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**ABSTRACT**

**Title:** The Financial Burden of Inflammatory Bowel Disease Healthcare Expenditure and Utilization in Pediatric Patients

• **Objective:** The purpose of this study was to determine the percentage of pediatric patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) who accrue 50% of the yearly total costs from 2012-2014. Subset analysis showed that prescribed medication costs were the highest expense. We did not find any correlation between hospitalization costs and telephone encounters. In the future, it will be important to quickly identify those patients who are at risk for having the greatest healthcare utilization while striving to develop improved interventions to try to aggressively