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Ulcerative
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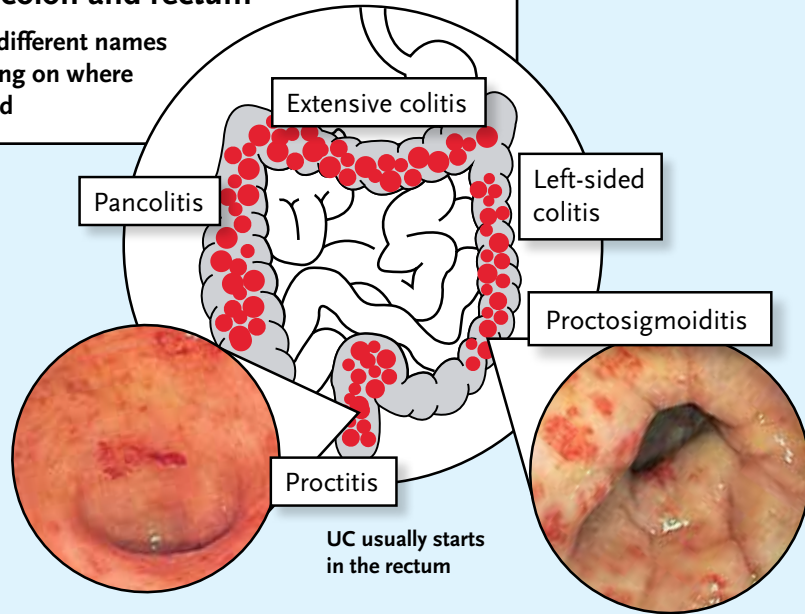


Ulcerative colitis

(UC for short)

A condition causing inflammation in the colon and rectum

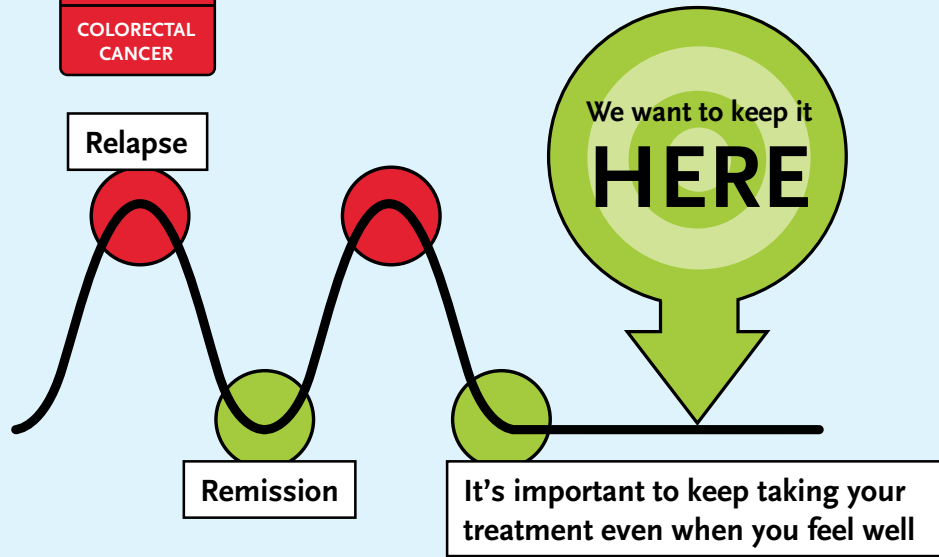
UC has different names depending on where it's found



UC usually starts in the rectum

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The goal is to keep inflammation in check



It's important to keep taking your treatment even when you feel well

How we treat it depends on where the inflammation is

Oral medicine

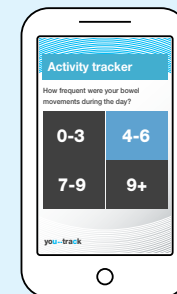
tablets or granules

Rectal medicine

suppositories or foam or liquid enemas

There are other things you can do to help yourself

- Eat small portions
- Take supplements
- Drink lots of water
- Keep active
- Talk things through

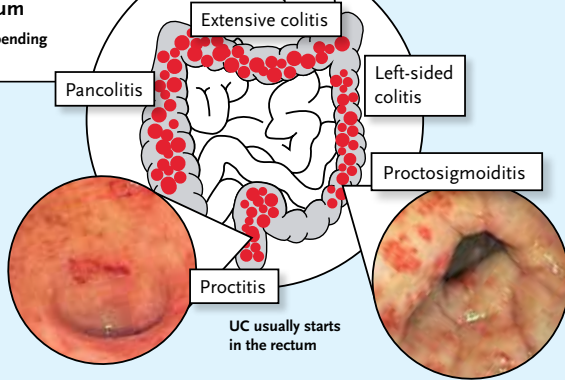


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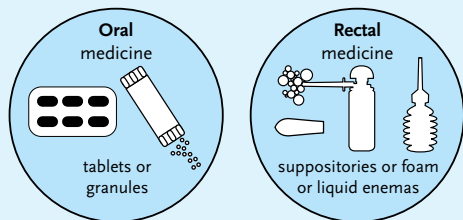
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- UC is a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) that affects the colon and rectum¹
- It causes your colon to become inflamed and sometimes small sores called ulcers may form^{1,2}
- You may hear it called different names depending on where the inflammation is¹

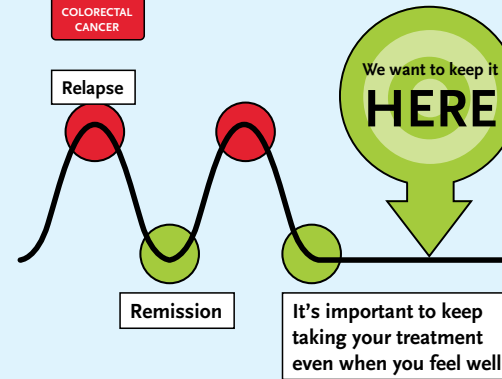
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- Treatment comes in a few different forms to match your needs
- You can take tablets or granules with a special coating that dissolves once they get to the colon²
- Rectal options like suppositories, foams and enemas are also good for getting medicine to where it's needed²

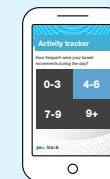
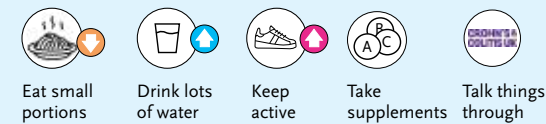
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- Inflammation in UC goes up and down over time, with periods of remission when you feel well, and relapses when you get symptoms²
- We want to get your inflammation into remission and keep it there²
- Even when you feel well, you still need to take your medicine so that you don't have another flare-up or any other unpleasant complications³

There are other things you can do to help yourself



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You can track how active your UC is with the you•••track app

- Eat and drink in small amounts frequently throughout the day⁴
- Regular exercise can help reduce fatigue and inflammation in people with IBD⁵
- Taking supplements (like iron or vitamin D) can help you make sure you're getting enough nutrients⁴
- It's a good idea to talk things through – you can find lots of support through Crohn's & Colitis UK

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Abbreviations

IBD: inflammatory bowel disease

UC: ulcerative colitis

Useful links:

www.dralk.co.uk

www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk

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