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Pediatric Pancreatitis: Characteristic Features, Diagnosis and Management

Message from the Guest Editors

Pediatric pancreatitis is a disease process that does not occur as often in children as in adults. Still, over the last several decades in the United States, and globally, the incidence of pancreatitis in children and adolescents has been steadily increasing.

Pancreatitis is associated with significant impacts on health and quality of life, even after only a single episode. However, up to one-third of children may progress to recurrent episodes, and a smaller number of children may progress to chronic pancreatitis, associated with frequent pain, irreversible pancreatic scarring, and exocrine and/or endocrine dysfunction. This Special Issue will continue to raise awareness of the significance of pancreatitis in the pediatric population, including characteristic features of the disease, the diagnosis and treatment of an acute episode, the assessment of complications after an episode, and risk factors for the development of recurrent or chronic episodes.

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