

## Risk Stratification in Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Are we there yet?

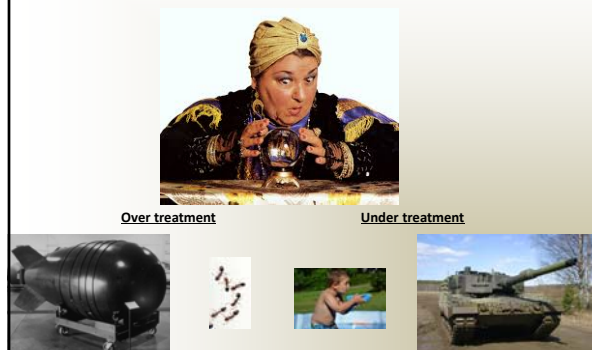
Jeffrey S. Hyams, MD  
Division of Digestive Diseases Hepatology,  
Nutrition  
Connecticut Children's Medical Center  
University of Connecticut School of Medicine

on behalf of many  
others

## Inflammatory Bowel Diseases

- Disorders characterized by chronic intestinal inflammation from a dysregulated immune response to the enteric microbiome in a genetically predisposed host
- Today we label them as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis though we recognize they often have similar clinical features and large genetic homology
- Presenting symptoms range from mild to severe and clinical course is often unpredictable but may range from easily controlled to fulminant disease
- Short of finding a cure, or preventing these disorders, it would greatly aid patient care if we could....

## Predict the Future and Match Our Therapy to Anticipated Course: Risk Stratify



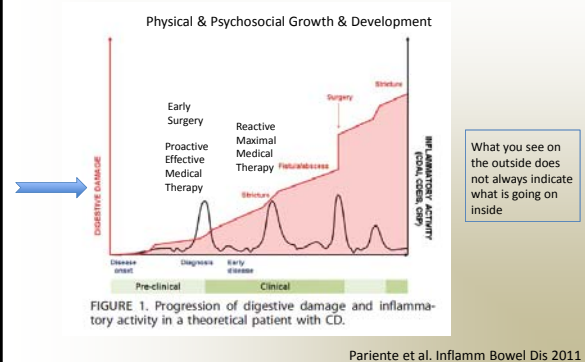
## What is Risk Stratification?

- A statistical process to determine detectable characteristics associated with an increased chance of experiencing unwanted outcomes.
- By identifying factors before the occurrence of an event, it is possible to develop targeted interventions to mitigate their impact.

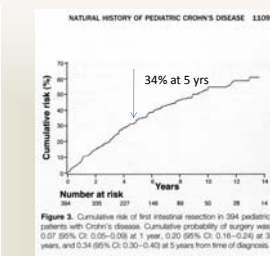
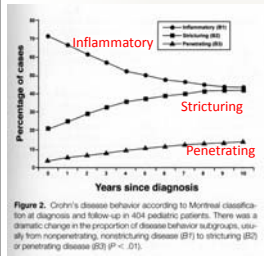
## What are the unwanted outcomes?

- Continued active gastrointestinal and extraintestinal symptoms
- Growth failure
- Impaired quality of life
- Relentless progression of disease
- Cancer
- Surgery

## Progressive Bowel Damage in CD

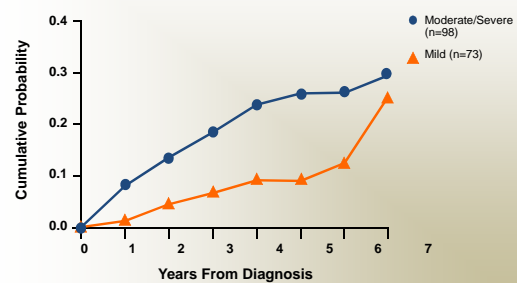


## Crohn's Disease Progression in Children: Pre-Biologic Era:1988-2002



Vernier-Massouille et al. Gastroenterology 2008;135:1106

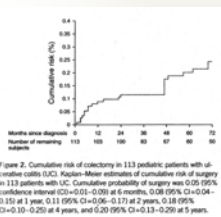
## Cumulative Probability of Colectomy by Disease Activity at Diagnosis



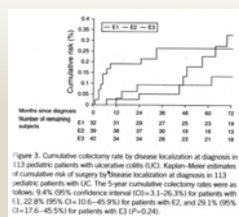
Mild vs moderate/severe,  $P < 0.03$

Hyams JS et al. J Pediatr. 1996;129:81.

## EPIMAD Study from Northern France



20% at 5 years



9% (E1), 23% (E2), 29% (E3)

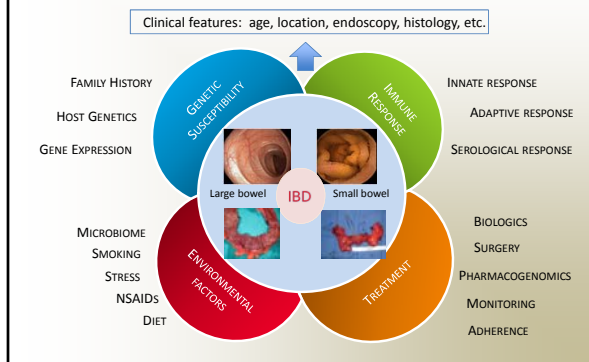
Vernier-Massouille et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2009;104:2080

## We Need To Do A Better Job Of Understanding Our Patients Before We Treat Them



One approach does not fit all patients

## IBD patients may have unique signatures that predict complicated or treatment refractory disease



## Exploding Head Syndrome



Exploding head syndrome is a condition that causes the sufferer to occasionally experience a tremendously loud noise as originating from within his or her own head, usually described as the sound of an explosion, roar, waves crashing against rocks, loud voices, or a ringing noise. Sufferers often feel a sense of fear and anxiety after an attack, accompanied by elevated heart rate. There may be a correlation with stress. Can occur at any time.

# The Manhattan Project of Risk Stratification

Crohn's disease

Ulcerative colitis

## Risk Study – CCFA 2008

Salma Esgutman  
Therese Walters  
Yael Kuperman  
Jeffrey Hagan  
Mary Siskind  
Robert Goldstone  
Michael Hershman  
Steven Hershman  
Kiran Arora  
Anna Goffin  
Mick Kim  
Cynthia Kuperman  
David Mink  
James Markowitz  
Jon Raul  
Natalie Laskin  
Michael Hershman  
William Crowell  
John Citron  
Susan Baker  
Ashley Reed  
Daniel Menden  
Michael Hershman  
David Mink  
Barbara Kitchner  
David Mink  
Mary Citron Menden  
Jeffrey Hagan  
David Mink  
Anna Goffin  
John Raul  
Jon Raul  
Scott Longaker  
Michael Hershman  
Steve Gaffney  
Dale Green  
Barbara Hagan  
Cathy Kuperman

## PROTECT Study – NIDDK 2012

Jeffrey Hagan  
Therese Walters  
Salma Esgutman  
Mick Siskind  
Anna Goffin  
Cory Green  
John Mink  
James Markowitz  
Jon Raul  
Neal Laskin  
Mick Hershman  
Brotherly Eagle  
Anthony Citron  
David Kaul  
Susan Baker  
Robert Hershman  
Steve Gaffney  
Michael Hershman  
Jon Green  
Ashley Reed  
Joshua Nee  
David Mink  
Mick Citron Menden  
Michael Kuperman  
Kiran Arora  
Kiran Arora  
Pravesh Nair  
David Mink  
Jennifer Eagle  
Scott Longaker  
Paul Raul  
David Green  
Catherine Studies Crohn-Disease Center (NIDDK)

# Predictors of Disabling Crohn's

Referred cohort of 1128 CD patients

**3 factors** independently predictive disabling CD course within 5-year

- **Initial requirement for steroids**  
OR: 3.1 [95% CI: 2.2 – 4.4]
- **Age at diagnosis below 40**  
OR: 2.1 [95% CI: 1.3 – 3.6]
- **Perianal disease at diagnosis**  
OR: 1.8 [95% CI: 1.2 – 2.8]

Beaugerie L et al. Gastroenterology 2006;130:650-6

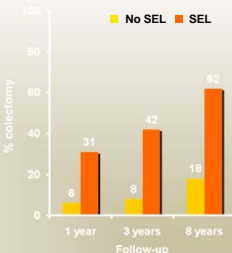
# Consensus Predictors of Poor Outcome\*

- Deep colonic ulcerations on endoscopy
- Persistent severe disease despite adequate induction therapy
- Extensive (pan-enteric) disease
- Marked growth retardation ( $> -2.5$  height Z scores),
- Severe osteoporosis
- Stricturing or penetrating disease (B2 and/or B3 disease behavior) at onset
- Severe perianal disease

\*Ruemmele et al. J Crohn's Colitis ECCO/ESPGHAN Working Group 2014;8:1179

## Prognosis of CD Patients with Severe Endoscopic Ulcerations

- Retrospective cohort
- 102 adult patients with active CD
- Severe endoscopic lesions (SEL) defined as deep ulcerations >10% of mucosal area with at least one colonic segment
- Risk of colectomy associated with SELs
- All that showed penetrating disease had SELs
- This was not at diagnosis
- These are not pediatric data



Follow-up	No SEL (%)	SEL (%)
1 year	6	31
3 years	8	42
8 years	18	62

Allez et al. Am J Gastroenterology

# Anti-microbial Serologic Signature

ASCA, anti-omp C, anti-Cbir1

**Antibody Sum and Disease NPNS**

P trend < 0.0001

Frequency of Disease Behavior %

NPNS IP S Surgery

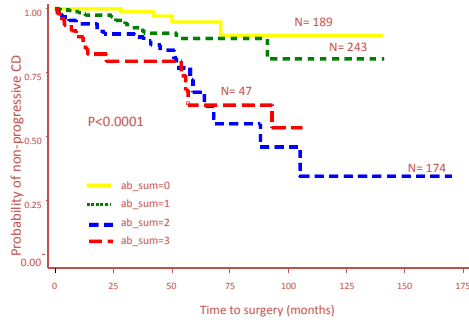
\* Odds Ratio

Antibody Sum	NPNS (%)	IP (%)	S (%)	Surgery (%)	Odds Ratio
0	~93	~2	~5	~5	1.0
1	~78	~5	~10	~15	2.2
2	~68	~15	~25	~25	5.0
3	~50	~25	~32	~45	9.5

Number of Immune Responses

N=199 N=262 N=194 N=57

### Antibody Sum and Surgery



Dubinsky MC et al CGH 2008;6:1105

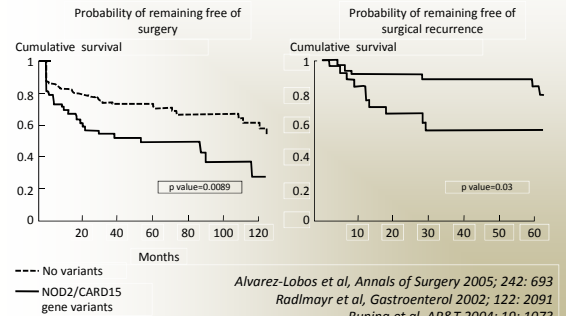
### Host genetic signature & variable outcome

### NOD2/CARD15

- **NOD2** gene associated with an intracellular protein in the proinflammatory nuclear factor kappa B (NFkB) pathway, involved with a receptor for bacterial products
- This “defect” in the innate immune system may allow intracellular bacteria to escape the first-line defense of the immune system, thereby leading to an enhanced adaptive response
- **NOD2** acts as a negative regulator following bacterial stimulation of the cell surface receptor toll-like receptor-2, and CD-associated mutations result in a loss of this “brake” on the immune response leading to elevated NFkB
- **NOD2** mutations may lead to a reduction in the production of alpha-defensins (small antibacterial proteins) by Paneth cells located in the small bowel
- **NOD2** may have some role in autophagy, a process that, among other things, deals with intracellular “debris,” including bacterial products

Ogura, Nature 2001;411:603, Watanabe, Nature Immunol 2004;5:800, Wehkamp, Chem Immunol Allergy 2005;86:42, Cooney Nature Med 2010;16:90

### NOD2/CARD15 and need for surgery

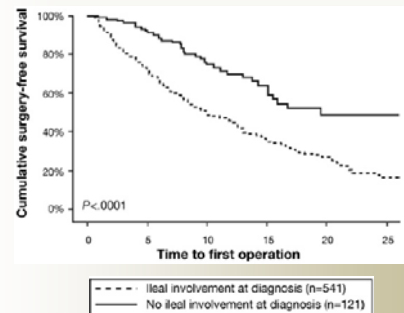


### But,

- Only 1/3 of patients with Crohn’s disease have polymorphisms of NOD2/CARD15<sup>1</sup>
- Having 2 mutations is much worse than having one mutation for RR of surgery<sup>2</sup>
- Virtually no Japanese patients with Crohn’s disease have polymorphisms of NOD2/CARD15<sup>3</sup>
- Is it the gene or is it ileal location?

<sup>1</sup>Niesse et al. Digestive Dis Sci 2012;57:879, <sup>2</sup>Adler et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2011;106:699, <sup>3</sup>Yamazaki et al. J Hum Genet 2002;47:469

### Kaplan–Meier cumulative survival plots for time to first IBD-related operation: 682 adults with B1 disease



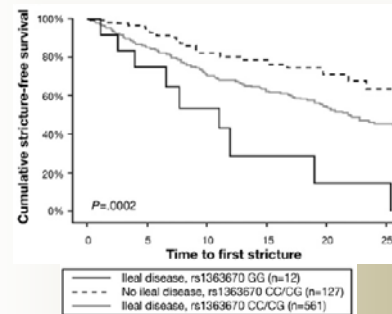
Henckaerts et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepato 2009;7:972

## What About Other Genes?

- *IL-23* is a cytokine that acts as a proinflammatory mediator of autoimmune and chronic inflammatory diseases.
- In association with *IL-12*, it is part of the T-helper 17 cell axis.
- The *IL-12B* gene, alternatively known as natural killer cell stimulatory factor 2, cytotoxic lymphocyte maturation factor 2, or p40, encodes the p40 subunit of IL-12B (ligand) and IL-23R (receptor), both of which are dimeric proteins.
- The *IL-12B* gene contains two major sites, both of which appear susceptible to variation and at which different alleles are associated with variable levels of gene expression

Brand, Gut 2009;58:1152, van de Vosse, Microbes and Infection 2006;8:1167, Parham, J Immunol 2002;168:5699, Mangino, J Mol Med 2008;86:99

## Kaplan–Meier cumulative survival plots for time to first stricture



**Rs1363670 is gene linked to the *IL12B* LOCUS**

So perhaps it is not all  
location, location, location



**But what about our patients**  
**We need pediatric specific data**



## CCFA Sponsored Clinical Research Network: PRO-KIDS RISK Study

1100 children with Crohn's at  
diagnosis between 2008-2012  
Follow-up to 2017

Study:

DNA

Fecal microbiome

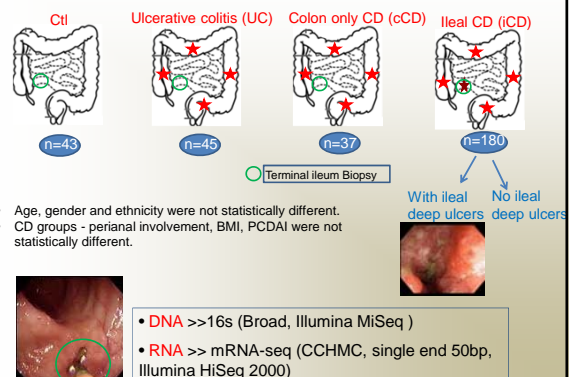
Immune reactivity to  
bacteria, food, infections etc

Environmental Exposures



3 years → 160 – 200 patients with  
complication / surgery

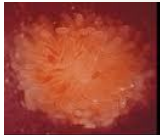
## RISK Study: Ileal biopsy at the initial endoscopy



## RISK Study: Using Next Gen Sequencing to Classify the Intestinal Microbiome and Genome at Diagnosis



- Processed ~ 5300 intestinal biopsies from 950 CD, UC, IBDU patients and non-IBD controls
- DNA yield: 10,500 (8,468,12,670) ng
- RNA yield: 11,490 (9,351, 13,640) ng
- RNA quality sufficient for PCR or RNASeq in >95%
- Microbiome: 1000 ng DNA
- RNASeq: 1000 ng RNA



## RISK Study: Gene prioritizing for further analysis

### Top 5 up-regulated genes

Gene	iCD-1 FC	iCD-2 FC
1 DUOX2	43.6	50.2
2 MMP3	29.5	24.2
3 AQP9	29.4	35.0
4 IL8	23.5	26.0
5 DUOX2	14.3	24.1

Top upregulated genes, epithelial antimicrobial dual oxidase *DUOX2* and its maturation factor *DUOX2*.

Top downregulated genes, Anti-inflammatory HNF4α-dependent lipoprotein *APOA1*

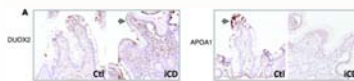
### Top 5 down-regulated genes

Gene	iCD-1 FC	iCD-2 FC
1 APOA1	-8.6	-10.7
2 NAT8	-8.6	-9.8
3 AGXT2	-8.8	-9.5
4 CUBN	-9.0	-9.4
5 FAM151A	-10.4	-8.9

FC = fold change

Haberman et al. J Clin Invest 2014

## RISK Study: A Core CD Ileal Gene Expression Signature Contains *DUOX2* and *APOA1* Co-expression Signatures

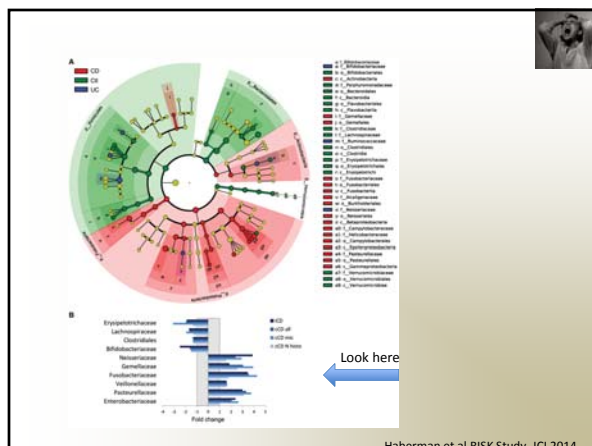


Haberman et al JCI 2014  
PRO-KIDS RISK Study

## RISK Study: Microbial Profiling

- *Ileal Firmicutes and Proteobacteria taxa abundance are associated with the APOA1 and DUOX2 gene coexpression signatures and clinical outcomes.*
- 70 significant associations between gene expression and microbial taxa and 34 significant associations between clinical parameters and microbial taxa

Haberman et al. JCI 2014



Haberman et al. RISK Study JCI 2014

## So?

- Gene expression, microbial profiling, and clinical data used to model outcome compared to clinical data alone
- Neither age at dx or clinical disease activity by PCDAI predicted 6 month SSFR
- Higher *APOA1* expression and certain microbial taxa including *Blautia* (worse) and *Veillonella* (better) were prognostic factors

Haberman et al. RISK Study JCI 2014



A multi'omic model is superior in predicting surgery and steroid free remission in comparison to clinical factors alone.

The relative goodness of fit of the models, $P < 0.0043$		
	Clinical variables only	Clinical, expression and microbial
C statistics (AUC)	0.705	0.760

Multiple regression analysis including clinical, gene expression, and microbial variables.				
		p-value	OR	CI
Age $\geq 10$ vs. $< 10$		0.8868	0.944	0.430, 2.075
Ileal DU vs. no DU	PCDAI $> 30$	0.6244	0.771	0.271, 2.188
	PCDAI $\leq 30$	0.0029	4.713	1.701, 13.057
Anti-TNF therapy		0.0020	5.181	1.828, 14.706
APOA1 expression level $> 80^{\text{th}}$ percentile		0.0152	3.058	1.241, 7.576
Blautia Abundant ( $> 70^{\text{th}}$ percentile) vs non-abundant	Veillonella abundant	0.5183	1.634	0.368, 7.25
	Veillonella non-abundant	0.0028	0.231	0.089, 0.604

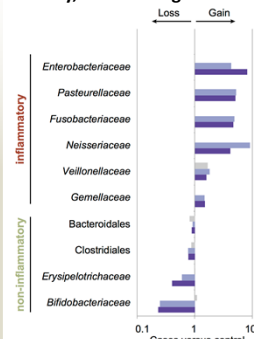
Haberman et al JCI 2014  
PRO-KIDS RISK Study

## Host microbiota signature & ? variable outcome

### RISK Study: The Microbiome shifts in pediatric Crohn's disease: Decreased diversity, losses and gains

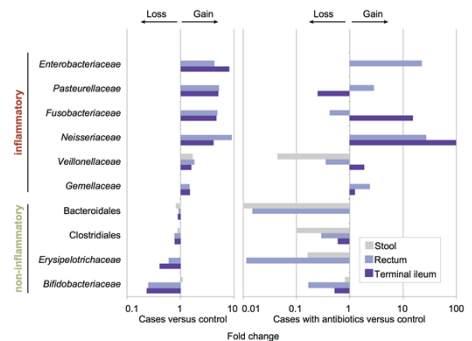


Microbiome was profiled in 800 RISK subjects enrolled at 28 pediatric centers in US/CAN  
500 cases + 300 controls



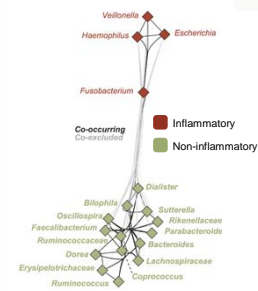
Gevers et al. Cell Host Micro 2014;15:382

### RISK Study: The Microbiome shifts in pediatric Crohn's disease

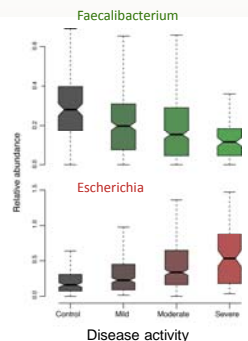


Antibiotic exposure amplifies the microbial dysbiosis  
Gevers et al. Cell Host Micro 2014;15:382

### RISK Study: The Microbiome shifts in pediatric Crohn's disease: ? cause versus association



Bacteria co-occur in two distinct groups: inflammatory and non-inflammatory



Gevers et al. Cell Host Micro 2014;15:382

### Determining the key players of microbial dysbiosis in new-onset pediatric CD

- Taxa identified as significant biomarkers for disease, including members of the Pasteurellaceae, Veillonellaceae, Neisseriaceae, and Fusobacteriaceae.
- Antibiotic exposure amplifies the microbial dysbiosis, by further loss of *Bacteroides*, *Clostridiales*, and *Erysipelotrichaceae*, and increase in *Fusobacteriaceae* and *Enterobacteriaceae*
- Hypothesis:** Does your flora help determine your outcome? Can manipulation of the bacterial flora change the outcome?

## Is it or is it not out of our hands?

By the time we see someone is it too late?



## Is Outcome Determined At the Time of Diagnosis or Does Timing and Specificity of Treatment Matter?

(Does it matter what your genes or bugs are?)

### Increased Effectiveness of Early Therapy With Anti-Tumor Necrosis Factor- $\alpha$ vs an Immunomodulator in Children With Crohn's Disease

Thomas D. Walters,<sup>1,\*</sup> MiOk Kim,<sup>2,\*</sup> Lee A. Denson,<sup>3</sup> Anne M. Griffiths,<sup>4</sup> Maria Dubinsky,<sup>5</sup> James Markowitz,<sup>6</sup> Robert Baldassano,<sup>7</sup> Wallace Crandall,<sup>8</sup> Joel Rosh,<sup>9</sup> Marian Pfefferkorn,<sup>10</sup> Anthony Otley,<sup>11</sup> Melvin B. Heyman,<sup>12</sup> Neal LeLeiko,<sup>13</sup> Susan Baker,<sup>14</sup> Stephen L. Guthery,<sup>15</sup> Jonathan Evans,<sup>16</sup> David Ziring,<sup>17</sup> Richard Kellermayer,<sup>18</sup> Michael Stephens,<sup>19</sup> David Mack,<sup>20</sup> Maria Oliva-Hemker,<sup>21</sup> Ashish S. Patel,<sup>22</sup> Barbara Kirschner,<sup>23</sup> Dedrick Moulton,<sup>24</sup> Stanley Cohen,<sup>25</sup> Sandra Kim,<sup>26</sup> Chunyan Liu,<sup>27</sup> Jonah Essers,<sup>28</sup> Subra Kugathasan,<sup>29</sup> and Jeffrey S. Hyams,<sup>27</sup> for the PRO-KIDS Research Group

<sup>1</sup>Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; <sup>2</sup>Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; <sup>3</sup>Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California; <sup>4</sup>Cohen Children's Medical Center, New Hyde Park, New York; <sup>5</sup>Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; <sup>6</sup>Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio; <sup>7</sup>Goryeb Children's Hospital, Morristown, New Jersey; <sup>8</sup>Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana; <sup>9</sup>WKV Health Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; <sup>10</sup>University of California, San Francisco, California; <sup>11</sup>Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island; <sup>12</sup>Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York; <sup>13</sup>University of Utah and Primary Children's Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah; <sup>14</sup>Nemours Children's Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida; <sup>15</sup>Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California; <sup>16</sup>Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas; <sup>17</sup>Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; <sup>18</sup>Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa, Canada; <sup>19</sup>Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland; <sup>20</sup>Texas Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas; <sup>21</sup>University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; <sup>22</sup>Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee; <sup>23</sup>Children's Healthcare, Atlanta, Georgia; <sup>24</sup>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; <sup>25</sup>Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; <sup>26</sup>Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; <sup>27</sup>Division of Digestive Diseases, Hepatology, and Nutrition, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford, Connecticut

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study. Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

Table 2. Characteristics at Diagnosis of Propensity Score-Matched Sample (N = 204)

	Therapy in the first 3 months			P value
	Anti-TNF $\alpha$ only (n = 68)	IM only <sup>a</sup> (n = 68)	No early immunotherapy (n = 68)	
Para age, <10 y	9 (13%)	8 (12%)	7 (10%)	.87
Male	46 (68%)	34 (50%)	44 (65%)	.078
Tanner I-III	73%	71%	77%	.81
Para classification				.21
L1	19 (28%)	10 (15%)	11 (16%)	
L2	17 (25%)	16 (24%)	18 (27%)	
L3	28 (41%)	41 (60%)	38 (56%)	
Small-bowel involvement	51 (75%)	52 (76%)	56 (82%)	.52
PCDAI, >30	42 (62%)	42 (62%)	41 (60%)	.98
Presence of perianal disease	16 (24%)	12 (18%)	12 (18%)	.61
Presence of deep ulceration	41 (60%)	41 (60%)	41 (60%)	1.0
Mean serum albumin level, g/L (SD)	3.5 (0.6)	3.3 (0.7)	3.5 (0.6)	.29
Median ESR, mm/h	39 (15-51)	38 (22-50)	33 (15-48)	.43
CRP level, >10 mg/L	5.09 (2.0-9.02)	5.85 (1.53-20.1)	6.0 (2.8-20.6)	.45
Platelet count	487 (307-578)	457 (371-578)	430 (305-531)	.82
Height z-score, <-1.65	9 (13%)	7 (10%)	8 (12%)	.87
Corticosteroid use in the first 3 months	41 (60%)	58 (85%)	49 (72%)	.006

ESR, erythrocyte sedimentation rate; ULN, upper limit of normal.

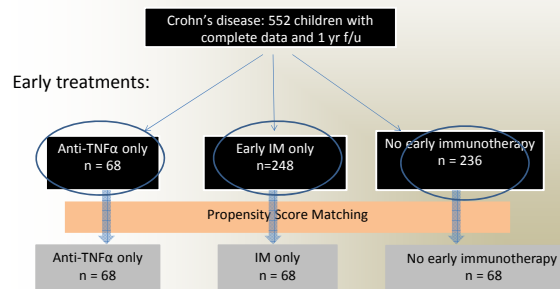
<sup>a</sup>Sixty-seven of 68 participants received infliximab therapy, 2 of 68 participants received adalimumab therapy.

<sup>b</sup>Fourteen of 68 participants received azathioprine therapy, 40 of 68 participants received 6-mercaptopurine therapy, and 14 of 68 participants received methotrexate therapy.

<sup>c</sup>Patients were not matched by sex or CS use within 3 months, and hence the matched sample is not balanced. Sex was not considered as a confounder and CS use is a postbaseline covariate.

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

## 2008-2012: 552 children Newly Diagnosed with Crohn's Disease Enrolled in CCFA RISK Study



Walters, Kim et al. Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

## 12 Month Outcomes For The Three Early Therapy Approaches: PCDAI $\leq$ 10 Without Resection (n=204 for 68 propensity score matched triads)

### CS-free, Surgery free

Treatment	Yes (n=136)	No (n=68)
Early anti-TNF $\alpha$ only (n=68)	58 (85%)	10 (15%)
Early IM only (n=68)	41 (60%)	27 (40%)
No early immunotherapy (n=68)	37 (54%)	31 (46%)

(p=0.0003)

No difference between early IM and no early IM

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study Gastroenterology 2014;146:383



## Relationship of Early Therapy to CRP at 12 months\*

Early Treatment	Elevated CRP at 12 months given elevated CRP at baseline
Anti-TNFα only	24%
IM only	44%
No early immunotherapy	53%
81% of all patients had an elevated CRP at baseline, no difference between treatment groups (p=0.007)	

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

## Growth Parameters of Study Triads at Diagnosis

Early Therapy	Height z-score	Weight z-score	BMI z-score
Anti-TNFα only (n=68)	-0.16 (1.1)	-0.56 (1.4)	-0.79 (1.5)
IM only (n=68)	-0.29 (1.1)	-0.72 (1.3)	-0.81 (1.3)
No immunotherapy (n=68)	-0.32 (1.1)	-0.67 (1.1)	-0.68 (1.1)
Difference between groups	P=0.6	P=0.8	P=0.8

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study. Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

## Growth Parameters of Study Triads at Diagnosis/One Year

Early Therapy	Height z-score	Weight z-score	BMI z-score
Anti-TNFα only (n=68)	-0.16 (1.1)	-0.56 (1.4) +0.85 (0.7)*	-0.79 (1.5) +1.1 (0.9)
IM only (n=68)	-0.29 (1.1)	-0.72 (1.3) +0.60 (0.7)*	-0.81 (1.3) +0.87 (0.97)
No immunotherapy (n=68)	-0.32 (1.1)	-0.67 (1.1) +0.62 (0.5)*	-0.68 (1.1) +0.91 (0.87)
Difference between groups	P=0.6	P=0.8 P=0.044	P=0.8 P=0.3

\*p<0.001 for all groups, diagnosis vs. 1 year

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study. Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

## Growth Parameters of Study Triads at Diagnosis

Early Therapy	Height z-score	Weight z-score	BMI z-score
Anti-TNFα only (n=68)	-0.16 (1.1)	-0.56 (1.4)	-0.79 (1.5)
IM only (n=68)	-0.29 (1.1)	-0.72 (1.3)	-0.81 (1.3)
No immunotherapy (n=68)	-0.32 (1.1)	-0.67 (1.1)	-0.68 (1.1)
Difference between groups	P=0.6	P=0.8	P=0.8

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study. Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

## Growth Parameters of Study Triads at Diagnosis/One Year

Early Therapy	Height z-score	Weight z-score	BMI z-score
Anti-TNFα only (n=68)	-0.16 (1.1) +0.14 (0.4)*	-0.56 (1.4)	-0.79 (1.5)
IM only (n=68)	-0.29 (1.1) -0.02 (0.4)	-0.72 (1.3)	-0.81 (1.3)
No immunotherapy (n=68)	-0.32 (1.1) -0.06 (1.1)	-0.67 (1.1)	-0.68 (1.1)
Difference between groups	P=0.6 P=0.039	P=0.8	P=0.8

\*p=0.002, anti-TNFα group only

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

Table 3. Additional Therapies Beyond 3 Months for Study Triads

Therapy type	Started between 3 and 6 mo	Started between 6 and 12 mo	Total
Early anti-TNFα (n = 68)			
6-mercaptopurine	0	1	1
Methotrexate	4	2	6
Total additional IM	4	3	7
Early immunomodulators (n = 68)			
Adalimumab	0	1	1
Infliximab	6	13	19
Total additional anti-TNFα	6	14	20
No early immunotherapy (n = 68)			
6-mercaptopurine	9	1	10
Azathioprine only	2	2	4
Methotrexate only	8	5	13
Adalimumab only	1	1	2
Infliximab only	7	4	11
Adalimumab + IM	2	0	2
Infliximab + IM	1	4	5
Total additional IM or anti-TNFα therapy	30	17	47

Walters, Kim et al. RISK Study. Gastroenterology 2014;146:383

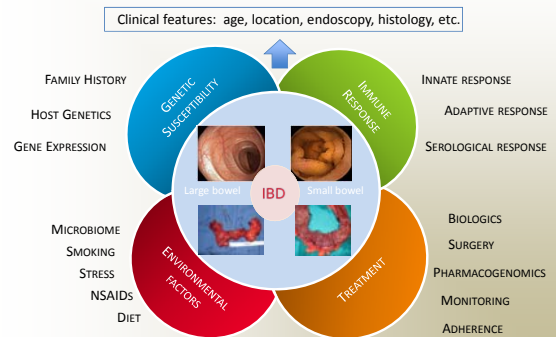
So,

- In clinically similar populations of children with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease, early (<3 mon) therapy with anti-TNF $\alpha$  was superior to early IM or no early immunotherapy despite later addition of those agents
- But there was no particular clinical or laboratory characteristic that helped predict response or non-response to an initial therapeutic decision
- We need to better define further characteristics of patients, such as genetics, serology, microbiome, gene expression that help predict outcome

## Risk Stratification



Treatment IBD patients have unique signatures that predict complicated or treatment refractory disease

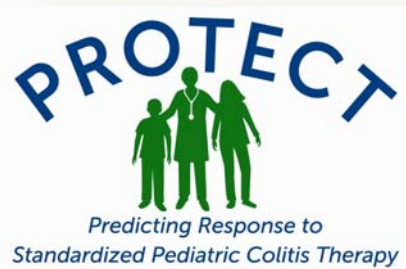


But...

**THINK** about your patients

- Are there currently known risk factors for doing poorly?
- Am I using therapy that is unlikely to change the history of the disease?
- Am I using current therapies properly?
- What is the safety profile of therapies I am using?
- What is the risk of undertreated disease?

## Ulcerative Colitis: Stay tuned

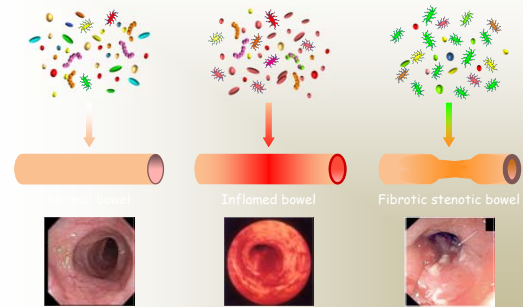


Supported by 1U01DK095745-01

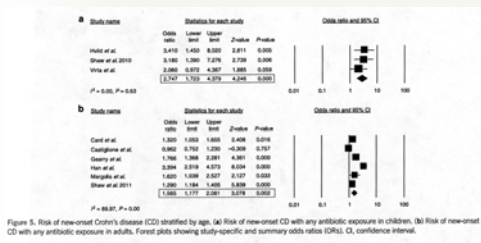
## Acknowledgements

- Children and families who have participated in RISK and PROTECT
- Research coordinators, laboratory technicians, administrative personnel
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
- NIH (NIDDK): Steve James, Jose Serrano, Frank Hamilton, Dana Anderson

Microbiota determine clinical outcomes? B2, B3 or B2/3



## Antibiotics Associated with Increased Risk of New-Onset Crohn's Disease But Not Ulcerative Colitis: A meta-analysis



Ungaro et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2014