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## **NEW ONSET ILEOCECAL CROHN`S DISEASE**

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# 18 yr old student LRQ pain and abdominal cramps

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Jan 2007: 18 yr. old female student presents to the ER with right lower quadrant abdominal pain, no change in stools

Pain onset Dec 2006, diagnosed as IBS secondary to stress in exams

Two days prior to admission: sudden increase of the pain, same location.

Temp: 37.5 °C,

Rebound tenderness in the RLQ, questionable mass

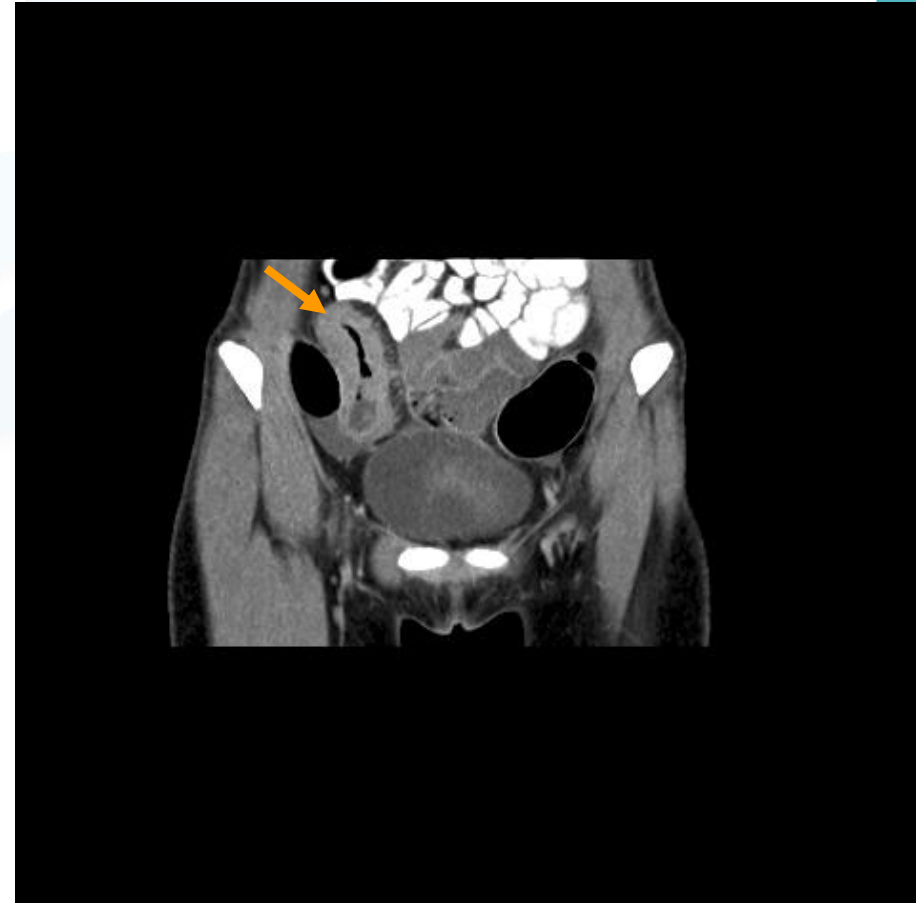
Past history: Age 10 constipation, anal fissures, responding well to laxatives.

Normal puberty, length around P50, parents both P75.

Lab results: CRP 54 mg/L, neutrophils:  $11.9 \times 10^9/L$ , Hb 11.3, Tf Sat 4%, Ferritin: normal, serum albumin: 41.9 g/dL



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# Initial management?

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- a. Start broad spectrum antibiotics and observe
- b. Start 5-ASA 4 g/d and observe
- c. Start Budesonide 9 mg/d and observe
- d. Start prednisolone 40 mg/d and observe
- e. Start infliximab 5 mg/kg IV and observe
- f. Start azathioprine 2.5 mg.kg and observe
- g. Schedule ileocolonoscopy before initiating treatment
- h. Refer for ileocecal resection
- i. Other



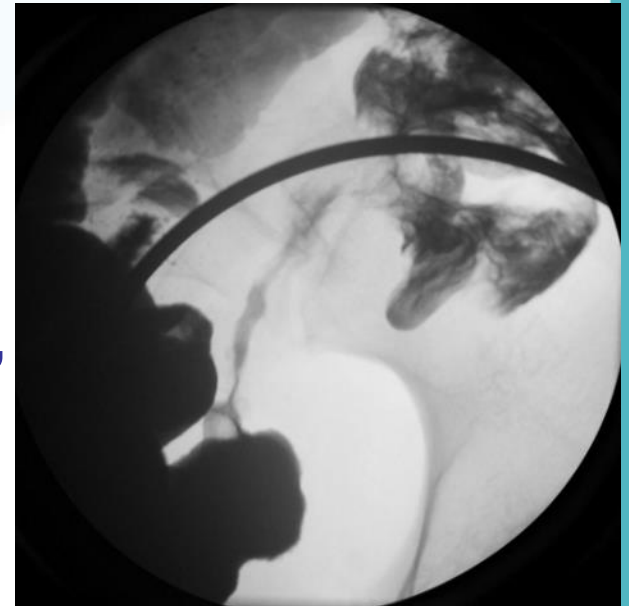
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Ileocolonoscopy: normal left colon; cecal ulcers with sharp demarcation to normal ascending colon. Ulcerated and stenotic ileum and ileocecal valve.

No NSAID use

Biopsies:

- Ileum and cecum: chronic inflammation, compatible with IBD
  - Left colon: mixed infiltrate, no architectural changes
- No granulomata.



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# Treatment of moderately active ileocecal disease



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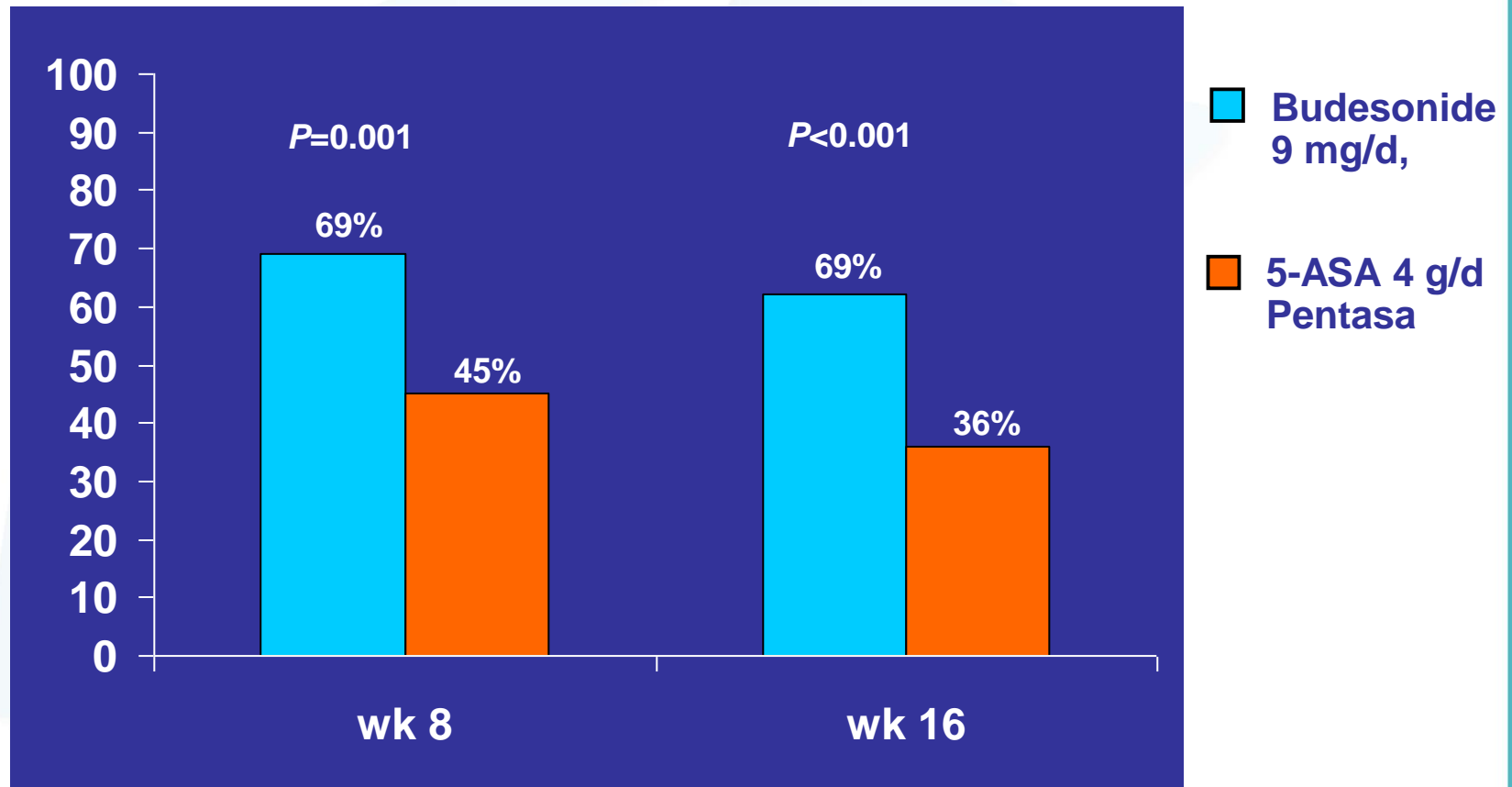
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Moderately active, localised ileocaecal Crohn's disease should preferably be treated with budesonide 9 mg per day [EL1a, RG A], or with systemic corticosteroids [EL1a, RG A]. Antibiotics can be added if septic complications are suspected [EL5, RG D]



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# Budesonide vs. 5-ASA: Clinical Remission\*



\*CDAI score <150

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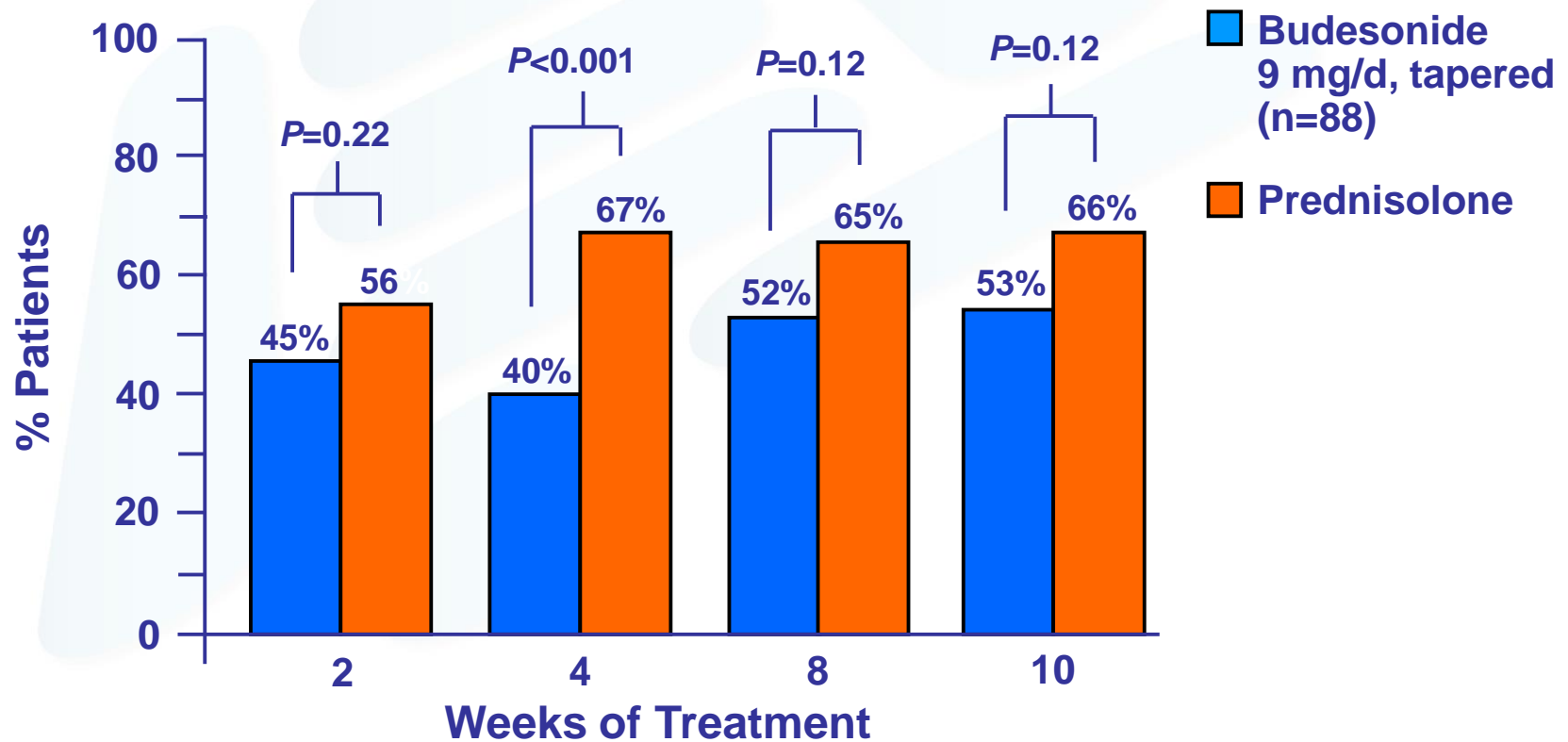
Thomsen et al. *N Engl J Med.* 1998;339:370.



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# Conventional Steroids vs. Budesonide: Clinical Remission\*



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Adapted with permission from Rutgeerts P et al.  
*N Engl J Med.* 1994;331:842.

# Antibiotics in ileocaecal CD?

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Metronidazole 500 mg 3x/d not superior to placebo  
(Sutherland 1991)

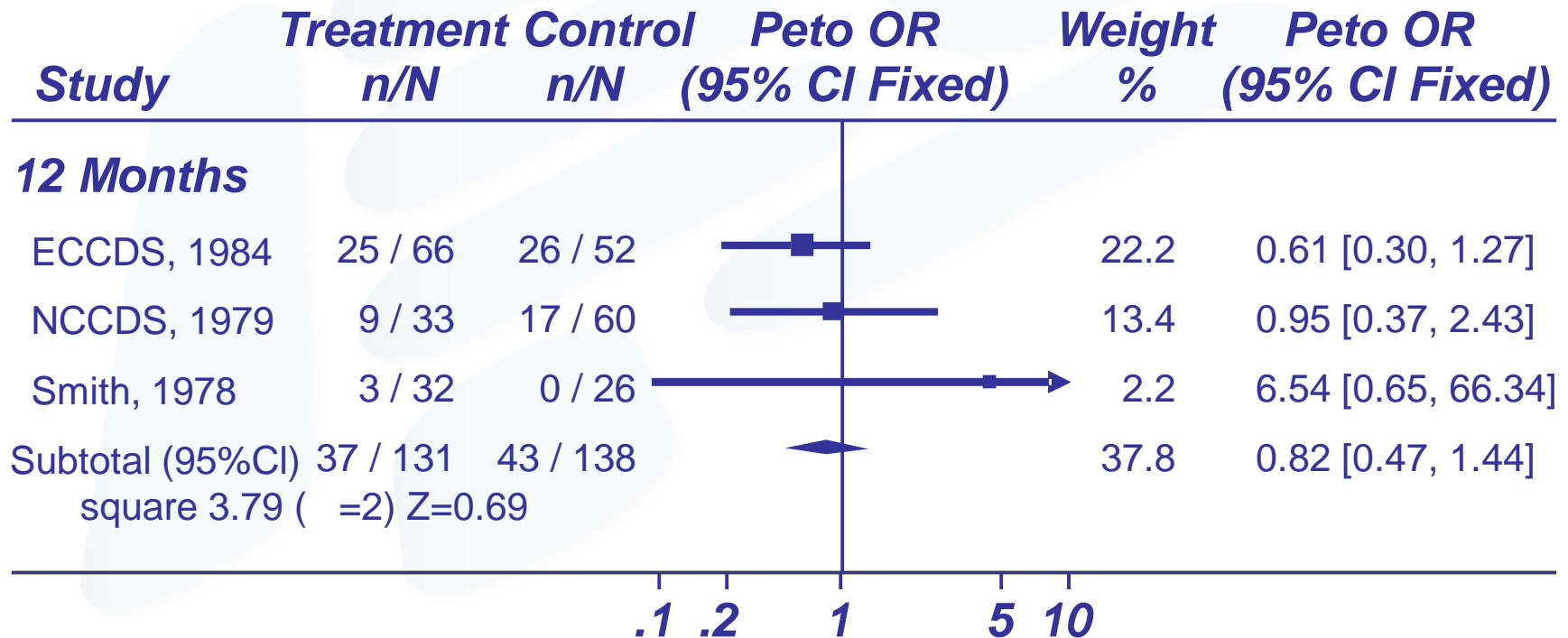
Ciprofloxacin 1 g equivalent to 5-ASA 4g at 4 weeks  
(Colombel 1999)

Ciprofloxacin + Metronidazole; no added benefit over  
budesonide (Steinhart 2002).

Antibiotics mainly indicated to treat  
associated septic complications



# Conventional Steroids as Maintenance Therapy for Crohn's disease

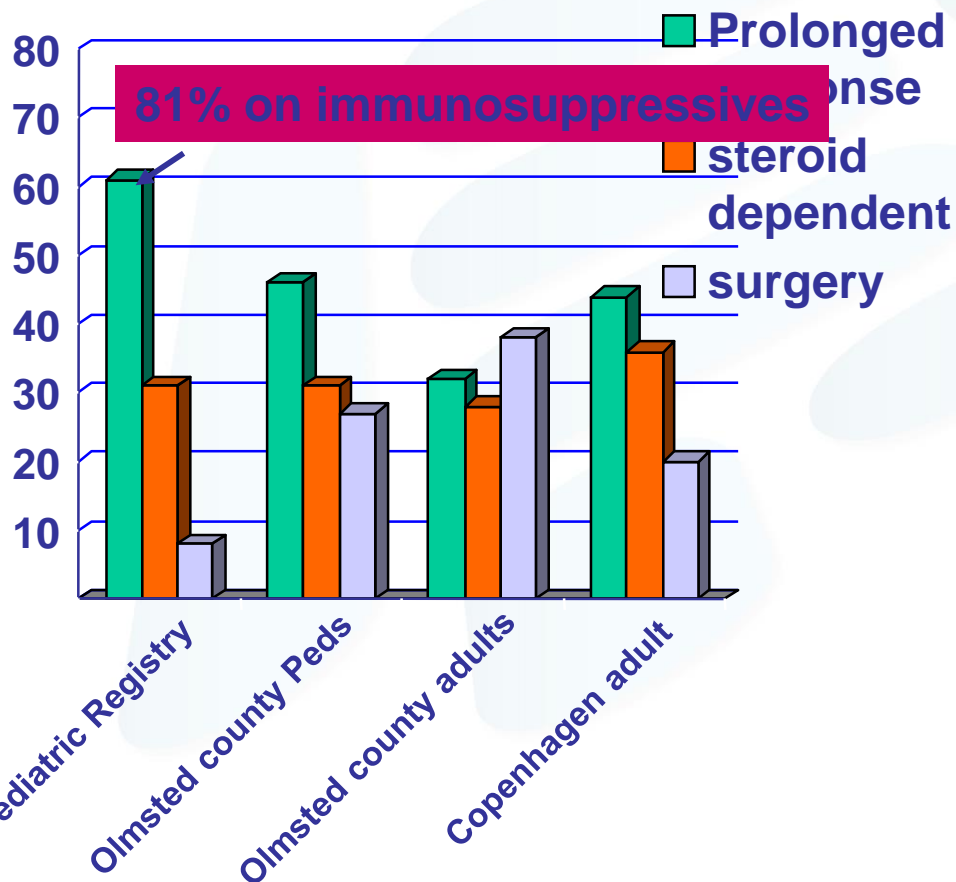


Steinhart AH et al. The Cochrane Library, issue 3, 2000.

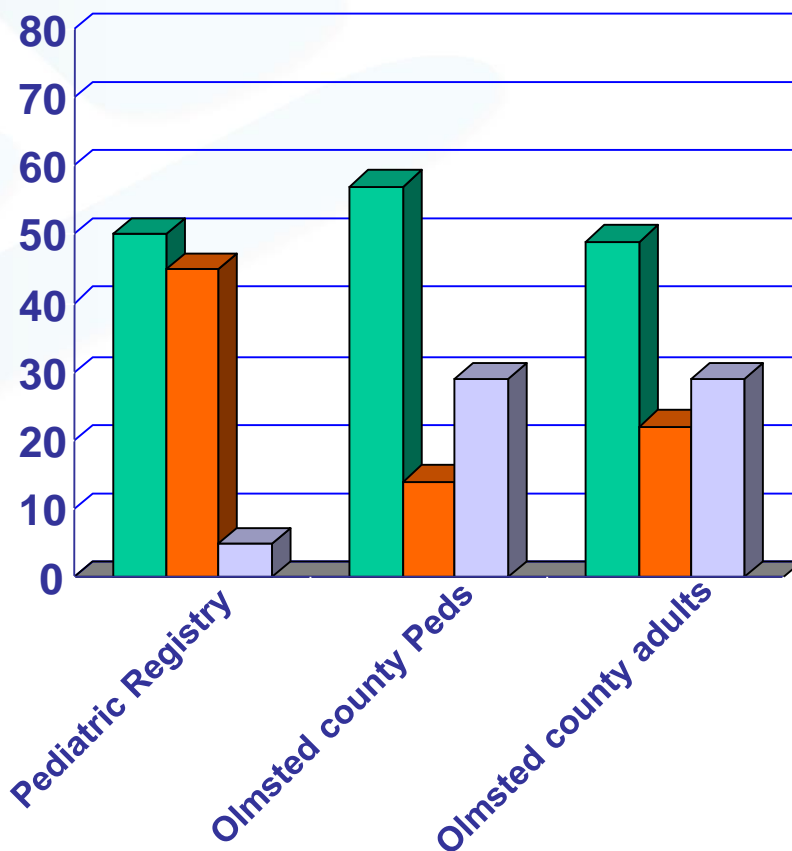


# Steroids in IBD: one year outcome

## CD

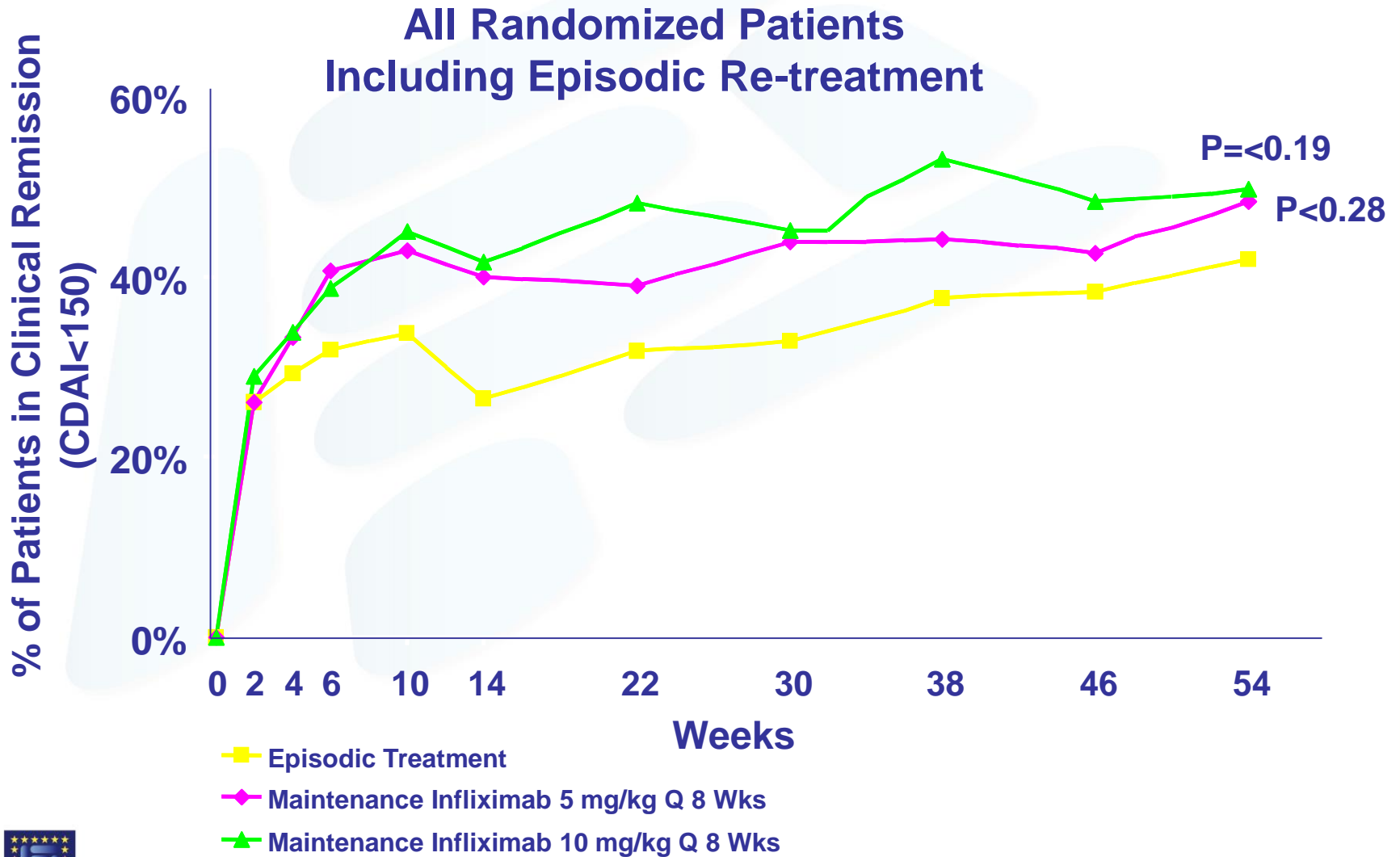


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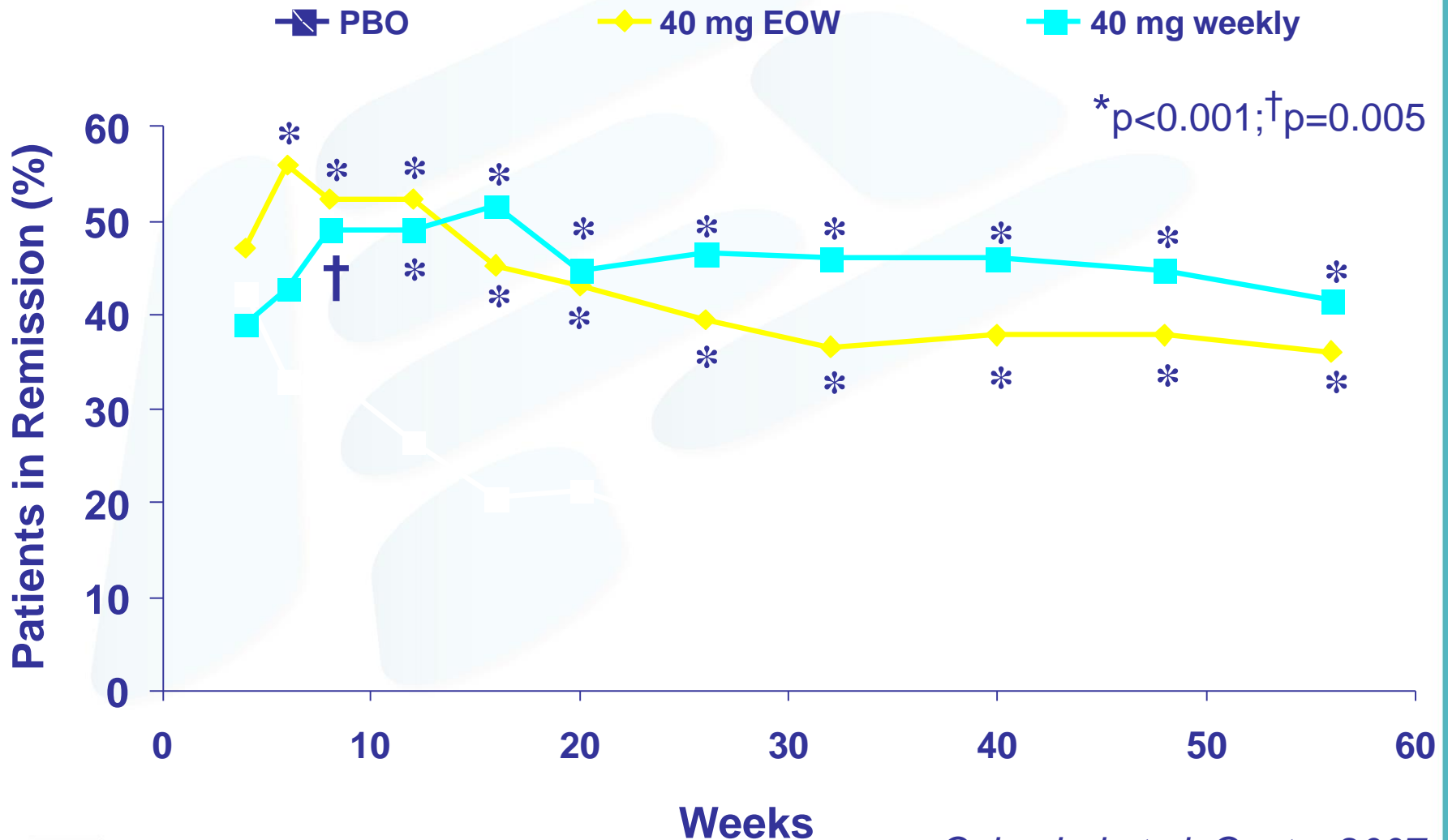
Markowitz et al. 2006, Hyams et al 2006, Faubion et al 2001, Tung et al 2001, Munkholm et al. 1994  
Faubion 2006

# Infliximab Treatment is Effective at Maintaining Clinical Remission

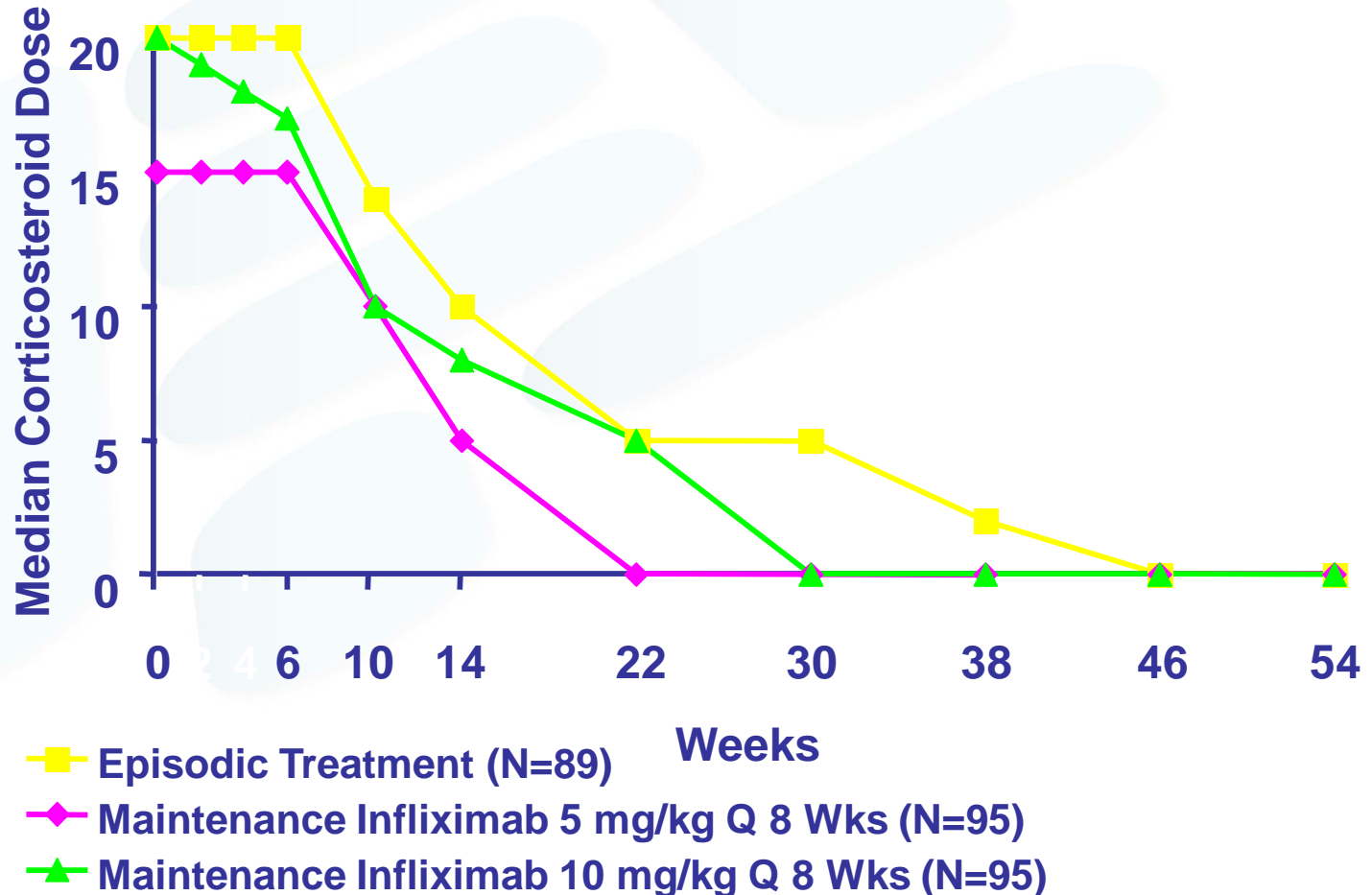


# Clinical Remission Over Time

## Randomized Responders



# Average Daily Corticosteroid Dose Through Week 54

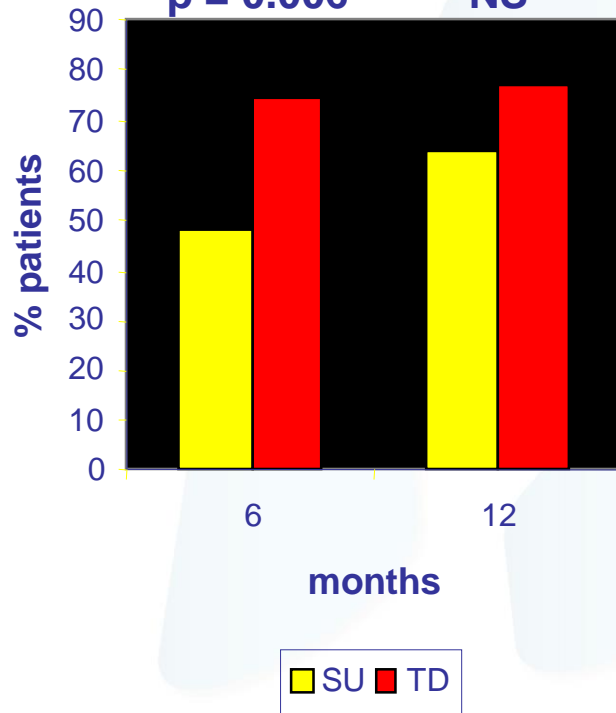


# The Step-Up/top-Down Study

## Remission off steroids

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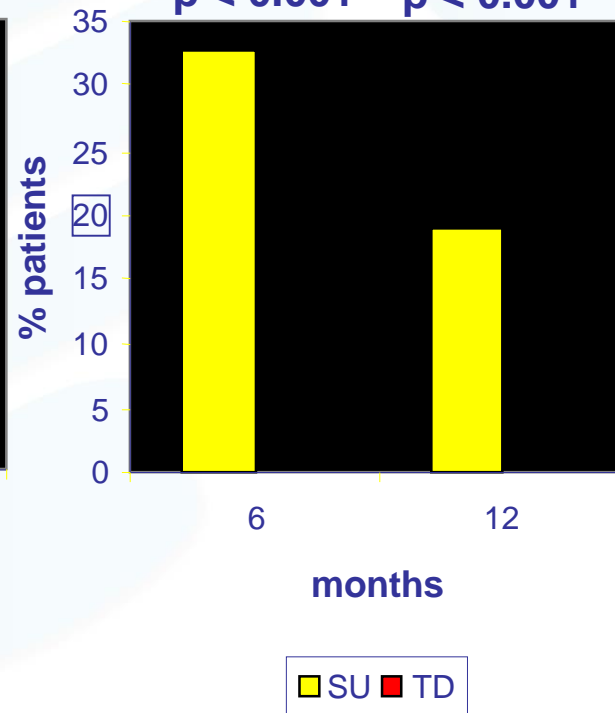
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## Patients on Steroids

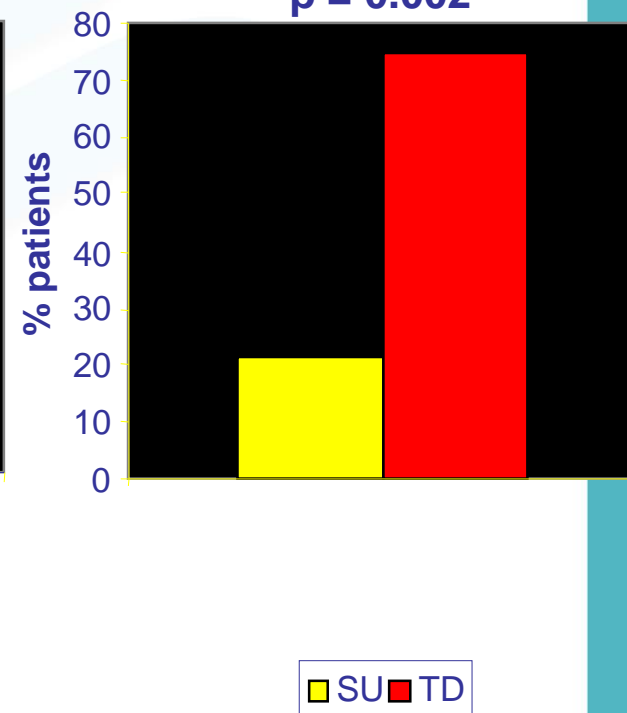
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## No ulcers after 2 years

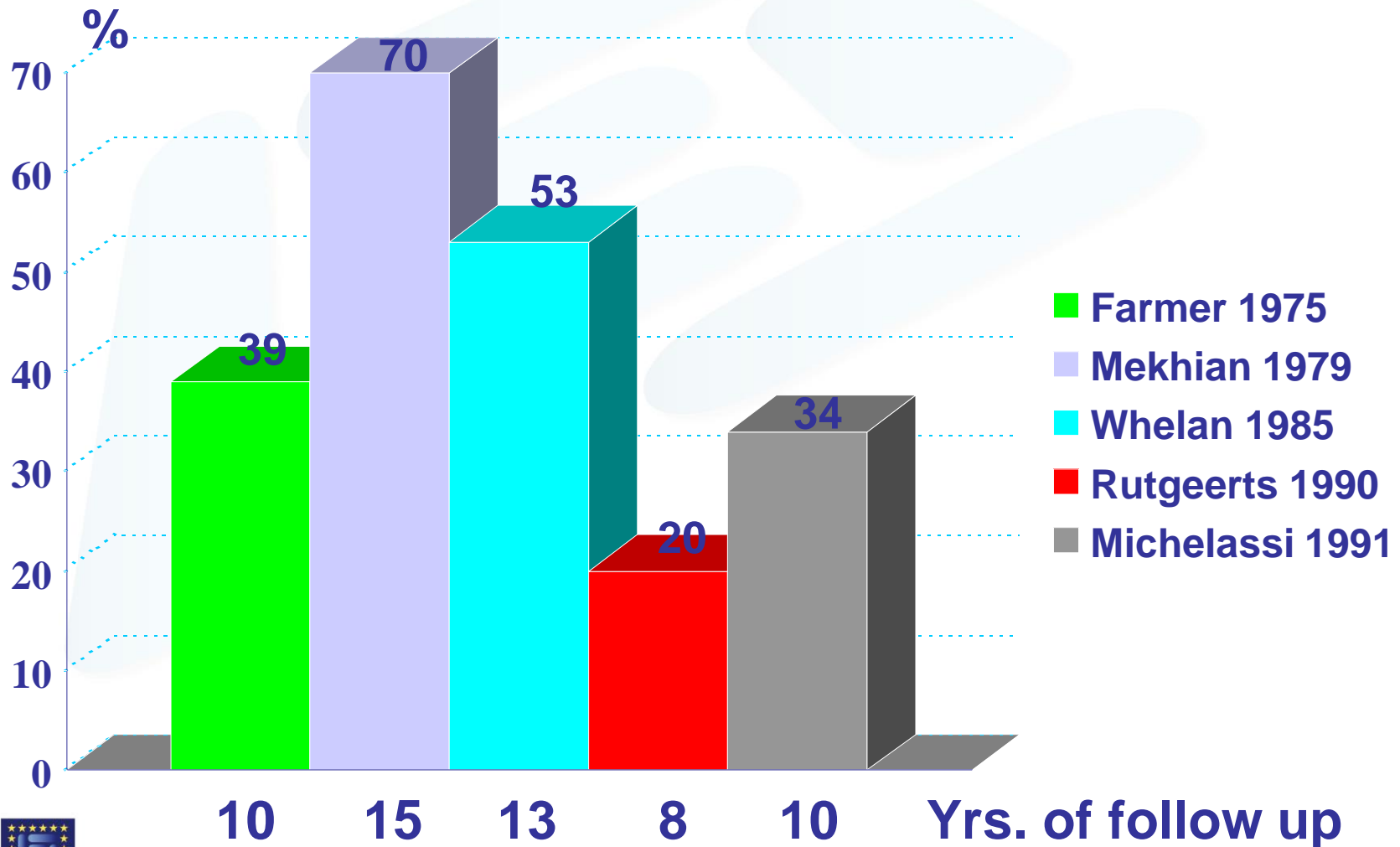
$p = 0.002$



D Hommes and G D'Haens DDW 2005,



# Re-operation rates for ileocolonic disease





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