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**Original article**

**A study of intestinal tuberculosis in a tertiary care teaching hospital.**

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**Abstract:**

**Background:** Abdominal tuberculosis remains widely prevalent in developing countries such as India. Tuberculosis can affect any part of the gastrointestinal tract from the mouth to the anus. Also, it is being increasingly encountered in industrialized nations due to the AIDS pandemic and transglobal migration. Present study aims to observe demographic characterstics, clinical presentations and different gastrointestinal sites of involvement of intestinaltuberculosis.

**Materials & Methods:** 40 patients suspected of intestinal tuberculosis and then proven by histopathology, done after surgical intervention, were included in the study.

**Results & Conclusions:** In present study, Ileum was most commonly affected site in Intestinal TB followed by Ileo-Caecal junction, its surgical removal was necessary to treat the condition. Age group most commonly affected were of 11 to 30 years. Female to male ratio was 1.86:1. Pain Abdomen was presenting complaint of all patients. Followed by fever, Vomiting and Weight loss respectively.

**Key Words:** Intestinal tuberculosis, abdominal pain, fever, anorexia, night sweats, Ileum, Colon.