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31 Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Is There an Overlap?

by Eamonn M. M. Quigley, Fergus Shanahan
Recent descriptions of immune activation and even subtle mucosal inflammation in IBS have raised the possibility of a more fundamental relationship between IBS and IBD. This review will address two issues: firstly, at a pathophysiological level, the relationships between IBS and IBD and, secondly, in a clinical context, the interpretation of IBS-type symptoms among IBD patients in apparent remission.

A CASE REPORT

42 Fever of Unknown Origin in an Immunosuppressed Patient with Crohn’s Disease: An Unusual Cause

by Leyla J. Ghazi, Raymond K. Cross
We illustrate a case of an immunosuppressed patient with Crohn’s disease who did not have an identifiable organic cause for fever of unknown origin (FUO). This case underscores the importance of formulating a broad differential diagnosis in IBD patients who develop fevers while on chronic immunosuppressants.

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Sodium Polystyrene Sulfonate (SPS): Sorbitol-Induced Colonic Necrosis

by Mohamad Erfani, Yougandhar Akula, Touraj Zolfaghari, Hilary I. Hertan

Sodium polystyrene sulfonate (SPS) is a cation exchange resin which primarily acts in the colon. We present an uncommon case of ulceration with necrosis of the ascending colon following multiple oral SPS-sorbitol administrations.