

Special Issue

Management of Severe Acute Pancreatitis

Message from the Guest Editors

Acute pancreatitis is the most common gastrointestinal disorder leading to hospital admission in the United States, and its incidence is rising steadily. Severe cases carry a high risk of long-term morbidity and mortality. Unfortunately, no specific drug or treatment is available for acute pancreatitis, but it is possible to optimize the general management of these patients to improve outcomes. There are several interesting research topics in the field of acute pancreatitis with open questions. Additionally, with hypertriglyceridemia-induced pancreatitis, therapeutic plasma exchange might be beneficial; however, patient selection is a crucial aspect of this intervention. In gallstone pancreatitis, the judicious use of ERCP is a key point in the treatment. The aim of this Special Issue is to collect current research in the field of acute pancreatitis. We expect original and review articles about the broad aspects of severe acute pancreatitis management. Key words: acute pancreatitis; risk assessment; enteral nutrition; antibiotic therapy; ERCP; plasma exchange; endoscopic drainage

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