Stopping Ulcerative Colitis Progression in its Tract:



Combining the Latest Evidence and Engaging Teaching Tools to Improve Patient Outcomes



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Learning Objectives



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Classification of UC Severity

SEVERE

 >6 bloody stools/day

MODERATE

 ≥4 stools/day ± blood

Minimal signs of

MILD

 <4 stools/day toxicity ± blood

Normal ESR

No signs of toxicity

• Fever

- Tachycardia
- Anemia or ↑ ESR

>10 stools/day

FULMINANT

- Continuous bleeding
- Toxicity
- Abdominal tenderness/distension
- Transfusion requirement
- Colonic dilation on x-ray

Truelove SC, Witts LJ. Br Med J. 1955;2:1041.; Kornbluth A, Sachar DB. Am J Gastroenterol. 2010;105:501.

Disease Progression



Endoscopic Features

AGA Clinical Pathway for Ulcerative **Colitis: Characterizing Colectomy Risk**



Low Risk **Mod-High Risk** Age of diagnosis > 40 years < 40 years Anatomic involvement Extensive CRP, ESR, FCP levels Elevated High Steroid required Yes

Mild	Ulcers	Deep
No	C. difficile infection	Yes
No	History of hospitalization	Yes
No	CMV infection	Yes

Sandborn WJ. Gastroenterology. 2014;147:702-705.

Limited

No

Ulcerative Colitis Is a Progressive Disease: How Do We Measure Progression — Proximal Extension?

Swiss IBD cohort study: Evolution of disease extent over a median disease duration of 9 years, from 2006 (N = 918)

Disease duration at study inclusion: Median 6 years, IQR 2-13 years, Range 0-46 years



~15% of UC patients experienced proximal disease extension over 9 years

Safroneeva E, et al. Aliment Pharmacol Ther. 2015;42:540-548.

Ulcerative Colitis Is a Progressive Disease: How Do We Measure Progression — Colectomy?



*From 1990 to 1994, patients with inflammatory bowel disease were enrolled in South-Eastern Norway and systematically followed-up for up to 10 years after diagnosis.

Solberg IC, et al. Scand J Gastroenterol. 2009;44:431-440.

Ulcerative Colitis Is a Progressive Disease: How Do We Measure Progression — Hospitalization?

Cumulative probabilities of hospitalization in patients with UC



~50% of patients with UC required hospitalization at some point during disease course

Fumery M, et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol.* 2017;15:665-674.

Ulcerative Colitis Is a Progressive Disease: How Do We Measure Progression — Colorectal Cancer?

Risk of colorectal cancer in a nationwide cohort of Danish patients with UC > 30 yrs (N = 32,911)



Relative risk adjusted for sex, age, calendar time. Dotted lines indicated 95% confidence intervals.

Subgroups of patients with UC were at increased risk for colorectal cancer

Jess T, et al. Gastroenterology. 2012;143:375-381.

Ulcerative Colitis Is a Progressive Disease: How Do We Measure Progression — Bowel Damage?



Local Complications of Ulcerative Colitis: Stricture, Pseudopolyposis, and Carcinoma of Colon and Rectum*

F. T. DE DOMBAL, † M.B., B.CHIR. ; J. MCK. WATTS, ‡ M.B., F.R.A.C.S. ; G. WATKINSON, § M.D., F.R.C.P. J. C. GOLIGHER, || CH.M., F.R.C.S.

Brit. med. J., 1966, 1, 1442-1447

Part of the notoriety which ulcerative colitis enjoys is derived from the diversity of complications accompanying this disease. We have reported elsewhere on the rectal and perirectal coming, Watts, Watts, Watkinson, and extent of colitis was repeatedly estimated by means of barium enema and by sigmoidoscopy. Both the severity and exten of disease were reassessed each year on the basis of information available in that year.

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Other damage					
Dysmotility	Anorectal dysfunction	Impaired permeability			

Torres J, et al. Inflamm Bowel Dis. 2012;18:1356-1363.

Early, Lasting Clinical and Endoscopic Remission Predicts Better Long-term Outcomes in UC







N = 157 patients with moderate-to-severe newly diagnosed UC; 5-year follow-up after first course of steroids; classified according to remission at 3 months; mean follow-up 51 (4–60) months.

Ardizzone S, et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2011;9:483-489.e3.

Symptoms Don't Often Correlate with Endoscopic Findings



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Symptoms are Not a Reliable Indicator of Mucosal Healing in UC

- Meta-analysis of 13 studies found pooled prevalence of IBS at 36% [95% CI: 30.0-48.0%] in UC in remission¹
- In ACT 1 and 2, at week 8 after infliximab induction, nearly twice as many patients had mucosal healing as had clinical remission²

¹Halpin SJ, Ford AC. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2012;107:1474-82. ²Rutgeerts P, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2005;353:2462-76.



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What Do We Know about Measuring and Understanding Outcomes in Mucosal Healing?



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The Roadmap to Incorporation of Mucosal Healing as an Endpoint in IBD

- Define mucosal healing (MH)
- Demonstrate that MH is associated with better short-term and longer-term outcomes
- Understand which therapies can be achieve MH
- Develop strategies to achieve MH after initiation of therapy
- Perform prospective studies to show that MH is a viable, safe, and cost effective target of treatment

How is Mucosal Healing Defined in UC?



- Return to normal vascular pattern¹
- Absence of friability or ulcerations¹
- Normal or near normal mucosal appearance, originally defined as with "slight hyperemia or slight granularity"²

Histology

- Geboes Score
- Nancy Histology Index
- Robarts Histology Index

1. Pineton de Chambrun G, et al. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2010;7(1):15-29.; 2. Truelove SC, et al. Br Med J. 1955;2:1041-1048.

Endoscopic Indices of Severity in Ulcerative Colitis



Descriptor (Score most severe lesions)	Likert scale anchor points
Vascular pattern	Normal (0)
Bleeding	Patchy obliteration (1)
	Obliterated (2)
	None (0)
	Mucosal (1)
Erosions and ulcers	None (0)
	Erosions (1)
	Superficial ulcer (2)
	Deep ulcer (3)

Travis SPL, et al. Gastroenterology. 2013; 145:987-95.

Role of Fecal Calprotectin (FCP) in IBD



- Diagnostic
- Assessing disease activity and response to treatment
- Prognostic
- Research

Walsham NE, et al. Clin Exp Gastroentrol. 2016;9:21-29.

Disease Progression



Severity of Endoscopic Disease in UC Correlates With Colectomy



Carbonnel F, et al. *Dig Dis Sci.* 1994;39(7):1550-1557.

Mucosal Healing at Year 1 Associated with Risk of Subsequent Colectomy in UC



Patients without endoscopic activity at 1-year visit

Patients with endoscopic activity at 1-year visit

Patients with compromised mucosa 1 year after diagnosis showed a trend toward more surgeries.

Frøslie KF, et al. Gastroenterology. 2007;133:412-422.

Learning 2 Objective

Utilize the AGA UC Care Pathway to guide personalized biologic therapy to halt disease progression in UC.



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Movement to Objective Measures of Control and Chronic Care Model of IBD



Updated Goals of Management for IBD in 2018



- Clarify disease **type** and **severity**
- Induce remission rapidly defined by both patient-reported outcomes and objective markers
 - Ulcerative colitis: absence of rectal bleeding and diarrhea/altered bowel habits
- Maintain steroid-free remission
- Change the natural history of IBD
 - Avoid hospitalization and surgery
 - Avoid drug-related and disease-related complications
 - Reduce costs of care

Rubin DT, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol Suppl*. 2016;3:4-7. Peyrin-Biroulet L, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2015;110(9):1324-38.



Why Don't We Achieve Preferred Outcomes in Everyone?

- We are too late
- Therapies don't work
- Therapies are not optimized
- We are treating the wrong problem
- Symptom improvement is NOT "enough"





AGA Ulcerative Colitis (UC) Care Pathway

- Risk assessment of UC
 - Inflammation
 - Comorbidities
 - Colectomy risk
- Initial therapy
- Exacerbation treatment options
- Clinical Decision Support tool

Dassopoulos T, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2015;149(1):238-245.

Ulcerative Colitis Care Pathway





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When to Introduce Biologics in Patients with UC

- Steroid refractory UC
- Steroid dependent UC
- Immunomodulator refractory UC patient
- Immunomodulator intolerant UC patient
- Clinical predictors of a poor outcome at diagnosis?

Approved Therapies for Moderate to Severe Ulcerative Colitis



	Mechanism	Induction of Clinical Response and Remission	Adverse Events*
Infliximab	Anti-TNF	ACT ¹	
Adalimumab	Anti-TNF	ULTRA ²	Serious infections, opportunistic infections. Need to test for TB and HBV prior to initiation of therapy.
Golimumab	Anti-TNF	PURSUIT-SC ³	
Vedolizumab	Selective α4β7 integrin antagonist	GEMINI⁴	Nasopharyngitis
Tofacitinib	JAK-inhibitor	OCTAVE Induction ⁵	Monitor lipids. Increased risk of Herpes zoster.

* = See prescribing information for full listing of warnings, precautions and adverse events

¹Rutgeerts P, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2005;353(23):2462-2476; ²Sandborn WJ, et al. *Gastroenterology.* 2012;142(2):257-265.; ³Sandborn WJ, et al. *Gastroenterology.* 2014;146(1):96-109; ⁴Feagan BG, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2013;369(8):699-710. ⁵Sandborn WJ et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;376:1723-36.

Effectiveness of Biologics in Attaining Mucosal Healing in UC: Maintenance Trials

Placebo Treatment OR (95% CI) Author (Trial, Medication) (n/N)(n/N)Rutgeerts (ACT 1, IFX) 3.75 (2.09, 6.73) 55/121 22/121 Feagan (GEMINI, VEDO) > 4.31 (2.45, 7.58) 63/122 25/126 2.19 (1.15, 4.14) 51/177 15/96 Suzuki (ADA) Sandborn (PURSUIT, GLM) 2.03 (1.25, 3.28) 41/156 64/154 1.82 (1.16, 2.86) Sandborn (ULTRA 1, ADA) 62/248 38/246 Overall (I-squared = 51.4%, p = .084) 2.59 (1.84, 3.66) Favors Placebo Favors Biologic Therapy

Cholapranee A, et al. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther*. 2017.45(10):1291-1302.

Real World Effectiveness of Vedolizumab in UC



- Pooled analysis, 9 studies, 571 UC patients
- Adverse effects were minor and occurred in 30.6% of the patients



Engel T, et al. *J Crohn's Colitis*, 2018. 24: 245-257.

Tofacitinib: Remission in Ulcerative Colitis





Sandborn WJ et al. N Engl J Med. 2017;376:1723-36.

Learning 3 Objective

Incorporate disease activity monitoring strategies, including objective measures of disease improvement, to facilitate optimal management of UC.



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How to Choose Therapy in UC?

- Severity/prognosis
- Effectiveness
- Safety
- Convenience
- Insurance/coverage

Treating to Achieve a Target Goal



So What Should the Targets Be?



Selecting Therapeutic TaRgets in Inflammatory Bowel Disease Endpoints

- Methods: 28 IBD specialists developed recommendations based on a systematic literature review and expert opinion
- Results: 12 recommendations for UC and CD.
- UC Target:
 - PRO: Resolution of rectal bleeding and diarrhea/altered bowel habit and
 - Endoscopic remission: Mayo endoscopic subscore of 0-1. Histological remission is an adjunctive goal.
- Biomarker remission (normal CRP and calprotectin) was considered an adjunctive target.

Peyrin-Biroulet, et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2015; 110:1324-38.

SMART Goals Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely



- 1. Integrate the assessment of prognosis in your active UC patients at the time of diagnosis or relapse.
- 2. Identify specific targets for treatment to improve outcomes in your high-risk UC patients.
- 3. Use the data on efficacy and safety in decision-making for UC patient treatments.
- 4. Assess number of UC patients who achieve steroid-free deep remission over time.
- 5. Adjust therapy to achieve composite endpoints of symptomatic and objective disease control.

Questions & Answers





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