

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



of patients diagnosed with Crohn's disease

and



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.



U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/IBD