

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

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS ASSOCIATIONS (EFCCA)

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OTHER SURVEYS

**IMPACT findings are supported by data from national patient association surveys
Spain (ACCU; GETECCU; GETEII) - 1688 patients**

- 25% stated that IBD greatly affected their working lives
- Over 3 hours working time lost on average per week
- 20% had received unjustified complaints about their work performance
- Almost half (45.4%) had been hospitalised for an average of 24 days
- 40.2% of patients were experiencing a flare at the time of the survey

Greece (ELIGAST and Crohn's and ulcerative colitis patient associations of Attic and North Greece) - 1181 patients

- 76% believed that greater access to specialised gastroenterologists would help improve their IBD healthcare
- 60% felt sadness and frustration, or emotional tension (stress) due to their disease
- Approximately half were not satisfied with the information they had in relation to the disease and its impact on their lives
- Most patients expressed the need for more information about the possible complications of the disease, including cancer and side effects of drug therapy
- 57% were absent from work for at least 5 days in the past year due to IBD
- 37% thought that IBD had affected their personal lives

