

The **IMPACT**

of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD)

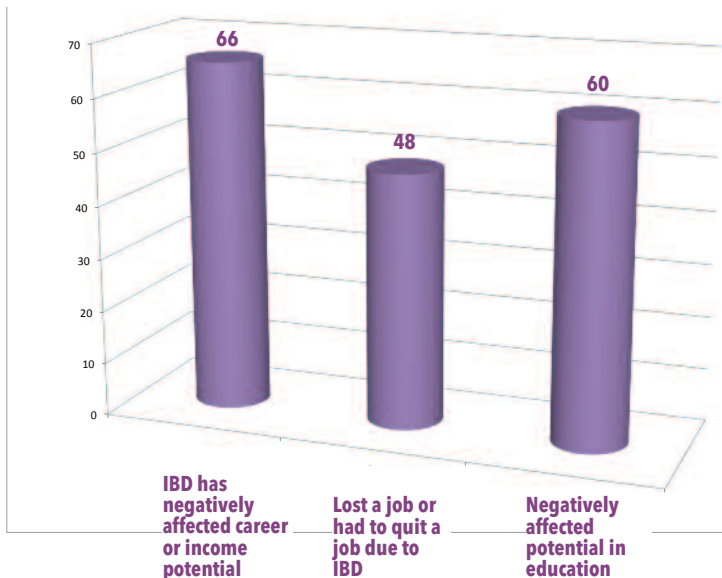
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EDUCATION AND CAREER

IMPACT on education and career

- 52% of patients were unable to perform to their full potential in an educational setting
- The majority of people with IBD feel it has impacted on their educational performance and negatively affected their income and earnings



IMPACT on work productivity correlates with disease severity

- 75% of patients have cancelled or rescheduled an appointment due to IBD flares
- 61% of patients feel stressed or pressured about taking time-off from work due to IBD; 25% have received complaints or unfair comments and 21% have suffered discrimination
- 43% of patients had to make an adjustment to their working life (e.g. home working or flexible hours)
- Disease severity and ability to work seem to correlate

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