



CLINICAL SHEET

Gastroenterology

Department

General Medicine

Specific treatment service provided

Our service is a tertiary Italian Centre for the diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic disorders on a daily basis to emergency and elective cases from all Italy's Regions. Particularly expertise is provided in the diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory and neoplastic diseases.

Diagnostic tools are available by services of Endoscopy, such as Endoscopic Ultrasound (with possibility of contrast medium injection, elastosonography, pancreatic biopsies, drainage of pancreatic pseudocysts, analysis of cystic liquid), Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio-Pancreatography (including pancreatic and biliary sphincterotomy, balloon dilatation, pancreatic and biliary stent insertion), Gastroscopy and Colonscopy.

We have possibilities to test the presence of mutations or polymorphisms of CFTR, SPINK1 and PRSS1 genes.

Pancreatic exocrine function test by fecal elastase 1 is also available.

Brief description of the diseases treated:

The Unit provides care for:

- acute pancreatitis
- recurrent pancreatitis
- chronic pancreatitis
- autoimmune pancreatitis
- paraduodenal pancreatitis
- pancreatitis associated to gene mutations
- pancreatic adenocarcinoma
- intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasias (IPMN)
- cystic neoplasias (mucinous, serous, papillary cystic)
- endocrine tumours
- rare pancreatic neoplasia
- asymptomatic chronic pancreatic hyperenzimemia
- incidental pancreatic duct stenosis



Therapeutic approach

The diagnostic and therapeutic approach to patient is based on published guidelines and experienced training of our staff and applied to emergency and elective patients. The Unit also promotes a life-long learning program including courses, seminars and symposia. Training is offered to residents in Gastroenterologists from Italy and from abroad. We offer also a highly specialized out-patient support for conditions requiring a multidisciplinary approach. Every week, we discuss the more complicated cases in a multidisciplinary meeting with surgeons, pathologists, oncologists evaluating the clinical history, familiarity, personal habits, imaging findings, histology (when available), previous treatments, therapeutic possibilities.

Annual cases

More than 1500 patients are annually seen in our Department, more than 70% coming from other Italian Regions.

Length of treatment and follow up

Length of treatment and follow up times vary according to the type of pathology. Patients are followed until recovery is complete.

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