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Hereditary Pancreatitis with Lithiasis

Gupta *et al.* report a case of hereditary pancreatitis with lithiasis in a 7-year-old boy(1). His maternal grandfather was historically diagnosed to have recurrent pancreatitis. He was repeatedly hospitalized with severe abdominal pain and on 3 occasions there was a significant rise in enzyme levels.

The authors claim their report as being the first from India. Choudhry *et al.* published a case of familial pancreatitis in Indian Pediatrics in 1971(2). This was a 7-year-old boy with a history of recurrent abdominal pain of 4 years' duration. His serum amylase levels were high and X-ray films of the abdomen showed calcification in the region of pancreas. His father, 39 years old, started getting bouts of abdominal pain at

the age of 24 years. Extensive pancreatic calcification was shown on X-ray examination. The patient, his father, mother, a sister and two brothers showed generalized aminoaciduria.

Gupta *et al.* rightly emphasize the rarity of familial pancreatitis, and cite 38 references. They should, however, have consulted Indian Pediatrics before making a claim of being first.

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