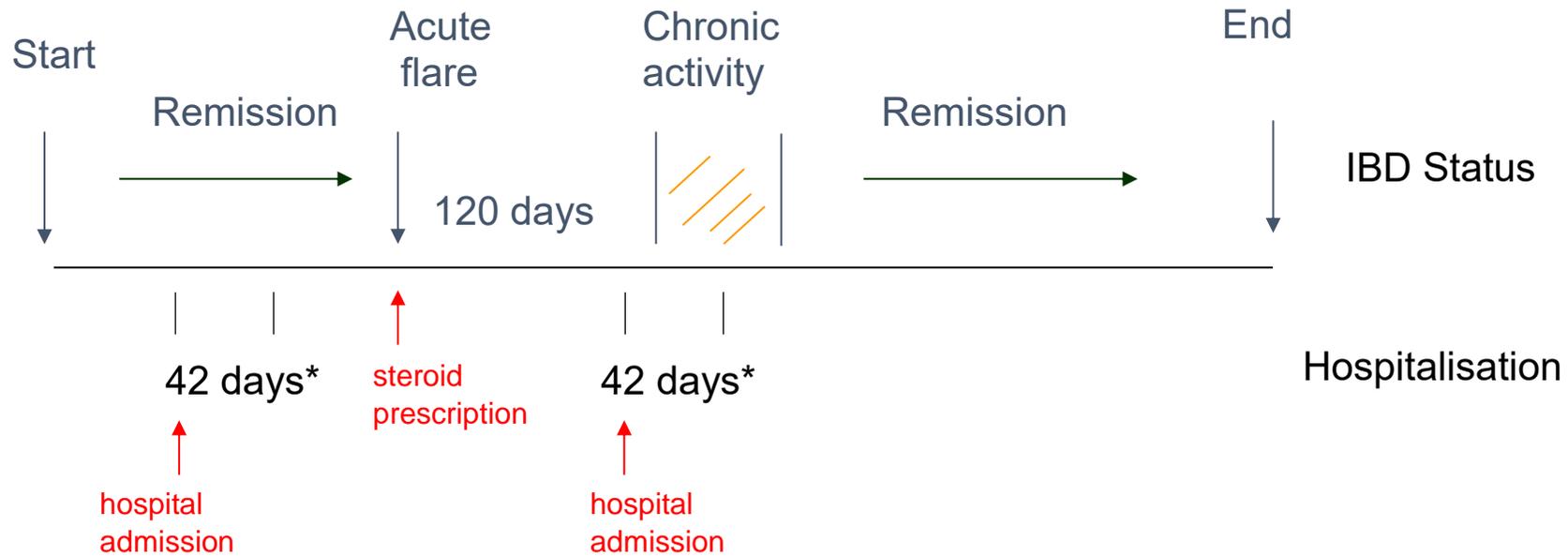


Figure 1



\* Plus duration of inpatient stay

Legend: Episodes of active inflammatory bowel disease and hospitalisation in the Clinical Practice Research Datalink. Chronic activity occurs when prescriptions for corticosteroids are refilled within 120 days of the initial prescription. Episodes of chronic activity always commence 120 days after the first prescription and end 120 days after the last prescription in the series.