

The **IMPACT** of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD)

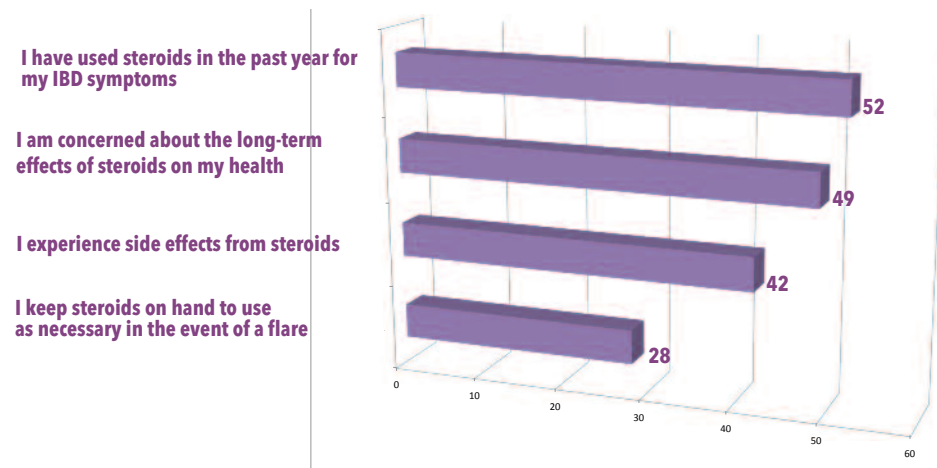
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TREATMENT

IMPACT on treatment

- ➔ Evidence for treatment plan (anti-TNF and surgery)
- ➔ Access to biological therapy is becoming more established, but a majority of patients has used corticosteroids, experienced side effects, and are concerned about longterm effects (see Figure)



EFCCA recommends:

- ➔ Maintain and develop good IBD health-service standards, in line with published guidelines - www.ibdstandards.org.uk
- ➔ High hospital admission represents a poor patient experience, an urgent opportunity for improvement, and significant morbidity. Reducing this burden may somewhat counterbalance the cost of new IBD treatments - it may pay to treat with innovative therapies
- ➔ Ensure that use of corticosteroids is in line with ECCO guidelines, and that the full range of treatment options is considered, according to comparative risk-benefit profiles

