

PAEDIATRIC INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD)

IBD is a chronic disorder of the gut that primarily affects people in adolescence or early adulthood. The two most common forms of IBD are ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.

Symptoms of IBD



Severe abdominal pain



Diarrhoea



Weight loss



Lack of appetite

Causes of IBD



Family history



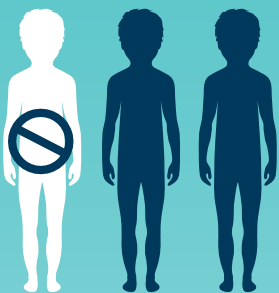
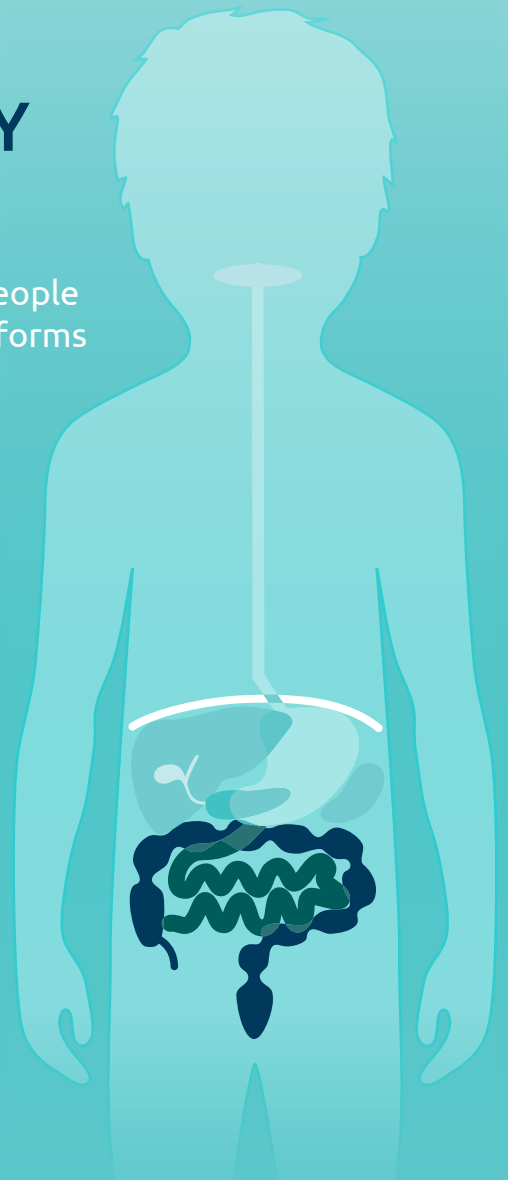
Genetics



Environmental factors



Childhood infections



Childhood-onset IBD accounts for almost a **third** of cases



The levels of paediatric IBD are **increasing** across Europe



Over half of patients believe IBD negatively affects their **education**



Paediatric IBD causes emotional, mental and psychological **stress** on the individual

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