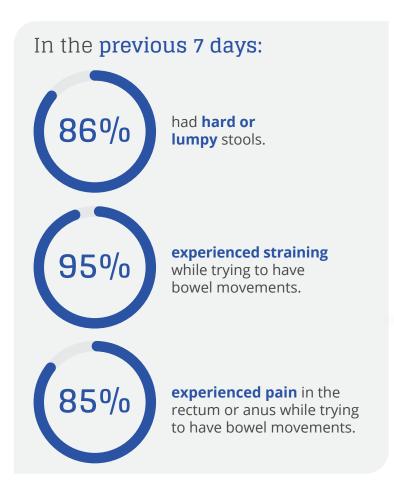
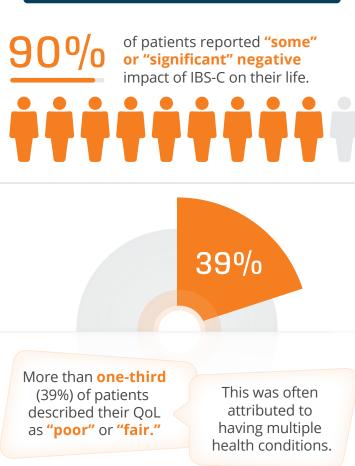
## **Patient Perspectives:**

## IBS In America 2024 Real-World Survey Results

Ardelyx, Inc., in partnership with Health Union, has surveyed almost 300 patients diagnosed with IBS-C in the United States to better understand their symptoms and the impact of IBS-C on their overall health status and quality of life.







Study Design: IBS In America 2024 was a 15-minute, real-world, online survey fielded by Health Union from January 15-April 14, 2024, in United States residents aged ≥18 years. The survey covered demographics, comorbidities, QoL/impact, treatments, and HCP interactions. Patients who completed the survey were invited to participate in an institutional review board-approved extension survey if they met the following criteria: diagnosed with IBS-C or IBS with alternating diarrhea and constipation by an HCP, currently seeing an HCP to treat IBS, and had ever used an over-the-counter or prescription treatment for IBS. Four questions addressed patients' menstrual status and the impact of menstruation on constipation. These analyses only include patients diagnosed with IBS-C who completed the extension survey. Respondents with IBS-C (N=284) had a mean (range) age of 51 (18-86) years and were predominantly female (92%; 48% postmenopausal) and White (87%). Most respondents had been living with IBS-C for ≥2 years, and 80% of respondents reported IBS episodes occurring weekly or daily over the past year. This survey was designed to learn about patients' experience with IBS-C and did not investigate safety or efficacy of any prescription drugs for management of IBS-C.

HCP, health care provider; IBS, irritable bowel syndrome; IBS-C, irritable bowel syndrome with constipation; QoL, quality of life.

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The majority of comorbidities experienced by patients with IBS-C included:

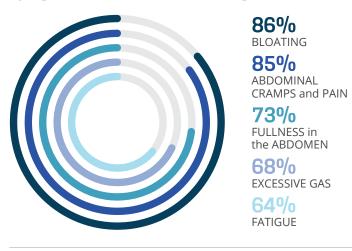
Other gastrointestinal disorders

Mental health conditions

Chronic pain conditions

Metabolic disorders

The majority of patients experienced other symptoms in addition to constipation.



their physical health had been "not good" for an average of 15 days.

Patients reported that in the previous 30 days

their mental health had been "not good" for an average of 11 days.

The **majority** reported negative impact on:

- · Mental and emotional health.
- · Sexual health and intimacy.
- Relationships with friends and family.
- · Sense of independence.

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reported satisfaction with social activities as "fair" or "poor."

Of 104 respondents currently perimenopausal or having menstrual periods:

**48%** 



felt that menstruation made constipation worse.

>80%



felt menstruation **exacerbated abdominal pain** and **bloating** symptoms.

IBS-C was considered a **financial hardship** to patients and their families:



"somewhat" "quite a bit" "very much"

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