

Results of Topic Selection Process & Next Steps

- Comprehensive source of information on IBS, Crohn's disease, and ulcerative colitis does not fit within the domain of the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program because the topic does not address a specific therapeutic or diagnostic intervention. Information on an existing AHRQ Effective Health Care report on pharmacologic therapies for the management of Crohn's disease can be found below. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.
 - Existing AHRQ Effective Health Care (EHC) report. Pharmacologic Therapies for the Management of Crohn's Disease: Comparative Effectiveness.
 - To view the research review, please go to: <u>http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1869</u>

Topic Description

Nominator(s): Individual

Nomination The nominator is interested in a comprehensive source of information about irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), Crohn's disease, and ulcerative colitis to assist patients in decision-making.

Considerations

- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs), sponsors the development of systematic reviews to assist public- and private-sector organizations in their efforts to improve the quality of health care in the United States. These reviews focus attention on the evidence from research studies about the effectiveness and safety of a clinical intervention.
- The topic does not meet EHC Program appropriateness criteria. (For more information, see http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/submit-a-suggestion-for-research/how-are-research-topics-chosen/.)