AN EXPENSIVE DISEASE WITHOUT A CURE

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) is a chronic lifelong condition with significant health and economic costs.

Based on data from 2004, IBD accounts for approximately

- **1,300,000** physician visits
- **92,000** hospitalizations

in the United States each year.

Diagnosis to end of life

- **75%** of patients diagnosed with Crohn’s disease
- **25%** of patients diagnosed with ulcerative colitis

will require surgery

Estimated Cost of IBD

In 2008, direct treatment costs for patients with IBD were estimated to be greater than **$6.3 billion**.

Indirect costs such as missed work opportunities were estimated to cost an additional **$5.5 billion**.

Helping people live with IBD

CDC studies the burden of IBD to learn how to improve the health of people living with IBD and reduce the associated economic costs. CDC’s work facilitates the study of IBD and efforts towards reducing the burden of IBD.

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