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The term 'inflammatory bowel disease' is reserved for conditions characterised by the presence of idiopathic intestinal inflammation; conditions such as infective or ischaemic enteritis are, by definition, excluded. Crohn's disease (CD) is the only known 'inflammatory bowel disease' that affects the small intestine and is covered in detail in Chapter 75. Burrill Bernard Crohn, 1884–1983, gastroenterologist, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY, USA, along with Leon Ginzburg and Gordon Oppenheimer, described regional ileitis in 1932.

Jejunum Ileum (proximal (distal 40%) 60%) Terminal ileum Figure 74.1 Portions of the small bowel and their relationship to the colon.

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