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INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF CHRONIC PANCREATITIS: A 7-YEAR POPULATION-BASED STUDY

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A population-based study in Sichuan Province, China from 2015 to 2021 found the mean incidence of chronic pancreatitis was 6.81 per 100,000 person-years with increasing annual incidence and point prevalence of 45.52 per 100,000 people in 2021.

KEY POINTS

- 38,086 individuals were diagnosed with chronic pancreatitis in Sichuan Province between 2015 and 2021, with a mean age at diagnosis of 57.83 years and a male predominance (23,278 males versus 14,808 females).
- The incidence of chronic pancreatitis increased each year during the study period, with point prevalence in 2021 higher in men (55.04 per 100,000) than women (35.78 per 100,000).
- Chronic pancreatitis-related hospitalizations increased from 3,734 in 2015 to 11,009 in 2021, with total hospitalization costs of US$ 103.54 million over the study period and an average cost of US$ 2,718 per patient.
- The authors conclude that prevention and treatment of chronic pancreatitis are of great importance given the increasing disease burden.

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