IBS & Gluten Sensitivity: The North American Experience

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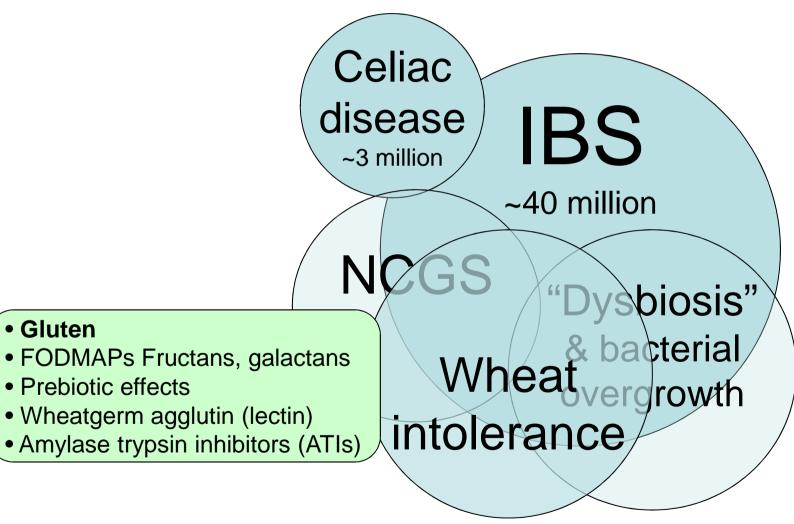


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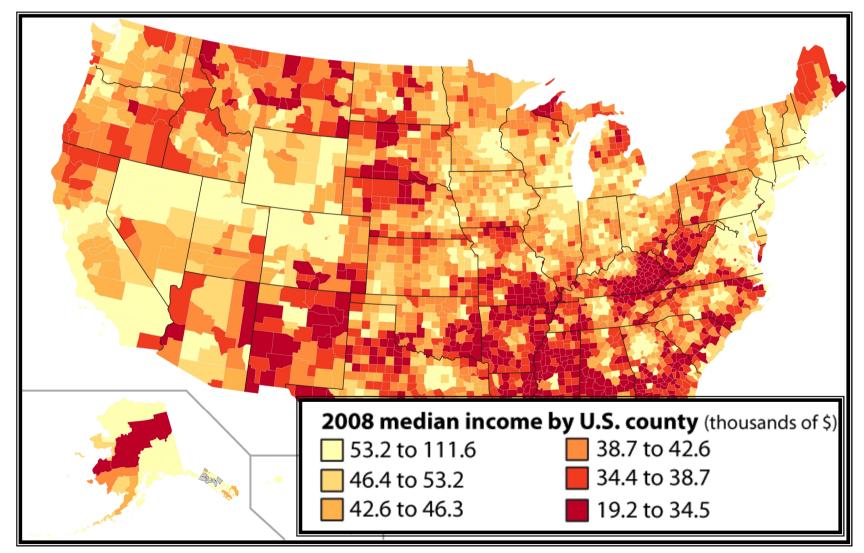
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Gluten Sensitivity & IBS in North America Patient Perspectives

Formerly	Currently	
Little awareness	Far greater awareness	
Little awareness	Openness to dietary approach to IBS symptoms	
Few following GFD	GFD for NCGS more common than for celiac disease (in some areas)	
GFD less accessible	More widely available	

Patient access to GF foods varies Darker = less available?



Gluten Sensitivity & IBS in North America Physician Perspectives

Formerly	Currently	
Little awareness	More awareness - plus skepticism / confusion	
Seldom saw a patient on GFD	More likely to encounter a patient on GFD for NCGS than for celiac disease	
Seldom or never recommended trial of GFD for IBS	More likely to consider BUT not confident:	
	No clear guidelines on:Diagnosis of NCGSPlace of GFD in IBS therapy	

What do physicians want?

High quality & reproducible (research) data

Leading to clear:

- Disease definitions
- Diagnostic criteria / (bio)markers
 - Practice guidelines on NCGS

"UpToDate" Gluten sensitivity in Irritable bowel syndrome

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- "Gluten sensitivity Gluten sensitivity (without overt celiac disease) has been proposed as a cause of functional bowel disorders but there are few convincing studies that have evaluated such a relationship in terms of pathogenesis or treatment of IBS.
- It is also unclear if gluten sensitivity is itself a separate clinical entity."