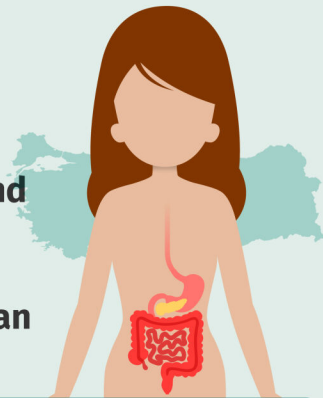


The Role of Age on the Severity of Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease

The effect that age of onset of pediatric inflammatory bowel disease (PIBD) has on disease phenotype and severity has not been evaluated in children from Turkey, a Eurasian country



Analysis of data of 176 Turkish children with IBD

Categorization of patients with



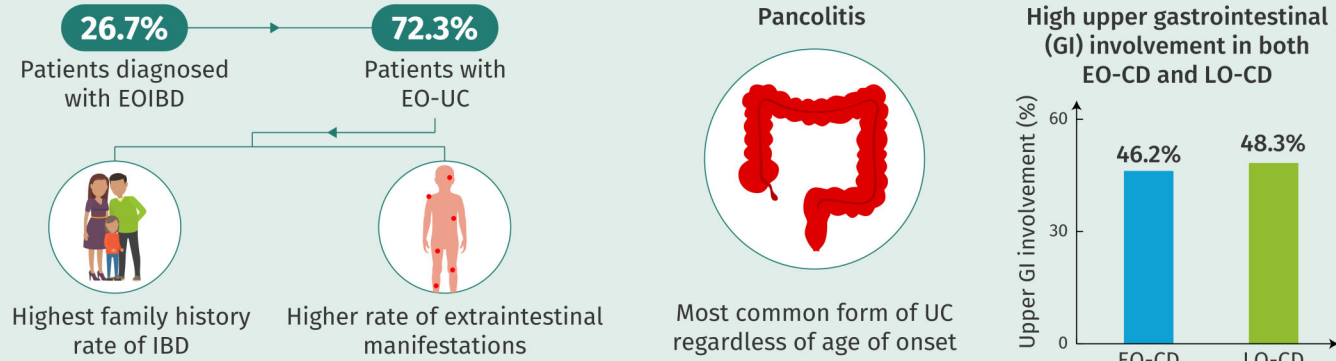
Early onset (EO) IBD
2-<10 years



Later onset (LO) IBD
10-≤17 years

Comparison of data between patients with ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD)

Observed disease activity and phenotype



Rate of moderate-severe disease activity



Rate of perianal disease



Finer points:
Additional comprehensive studies focusing on homogeneously defined age groups are required

Patients with EO-UC displayed a distinct disease phenotype with mild disease activity, high rate of family history, and extraintestinal symptoms