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Diverticulitis Evaluation of Patient Burden, Utilization & Trajectory



What is diverticulitis?

Diverticulitis is a swelling or infection in the small pouches that line the digestive system. These pouches are called diverticula. Symptoms may include stomach pain, nausea, fever or chills.

Why are researchers studying diverticulitis?

Half of all Americans over 60 years of age have diverticulitis. Diverticulitis is now the leading cause for elective (non-emergency) surgery to remove all or part of the colon. However, both doctors and patients often have a difficult time deciding when elective surgery is the best treatment option for this condition.

Researchers are interested in better understanding how diverticulitis affects quality of life for patients. We want to know how doctors and patients make treatment decisions as well as how these decisions ultimately affect patients' lives.

What are the benefits of participating in this study?

Your participation in this study will help us understand the outcomes that matter most to diverticulitis patients, including how treatment decisions affect symptoms, quality of life, and overall health. You will also be helping us to give the best treatment recommendations for diverticulitis patients in the future.

How can I be part of this study?

You can be part of this study if you have been diagnosed with diverticulitis and have not had part of your colon removed.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to respond to a short, confidential survey around the time you join and then every three months afterward for up to four years. These surveys will ask questions about your overall health and how diverticulitis affects your life.

Each survey will each take about 10-20 minutes to complete. You do not have to answer every question. After you fill out and submit each survey, we will mail you a \$10 check.

Questions?

For more information about this study, please talk with your healthcare provider or contact our study representative:

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