

EFCCA Conference: What do IBD patients find important in their treatment?

Setting the scene, a physician's perspective

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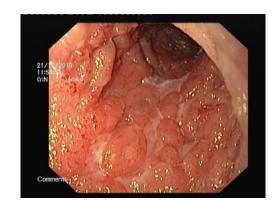
19 y old man

abdominal, crampy pain bloody diarrhea, 8-10x / day and night lost 5kg / 2 months

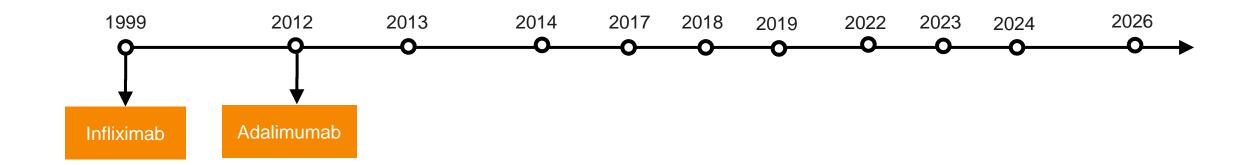
known with uncomplicated ileal Crohn's disease



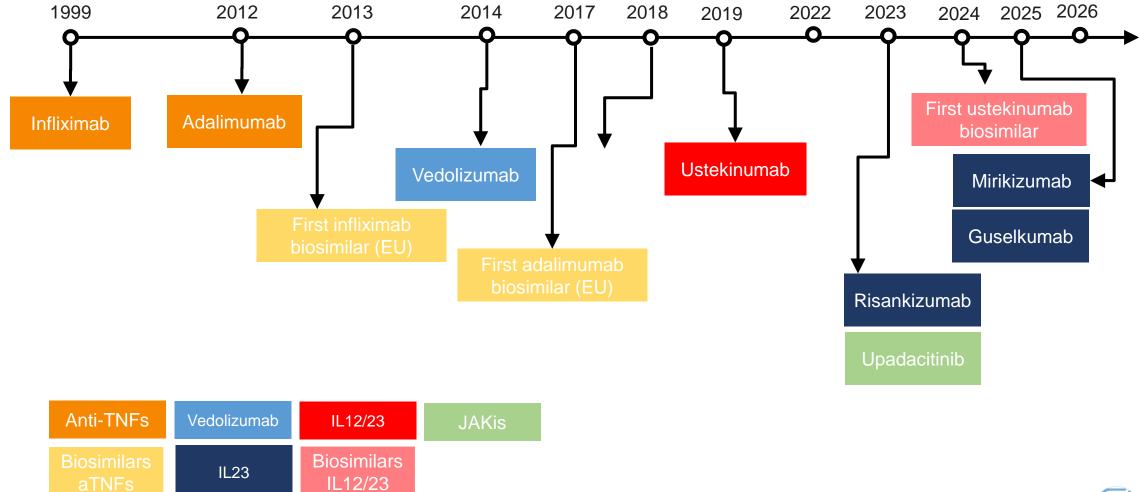
Uncomplicated ileal CD, 15 cm



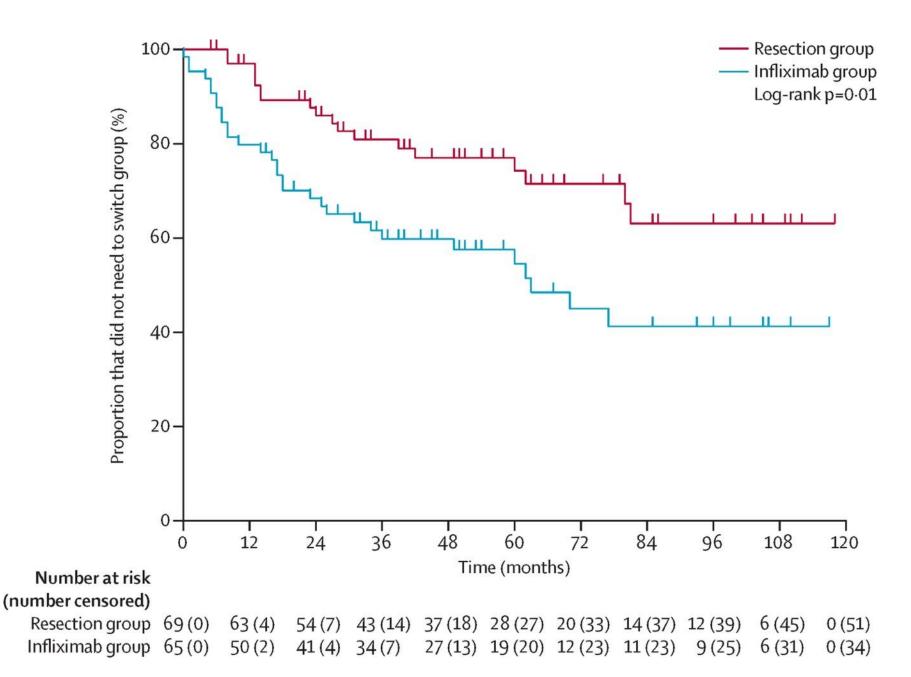






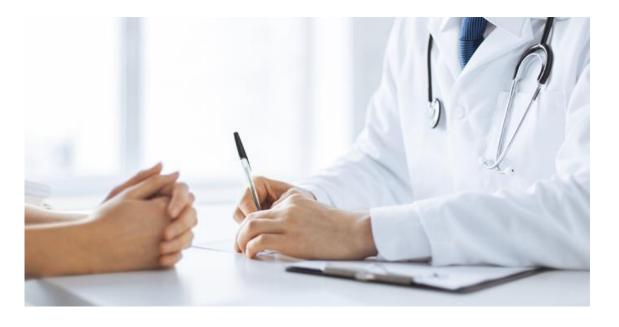






Setting the scene: shared decision making

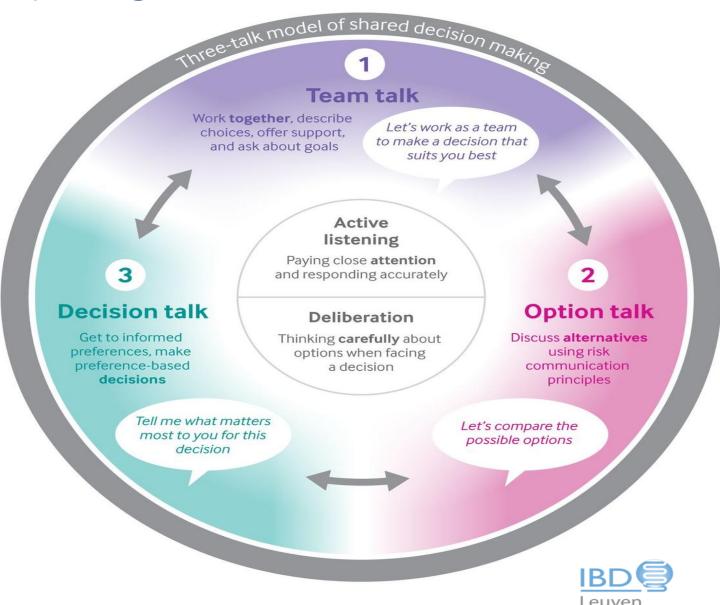






Shared decision-making (SDM) at a glance

Definition SDM: an approach where clinicians and patients share the best available evidence when faced with the task of making decisions, and where patients are supported to consider options and to achieve informed preferences



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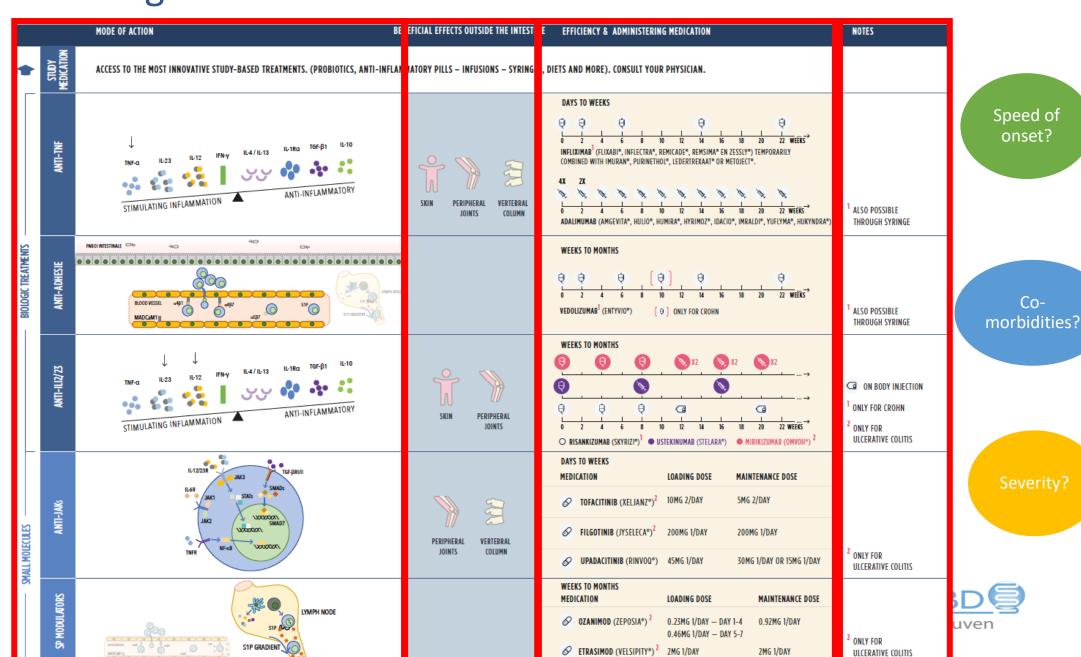


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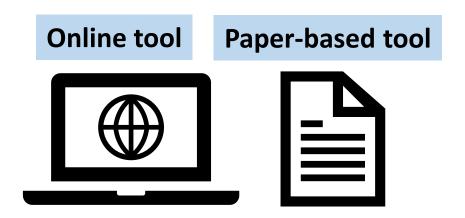
Disease sub phenotype

Side effects?

Compliance?

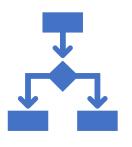


Patient Decision Aid



Aim: to i) make the decision that needs to be made *explicit*, ii) provide *evidence-based information* about the health condition, the options, associated benefits, harms, probabilities, and scientific uncertainties, and iii) *help clarify values* for features and outcomes of options





Decrease decisional-conflict



Patient decision aid (online tool)



Complete the questionnaire

Which of the two therapies do you prefer?

Imagine that you and your IBD team are discussing treatments for your inflammatory bowel disease. Your IBD team thinks there are two possible treatments for you: treatment A and treatment B.

Information



Preferences



Report



Shared decision making

These aspects are important for you

Below you can see the scores of the 8 characteristics of the biologicals and small molecules that were examined during the questions. The higher the score, the more important you find this aspect when making a choice for therapy.



Conclusions

- Anno 2025, SDM should be considered standard of care to get patients actively involved in their treatment strategy, increase compliance and ultimately improve outcomes.
- There is a need for **SDM skills training** and **organizational changes**, such as the recognition and a more **strengthened role of the IBD nurse** in the SDM process.
- Patients signal their willingness to be involved in SDM.
- Patient organizations can have an important role in creating awareness about SDM among patients and in stimulating patient empowerment.
- Patient decision aids could stimulate SDM in practice, but further research is needed.



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