



## CLINICAL SHEET

### Unit of Pancreatic Surgery

#### Department / Ward

Surgery and Oncology

#### Specific treatment service provided

Our mission is to provide comprehensive care for patients with neoplastic and inflammatory diseases of the pancreas. Surgeons working in our service are highly specialized in performing procedures on the pancreas and biliary system. The treatment services provided are:

- **Pancreatic outpatient clinic.** It is run on a daily basis. A pancreatic cyst clinic and a pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms clinic are scheduled once a week, either for first consultation or follow-up visits. .
- **Day Case Clinic.** It is committed to a thorough evaluation of patients with pancreatic solid neoplasms, pancreatic cysts, or uncertain conditions, in cooperation with the Pancreas Institute multidisciplinary team. Access to the Pancreatic Day Case Clinic follows a consultation with one of our attending surgeons.
- **Surgical oncology of the pancreas.** Surgery with radical intent is performed in patients with resectable malignancies of the pancreas, duodenum, bile duct and ampulla of Vater. Parenchyma-sparing operations are performed when indicated.
- **Radiofrequency ablation of pancreatic adenocarcinoma and palliative treatments.** These treatments resolve symptoms caused by pancreatic cancer, and may be endoscopic, percutaneous, or surgical.

#### Brief description of the diseases treated:

We treat the whole spectrum of pancreatic and periampullary diseases.

- Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma
- Distal cholangiocarcinoma
- Duodenal adenocarcinoma and GIST
- Carcinoma of the Ampulla of Vater
- Pancreatic cystic neoplasms (intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasms, serous cystic neoplasms, mucinous cystic neoplasms, cystic pseudopapillary neoplasms, other pancreatic cystic lesions)
- Pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms (non-functional and functional such as insulinoma, gastrinoma, glucagonoma, somatostatinoma, VIPoma)
- Neoplasms metastatic to the pancreas (e.g. renal cell carcinoma)
- Other pancreatic rare tumors
- Acute and chronic pancreatitis
- Pancreatic pseudocysts



### Therapeutic approach

The strength of the Unit of Pancreatic Surgery lies in its multidisciplinary approach to diseases of the pancreas. Specialists from across the Pancreas Institute discuss patient cases in a multidisciplinary setting, providing continuative input that helps us deliver the best available care.

Furthermore, The Unit of Pancreatic Surgery in Verona has one of the largest minimally invasive practices in Italy. Our program has a history of pioneering innovative, minimally invasive approaches such as left pancreatectomy with splenectomy, spleen-preserving left pancreatectomy, enucleation, middle pancreatectomy. We have developed experience with the *da Vinci* Si HD robotic system for left pancreatectomy, with or without splenectomy, and enucleation.

The centre at the 'G.B. Rossi' Hospital gathers leaders in their respective fields, and the atmosphere of such a large team of physicians interested in the pancreas has created an Institution that is not only the national referral centre for pancreatic pathologies, but also an internationally renowned centre attracting patients and physicians from around the world.

### Annual cases

Our surgical program provides the largest pancreatic neoplasms practice in Italy (about 300 pancreatic resections/year). The number of consultations is about 1100 per year, the day case admissions are about 250.

### Length of treatment and follow up

Our patients are enrolled in a post-surgical follow-up program. For particular conditions that do not require initial operative resection, specific surveillance protocols are active.

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