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Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): Pathogenesis, Clinical Management, and Emerging Therapies

Message from the Guest Editors

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) refers to a group of chronic, immune-mediated disorders affecting the gastrointestinal tract, with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis being the most well-known and prevalent forms.

The rising global prevalence of IBD presents a growing challenge for healthcare systems and significantly impacts patients' quality of life, with the relapsing-remitting nature of the disease, together with the multitude, intensity, and severity of symptoms, contributing to significant morbidity and healthcare-associated costs.

Current treatment strategies focus on controlling inflammation, preventing complications, and improving long-term outcomes through the use of conventional therapies, biological agents, and small-molecule inhibitors. Nevertheless, treatment failure and the risk of adverse effects remain significant concerns. Additionally, the growing interest in non-pharmacological interventions—such as dietary modifications, microbiome-directed therapies, and lifestyle-based strategies—is opening up new avenues in adjunctive management.

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