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Ulcerative Colitis

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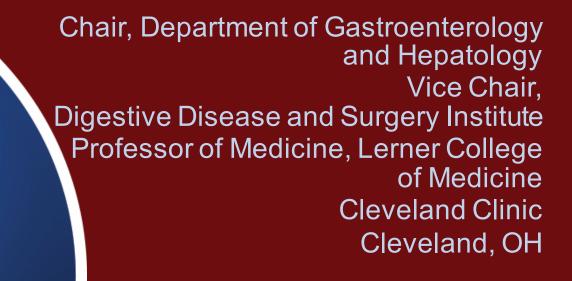
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Learning Objective

Apply approaches to identify moderate- to high-risk patients with UC in clinical practice.



Case: MG

- 30-year-old female
- 7 bloody stools per day
- Stool cultures negative
- Endoscopic findings: extensive colitis, deep ulcers



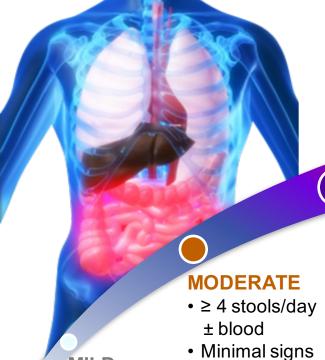
Audience Response



Which factor is most associated with poor prognosis in patients with ulcerative colitis (UC)?

- A. Older age of onset
- B. Early need for steroids
- C. Low fecal calprotectin (FCP)
- D. Family history of UC
- E. Geboes score > 2
- F. Not sure





Classification of UC Severity^{1,2}

SEVERE

- > 6 bloody stools/day
- Fever
- Tachycardia
- Anemia or ↑ ESR

FULMINANT

- > 10 stools/day
- · Continuous bleeding
- Toxicity
- Abdominal tenderness/distension
- Transfusion requirement
- Colonic dilation on x-ray

MILD

- < 4 stools/day

 ± blood
- Normal ESR
- No signs of toxicity

ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation rate.

1. Truelove SC, Witts LJ. Br Med J. 1955;2:1041-1048. 2. Kornbluth A, Sachar DB. Am J Gastroenterol. 2010;105:501-523.

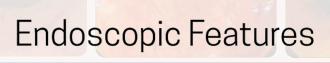
Endoscopic Activity





Histologic Activity







AGA Clinical Pathway for Ulcerative Colitis: Characterizing Colectomy Risk

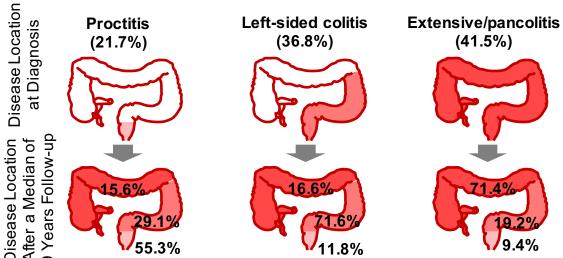
Low Risk		Mod-High Ris
> 40 years	Age of diagnosis	< 40 years
Limited	Anatomic involvement	Extensive
Elevated	Elevated CRP, ESR, FCP levels	
No	Steroid required	Yes
Mild	Ulcers	Deep
No	No Clostridium difficile infection	
No	No History of hospitalization	
No	CMV infection	Yes

AGA = American Gastroenterological Association; CRP = C-reactive protein. Dassopoulos T, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2015;149:238-245.

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

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

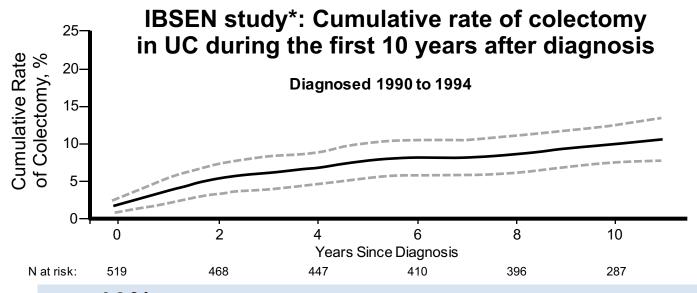
Disease duration at study inclusion: Median 6 years, interquartile range 2 - 13 years, range 0 - 46 years



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



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



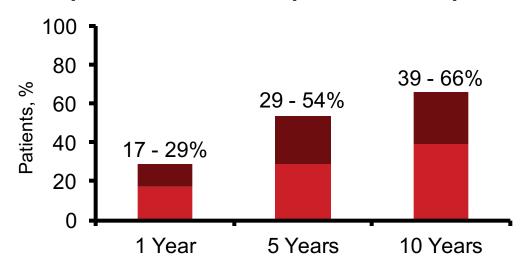
~10% of patients with UC required colectomy over 10 years

^{*}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

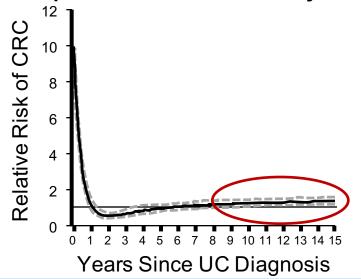


~50% of patients with UC required hospitalization at some point during disease course



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 over 30 years (N = 32,911)

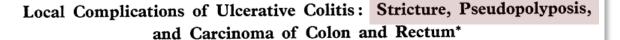


Relative risk adjusted for sex, age, calendar time.
Dotted lines indicated 95% confidence intervals.

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



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



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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 com-

extent of colitis was repeatedly estimated by means of barium enema and by sigmoidoscopy. Both the severity and extent of disease were reassessed each year on the basis of information available in that year.

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Other Damage

Dysmotility

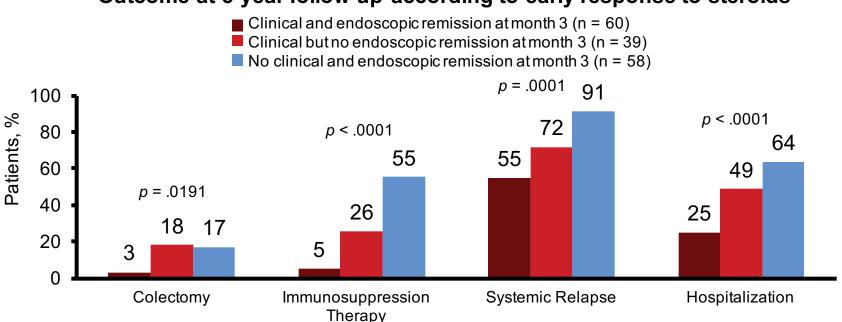
Anorectal dysfunction

Impaired permeability



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



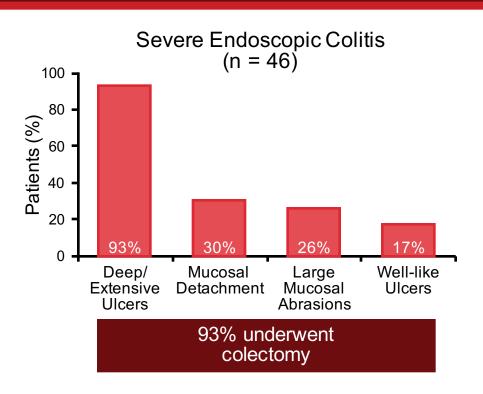


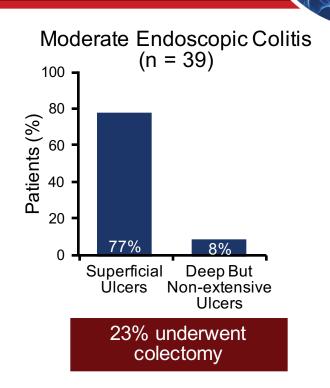
N = 157 patients with moderate-to-severe newly diagnosed UC; 5-year follow-up after first course of steroids; classified according to remission at 3 months; mean follow-up 51 (4 - 60) months.

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

Severity of Endoscopic Disease in UC Correlates with Colectomy

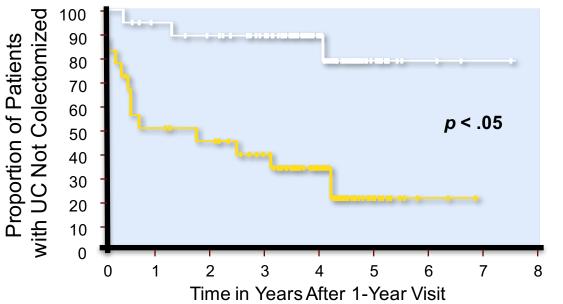






Mucosal Healing at Year 1 Associated with Risk of Subsequent Colectomy in UC

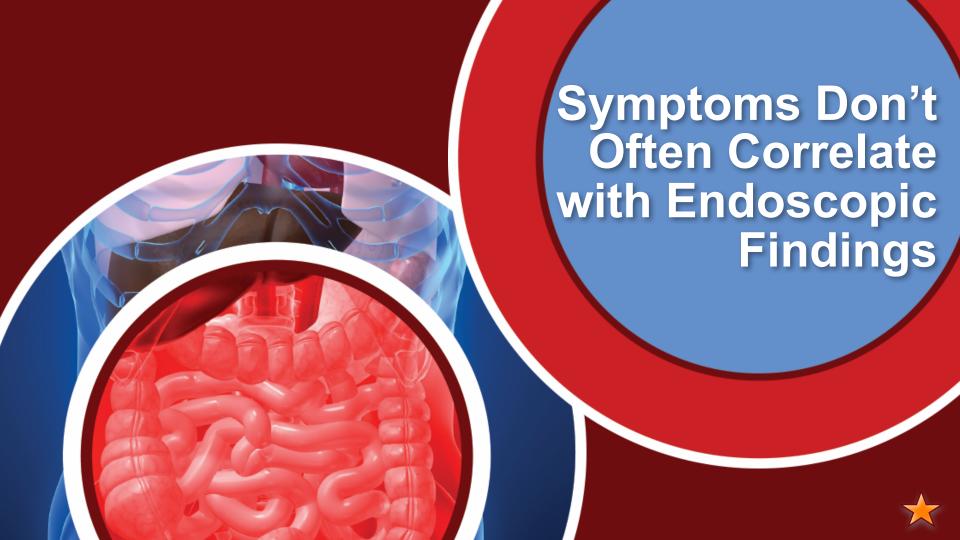




Patients without endoscopic activity at 1-year visit

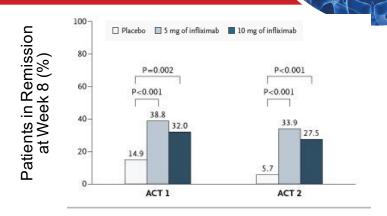
Patients with endoscopic activity at 1-year visit

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

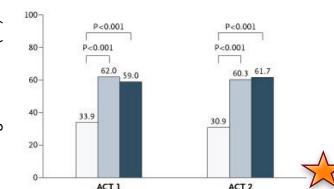


Symptoms Are Not a Reliable Indicator of Mucosal Healing in UC

- Meta-analysis of 13 studies found pooled prevalence of irritable bowel syndrome (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







^{1.} Halpin SJ, Ford AC. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2012;107:1474-1482.

^{2.} Rutgeerts P, et al. N Engl J Med. 2005;353:2462-2476.



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"
- Histology
 - Geboes Score (GS)
 - Nancy Histology Index (NI)
 - Robarts Histology Index (RHI)

Role of FCP in IBD



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

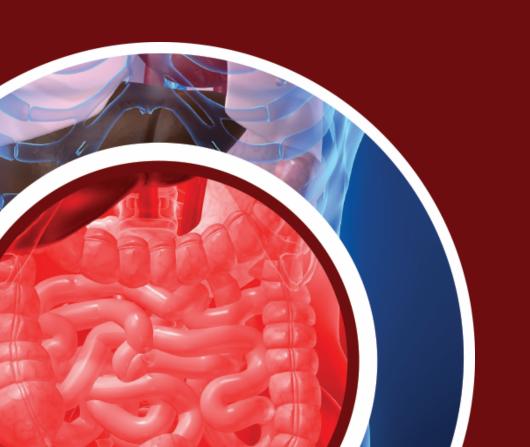
Updated Goals of Management for IBD in 2018-2019^{1,2}

- 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- and disease-related complications
 - Reduce costs of care



^{2.} Peyrin-Biroulet L, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2015;110(9):1324-1338.





Learning 2 Objective

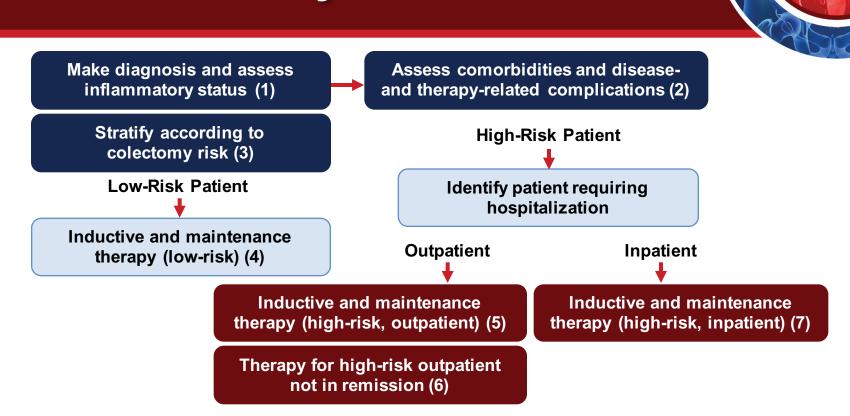
Integrate evidence-based guidelines and findings from real-world studies into management plans for patients with UC that factor in treatment goals, initial therapy, continuous monitoring, and medication adjustments as needed.

AGA UC Care Pathway

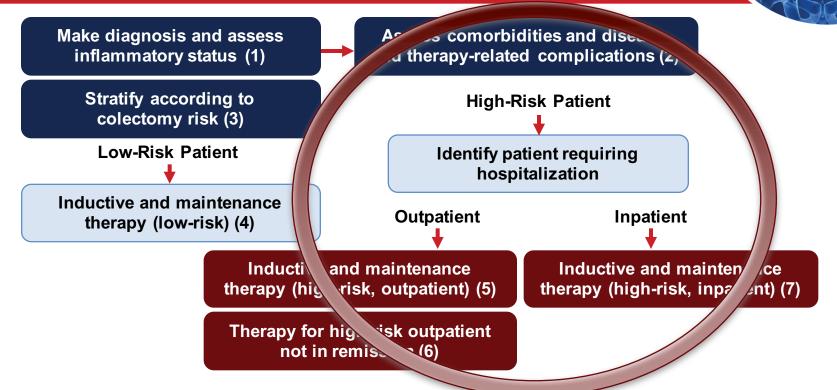


- Risk assessment of UC
 - Inflammation
 - Comorbidities
 - Colectomy risk
- Initial therapy
- Exacerbation treatment options
- Clinical decision support tool

UC Care Pathway



UC Care Pathway



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

Case: MG

- 30-year-old female
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Audience Response



What would be your first step in treating MG?

- A. Short course of steroids with initiation of thiopurine
- B. Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor
- C. Vedolizumab (VDZ) +/- immunosupressants
- D. Tofacitinib
- E. Not sure

When to Introduce Biologics in Patients with UC



- Steroid-refractory UC
- Steroid-dependent UC
- Immunomodulator-refractory UC
- Immunomodulator-intolerant UC
- 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	Serious infections, opportunistic infections. Need to test for tuberculosis (TB) and hepatitis B virus (HBV) prior to initiation of therapy.	
Adalimumab	Anti-TNF	ULTRA ²		
Golimumab	Anti-TNF	PURSUIT-SC ³		
VDZ	Selective α4β7 integrin antagonist	GEMINI ⁴	Nasopharyngitis	
Tofacitinib	JAK-inhibitor	OCTAVE Induction⁵	Serious infections, opportunistic infections. Need to test for TB and HBV prior to initiation of therapy. (Increased risk of herpes zoster)	

^{*}See prescribing information for full listing of warnings, precautions, and adverse events.



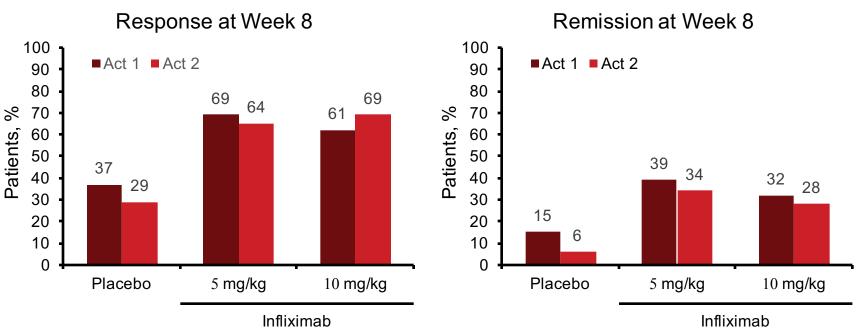
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^{5.} Sandborn WJ et al. N Engl J Med. 2017;376:1723-1736.

Induction Treatment with Anti-TNFα in UC

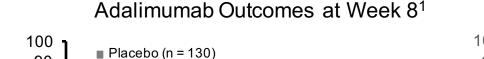


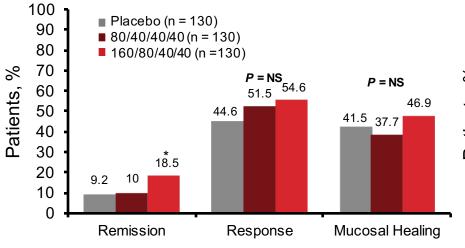




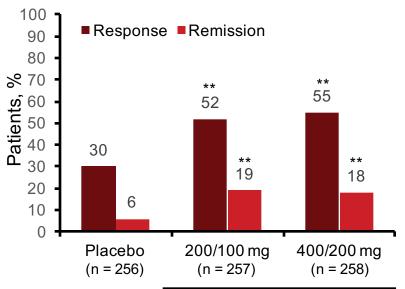
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Golimumab Outcomes at Week 62



Golimumab

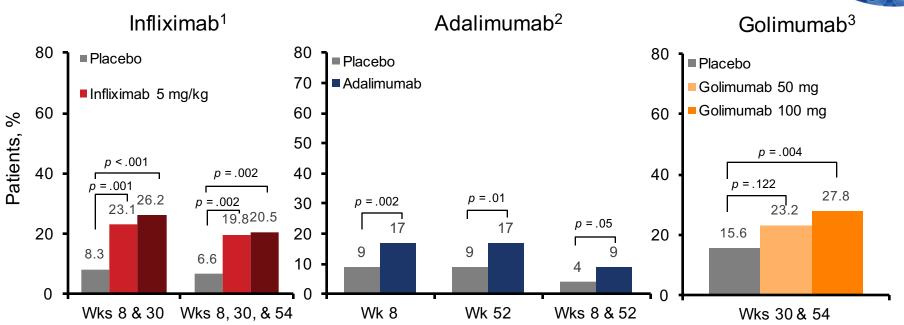




^{*} *p* < .05; ***p* < .001

Maintenance Treatment with Anti-TNFα in UC



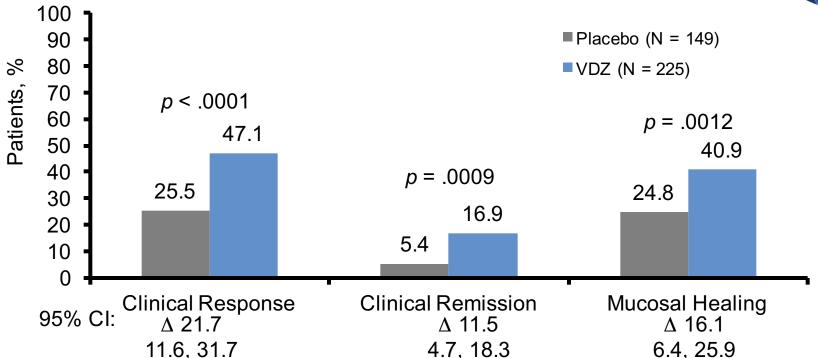


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VDZ for Induction of Remission in UC (GEMINI I)

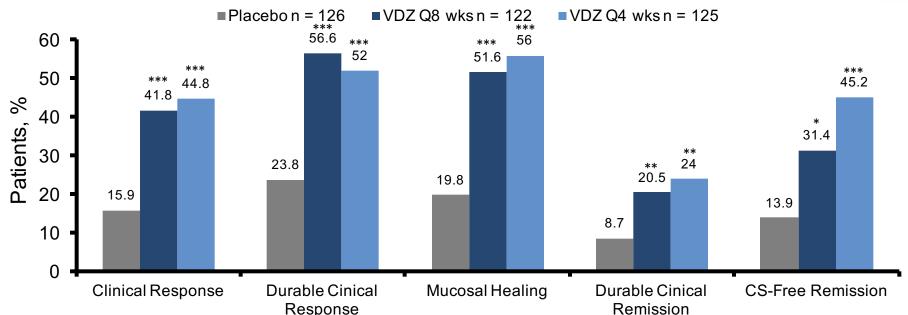






VDZ for Maintenance of Remission in UC (GEMINI I) at Week 52





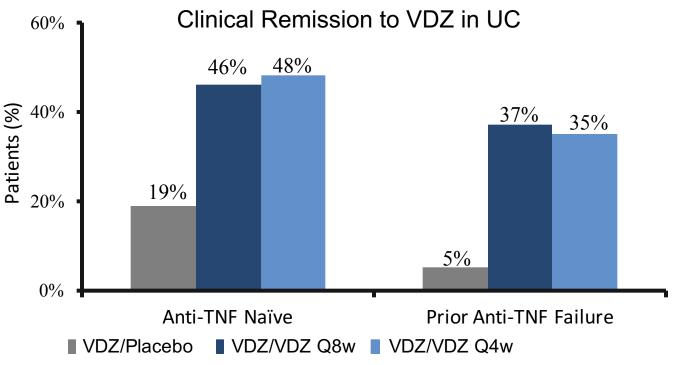
*p < .05 **p < .01 ***p < .001

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Anti-TNF Naïve Patients Do Better with VDZ (GEMINI I)

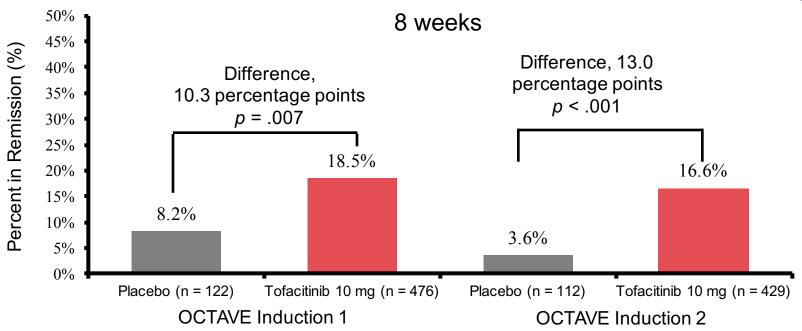






Tofacitinib for Induction of Remission in Patients with UC



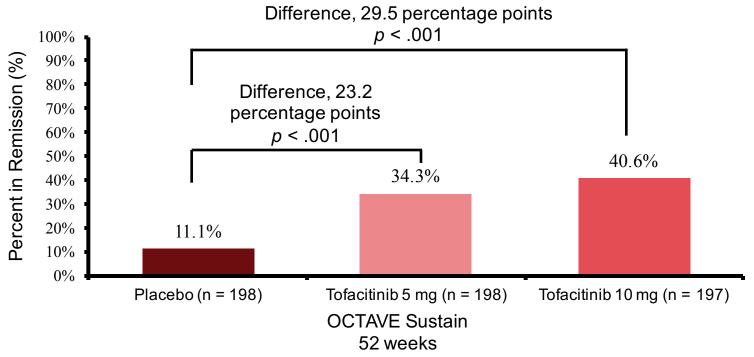


Remission = total Mayo score of ≤ 2 , with no subscore > 1 and a rectal bleeding subscore of 0. Sandborn WJ, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2017;376:1723-1736.



Tofacitinib for Maintenance of Remission in UC to 52 weeks







UC Care Pathway



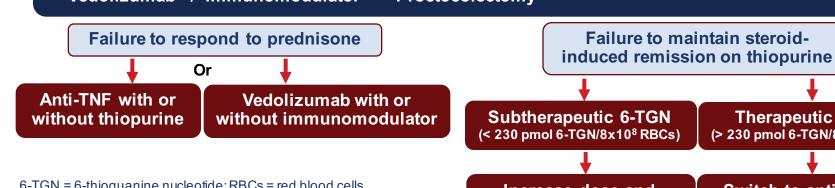
Therapeutic 6-TGN

(> 230 pmol 6-TGN/8x10⁸ RBCs)

Therapy for high-risk outpatient not in remission

Options:

- Anti-TNF +/- thiopurine*†
- Vedolizumab +/- immunomodulator[‡]
- Thiopurine (optimize 6-TGN concentrations) Tofacitinib
 - **Proctocolectomy**



6-TGN = 6-thioguanine nucleotide; RBCs = red blood cells.

*Combination therapy with a thiopurine is more efficacious than anti-TNF monotherapy and should be considered, especially in patients who have failed one or more anti-TNF agents.

Switch to anti-TNF or Increase dose and recheck metabolites§ vedolizumab

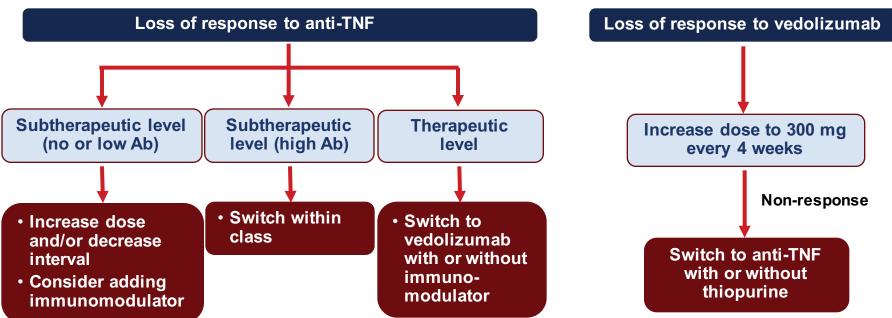
- †Extrapolating from data in Chrohn's disease, methotrexate may be used instead of thiopurines to decrease anti-TNF immunogenicity.
- ‡Extrapolating from data with anti-TNF agents, thiopurines and methotrexate may be used to decrease vedolizumab immunogenicity.
- §The addition of allopurinol (while decreasing the thiopurine dose to 1/4 of the previous dose) may be considered at centers with experience with this approach and recognizing the risks of severe myelosuppression and infection.

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UC Care Pathway

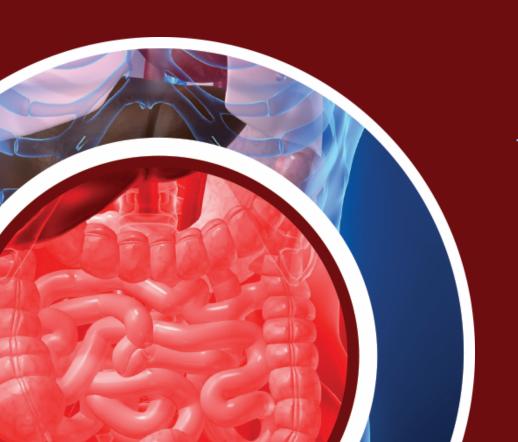


Therapy for high-risk outpatient not in remission (cont'd)



Ab = antibody.

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Learning 3 Objective

Select appropriate biologic therapy for individual patients with UC, taking into account disease burden, severity, treatment efficacy, safety, personalized risk-benefit profiles, and patient preference.

How to Choose Therapy in UC?



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



Treating to Achieve a Target Goal





Case: MG

- 30-year-old female
- 7 bloody stools per day
- Stool cultures negative
- Endoscopic findings: extensive colitis, deep ulcers



Audience Response



TNF inhibitor monotherapy was introduced for MG, which resulted in remission and treatment was continued for maintenance therapy. After about 4 months, she lost response and has detectable drug and no antibodies. How would you proceed?

- A. Increase the dose
- B. Add an immunomodulator
- C. Cycle to another TNF inhibitor
- D. Swap to vedolizumab
- E. Swap to tofacitinib
- F. Not sure



Audience Response



MG was switched to VDZ monotherapy, which resulted in remission and treatment was continued for maintenance therapy. After about 3 months, she discovered she was pregnant. How would you proceed?

- A. Stop treatment while she is pregnant and breastfeeding
- B. Continue treatment at a reduced dose while she is pregnant and breastfeeding
- C. Continue treatment as is
- D. Swap to tofacitinib
- E. Swap to a different TNF inhibitor than the one she received initially
- F. Not sure



So What Should the Targets Be?



Selecting Therapeutic TaRgets in Inflammatory Bowel DiseasE¹

- Methods: 28 IBD specialists developed recommendations based on a systematic literature review and expert opinion¹
- 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 as an adjunctive goal: GS < 2B.0, RHI ≤ 3*, NI ≤ 1²
 - Biomarker remission (normal CRP and calprotectin) considered an adjunctive target¹



^{*}As long as lamina propria neutrophils score = 0 and neutrophil in epithelium score = 0.

1. Peyrin-Biroulet L, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2015;110:1324-1338. 2. Pai R, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc*. 2018;88:887-898.

PIANO Registry

- > 1,400 mothers, > 600 infants exposed to biologic therapy, > 300 infants exposed to azathioprine/6-MP¹
- No increase in birth defects observed with exposure to medication¹
- No problems achieving developmental milestones^{2,3}
- Minimal to no transfer of most drugs to breast milk^{2,3}

These results suggest that these treatments do not need to be stopped during pregnancy or lactation.

6-MP = 6-mercaptopurine.

3. Matro R, et al. Gastroenterology. 2018;155:696-704.



^{1.} Uma M. Gastroenterol Hepatol (N Y). 2015;11(4):273-275.

^{2.} Mahadevan U, et al. Gastroenterology. 2019 Jan 16. [Epub ahead of print].

Pregnancy Care Pathway in IBD



9-month plan

IBD remission

IBD monitoring

- GI visit trimester 1 or 2 and then as needed
- Labs at least every trimester: complete blood count, liver enzymes, albumin (combine with OB labs)

Maternal/fetal monitoring

- Routine antepartum care
- Trimester 3 fetal growth ultrasound
- Examine perineum for evidence of active disease
- Counseling on mode of delivery

Medication

- · Stool softeners as needed
- Appropriate antimicrobials as needed
- Aminosalicylates and thiopurine monotherapy can continue throughout
- Corticosteroids are not maintenance therapy
 - Use as indicated for flares
- Biologics should continue throughout pregnancy without interruption
 - Can time last dose in trimester 3 to deliver infant at presumed drug trough

Nutrition and weight gain

- Prenatal vitamin
 - o Iron may worsen abdominal pain
- Trimester 1: check iron/B12 levels
- Adequate foliate supplementation
- Monitor gestational weight gain, which can be low in IBD
- Nutrition consult if needed
 - Post-surgical changes
 - ➤ Short bowel
 - ➤ Ostomy
 - o Inadequate weight gain
 - Active disease

IBD flare

IBD monitoring

- GI follow-up every 2 weeks (patient portal, live, video)
- Adjust medication
- Monitor labs, calprotectin
- Management of flares

Maternal/fetal monitoring

- Consider fetal growth surveillance every 4 weeks after 24 weeks
- Recommend antepartum surveillance for patients with active disease in trimester 3
- Recommend ultrasound cervical length screening at 18-22 weeks gestation with follow-up if indicated by short cervix (< 25 mm) per usual obstetric indications
- Nutrition counseling
- NST/BPP for usual indications
- Patients on steroids should have early glucose screen
- Counseling on mode of delivery



SMART Goals

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely



- Stratify risk in your patients with UC
- Measure mucosal inflammation objectively
- Initiate therapy to achieve targets in moderateto-severe patients with UC
- Optimize therapies based on safety, efficacy, and pharmacokinetics



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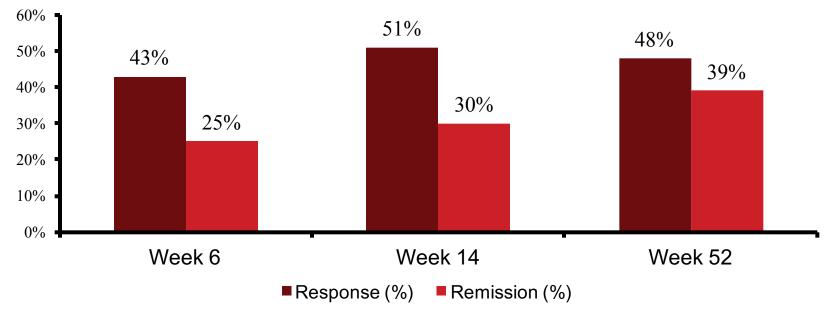


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Real-World Effectiveness of VDZ in UC

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



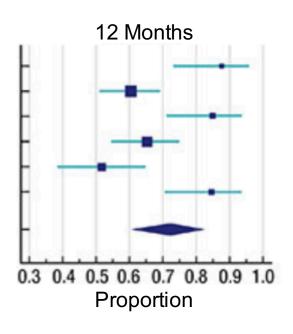
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VDZ Persistence in Patients with UC at 12 Months



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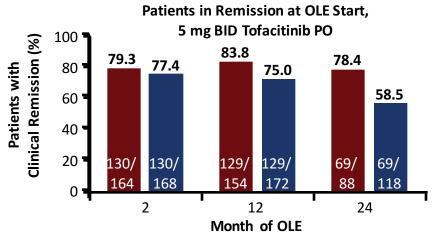
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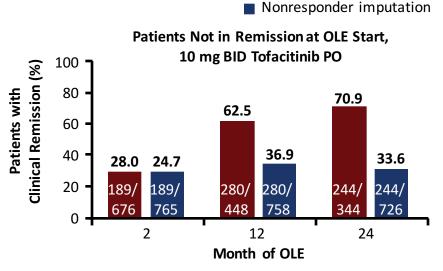


n/N	Rate (95% CI)
35/40	87.5 (73.1-95.8)
73/121	60.3 (51.0-69.1)
39/46	84.7 (71.1-93.6)
60/92	65.2 (54.5-74.8)
31/60	51.6 (38.3-64.7)
38/45	84.4 (70.5-93.5)
276/404	72.2 (60.4-82.6)

Tofacitinib Maintenance in UC

- Open-label, multicenter, long-term extension phase III study of adults with moderate-tosevere UC (N = 944)
 - Included nonresponders from 12-week OCTAVE induction study and participants of 52-week OCTAVE maintenance study
- Primary outcome: No new safety risks





Observed

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Audience Response



How would you stratify MG's risk for colectomy?

- A. Low
- B. Moderate-high
- C. Not sure

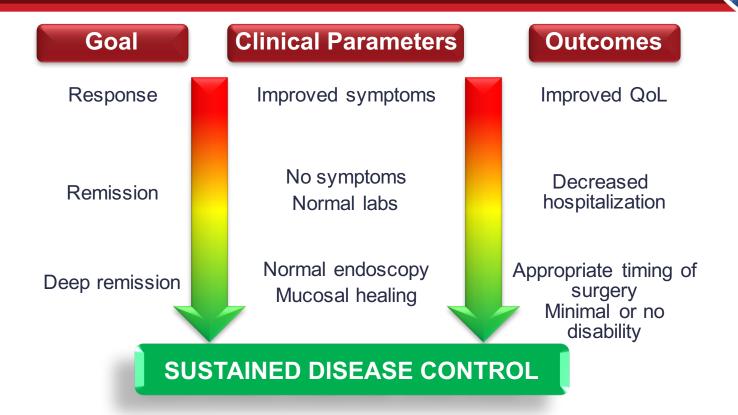
The Roadmap to Incorporation of Mucosal Healing as an Endpoint in IBD

- Define mucosal healing (MH)
- Demonstrate that MH is associated with better short-term and longer-term outcomes
- Understand which therapies can 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

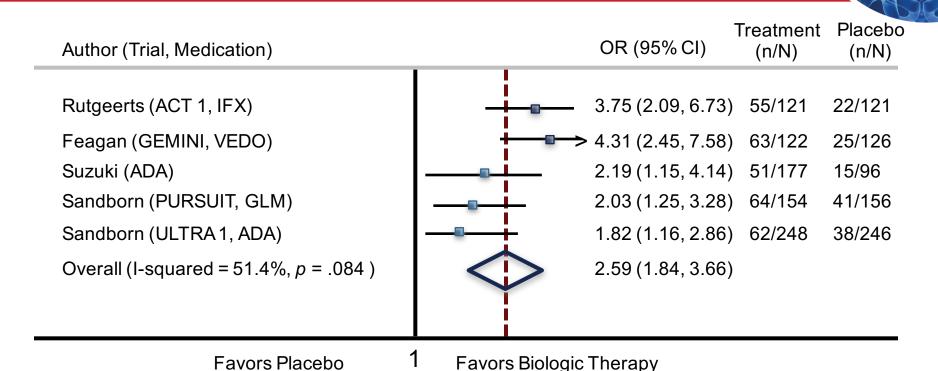
Endoscopic Indices of Severity in UC

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)

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



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



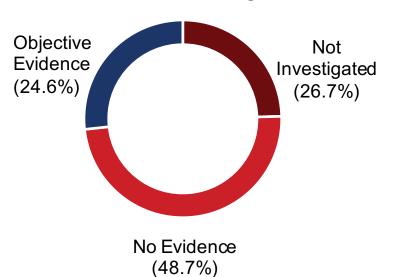
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Dose Augmentation of Anti-TNFs

- Retrospective, single-center review of N = 529 patients receiving anti-TNF for IBD
 - 195 instances of dose augmentation identified
 - Instances examined for biochemical, imaging, or endoscopic evidence of inflammation

Patient Characteristics	
Patients with dose augmentations, n	151 117 34
Mean age at diagnosis, years	25.5
Female, %	50.3

Evidence of Inflammation Among 195 Instances of Dose Augmentation



Shifts in Vedolizumab Utilization Across the United States Are Associated with Improved Outcomes

VICTORY Cohort	Crohn's Disease		Ulcerative Colitis			
	Era 1* (n = 325)	Era 2 [‡] (n = 325)	<i>P</i> Value	Era 1* (n = 182)	Era 2 [‡] (n = 255)	P Value
Disease duration, median (IQR), years	12 (6 - 21)	11 (6 - 17)	.23	6 (3 - 12)	6 (2 - 13)	.31
Hospitalized in prior 1 year, n (%)	122 (38)	113 (35)	.51	42 (23)	68 (27)	.44
Severe endoscopic disease, n (%)	81 (39)	87 (36)	.50	50 (39)	84 (41)	.73
Steroid-refractory or -dependent, n (%)	134 (41)	111 (34)	.08	103 (57)	105 (41)	< .01
No prior IS or TNF antagonist exposure, n (%)	7 (2)	23 (7)	< .01	22 (12)	59 (23)	< .01
TNF antagonist naïve, n (%)	20 (6)	40 (12)		52 (29)	91 (36)	
1 prior TNF antagonist n (%)	64 (20)	91 (28)	< .01	87 (48)	108 (42)	.37
≥2 prior TNF antagonists, n (%)	241 (74)	194 (60)		43 (24)	56 (22)	

^{*}First 12 months of VDZ launch. ‡Subsequent 24 months. Koliani-Pace J, et al. ACG 2018. Abstract P0444.

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Truven Cohort**	Crohn's Disease			Ulcerative Colitis		
	Era 1* (n = 213)	Era 2 [‡] (n = 1,232)	P value	Era 1* (n = 116)	Era 2 [‡] (n = 1,013)	P Value
Disease duration, median (interquartile range), years	2.4 (1.2 - 5.6)	2.9 (1.3 - 5.1)	.38	2 (1.3 - 3.5)	2.4 (1 - 4)	.42
Hospitalized in prior 1 year, n (%)	48 (23)	228 (19)	.17	19 (16)	122 (11)	.19
No prior IS or TNF antagonist exposure, n (%)	43 (20)	223 (18)	.47	20 (17)	257 (25)	.05
TNF antagonist naïve, n (%)	61 (29)	339 (28)		28 (24)	382 (38)	
1 prior TNF antagonist n (%)	89 (42)	617 (50)	.04	50 (43)	471 (47)	< .01
≥2 prior TNF antagonists, n (%)	63 (30)	276 (22)		38 (33)	160 (16)	

^{*}First 12 months of VDZ launch. ‡Subsequent 24 months.

^{**}For Truven cohort, patients were TNF antagonist naïve during run-in period (≥ 6 months and at most 16.5 years). Koliani-Pace J, et al. ACG 2018. Abstract P0444.

Therapeutic Drug Monitoring: Real-World Experience



Methods

- Therapeutic drug monitoring performed in patients with symptoms or endoscopic, biologic markers of active IBD (N = 341) despite treatment with biologics
 - Biologics: TNF inhibitors, ustekinumab, or vedolizumab
 - 70% of patients had CD

Results

- 2.9% (10/341) had antidrug antibodies, all 10 were anti-TNF antibodies
 - No anti-vedolizumab (0/67) or anti-ustekinumab (0/57) antibodies



Of those with antidrug antibodies,
 90% were switched to another biologic



Of those switched, 75% achieved clinical remission