

Endocrine & Exocrine Insufficiency in Chronic Pancreatitis

What a Diabetologist should now

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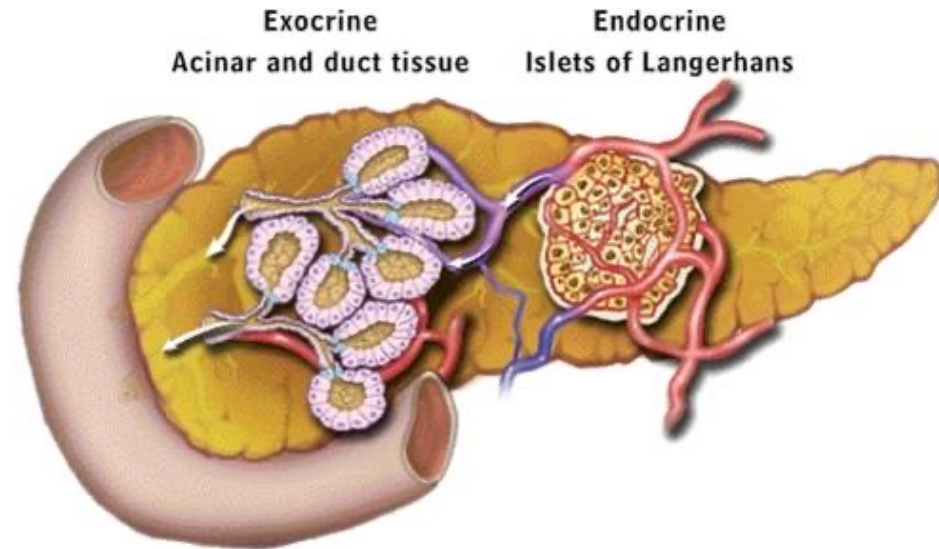
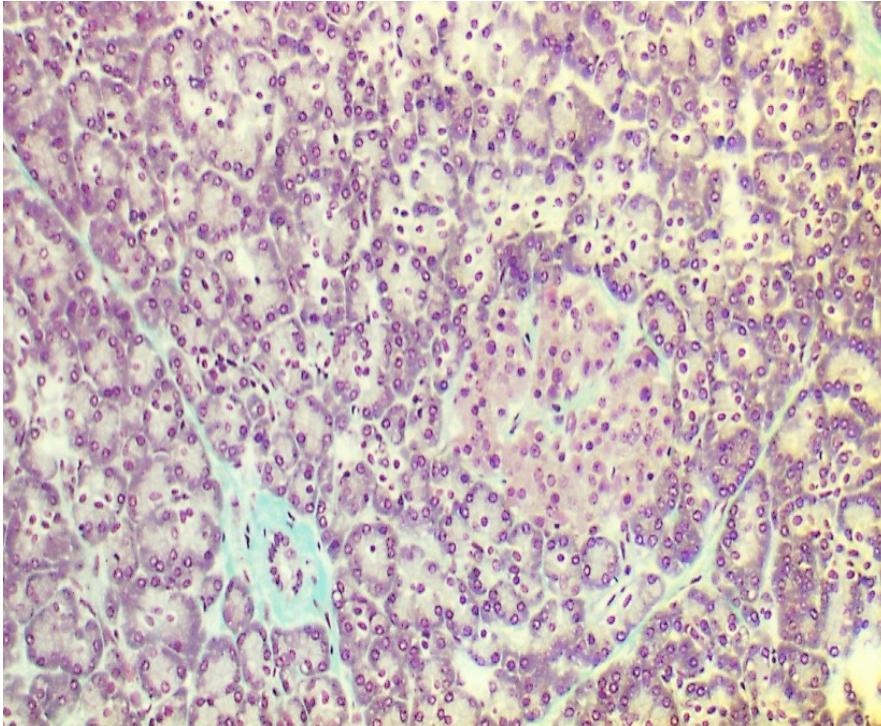
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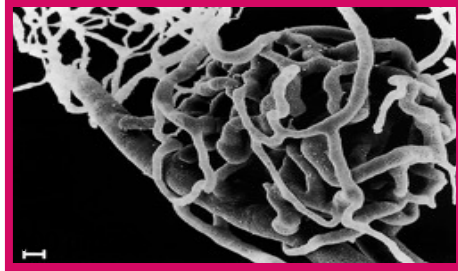
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Diabetes mellitus and PEI

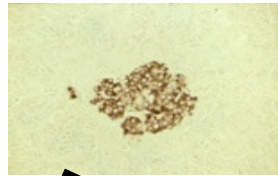
The endocrine and exocrine pancreas “reside” next to each other





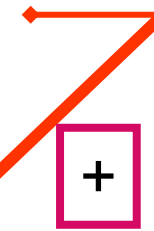
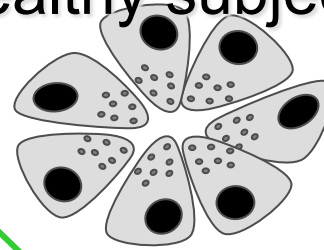
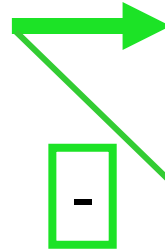
Insulo-acinar portal system:
Exocrine pancreas exposed to high concentrations of islet hormones

Healthy subjects



Insulin

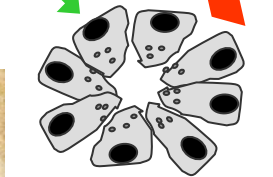
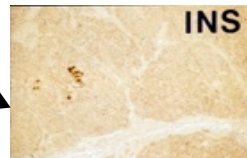
Trophic effects
Halo phenomenon
Enzyme release
in response to
stimulants ↑



Glucagon, SST, PP

Atrophic effects
Inhibition of exocrine
function

**Reduction to 0-5%
in type I (IDDM)**



Diabetics

- Atrophy
- Loss of halos
- **Exocrine insufficiency**

Pancreatogenic Diabetes: Special Considerations for Management

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Table 1. Clinical and laboratory findings in types of diabetes mellitus

| Parameter | Type 1 IDDM juvenile onset | Type 2 NIDDM adult onset | Type 3c pancreatogenic postop. onset |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Ketoacidosis | common | rare | rare |
| Hyperglycemia | severe | usually mild | mild |
| Hypoglycemia | common | rare | common |
| Peripheral insulin sensitivity | normal or increased | decreased | increased |
| Hepatic insulin sensitivity | normal | normal or decreased | decreased |
| Insulin levels | low | high | low |
| Glucagon levels | normal or high | normal or high | low |
| PP levels | normal or low (late) | high | low |
| GIP levels | normal or low | normal or high | low |
| GLP-1 levels | normal | normal or high | normal or high |
| Typical age of onset | childhood or adolescence | adulthood | any |

Low PP indicative of **Type 3c** diabetes mellitus



Pancreatic Exocrine Insufficiency (PEI)

Classification

Primary

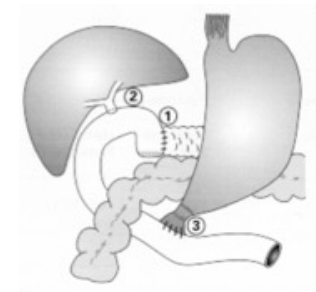
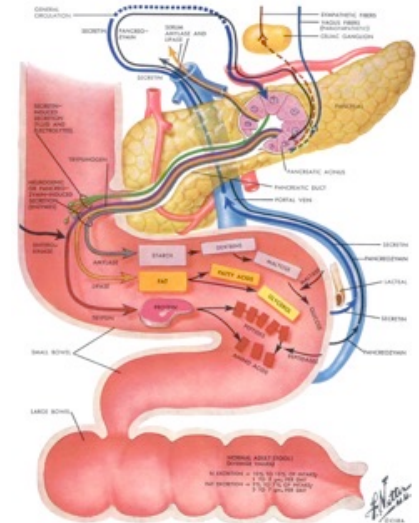
problem is in the **pancreas**

- destruction
- innervation

Secondary

enzymes are released but do not work

- anatomical changes
- dysregulated activation
- dysregulated inactivation



Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency and Diabetes Mellitus

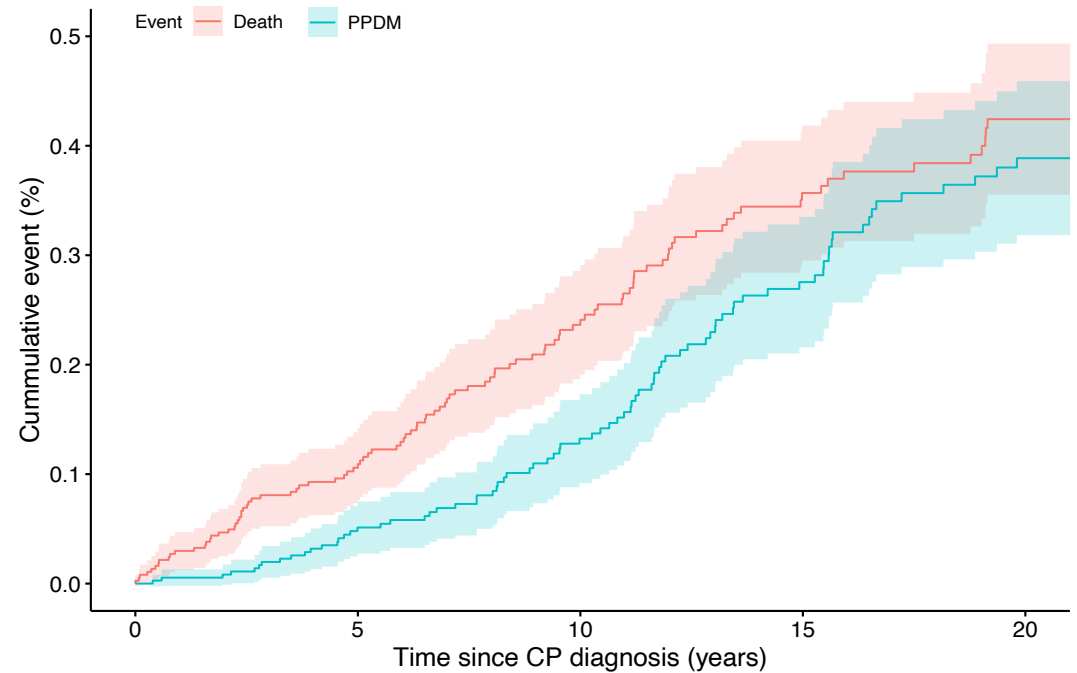
Miroslav Vujasinovic¹, Jana Makuc², Bojan Tepes³**Table 1.** Characteristics of the included studies.

| Study | Year | Country | Number of Participating Centres | Method Used To Diagnose EPI | Prevalence of EPI (%) |
|------------------|------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Chey [11] | 1963 | USA | 1 | secretin-pancreozymin test | 37.5 |
| Lankisch [16] | 1982 | Germany | 1 | secretin-pancreozymin test | 43 |
| el Newihi [2] | 1988 | USA | 1 | secretin and cholecystokinin test | 100 (in all patients enzyme and bicarbonate reductions were found) |
| Hardt [4] | 2000 | Germany | 1 | faecal elastase 1 | 56.7 in type 1 DM 35.0 in type 2 DM |
| Icks [12] | 2001 | Germany | 3 | faecal elastase 1 | 45.5 |
| Rathmann [21] | 2001 | Germany England | 41 general practices | faecal elastase 1 | 30.3 |
| Hardt [5] | 2003 | Germany | 10 | faecal elastase 1 | 51.1 in type 1 DM 35.4 in type 2 DM |
| Nunes [23] | 2003 | Portugal | 1 | faecal elastase 1 | 36 |
| Cavalot [6] | 2004 | Italy | 1 | faecal elastase 1 | 56.7 |
| Yilmaztepe [19] | 2005 | Turkey | 1 | faecal elastase 1 | 28.1 |
| Larger [22] | 2012 | France | 1 | faecal elastase 1 and chymotrypsin | 34-39% in type 1 DM 20% in type 2 DM |
| Vujasinovic [13] | 2013 | Slovenia | 1 | faecal elastase 1 | 5.4 |
| Terzin [24] | 2014 | Hungary | 1 | faecal elastase 1 | 16.8 |
| Shivaprasad [65] | 2015 | India | 2 | faecal elastase 1 | 31.4 in type 1 DM 29.4 in type 2 DM |

30 - >50%

Post-pancreatitis diabetes mellitus is common in chronic pancreatitis and is associated with adverse outcomes

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Cumulative incidence of PPDM in patients with CP derived from cumulative incidence function. The green line shows cumulative incidence of PPDM after accounting for competing risk event (i.e., death occurring prior to the event of interest, presented by the red line).

Accounted cumulative incidence for PPDM was 5.1%, 13.2%, 27.5%, and 38.9% at 5, 10, 15, and 20 years after CP diagnosis.



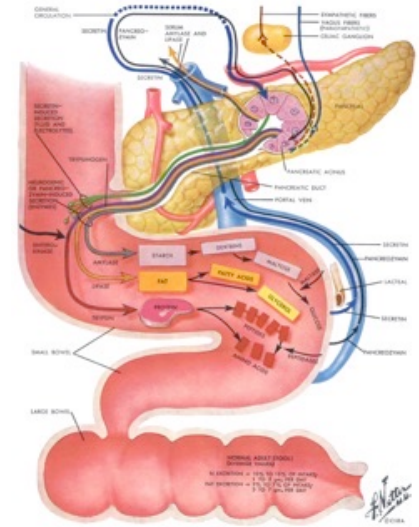
Pancreatic Exocrine Insufficiency (PEI)

Classification

Primary

problem is in the **pancreas**

- Autoimmune pancreatitis
- Pancreatic cancer
- Diabetes mellitus



SPECIAL ARTICLE

International Consensus Guidance Statement on the Management and Treatment of IgG4-Related Disease

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- **AIP** is considered a serious conditions triggering urgent intervention



Table 4. IgG4-related disease manifestations in which urgent treatment is recommended

| Manifestation | Rationale for urgent treatment |
|------------------------------|---|
| Aortitis | Inflammatory aortic aneurysms can continue to enlarge and are at risk for dissection. |
| Retroperitoneal fibrosis | Progressive disease may lead to irreversible nerve damage/pain and/or ureteral obstruction/renal failure. |
| Proximal biliary strictures* | Untreated disease may lead to superimposed infectious cholangitis and eventually irreversible fibrosis and cirrhosis. |
| Tubulointerstitial nephritis | Untreated disease may lead to irreversible chronic kidney disease. |
| Pachymeningitis | Untreated disease puts the patient at risk for neurologic deficits and/or seizures. |
| Pancreatic enlargement | Untreated disease may lead to irreversible pancreatic exocrine and endocrine failure. |
| Pericarditis | Untreated disease may lead to tamponade or constrictive pericarditis |

* “Proximal” denotes involvement of the intrahepatic bile ducts or extrahepatic portion of the common bile duct that is superior to the intra-pancreatic portion.



European Guideline on IgG4-related digestive disease – UEG and SGF evidence-based recommendations

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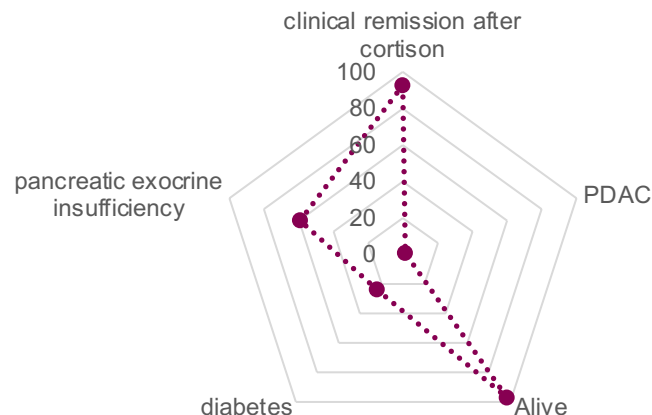
Diagnosis, treatment and long-term outcome of autoimmune pancreatitis in Sweden

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| Number of patients | 71 |
| Male | 49% |
| Mean age | 49 years (44-53; 95% CI) |
| Histologically confirmed | 28% |
| Jaundice | 35% |
| Acute pancreatitis | 22% |
| Non-specific symptoms | 39% |
| Other organ involvement | 84% |
| Radiological features at diagnosis: | |
| Focal pancreatic enlargement | 76% |
| Diffuse enlargement | 27% |
| Radiological signs of acute pancreatitis | 27% |
| Radiological signs of chronic pancreatitis | 10% |

SHORT AND LONG TERM OUTCOMES

..... % of AIP...



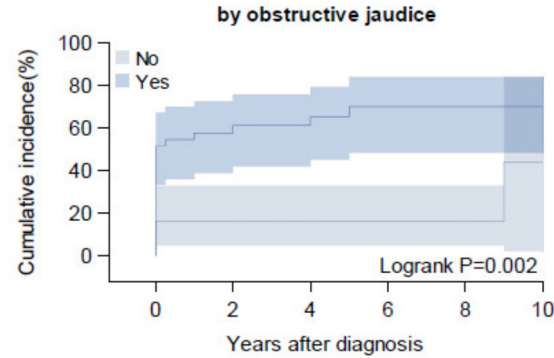
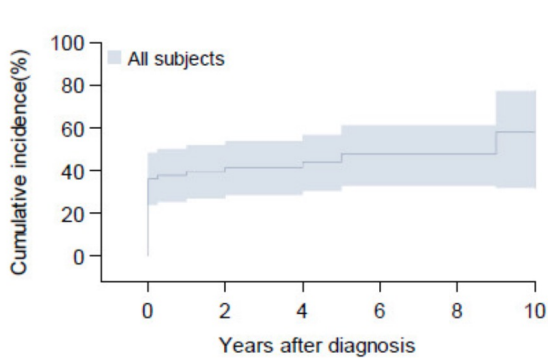
| Pancreatic exocrine insufficiency | Type 1 AIP | Type 2 AIP | p = 0.07 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| | 33 (64%) | 1 (20%) | |



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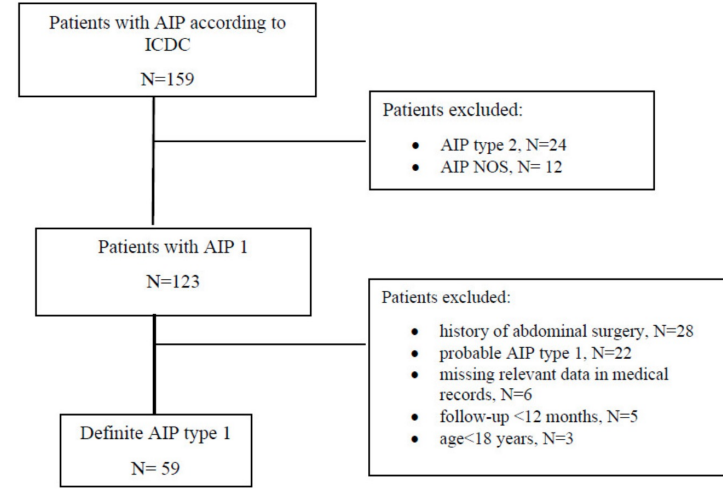
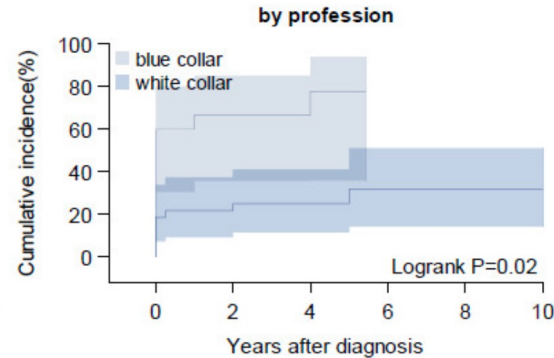
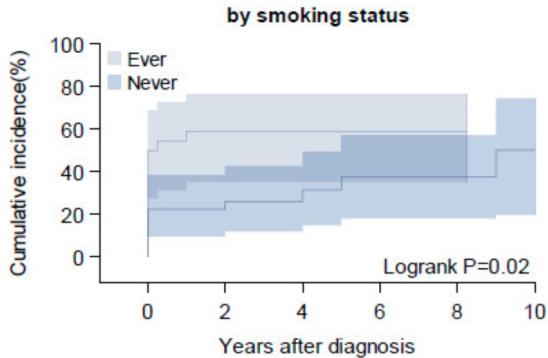


Number at risk

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| All subjects | 58 | 33 | 22 | 11 | 7 | 3 |
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Number at risk

| | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| No | 25 | 20 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| Yes | 33 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 1 |



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- PEI prevalence at diagnosis was **72.7%**
- The cumulative incidence of **DM** was **17.9%**, with a prevalence of DM at diagnosis of **32.8%**.
- No strong association was found between pharmacological treatment and occurrence of PEI and DM.

| Author, Year, Country | Patients (N) | Method of Diagnosis | Occurrence of PEI | Occurrence of DM |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Frulloni, 2010, Italy [6] | 21 | FE-1 | At AIP diagnosis 62% had severe PEI and 19% mild PEI. After CST, FE-1 levels increased in all patients. Within 1 month after CST, 33% continued to show severe PEI. | Before CST, DM was diagnosed in 5 patients (24%), which increased to 10 patients (48%) during CST. The dosage of insulin was decreased after tapering of steroids and only 4 patients (19%) continued to require low-dose insulin therapy at the end of CST. |
| Nishino et al., Japan, 2006 [15] | 12 | BT-PABA | Before CST 6 (67%) of the 9 patients had reduced pancreatic exocrine function. After CST pancreatic exocrine function improved in 3 patients. | 10 patients (83.3%) had DM before CST, and in 3 patients HbA1c level improved after the CST. Two patients experienced a transient loss of glycaemic control after CST. |
| Nishimori, 2006, Japan [14] | 167 | - | Not determined. | 66.5% of patients had DM. In the early-onset group 36% showed improvement of DM control, 45% showed no change, and 18% worsening. In the simultaneous-onset group 55% showed improvement of DM control, 29% showed no change, and 16% worsening. |
| Miyazawa, 2017, Japan [16] | 82 | - | Not determined. | 61.7% of patients had DM. 37.5% showed improvement, 21.9% showed exacerbation, and 40.6% showed no change. |
| Miyamoto, 2012, Japan [7] | 69 | BT-PABA | PEI was reduced in 91% of AIP patients with DM. In all patients whose glucose tolerance improved after CST, pancreatic exocrine function also improved. | 46% had DM. Three months after starting CST, DM improved in 54% patients. At about 3 years after starting CST, DM improved in 63% of patients. |
| Kamisawa, 2003, Japan [24] | 19 | BT-PABA | 88% showed reduced pancreatic exocrine function, none of whom reported steatorrhea. Impaired pancreatic exocrine function improved after CST in 3 of 6 patients. | 42% with DM. CST subsequently improved insulin secretion and glycaemic control in 3 of 5 patients. |
| Ito, 2011, Japan [13] | 102 | BT-PABA | Pancreatic exocrine dysfunction was noted in 74.0% of all patients. | Pre-existing DM-group A (n = 35, 34.3%). New onset DM-group B (n = 58, 56.8%) After steroid therapy (1.5 years)-DM group C (n = 9, 8.8%). |
| Lee, 2018, South Korea [29] | 138 | - | Not determined. | 45.7% had DM: 28.3% had pre-existing DM, and 17.4% had newly diagnosed DM (simultaneous onset or diagnosis during follow-up). |
| Noguchi, 2020, Japan [26] | 61 | - | Not determined. | 71% had DM. Anti-diabetic treatment became unnecessary in a quarter of patients with concurrent DM after 2 years of CST. DM was newly diagnosed in 12% of patients without DM at AIP diagnosis during CST. |
| Masuda, 2014, Japan [27] | 31 | - | Not determined. | 35% had DM. Six months after starting CST, DM was worsening in 9 of 11 DM patients. |
| Kubota, 2018, Japan [30] | 97 | - | Not determined. | New-onset DM was noted in 26.2% of patients. |
| Present study, 2022, Sweden | 73 | FE-1 | Prevalence of PEI at diagnosis: 72.7%. Prevalence of PEI at the last control: 63.5% | The cumulative incidence of DM was 17.9%, with a prevalence of DM at diagnosis of 32.8%. |



Exocrine (PEI) & Endocrine (DM) Insufficiency in AIP

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Incidence of endocrine and exocrine insufficiency in patients with autoimmune pancreatitis at diagnosis and after treatment: aA systematic review and meta-analysis

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Results: A total of 6522 AIP patients and sixty-two studies were included in the analysis. The pooled estimate rate for the overall prevalence of diabetes in AIP at baseline was 37% (95% CI 32-42, I² 96%). The pooled prevalence rate of exocrine insufficiency was 45% (95%CI 32.9-57.4; I² 97%). The pooled estimate rate of diabetes at follow-up was 44% (95%CI 26.1-62.4) in studies where GCs were given to 100% of patients and 42% (95%CI 30.6-52.9) in studies where GCs were given to less than 100% of patients.

Conclusion: A large proportion of patients with AIP displays concomitant exocrine and endocrine insufficiency at the time of diagnosis. The incidence of diabetes at the longest available follow up tends to increase in patients treated with GCs.

45% PEI

Pancreatic atrophy develops fast(er) in AIP

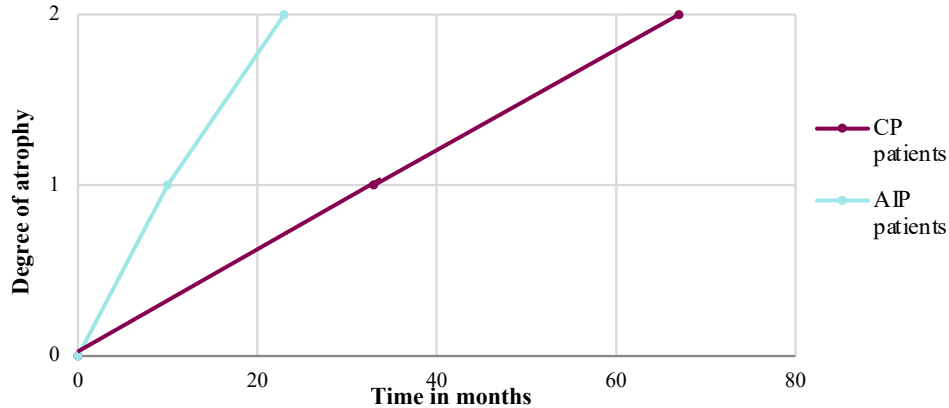


Figure 2: Time to development of **pancreatic atrophy** in patients with **CP** versus **AIP**

- **AIP** patients develop both pancreatic atrophy and diabetes mellitus ***much faster*** than ordinary **chronic pancreatitis**

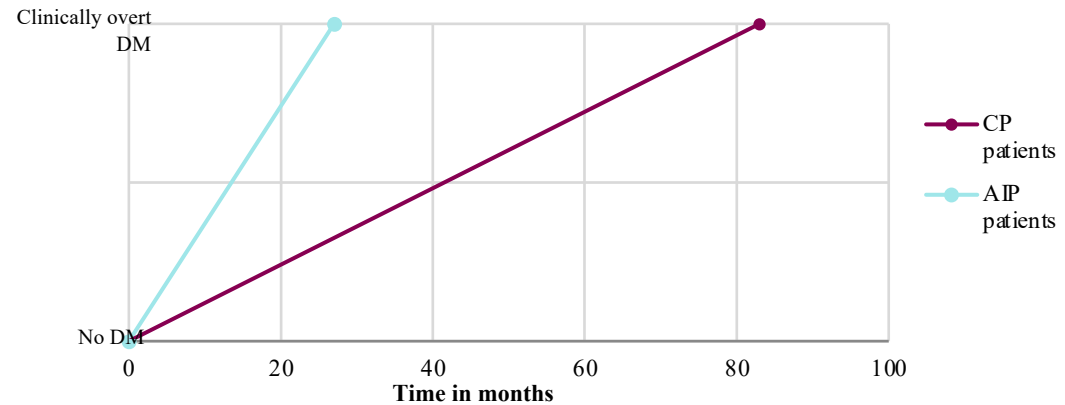


Figure 3: Time to development of clinical overt **diabetes mellitus** in patients with **CP** versus **AIP**



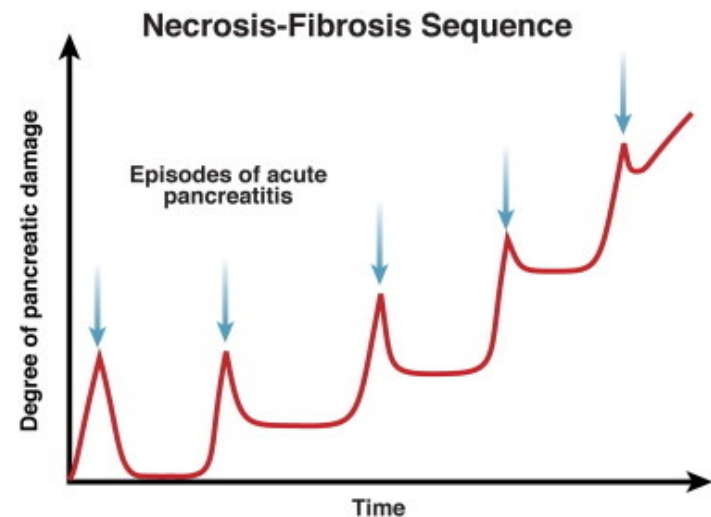
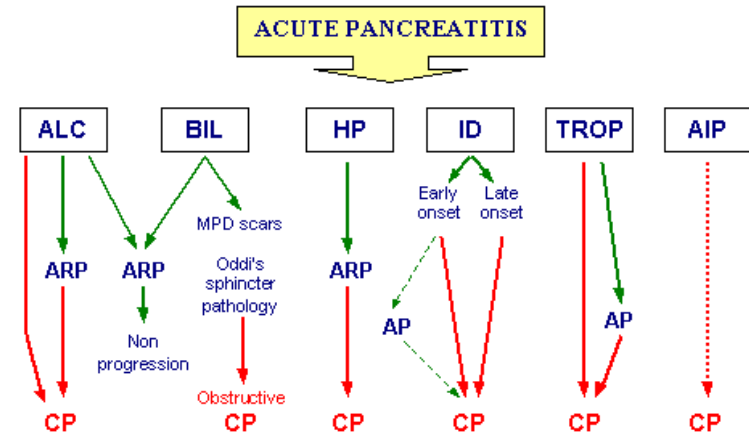
They all come down to CHRONIC PANCREATITIS



- Typically, patients have (had) episodes of
 - Abdominal pain
 - Weight loss
 - Diarrhea

In the past

- Triggered by
 - Gallstones
 - Alcohol
 - Profession!



Cardinal symptoms of chronic pancreatitis - and pancreatic exocrine insufficiency



Diarrhea

EPI can cause problems with undigested food moving too quickly through the digestive tract.

Gas and bloating

People with EPI cannot properly digest the food they eat, which can result in uncomfortable symptoms like gas and bloating.

Stomach pain

Fat maldigestion due to EPI can lead to gas, bloating, and stomach pain.

Foul-smelling, greasy stools (steatorrhea)

Steatorrhea is a type of bowel movement that is oily, floats, smells really bad, and is difficult to flush. People with EPI are not able to absorb all of the fat that they eat, so undigested fat is excreted, resulting in stools that look oily or greasy. Not all people experience this symptom.

Talk to your doctor if you notice oil droplets floating in the toilet bowl or stools that float or stick to the sides of the bowl and are hard to flush; it may be a sign of EPI.

Weight loss

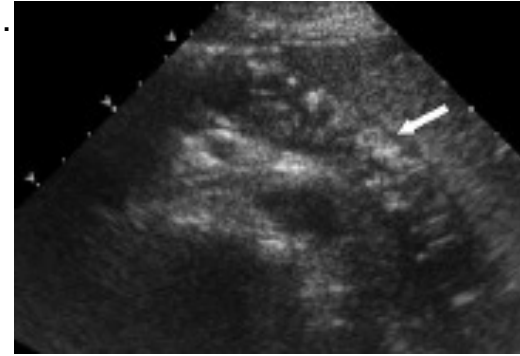
EPI affects protein and carbohydrate digestion, but the greatest impact comes from fat maldigestion, which is the primary cause of weight loss in people with EPI.

- Note: not all symptoms may be present



Chronic pancreatitis - Imaging

- While **abdominal ultrasound** is a **good screening** modality in patients with abdominal pain, it is notoriously bad in visualizing the (entire) pancreatic gland.



- Cross-sectional imaging is the method of choice

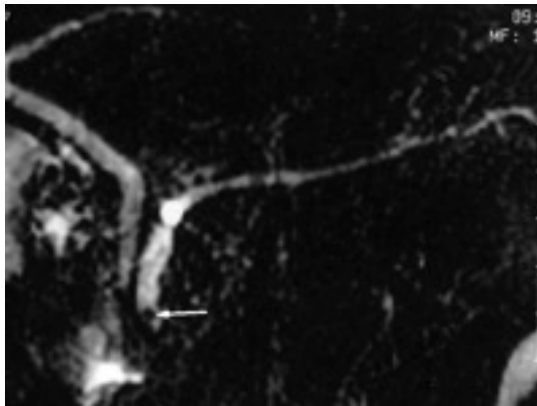
→ CT is the modality with the best

- **cost-effectiveness, accessibility, speed**
- **Diagnostic yield**

→ Calcifications & stones

→ MR is next best modality

- With MRCP best for ductal pathology (Cambridge)

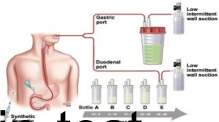


Pancreatic Exocrine Function Tests

Tests



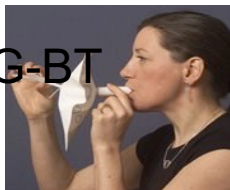
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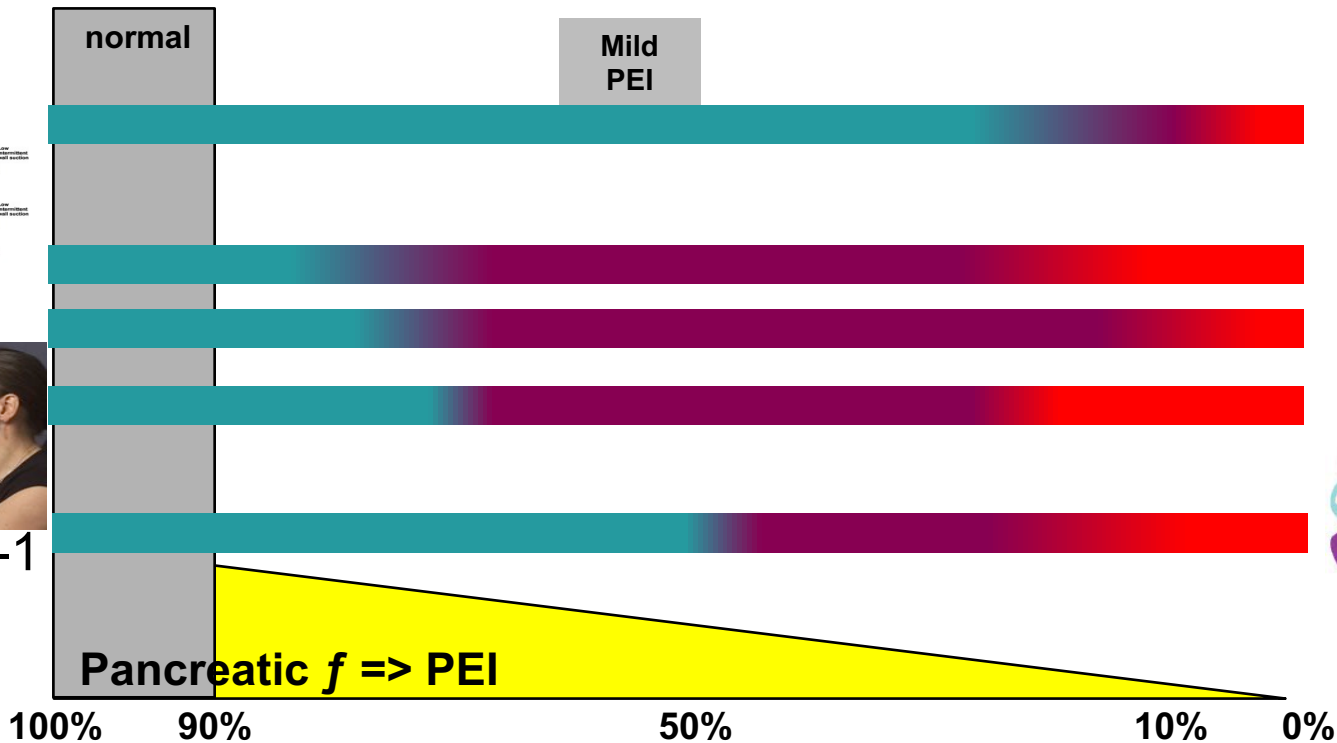
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Fecal elastase-1

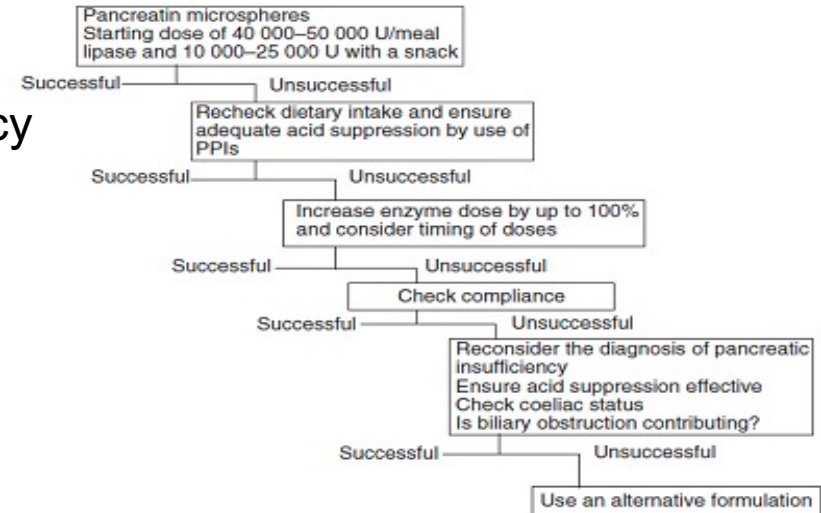


Chronic Pancreatitis – Therapy

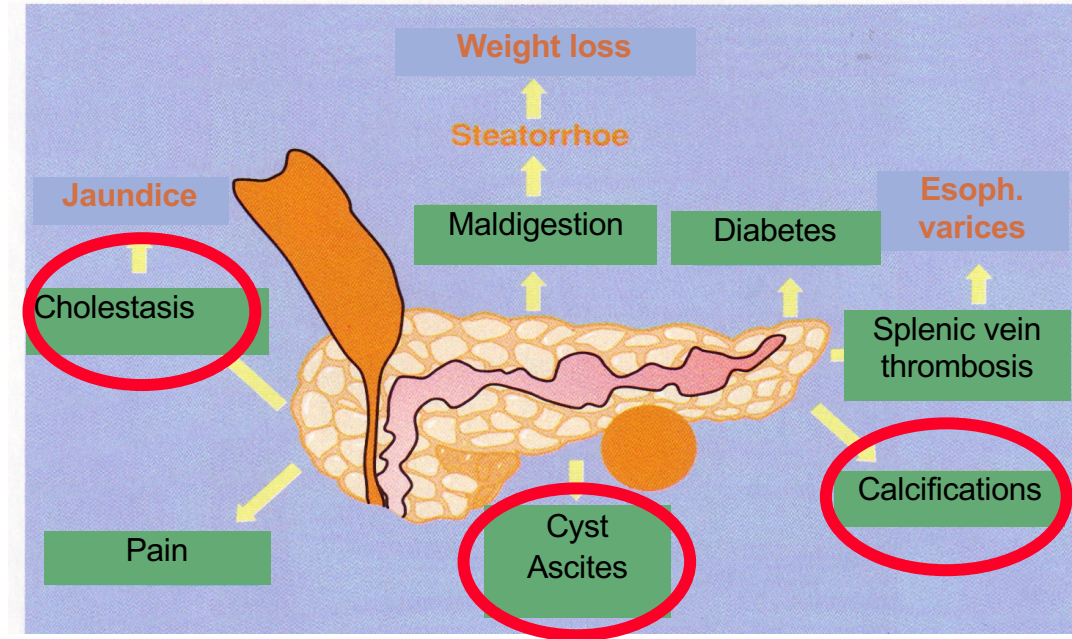
Pancreatic Enzyme Replacement



- Indication for PERT
→ Diagnosed Pancreatic Exocrine Insufficiency
- Adequate starting dose
→ 40-50 k lipase units
- Regular – with all meals
→ Take during the meals
- Consider individual circumstances
→ s/p Pancreatic Surgery
→ Blind/afferent loop
→ SIBO



Chronic Pancreatitis - Complications



- Endocrine (diabetes mellitus) and exocrine insufficiency
→ Symptoms/diseases secondary to malnutrition
- Some complications can be treated
→ Surgically or endoscopically ○



Pancreatic exocrine insufficiency

Natural Course and Treatment of Pancreatic Exocrine Insufficiency in a Nationwide Cohort of Chronic Pancreatitis



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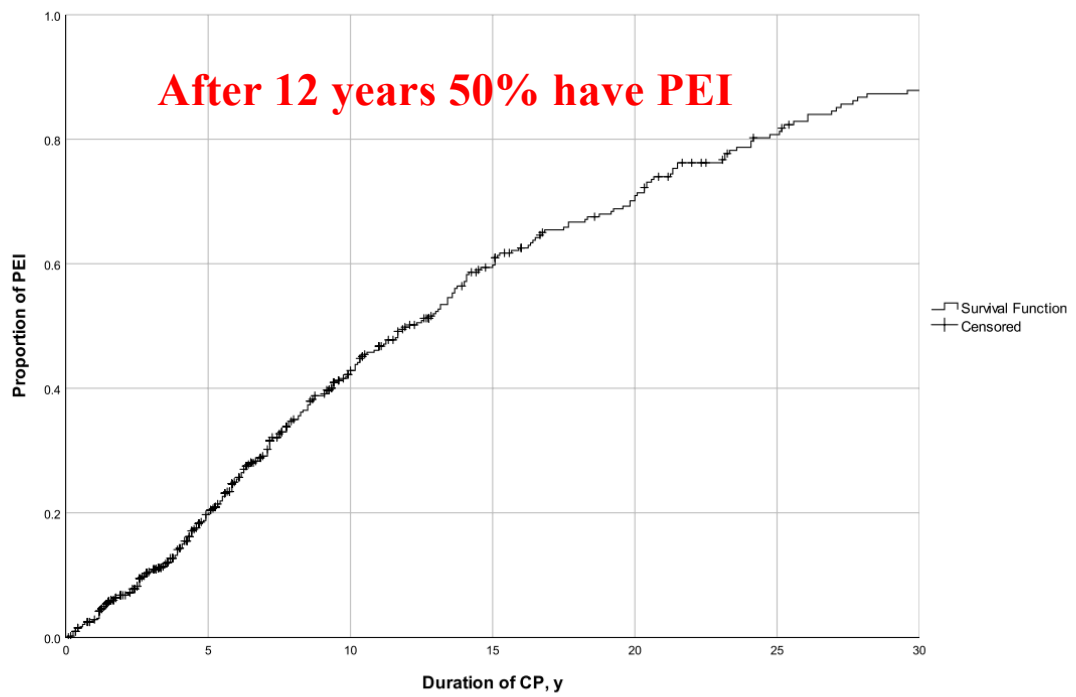


FIGURE 2. Percentage of PEI after the onset of chronic pancreatitis. Correlation between duration CP and percentage PEI shown in a 1 – survival plot.



Diabetes mellitus in chronic pancreatitis

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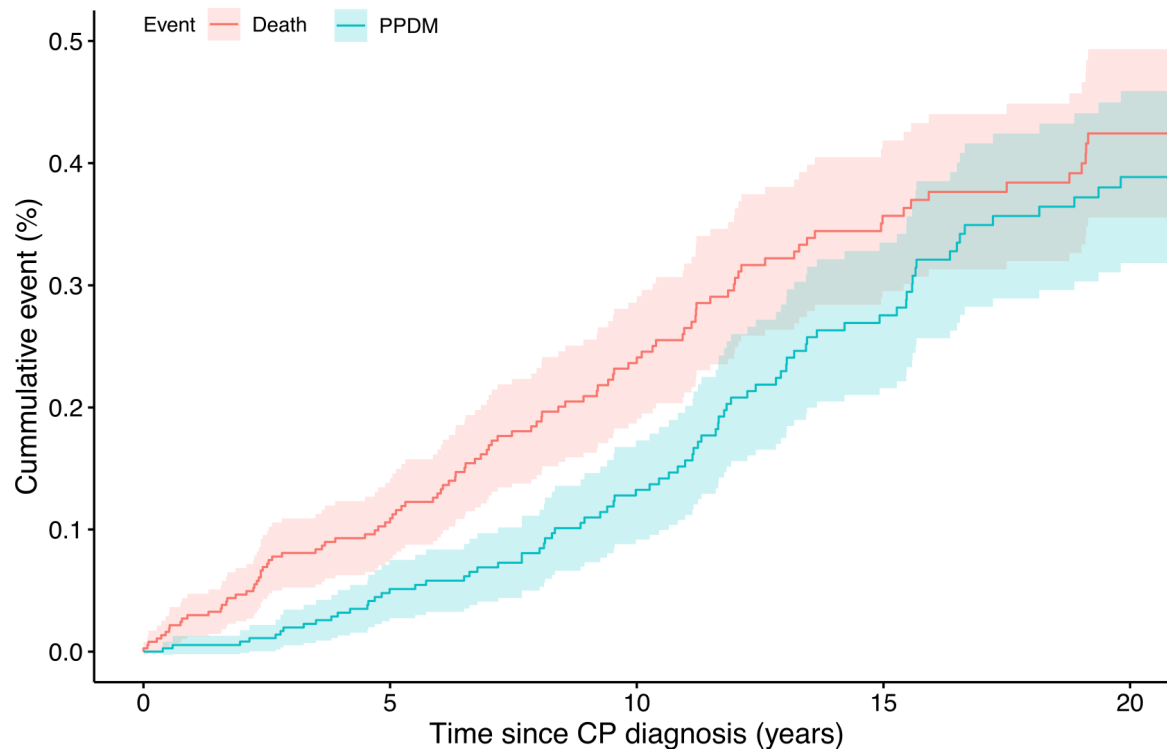
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Post-pancreatitis diabetes mellitus is common in chronic pancreatitis and is associated with adverse outcomes

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- Patients with PPDM have a higher frequency of clinically significant complications and were more commonly prescribed insulin and metformin, suggesting a more aggressive phenotype than that of T2DM





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Low Bone Mineral Density and Risk for Osteoporotic Fractures in Patients with Chronic Pancreatitis

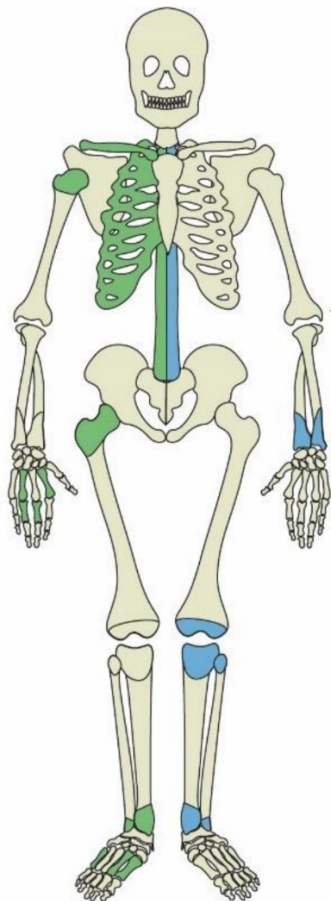
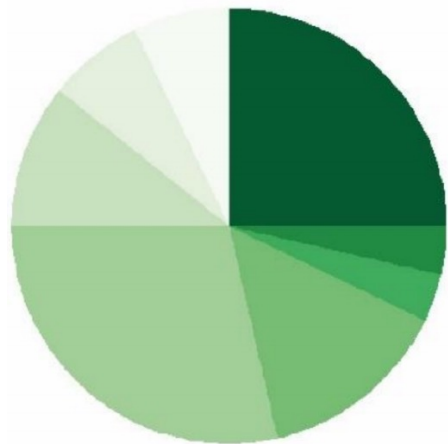
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- 4x fracture rate in low BMD!
- Different fracture pattern
- ↑ by time

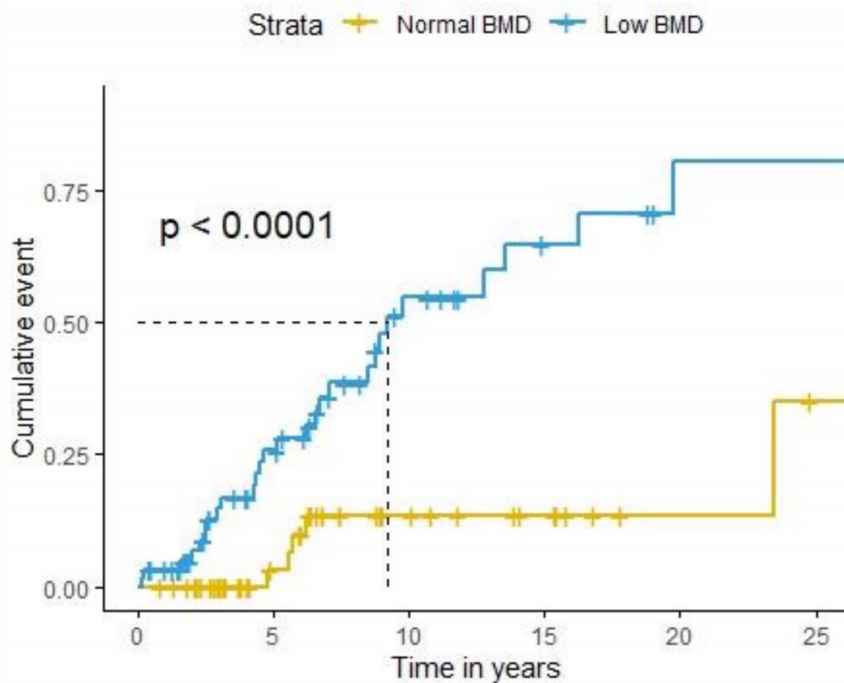
Consequence

- DXA-measurent
- Vitamin D/Ca⁺⁺ treatment

Low BMD



| | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--|-------------|--|-------|--|----------|
| | ankle | | hand & feet | | other | | shoulder |
| | clavicle | | hip | | ribs | | vertebra |



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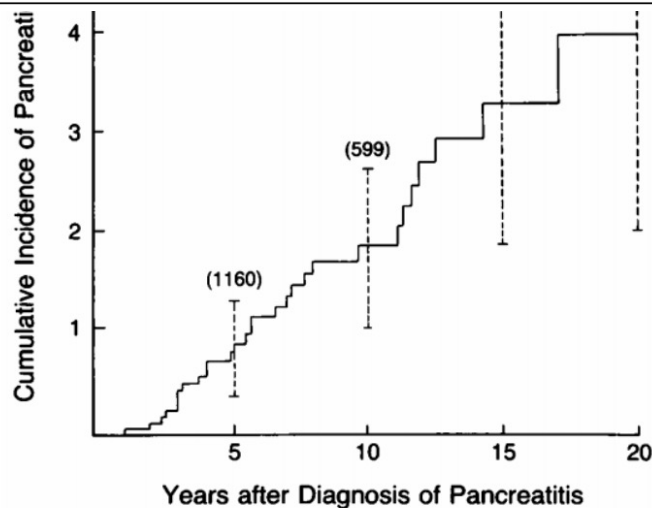
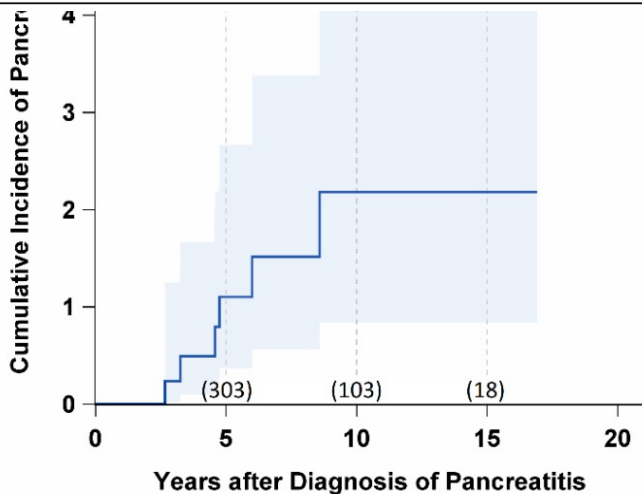
Risk of Developing Pancreatic Cancer in Patients with Chronic Pancreatitis

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Table 3. Pancreas cancer in patients with specific characteristics at diagnosis of CP.

| | Patients N | Pancreatic Cancers Diagnosed in the First 2 Years after CP * N (%) | Pancreas Cancers Diagnosed More than 2 Years after CP N (%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--|---|
| All | 595 | 14 (2.4) | 6 (1.01) |
| Risk group | | | |
| No previous AP, low BMI, and PEI | 22 | 2 (9.1) | 2 (9.1) |
| No previous AP, high BMI, and DM | 12 | 2 (16.7) | 3 (25.0) |
| Other CP patients | 561 | 10 (1.8) | 1 (0.18) |

p < 0.001



10 years: 2%

adapted from NEJM 1993



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- Follow-up of all patients AFTER a (first) episode of acute pancreatitis is recommended
 - Within 6-12 months
 - Take history (pain, weight loss, diarrhea)
 - Measure amylase & lipase
 - Measure endocrine (**HbA1c**) and exocrine (**fecal elastase-1**) function



Nya riktlinjer kronisk pankreatit

"Kronisk pankreatit är sannolikt underdiagnostiserad och bör misstänkas vid långvariga högt sittande buksmärter av oklar genes eller vid tecken till exokrin insufficiens."

I juli publicerades SGFs riktlinjer för Kronisk Pankreatit. I arbetet med dessa har stöd av Europeiska som ett flertal nationella guidelines för kronisk pankreatit samt en mängd originalartiklar beaktats. SGFs riktlinjer baseras således på samma vetenskapliga grund som övriga europeiska riktlinjer, men är anpassade efter svenska förhållanden.

Kronisk pankreatit är sannolikt underdiagnostiserad och bör misstänkas vid långvariga högt sittande buksmärter av oklar genes eller vid tecken till exokrin insufficiens. Patienter med kronisk pankreatit har en ökad risk för sjuklighet och död. Det är därför viktigt att kunskap om sjukdomen och hur den bör behandlas och följas upp blir tillgänglig.

En sammanfattning av de svenska riktlinjerna publiceras här och de fullständiga riktlinjerna finns på SGFs hemsida <http://svenskgastronauterologi.se/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2018-kronisk-pankreatit.pdf>

Definition, Etiologi och Klassifikation

Kronisk pankreatit karakteriseras av en fortgående eller upprepad inflammatorisk process i pankreas, vilken leder till fibrosbildning och medför successiv förlust av exokrin och endokrin funktion. Processen är irreversibel. Histologiskt ses oregelbundet engagemang av fibros och atrofi av acinär celler samt inflammatoriska infiltrat. Enbart acinär atrofi eller enbart fibros, vilket ibland kan ses hos äldre människor, är inte att betrakta som kronisk pankreatit. Morfologiska förändringar som karakteriserar sjukdomen innefattar oregelbundet utvidgning av glansgystemet, oregelbundet format parenkym med kärrelatrofi och något senare förkalkning av gångar och parenkym. Ibland finns lokala komplikationer som t.ex. pseudocyster. I tidiga skeden kan dock morfologiska förändringar saknas. Det

finns ingen vedertagen klinisk definition av kronisk pankreatit.

Alkohol är den viktigaste beroende riskfaktorn för utveckling av kronisk pankreatit. Vanligen uppkommer först akut pankreatit, därefter recidiverande akuta pankreatiter och senare kronisk pankreatit. Rökning är också en beroende riskfaktor för kronisk pankreatit. Mindre än 5% av patienter med kronisk pankreatit har kända genetiska riskfaktorer. Patienter med mutationer i CFTR, SPINK1, Chymotrypsin C, Carboxypeptidase A generna har förhöjd risk, men utvecklas främst sjukdomen om även andra faktorer finns. Patienter med mutation i katjoniska trypsingenen (PRSS1) har hög risk att utveckla pankreatit redan i barndomen även utan andra riskfaktorer. Dessa patienter har även en hög risk att utveckla pankreascancer.

Det finns olika klassifikationssystem som kategoriserar kronisk pankreatit utifrån etiologi, kliniskt stadium och morfologisk bild. Det finns inget vetenskapligt underlag för att rekommendera vilket klassifikationssystem som bör användas. Någon form av klassifiering av sjukdomen utifrån etiologi rekommenderas för alla patienter. M-ANNHEIM eller TIGAR-O klassifikationen kan användas för detta (Tabell 1). Även morfologiska förändringar bör klassificeras.

Klinisk bild och Diagnostik

Kronisk pankreatit bör misstänkas hos patienter med långvariga eller återkommande episoder med högt sittande buksmärter av oklar genes även om kända pankreasav akut pankreatit saknas. Exokrin pankreasinsufficiens med diarré/steatore, basvärde gaser, viktnedgång och minskad muskelmassa uppträder ofta senare i förloppet. Ungefår 10-20% av patienterna har diabetes när diagnosen av kronisk pankreatit ställs, och prevalensen av diabetes ökar när sjukdomen progresserar.

Buksmärter är ofta det dominerande symtomet, mest 10-20% av patienterna rapporterar endast lindriga smärter eller inga smärter alls. Typiska smärter vid kronisk pankreatit beskrivs som molande, krampartade, bandformade över övre delen av buken, ibland strålade bak i ryggen. Det är vanligt att smärtan ökar i samband med måltid. Patienter som diagnostiseras med kronisk pankreatit sent i livet har oftare korta episoder med smärter (<10 dagar) och långa smärtfria intervaller. Patienter med alkoholrelaterad pankreatit har oftare kroniska smärter med hög intensitet och korta smärtfria intervaller (<2-3 månader). Det finns inte vetenskapliga bevis som stödjer ett naturligt förlopp där smärtorna lindras med tiden eller med tillagande atrofi av körteln (så kallad "burn out hypotes").

Vid klinisk misstanke om kronisk pankreatit bör bildagnostisk undersökning göras för att identifiera morfologiska förändringar.

Transabdominellt ultraljud kan identifiera avancerad kronisk pankreatit, men metoden har ett begränsat värde vid tidiga stadier av sjukdomen. Endoskopiskt ultraljud, MR/MRCP eller datoromografi är relativt likvärdiga för bildagnostik av morfologiska förändringar vid kronisk pankreatit. Endoskopiskt ultraljud är bäst att använda i tidiga förändringar, och kan även kombineras med finnalibiopsi vilket ökar den diagnostiska känsligheten. Den rekommenderas dock inte som förstasalsmetod då den är underutvärderad, invasiv och med varierande tillgänglighet. ERCP var tidigare referensmetod men används i dag enbart vid terapeutisk frågeställning och inte för diagnostik.

Undermåring är vanligt vid kronisk pankreatit. Undermåringen är ofta multifaktoriell och en följd av den inflammatoriska processens påverkan på metabolismen, på minskat energintag till följd av smärter och på exokrin pankreasinsufficiens.

Tabell 1

Klassifikation av etiologi/riskfaktorer för kronisk pankreatit enligt TIGAR-O¹ och M-ANNHEIM² klassifikationerna (i kortversion och översatt till svenska)

| | |
|---|---|
| T | Toxisk, metabolisk (inkluderande alkohol, rökning, hyperkalcemi, kronisk njursvikt) |
| I | Idiopatisk (debut tidigt eller sent i livet) |
| G | Genetisk (PRSS1, CFTR, SPINK1 mutationer m fl) |
| A | Autoimmun |
| R | Recidiverande eller svår akut pankreatit |
| O | Obstruktiv (pankreas divisum, förträngning av gång (sten, tumör, striktur)) |
| M | Pankreatit med Multipla riskfaktorer |
| A | Alkohol (mycket >30g/d, ökat eller moderat intag <20g/d) |
| N | Nikotin |
| N | Nutritionsfaktorer |
| H | Hereditära faktorer |
| E | Efferenta faktorer (pankreas divisum, kongenital pankreasabnormalitet, pankreatisk gångobstruktion, posttraumatiska strikturer) |
| I | Immunologisk |
| M | (Miscellaneous) Blandat och sällsynt (hyperkalcemi, kronisk njursvikt, droger, toxin) |

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Vid exokrin pankreasinsufficiens är nivån av pankreasenzymaktivitet i tarmulen reducerad så att den understiger den som krävs för en normal matsmältning. Försämd nedbyggnad av fett (minskad lipasaktivitet) är den faktor som har störst betydelse för utveckling av symptom och komplikationer. Minskad fettupptag leder dels till steatorré, dels till viktnedgång och dels till nedsatt absorption av fettlösliga vitaminer och mineraler, framför allt vitamin A, D, E och K. En klinisk konsekvens av detta är utveckling av osteoporos.

Om symptom på exokrin insufficiens föreligger och bildagnostik talar för kronisk pankreatit kan diagnosen exokrin insufficiens ställas utan ytterligare utredning.

Exokrin pankreasinsufficiens kan dock föreligga utan uppenbara symptom. Fekalt elastas kan användas som screeningtest och bidra till att etablera diagnosen. Nutritionalmarkörer i blod eller tecken till avancerade morfologiska förändringar vid bildagnostik kan också stödja diagnosen. ¹³C triglycerid utandningstest är etablerad i Sverige och kan vara av värde i oklara fall.

Vid misstanke om kronisk pankreatit bör remiss utfärdas till gastroenterolog för utredning och diagnos. Därefter bör majoriteten av patienterna skötas i primärvården.

Behandling och Uppföljning

Alla patienter bör rekommenderas och få hjälp till total avhållsamhet från alkohol och rökning då dessa faktorer bidrar till sjukdomsprogress och ökad risk för komplikationer. Smärtan bör behandlas enligt WHO:s riktlinjer. Paracetamol är förstahandsval, medan NSAID bör undvikas främst på grund av risken för gastrointestinala biverkningar. Smärtbehandling bör följas upp och måas utifrån intensitet, mönster och påverkan på dagliga aktiviteter. Då många patienter har missbruksbakgrund är risken för iatrogen opiatmissbruk ökad och samråd med smärtspecialist rekommenderas. Vid förskrivning av opioider bör indikationen utvärderas inom 3 månader.

Om man då inte får acceptabel smärtekontroll utan opioider, trots alkohol- och rökstopp samt adekvat smärtbehandling kan endoskopisk alternativt kirurgisk

behandling övervägas. Indikation för pankreaskirurgi bör diskuteras på en multidisciplinär beslutskonferens med en erfaren kirurg och gastroenterolog.

Undermåring och risk för undermåring bör värderas kontinuerligt. Aktuell vikt, viktförändring och åttroplem ska följas och symptom avseende maldigestion specifikt efterfrågas hos patienter med eller utan känd exokrin insufficiens. Det finns inte vetenskapligt underlag för att rekommendera exakta bioprov vid kontroll av patienter med kronisk pankreatit. Baserat på kunskap om sjukdomsförlopp och komplikationer anses det rimligt att utöver rutinprover inkludera leverstatus, amylas, HbA1c och prov som speglar nutritionsstatus, t.ex. vitamin D, zink och prealbumin.

Patienterna bör rekommenderas små måltider som intas ofta. För alla patienter med kronisk pankreatit och samtidig förekomst av diarré, viktnedgång eller andra kliniska eller laborativa tecken på undermåring rekommenderas behandling med pankreasenzymersättningsterapi.



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- Enrique Dominguez-Munoz, J.-Matthia



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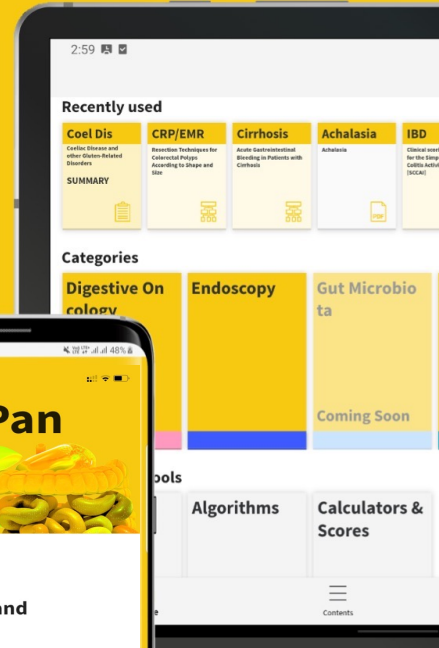
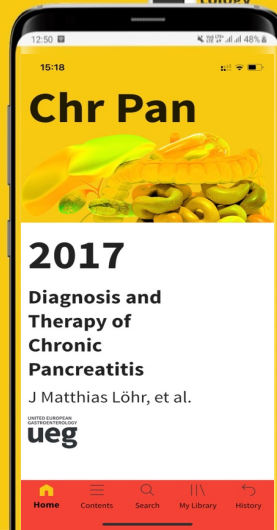


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