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Coeliac Disease
What's new and in the news?
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## An update:

$=$ Role of genes
$\Rightarrow$ Diagnosis
$\because$ GF foods and prescriptions
$\Rightarrow$ Risks
OTreatments
$\Rightarrow$ Gluten sensitivity

## Genetic Testing

* Coeliac gene: HLA-DQ2 known for a long time
* 90\% express HLA-DQ2, 10\% DQ8
* Now 40 genes predisposing to or protecting against Coeliac Disease
* overlap with type 1 diabetes/thyroid gene
* probably more to be found
* Hope is that we can:
-     - Predict risk of getting disease
-     - Predict how disease behaves
-     - Predict response to treatments
-     - Design new therapies / treatment strategies


## Diagnosis: Adults

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## 1) Small Intestine Biopsy

Normal second part of duodenum (intact villous architecture)


Villous atrophy in Coeliac Disease (flat mucosa with scalloped edge)


## Diagnosis Adults

2) Tissue Translglutaminase (tTGlgA) blood test
3) Point of care testing

- Simtomax
- Biohit



## Diagnosis Children

- Symptomatic children in whom the TTGIgA level exceeds 10 times the upper limit of normal, EMA antibodies are positive on a separately taken blood sample, and HLA-DQ2 or HLA-DQ8 are positive, then biopsies do not need to be performed to confirm the diagnosis.
OType 1 Diabetes
$\theta$ Family history


## GF Foods

# The gluten-free food price shock 

 Alternative items cost up to $200 \%$ more ... even if standard varieties don't have any gluten in them!
## By Colin Fernandez and Sean Poulter

SUPERMARKETS are 'exploiting' shoppers by selling glutenups even though the regular, cheaper versions do not have any gluten in them either.
In some cases the price difference,
between the so-called free from' between the so-called 'free from'
product withount tliten and a similar,
normal product can be 200 per cent.
Around one in 100 people have coeliac
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disease, an auto-immune condition
which can make sufferers seriouslily
they eat gluten, aprotein found in grains



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## THEE INDEPENDENT

"Gluten-free products can be three to four times more expensive than their standard counterparts in supermarkets, according to Coeliac UK, a national charity which supports people suffering from the autoimmune disease. Sarah Sleet, Chief Executive of Coeliac UK, said factors such as higher costs of glutenfree ingredients and additional costs involved in using dedicated factories and production area can contribute to the difference" (Feb, 2016)


## Gluten-Free foods on Prescription




## The Celegraph

"GPs 'wasting millions of pounds' prescribing gluten free foods. GPs should stop prescribing gluten-free foods because doing so is "archaic" and costs the NHS millions of pounds in doctors' time, say experts" (Feb, 2013)"
"Earlier this week, there was uproar at reports that gluten-free food on prescription costs the NHS £116 million per year. The implication was that coeliacs are gorging themselves on fast food, at the cost of the taxpayer, and contributing to the obesity epidemic. But we shouldn't be too quick to judge?" (Aug, 2015)

## Prescription charge exemptions

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$\vartheta$ Diabetes
ƏEpilepsy
〇Underactive adrenal gland
ЭUnderactive thyroid
ЭUnderactive parathyroid
〇Myasthenia Gravis
$\vartheta$ Continuing physical disability
$\vartheta$ Cancer treatment

## Money flow for prescriptions

## HM Treasury

## Dept. of Health (£107 billion)

## NHS England (£96 billion)

Clinical Commissioning Groups ( $£ 64$ billion)

GPs ( $10 \%$ total spend on prescribing)

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GP Surgery Prescribing?

West Hampshire CCG (51)

## Feb 2016

Bread
Crispbreads
Flour
Rolls
Pasta
Crackers
Bread Mix
Pizza Bases

Southampton City CCG (32)
March 2016
Bread Loaves
Oats
Flour
Pasta (specified brands)

## Risks

$\hat{O}$ Bone thinning; bone scan
Ə Nutrient deficiency: Iron, B12, folate
Vit D and calcium levels
Э Sub fertility: 2.7-3\% risk in untreated CD
© Small spleen; vaccinations
O Small bowel cancer $1: 2000$ pa; STRICT GF DIET

## Treatments?

ЭImmusan T's Nexvax2 - restore immune tolerance \& prevent disease relapse
$\Rightarrow$ Alvine ALV003
Alba AT1001 Bioline BL-7010

Enzymes; compliment
GF diet not replacement

## Non-coeliac gluten sensitivity



〇Symptoms akin to coeliac disease
$\vartheta$ Absence of coeliac disease on biopsy and blood test
$\vartheta$ No long-term complications
$\vartheta$ Exempt from GF foods on prescription

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## Questions?


" Would you like your child be in the gluten-free class, the lactose-free class, or the peanut-allergic class?"

