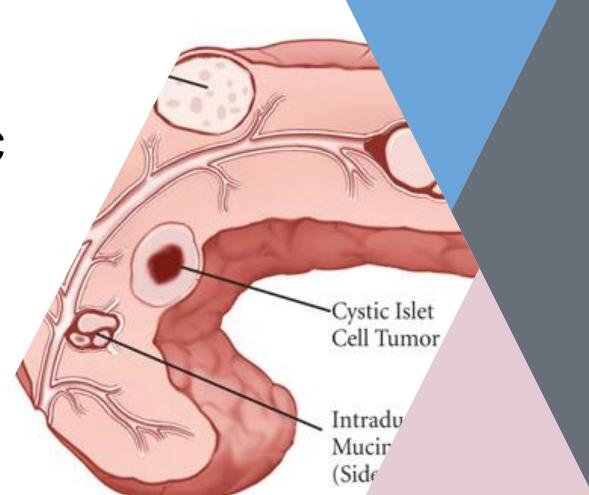


Pancreatic

Cysts

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Prevalence?

2-15% **→** 50%

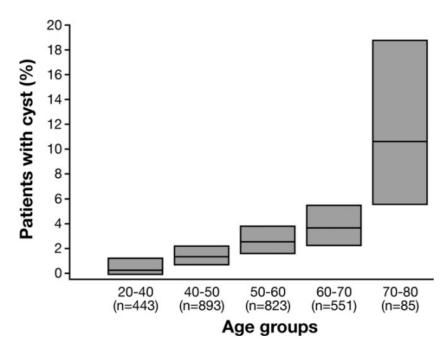


Figure 1. Prevalence of pancreatic cysts per age group. The *black line* shows the prevalence and the *gray boxes* represent the CI. For patients older than age 80, see the text for more details.

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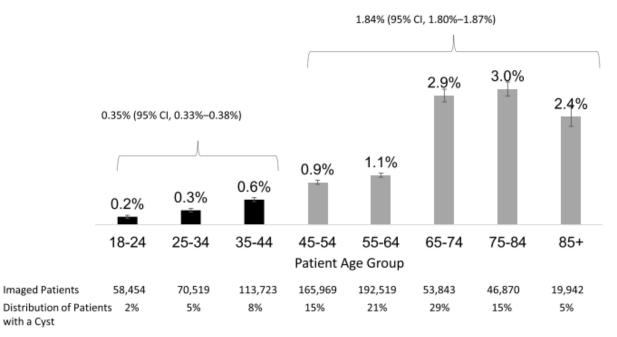
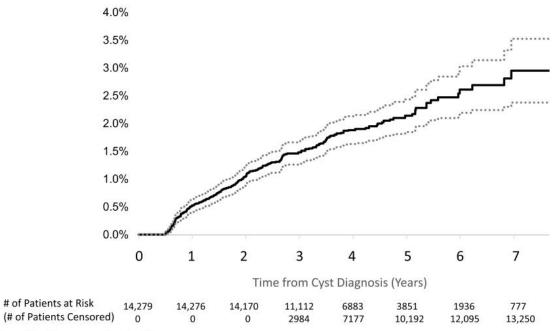


FIGURE 1. Standardized prevalence by age group (2017).

Pancreas 2021



Risks of malignancy?



OR 0.5-1.5%

AR: 0.5%

FIGURE 4. Cumulative risk of progression to PC.

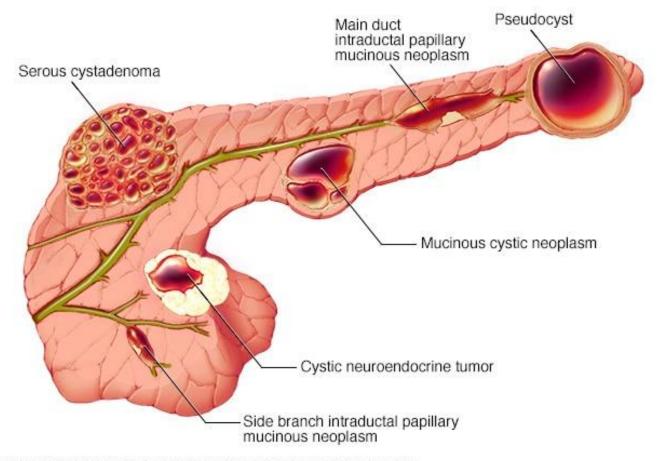
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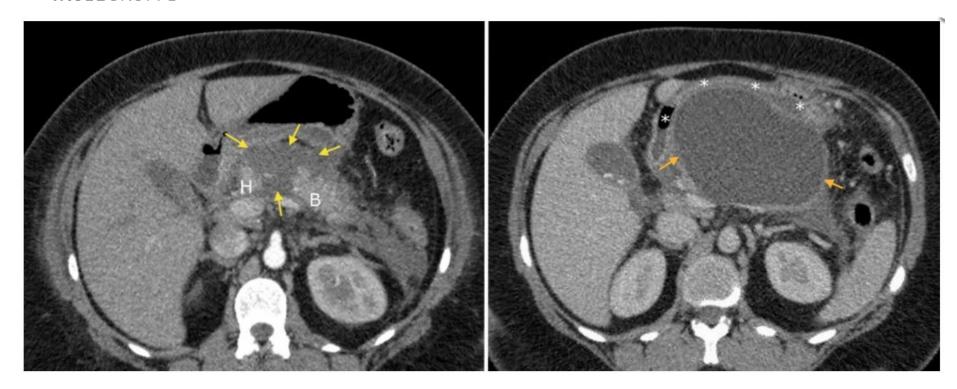
Cysts Type





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Pseudocyst

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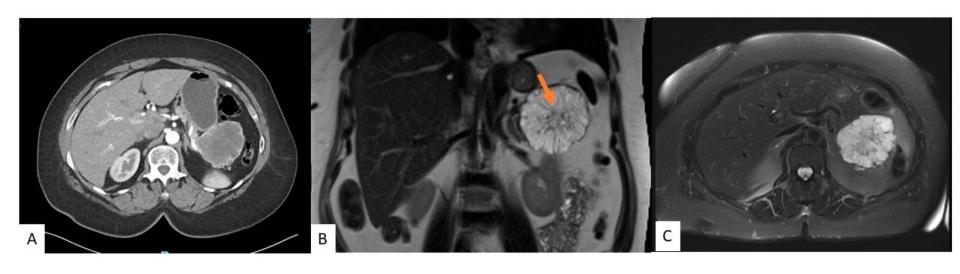
Cyst Type Patient Characteristics and Clinical Presentation Imaging Findings Malignant Potential

Pseudocyst Associated with antecedent acute or chronic pancreatitis

Unilocular or multilocular May be connected to MPD

0%

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Serous Cystadenoma



Serous Cystadenoma

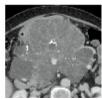
Cyst Type	Patient Characteristics and Clinical Presentation	Imaging Findings	Malignant Potential
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SCA

Predominantly in women (60% of cases)
Occurs in 5th–7th decades of life Mostly asymptomatic

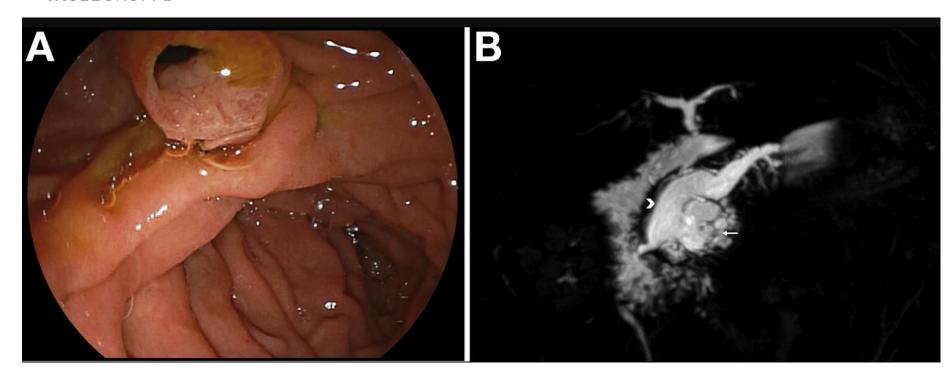


Microcystic or oligocystic Central scar No communication with pancreatic duct



0%

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IPMN



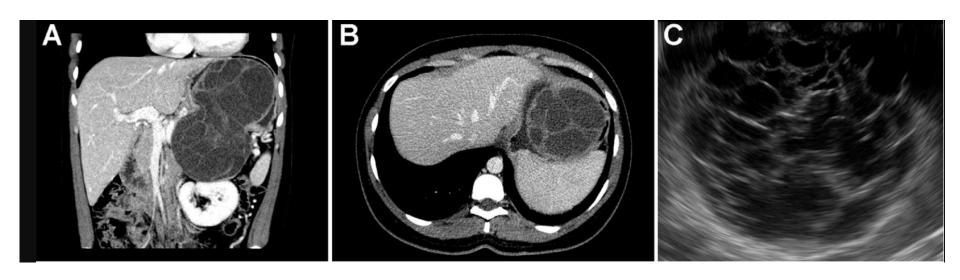
Intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm

Cyst Type	Patient Characteristics and Clinical Presentation		Imaging Findings	Malignant Potential
IPMN	Equal sex distribution Occurs in 5th–7th decades of life	Branch-duct IPMN	Communication with pancreatic duct Multiplicity	1–38%
	Mostly asymptomatic May cause pancreatitis	Main-duct IPMN	MPD dilatation Fish-mouth papilla	33–85%

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Mucinous Cystic Neoplasm



Mucinous Cystic Neoplasm

Patient Characteristics

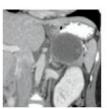
Cyst Type and Clinical Presentation Imaging Findings Malignant Potential

MCN

Almost exclusively in women (90% of cases)
Occurs in 4th-6th decades of life Mostly asymptomatic

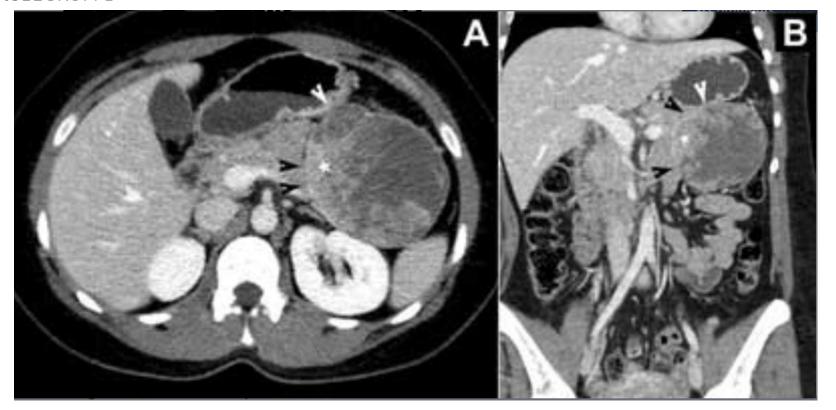


Mostly pancreatic tail Unilocular or oligolocular Thickened wall Eggshell calcifications in 25%



10-34%

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Solid Pseudopapillary Neoplasms



Solid Pseudopapillary Neoplasms

Cyst Type	Patient Characteristics and Clinical Presentation		Imaging Findings	Malignant Potential
SPT	Almost exclusively in women (90% of cases) Occurs in 2nd or 3rd decade of life	0	Heterogeneous Eggshell calcifications	10–15%
SPT				10-1

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Cystic Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors



Cystic Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

Patient Characteristics

Cyst Type and Clinical Presentation Imaging Findings Malignant Potential

CNET

Variable age and sex Mostly asymptomatic 10% Are functional



Enhancing, thickened wall



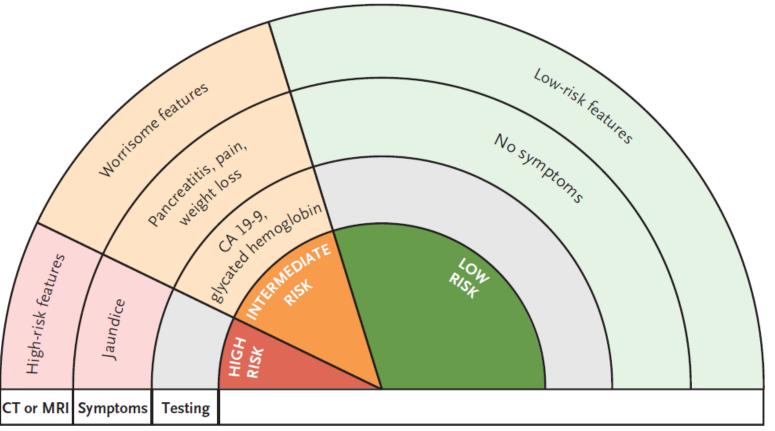
5-10%

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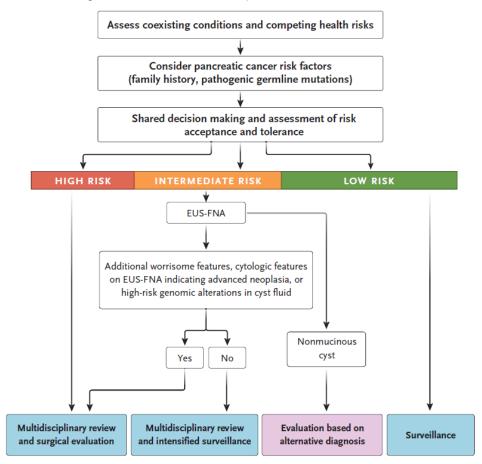
Diagnostics Risk Assessment

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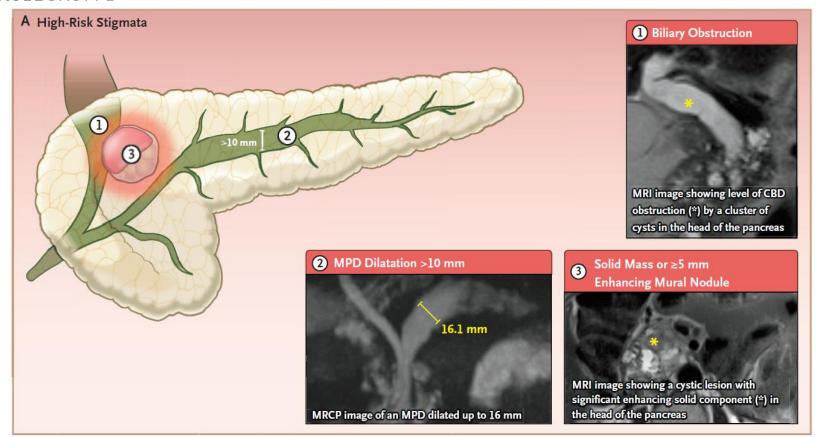




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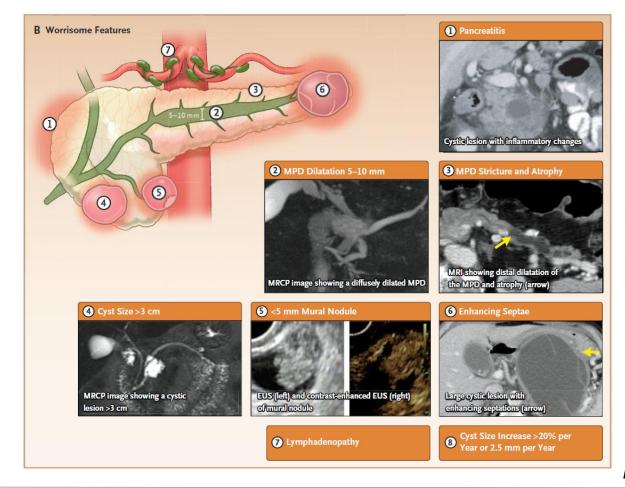
High-Risk Stigmata?



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Worrisome Features?



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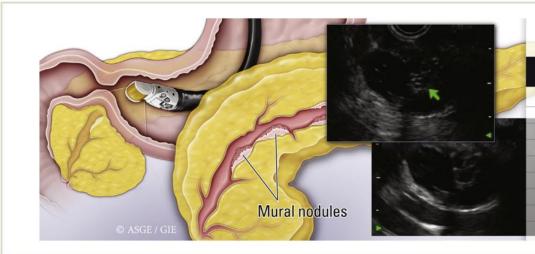
Endoscopic Evaluation

TABLE 2: Sensitivity and Accuracy of Characterization by MRI and Endoscopic Ultrasound

Technique, Parameter	Septa	Mural Nodule	Main Pancreatic Duct Dilatation	Communication With Main Pancreatic Duct
MRI reviewer 1				
Sensitivity	17/18 (94.4)	8/12 (66.7)	13/14 (92.9)	9/9 (100)
Accuracy	20/21 (95.2)	15/21 (71.4)	19/21 (90.5)	19/21 (90.5)
MRI reviewer 2				
Sensitivity	17/18 (94.4)	7/12 (58.3)	12/14 (85.7)	9/9 (100)
Accuracy	18/21 (85.7)	15/21 (71.4)	17/21 (81.0)	19/21 (90.5)
Endoscopic ultrasound				
Sensitivity	14/18 (77.8)	7/12 (58.3)	12/14 (85.7)	8/9 (88.9)
Accuracy	17/21 (81.0)	13/21 (61.9)	18/21 (85.7)	18/21 (85.7)

Note—Data are the number of lesions detected/total number studied (%) by each imaging technique.

AJR 2010



Pooled diagnostic performance of CH-EUS for the characterization of mural nodules in pancreatic cystic neoplasms

	Diagnostic performance	CH-EUS (8 studies, 320 PCNs)	
9	Sensitivity (95% CI)	97.0% (92.5% - 99.2%)	
_	Specificity (95% CI)	90.4% (85.2% - 94.2%)	
Ī	Positive likelihood ratio (95% CI)	8.89 (4.50 - 17.55)	
Ī	Negative likelihood ratio (95% CI)	0.06 (0.03 - 0.13)	
Ī	Estimated prevalence (95% CI)	41.7% (36.3% - 47.0%)	
Ī	Positive predictive value (95% CI)	87.8% (81.5% - 92.1%)	
I	Negative predictive value (95% CI)	97.7% (94.2% - 99.1%)	
Ī	Diagnostic accuracy (95% CI)	95.6% (92.6% - 98.7%)	
Ì	Number needed to diagnose (95% CI)	1.2 (1.3 – 1.1)	

GIE 2020



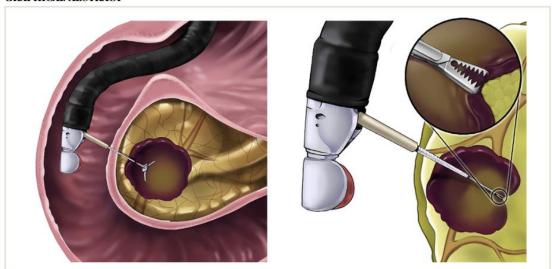
Efficacy and safety of EUS-guided through-the-needle microforceps biopsy sampling in categorizing the type of pancreatic cystic lesions (CME)



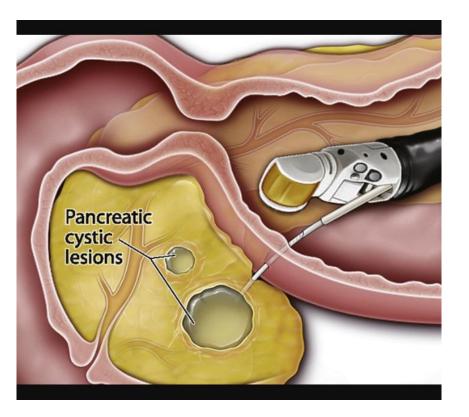
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GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



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Fluid Analysis?

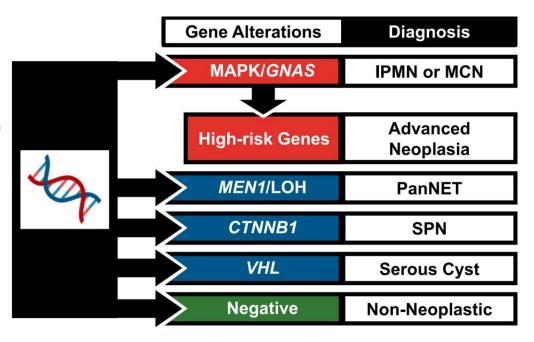
Table 1. Cyst-Fluid Characteristics and Genes Altered in Common Types of Pancreatic Cysts.*						
Macroscopic and Cytologic Features	CEA Level	Glucose Level	Amylase Level	Altered Genes		
				Associated with Cyst Type	Associated with Advanced Neoplasia	
Macrophages and lymphocytes, debris	Variable	High	High	None	None	
Proteinaceous debris and blood, glyco- gen-rich cuboidal epithelial cells	Very low	High	Low	VHL	None	
Thick mucinous fluid, mucinous epi- thelial cells, papillary structures†	High	Low	High	KRAS, GNAS	TP53, CTNNB1, CDKN2A, SMAD4, genes involved in mTOR pathway;	
Thick mucinous fluid, mucinous epi- thelial cells, ovarian-type stroma†	High	Low	Low	KRAS	TP53, CDKN2A, CTNNB1, SMAD4, genes involved in mTOR pathway‡	
Hemorrhagic debris; monomorphic, discohesive small cells; hyaline globules and grooved nuclei	Variable	Normal	Low	CTNNB1	None	
Uniform cells in loosely cohesive clus- ters; coarse, granular, chromatin- containing nuclei	Variable	Normal	Low	MEN1	None	
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^{*} CEA denotes carcinoembryonic antigen, CNET cystic neuroendocrine tumor, SCA serous cystadenoma, and SPT solid pseudopapillary tumor. † Ovarian stroma in mucinous cystic neoplasms (MCNs) and papillary structures in intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasms (IPMNs) are histologic findings that are observed only in rare cases in samples obtained by means of fine-needle aspiration or microforceps biopsy.

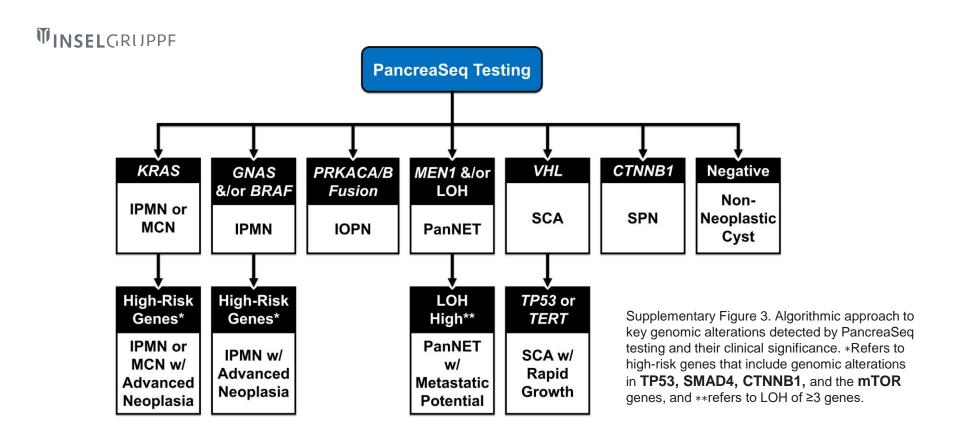
[#]Genes involved in the mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) pathway include PIK3CA, PTEN, and AKT1.



EUS-FNA Pancreatic Cyst Fluid



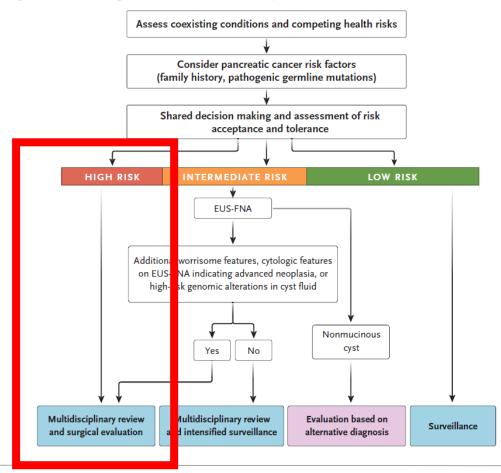
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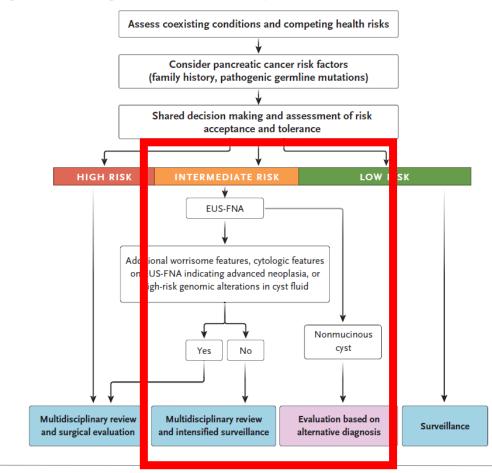
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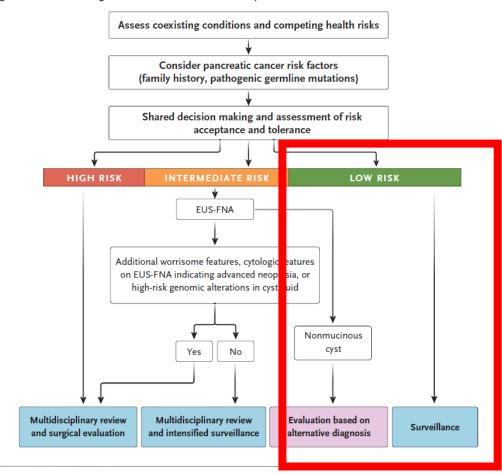
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Cyst Size and Features	Year 1	Years 2–5	After >5 Years of Stability	
<1 cm without worrisome features or high-risk stigmata	MRI Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels	 Every 2 years MRI Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels 	Every 2 years MRI Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels Or consider Ceasing surveillance	
1–2 cm without worrisome features or high-risk stigmata	 6–12 Months MRI Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels 	Every 1–2 years • MRI • Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels	Every 2 years MRI Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels Or consider Ceasing surveillance	
2–3 cm without worrisome features or high-risk stigmata	Alternating every 6 months MRI or endoscopic ultrasonography Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels	MRI or endoscopic ultrasonography Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels	Every year MRI Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels Continue surveillance	
>3 cm or worrisome features (when surgical resection is not pursued)	Alternating every 3 months MRI or endoscopic ultrasonography Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels	Alternating every 3–6 months MRI or endoscopic ultrasonography Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels	Every 6–12 months MRI Measurement of CA 19-9 and glycated hemoglobin levels Continue surveillance	

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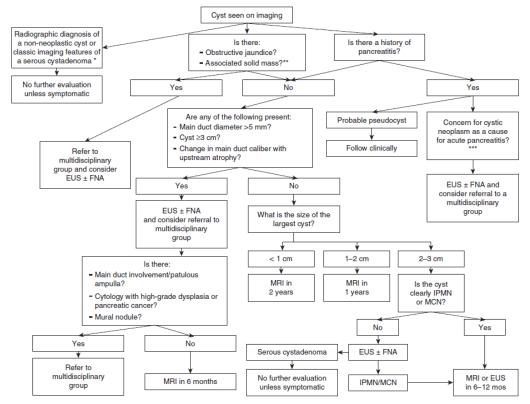


Figure 1. Approach to a patient with a pancreatic cyst. *Pathognomonic radiographic features of a serous cystadenoma are a microcystic appearance with a central stellate scar. **Occasionally benign lesions can have a solid appearance. In cases where the diagnosis is unclear EUS±FNA should be performed. ***Unusual cystic features or present at initial onset of acute pancreatitis. EUS, endoscopic ultrasound; FNA, fine needle aspiration.

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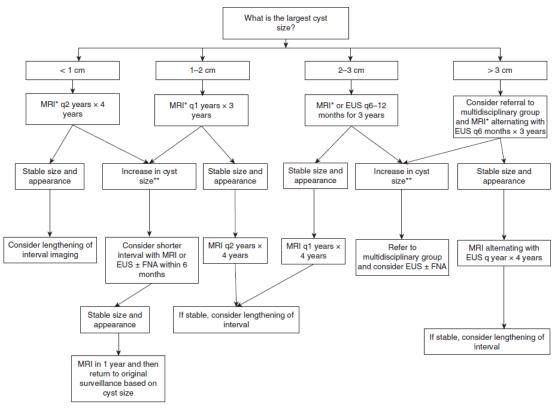


Figure 2. Surveillance of presumed IPMN or MCN. *Surveillance should preferably be performed with same imaging modality in attempt to capture consistency in size measurements. **>3 mm/year. IPMN, intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm; MCN, mucinous cystic neoplasm.



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