



Quality of life for Crohn's disease patients thanks to a stem cells treatment

LOCATION: Seville

DURATION: 1'30"

SUMMARY: The Colorectal Surgery Unit of the Virgen del Rocío University Hospital, based in Seville, has successfully applied a stem cells shot as treatment against the frequent and painful anal fissures suffered by Crohn's disease patients. 49 international health centres participate in this clinical trial, under the leadership of this Sevillian hospital.

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FERNANDO DE LA PORTILLA
Head of the clinical trial

"This clinical trial is one of the few that uses stem cells as medicine to treat patients."

The prevalence of Crohn's disease has increased over the last decade. The expectation is that 16,000 cases will be diagnosed in Andalusia this year and 100.000 in the whole of Spain.

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"There has to be some relation with modernity, with our lifestyle. However, it hasn't been proved yet. It's thought that it has an immune basis, but we don't know if that basis is related to everyday life aspects."

The clinical trial is the result of several studies and the work of a team composed of professionals from 49 international health centres and led by this Sevillian hospital.

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"Probably, the youngest Crohn's disease patients will know an alternative. I am not saying that the disease is going to be completely cured but the symptoms will be drastically reduced."

Once the European Medicines Agency approves this treatment, it will be applied in the Andalusian hospitals.

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