

Special Issue on
**Challenges in Patients with Recurrent and Chronic
Pancreatitis**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Recurrent and chronic pancreatitis affects an increasing number of patients. Pain, pancreatogenic diabetes, and pancreatic cancer risk remain relevant problems in these patients. Dependencies on narcotic pain killers and poor quality of life have a significant impact on mental health as well as longevity. With better recognition, improved genetic testing, and diagnostic modalities, a significant number of pediatric patients suffering from these diseases are now being recognized. Advanced endoscopic treatment options and surgical therapies like total pancreatectomy with or without autologous islet cell transplant are often critically evaluated due to variable data presented in literature. At times these therapies are perceived as being very aggressive; however there are no clear data about life without these treatments.

Aims and scope of this special issue would be to invite articles surrounding the challenging issues of the natural history of these diseases. This is especially with regard to endocrine and exocrine functions with or without therapies, innovative nonsurgical and surgical options, innovative pain management modalities, advances in radiographic imaging, and so forth. We encourage suitably motivated colleagues to submit original research, review articles, and small series of important observations revolving around such issues in recurrent and chronic pancreatitis.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ Issues related to pancreatogenic diabetes
- ▶ Recent advances in endoscopic therapies, pain management options
- ▶ Debatable issues around surgeries with respect to drainage procedure versus resection procedure in these benign diseases
- ▶ Critical issues of islet cell autotransplantation beyond insulin independence including in children and possible lifelong complications
- ▶ Pediatric patients with recurrent pancreatitis and pros and cons of their management
- ▶ Autoimmune pancreatitis
- ▶ Chronic pancreatitis and cancer
- ▶ Chronic pancreatitis: the point of view by surgical pathology

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