

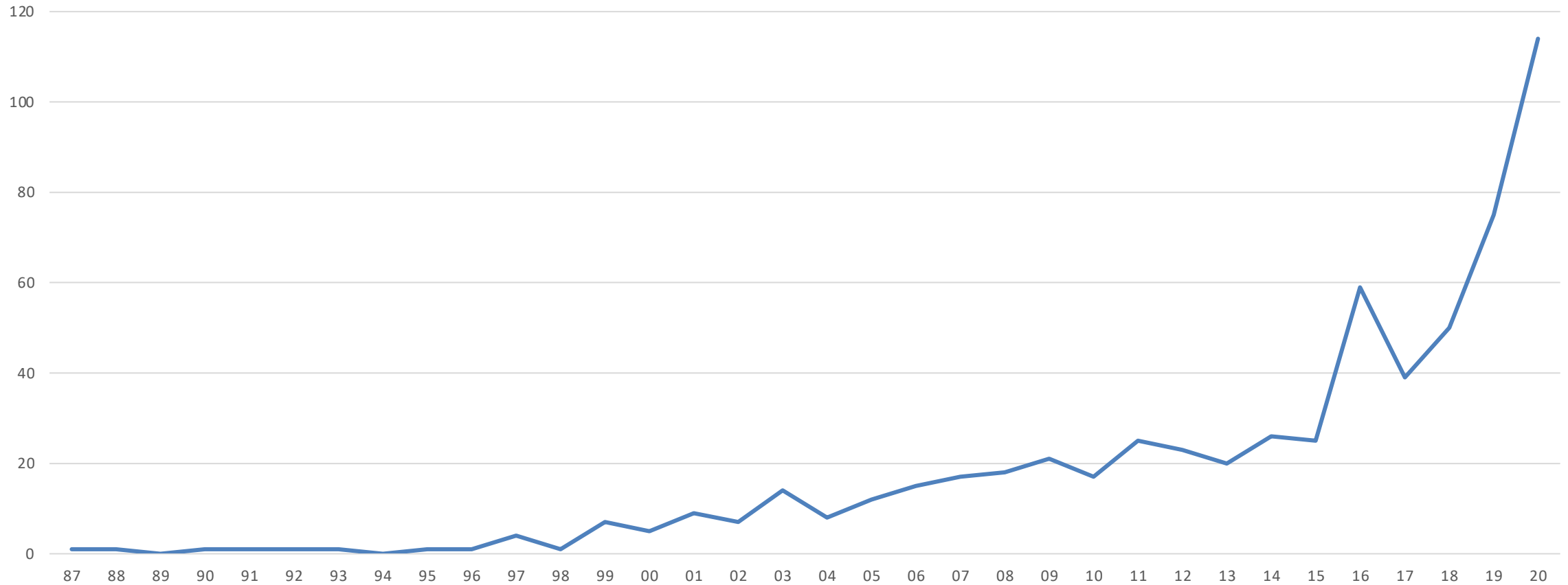
The ABCs of Very Early Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease

VEO-IBD: A Different Disease

- Onset of symptoms \leq 5 years of age
- Distinct from IBD in older children
- Can be more severe disease and refractory in some patients
- However, this disease does not limit a child's opportunities

Rapid Rise in Incidence

VEO Patients at CHOP by Year of Diagnosis

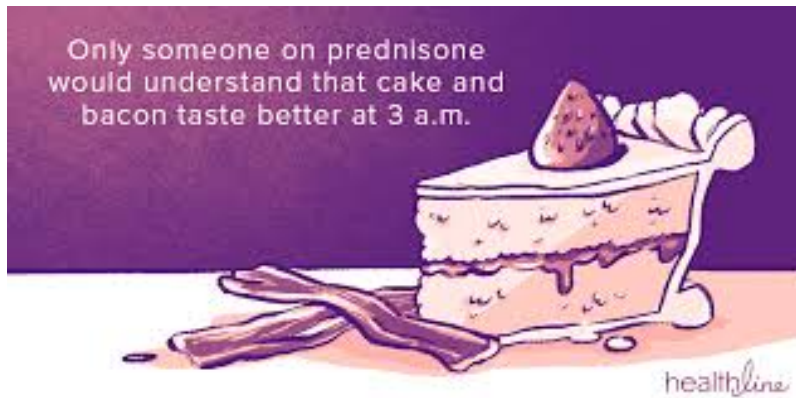


Each child has a unique disease course

- There is a wide spectrum of symptoms
 - Every child's disease is different
- Many patients have GI symptoms
 - Diarrhea, abdominal pain, rectal bleeding, constipation
 - Severe diaper rash, perianal involvement
 - Intolerance to certain foods
- Some may have fevers, arthritis, rashes, mouth sores, issues with growth

Past Approach: Band-Aid

- Steroids
- Surgery



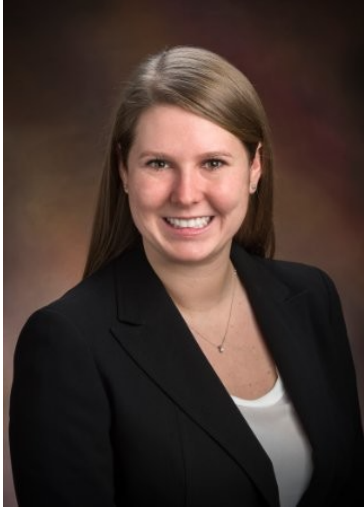
Many Treatment Options

- Diet Therapies
- Medications that are similar to what are used in older pediatric IBD
- Targeted therapies based on genetic and immune findings
- Some children require more than one therapy at the same time

Special considerations in VEO-IBD

- Assessing child development/meeting milestones
- Nutritional considerations and growth evaluations
- Eating habits and food aversions
- Timing of immunization schedule
- Child life support for procedures
- Behavioral therapy for child and family with chronic medical issues

CHOP VEO-IBD Team



CHOP VEO-IBD Clinic

- Multidisciplinary team evaluates any patient who presented very young or has had very refractory disease course
- Multiple providers seen all in one visit to CHOP
 - Pediatric gastroenterologist, specializing in VEO-IBD
 - Immunologist
 - Dietician
 - Other consultants: GI Behavioral Health, Rheumatology, Pediatric Surgery, Pathology, Genetics

Support for VEO-IBD Families

- Virtual Support group for parents of children with VEO-IBD facilitated by our dedicated psychosocial team
 - Next meeting: March 17, 2021 5pm – ibdcenter@chop.edu to sign up!
- Peer Parenting Program
 - Meet another parent of a child with VEO-IBD who has lived this experience
 - Volunteer to be a parent mentor to a family with a newly diagnosed child with VEO-IBD
- IBD Psychologist
- Social Work
- Email ibdcenter@chop.edu for more information about these programs

Resources

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Very Early Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease (VEO-IBD) Program



Infants and children who have [inflammatory bowel disease \(IBD\)](#) from a very young age (younger than 5 years old) often have different symptoms than older children and adults with IBD. They also sometimes do not respond to traditional treatments for IBD. These children, who have what's known as very early onset IBD (VEO-IBD), require specialized evaluation and targeted treatments.

[Learn more about the Very Early Onset IBD \(VEO-IBD\) Program](#)

Coronavirus Updates for the VEO-IBD Program

Read information related to COVID-19, including updates on outpatient visits and elective surgeries, and more.

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