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THE IMPACT OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM EVALUATION ON THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE AND CHRONIC PANCREATITIS IN A TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTER

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A tertiary referral center multidisciplinary team meeting for pancreatic diseases reviewed 143 acute and chronic pancreatitis patients over 28 months, changing etiology diagnosis in a substantial proportion and identifying previously overlooked malignancies and genetic defects.

KEY POINTS

- Among 67 acute pancreatitis patients discussed for etiology, imaging revision alone changed the suspected etiology in 28%, and further investigations suggested by the multidisciplinary team changed the final diagnosis in an additional 39%, with 3 overlooked cancers diagnosed.
- For 14 chronic pancreatitis patients discussed for etiology, the multidisciplinary team changed the initial suspicion in 50% of cases, with previously unexplored genetic etiology identified in 64% of cases and 50% of initially idiopathic cases receiving a definite etiology.
- Treatment of acute pancreatitis complications (27 patients, mainly pseudocysts and walled-off necrosis) was resolved in 100% of cases, mostly by endoscopic (48%) or surgical (33%) approaches.
- Treatment of chronic pancreatitis complications (35 patients, mainly focal lesions, duct obstruction, or pain) was resolved in 98% of cases by surgical (53%) or endoscopic (17%) treatments, with 3 malignant lesions diagnosed.

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