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WHAT ARE THE INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY IN CROHN'S DISEASE IN THE ERA OF BIOLOGICS?

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In a retrospective study of 292 Crohn's Disease patients over 8 years, 17.12% required surgery, with stenosis as the most common indication despite biological therapy availability.

KEY POINTS

- 50 of 292 Crohn's Disease patients (17.12%) required surgical intervention between January 2015 and March 2024 at a university hospital gastroenterology department.
- Stenosis was the primary surgical indication in 35 cases (67.3%), followed by intestinal perforation and fistulation (7 cases each, 13.5%), and abscess (1 case, 1.9%).
- 36% of surgical procedures (18 cases) were performed on an urgent basis, indicating a significant proportion of acute complications.
- Prior to surgery, 42% of patients were receiving immunosuppressants, 12% were on corticosteroids, and only 10% were undergoing biological therapy.
- The majority of surgical patients (84%) had ileo-colic disease involvement, and 76% underwent a single surgical procedure during the study period.

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