GI diseases in children

**PAEDIATRIC INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE, COELIAC DISEASE AND OESOPHAGITIS ARE INCREASING IN MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

- **CHILDHOOD-ONSET IBD INCREASE**: A recent review of the incidence and prevalence of paediatric-onset IBD reported a general trend for an overall increase over the past few decades.

- **HIGHEST INCIDENCE CROHN’S DISEASE**: The highest reported incidence of paediatric Crohn’s disease has recently been from Sweden, Hungary and Norway with lowest incidence from Poland.

- **HIGHEST INCIDENCE PAEDIATRIC ULCERATIVE COLITIS**: In the last decade, the highest incidence of paediatric ulcerative colitis has been reported from France, Finland and Hungary.

- **HIGH PREVALENCE OF FUNCTIONAL GI DISORDERS IN CHILDREN**: The incidence varies from 2–10% of young people across Europe.

- **INFANTS BETWEEN 1–4 YEARS**: Most frequent in infants between one and four years with risk factors including low birth weight and cow’s milk allergy.

- **DIAGNOSED DURING CHILDHOOD**: Up to one in four cases of IBD present and are diagnosed during childhood (under the age of 16 years).