

CROHN'S DISEASE

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ULCERATIVE COLITIS

Mostly occurs in the last part of the small intestine and the first part of the colon

Affect all three layers of the bowel wall

Symptoms include diarrhea (sometimes with bleeding), cramping abdominal pain, fever and fatigue

Has extra-intestinal manifestations

Can cause blockages in the intestine, ulcerations (sores), in the intestinal tract & fistulas; known to increase the risk of colon cancer

Surgery may be used as a treatment

Mostly affect the mucosal lining of the large intestine (colon) and rectum

Remains confined to the colon and affects the topmost layers

Symptoms include cramping, abdominal pain, loose & bloody stools, bowel incontinence, fatigue, loss of weight & appetite & anemia

Has extra-intestinal manifestations

Can give rise to development of liver disease, osteoporosis, and blood clots

Patients do not usually require surgery