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# Introduction: What's new on diverticular disease of the colon

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**This educational session covers the pathogenesis, classification, diagnosis, imaging, and surgical decision-making in diverticular disease across four talks.**

KEY POINTS

- The first talk addresses current concepts of pathogenesis, classification systems for characterising diverticular disease, and key differential diagnoses
- The second talk focuses on diagnostic tools including imaging and endoscopy to confirm diverticular disease and diverticulitis, with emphasis on emergency diagnosis and colonoscopy to rule out colon cancer
- The third topic is a tandem presentation by a gastroenterologist and surgeon on when to operate, covering treatment of first episodes, differential diagnosis of persistent symptoms including IBS, and management of complications to control sepsis
- The speakers emphasise case-by-case shared decision-making for surgery based on frequency, severity, and importantly the patient's quality of life

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