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ENHANCING PANCREATIC CARE - EXPERIENCES OF A SPECIALIZED UNIT FOR BENIGN PANCREATIC DISORDERS

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The Section of Interdisciplinary Pancreatology at Ulm University Hospital reports two-year experience with a multidisciplinary approach to benign pancreatic disorders incorporating patient-reported outcome measures.

KEY POINTS

- The section was launched in 2023 and manages cystic pancreatic lesions, autoimmune pancreatitis, IgG4-related disease, and all types of chronic pancreatitis.
- A dedicated multidisciplinary board reviews cases, using consensus-driven decision-making to optimize diagnostic accuracy and therapeutic planning with individualized approaches.
- Patient-Reported Outcome Measures are continuously recorded on symptoms, functional status, and treatment outcomes to enable patient-centered therapy management.
- The structured interdisciplinary implementation resulted in relevant changes to daily patient care and patient paths.
- High numbers of hybrid procedures in robotic enucleation of pancreatic cysts have been established as one successful approach.

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