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Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Children: Diagnosis, Treatment Status and Early Recognition

Message from the Guest Editors

Inflammatory bowel diseases (IBDs), including ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD), are chronic immune-mediated disorders of the gastrointestinal tract. They are most often diagnosed in adolescence and young adulthood, with a rising incidence in pediatric populations worldwide, including in emerging nations. IBD continues to have a negative impact on patients' quality of life, and the rates of complications, surgery and hospitalization remain high. Pediatric IBD comes with unique additional challenges, such as growth impairment, pubertal delay, the psychology of adolescence and the development of body image. In recent years, significant progress in treatments has profoundly changed the management of IBD in children, and changes in therapeutic strategies over the past few decades have altered the natural history of pediatric IBD. Given the progressive enrichment of therapeutic armament and the emergence of new therapeutic objectives and monitoring strategies, this Special Issue will consider early recognition and management strategies in both UC and CD in children through original research and reviews.

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