

# Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

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## Overview

This document addresses the recommended management of inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease) in persons 12 years of age or older at the end of the report period.

## Care Pattern

### CP-I

#### **9000020 Patient(s) with inflammatory bowel disease complications that had gastroenterology consultation in last 3 reported months.**

Patients with complications from inflammatory bowel disease may benefit from the involvement of a gastroenterologist. The consensus opinion of experts was the primary source of our recommendation for gastroenterology consultation within 3 months if a patient met either of the following criteria during the last 90 days of the report period: 1) one or more hospitalizations with a primary diagnosis of ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease or 2) two or more emergency room encounters at least 5 days apart with a primary diagnosis of ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.