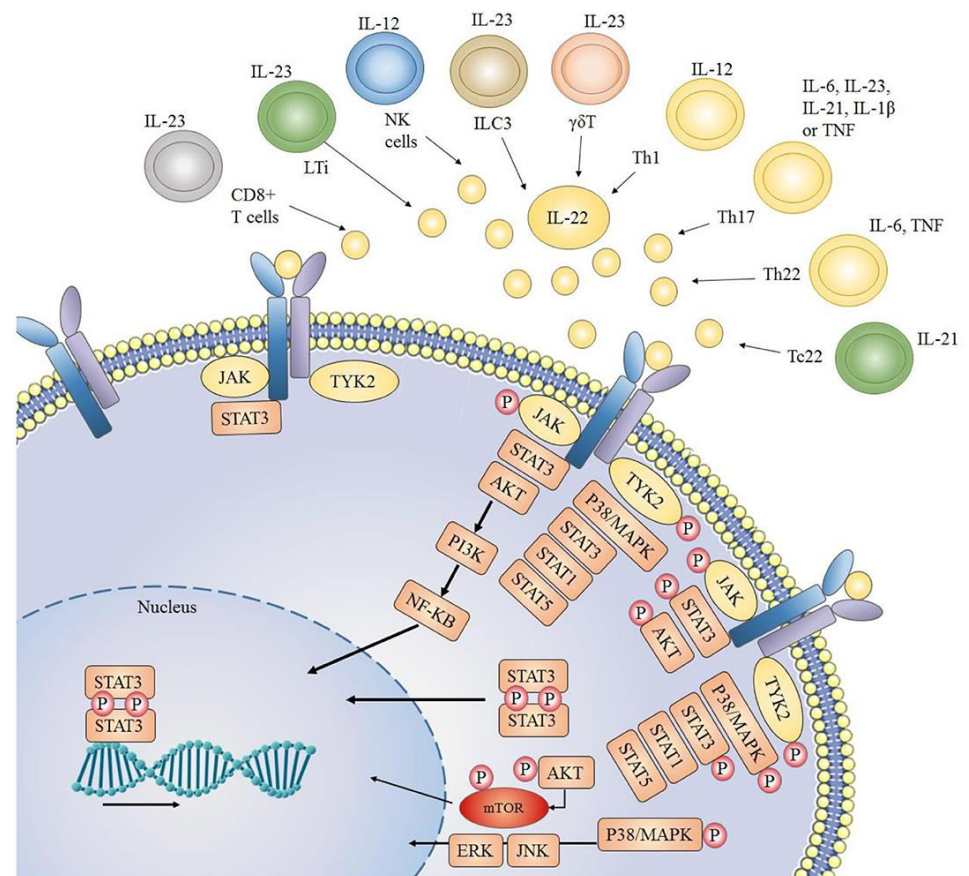
Signature Cytokine-Based Concept



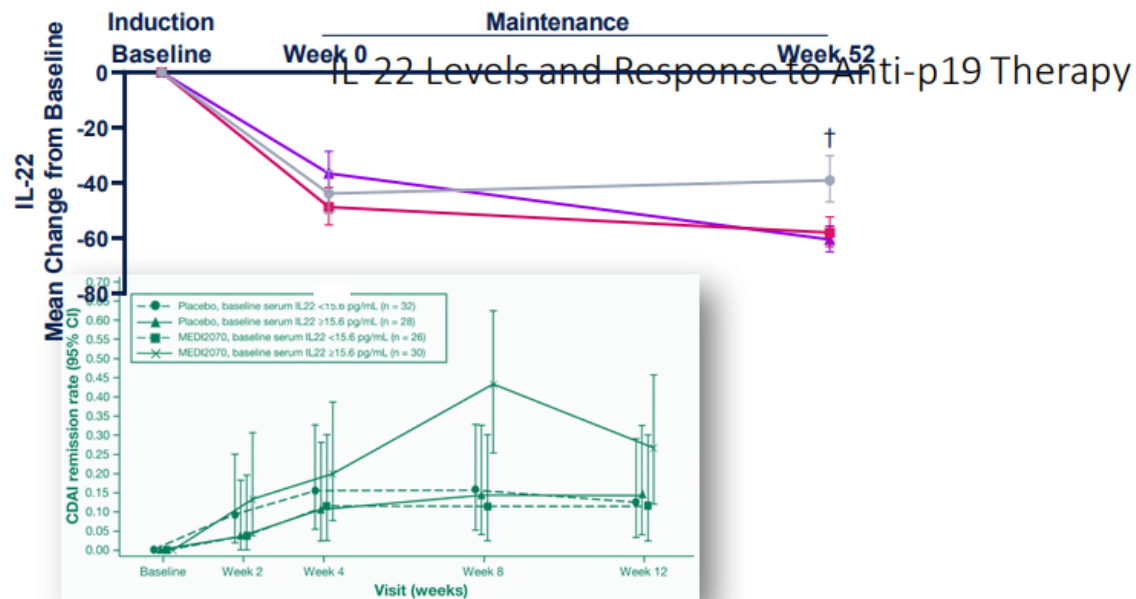
	TNF-α	Interleukin-6	Interleukin-23	Interleukin-17A	Interleukin-1
RA					
PsA					
JIA					
AxSpA					
CD					
UC					
PsO					

# Predicating response to treatment- biochemical

- **Pre-and post-treatment levels of IL-22** and post-treatment levels of IL-17 have been identified as potential molecular **predictors of response to therapy** in several studies *Gottlieb ZS, Sands BE. Personalized Medicine with IL-23 Blockers: Myth or Reality? J Crohns Colitis. 2021*



# IL-22 Levels and Response to Anti-p19 Therapy

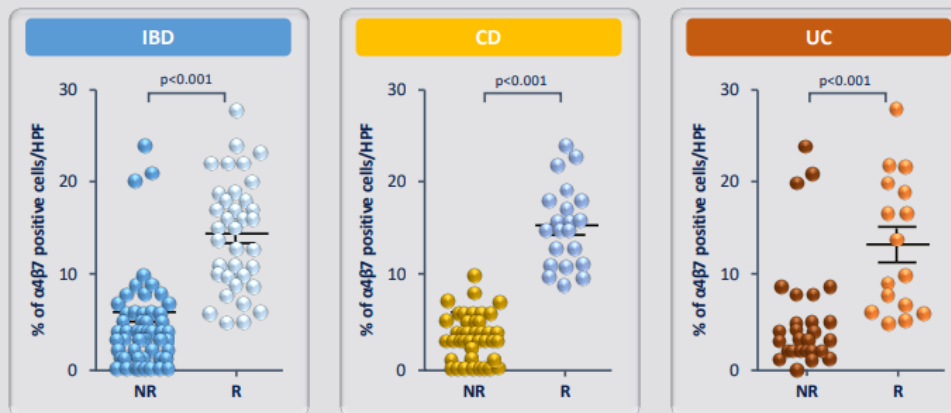


Ferrante M et al ACG 2021/UEGW 2021

Sands B et al Gastroenterology 2017

# Predicating response to treatment-biochemical

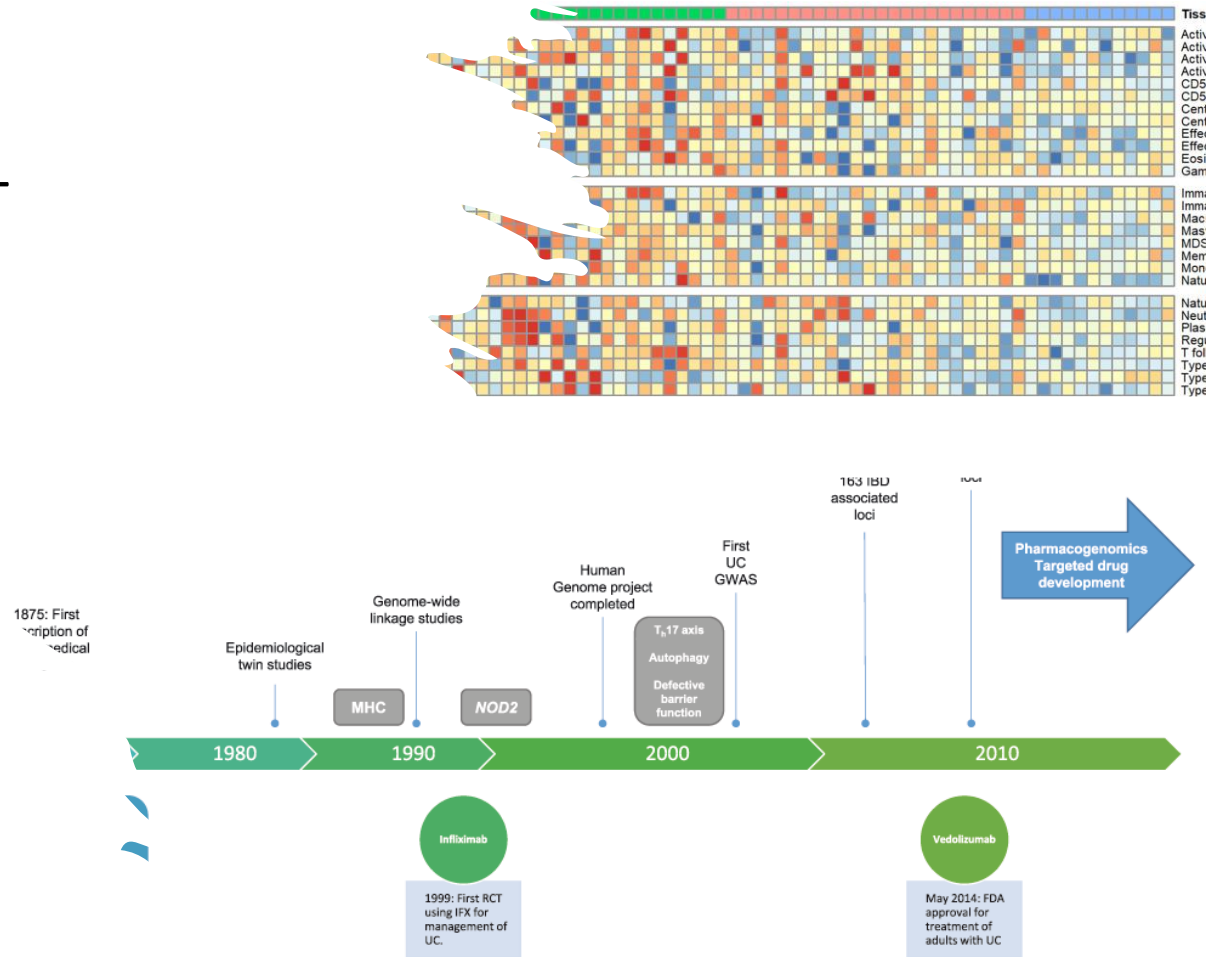
Intestinal  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  expression predicts therapeutic response to VDZ



CD, Crohn's disease; HPF, high power field; IBD, inflammatory bowel disease; NR, non-responders; R, responders; UC, ulcerative colitis

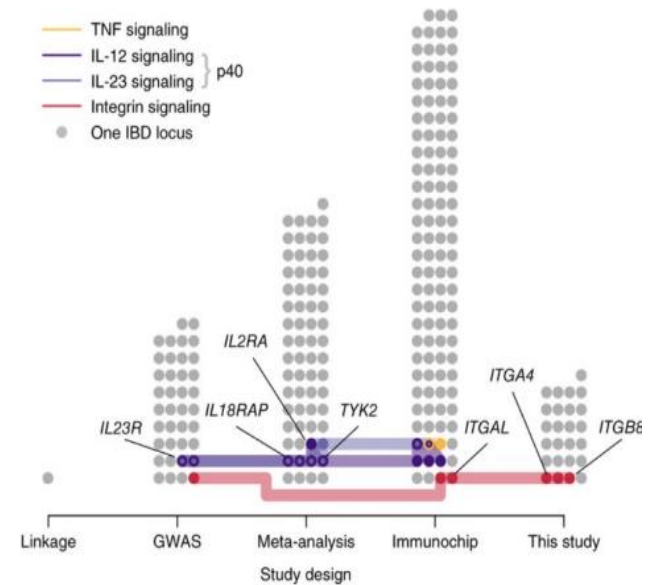
# PREDICTORS FOR TREATMENT RESPONSE

- Mucosal **gene signatures and epigenetics** to predict response to treatment:



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### Studies identifying IBD loci in approved therapeutic pathways



de Lange, K., Moutsianas, L., Lee, J. et al. *Nat Genet* (2017).

# HLA-DQA1\*05 Carriage Predicts Anti-TNF Antibody Formation in CD

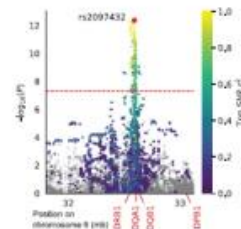
## HLA-DQA1\*05 Carriage Associated With Development of Anti-Drug Antibodies to Infliximab and Adalimumab in Patients With Crohn's Disease



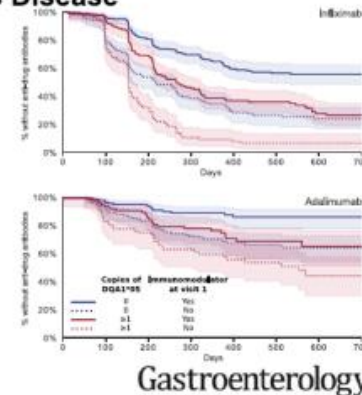
1240 patients with Crohn's disease treated with infliximab or adalimumab ± immunomodulator



Longitudinal measurement of anti-drug antibodies



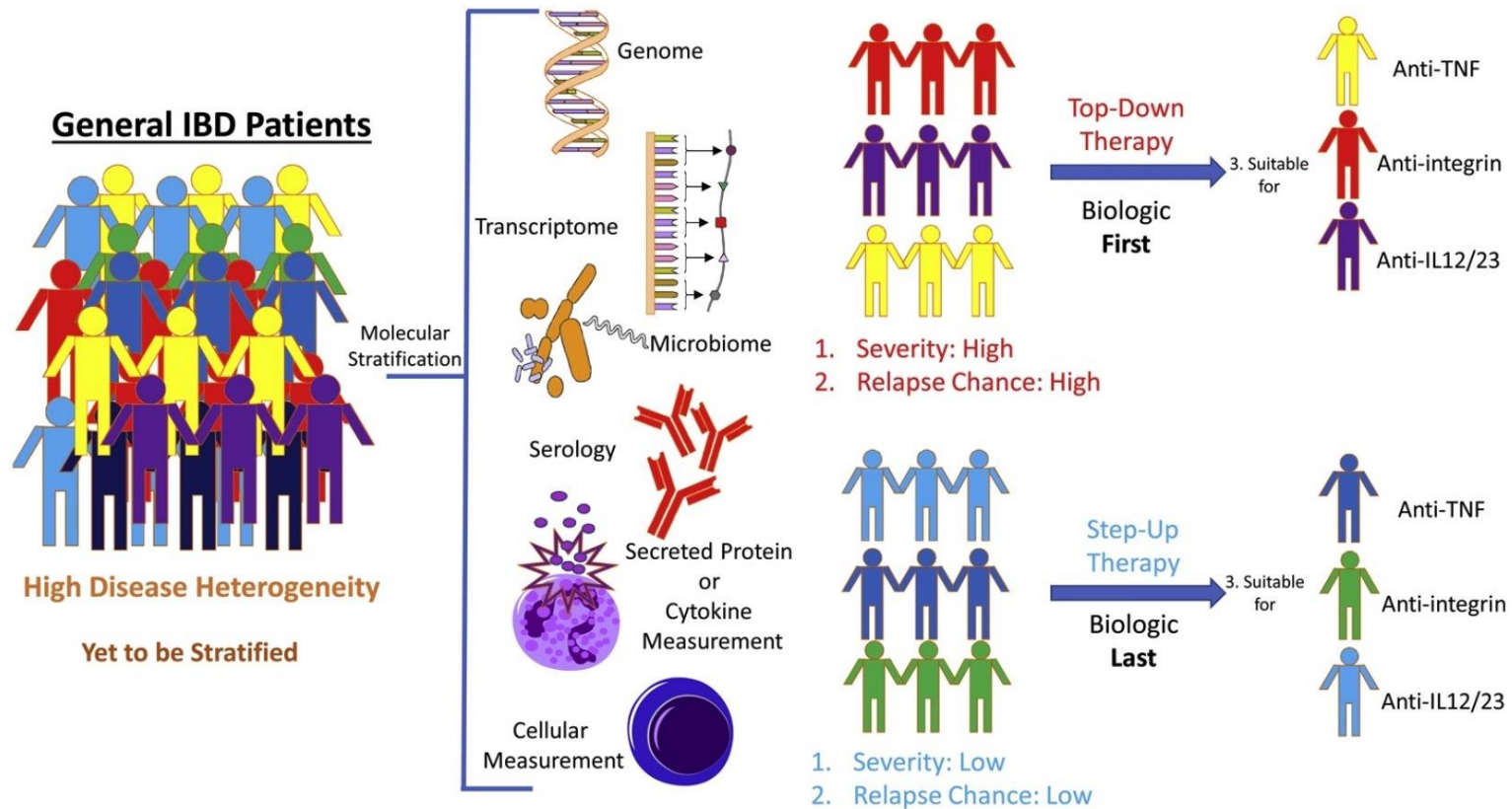
Genome-wide association study identifies DQA1\*05; hazard ratio 1.90 (95%CI 1.60-2.25)



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- In order to advance our therapy we need new predictive tools, based on – Omics, Serologic Markers, Serum and Fecal Biomarkers



# Ongoing Studies with Potential to Yield Data Relevant to Precision Care

## *In the Pipeline....*

Study	Description & Aim(s)
<b>Genetic</b>	
PANTS (NCT03088449)	A prospective, uncontrolled cohort study of 1610 patients with IBD started on anti-TNF therapy; recruitment to this study has been completed and is now in the follow-up phase; aiming to provide novel insights into anti-TNF response and non-response
IBD BioResource	An observational study across the UK that is seeking to recruit 50 000 cases of IBD; aiming to further understand the functional effect of IBD-associated gene variants
<b>Transcriptomic</b>	
PROFILE (ISRCTN 11808228)	A biomarker-stratified trial in Crohn's disease seeking to recruit 400 patients to determine whether clinical outcomes can be optimized from diagnosis by using a blood-based prognostic biomarker to stratify therapy
RISK (NCT00790543)	An observational prospective study of treatment-naïve, newly diagnosed pediatric Crohn's disease; 913 cases of Crohn's disease and 887 controls have been recruited and are currently undergoing clinical follow-up; seeking to determine novel genetic, transcriptomic, and microbial biomarkers associated with outcomes
<b>Microbiomic/Metabolomic</b>	
PREdiCt (ISRCTN 11808228)	An observational study aiming to recruit 3100 patients with IBD in remission, seeking to determine environmental factors—including contributions from dietary intake and the gut microbiome—to both remission and relapse of inflammation
IBD Multiomics database	An in-depth multiomic profiling project of 90 participants over the course of 1 year with data then made publicly available to allow the scientific community to gain increased understanding of the complex interplay in IBD
<b>Proteomic</b>	
IBD-Character	A proteomic biomarker discovery study of 400 patients with newly diagnosed, treatment-naïve IBD, 200 symptomatic patients without evidence of IBD, and 200 healthy age-matched controls; seeking to identify proteomic markers associated with clinical outcomes
PREDICTS	A biorepository platform study of military personnel from the USA, with 2000 IBD cases (1000 with Crohn's disease and 1000 with ulcerative colitis) and 500 healthy controls; seeking novel proteomic biomarkers particularly before development of IBD

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# התלבטות אמיתית?

- בן 22 אובחן לפני 3 חודשים עם מחלת מעי דלקתית הגורמת לשלשולים ולכאבי בטן
- אין מחלות רקע ולא ידוע על סיבוכים מחוץ למעי
- חומרת המחלה קלינית ואנדוסקופית בינונית
- האבא (ה"טחון") מוכן לשלם לך כל סכום על מנת לקבל ממך המלצה חד-משמעית לכל טיפול שתמצאי לנכון
- מוכן לשלם כל סכום על מנת שבנו יקבל את הטיפול היעיל ביותר לטווח הקצר והארוך



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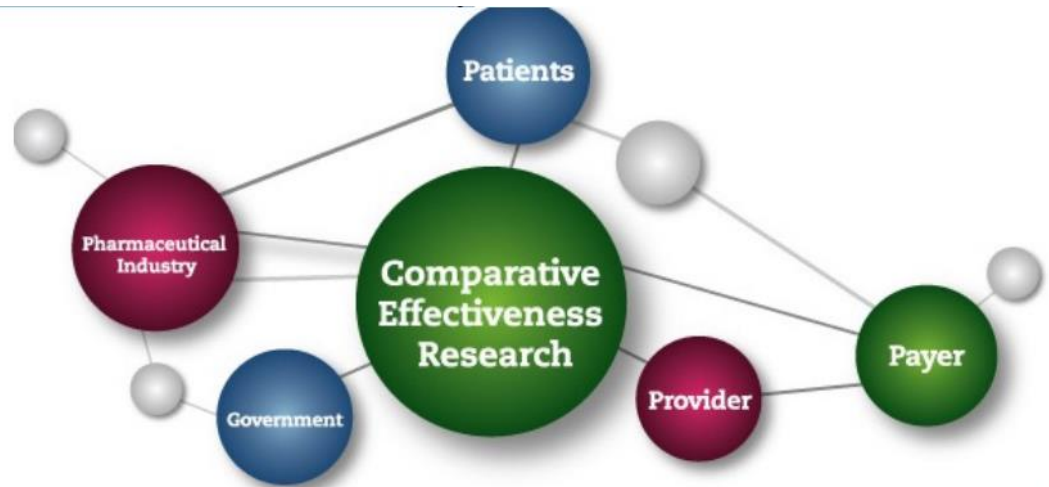


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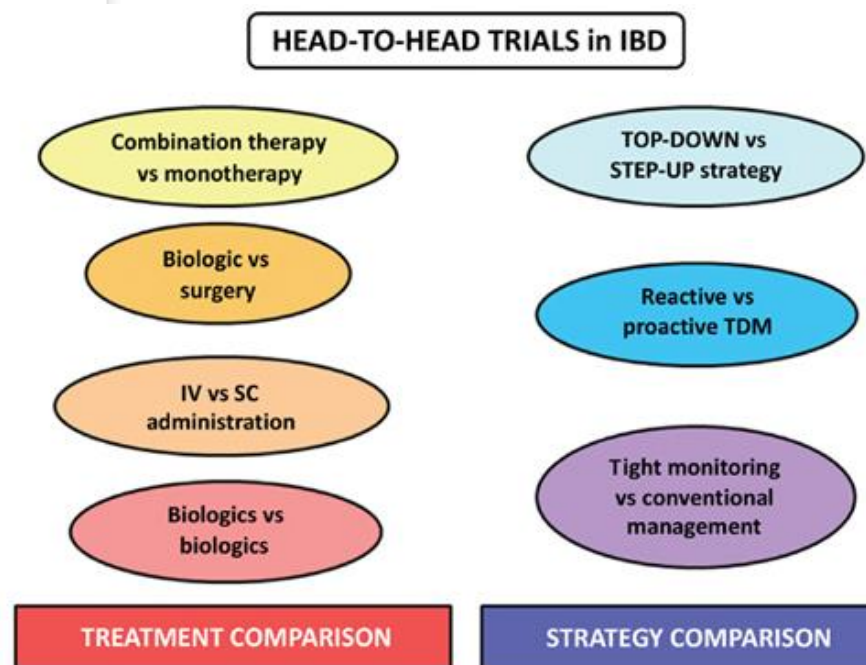
# COMPARING THERAPIES-

20 Years of  
Comparative  
Effectiveness Research  
(CER) in IBD

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## 20 Years of Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) in IBD



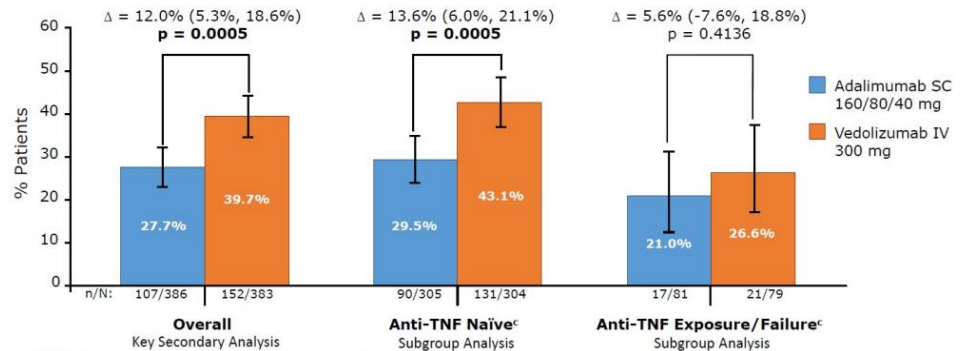
Head to head trials in IBD: treatment comparison vs. strategy comparison

# HEAD TO HEAD- VARSITY

Head-to-head trials designed and powered to enable formal comparisons are the gold standard in comparative research

## Varsity Trial: Mucosal Healing (2015-2019)

### VARSITY Results: Mucosal Healing<sup>a</sup> at Week 52<sup>b</sup>

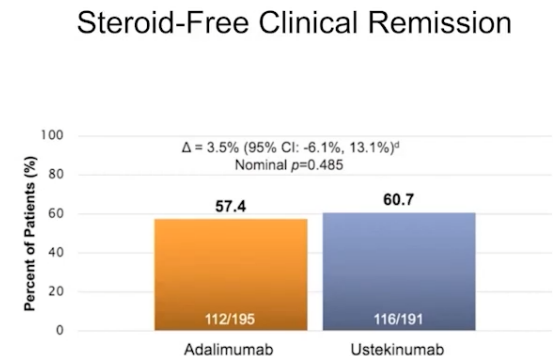
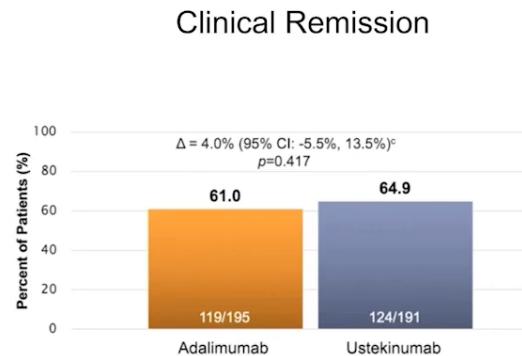


IV=intravenous; SC=subcutaneous; TNF=tumour necrosis factor.  
<sup>a</sup>Mucosal healing: Mayo endoscopic subscore of ≤1 point.  
<sup>b</sup>Full Analysis Set: Includes all randomised patients who received at least 1 dose of study drug.  
<sup>c</sup>Anti-TNF subgroup analysis was prespecified and produced nominal p values.

# HEAD TO HEAD- SEAVUE

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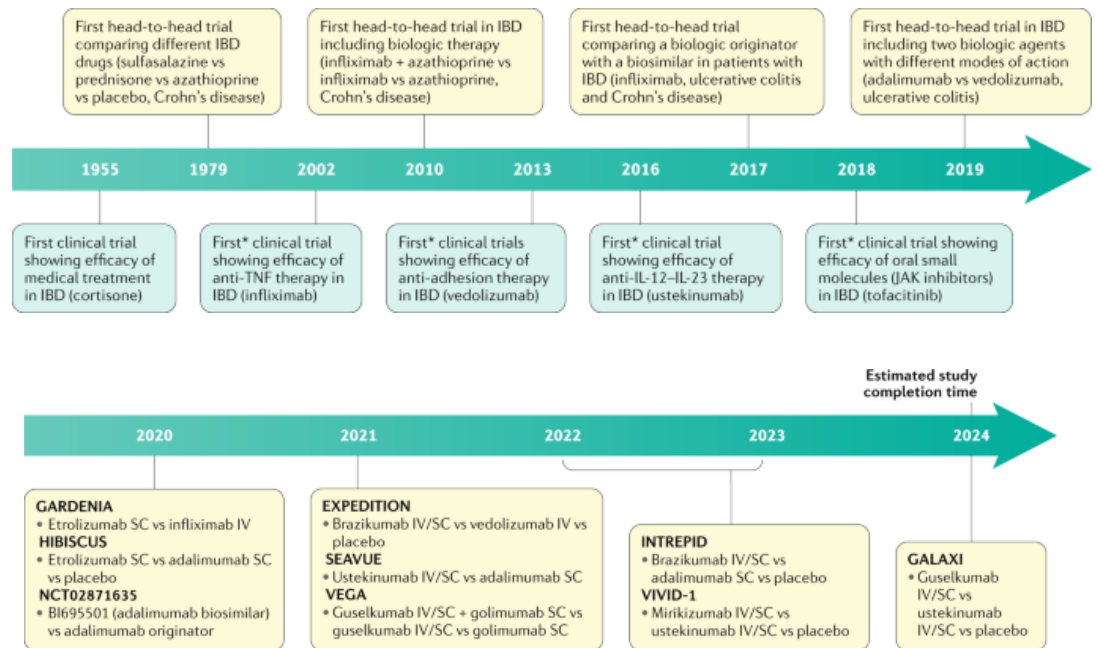
## Clinical Remission and Steroid-Free Remission



Sands BE, et al. Digestive Disease Week 2021, SEAVUE Study



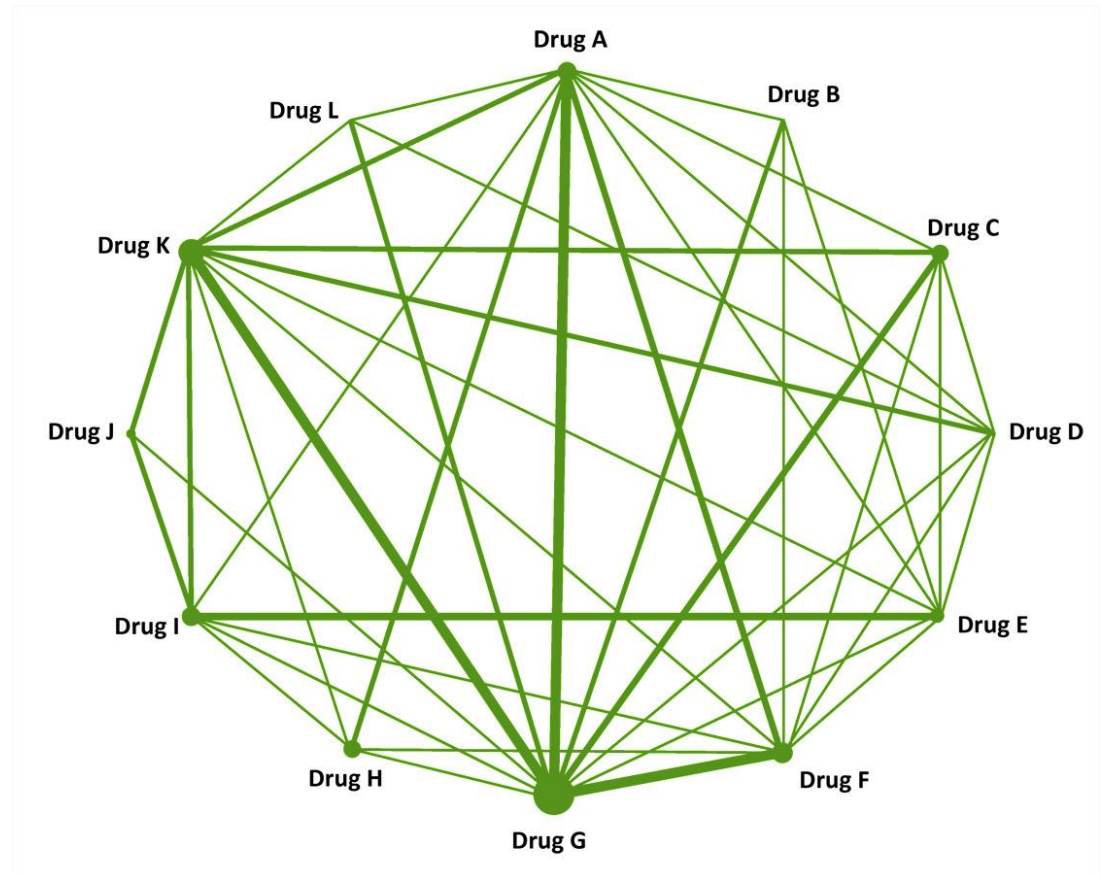
- Head-to-head trials in inflammatory bowel disease: past, present and future



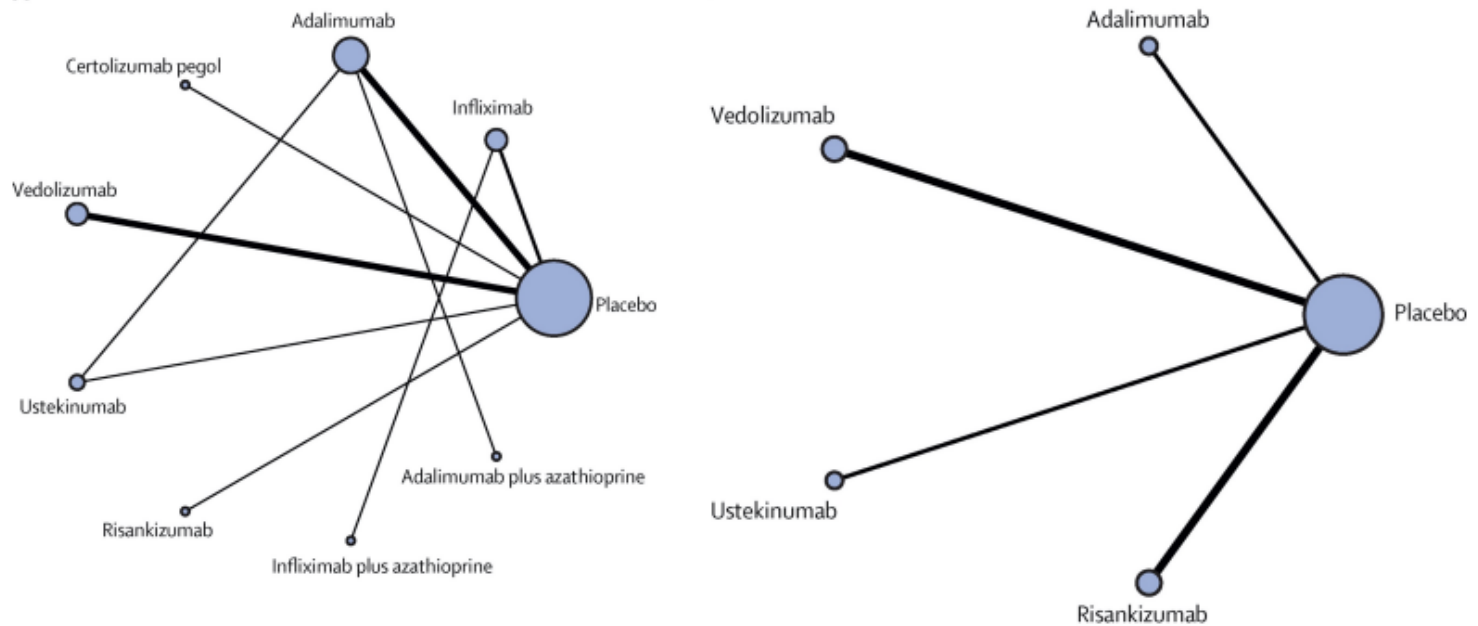
# Comparative Effectiveness via Network Meta-Analysis

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- Network meta-analysis is a meta-analysis in which multiple treatments (that is, three or more) are being compared using both **direct** comparisons of interventions within randomized controlled trials and **indirect** comparisons across trials based on a common comparator.



# Network meta-analysis



Siddharth Singh, et al. *Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2021; 6:1002–14

# Network meta-analysis of biologics in CD

- Biologic naïve

Induction of clinical remission									
Induction of clinical response	Infliximab	0.61 (0.31-1.19)	1.50 (0.54-4.22)	2.65 (0.70-10.02)	1.72 (0.61-4.87)	2.07 (0.63-6.87)	2.28 (0.73-7.06)	4.53 (1.49-13.79)	6.17 (2.54-15.01)
	0.56 (0.36-0.87)	Infliximab plus thiopurines	2.49 (0.73-8.52)	4.38 (0.99-19.45)	2.85 (0.83-9.82)	3.43 (0.87-13.54)	3.76 (1.01-14.03)	7.49 (2.04-27.49)	10.20 (3.34-31.10)
	8.84 (1.95-40.03)	15.88 (3.29-76.64)	Adalimumab	1.76 (0.76-4.08)	1.15 (0.66-1.99)	1.38 (0.51-3.69)	1.51 (0.61-3.74)	3.01 (1.25-7.27)	4.10 (2.31-7.27)
	..	..	..	Adalimumab plus thiopurines	0.65 (0.24-1.77)	0.78 (0.21-2.85)	0.86 (0.25-2.95)	1.71 (0.51-5.77)	2.33 (0.84-6.43)
	7.90 (1.78-35.10)	14.18 (2.99-67.26)	0.89 (0.61-1.31)	..	Ustekinumab	0.83 (0.31-2.21)	1.32 (0.54-3.23)	2.63 (1.10-6.28)	3.58 (2.05-6.25)
	..	..	..	..	..	Risankizumab	1.10 (0.38-3.19)	2.19 (0.77-6.21)	2.98 (1.33-6.64)
	12.76 (2.76-59.08)	22.91 (4.64-113.02)	1.44 (0.75-2.80)	..	1.62 (0.87-3.00)	..	Vedolizumab	1.99 (0.75-5.26)	2.71 (1.34-5.48)
	15.08 (3.46-65.83)	27.08 (5.81-126.25)	1.71 (1.02-2.84)	..	1.91 (1.21-3.00)	..	1.18 (0.67-2.10)	Certolizumab pegol	1.36 (0.70-2.66)
	22.00 (5.17-93.56)	39.49 (8.68-179.61)	2.49 (1.62-3.82)	..	2.79 (1.94-3.99)	..	1.72 (1.04-2.85)	1.46 (1.11-1.92)	Placebo

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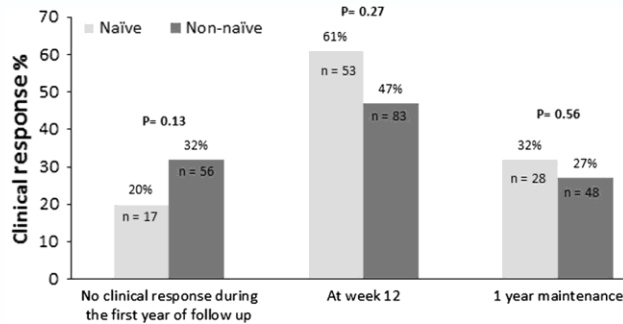
# Network meta-analysis of biologics in CD

- Biologic-exposed

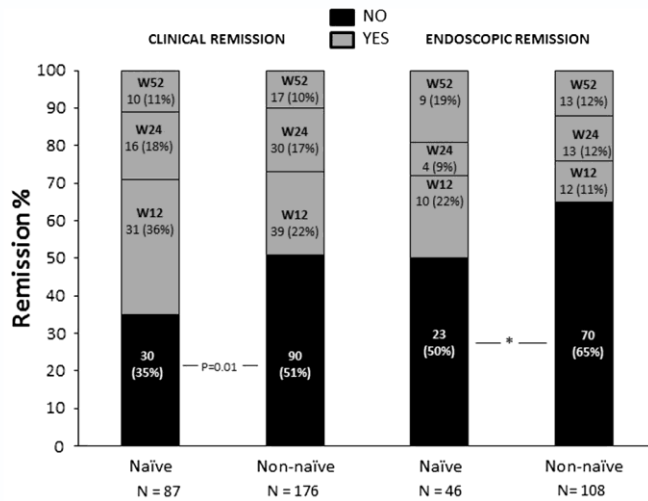
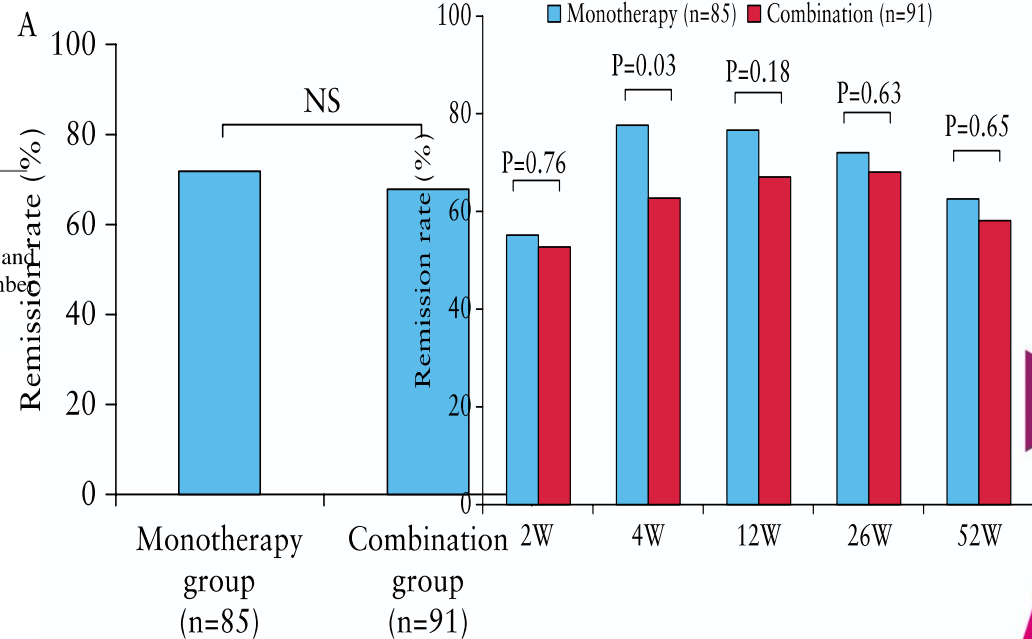
Induction of clinical response	Induction of clinical remission				
	Risankizumab	1.34 (0.79–2.27)	0.74 (0.35–1.57)	2.10 (1.12–3.92)	2.64 (1.89–3.68)
	1.34 (0.62–2.90)	Ustekinumab	0.56 (0.25–1.22)	1.57 (0.80–3.06)	1.97 (1.31–2.97)
	1.51 (0.64–3.56)	1.13 (0.51–2.51)	Adalimumab	2.82 (1.20–6.62)	3.55 (1.82–6.93)
	1.87 (0.87–4.02)	1.40 (0.68–2.87)	1.24 (0.55–2.77)	Vedolizumab	1.26 (0.74–2.14)
	3.31 (1.86–5.90)	2.47 (1.49–4.09)	2.19 (1.17–4.09)	1.77 (1.07–2.92)	Placebo

Siddharth Singh, et al. *Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2021; 6:1002–14

# Being a second drug always portend worse response rates



**Fig. 1** Rate of short- and long-term clinical response in naïve and non-naïve patients. Results are expressed as absolute number (percentage)



\* p>0.05: No statistically significant differences were observed

Diamond study - CD patients  
0% prior exposure to thiopurines

UC patients  
46-48% prior exposure to thiopurines



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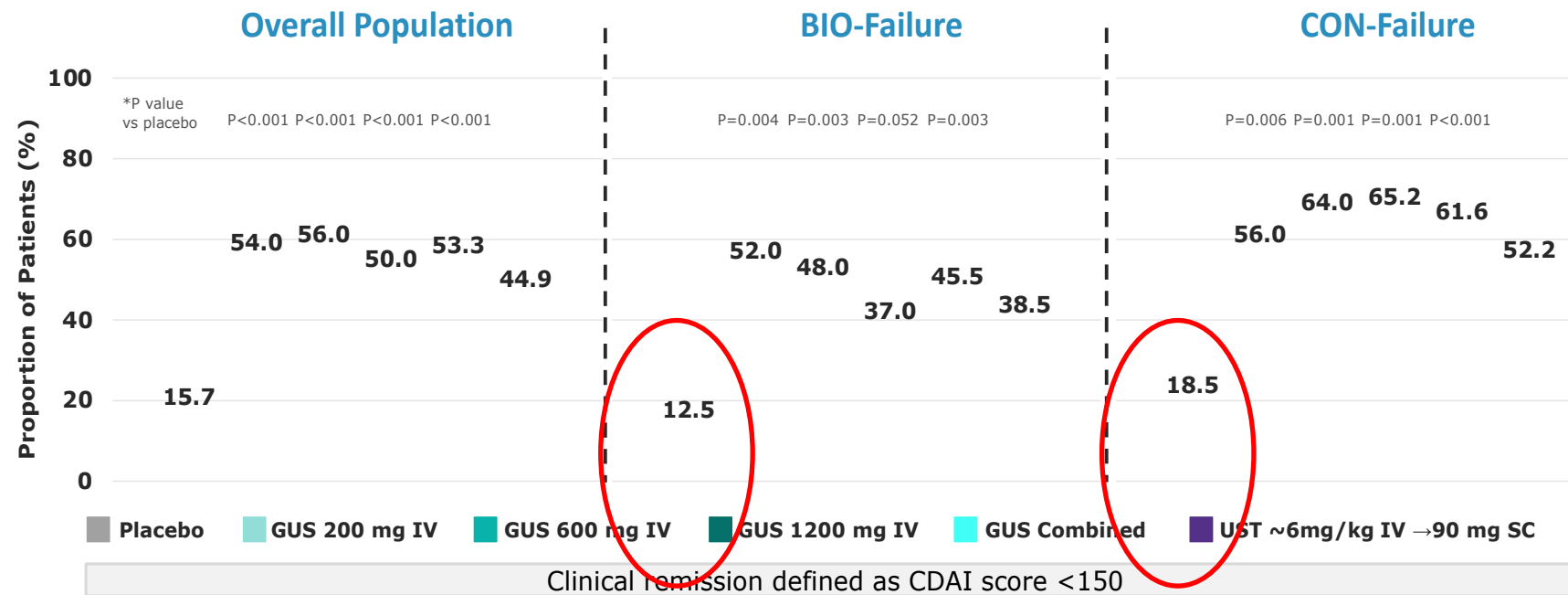


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Matsumoto T et al. J Crohn's Colit 2016;10:1259–1266  
Iborra M et al. J Gastroenterol 2017; 52:788–799

# Being a second drug always portend worse remission rates – guselkumab and ustekinumab

## Clinical (CDAI) Remission at Week 12



Sandborn WJ et al. UEGW Virtual 2020; 11–13 Oct 2020; OP089



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# Conclusions – the first therapeutic agent is always more effective

- This effect is universal
- True for biologics and small molecules
- Probably through selection of less resistant disease
- Demonstrated also in the placebo
- Network (*and other types of*) meta-analyses unlikely to provide a definite answer



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# How Do We Put Together the Puzzle of Therapy Selection?

## DRUG

### Efficacy

- Indication
- Rapidity of onset
- Durability
- Pharmacokinetics/TDM
- Combination vs. monotherapy
- Positioning and sequence

### Safety

- Infection
- Cancer
- Specific concerns by agent or mechanism



## PATIENT

### Individual Characteristics

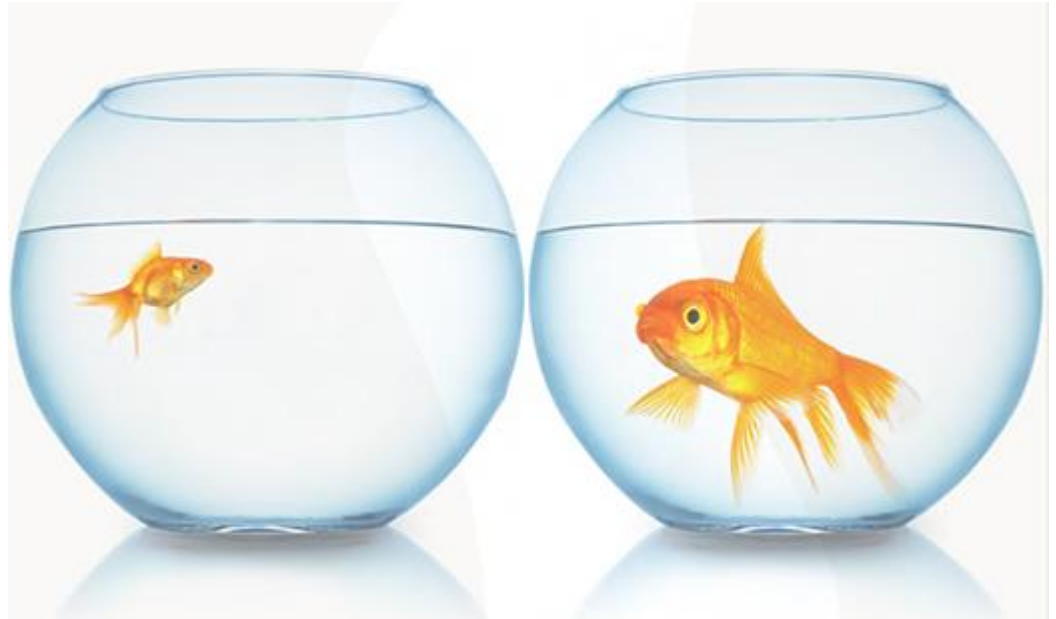
- Age
- Comorbidities
- Preferences (IV/SQ/PO)
- Insurance
- Costs
- Access to care

### Disease Characteristics

- CD vs. UC
- Disease behavior/complication
- Disease severity
- Early vs. late
- EIMs
- Prior treatment success or failure

*EIMs = extraintestinal manifestations; TDM = therapeutic drug monitoring*

*“The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease” –  
Sir William Osler,  
1903*



• **ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL**

# מסקנות

- בחירת טיפול אינה רשות אלא חובה!!
- בעתיד סביר שיהיו לנו אמצעים קליניים ומעבדתיים לבדוק מנבאי תגובה לטיפול על מנת ליישם רפואה מדוייקת
- בינתיים: חובה עלינו לדבוק בתכנית המוודאת שהטיפול שניתן יעיל ולהפסיק טיפול שאינו יעיל
- שיתוף הפעולה בין המטפלים למטופל הכרחי לטיפול



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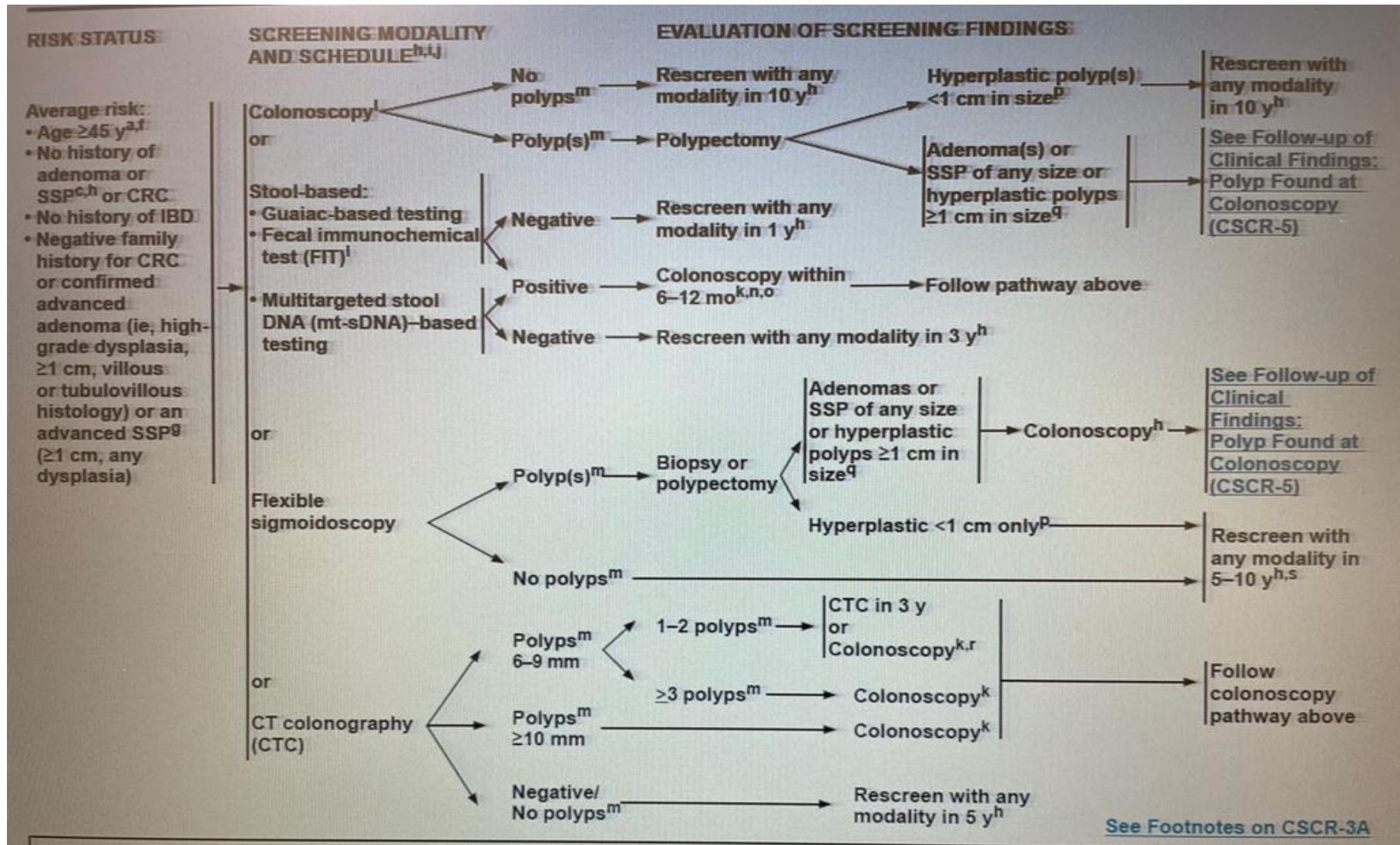


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Colorectal cancer screening

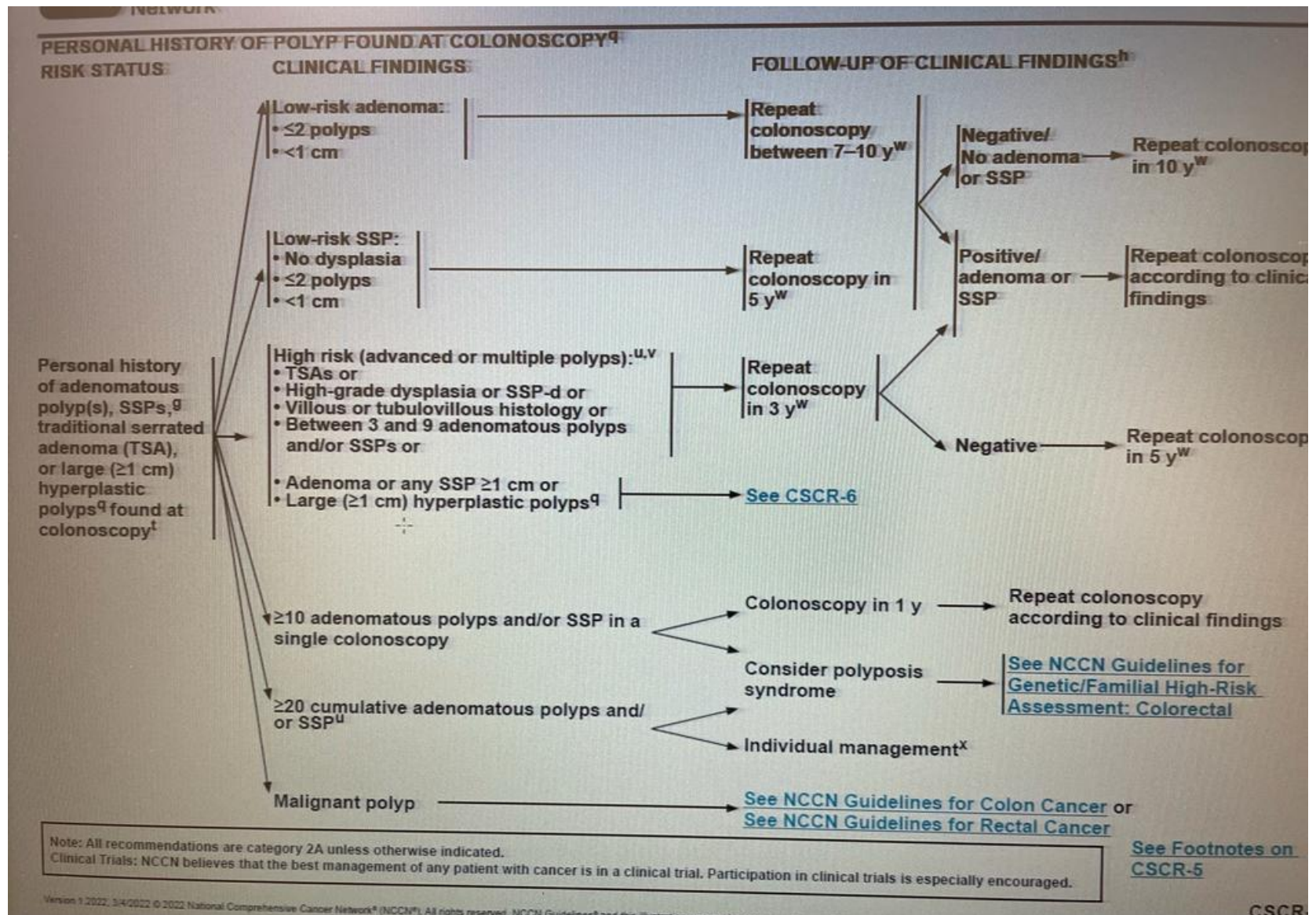
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בשעות מאוחרות כאלה של הערב



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