

Crohn's Disease Management: Conclusions of a Comparative Study between UK and Romania

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Abstract

Crohn's disease is a chronic inflammatory condition, which may affect any portion of the digestive tract from the mouth to the anus. It is a chronic medical condition which requires surgery when medical treatment fails or complications such as strictures, sepsis or fistulation develop (1,2,3). We retrospectively studied a group of 19 patients with Crohn's disease from "Coltea" Hospital, Bucharest, Romania, and another group of 16 patients with Crohn's disease from Bedford Hospital UK, all of them having undergone surgery; we compared their preoperative and postoperative treatments, including follow up. It was concluded that the implementation of clinical guidelines and protocols for the management of patients with Crohn's disease is needed in Romania.

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