

# The ABCs of IBD

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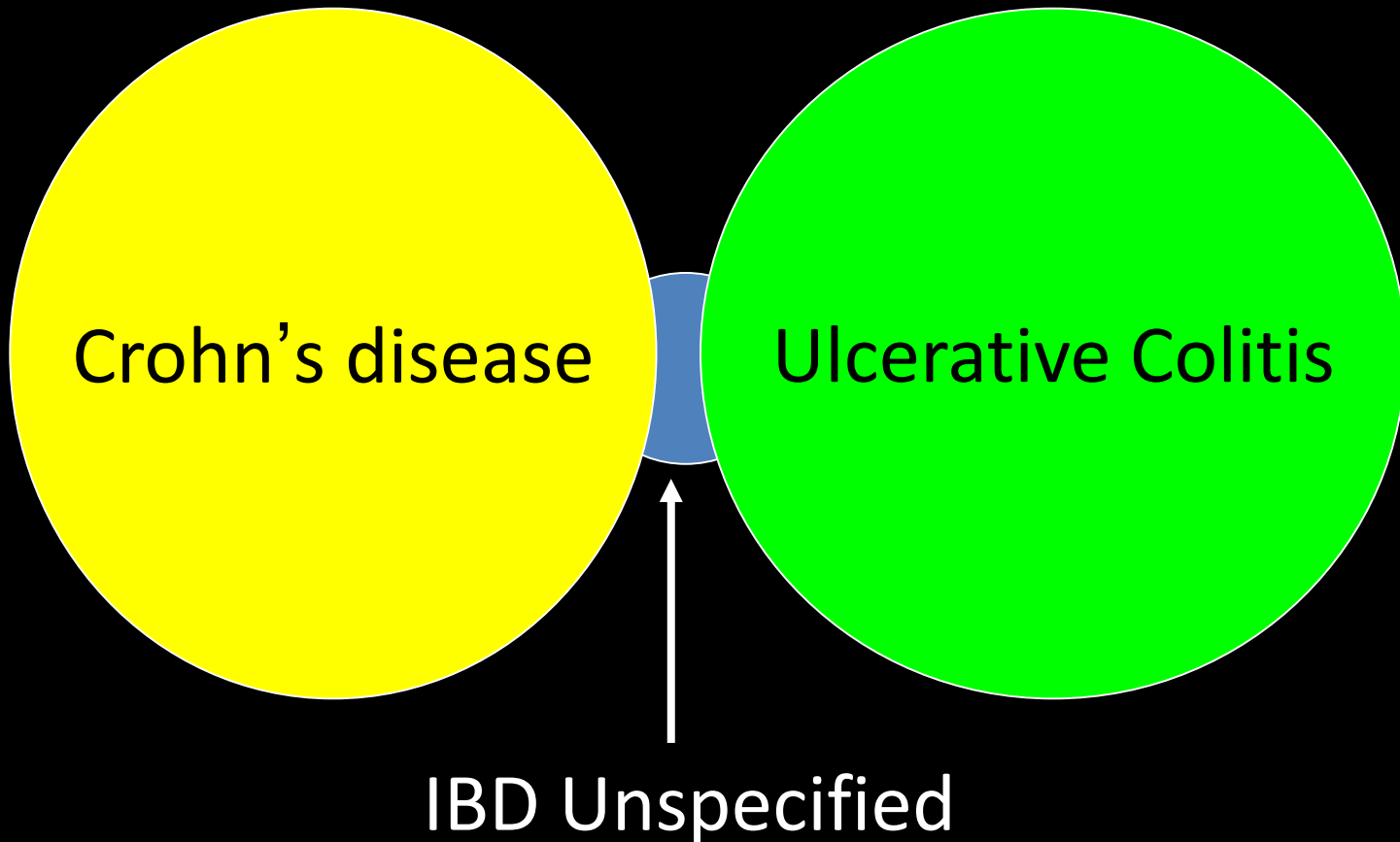
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# Overview

- What is IBD?
- How common is IBD / who gets it?
- Why do people get IBD?
- How do we diagnose IBD?
- How do we treat IBD?
- What are the complications of IBD?
- What does the future hold?
- Areas of controversy

What is IBD?

# Inflammatory Bowel Disease



# The Gastrointestinal Tract

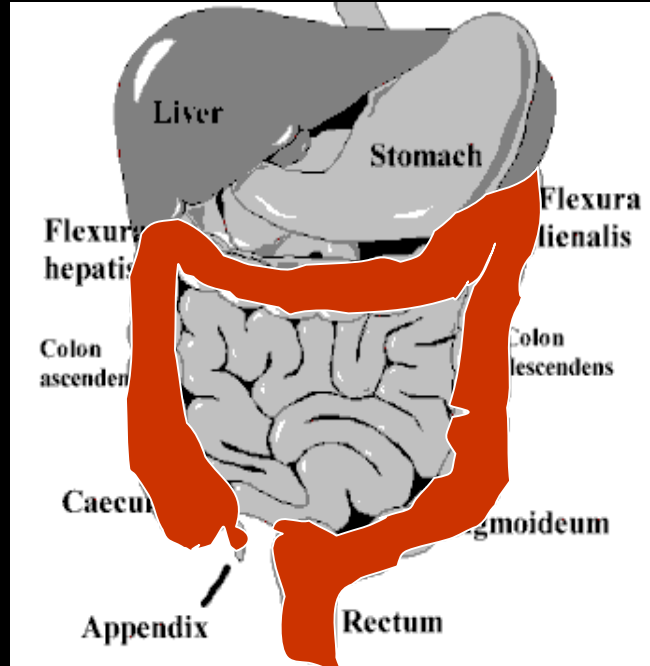
## Crohn's disease

Any part of the GI tract

Patchy inflammation

Inflammation affects full thickness of intestine

Perianal disease



## Ulcerative Colitis

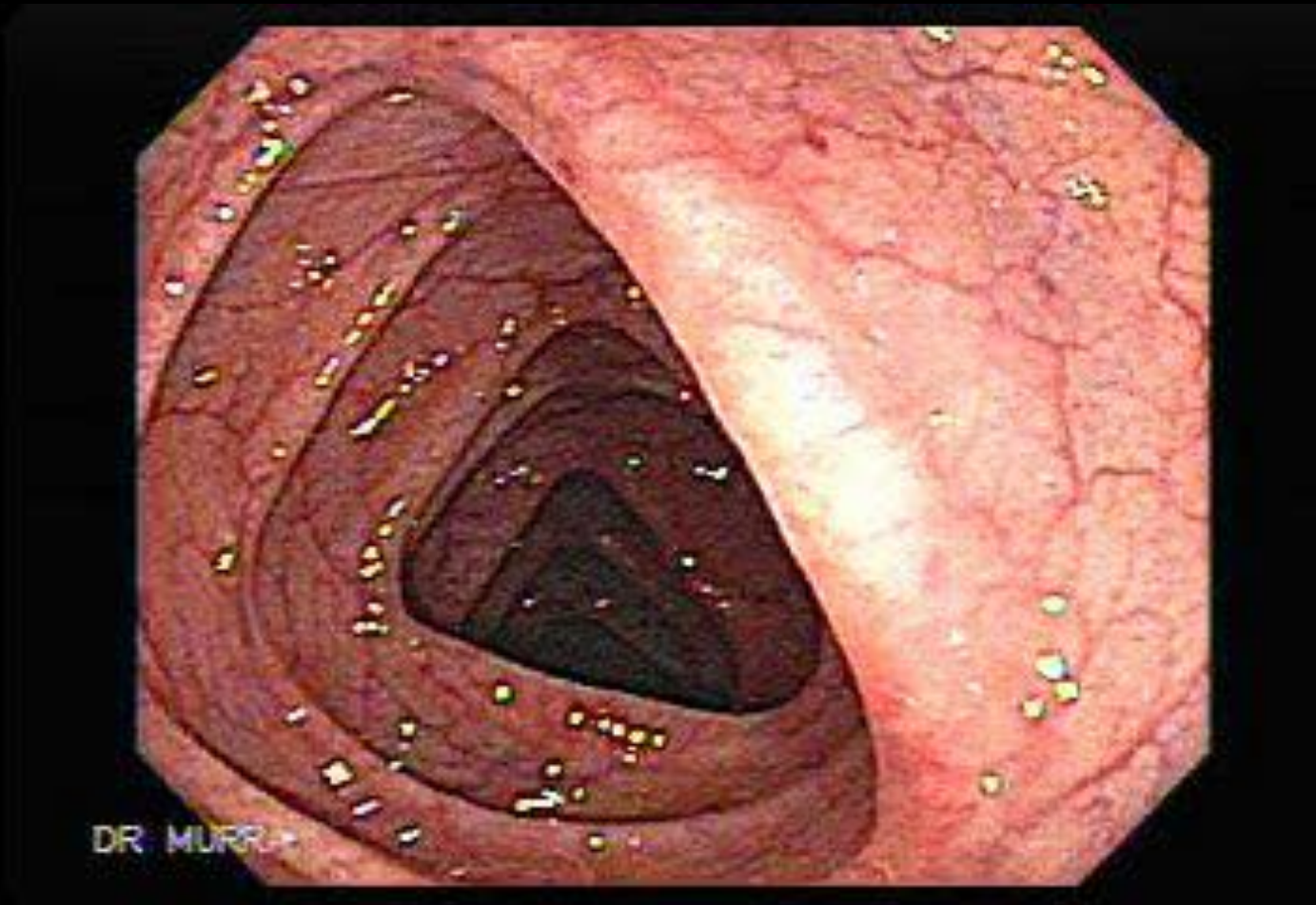
Colon only

Continuous inflammation

Inflammation starts at the bottom and moves proximally

Inflammation affects inner lining of bowel only (mucosa)

# Normal colonoscopy



# Severe ulcerative colitis



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# Crohn's disease

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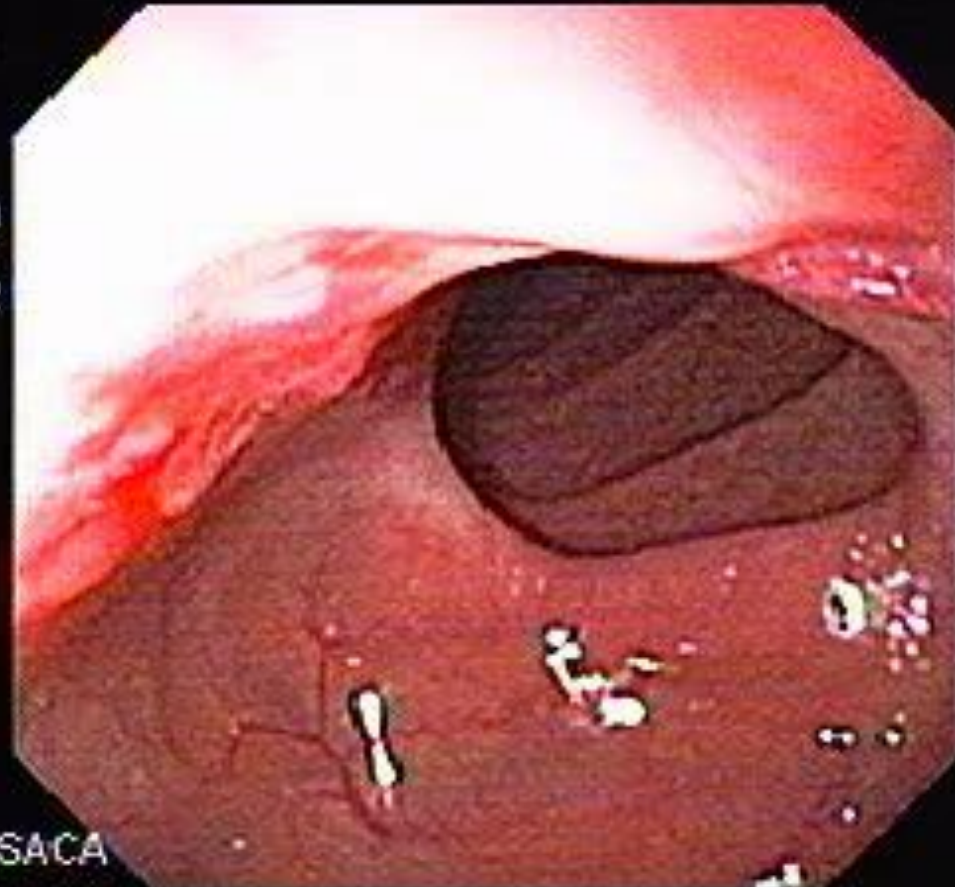
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# Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Abdominal  
Pain

Diarrhoea

Rectal  
Bleeding

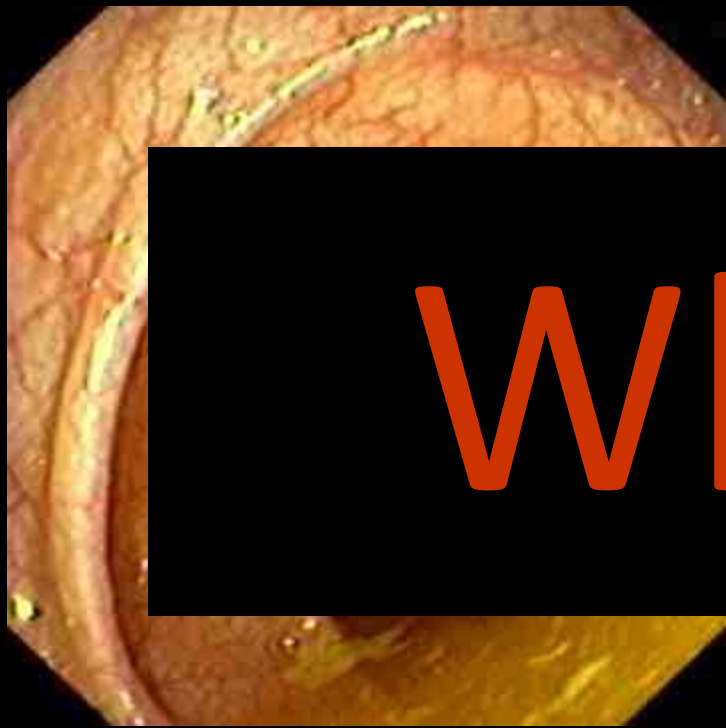


Weight Loss

Medication/  
Surgery

Colorectal  
Cancer

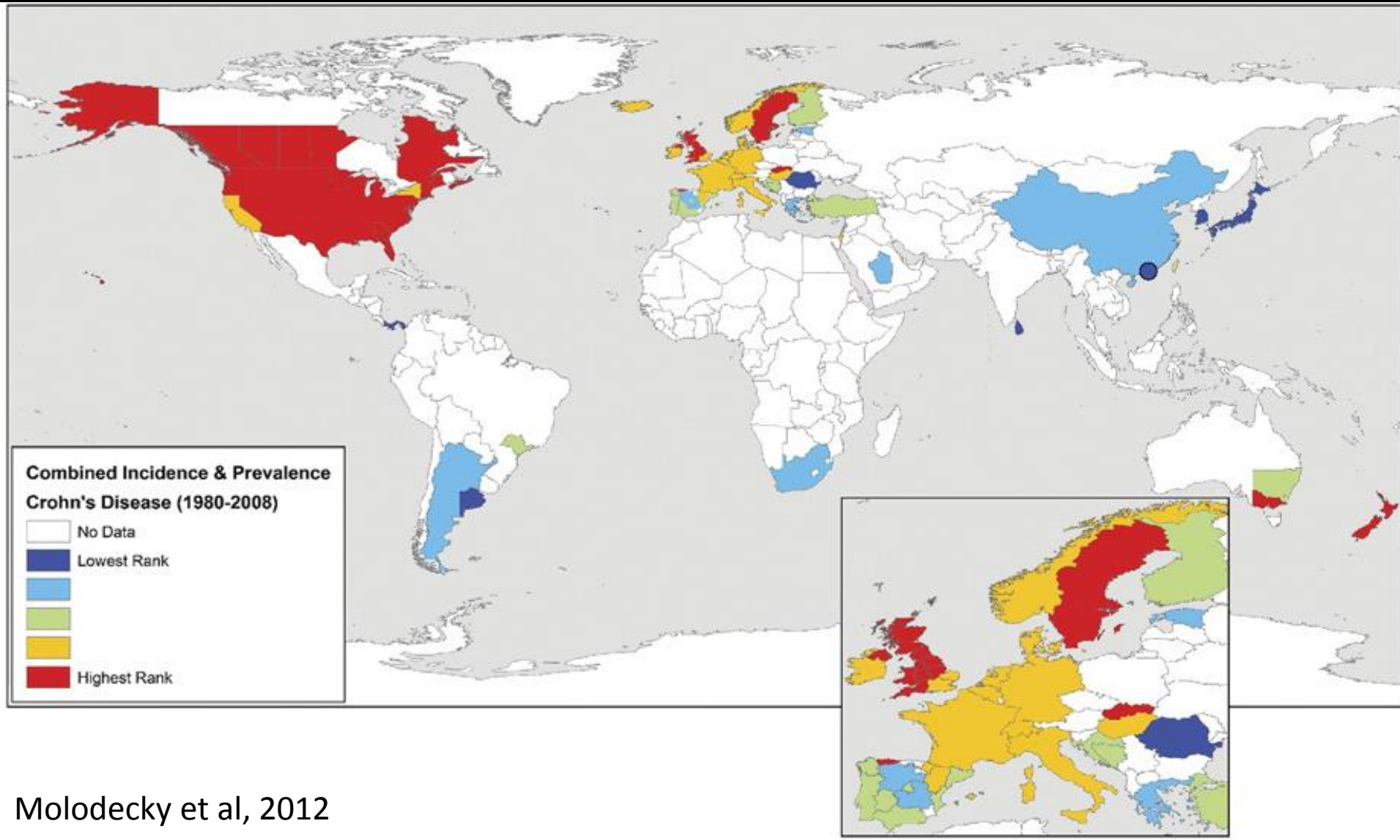
# Normal v IBD



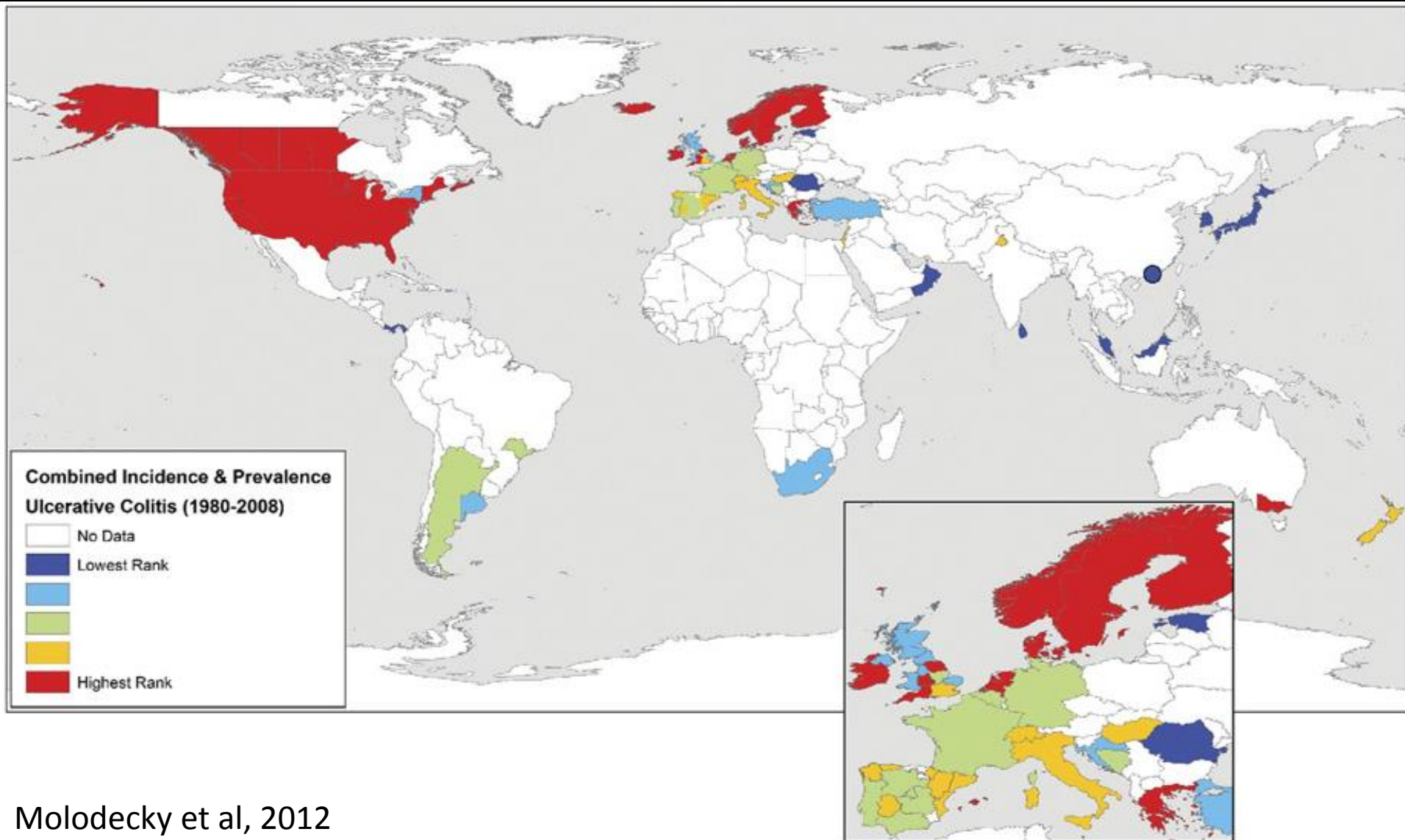
Why?

How common is IBD and who  
gets it?

# IBD – a global problem?



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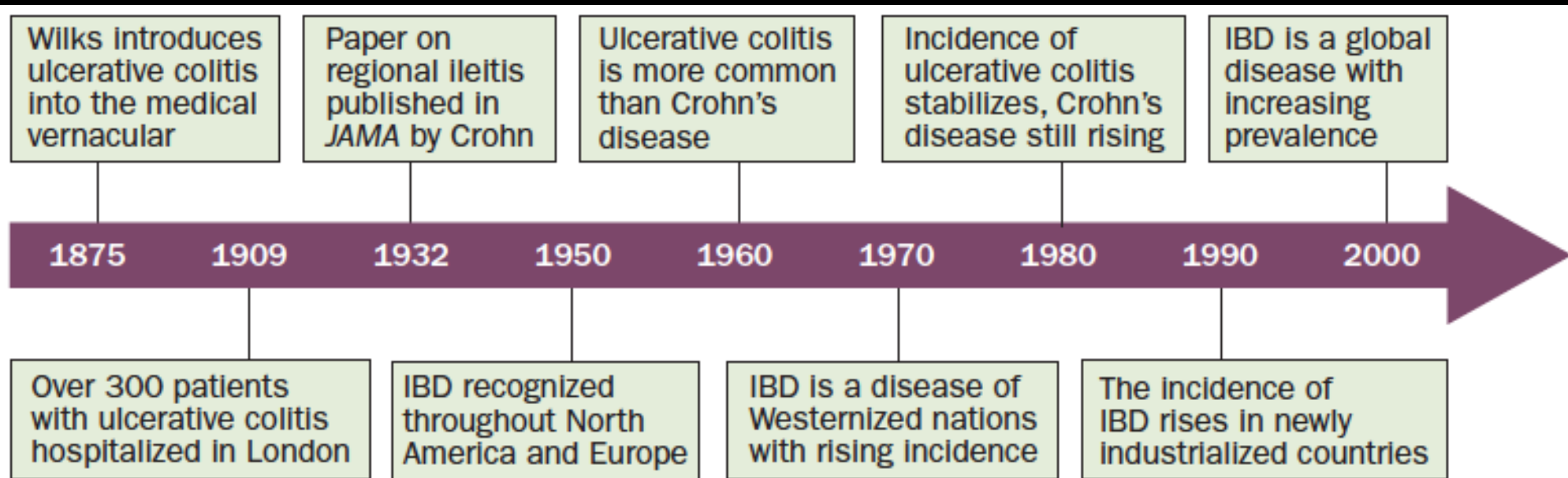


# IBD Prevalence – the basic facts

- ~5 million people affected worldwide
- 0.5% of population in the highest prevalence regions
- Compound prevalence
  - cumulative addition of incident cases in a chronic disease with young age of onset and low mortality

# Patterns of disease spread

# Historical worldwide timeline of IBD





# Similarities in epidemiology

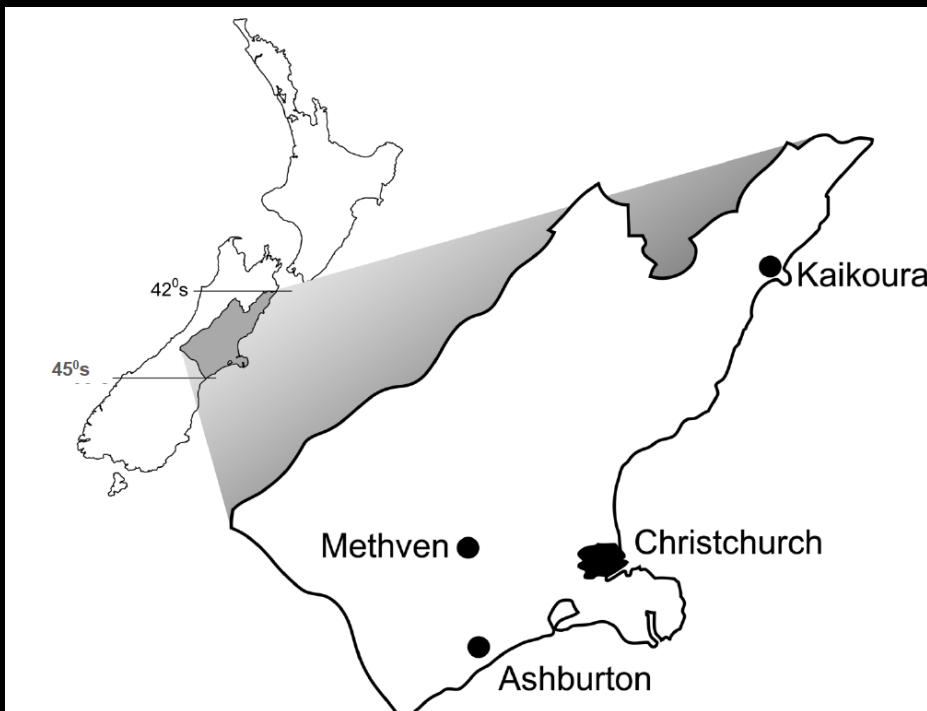
- UC emerges first, followed by CD
- North America / Europe

Australasia

Asia

- CD incidence eventually surpasses UC incidence
- IBD incidence plateauing in the West?

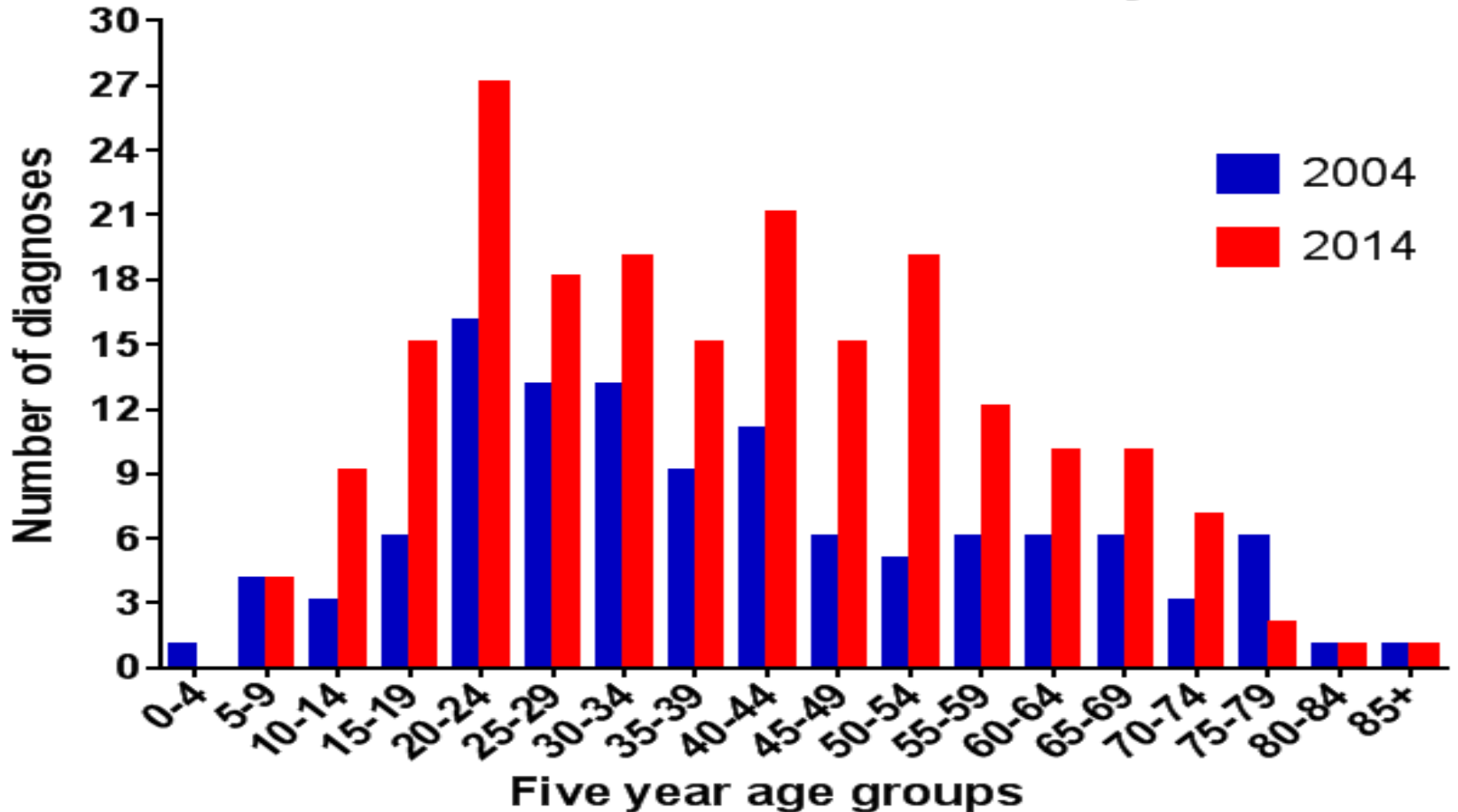
# The Canterbury IBD Study, 10 years on ...



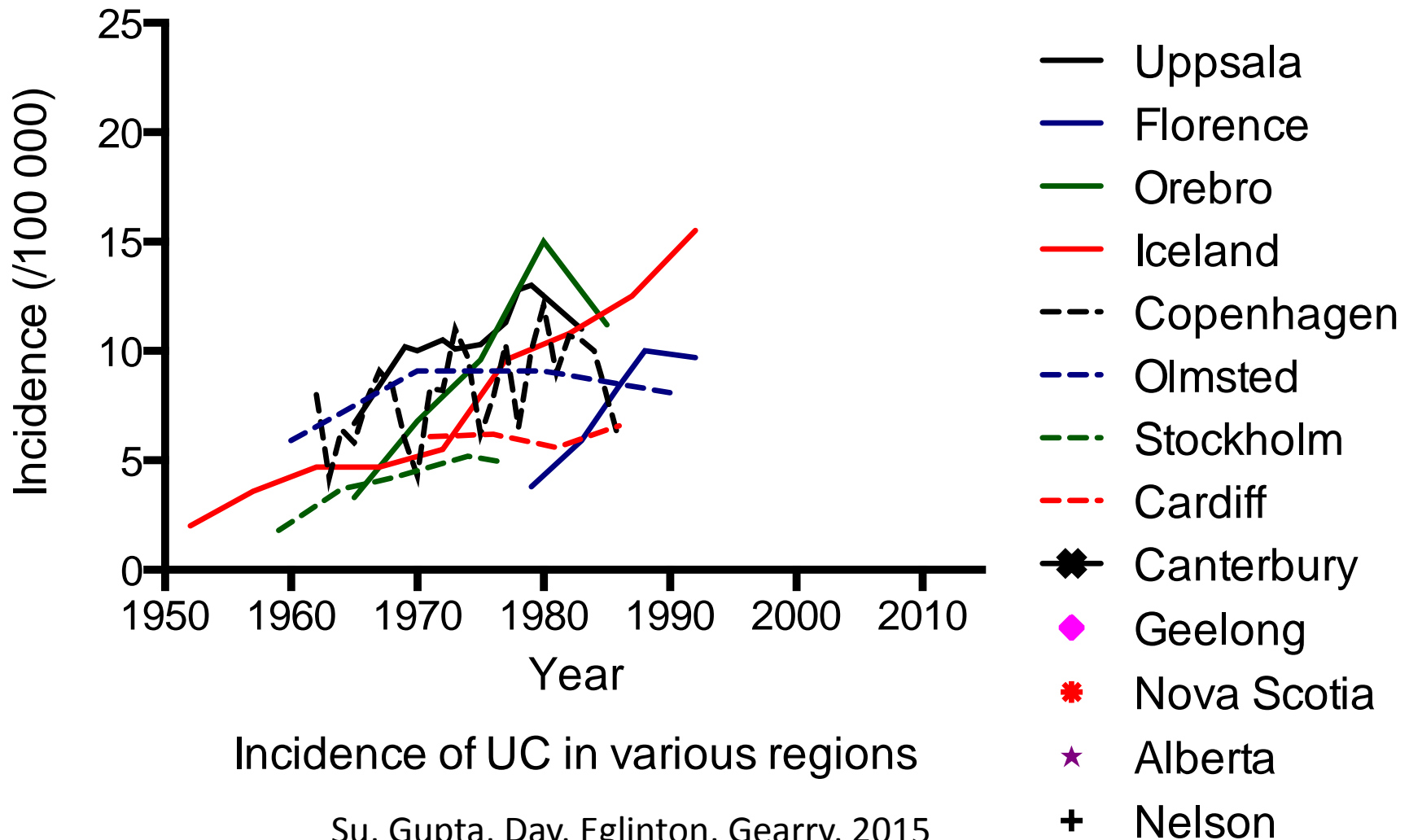
	2004
Total Population	460680
New CD cases	76
Incidence /100000	16.5
New UC cases	35
Incidence /100000	7.6
New IBD cases	116
Incidence /100000	25.2

# Age distribution of new IBD diagnoses in Canterbury

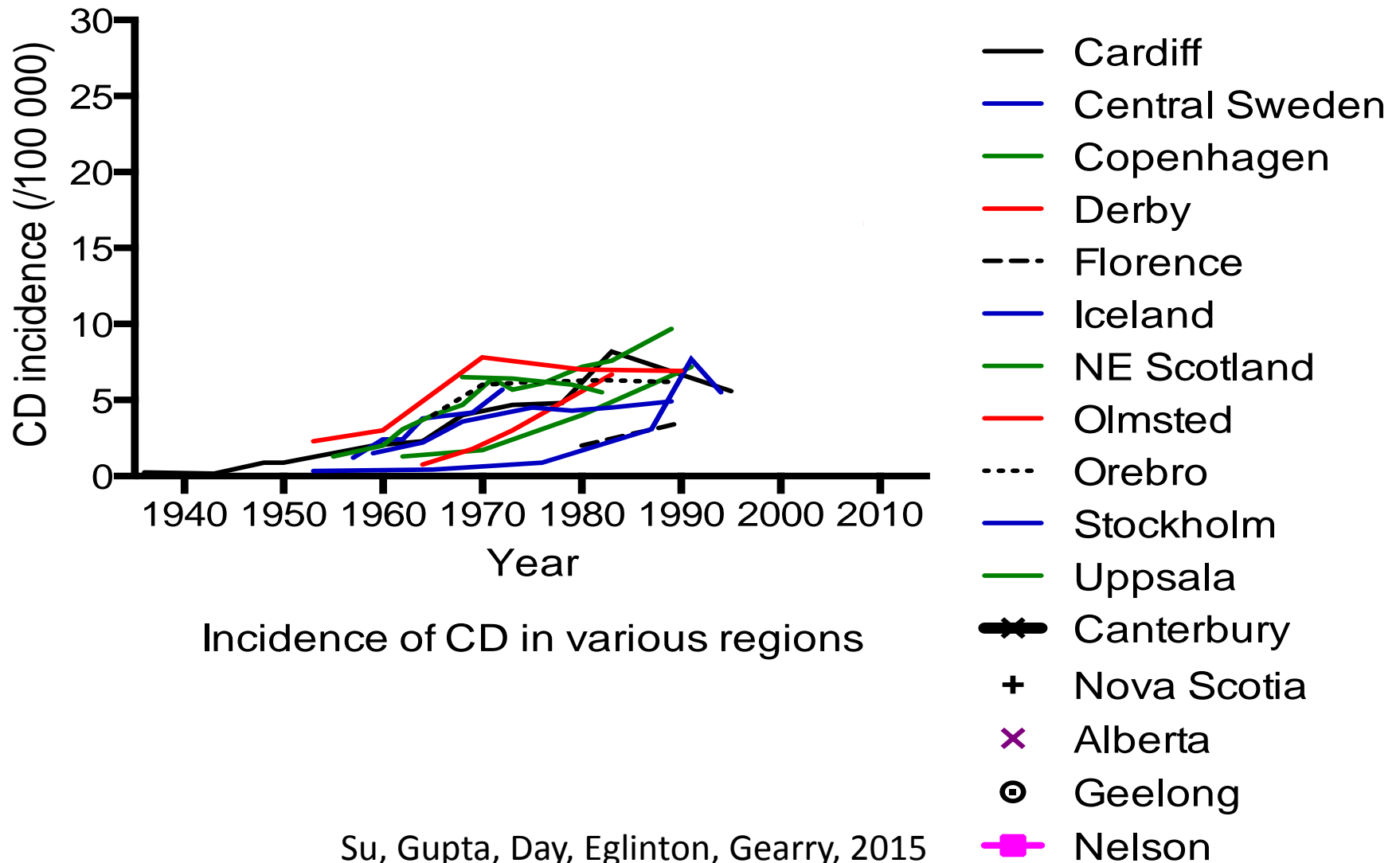
Total IBD diagnoses comparison from 2004 to 2014 in Canterbury



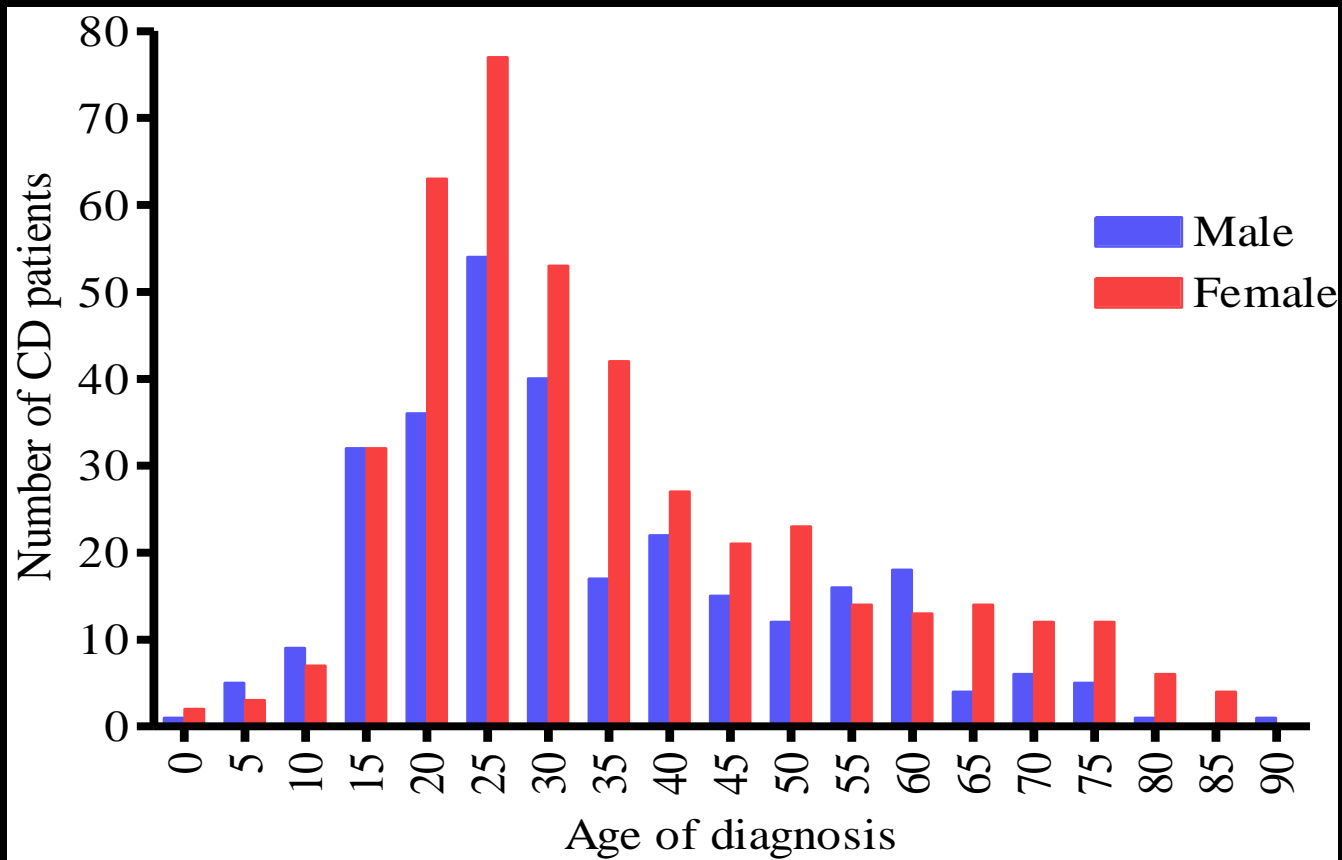
# Worldwide ulcerative colitis incidence



# Worldwide Crohn's disease incidence

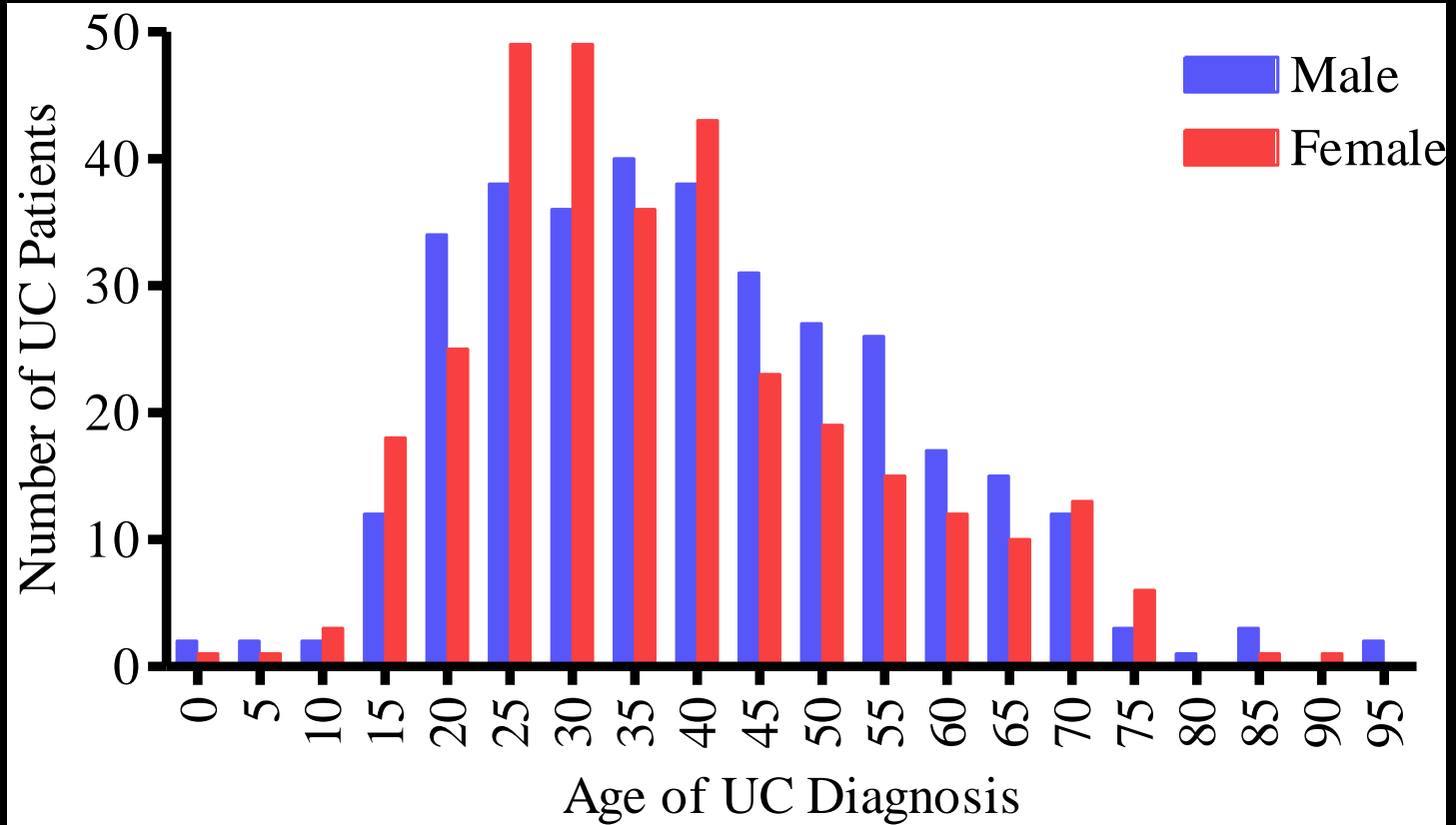


# CD age of diagnosis



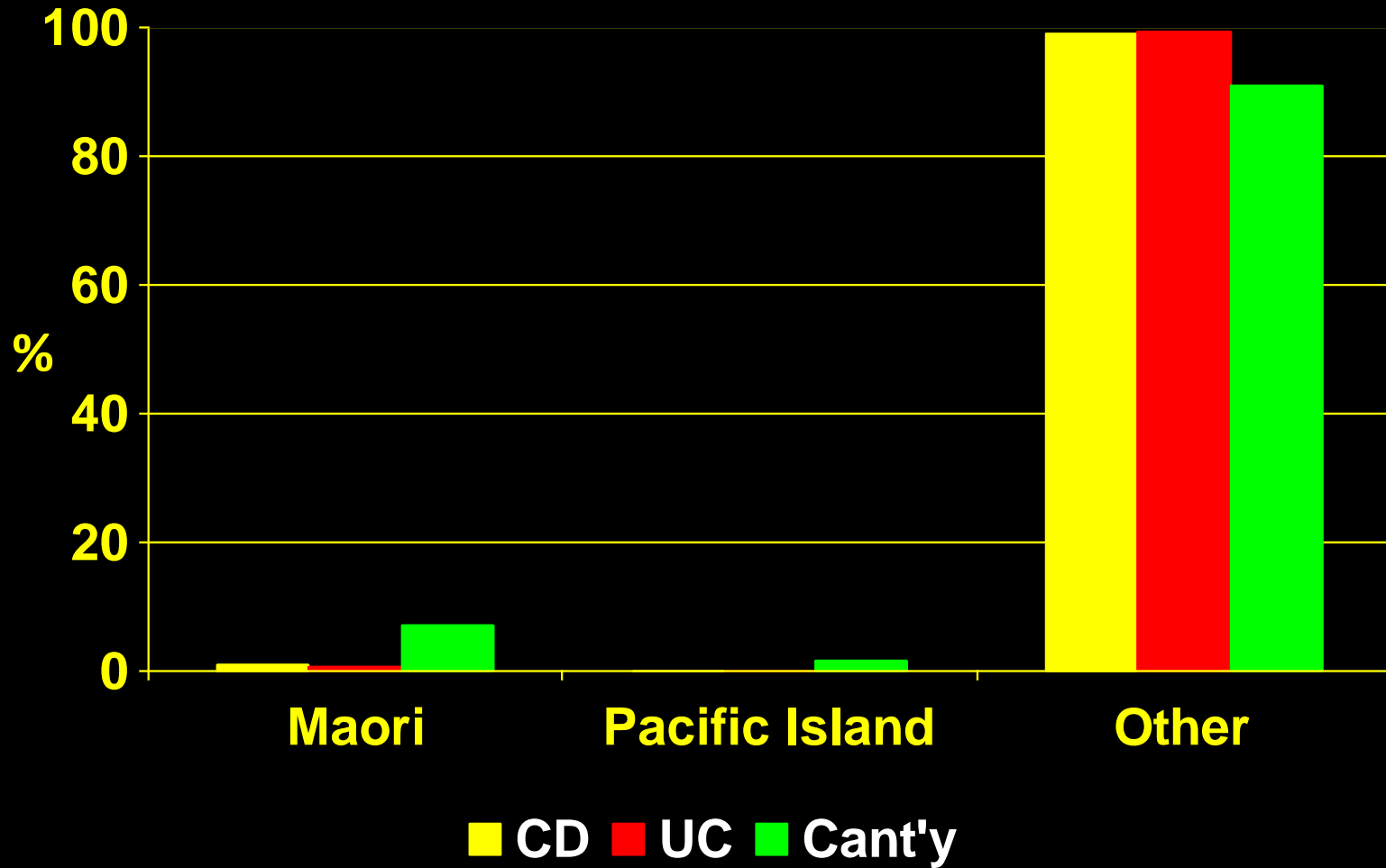
**Figure 2.5A**  
CD age of diagnosis by sex

# UC age of diagnosis



**Figure 2.5B**  
UC Age of Diagnosis by Sex

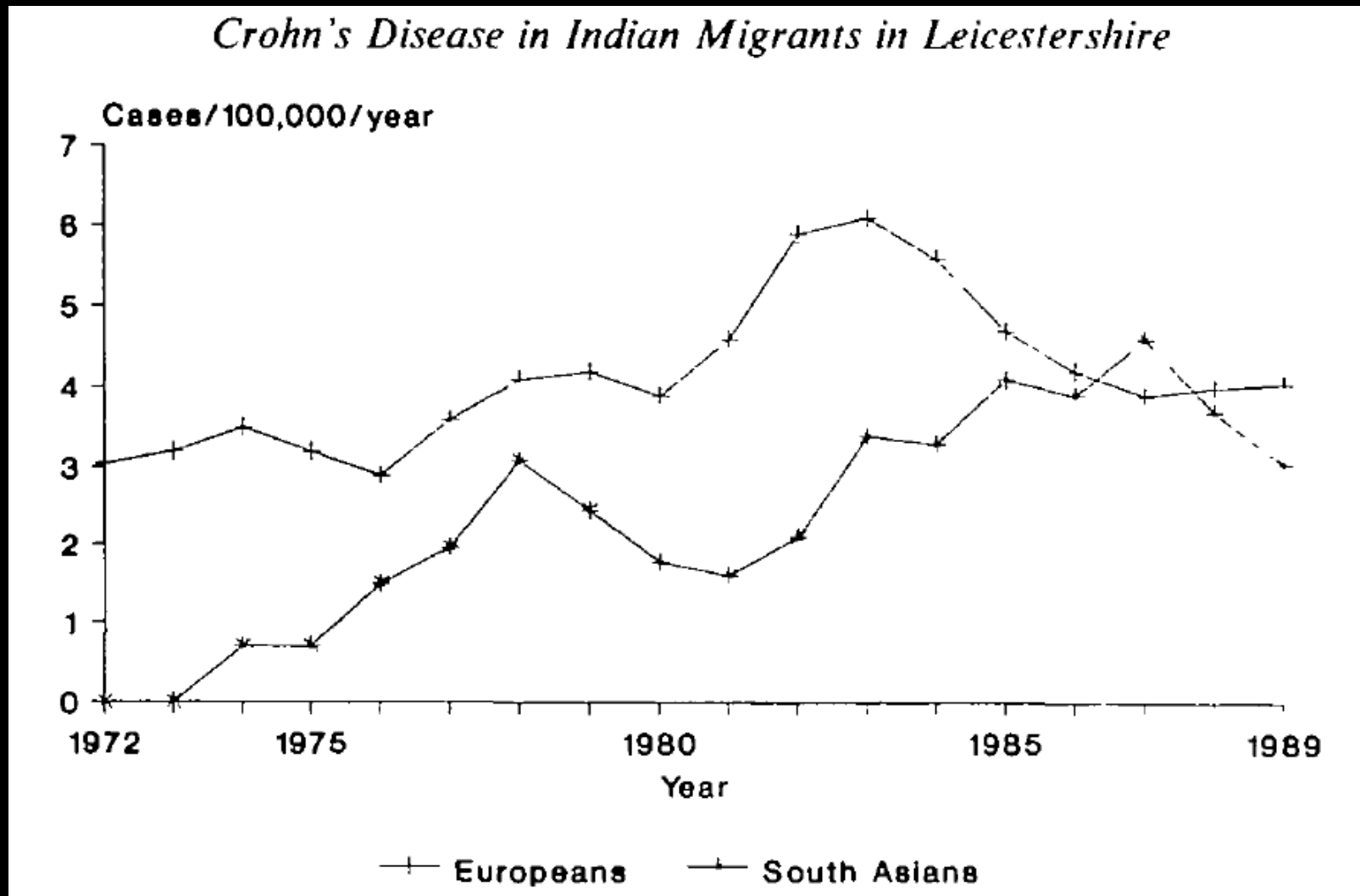
# Canterbury IBD cohort ethnicity

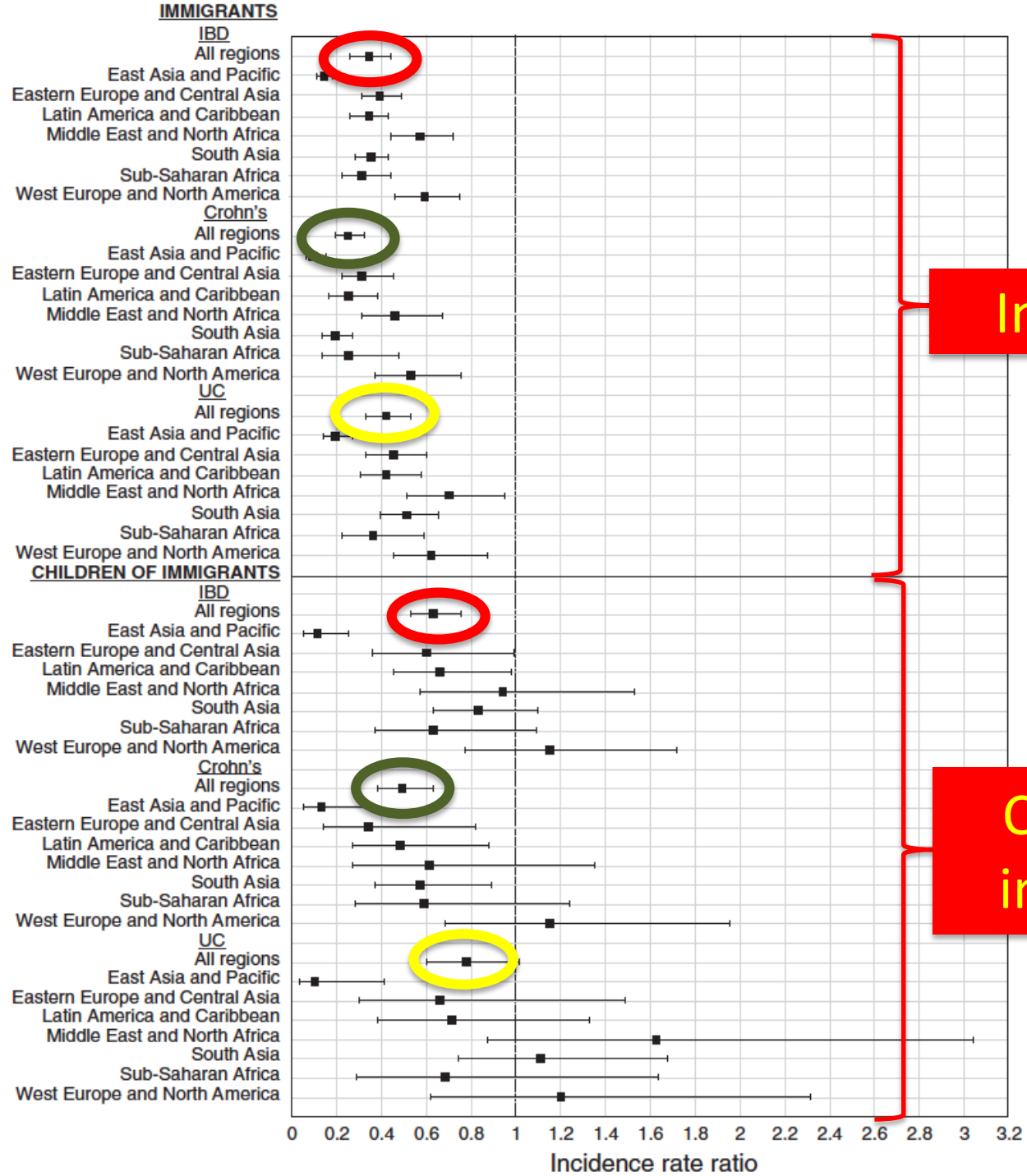


IBD is less common in Maori and Pacific Island people ( $p < 0.001$ )



# Clues from migrant studies

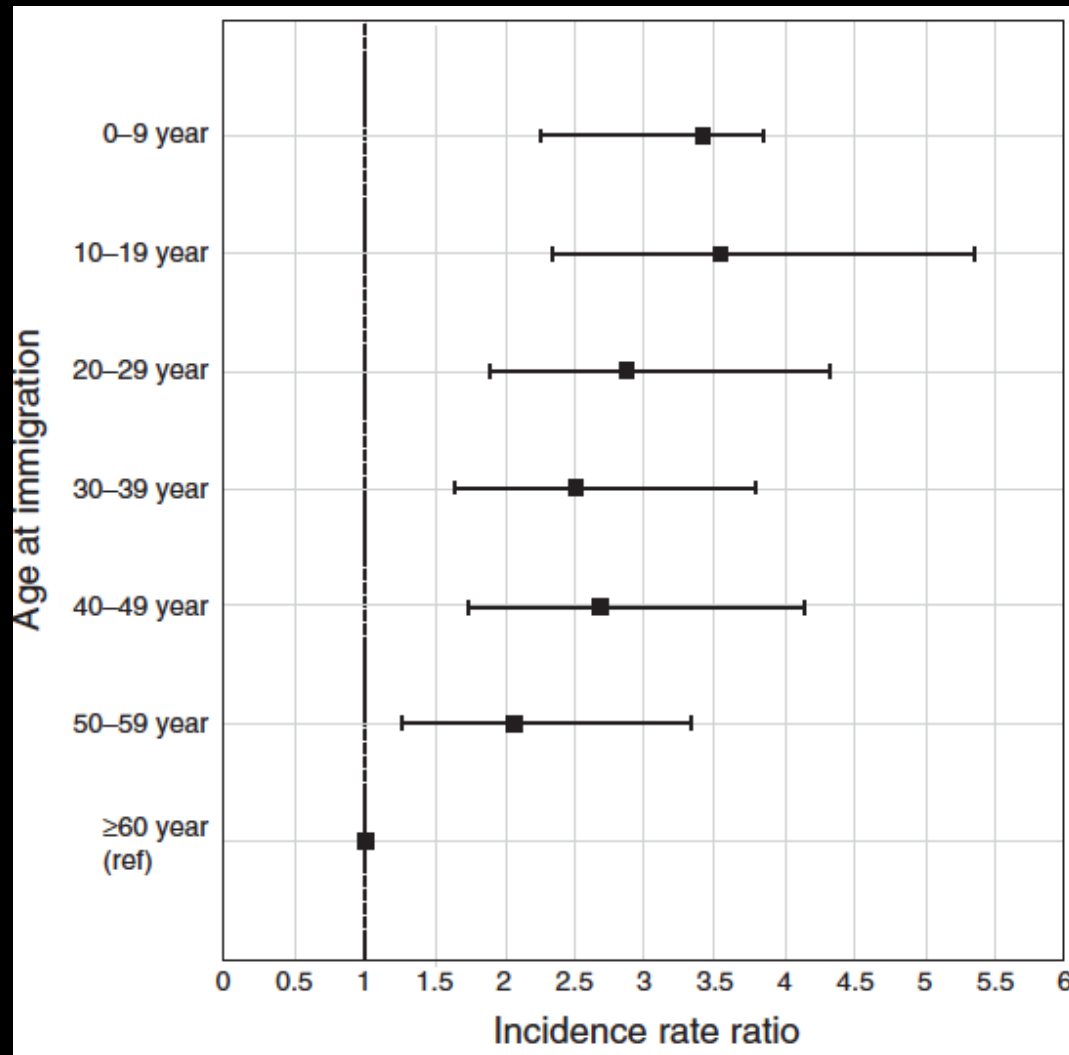




Immigrants

Children of immigrants

# Clues from migrant studies



# Clues from migration studies

- The incidence of IBD rose in North America / Europe well before New Zealand
- Canterbury IBD Study 

	OR
– UC (born overseas)	1.4 [1.14-2.01]
– CD (born overseas)	1.44 [1.03-2.02]
- Do those from high incidence regions bring their increased IBD risk with them?

# Does it all come down to your childhood environment?



Why do people get IBD?

# The Gut in Health

- The most complex of the organs
- ~1200 bacterial species found in human gut
- ~160 in any given individual
- We are more bug than human!



Your body is  
mostly microbes



# 100 TRILLION

The human microbiome is made up of more than 100 trillion bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and viruses that live on and inside the body.

# 10X



We have 10 times more microbial cells in our body than human cells and the majority live in our guts—especially the large intestine, or colon.

The bacteria in our microbiomes are essential to human health and aid in biological processes such as:

$E=mc^2$

Extracting energy from food

RETINOL  
FOLATE  
RIBOFLAVIN  
BIOTIN  
NIACIN

Producing essential vitamins



Regulating our immune system



Regulating our glucose levels and metabolism



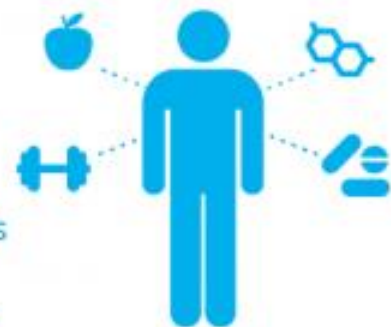
Protecting us against disease-causing microbes

## SYMBIOTIC

The beneficial and symbiotic relationship between humans and our microbiomes has likely evolved and changed throughout human development.



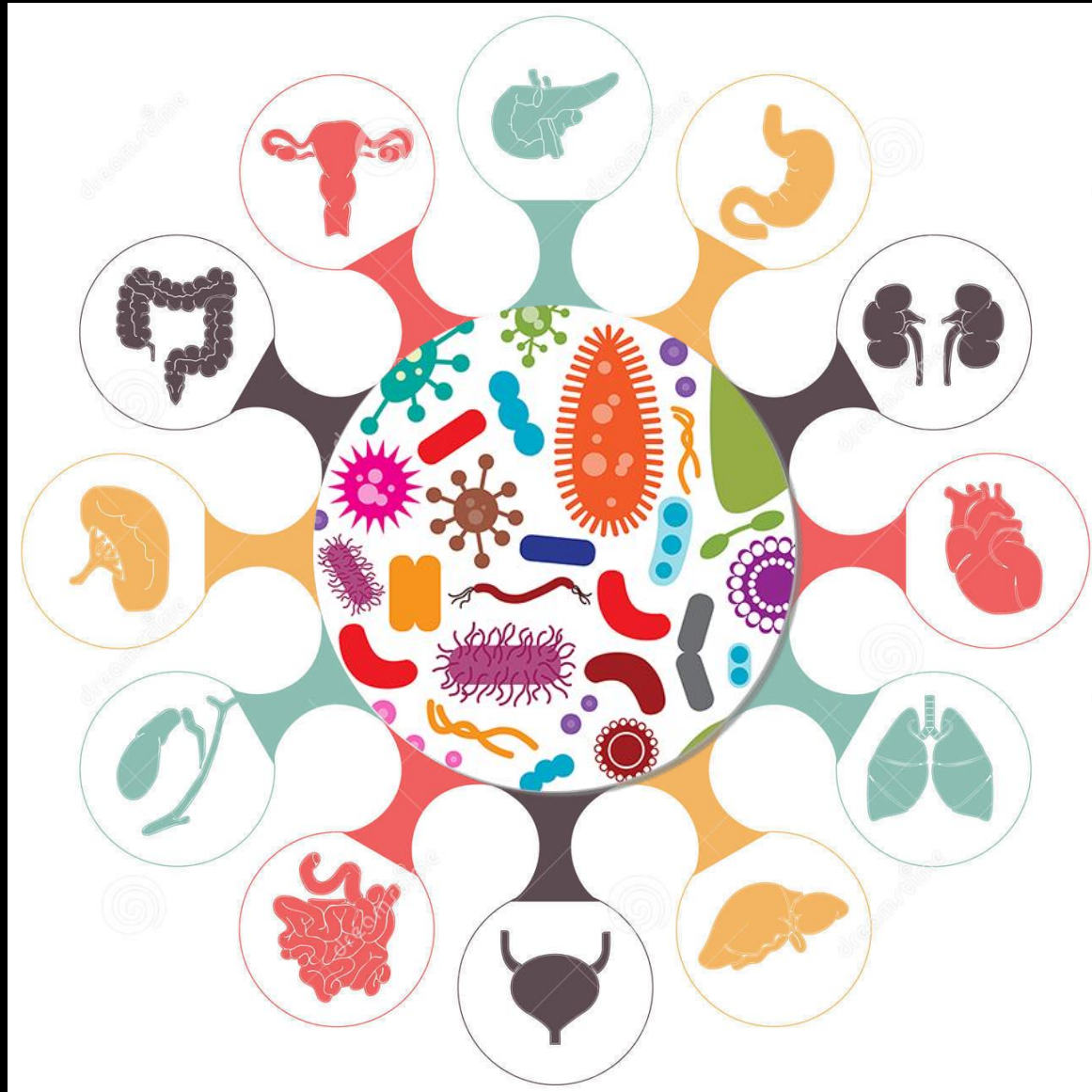
Personal microbial communities shift throughout a person's life and are influenced by diet, exercise, medications such as antibiotics, pathogens, and other environmental factors.



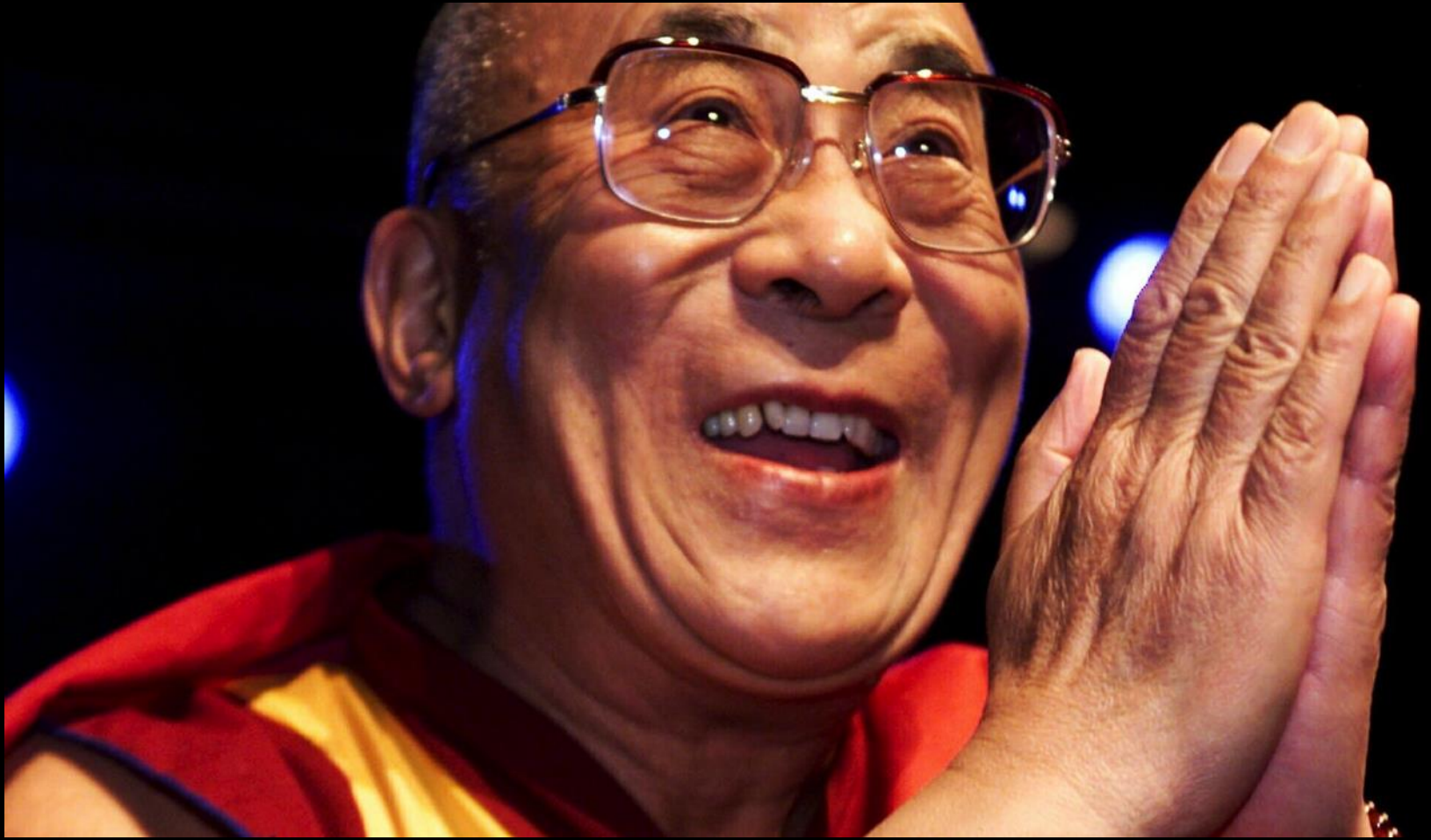
Each of us is unique on the inside



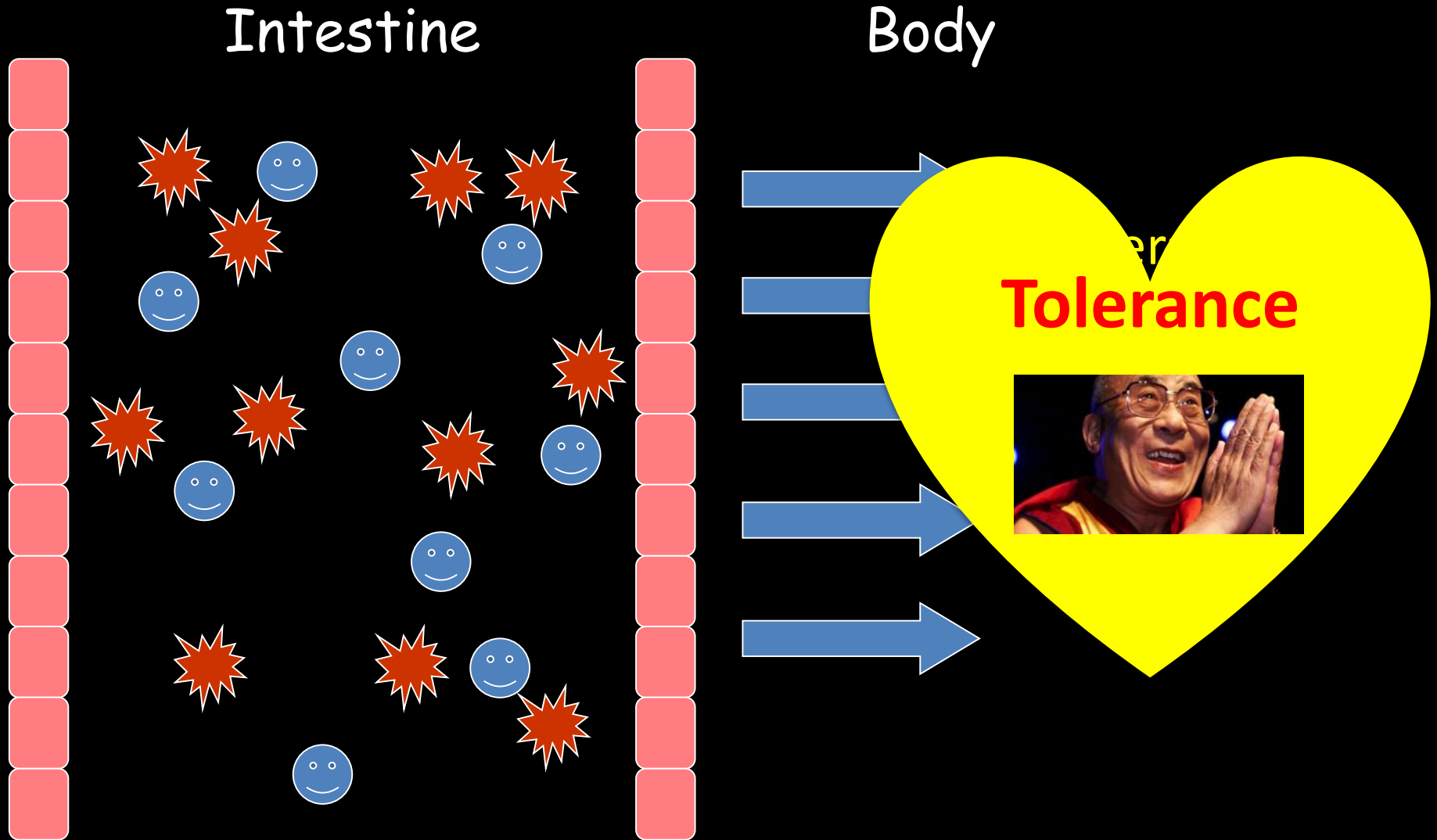
# The last internal organ isn't human



Why is the healthy gut like the Dalai Lama?



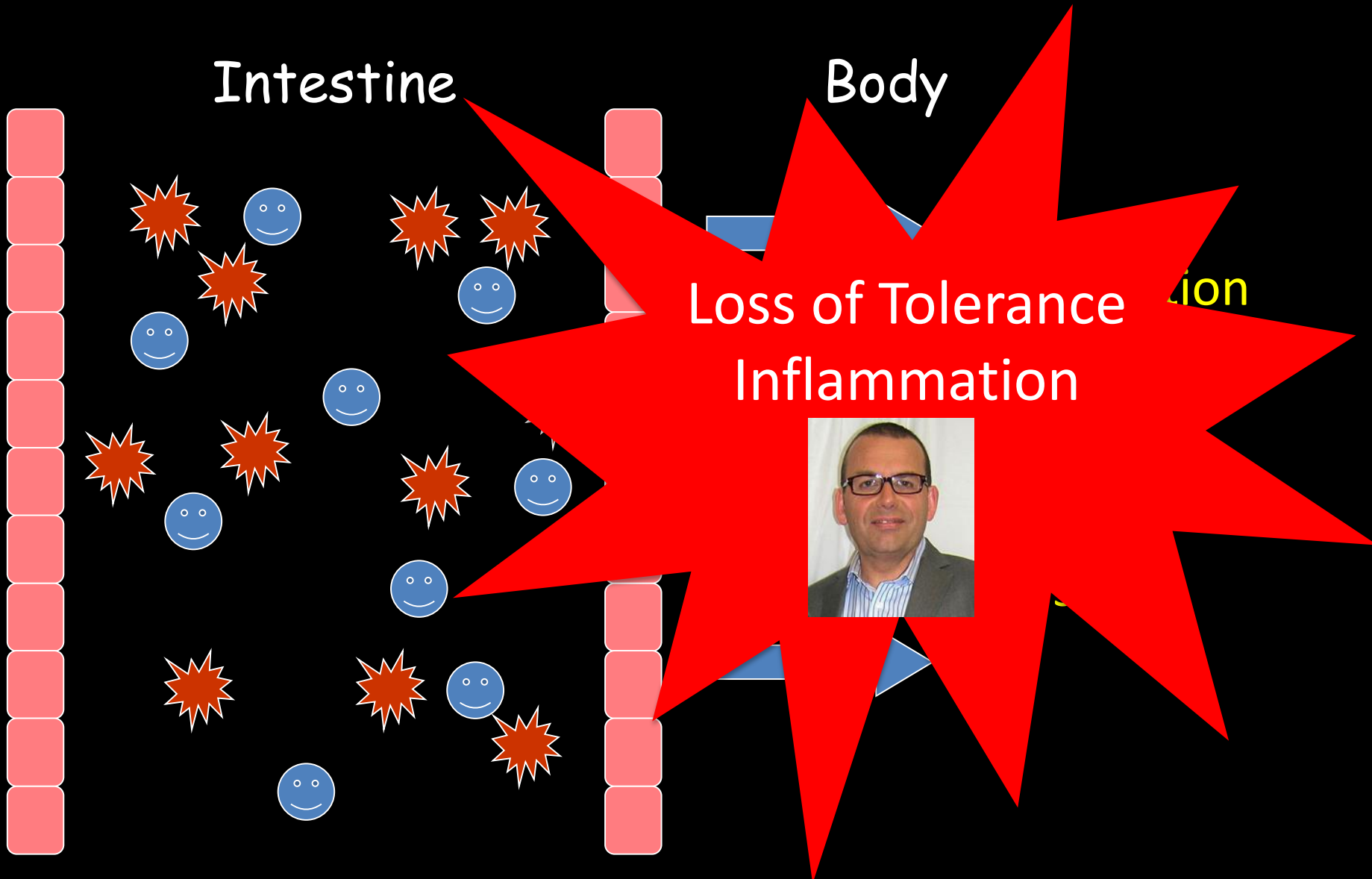
# The Human Gut in Health



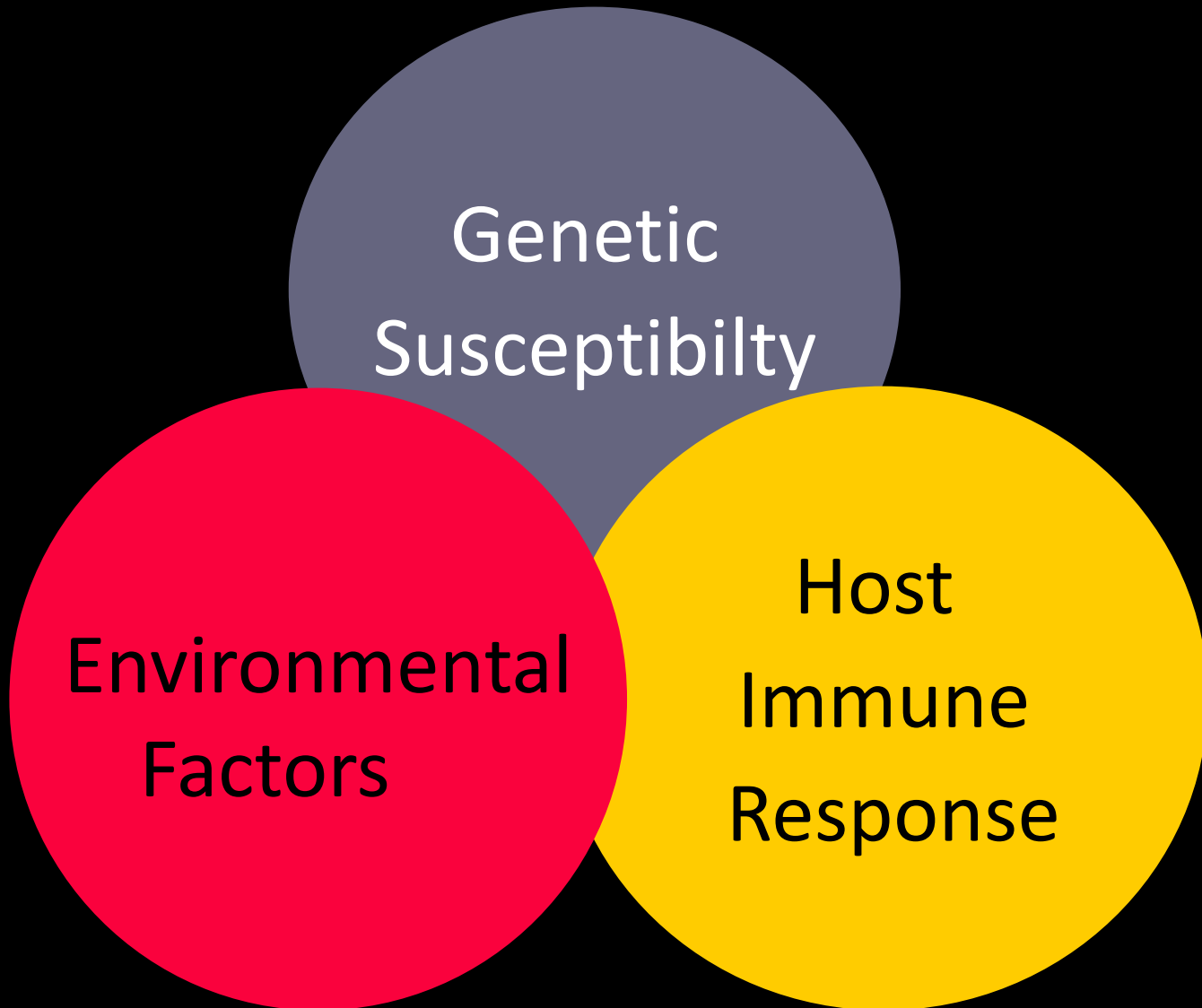
Why is the IBD gut like Paul Henry?



# The Human Gut in IBD



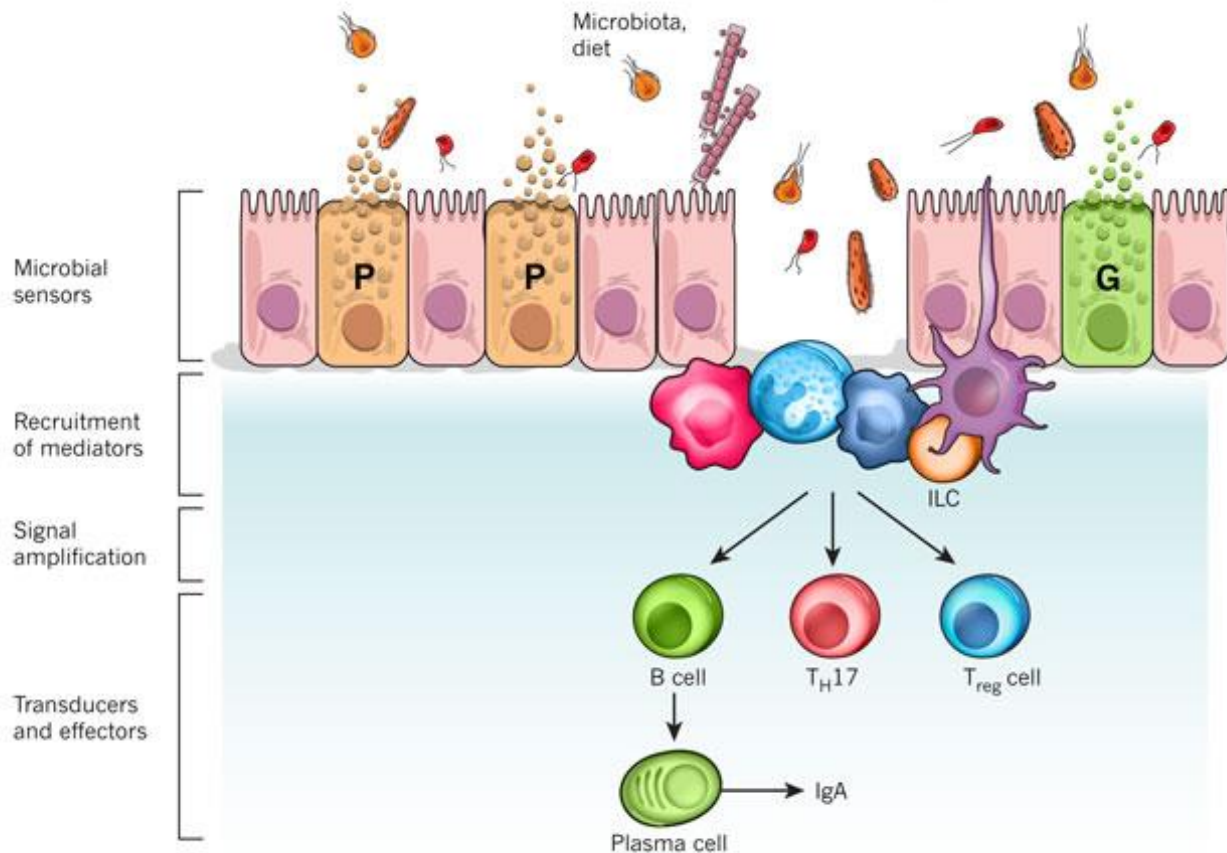
# Why do people get IBD?





# Genes and IBD

- Is IBD a genetic disease?
- A family history of IBD is the strongest known risk factor for IBD
- Most people with IBD do not have a relative with IBD



## IBD-related processes

### Epithelial barrier

*GNA12\**, *HNF4A*, *CDH1*,  
*ERRF1*, ***MUC19***, ***ITLN1\****

### Restitution

*REL*, *PTGER4*, *NKX2-3*, *STAT3*,  
*ERRF1*, *HNF4A*, *PLA2G2A/E*

### Solute transport

*SLC9A4*, *SLC22A5*, *SLC22A4\**,  
*AQP12A/B*, *SLC9A3*, *SLC26A3*

### Paneth cells

*ITLN1*, ***NOD2\****, ***ATG16L1***, *XBP1\**

### Innate mucosal defence

***NOD2\****, *ITLN1\**, ***CARD9\****,  
*REL*, *SLC11A1*, *FCGR2A/B*

### Immune cell recruitment

*CCL11/CCL2/CCL7/CCL8*,  
*CCR6*, *IL8RA/IL8RB*, *MST1\**

### Antigen presentation

*ERAP2\**, *LNPEP*, *DENND1B*

### IL-23/TH17

***IL23R\****, *JAK2*, *TYK2\**, ***STAT3***,  
*ICOSLG*, *IL21*, ***TNFSF13***

### T-cell regulation

*NDPIP1*, ***TNFSF8***, *TAGAP*, *IL2*, *IL2RA*,  
*TNFRSF9*, *PIM3*, *IL7R\**, *IL12\**, ***IL23R\****,  
*PRDM1*, *ICOSLG*, ***TNFSF8***, *FNG*, *IL21*

### B-cell regulation

*IL5*, *IKZF1*, *BACH2*, *IL7R\**, *IRF5*

### Immune tolerance

*IL10*, *IL27\**, *SRNO2*, *CREM*,  
*IL1R1/IL1R2*, ***NOD2\****

## Cellular responses

### Autophagy

***ATG16L1\****, *IRGM*, ***NOD2\****,  
*LRRK2*, *CUL2*, *PARK7*, *DAP*

### ER stress

*CPEB4*, *ORMDL3*,  
*SERINC3*, *XBP1\**

### Intracellular logistics

*VAMP3*, *KIF21B*, *TTL8*,  
*FGFR10P*, *CEP72*, *TPPP*

### Cell migration

*ARPC2*, *LSP1*, *AAMP*

### Apoptosis/necroptosis

*FASLG*, *THADA\**,  
*DAP*, *PUS1*, ***MST1\****

### Carbohydrate metabolism

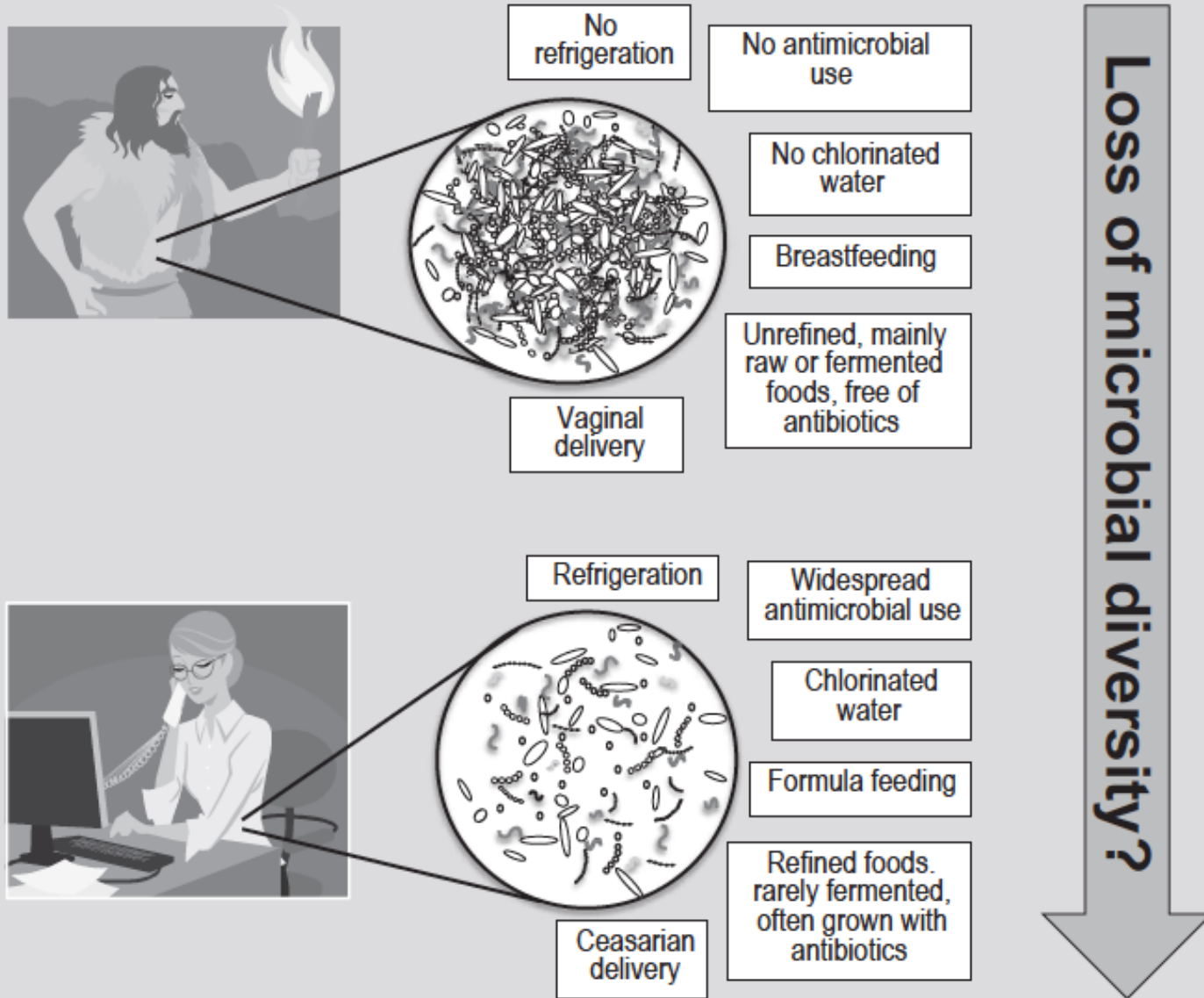
*GCKR\**, ***SLC2A4RG***

### Oxidative stress

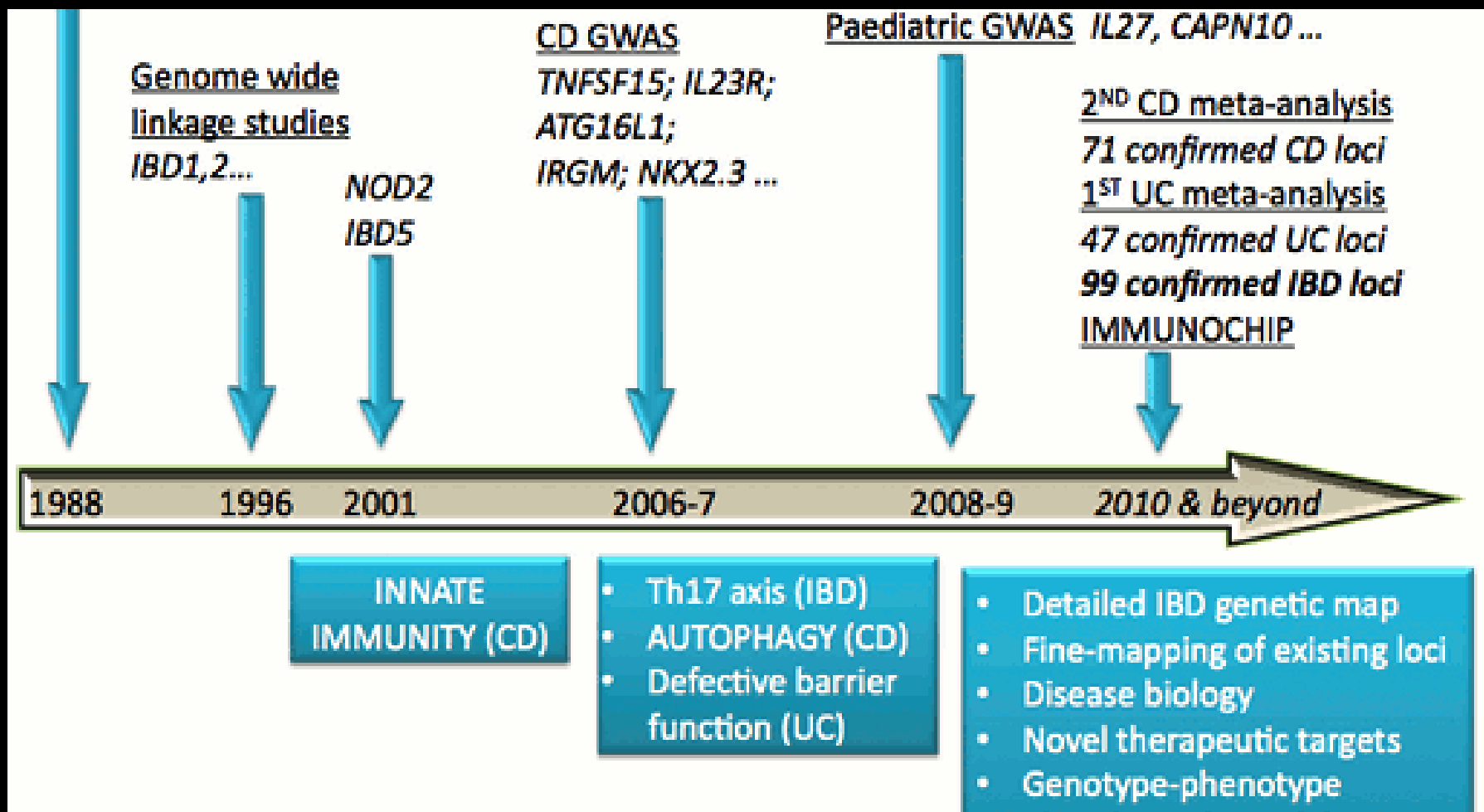
*PRDX5*, *BACH2*, *ADO*, *GPX4*, *GPX1\**, ***SLC22A4***, *LRRK2*,  
***NOD2\****, ***CARD9\****, *HSPA6*, *DLA*, *PARK7*, *UTS2\**, *PEX13*



# Loss of microbial diversity



# IBD Genetics



# The environment and IBD

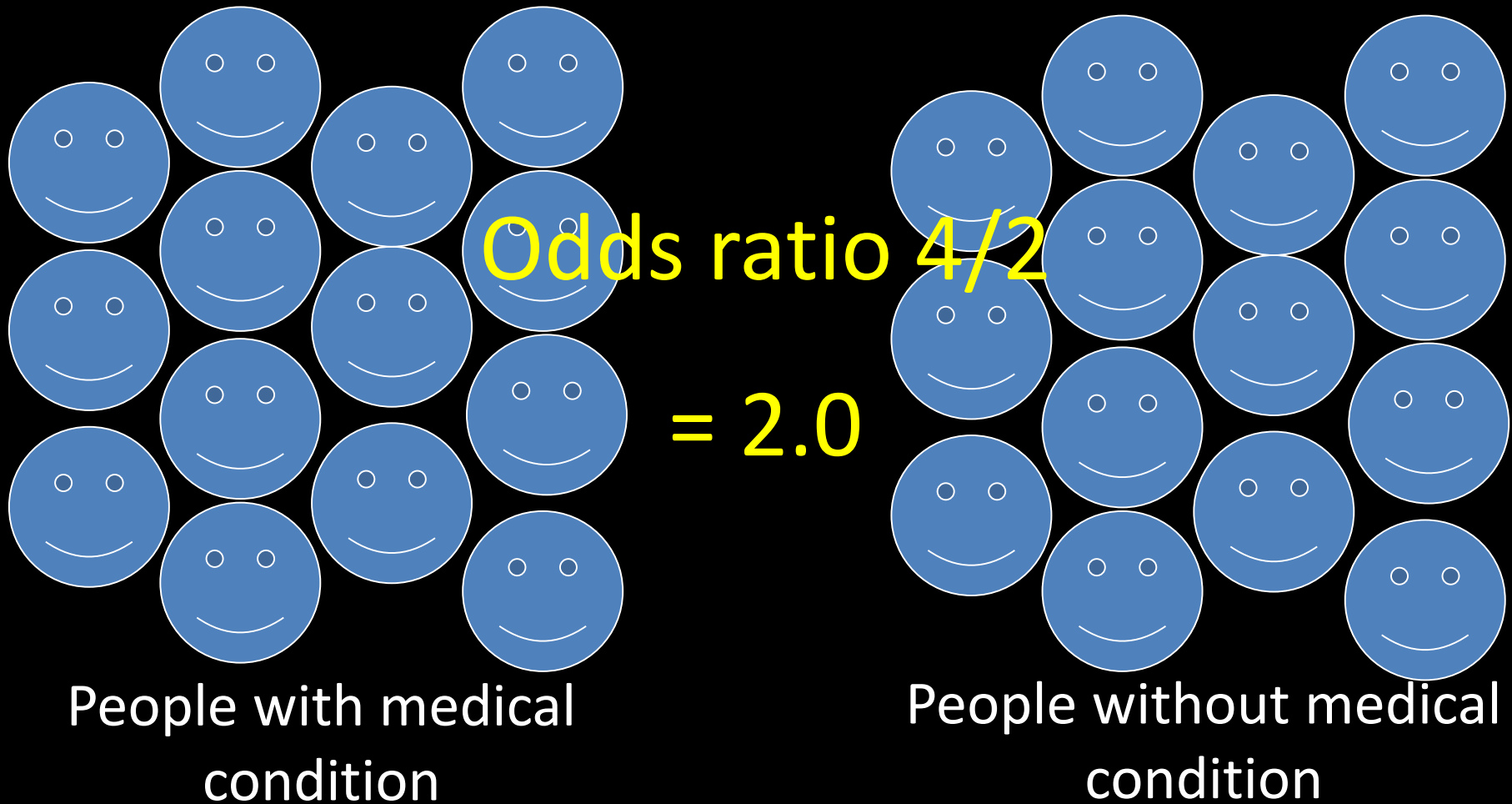
- Genes cannot explain the rapid increase in IBD
- Rapid changes in disease incidence

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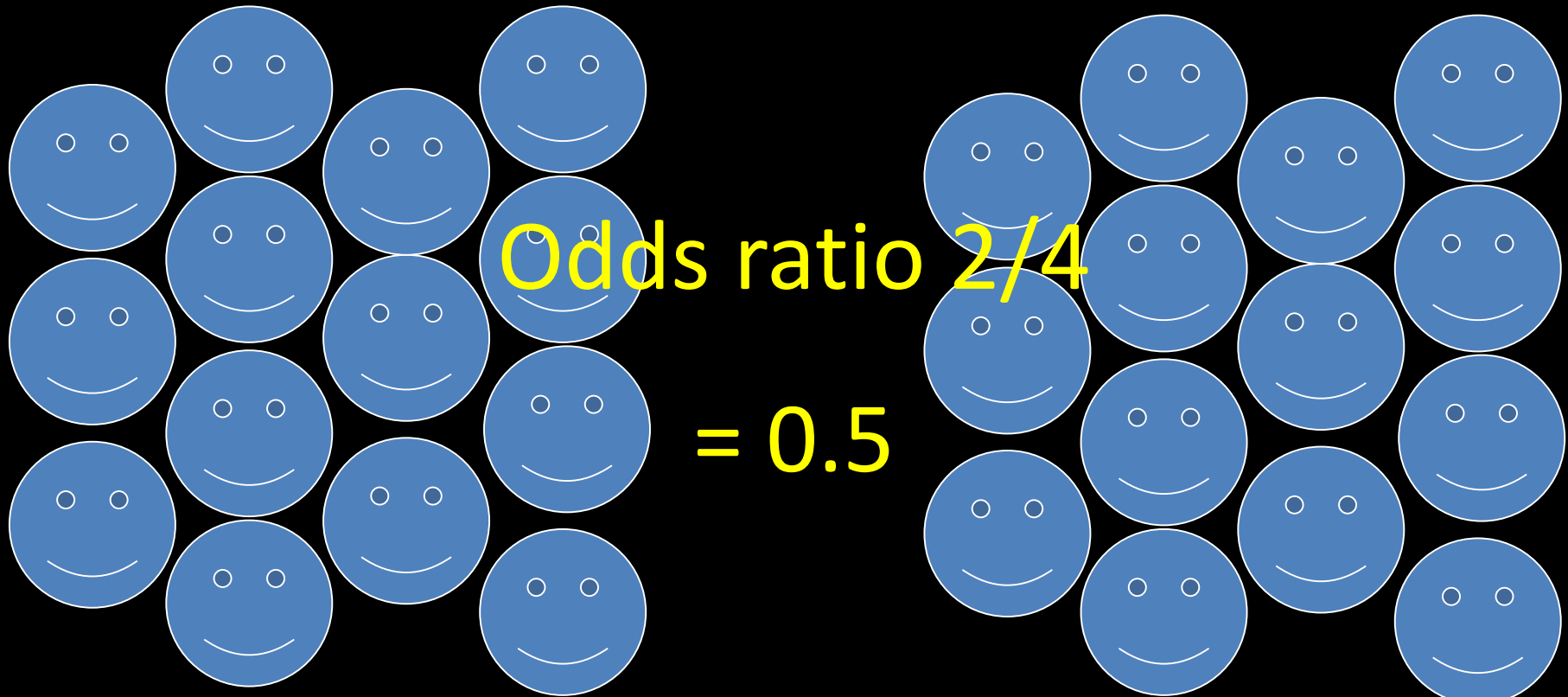
Changes in environmental factors

*“Genes may load the gun, but the environment pulls the trigger”*

# Case-control study



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People with medical condition

People without medical condition

# Environmental risk factors and IBD

- Case-control studies
  - Compare the frequency of exposure to factors between those with IBD and matched controls without IBD
- The Canterbury IBD Study ...



# Methods

## Case recruitment and prevalence study

Outpatient  
clinics

Inpatients

Support  
Groups

Advertising

Direct  
Mail



Clinical  
information

Environmental  
information

DNA

Serum

The Canterbury  
IBD Study

Epidemiology

Genetic studies

Environmental risk  
factors

Drug studies

Role of microbes

Effect on people

# Established risk factors for UC

Variable		Adjusted OR	95% CI
Family History of IBD (vs no family history)	One relative	2.52	(1.90-3.54)
	≥ two relatives	6.83	(3.13-14.9)
	First degree relative	2.19	(1.94-4.35)
	Other relative	3.17	(2.11-4.77)
Smoking (vs never)	Current	0.69	(0.50-0.95)
	Ex smoker	1.92	(1.40-2.37)
Appendicectomy	Yes	0.41	(0.27-0.63)

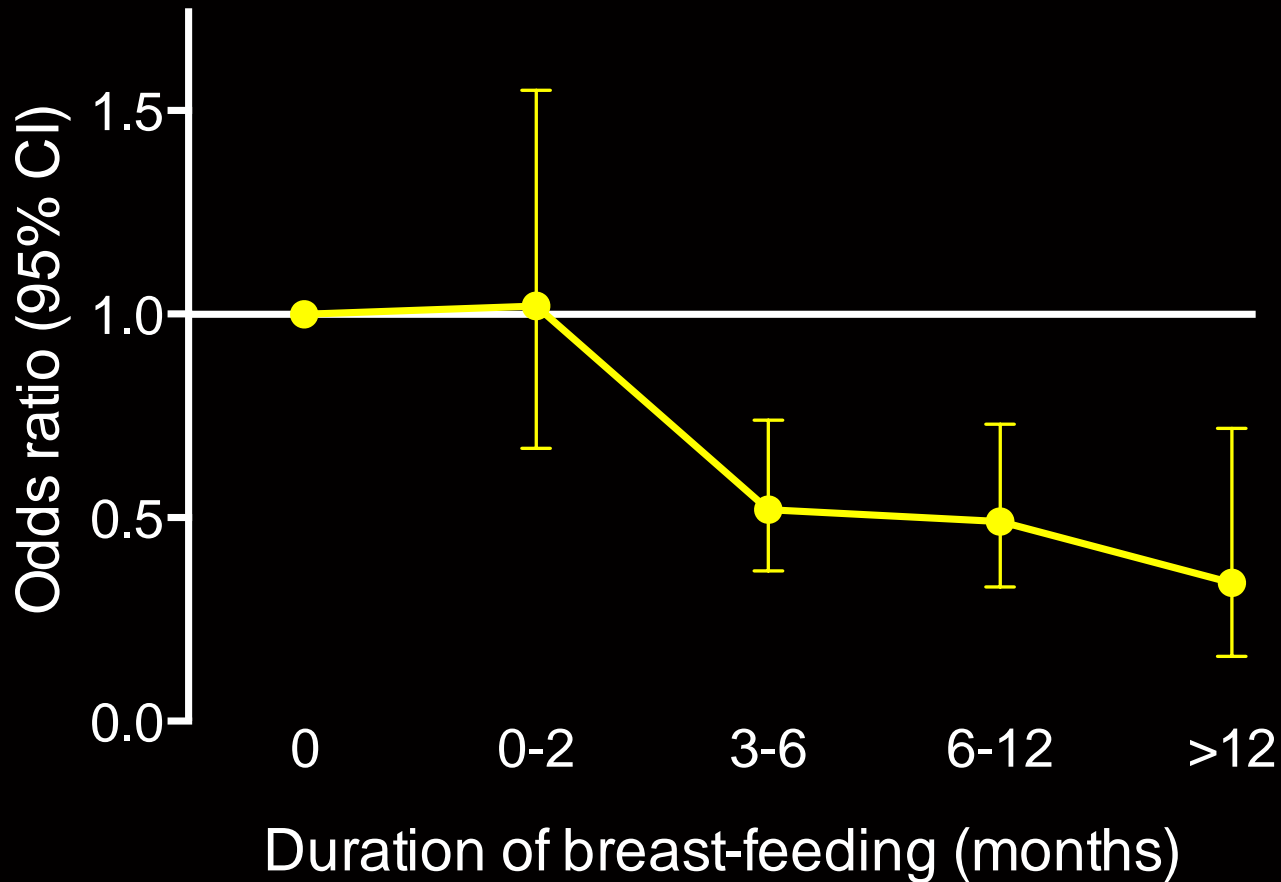
# Established risk factors for Crohn's disease

Variable		Adjusted OR	95% CI
Family History of IBD (vs no family history)	One relative	3.06	2.18-4.30
	≥ two relatives	7.41	3.40-16.14
	First degree relative	3.21	2.13-4.84
	Other relative	3.34	2.23-5.81
Smoking (vs never)	Current	2.01	1.51-2.68
OCP use	Ever vs never	1.85	1.09-3.11
Place of birth	Town vs city	0.68	0.50-0.93
	Country vs city	0.64	0.46-0.88

# Novel Risk Factors for Crohn's disease

Variable		Adjusted OR	95% CI
Intra-uterine smoke		1.69	1.20-2.38
Antibiotic >4x/year		1.89	1.16-3.09
Vegetable garden	0-5y	0.49	0.34-0.69
	6-11y	0.52	0.36-0.76
	12-16y	0.64	0.47-0.88
Tonsillectomy		1.37	1.03-1.83
Glandular fever		1.64	1.11-2.43
Sharing bedroom	0-5y	0.76	0.58-0.99
Takeaway food 2x/week v never		2.09	1.13-3.89

# Risk of Crohn's disease and duration of breast-feeding



# Faecal microflora



- The final frontier
- Intimately linked to health and disease
- Science now allowing us to delve more deeply
- University of Otago well positioned

How do we diagnose IBD?

# Clinical assessment

- History
  - types of symptoms over a timeframe
  - presence of non-GI symptoms (EIMs)
  - drugs recently used
  - family history of GI disease
  - smoking history
  - recent stresses



# EIMs in Canterbury

Extra-Intestinal Manifestation	CD (%)	UC (%)
Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis	9 (1.3)	21 (3.1)
Axial arthritis	15 (2.1)	16 (2.4)
Peripheral arthritis	56 (8.4)	56 (8.4)
Pyoderma gangrenosum	6 (0.9)	6 (0.9)
Erythema nodosum	32 (4.5)	7 (1.0)
Uveitis	4 (0.6)	0
Iritis	7 (1.0)	1 (0.3)
Episcleritis	6 (0.8)	0
Total	122 (17.1)	96 (14.4)

# Systemic Complications In Ulcerative Colitis

## SKIN



**Erythema Nodosum**



**Pyoderma Gangrenosum**



# Systemic Complications Of Ulcerative Colitis

## BILE DUCT LESIONS



**Sclerosing Cholangitis**



**Cholangiocarcinoma**



## Systemic Complications Of Ulcerative Colitis

### PERIPHERAL ARTHRITIS



- Monoarticular
- Asymmetrical
- Large > small joint
- No synovial destruction
- No subcutaneous nodules
- Seronegative

## Systemic Complications Of Ulcerative Colitis

### CENTRAL (AXIAL) ARTHRITIS



Ankylosing Spondylitis and Sacro-iliitis

# Perineal Complications Of Crohn's Disease **PERIANAL FISTULAE and ABSCESS**



# Lab tests

- Blood
  - Full blood count
  - C-reactive protein
  - Liver function tests
  - Absorptive markers (Iron, B12, folate, Vit D ...)
- Faeces tests
  - microbiology
  - (calprotectin)

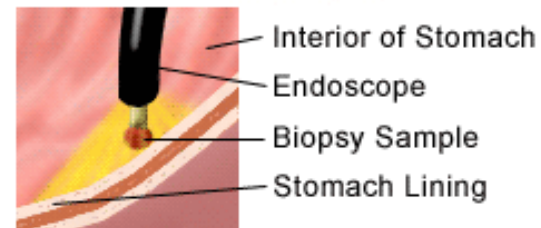
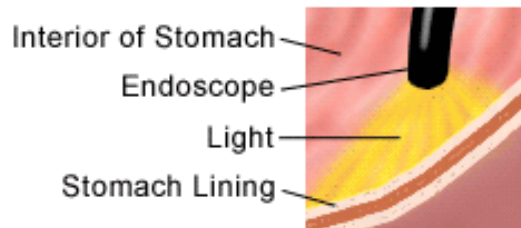
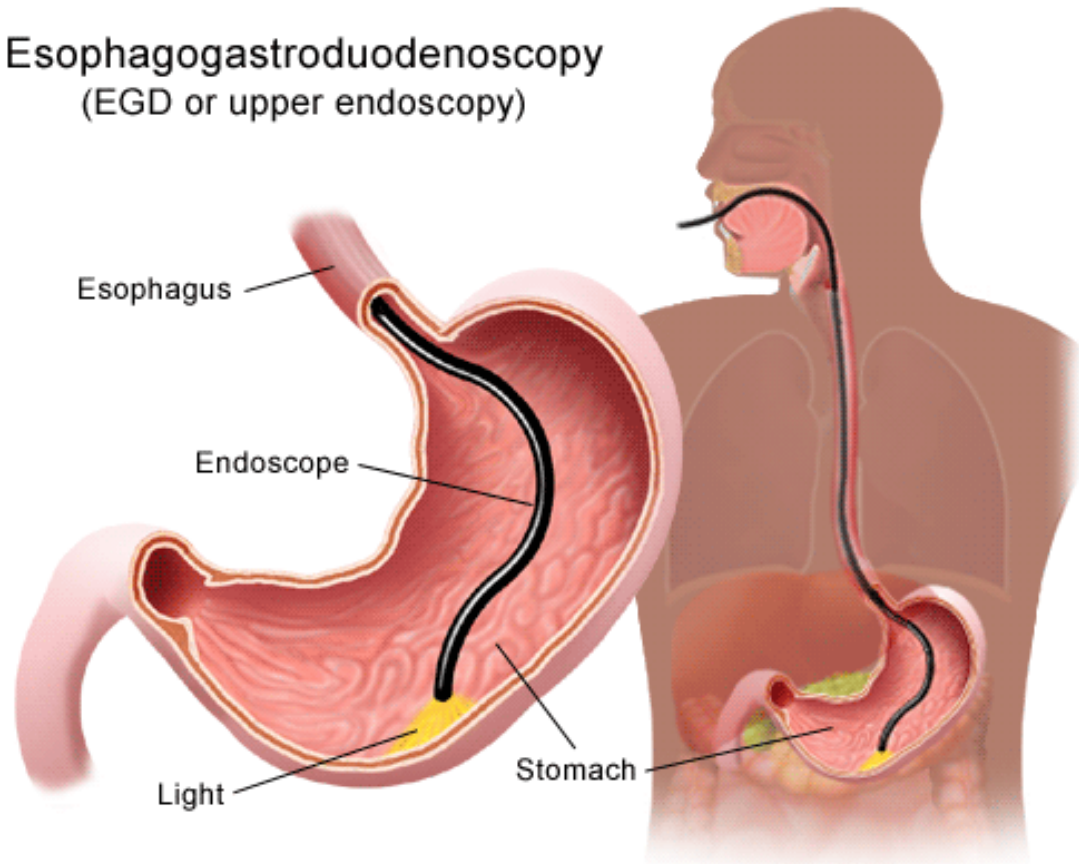
# Endoscopy

- Upper GI endoscopy (Gastroscopy)
- Colonoscopy
- Capsule endoscopy
- Balloon enteroscopy

# Investigation of the Upper Gut

## Endoscopy

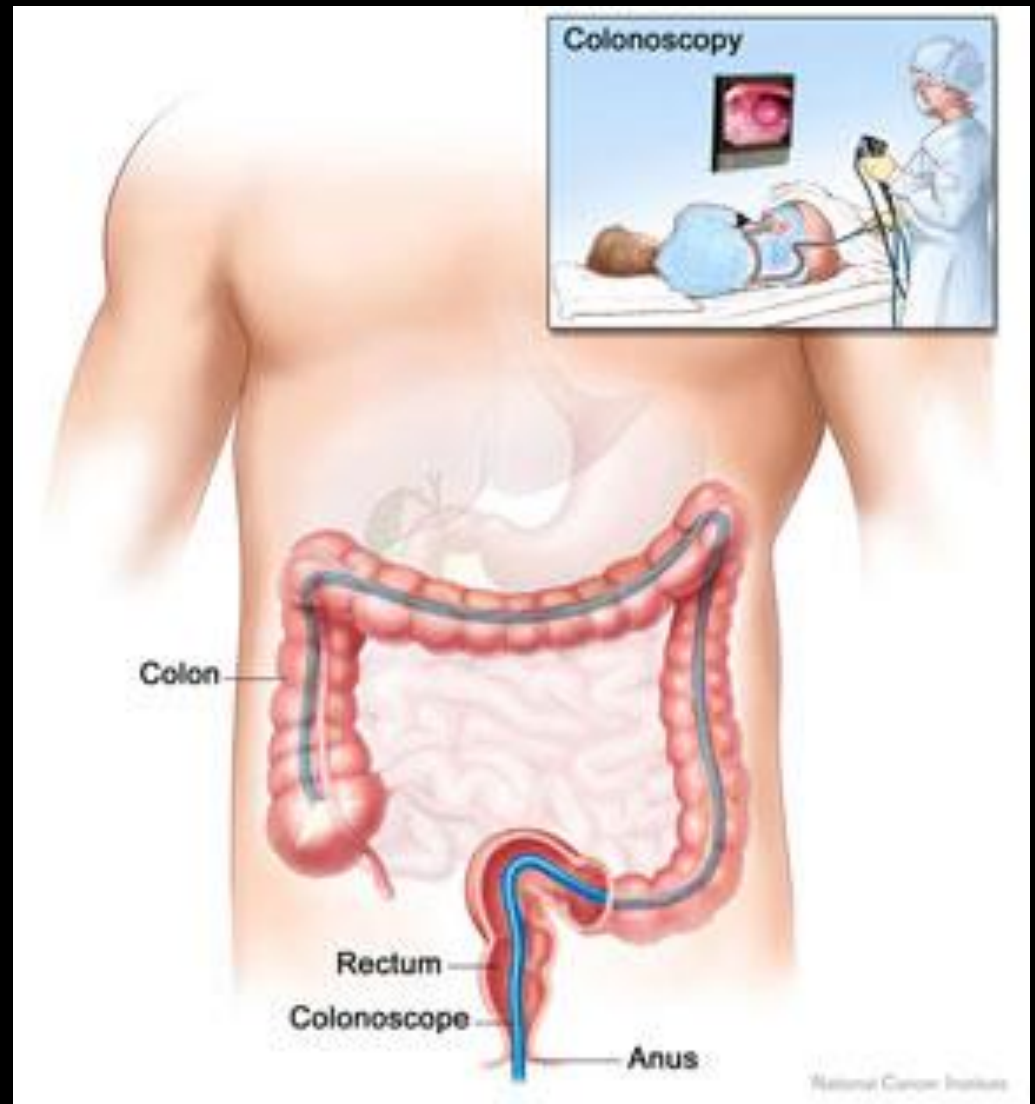
### Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD or upper endoscopy)





# Investigation of the colon

- Colonoscopy



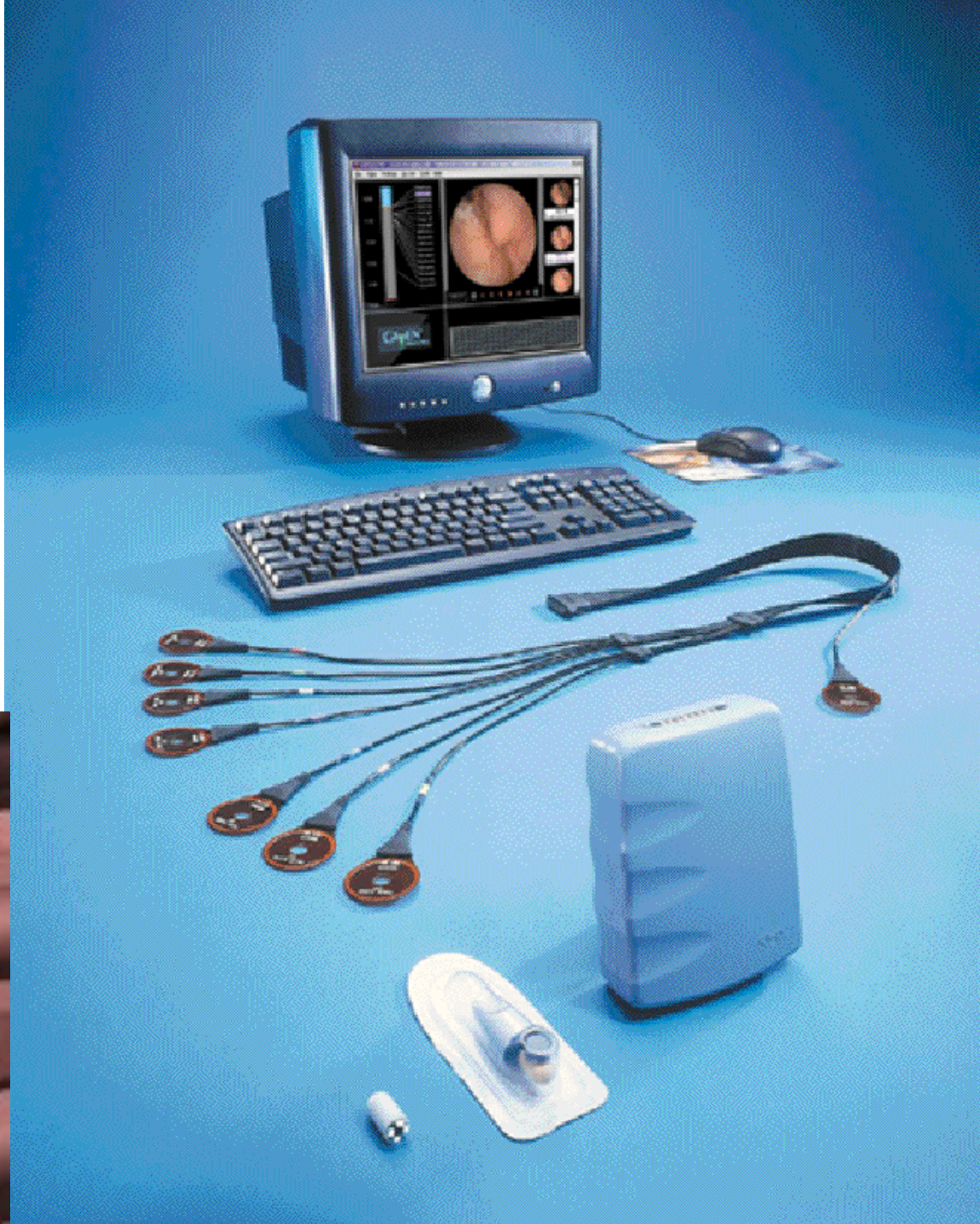
# Investigation of the small intestine

- (Gastroscopy and colonoscopy)
- MRI
- CT
- Capsule
- Balloon enteroscopy



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1. Optical dome
2. Lens holder
3. Lens
4. Illuminating LEDs (Light Emitting Diode)
5. CMOS (Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor) imager
6. Battery
7. ASIC (Application Specific Integrated Circuit) transmitter
8. Antenna



How do we treat IBD?

# Treatment for IBD



Drugs

CAMs

Stress

Diet

Support

Surgery

Knowledge

Lifestyle

# Medical Treatment for IBD

No role for long term steroids in maintaining remission in IBD

**Biologicals**

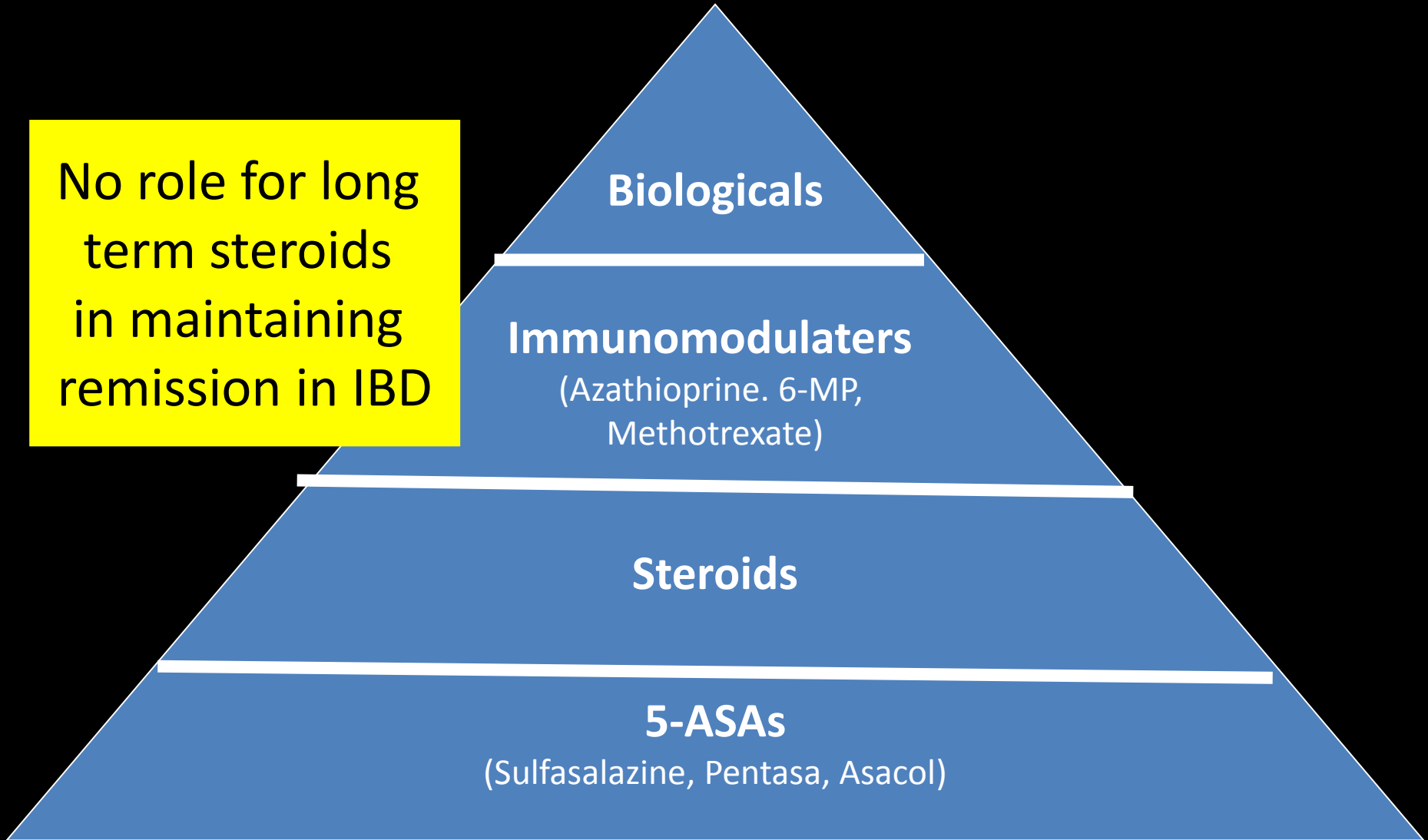
**Immunomodulators**

(Azathioprine, 6-MP,  
Methotrexate)

**Steroids**

**5-ASAs**

(Sulfasalazine, Pentasa, Asacol)



# 5-ASA Drugs

- Pentasa / asacol / asamax
- Mostly for ulcerative colitis
- Delayed release oral drug
- Rectal preparation (enema / suppository)
- Generally safe but less effective than others

# Corticosteroids

- Intravenous (Hydrocortisone)
- Oral (Prednisone / budesonide)
- Rectal (Colifoam)
  
- Highly effective at inducing remission
- No role in maintaining remission
  
- Multiple side effects



# Azathioprine / 6MP

- Immunomodulators
- Slow onset – used to maintain remission
- “anchor drug” for Crohn’s disease
- Early and late side effects for some
  - a few of these may be predictable
- Regular blood testing required

# Anti-TNF drugs (Biologics)

- Infliximab (Remicade) – IV infusions
- Adalimumab (Humira) – SC injections
- Newer / more expensive, limited access
- Gastroenterologist only to initiate
- Work better with an immunomodulator

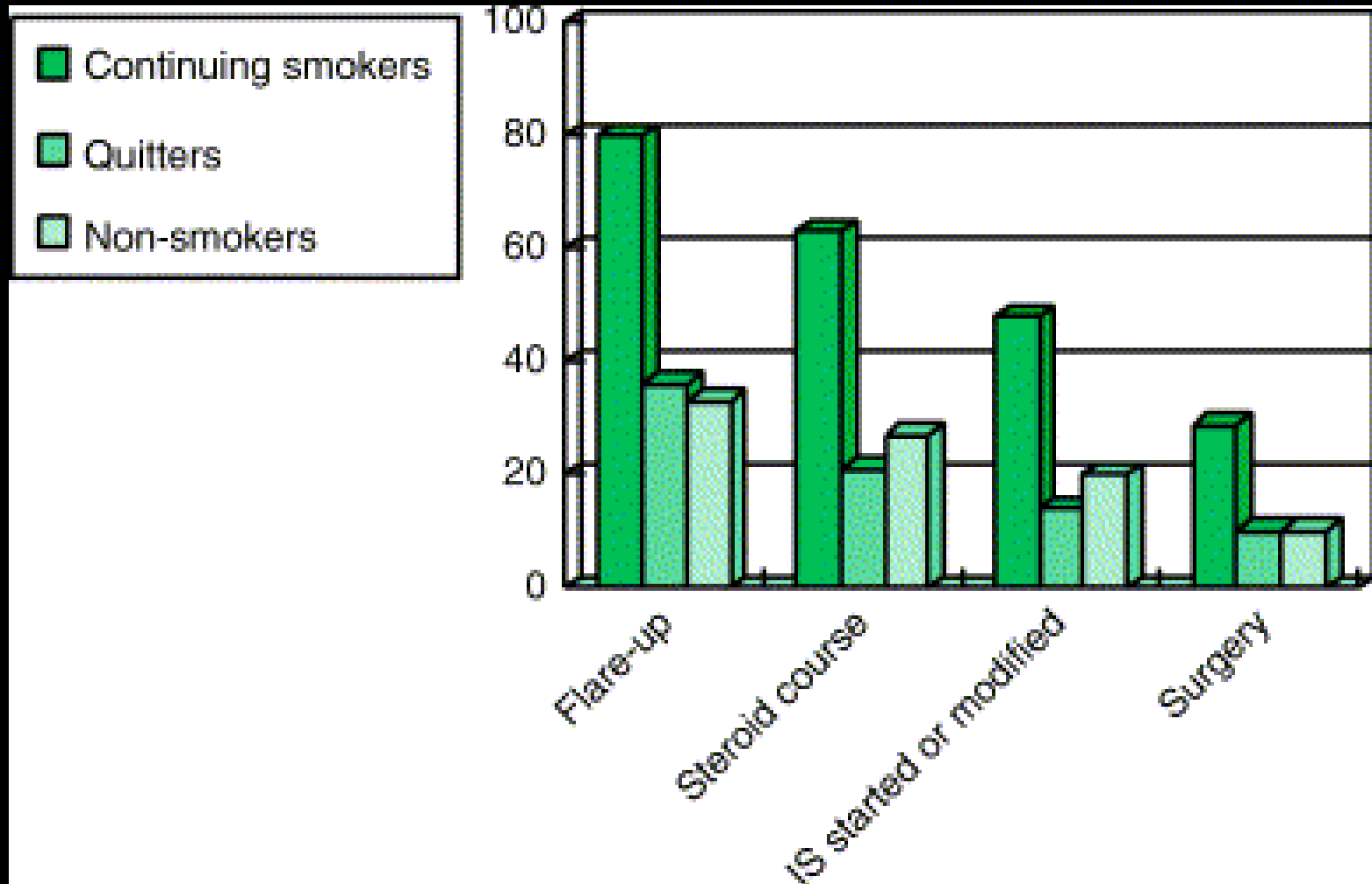
# Antibiotics

- No role in UC
- Can control infection in perianal CD
- Can have limited effect in colonic CD

# Nutrition

- Exclusive enteral nutrition (EEN)
  - all nutrition provided by formula for a given period
  - = steroids for children, may be effective in adults
- Partial / supplemental nutrition
  - improves nutrition and health
- Micronutrient replacement
  - Fe, B12, Folate, Vit D ....

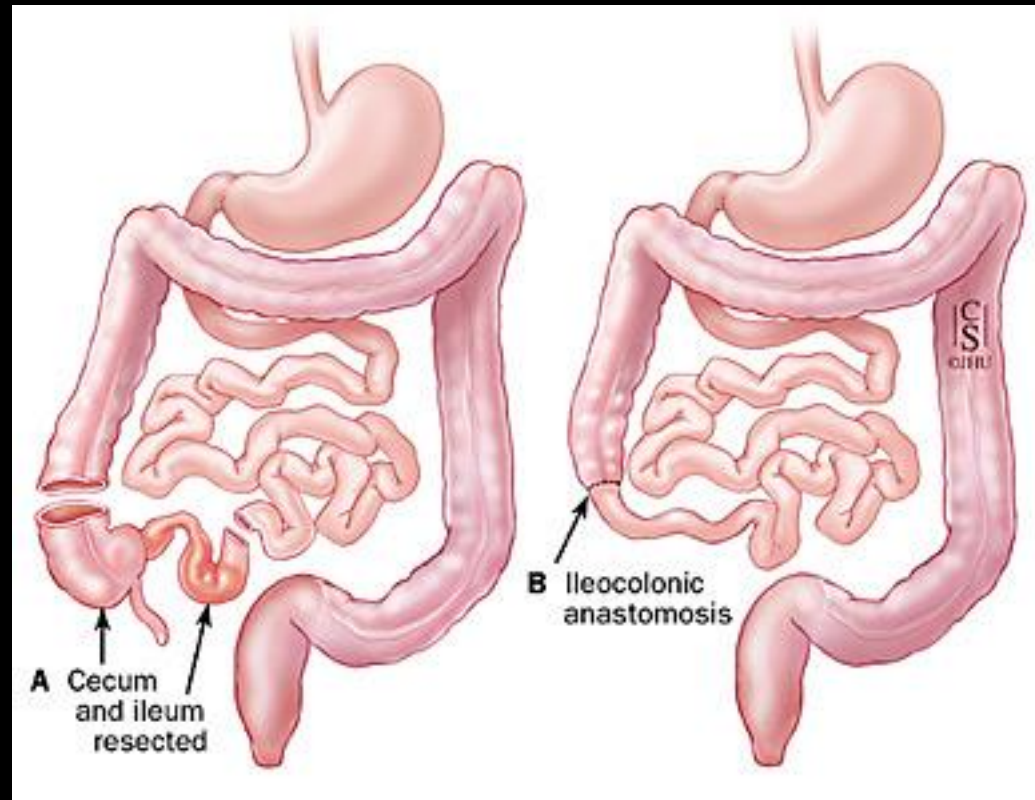
# Effect of smoking on Crohn's disease course



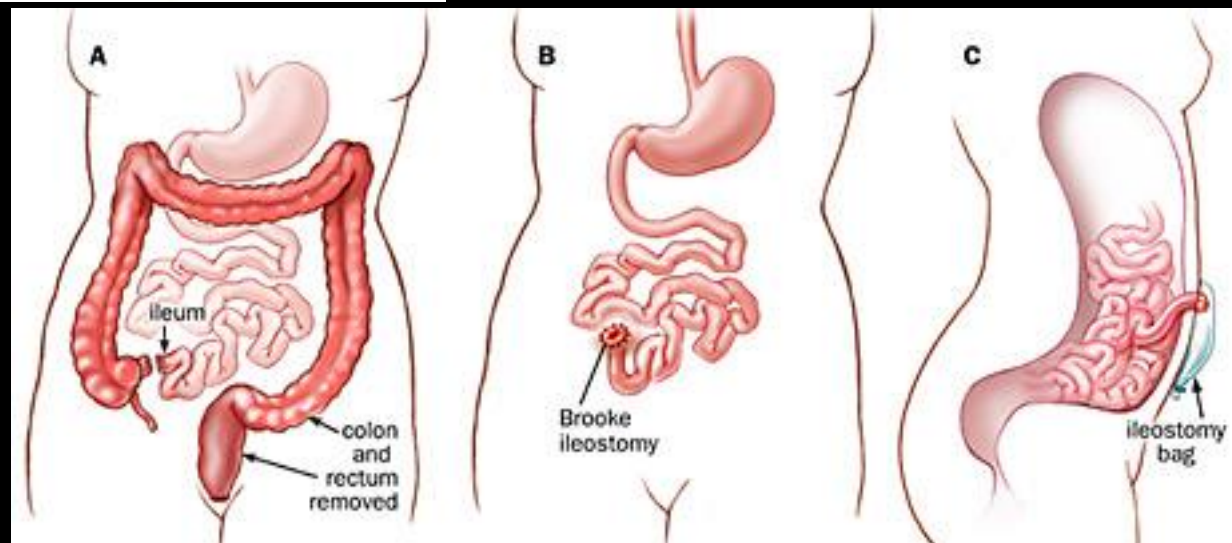
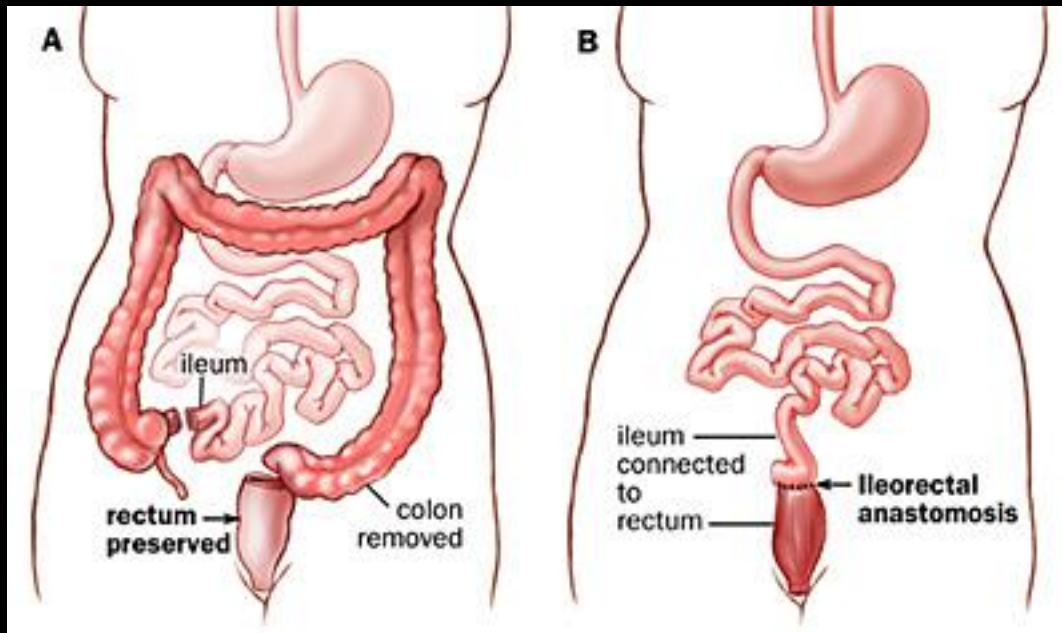
# Surgery

- Indications
  - Complications
  - Failure of medical therapy

# Ileocolic resection

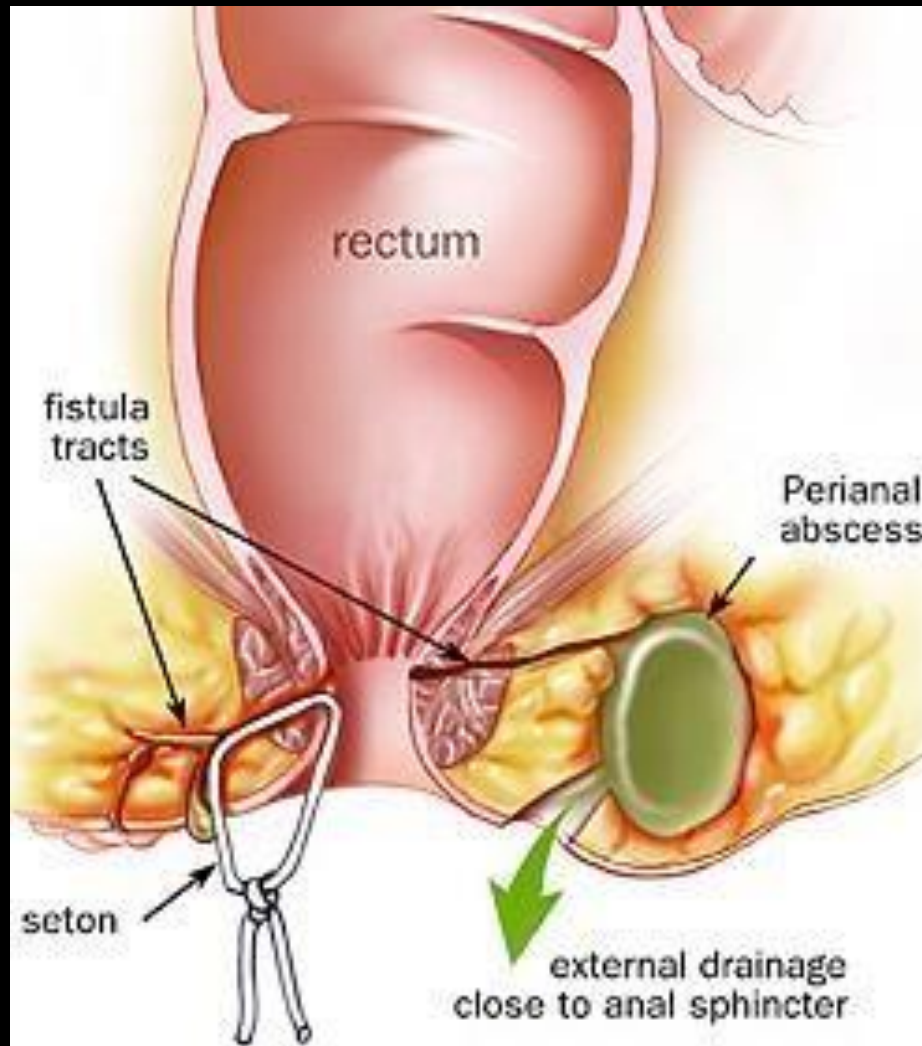


# Total colectomy





# Perianal Crohn's disease surgery



# Other aspects

- Psychological support
- Management of stress
- Management of coexisting IBS
- Workplace support
- Family support

# Complications of IBD

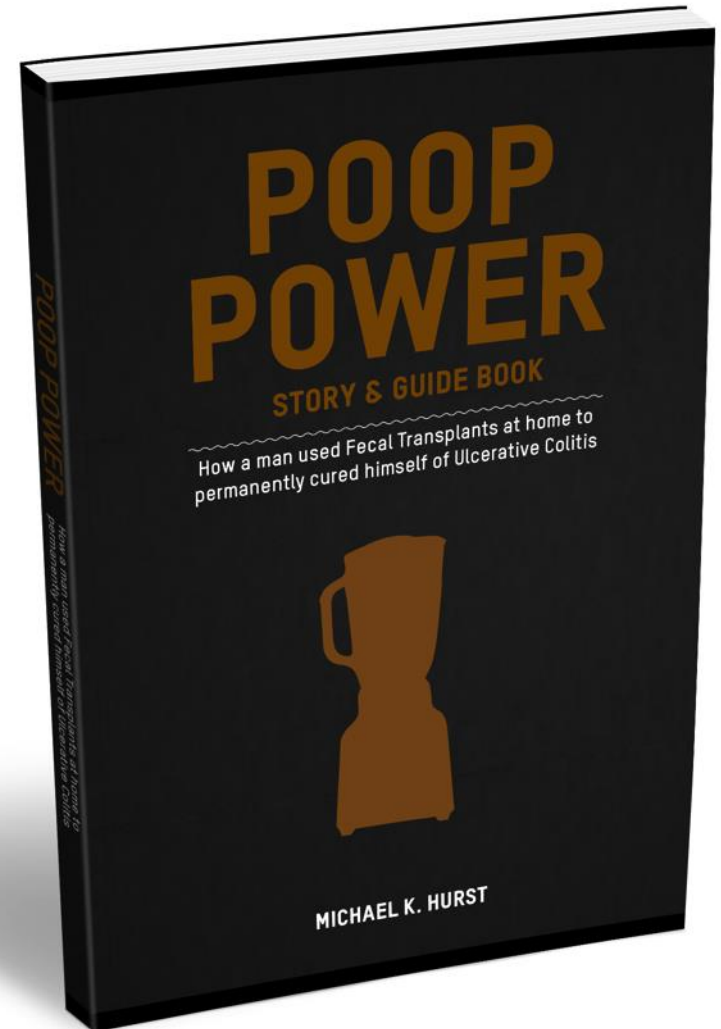
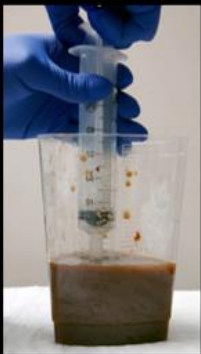
- Complications of disease
  - nutrition
  - cancer
  - clots
  - infection

# Areas of Controversy

# Anti-MAP therapy

- *Mycobacterium avium* ssp *paratuberculosis*
- Variable evidence to support an association (no evidence to support causation)
- One negative randomised controlled trial
- Second RCT currently recruiting

# Faecal transplant



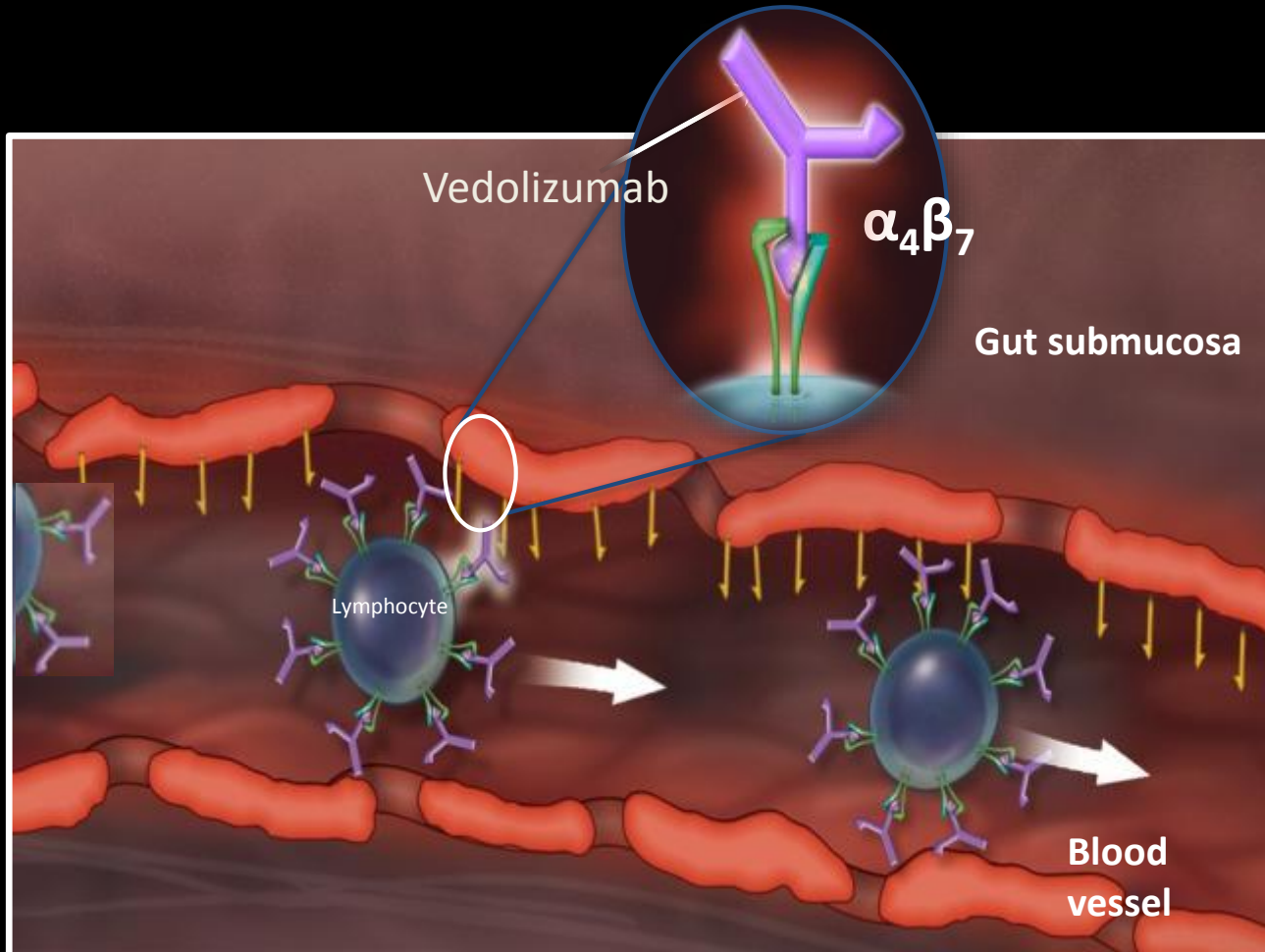
Future directions

# New Drugs

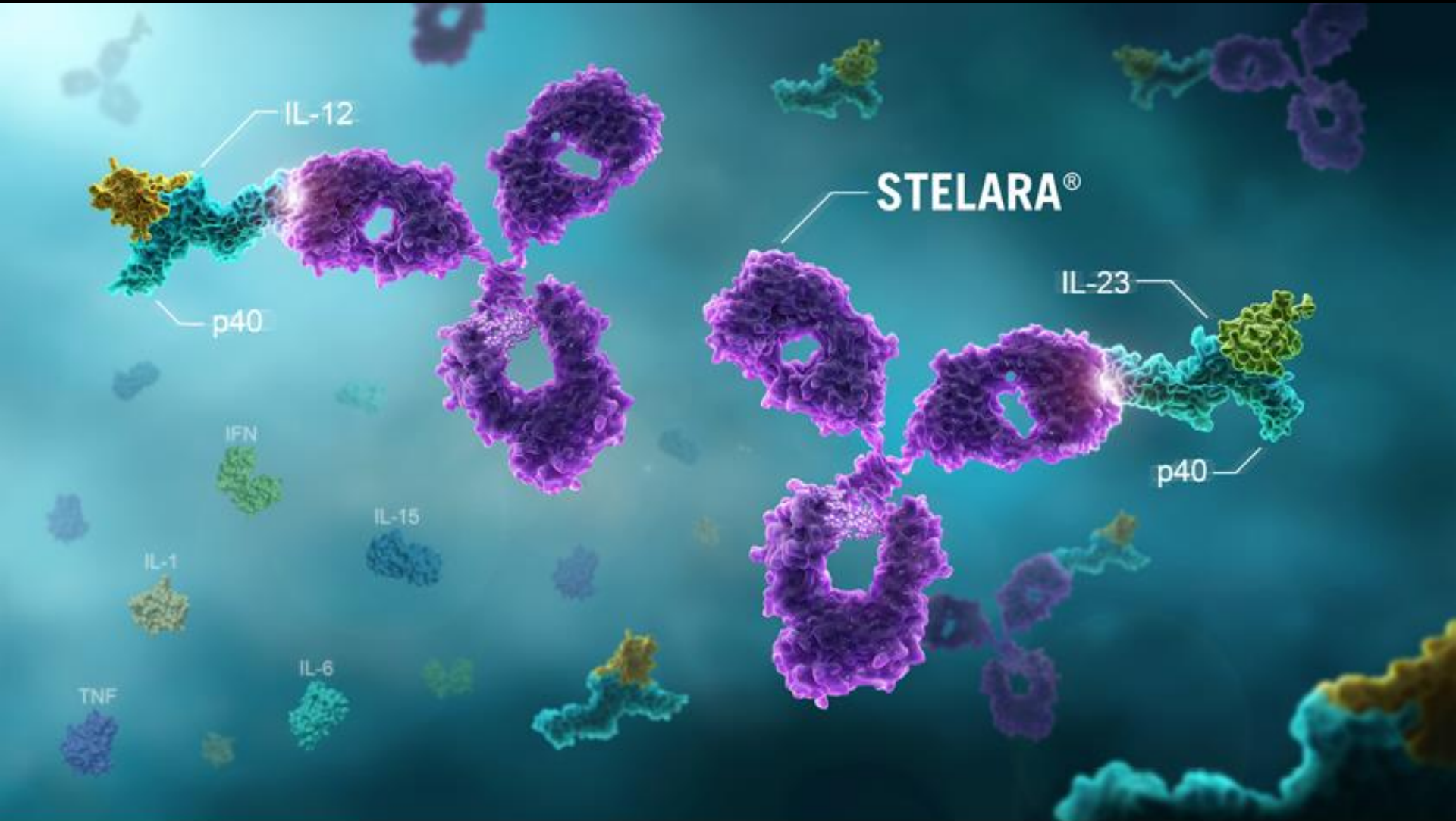
- Understanding the inflammation behind IBD has given us more targets for drugs – these are now coming to market

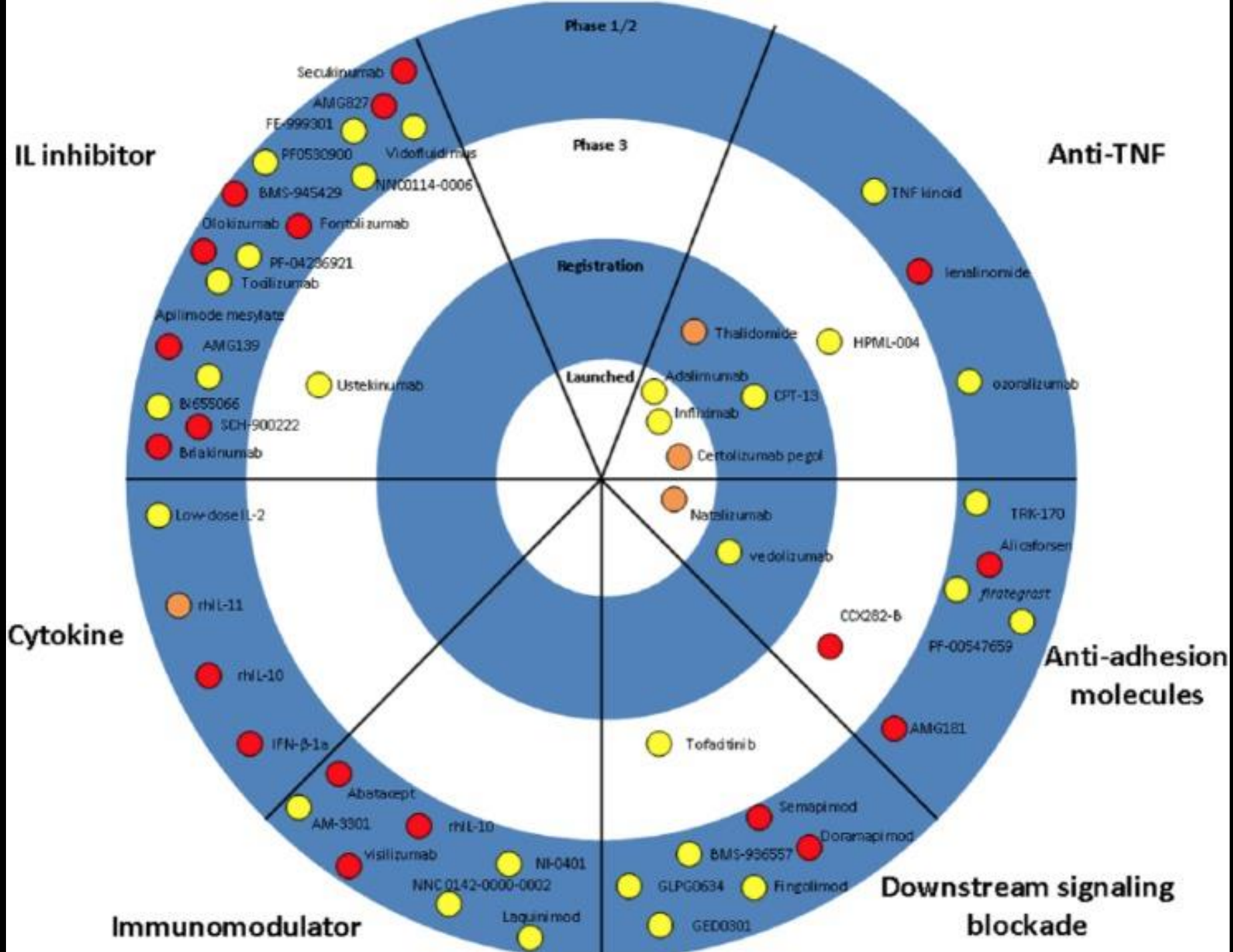


# Vedolizumab

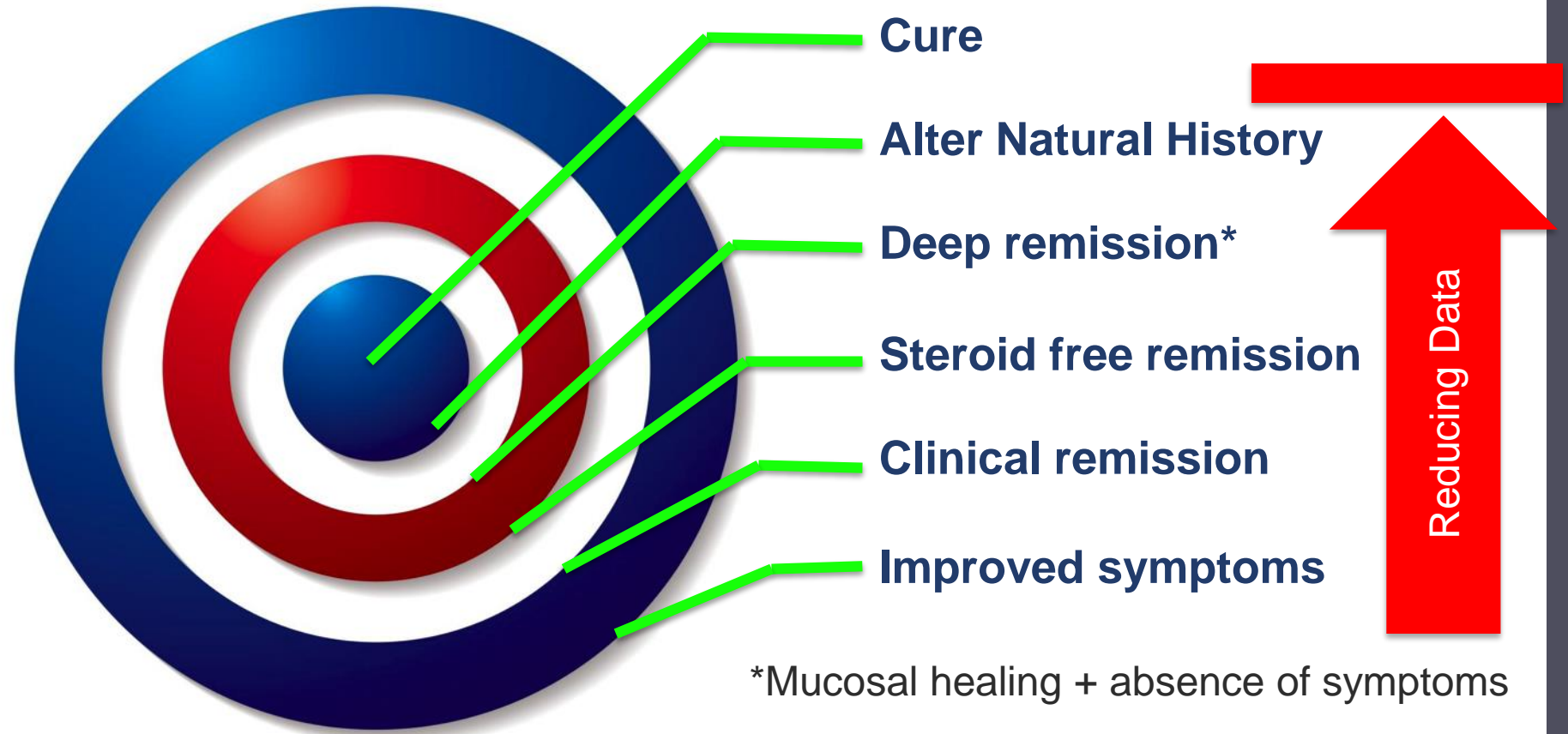


# Ustekinumab





# What is acceptable in 2016?



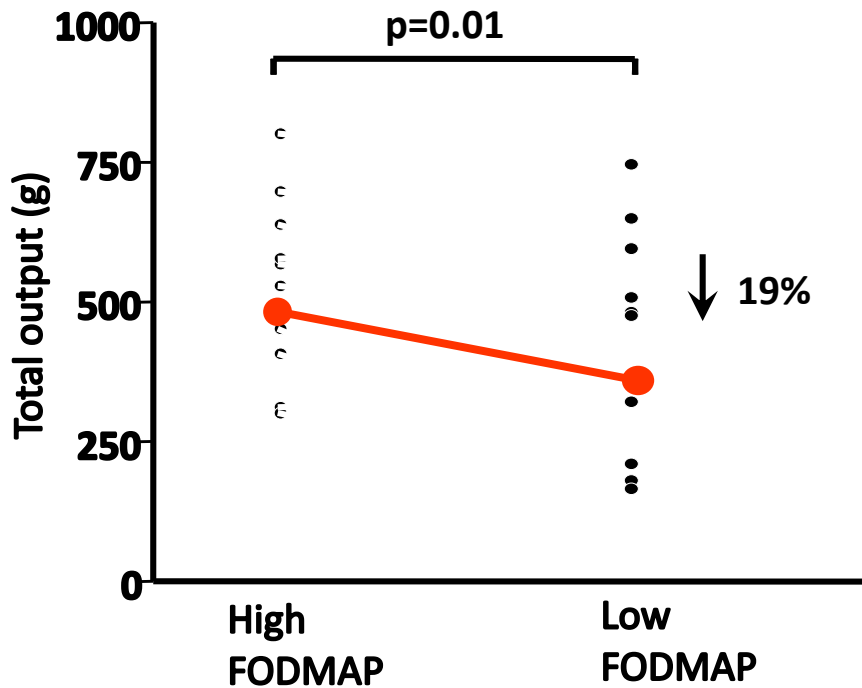
**What we can achieve determines what is acceptable**

# Canterbury Ileostomate Opportunities for research

- People with ileostomies can give us a unique insight into how food can have an effect on the gut
- If we want to know the effect of food / food components on the small intestine, we need to know what is present at the end of the small intestine

# Ileostomates help us to understand the gut

- 10 ileostomates 3 days low or high FODMAP diet



Reduction in dry weight and water content

Reduction in all FODMAPs recovered, especially fructans

Patients described a subjective change in the ileostomy effluent

# Conclusions

- IBD incidence appears to still be increasing
  - IBD patients need a voice
- The causes of IBD are becoming clearer (slowly)
- We have many drugs and should use them appropriately
- New drugs will be different and probably better
- We need randomised controlled trials before we support new treatments