Is a New Crohn's Disease Treatment on the Horizon?

According to an article from WebMD, a new study shows that a drug used to treat psoriasis may provide a much-needed option for people with bad cases of Crohn's disease. In the study, some people with moderate to severe Crohn's given Stelara (ustekinumab) began to see improvements in their symptoms within six weeks. "The current agents are effective, but not in everyone," says Gary Lichtenstein, MD, professor of Medicine and director of the Center for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases, who was not an author on the study. This study looks at the "[person] who doesn't respond to TNF drugs, and the new drugs may help them avoid surgery," he says.

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