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From now on, stem cell therapy is also used to treat a variant of Chron's disease at the Clinical Center of the UP

Crohn's disease is an inflammatory bowel disease that affects about 0.5% of the population, with the majority of cases affecting young adults. There are approximately 45-50,000 people with Crohn's disease in Hungary. The first two patients of the Clinical Center of the University of Pécs underwent stem cell transplantation on 15th November 2022, so that now stem cell therapy is available for patients with rectal cancer, in cooperation with the Department of Internal Medicine I and the Department of Surgery.

Crohn's disease can affect the entire alimentary canal, from the oral cavity to the anus, causing ulceration anywhere. The disease is named after the American internist Burrill Bernard Crohn, who first reported on the disease.

Dr. József Baracs, Adjunct Professor at the Department of Surgery of the Clinical Center of the UP said, "Crohn's disease is chronic, can be lifelong and is basically incurable, but it is not curable.

Crohn's disease can be chronic and chronic, but it can be cured for life, but with continuous treatment and care, it can be symptom-free.

The exact cause is still unknown, but we can only speak of predisposing factors and risk factors. These include genetic predisposition, autoimmune origin, imbalance of the intestinal flora, intestinal mucosa, psychological factors and smoking. The leading symptoms of Crohn's disease are weight loss, mucopurulent diarrhoea, sometimes bloody, and cramping abdominal pain," the assistant professor said.