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# Revolutionizing Iron Deficiency Therapy in Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVE

# 1

Incorporate comprehensive screening tests for iron deficiency in patients with IBD based on principles of iron deficiency pathophysiology and the prevalence of iron deficiency anemia in patients with IBD

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## 2

Evaluate the distinctions among IV iron products including current and emerging clinical trial data on efficacy, safety, and AEs such as hypersensitivity for patients with IBD

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# 3

Assess the use of IV iron in  
the pediatric IBD setting

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## 4

Develop patient-centered care plans with the use of shared decision-making with patients with iron deficiency and IBD, factoring in individual patient preferences and characteristics to optimize adherence and outcomes



# Audience Response

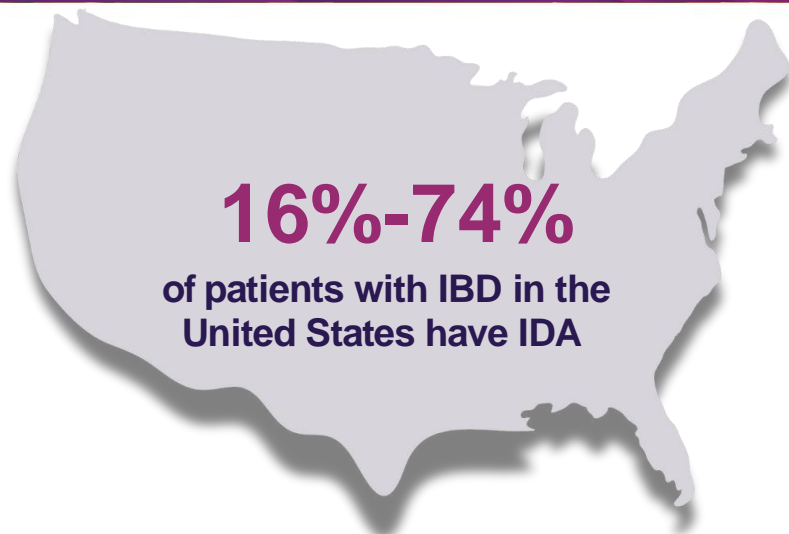
**How confident do you feel in your ability to identify a patient with IBD in need of iron treatment for iron deficiency or iron deficiency anemia?**

- A. Not confident at all
- B. Somewhat confident
- C. Confident
- D. Extremely confident

# Pathophysiology and Diagnosis



# Anemia Is the Most Common Extraintestinal Manifestation of IBD

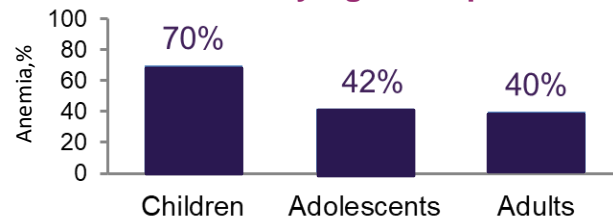


Symptoms: fatigue, headaches, dizziness,  
reduced exercise tolerance, palpitations

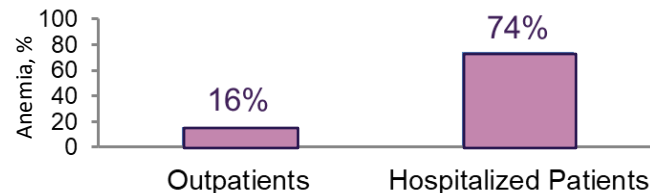
Additional pediatric symptoms: irritability, impaired  
school performance, anorexia, pica

## Prevalence of Iron Deficiency Anemia in Patients with IBD

### By Age Group



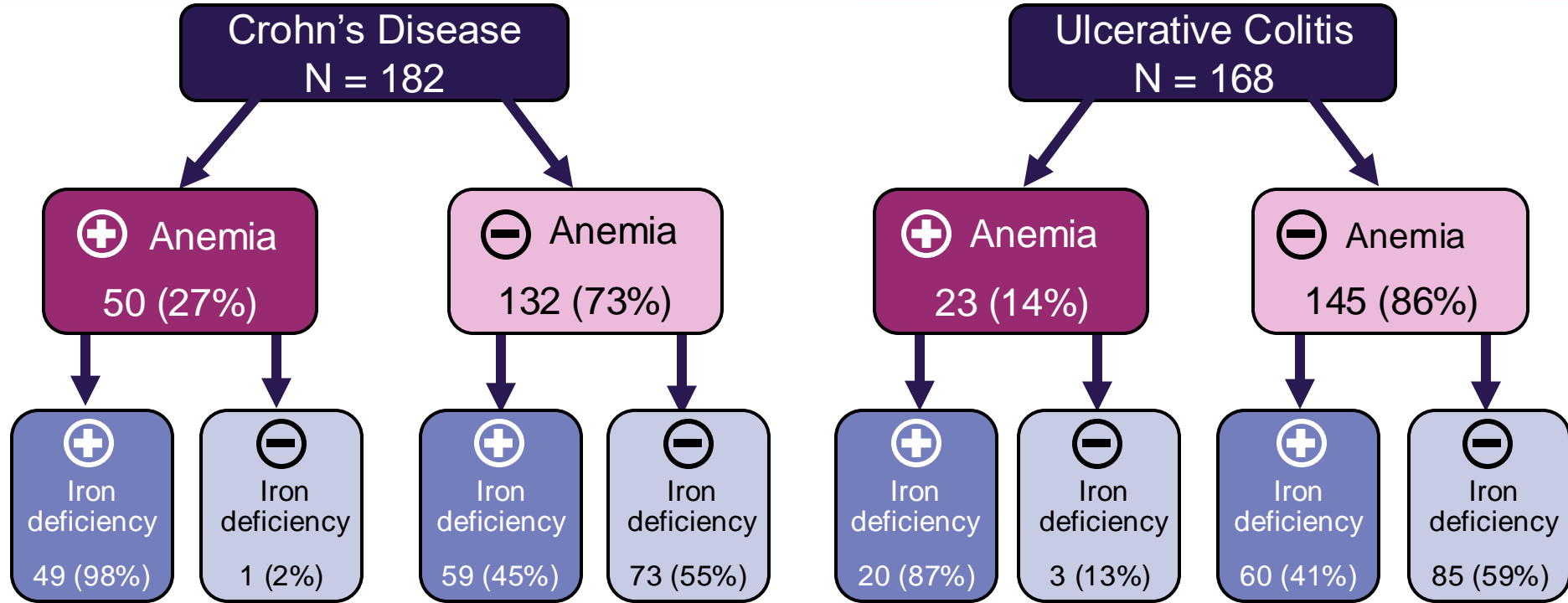
### By Hospitalization Status (Adults)



IBD = inflammatory bowel disease; IDA = iron deficiency anemia.

Gisbert JP, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2008;103(5):1299-1307. Goodhand JR, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis*. 2012;18(3):513-519. Koutroubakis IE, et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol*. 2015;13(10):1760-1766. Patel D, et al. *Curr Treat Options Gastroenterol*. 2018;16(1):112-128.

# Iron Deficiency and Iron Deficiency Anemia Are Common at IBD Onset



\*Note the loss of two patients from the UC cohort, who were anemic but did not have iron indices available

\*\*In the non-IBD cohort, 13 (6%) were anemic, with iron deficiency in 11 of these

Rimmer P, et al. *J Crohns Colitis*. 2024;18(Suppl 1):i820–i821.

# World Health Organization (WHO) Definitions of Anemia by Hgb Level, Stratified by Age and Sex

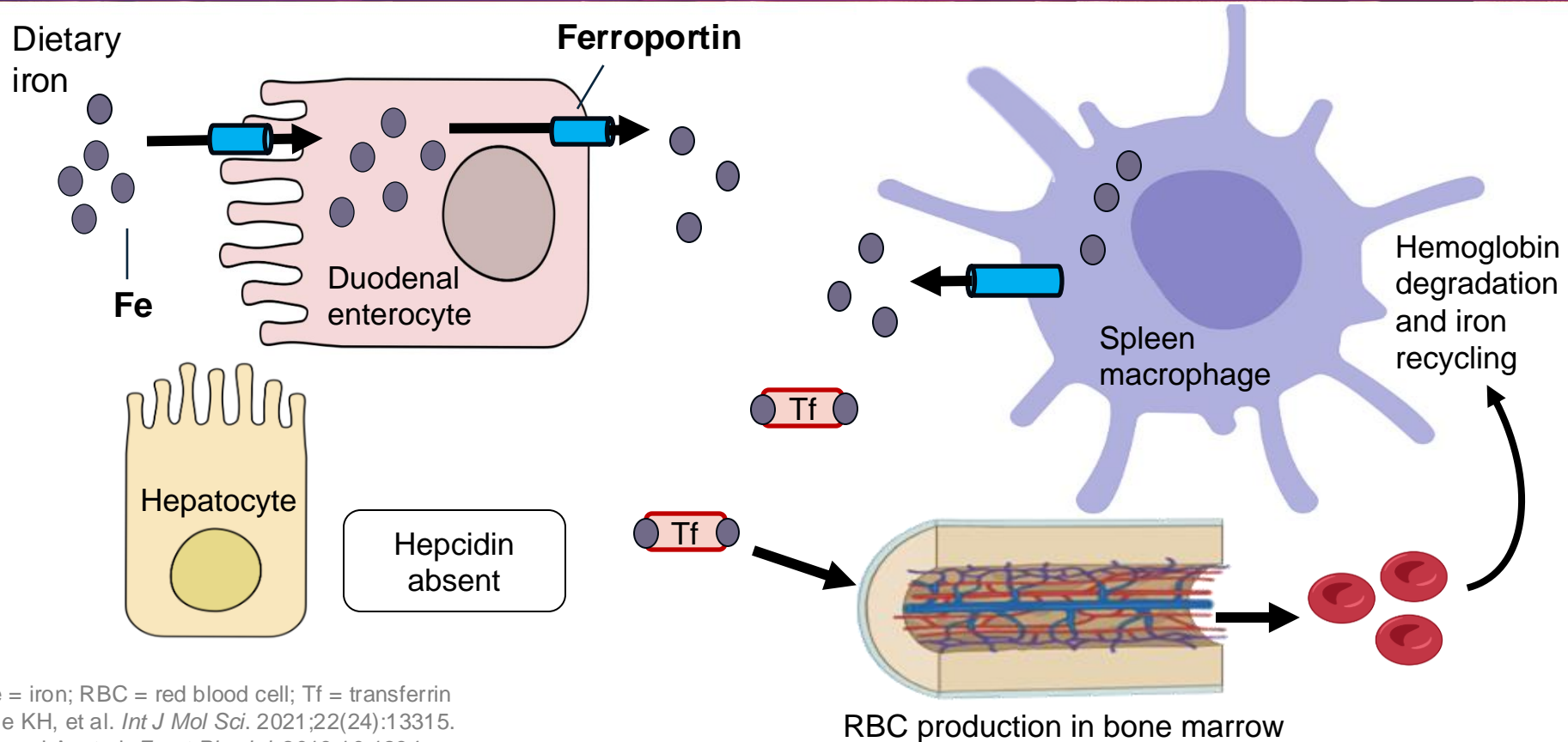
Age		Healthy Hgb, g/dL	Mild Anemia Hgb, g/dL	Moderate Anemia Hgb, g/dL	Severe Anemia Hgb, g/dL
Pediatric	0.5 – < 5 years	≥ 11	10–10.9	7–9.9	< 7
	5-11 years	≥ 11.5	11–11.4	8–10.9	< 8
	12-14 years	≥ 12.0	11–11.9	8–10.9	< 8
Adult males, ≥ 15 years		≥ 13	11–12.9	8–10.9	< 8
Adult females, nonpregnant (≥ 15 years)		≥ 12	11–11.9	8–10.9	< 8
Pregnant women		≥ 11	10–10.9	7–9.9	< 7

Hgb = hemoglobin

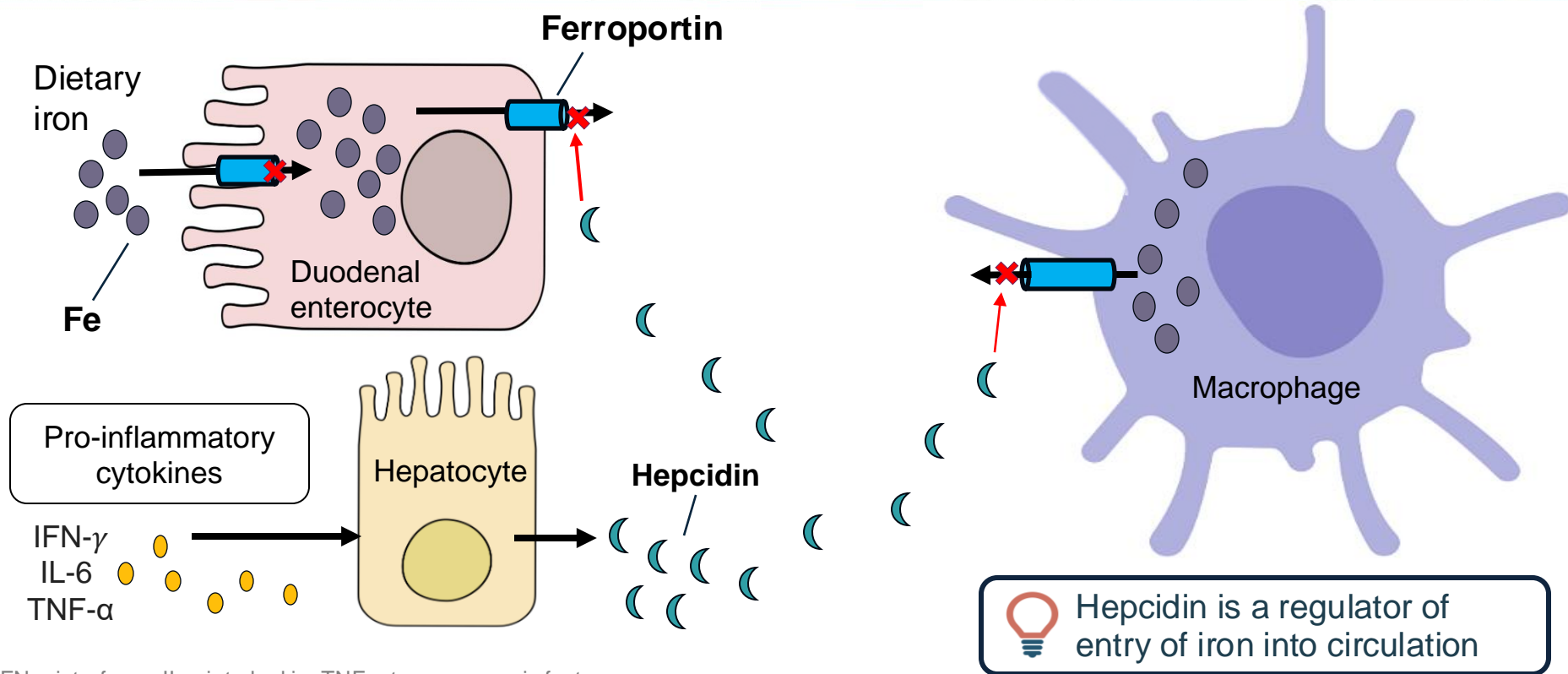
Forbes A, et al. *Clin Nutr.* 2017;36(2):321-347. Goyal A, et al. *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr.* 2020;71(4):563-582.



# Normal Iron Metabolism and Transport



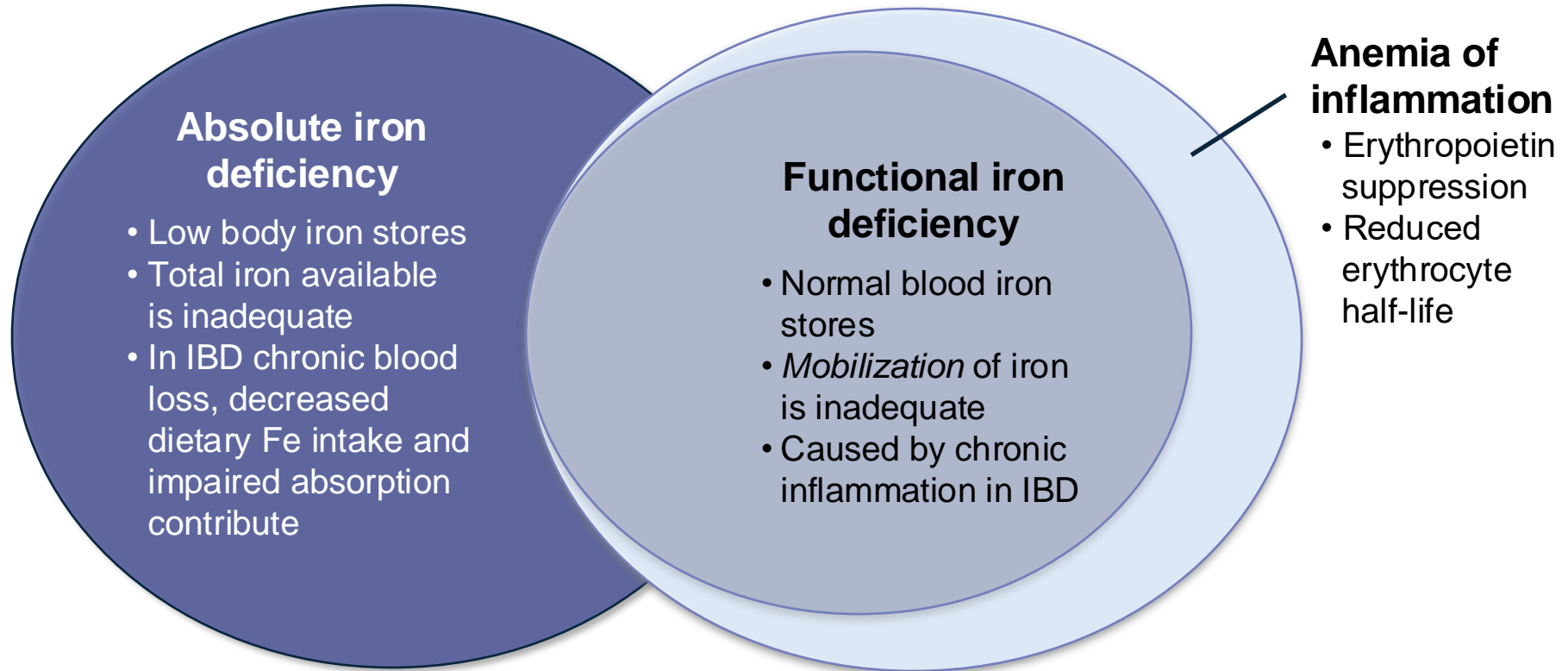
# Inflammation Reduces Iron Availability



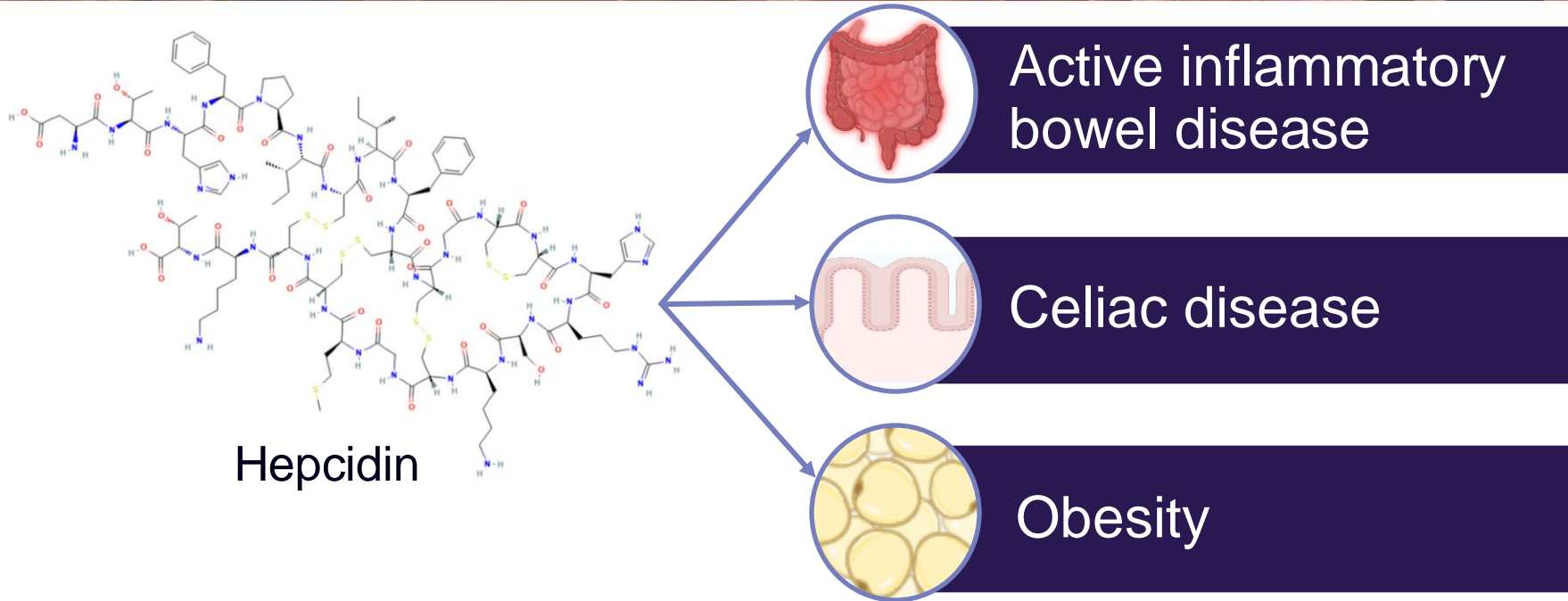
IFN = interferon; IL = interleukin; TNF = tumor necrosis factor.

Ganz T, et al. *Biochim Biophys Acta*. 2012;1823(9):1434-1443. Lee KH, et al. *Int J Mol Sci*. 2021;22(24):13315. Pagani A, et al. *Front Physiol*. 2019;10:1294.

# Iron Deficiency Anemia in IBD Is Multifactorial

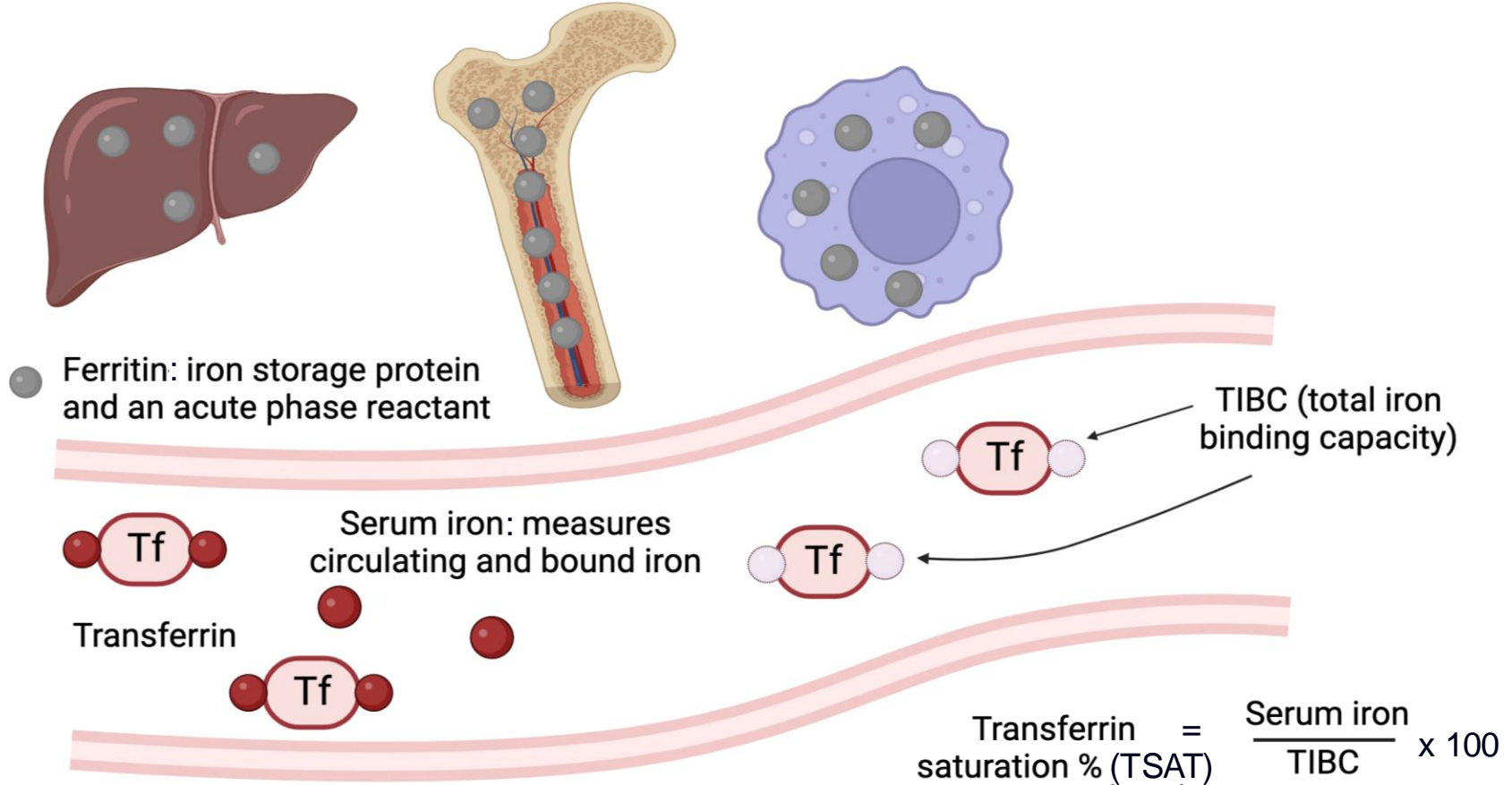


# Hepcidin is Elevated in Chronic Inflammatory Conditions



Elevated hepcidin levels have been observed in patients with active IBD, celiac disease, and obesity

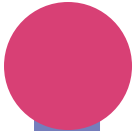
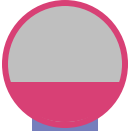
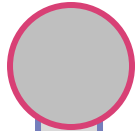
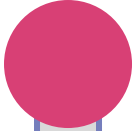
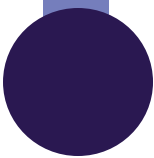
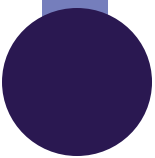
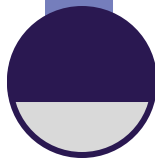
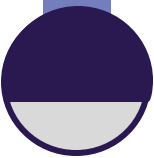
# Interpreting Iron Studies





# Total Body Iron Status With and Without Inflammation

## Comparative Effects on Serum Ferritin, TSAT, and Hgb

	Inflammation			
	Normal	Iron Depletion	Absolute Iron Deficiency	Functional Iron Deficiency
<b>Ferritin</b> → <b>Storage iron</b> <b>TSAT</b> → <b>Transport iron</b> <b>Hgb</b> → <b>Erythron iron</b>				
				
<b>Ferritin, ng/dL</b>	100 ± 60	< 25*	< 10*	> 100
<b>TSAT, %</b>	35 ± 15	< 30	< 20	< 20
<b>Hemoglobin, g/dL</b>	Normal	Normal	Low	Low

\*American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) 2020 Guidelines Management of IDA in IBD recommend use of ferritin 45 ng/mL as the cutoff value in the *absence* of active inflammation.

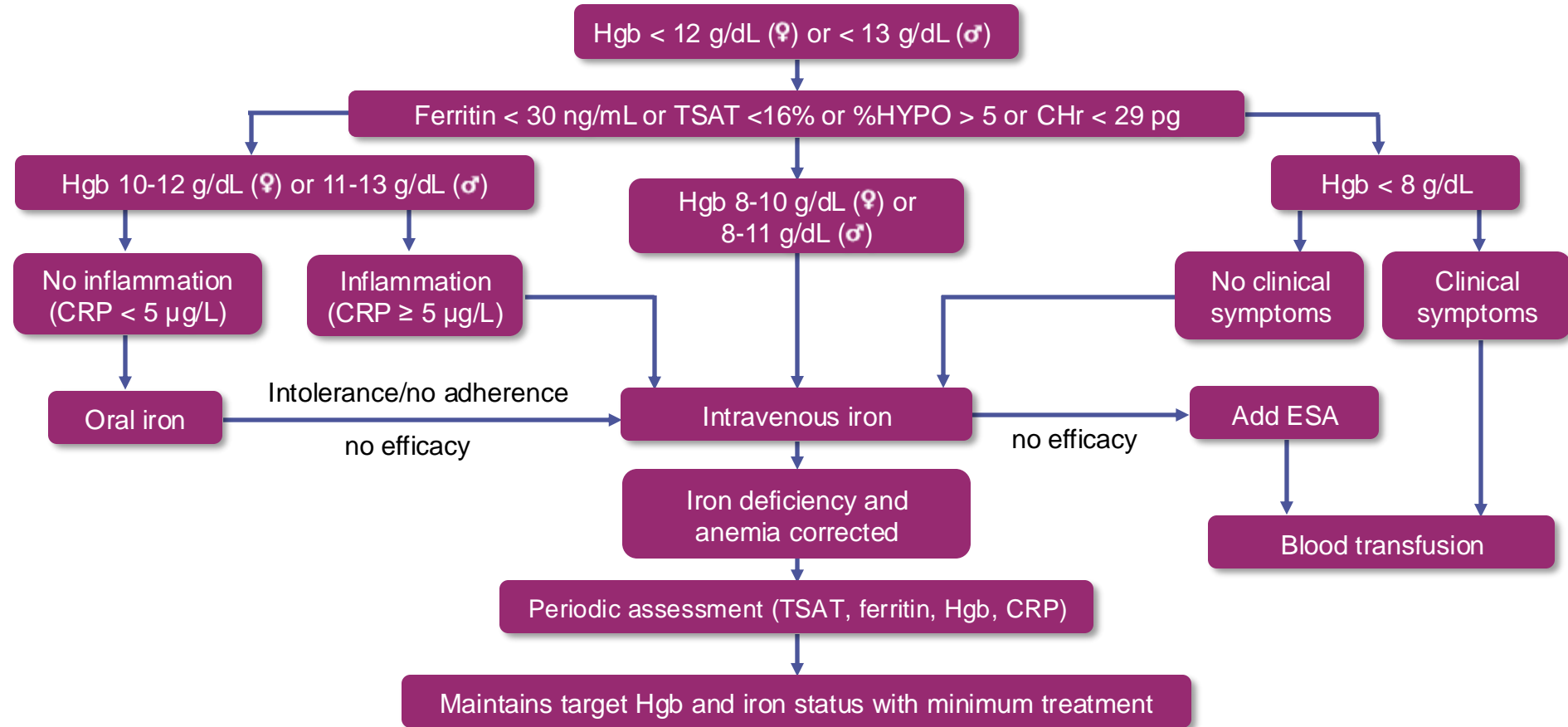
\*\*Inflammatory states permit higher ferritin to qualify as iron deficiency

Adapted from Crichton RR, et al. *Iron Therapy with Special Emphasis on Intravenous Administration*. 4th ed. 2008. Ko CW, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2020;159(3):1096.

# ECCO 2023 Guidelines on EIM Management: Anemia in IBD

- ▶ Patients with IBD should be regularly assessed for anemia
  - ▶ Every 3 months in active disease
  - ▶ Every 6-12 months in remission or mild disease
- ▶ Diagnostic criteria
  - ▶ Ferritin > 100 µg/L and TSAT < 16%
  - ▶ If serum ferritin level is between 30 and 100 µg/L, combination of true iron deficiency and ACD is likely

# ECCO Guidelines: Workup for the management of iron deficiency anemia in patients with IBD



# Diagnosis and Treatment Planning

## Initial testing in patients with symptoms of anemia

- CBC, ferritin, CRP, TSAT, reticulocyte count

## Timing of re-evaluation once iron treatment is started

- Assess response in 4 weeks

## Treatment target with oral or IV iron replacement

- Normalization of iron indices
- For iron deficiency anemia increase of Hgb by at least 2 g/dL from baseline

## If target not met after 4 weeks

- Escalate therapy (i.e., change oral iron to IV) or refer to hematology, consider patient non-adherence in oral (PO) treatment or if patient unable to tolerate PO iron

## Underlying causes should be treated

- Active inflammation in IBD, poor dietary intake, etc.

# Treatment Options





# Oral Iron: Advantages and Disadvantages



- ▶ Indicated in **inactive IBD** and mild anemia
- ▶ No strong evidence that any of the available OTC oral formulations are more effective or better tolerated than the others (ferric maltol may have fewer GI side effects)
- ▶ AEs: gastric irritation, nausea, flatulence, epigastric discomfort, and constipation
  - ▶ Up to 70% of patients report GI side effects
  - ▶ AEs lower actual adherence rates to 10%-32%

Benefits: inexpensive, accessible, low risk of *serious* AEs

Limitations: high rate of AEs (potential adherence issues), effectiveness impacted by inflammation

AEs = adverse events; GI = gastrointestinal; OTC = over-the-counter.

Goldberg ND. *Clin Exp Gastroenterol*. 2013;6:61-70. Patel D, et al. *Curr Treat Options Gastroenterol*. 2018;16(1):112-128. Tolken Z, et al. *PLoS One*. 2015;10(2):e0117383.

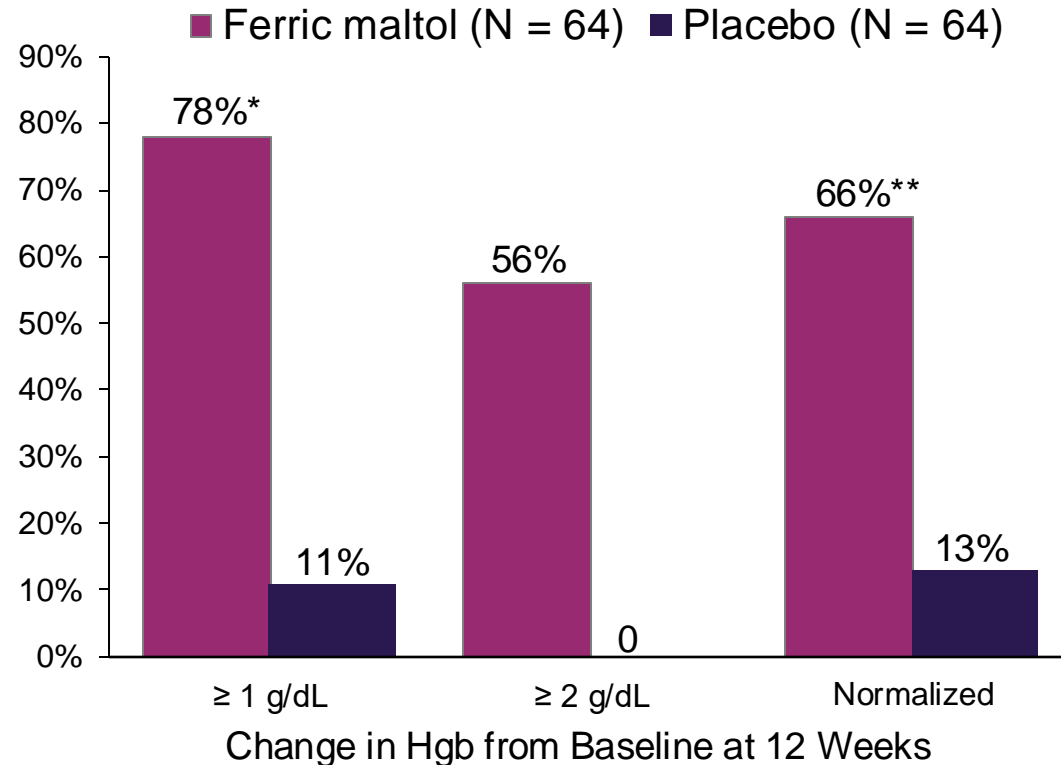
# Oral Iron Preparations

Formulation	Dosage Form	Dose
Ferrous fumarate	324/325 mg tab = 106 mg elemental Fe	100-200 mg/day
Ferrous gluconate	240 mg tab = 27 mg elemental Fe 300 mg tab = 36 mg elemental Fe 324/325 mg tab = 39 mg elemental Fe	2-3 mg/kg elemental Fe/day
Ferrous sulfate	324/325 mg tab = 65 mg elemental Fe 160 mg (extended release) = 50 mg elemental Fe 220 mg/5 mL oral elixir = contains 44 mg elemental iron per 5 mL 75 mg/mL oral solution = contains 15 mg elemental iron per mL	150-750 mg/day
Polysaccharide iron complex	150 mg tab = 150 mg elemental Fe	150-300 mg/day
Ferric maltol	30 mg tablet = 30 mg elemental Fe	30 mg 2 times/day

# Ferric Maltol Efficacy and Tolerability Compared to Placebo

- ▶ Newer oral iron preparation created from a stable complex of ferric iron ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ) with trimaltol
- ▶ Patients with quiescent or mild/moderate IBD and mild/moderate IDA
- ▶ Adverse events
  - ▶ Placebo: 72%
  - ▶ Ferric maltol: 58%

## Clinical Response After 12 Weeks



\*41.8 (95% CI: 13.5–129.9)

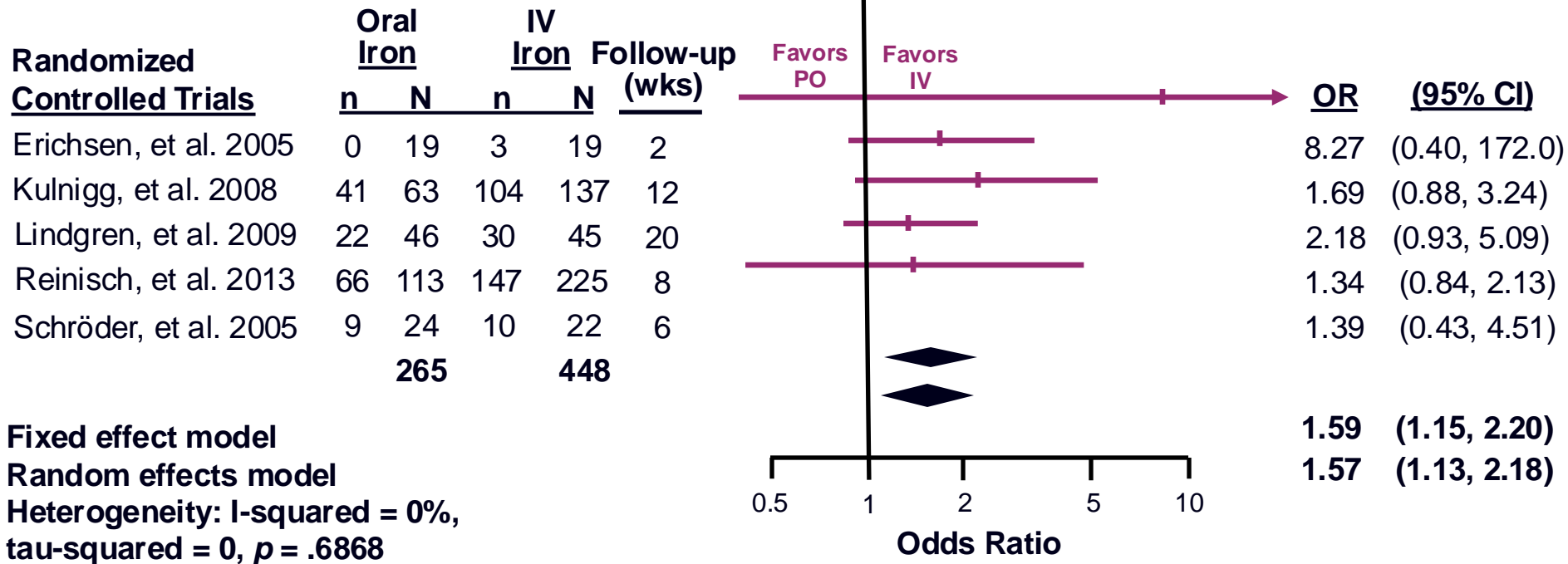
\*\*OR: 15.3 (95% CI: 5.9–39.3)

CI = confidence interval; OR = odds ratio

Gasche C, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis*. 2015;21(3):579-588.

# IV Iron Demonstrates Higher Efficacy in Achieving Hemoglobin Rise of $\geq 2.0$ g/dL

Hemoglobin response results from individual studies and meta-analysis

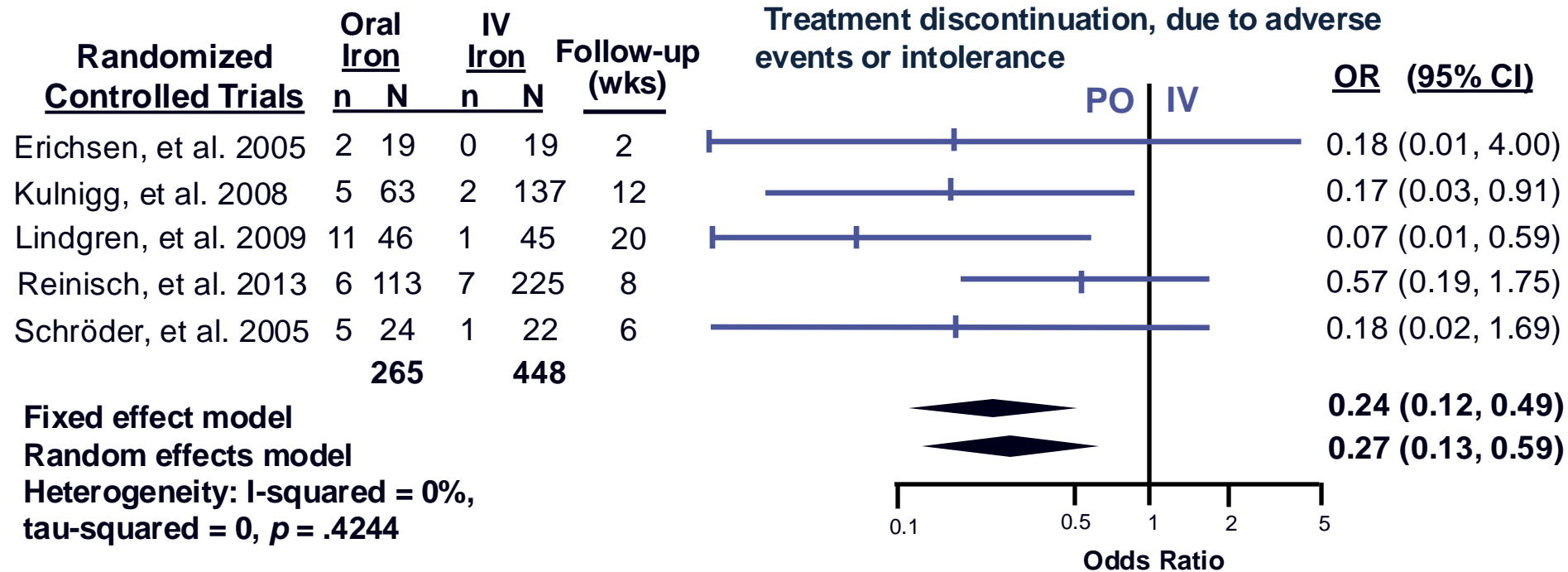


Response defined as Hgb rise of  $\geq 2.0$  g/dL

Bonovas S, et al. *Medicine (Baltimore)*. 2016;95(2):e2308.

# Lower Rates of Discontinuation Due to Adverse Events Seen with IV Iron

- Treatment discontinuation rate was lower in the IV iron groups (2.5%) overall compared to the oral iron groups (10.9%) overall





# IV Iron: Advantages and Disadvantages





## Advantages

- ▶ More effective than oral iron in setting of inflammation due to ability to overcome hepcidin block
- ▶ More rapid correction of anemia with associated symptomatic resolution
- ▶ Able to administer high doses in a single infusion
- ▶ Can be administered during scheduled biologics
- ▶ Minimal GI intolerance



## Disadvantages

- ▶ Initial costs may be higher than oral iron
- ▶ Mandates an IV infusion
- ▶ Associated with rare cases of allergic or infusion reactions
- ▶ May require repeat IV infusions with certain IV formulations
- ▶ Hypophosphatemia may be increased with ferric carboxymaltose, ferric derisomaltose

IV Iron Product	Dosing and Administration	FDA-approved in Pediatrics?
<b>Iron dextran</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 mg IV push daily or as total dose infusion*</li> <li>• Minimum 1-hour infusion time</li> </ul>	 Age ≥ 4 months
<b>Ferric gluconate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125 mg or 250 mg (adults) or 1.5 mg/kg in pediatric patients</li> <li>• 1-hour infusion weekly for up to 8 weeks</li> </ul>	 Age ≥ 6 years
<b>Iron sucrose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100-400 mg; dose may be repeated based on clinical response and iron indices</li> <li>• Slow IV injection or as a 15-minute infusion</li> </ul>	 Age ≥ 2 years
<b>Ferric carboxymaltose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight ≥ 50 kg: 1,000 mg (single dose) or 750 mg infusion x 2 doses (total 1,500 mg) at least 7 days apart</li> <li>• Weight &lt; 50 kg: 15 mg/kg x 2 doses at least 7 days apart</li> <li>• 15-minute infusion</li> </ul>	 Age ≥ 1 year
<b>Ferumoxytol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 510 mg with a second 510 mg dose 3-8 days later</li> <li>• 15-minute infusion</li> </ul>	<b>Not approved</b>
<b>Ferric derisomaltose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,000 mg, given over at least 20 minutes</li> </ul>	<b>Not approved</b>

\*Doses up to 2,000 mg have been reported in patients with IBD

Anand IS, et al. *Circulation*. 2018;138(1):80-98. Bohm N. *Am J Manag Care*. 2021;27(Suppl 11):S211-S218. Injectafer® (ferric carboxymaltose injection) [package insert].

Shirley, NY: American Regent, Inc. Revised 2018. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2018/203565s005lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2018/203565s005lbl.pdf). Koutroubakis IE, et al. *Dig Dis Sci*. 2010;55(8):2327-2331. Monoferic (ferric derisomaltose injection) [package insert]. Holbaek, Denmark: Pharmacosmos A/S. Revised 2020.

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FDA = U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

IV Iron Product	Common Adverse Drug Effects	Warnings
<b>Iron dextran</b>	Pruritis, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea	Black box: fatal and serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis
<b>Ferric gluconate</b>	Chest pain, leg cramps, dizziness, dyspnea, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea	Hypersensitivity reactions, hypotension, benzyl alcohol toxicity
<b>Iron sucrose</b>	Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache, hypotension, pruritus	Hypersensitivity reactions, hypotension
<b>Ferric carboxymaltose</b>	Nausea, hypertension, hypophosphatemia, flushing	Hypersensitivity reactions, symptomatic hypophosphatemia, hypertension
<b>Ferumoxytol</b>	Dizziness, hypotension, constipation, nausea	Black box: fatal and serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis Can mimic iron overload on cross sectional imaging
<b>Ferric derisomaltose</b>	Nausea, injection site reactions, rash, hypotension, hypophosphatemia	Hypersensitivity reactions

\*At-risk populations for hypophosphatemia: elderly, pre-existing vitamin D deficiency, hyperparathyroidism, lower body weight, normal renal function

Anand IS, et al. *Circulation*. 2018;138(1):80-98. Monoferric (ferric derisomaltose injection) [package insert]. Holbaek, Denmark: Pharmacosmos A/S. Revised 2020. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2020/208171s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2020/208171s000lbl.pdf).

# Improved Safety With Next-Generation IV Iron Products

- ▶ Misconception that IV iron is unsafe, largely predicated on data from older, high-molecular-weight, dextran iron formulations that are no longer available
- ▶ Third-/next-generation IV iron products not associated with same risk as older formulations

	Rate of Anaphylaxis/ Anaphylactoid Reactions
Low molecular weight iron dextran	0.6%
<b>Third-Gen IV Iron Products</b>	
Ferric carboxymaltose	0.1%
Ferumoxytol	0.2%
Ferric derisomaltose	0.3%

Akheumonkhan E, et al. *BMJ Open Gastroenterol.* 2017;4(1):e000155. Avni T, et al. *Mayo Clin Proc.* 2015;90(1):12-23. DeLoughery TG. *Acta Haematol.* 2019;142(1):8-12. Injectafer® (ferric carboxymaltose injection) [package insert]. Shirley, NY: American Regent, Inc. Revised 2018. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2018/203565s005lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2018/203565s005lbl.pdf). Feraheme® (ferumoxytol injection) [package insert]. Lexington, MA: AMAG Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Revised 2022. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2022/022180s025lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2022/022180s025lbl.pdf). Monoferic (ferric derisomaltose injection) [package insert]. Holbaek, Denmark: Pharmacosmos A/S. Revised 2020. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2020/208171s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2020/208171s000lbl.pdf). Nikraves N, et al. *Nanomedicine.* 2020;26:102178. Wang C, et al. *JAMA.* 2015;314(19):2062-2068.

# Third Generation Iron Products Less Frequently Cause Serious Infusion Reactions

	Total	Iron Sucrose	LMW iron dextran*	Ferumoxytol	FCM	p value
Iron Reactions	1,389 / 35,737 (3.9%)	970 / 22,309 (4.3%)	345 / 9,067 (3.8%)	57 / 3,147 (1.8%)	17 / 1,214 (1.4%)	< .001

	Total doses, N	Infusion Reactions, N (%)	No Infusion reaction N (%)	p value
Rates of infusion reaction by premedication status				
Premedication given	2,157	833 (38.6)	1,324 (61.4)	< .001
No premedication given	33,580	556 (1.7)	33,024 (98.3)	
Rates of infusion reaction in iron dextran group by test-dose status				
Full dose only	7,296	279 (3.8)	7,017 (96.2)	.90
Test and full dose intended	1,771	66 (3.7)	1,705 (96.3)	
Test dose only**	56	29 (51.8)	27 (48.2)	NA

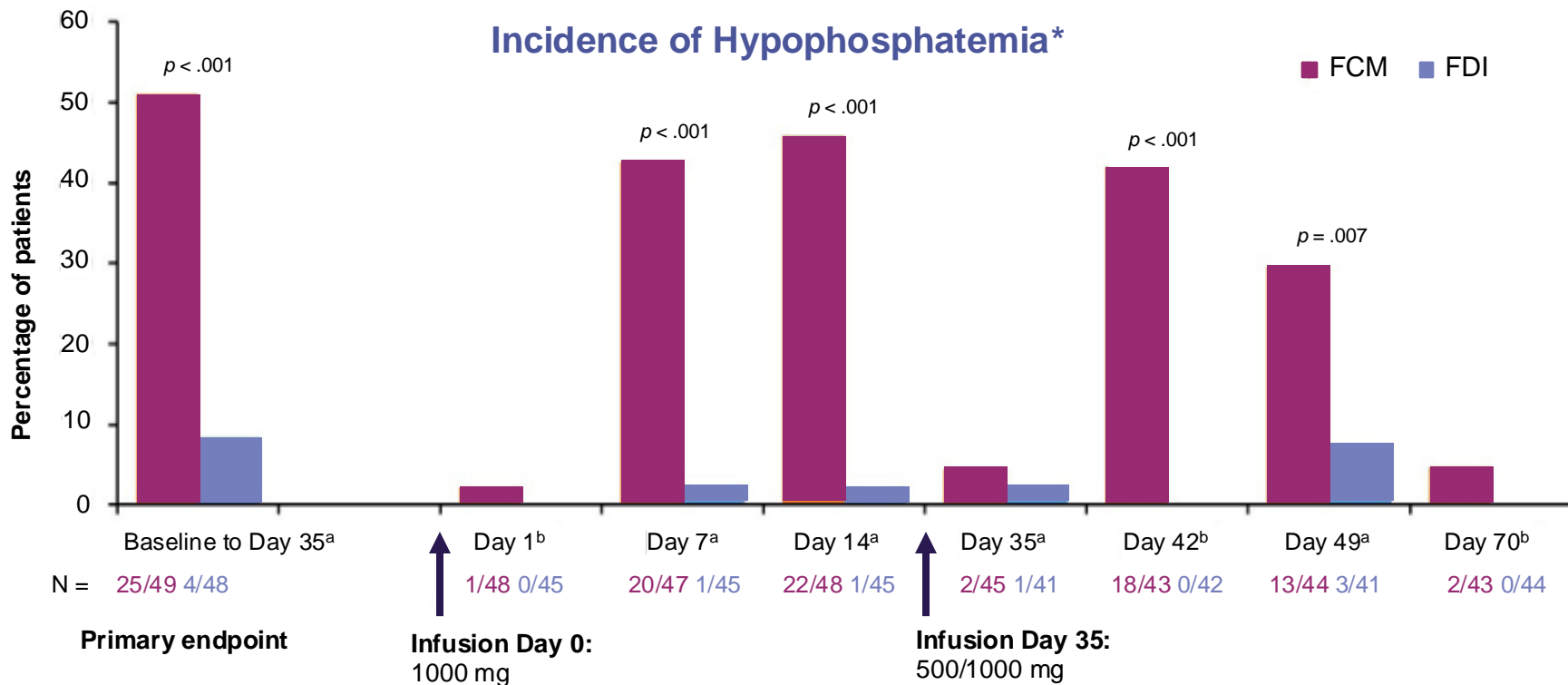
Iron reaction defined as use of epinephrine, diphenhydramine, famotidine, and/or hydrocortisone within 24 hours post infusion.

\*Includes combined test and full, full dose alone, and test dose alone.

\*\*Test dose—only patients are included in the test and full dose intended category above. Twenty-seven patients did not have infusion reactions but also did not go on to receive the intended full dose within 24 hours.

FCM= ferric carboxymaltose; LMW = low-molecular weight.

# Hypophosphatemia Following Ferric Derisomaltose and Ferric Carboxymaltose



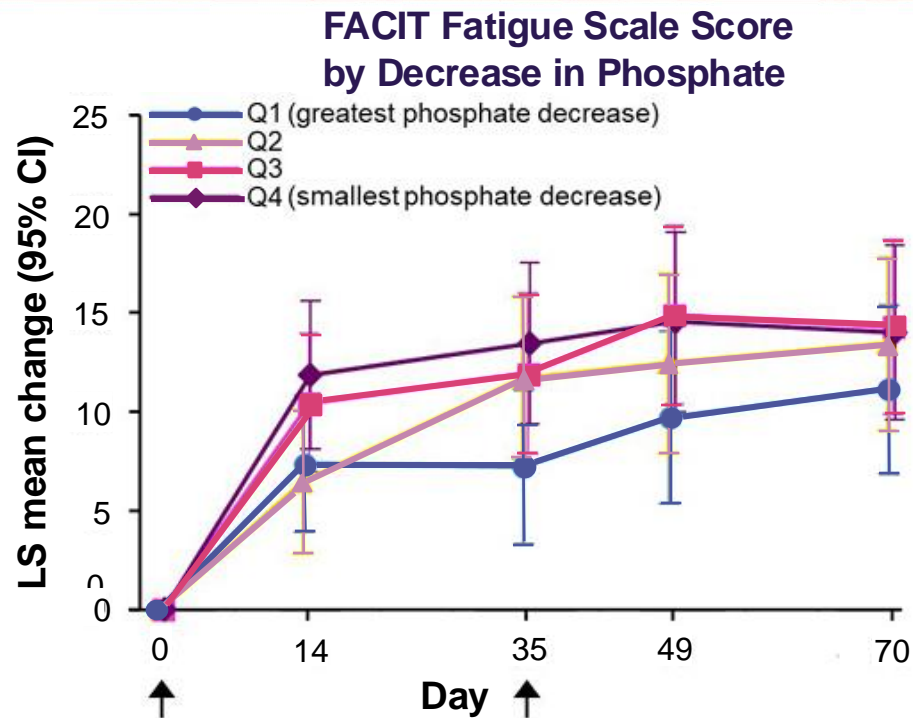
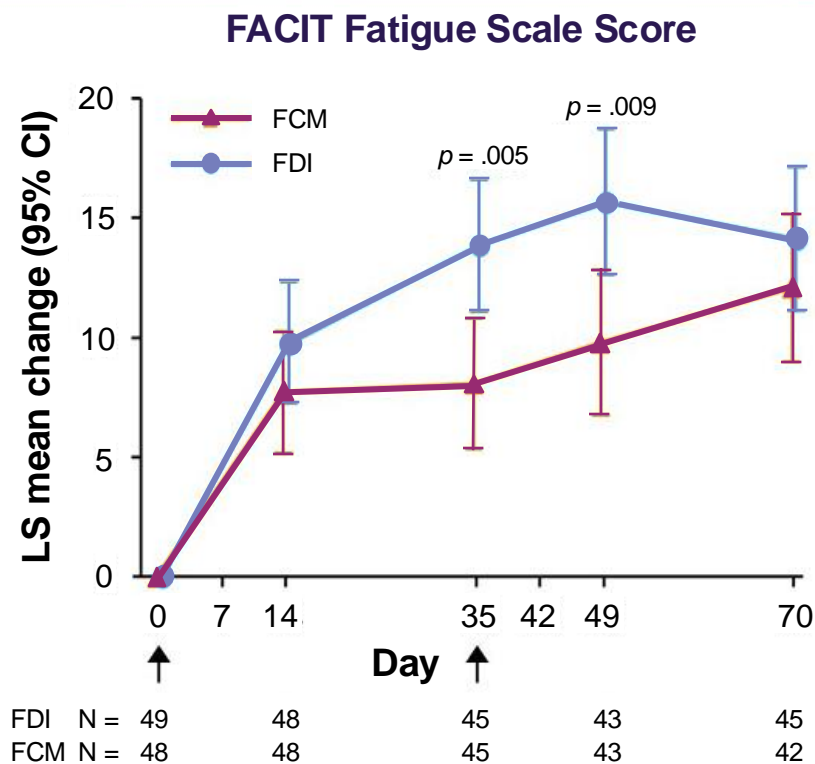
\*Hypophosphatemia defined as phosphate < 2.0 mg/dl at any time after 1st dose to day 35

FDI = ferric derisomaltose.

Zoller H, et al. *Gut*. 2023;72(4):644-653.



# FACIT Fatigue Scale Scores and by Decrease in Phosphate Rates with FCM vs. FDI



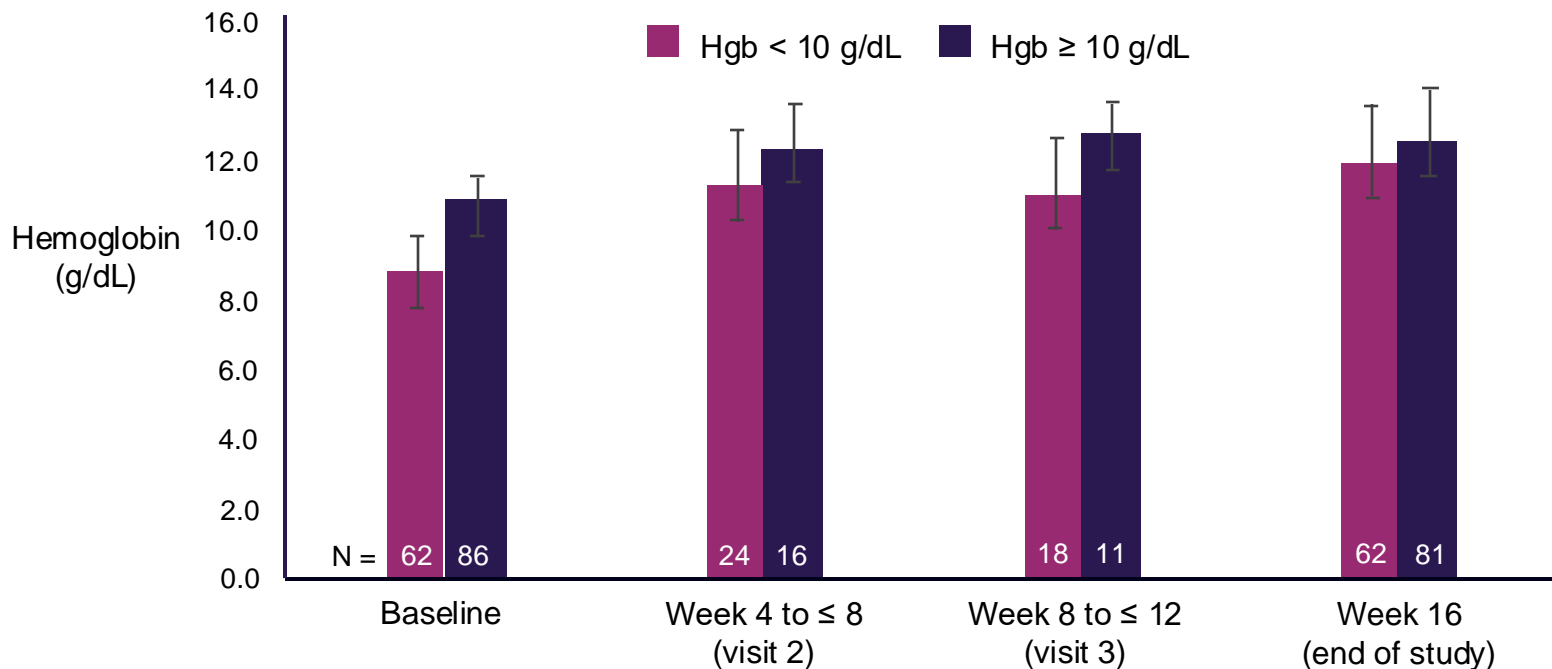
FACIT= Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy; LS= least square.

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# Treatment with Ferric Carboxymaltose is Effective with Higher and Lower Baseline Hgb

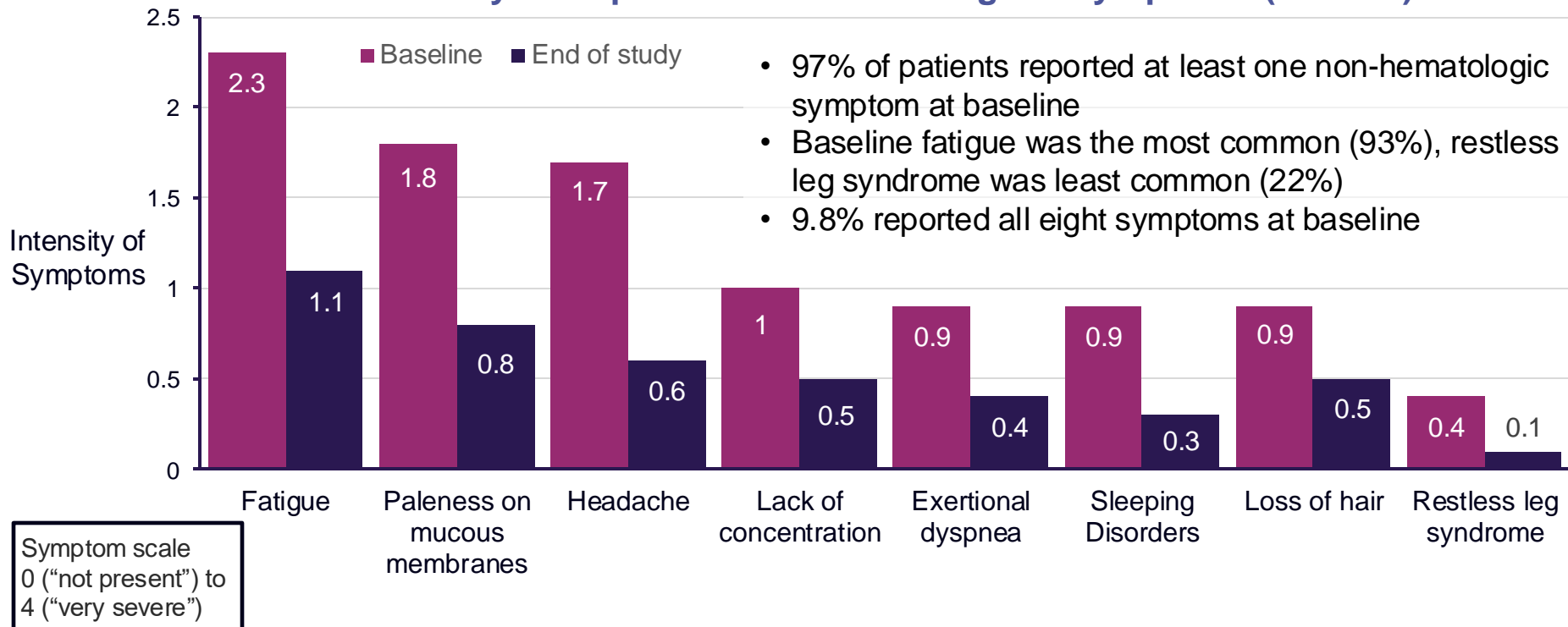
- In all subgroups, the mean increase in Hgb was statistically significant

## Visit-by-Visit Changes in Hemoglobin Levels from Baseline to End of Study (N = 148)

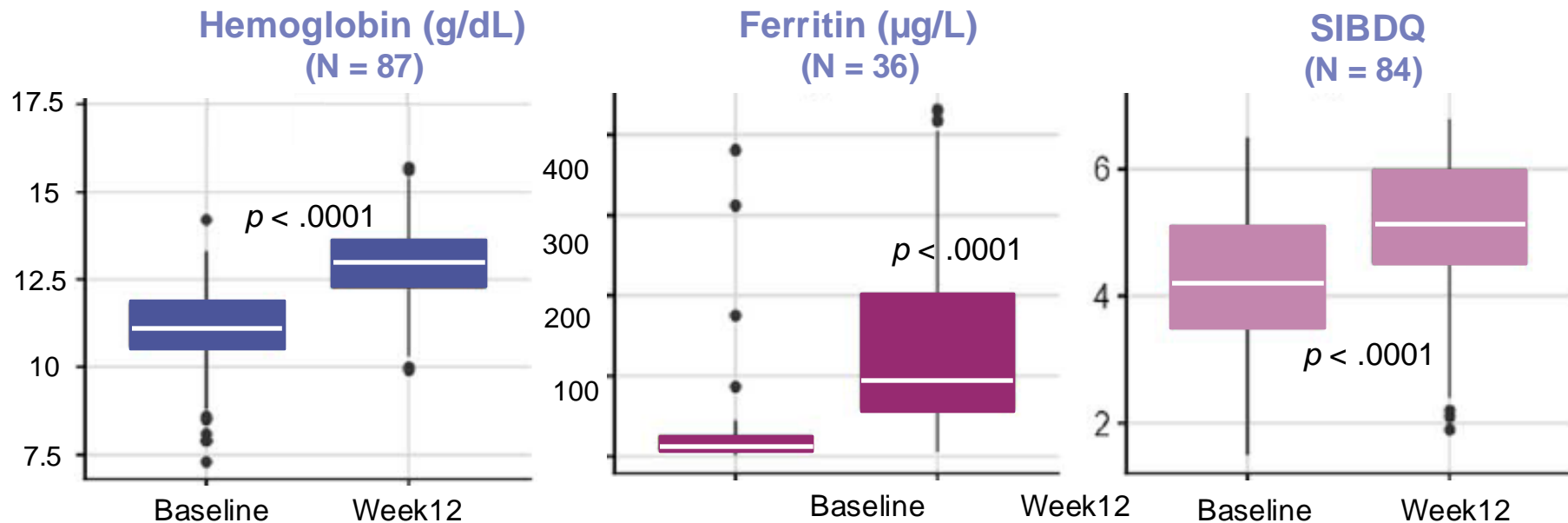


# FCM Treatment Improved Non-Hematologic Symptoms of IDA in Patients with IBD

Mean Intensity of Reported Non-hematological Symptoms (N = 148)

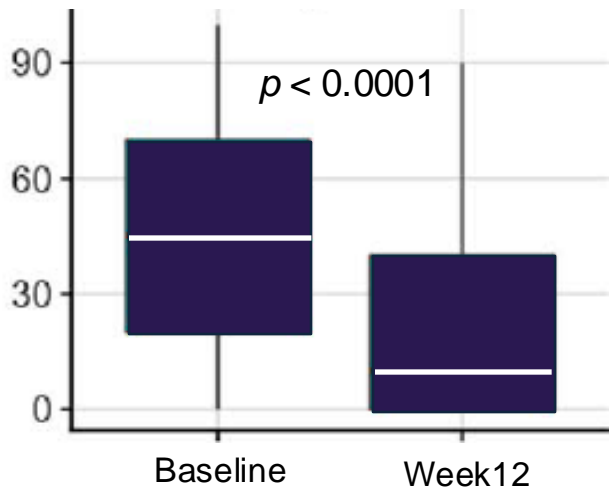


# Treatment with Ferric Derisomaltose in Patients with IBD and IDA Improved Hematologic and QoL Parameters

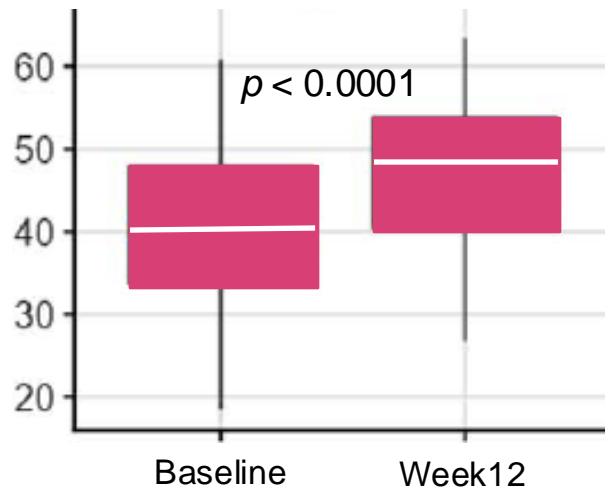


# Treatment with Ferric Derisomaltose in Patients with IBD and IDA Associated with Improved QoL and Work Productivity Measures

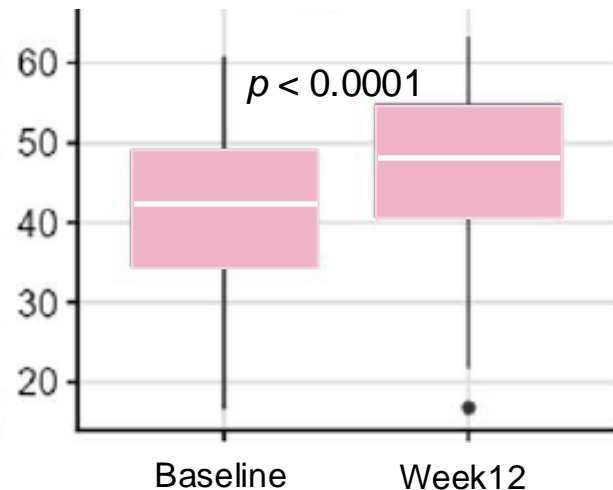
WPAI IBD  
(N = 79)



SF-12 MCS  
(N = 82)



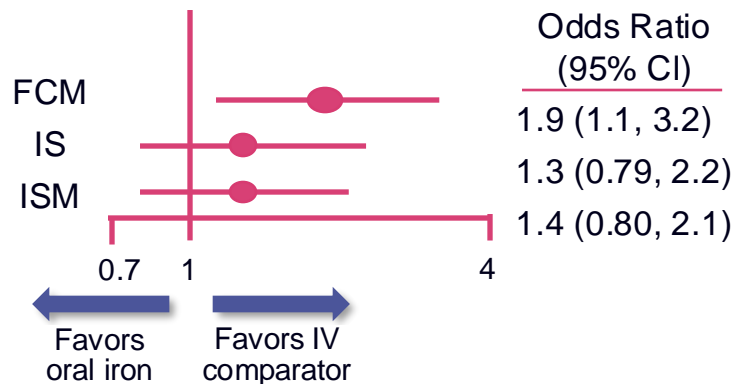
SF-12 PCS  
(N = 82)



# Systematic Review and Network Meta-analysis

## Comparative Efficacy of IV Iron Formulations

\*Compared with oral iron



### Conclusions

FCM was the most effective IV iron formulation, followed by iron sucrose. In addition, FCM tended to be better tolerated. Thus, nanocolloidal IV iron products exhibit unique therapeutic and safety characteristics and are not interchangeable.

- ▶ 5 randomized controlled trials (N = 1,143)
- ▶ Agents studied
  - ▶ Ferric carboxymaltose (FCM)
  - ▶ Iron sucrose (IS)
  - ▶ Iron isomaltoside (ISM, i.e., derisomaltose)
  - ▶ Did not include dextran, ferumoxytol, or sodium ferric gluconate
- ▶ Only ferric carboxymaltose was significantly more effective than oral iron in achieving Hgb normalization (OR: 1.9; 95% CI: 1.1–3.2)
- ▶ Rank probabilities showed FCM to be most effective, followed by iron sucrose, iron isomaltoside, and oral iron

\*Primary outcome was therapy response, defined as Hb normalization or increase  $\geq 2$  g/dL.

IS = iron sucrose; ISM = iron isomaltoside.

Aksan A, et al. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther.* 2017;45(10):1303-1318.



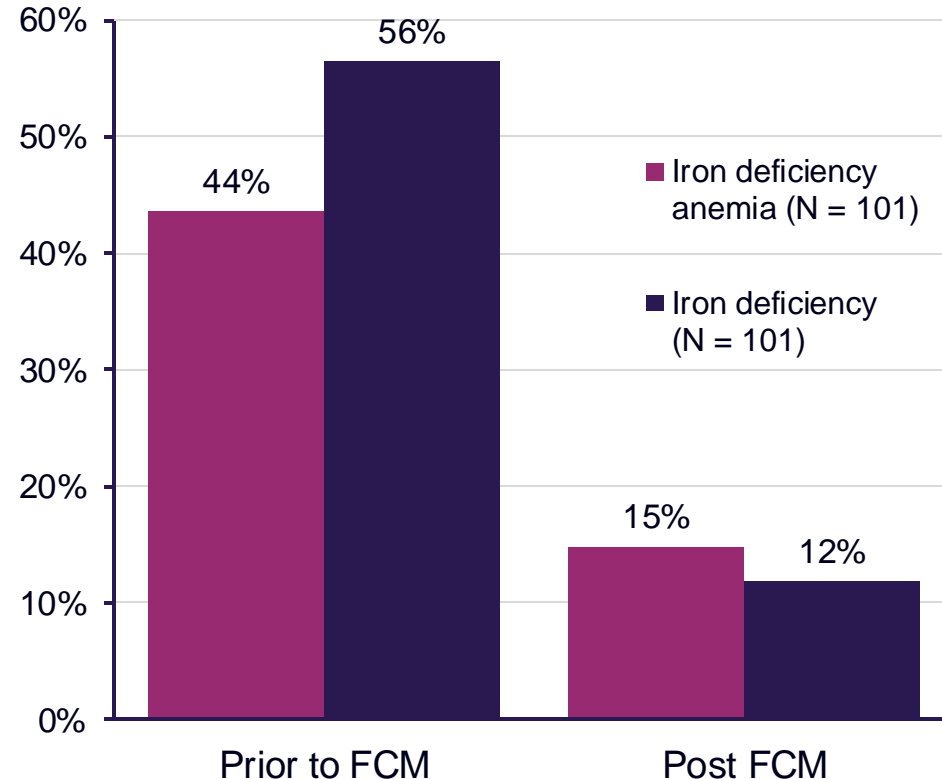
# NASPGHAN 2020: Treatment of Anemia in Pediatric Patients with IBD

- ▶ Iron deficiency anemia should be treated via iron supplementation, optimizing dietary intake, *and* controlling the disease activity
- ▶ Trial of oral iron recommended for *mild* anemia (Hgb  $\geq$  10 g/dL) and/or quiescent disease
- ▶ IV iron if oral iron is ineffective or poorly tolerated, if moderate-severe anemia, and/or with active inflammation
- ▶ No specific IV formulation specified over another
  - ▶ FCM is the only third-generation product FDA approved for pediatric patients
- ▶ Monitoring and treatment targets
  - ▶ Repeat Hgb 2-4 weeks after initiation
  - ▶ Increase in Hgb level of 1 g/dL in 2 weeks or 2 g/dL in 4 weeks = success
  - ▶ Target serum ferritin of up to 400  $\mu$ g/L and typically target Hgb = 12 g/dL

# Ferric Carboxymaltose in Pediatric IBD and Iron Deficiency Anemia

- ▶ Population: patient age 6-18 years
- ▶ Single center, uncontrolled prospective cohort
- ▶ Iron formulation: FCM given 15 mg/kg in a single dose
- ▶ Resolution of prespecified endpoints
  - ▶ Iron deficiency anemia: 64%
  - ▶ Iron deficiency: 81%
- ▶ Elevation of baseline CRP did not influence outcome of iron deficiency anemia resolution
- ▶ Patients with quiescent disease were more likely to have resolution of iron deficiency

Proportion of Patients with Iron Deficiency Anemia and Iron Deficiency Pre/Post FCM Infusion



# Personalizing Care in Iron Deficiency Anemia With IBD

- ▶ Consider patient resources and ability to access treatment when choosing between IV or oral iron
- ▶ Coordinate IV iron administration with other IBD treatments
- ▶ Consider patient-specific circumstances
  - ▶ Impact of symptoms on disability: work/home life and symptom duration
  - ▶ If transportation/work schedule issues, consider number of infusions needed when choosing an IV product
  - ▶ Ask about subtle symptoms of iron deficiency (e.g., fatigue, cognitive impairment, restless leg syndrome, dyspnea on exertion, etc.)

# Same-Day Infusion of Iron and Biologic Therapy in Patients With IBD

	Patients Receiving Same-Day Biologic Infusion	Patients Receiving Biologic Infusion on a Different Day Than Iron Infusion
	N = 129 (%)	N = 45 (%)
Patients who experienced any infusion reaction	6 (5%)	3 (7%)
<b>Reaction Type</b>		
Anaphylaxis	2	1
Dyspnea	1	0
Flushing or lightheadedness	2	2
Nausea/vomiting	1	0

# Patient Case



# Patient Case: Charla M. (27 y/o woman)



- ▶ 5-year history of left-sided UC
- ▶ Current RX: mesalamine 2.4 gm/day
- ▶ 6-week history of daily diarrhea and tenesmus attributed by the patient to increased lactose ingestion. No rectal bleeding reported.
- ▶ Reports DOE climbing stairs, difficulty sleeping at night the past few months (spouse notes constant leg movement when asleep), fatigue with swimming and jogging
- ▶ Visit with OB-GYN 2 months ago, prescribed ferrous sulfate 325 mg PO daily after report of fatigue attributed to “heavy menses”
  - PO ferrous sulfate associated with nausea and constipation

# Patient Case (continued): Next steps



## ► Patient instructions

- Limit lactose ingestion, take lactase enzyme supplements if needed
- Stop PO iron supplement

## ► Laboratory and stool studies

- FCP, CRP
- CBC, CMP
- Iron studies
- Consider infectious workup (enteric pathogens, *Clostridioides difficile*, ova/parasite testing)





## Patient Case: Lab Results

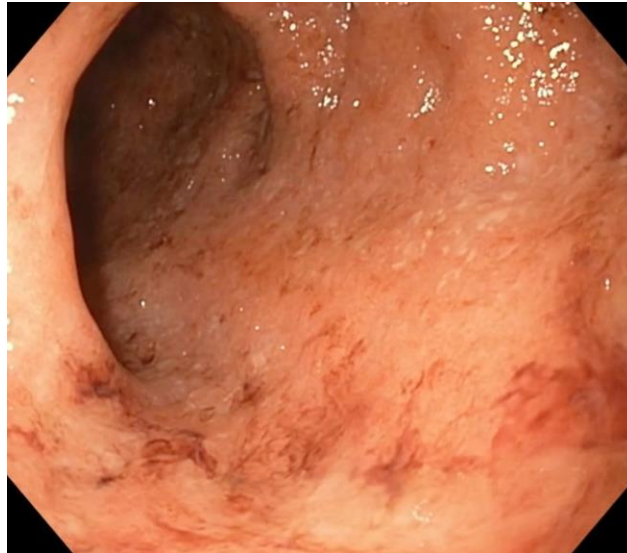
Lab (normal range)	Patient Values
Hgb (12.0-16.0 g/dL)	12.1 g/dL
Hematocrit (36%-48%)	37%
MCV (80-100 fL)	83.4 fL
RDW (12.2%-16.1%)	14%
Reticulocyte count (0.5% to 2.5%)	1.2%
WBC (4.5-11 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	8.0
Platelets (150-450k/ $\mu$ L)	450k/ $\mu$ L

MCV = mean corpuscular volume; RDW = red cell distribution width; TIBC = total iron-binding capacity; WBC = white blood cells.

Lab (normal range)	Patient Values
Serum iron (60-170 $\mu$ g/dL)	45 $\mu$ g/dL
Transferrin (215-380 ng/mL)	320 ng/mL
TIBC (250-450 mg/dL)	460 mg/dL
TSAT (20%-50%)	10%
Ferritin (12-150 ng/mL)	42 ng/mL
CRP (< 5 mg/L)	4 mg/L
Fecal calprotectin (50-200 $\mu$ g/mg)	45 $\mu$ g/mg
Stool culture, enteric pathogens	Negative
Clostridioides difficile	Negative
Ova and parasite negative	None seen

## Patient Case (continued): Charla M.

- Scope results: moderate-severe active disease, rectal sparing, biopsy of sigmoid abnormal, ulcerations in sigmoid colon, erosions, MAYO-2



# Treatment Options for UC

## Anti-TNF

- Infliximab
- Adalimumab
- Golimumab

## Anti-IL-12/23

- Ustekinumab

## Anti-IL-23

- Mirikizumab

## S1P receptor modulator

- Ozanimod
- Etrasimod

## JAK inhibitor

- Tofacitinib
- Upadacitinib

## Anti-integrin

- Vedolizumab

IL = interleukin; JAK = Janus kinase.

Das R, et al. *J Can Assoc Gastroenterol*. 2023;7(1):9-21. Shirley M. *Drugs*. 2024;84(2):247-254.

# Intravenous Iron Dosing

- ▶ Ganzoni calculation not used in clinical practice
- ▶ More common practice is to utilize labeled or weight-based doses or dose per local protocols
- ▶ Dosing can be guided by severity of anemia and clinical situation
- ▶ Any patient getting an RBC transfusion needs iron supplementation; packed RBCs contain little iron

# Selecting an IV Iron Product

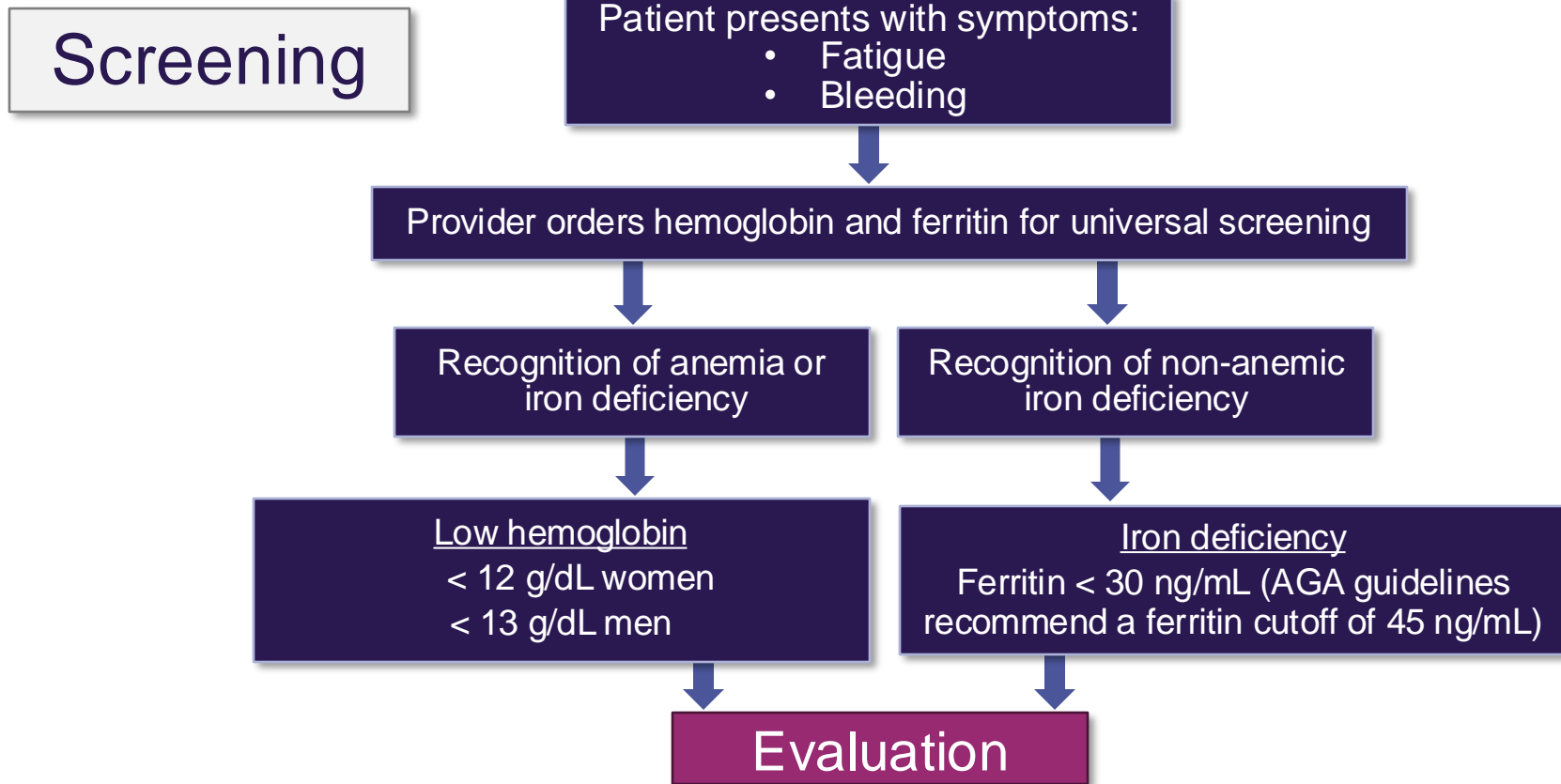
IV Iron Product	Dosing and Administration
<b>Iron dextran</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 mg IV push daily or as total dose infusion*</li> <li>• Minimum 1-hour infusion time</li> </ul>
<b>Ferric gluconate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125 mg or 250 mg (adults) or 1.5 mg/kg in pediatric patients</li> <li>• 1-hour infusion weekly for up to 8 weeks</li> </ul>
<b>Iron sucrose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100-400 mg; dose may be repeated based on clinical response and iron indices, slow IV injection or as a 15-minute infusion</li> </ul>
<b>Ferric carboxymaltose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight <math>\geq</math> 50 kg: 1,000 mg (single dose) or 750 mg infusion x 2 doses (total 1,500 mg) at least 7 days apart</li> <li>• Weight &lt; 50 kg: 15 mg/kg x 2 doses at least 7 days apart</li> <li>• 15-minute infusion</li> </ul>
<b>Ferumoxytol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 510 mg with a second 510 mg dose 3-8 days later</li> <li>• 15-minute infusion</li> </ul>
<b>Ferric derisomaltose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,000 mg, given over at least 20 minutes</li> </ul>

\*Doses up to 2,000 mg have been reported in patients with IBD

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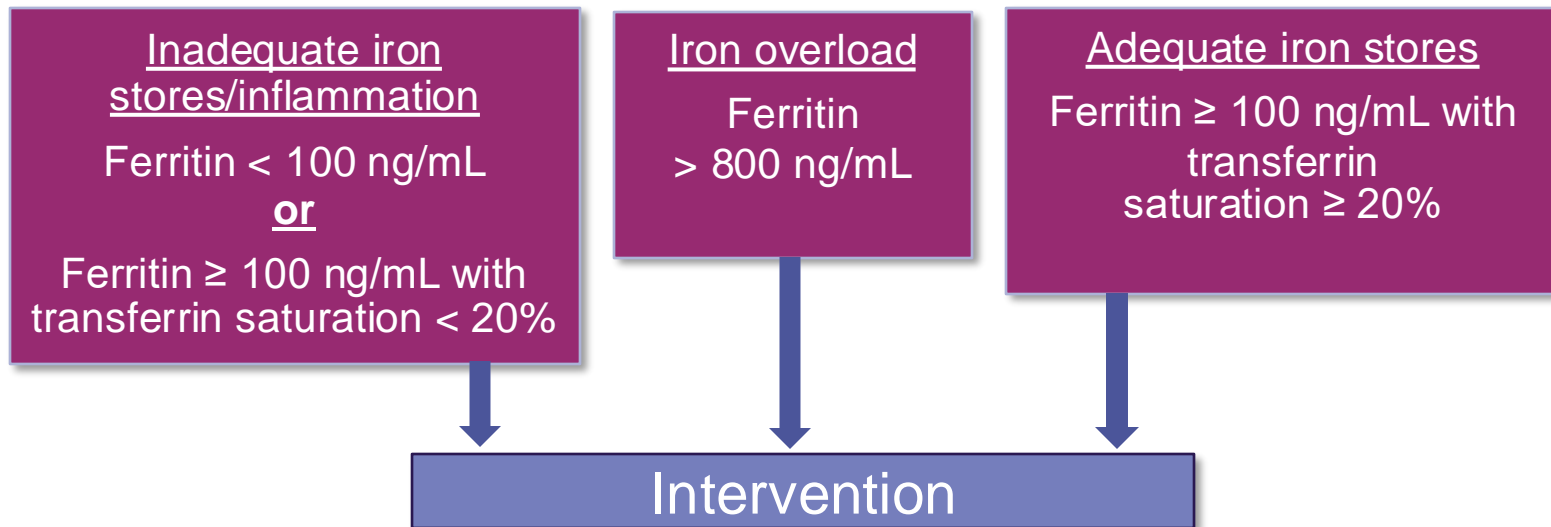
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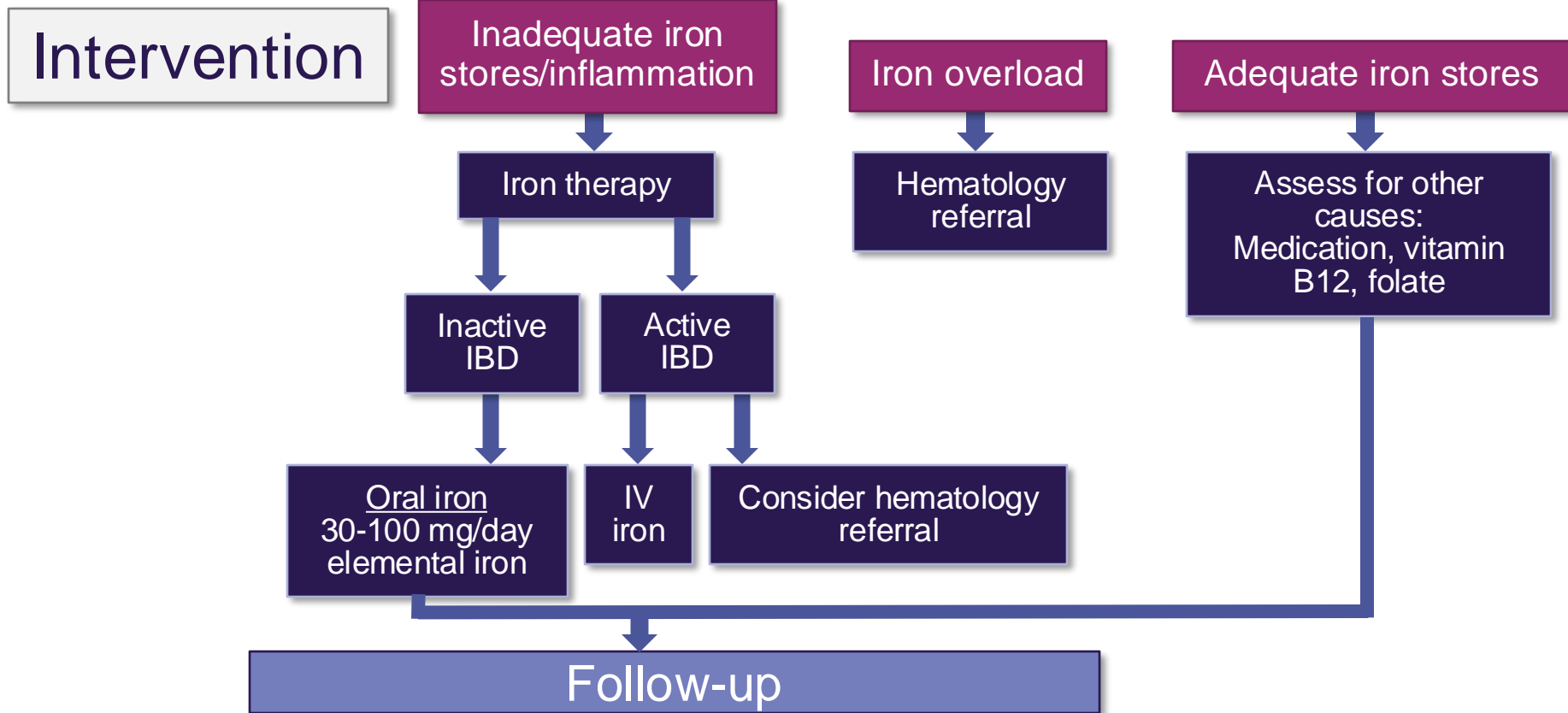
### Evaluation





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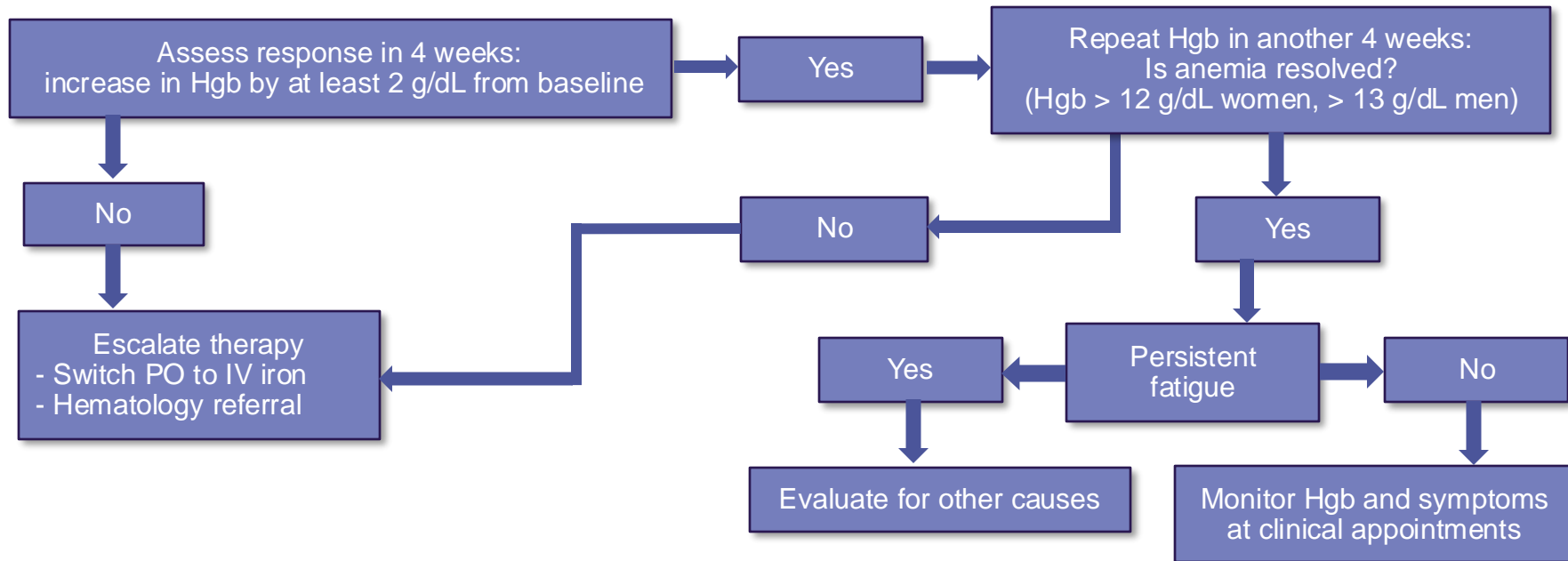
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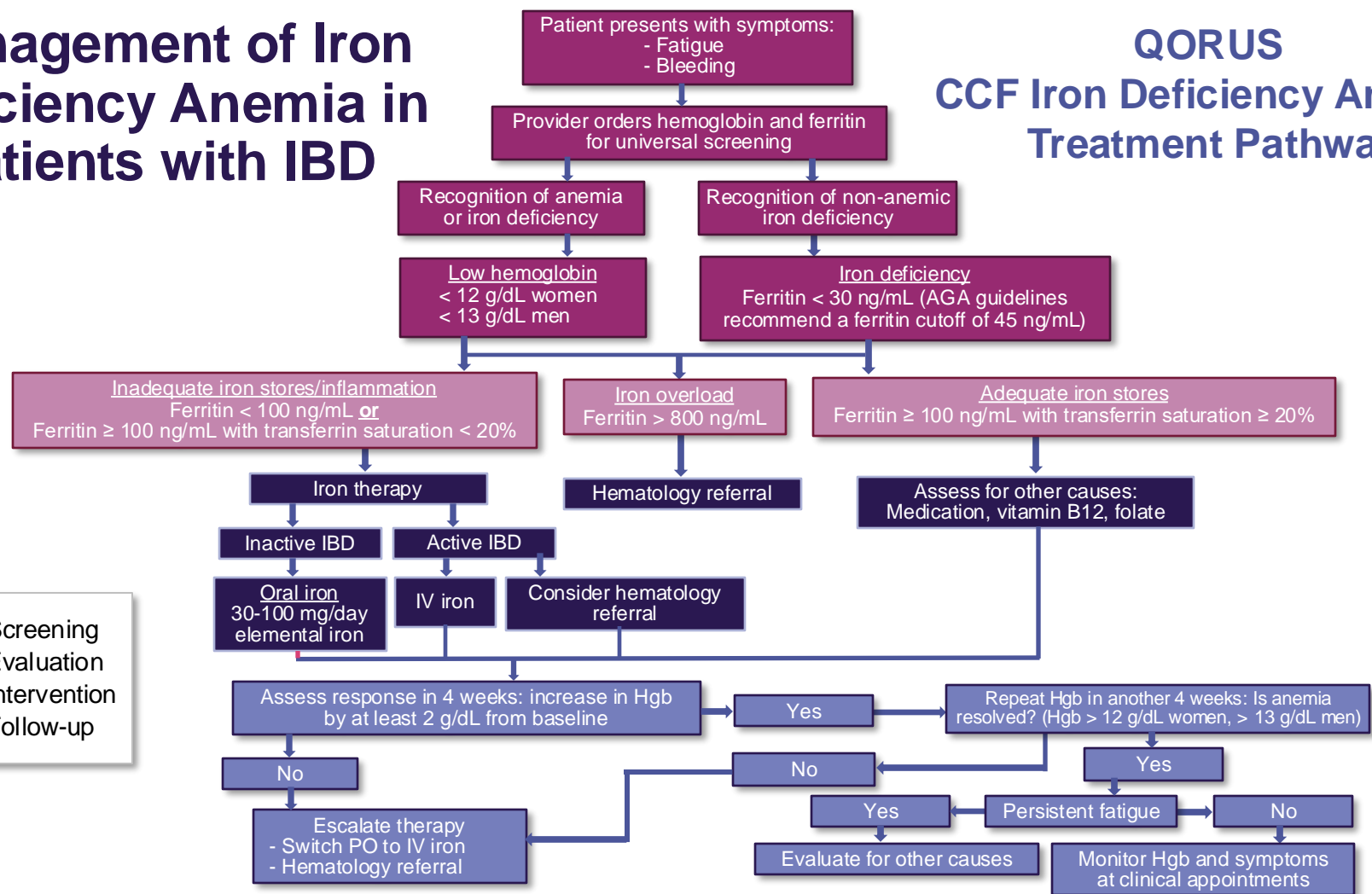
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### Follow-up



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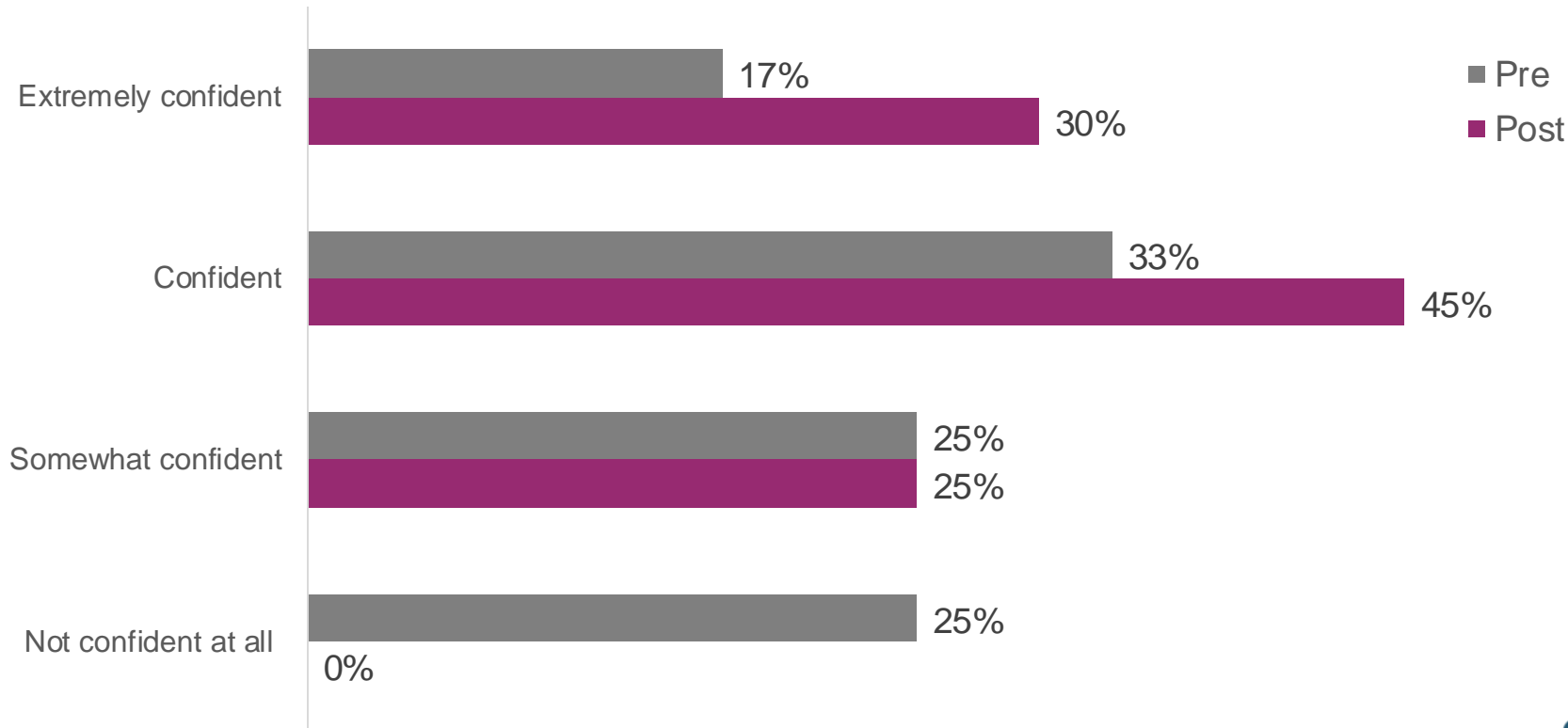


# Audience Response

**Now, how confident do you feel in your ability to identify a patient with IBD in need of iron treatment for iron deficiency or iron deficiency anemia?**

- A.** Not confident at all
- B.** Somewhat confident
- C.** Confident
- D.** Extremely confident

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Results recorded on May 20, 2024.

# SMART Goals

*Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely*

- ▶ Utilize oral iron only in patients with inactive IBD
- ▶ Interpreting ferritin - for the presence of iron deficiency
  - ▶ Quiescent IBD: ferritin up to 45 ng/L
  - ▶ Active IBD: ferritin up to 100 ng/L
- ▶ Re-evaluate patients with IBD and iron deficiency anemia ~ 4 weeks after initiation of oral or IV iron supplementation to determine treatment efficacy

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# QUESTIONS ANSWERS



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