

Eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases in Internal Medicine News!

We count! National prevalence estimates for eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases (EGID)

APFED's research abstract from the fall North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) annual scientific meeting was featured in the February 15th issue of Internal Medicine News , a newspaper for physicians highlighting relevant medical news.

APFED worked with Dr. Jonathan Spergel (Pedi GI, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) and Dr. Peter Bonis (Adult GI, Tufts University Boston) on a study examining how physicians diagnose and treat EGIDs, as well as how many patients they see with eosinophilic esophagitis, gastroenteritis and colitis. The study was presented at the NASPGHAN annual meeting in November. This study provides the first national based prevalence estimates for eosinophilic esophagitis (52 per 100,000 population), eosinophilic gastroenteritis and colitis (28 per 100,000). These prevalence estimates, which show approximately how many people live with EGIDs in the United States, are similar to those from smaller regional studies. We also gained important insight into how physicians diagnose and treat EGIDs, which will help direct our physician education efforts, identify needs in how we define EGIDs, and support research initiatives.

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