



## INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASES (IBD)

Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis are chronic inflammatory diseases of the GI tract.

### Crohn's Disease

Inflammatory bowel disease causing Inflammation and ulceration **in the digestive tract**

- Anywhere in GI tract "from gum to bum"
- Patches of inflammation found in large section
- Typically in the lower right abdomen
- Ulcers penetrate entire thickness of the abdominal lining
- Mouth and GI ulcers, loss of weight, fissures with anal bleeding, abdominal bloating

#### Location of Inflammation

#### Pattern of Inflammation

#### Appearance & Location of Pain

#### Signs & Symptoms

### Ulcerative Colitis

Inflammatory bowel disease causing Inflammation and ulceration **in the innermost lining of the colon + rectum only**

- Limited to the large intestine/colon
- Continuous inflammation: not scattered, no patchiness
- Typically in the lower left abdomen
- Ulcers penetrate the inner lining of the abdomen only
- Bleeding during bowel movements, urgent need to defecate, loss of weight, formation of polyps, abdominal cramping

