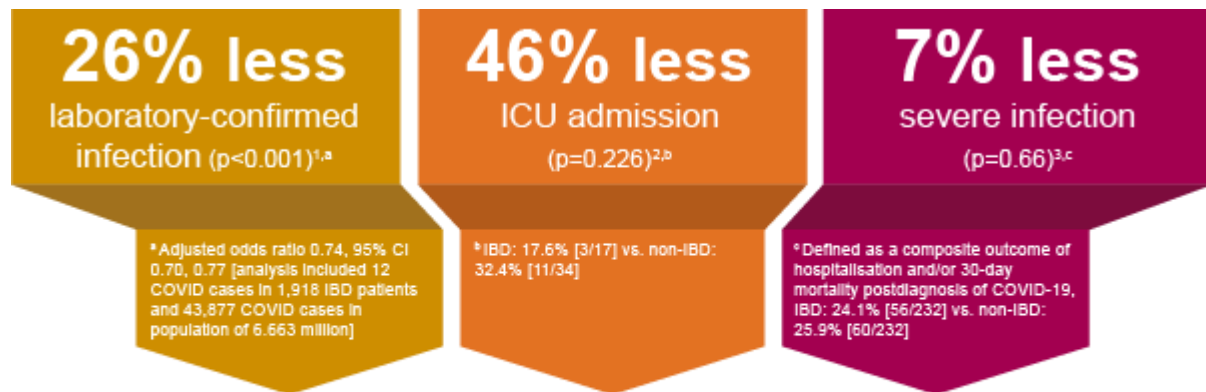




Did you know?

...Patients with IBD might be at reduced risk of COVID-19 infection compared with the general population?

Three recently published studies all reported numerically lower rates of (severe) COVID-19 in patients with IBD than in the general population¹⁻³



It has been suggested that higher plasma angiotensin-converting enzyme-2 (ACE2) levels in patients with IBD than healthy individuals provides competitive inhibition of circulating SARS-CoV-2 and, thereby, decreased susceptibility to infection⁴

IBD societies and experts recommend that patients should NOT discontinue their IBD medications to prevent COVID-19 infection⁵

IBD: inflammatory bowel disease; ICU: intensive care unit

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