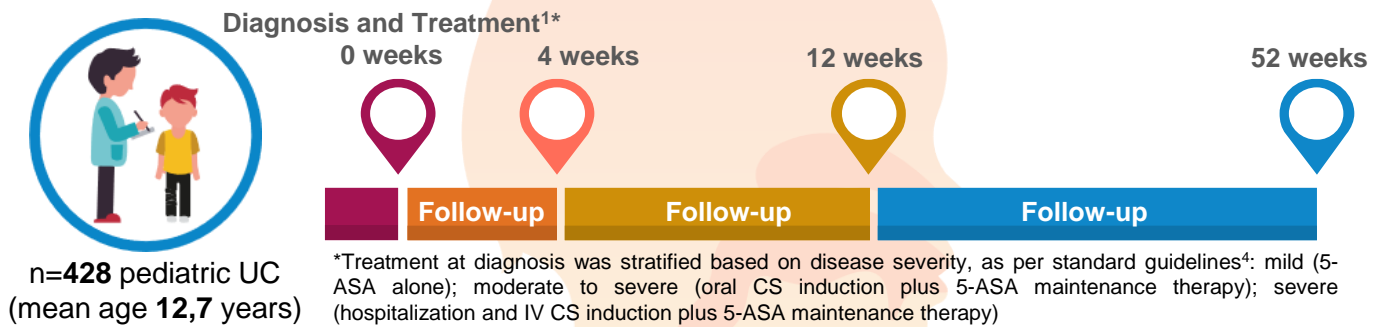




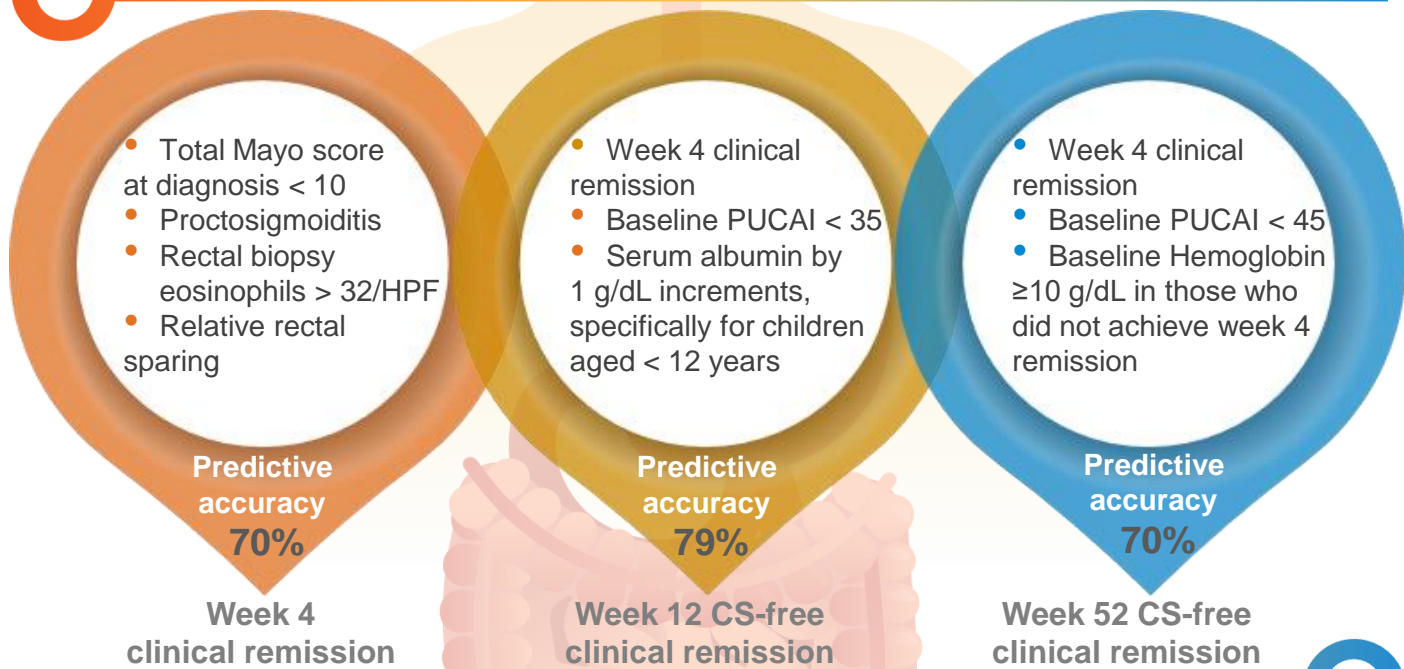
**Did you know?**

... initial clinical activity and treatment response by 4 weeks may predict long-term remission in children newly diagnosed with UC?

Predictors of responses to 5-ASA with or without corticosteroid induction therapy were studied prospectively in the PROTECT study<sup>1-3</sup> at 4 weeks, 12 weeks and 52 weeks



**Predictors<sup>1,2</sup>**



**Predicted outcomes independently from initial treatment<sup>1,2</sup>**

These findings could have an immediate impact on clinical practice by providing specific parameters for initial disease activity, laboratory test results, and histologic features, as well as early response to standardised therapy, to guide therapeutic decisions in pediatric UC<sup>1,2</sup>

5-ASA: 5-aminosalicylic acid; CS: corticosteroids; HPF: high-powered field; PUCAI: Pediatric Ulcerative Colitis Activity Index; UC: Ulcerative colitis

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