# Etiology Derives Outcomes During And After The First Episode Of Acute Pancreatitis: An Observational Cohort Study

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#### Introduction

- Most studies on pediatric acute pancreatitis (AP) outcomes are based on retrospectively collected datasets. To our knowledge, no prospective studies have looked at symptom persistence beyond hospitalization following the first episode of AP.
- Our study aimed to use a prospectively enrolled cohort, along with yearly follow-up questionnaires, to investigate gastrointestinal symptom persistence and acute recurrent pancreatitis (ARP) incidence following first attack AP.

# **Hypothesis and Aims**

Hypothesis: In-hospital and after-hospital clinical outcomes will vary by etiology of pancreatitis.

- Aim 1: Identify rates of severe acute pancreatitis (SAP) by etiology, along with ICU admission by etiology
- Aim 2: Identify if progression to acute recurrent pancreatitis (ARP) varies by etiology
- Aim 3: Determine rates of persistent GI symptoms and if this varies by etiology

## Methods

- 322 subjects prospectively enrolled in a REDCAP database from March 2013 to May 2023 during first episode of AP
- Outcome data were collected (ICU admission, AP severity, surgical intervention).
- Etiology groups were made based on information available during admission that could be identified with history or routine imaging studies
- One-year follow-up survey (abdominal pain, readmission, nausea, vomiting, and weight loss) along with lab collection (endocrine and exocrine pancreatic labs)

# Methods (continued)

|  | AP patients<br>n=322   |
|--|------------------------|
| Age 1st AP attack (years)                          | 13.5 (8.5-16.1)        |
| Sex  |                        |
| Female   | 161 (50%)              |
| Male   | 161 (50%)              |
| BMI percentile                                     | 70.2 (30.6-94.0) n=305 |
| Severity 1st AP attack                             |                        |
| Mild   | 244/318 (77%)          |
| Moderate   | 52/318 (16%)           |
| Severe   | 22/318 (7%)            |
| Etiology   |                        |
| Toxic/Metabolic/Autoimmune                         | 75 (23%)               |
| Gallstones   | 52 (16%)               |
| Obstructive non-gallstone                          | 22 (7%)                |
| Trauma/Post ERCP Pancreatitis                      | 23 (7%)                |
| Known genetic*                                     | 39 (12%)               |
| Idiopathic   | 111 (34%)              |
| Family history of pancreatitis                     | 31/246 (13%)           |
| Other comorbid conditions                          | 199/319 (62%)          |
| Oral antidiabetics or require insulin              | 14/321 (4.4%)          |
| ICU during admission                               | 40/312 (13%)           |
| Surgical therapies done                            | 49/321 (15%)           |
| Local pancreatic complication                      | 47 (15%)               |
| Organ dysfunction                                  | 25 (8%)                |
| ARP  | 81 (25%)               |
| ARP age (years)                                    | 13.8 (9.3-16.3) n=81   |
| Time AP to ARP (months)                            | 3.4 (1.7-8.5) n=81     |
| ARP within 1 year of AP                            | 69/81 (85%)            |
| Data presented as median (25th-75th percentile) or | n (%)                  |

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# Results

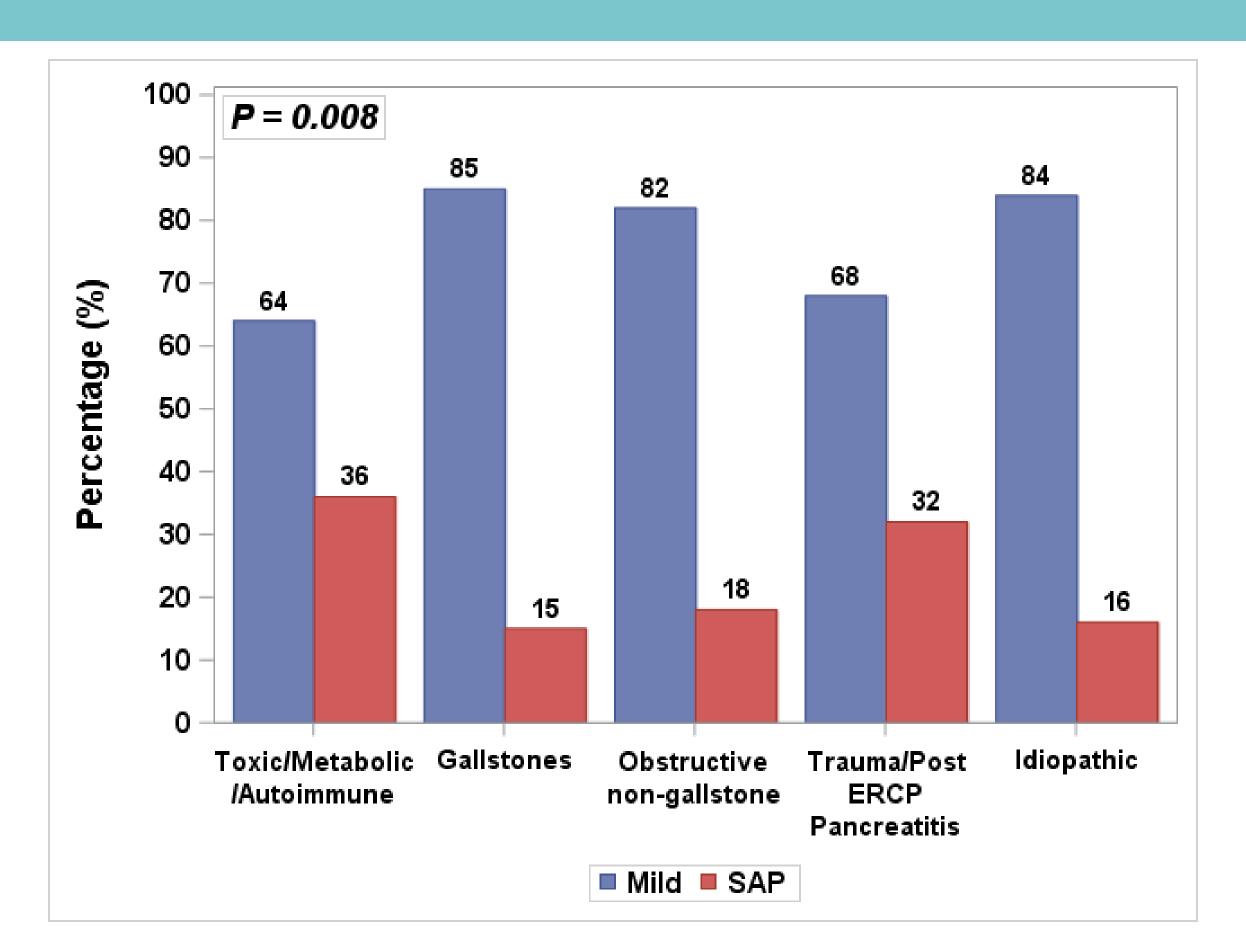


Fig 1: Overall rates of SAP by etiology

• The highest incidence of moderate and severe AP was in the toxic/metabolic/autoimmune, along with the Trauma/post-ERCP group (P=0.008). In this figure, both moderate and severe AP were grouped together under "SAP" with the definitions derived from the NASPGHAN pancreas committee.

#### Results (continued)

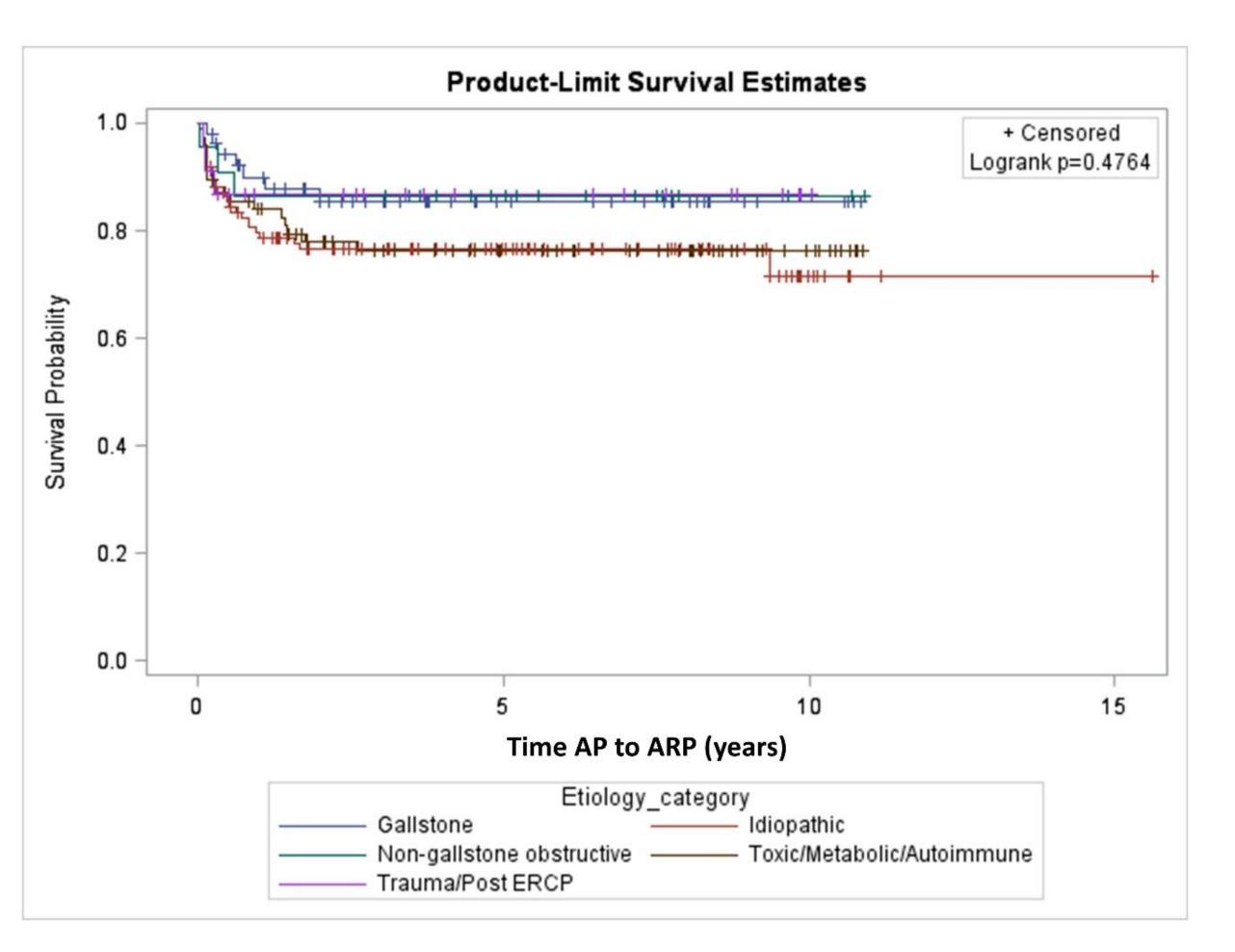


Fig 2: ARP time to second attack by etiology

 There is no statistical difference in progression to ARP when grouped by etiology. Of note, patients with a strong family history of AP were often referred for genetic testing in our cohort and were excluded from this analysis as not all patients had genetic testing done.

|                                       | Toxic/Metabolic/<br>Autoimmune<br>n=75 | Gallstone<br>n=52 | Non- gallstone obstructive n=22 | Trauma/ Post ERCP n=23 | Idiopathic<br>n=111 | P-<br>value |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Admitted to hospital for AP attack    | 7/43 (16%)                             | 4/22<br>(18%)     | 3/15 (20%)                      | 3/12<br>(25%)          | 12/52<br>(23%)      | 0.91        |
| Suspected AP episode managed at home  | 14/44 (32%)                            | 3/21<br>(14%)     | 2/15 (13%)                      | 4/12<br>(33%)          | 21/51<br>(41%)      | 0.12        |
| Abdominal pain within 1 year of AP    | 14/44 (32%)                            | 4/21<br>(19%)     | 5/15 (33%)                      | 7/12<br>(58%)          | 28/51<br>(55%)      | 0.02        |
| Vomiting within 1 year of AP          | 22/43 (51%)                            | 7/21<br>(33%)     | 6/15 (40%)                      | 3/12<br>(25%)          | 28/49<br>(57%)      | 0.17        |
| Diarrhea<br>within 1<br>year of AP    | 14/43 (33%)                            | 5/21<br>(24%)     | 6/15 (40%)                      | 6/12<br>(50%)          | 26/49<br>(53%)      | 0.13        |
| Weight loss<br>within 1<br>year of AP | 12/43 (28%)                            | 3/21<br>(14%)     | 6/15 (40%)                      | 5/12<br>(42%)          | 15/49<br>(31%)      | 0.37        |

Table 2: one year follow-up survey results

At one year follow-up, both traumatic/post-ERCP and idiopathic had the highest rates of persistent abdominal pain, with over half of participants reporting abdominal pain during the prior year.

# Results (Continued)

|   | Toxic/Metabolic/ Autoimmune n=75 | Gallstones<br>n=52     | Obstructive<br>non-gallstone<br>n=22 | Trauma/Post ERCP Pancreatitis n=23 | Idiopathic<br>n=111          | P-<br>valu |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Age 1st AP attack (years)                   | 13.9 (7.9-16.4)                  | 15.3 (13.2-17.0)       | 9.8 (5.7-14.6)                       | 12.5 (8.4-16.2)                    | 13.6 (10.0-<br>16.4)         | 0.02       |
| Sex   |                                  |                        |                                      |                                    | ,                            | 0.02       |
| Female                                      | 31 (41%)                         | 32 (62%)               | 15 (68%)                             | 7 (30%)                            | 57 (51%)                     |            |
| Male  | 44 (59%)                         | 20 (38%)               | 7 (32%)                              | 16 (70%)                           | 54 (49%)                     |            |
| BMI percentile                              | 62.3 (25.2-87.9)                 | 95.4 (56.6-98.2)       | 58.3 (10.6-83.7)                     | 66.5 (40.1-91.5)                   | 75.7                         | 0.00       |
|   | <u>n</u> =74                     | <u>n</u> =49           | <u>n</u> =20                         | <u>n</u> =21                       | (27.2-94.9)<br><u>n</u> =106 |            |
| Family history of pancreatitis              | 2/51 (4%)                        | 1/39 (3%)              | 1/17 (6%)                            | 0/16 (0%)                          | 14/90 (16%)                  | 0.05       |
| Other comorbid conditions                   | 62 (83%)                         | 31 (60%)               | 15 (68%)                             | 10/22 (45%)                        | 60/109 (55%)                 | 0.000      |
| Oral antidiabetics or require insulin       | 10 (13%)                         | 0 (0%)                 | 0 (0%)                               | 0 (0%)                             | 4/110 (4%)                   | 0.00       |
| ICU during admission                        | 20 (27%)                         | 2 (4%)                 | 4 (18%)                              | 3 (13%)                            | 9/106 (8%)                   | 0.00       |
| Surgical therapies done                     | 1 (1%)                           | 33 (63%)               | 7 (32%)                              | 6 (26%)                            | 0/110 (0%)                   | <0.0<br>1  |
| Severity 1st AP attack                      | 47/74 (640/)                     | 44 (050()              | 10 (000/)                            | 15/22 (600/)                       | 02/102/049/                  |            |
| Mild  | 47/74 (64%)                      | 44 (85%)               | 18 (82%)                             | 15/22 (68%)                        | 92/109 (84%)                 |            |
| Moderate                                    | 16/74 (22%)                      | 6 (12%)                | 1 (5%)                               | 6/22 (27%)                         | 13/109 (12%)                 |            |
| Severe                                      | 11/74 (15%)                      | 2 (4%)                 | 3 (14%)                              | 1/22 (5%)                          | 4/109 (4%)                   |            |
| SAP   | 27/74 (36%)                      | 8 (15%)                | 4 (18%)                              | 7/22 (32%)                         | 17/109 (16%)                 | 0.00       |
| Local pancreatic complication               | 14 (19%)                         | 5 (10%)                | 2 (9%)                               | 3 (13%)                            | 13 (12%)                     | 0.59       |
| Organ dysfunction                           | 13 (17%)                         | 2 (4%)                 | 2 (9%)                               | 1 (4%)                             | 4 (4%)                       | 0.0        |
| Respiratory                                 | 9 (12%)                          | 2 (4%)                 | 2 (9%)                               | 1 (4%)                             | 2 (2%)                       |            |
| Renal                                       | 5 (7%)                           | 0 (0%)                 | 0 (0%)                               | 0 (0%)                             | 2 (2%)                       |            |
| Cardiovascular                              | 2 (3%)                           | 0 (0%)                 | 0 (0%)                               | 0 (0%)                             | 0 (0%)                       |            |
| Other                                       | 1 (1%)                           | 0 (0%)                 | 1 (5%)                               | 0 (0%)                             | 0 (0%)                       | 0.7        |
| Both local complication & organ dysfunction | 2 (3%)                           | 0 (0%)                 | 1 (5%)                               | 0 (0%)                             | 2 (2%)                       | 0.50       |
| ARP   | 17 (23%)                         | 7 (13%)                | 3 (14%)                              | 3 (13%)                            | 26 (23%)                     | 0.49       |
| ARP age (years)                             | 16.0 (14.5-16.9)<br>n=17         | 14.3 (9.3-20.8)<br>n=7 | 15.5 (9.8-18.7)<br>n=3               | 14.7 (11.8-19.5)<br>n=3            | 13.7 (10.9-16.9)<br>n=26     | 0.78       |
| Time AP to ARP (months)                     | 3.1 (1.7-16.5) <i>n</i> =17      | 7.6 (3.0-13.2)<br>n=7  | 4.1 (0.3-7.3)<br>n=3                 | 1.5 (1.1-3.2)<br>n=3               | 3.6 (1.6-9.9)<br>n=26        | 0.42       |
| ARP within 1 year of AP                     | 12/17 (71%)                      | 5/7 (71%)              | 3/3 (100%)                           | 3/3 (100%)                         | 23/26 (88%)                  | 0.43       |

Table 3: table of inpatient and outpatient outcomes by etiology

## **Conclusion and Future Directions**

- Clinical course varied by etiology, both during and after initial hospitalization.
- Trauma/post-ERCP pancreatitis had both a high rate of morbidity during the Initial attack of AP as well as statistically significant higher occurrence of abdominal pain in the one-year follow-up.
- Overall persistence of GI symptoms for the following year was high, though did not vary by etiology
- Future studies will examine the relationship between the development of endocrine and exocrine pancreatic dysfunction and initial attack etiology.

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Table 1: Demographic data of subjects