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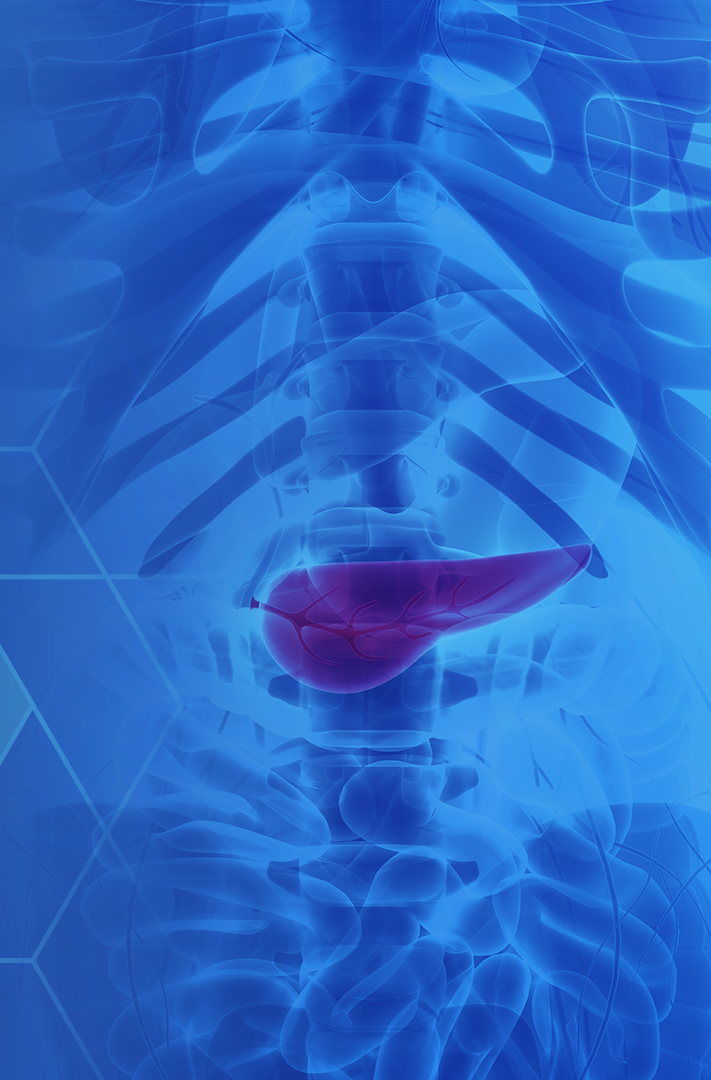
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# Precision Medicine in Pancreatic Disease: Where are we now and where are we going

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# Outline

- Traditional Medicine
- Precision Medicine
- Challenges and Solutions



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# THE PROBLEM



# What is Chronic Pancreatitis?

- **Chronic Pancreatitis Syndrome:**

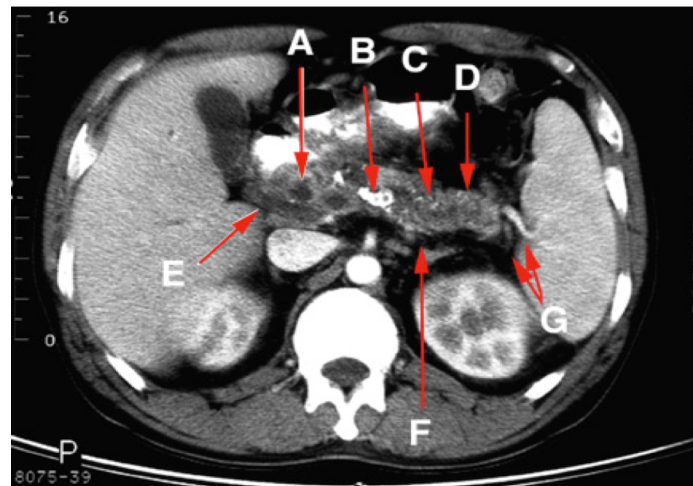
- **Pancreatic inflammation**

- Scarring (80%)
    - Maldigestion (40%)
    - Diabetes mellitus (35%)
    - Pain (70% - 5 types)
    - Pancreatic cancer (15%)

- *Diagnosis and Treatment*

- Diagnosis: requires demonstration of irreversible damage
  - Methods: *repeated* CT, MRI, ERCP and/or EUS
  - Treatment: *symptomatic*, pain treatments, PERT, insulin

- **Summary: a hopeless, irreversible condition that is expensive to diagnose and treat.**



# Chronic Pancreatitis: 1995

## A review of 100 years of research



## The New England Journal of Medicine

**Medical Progress: Chronic Pancreatitis.**

Volume 332(22) 1 Jun 1995 pp 1482-1490

Michael L Steer, Irving Waxman, Steven Freedman

“chronic pancreatitis remains an enigmatic process of uncertain pathogenesis, unpredictable clinical course, and unclear treatment”

# Challenge: “Best Practice” is *not good enough!*

**Definition:** “Chronic pancreatitis is a continuing *inflammatory disease* of the pancreas, characterized by *irreversible morphological change*, and *typically* causing pain and/or permanent loss of function” (“Cambridge Classification” 1984\*)

- Inflammation develops – but in **whom** and **why**?
- Irreversible morphologic changes ~5 years *after* symptom onset
- “Typical” features known – but with **great variability** (pain ≠ fibrosis)

## Observations:

- The actual “disease” is not defined, but rather an end-stage syndrome
- Pain drives interventions (mostly endoscopic and surgical)
- **Early** chronic pancreatitis *cannot be diagnosed*
- Therapy is reactive (pain) or supportive (EPI, DM) but *not preventive*
- Little can be done to change the natural history
- *Many* different genetic and environmental factors are “associated” with CP but **do not cause CP** in most cases (e.g alcohol, smoking)

\* Sarner M, Cotton PB. Classification of pancreatitis. Gut. 1984;25(7):756-9. PMID:6735257

# Biomedical History

## 20<sup>th</sup> Century Medical Paradigm



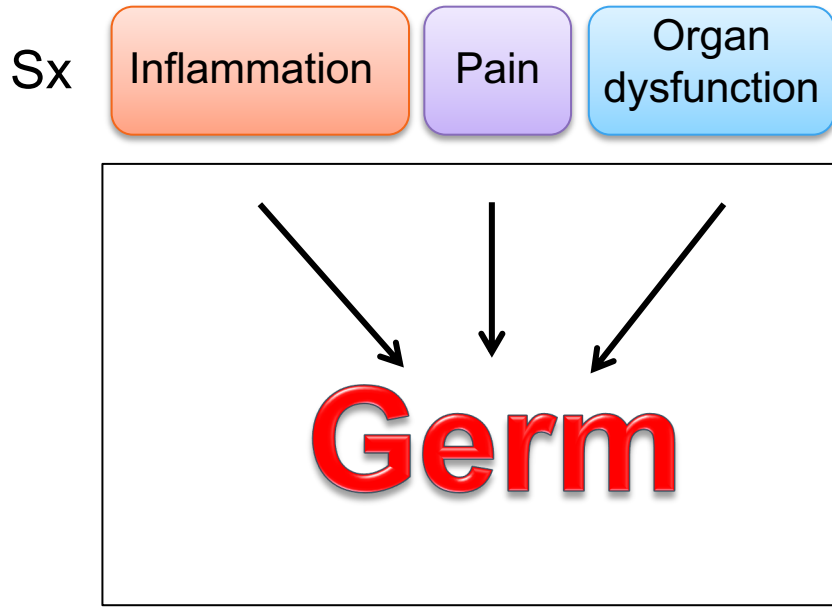
- Based on the “**Germ theory**” of disease
  - One agent → Complex syndrome
- Based on the “**Scientific Method**” of Koch
  - Complex syndrome → one factor
- Based on **clinicopathologic** disease definitions
  - Syndrome, pathology-based (e.g. ICD codes)
- Results:
  - Progress in infectious diseases and simple genetics
  - Poor progress in complex\* disorders
  - Little guidance for managing complex disorders



\* **Complex disorders:** two or more factors are required. Can be gene x environment, gene x gene, etc. Individual factors may not be *necessary* nor *sufficient* to cause disease.

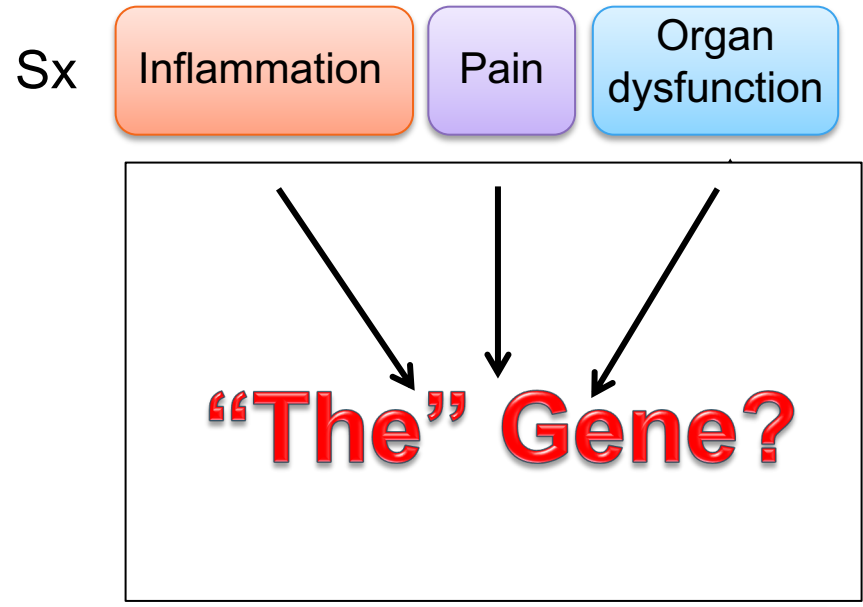
# Germ Theory: Success & Failure

Expected



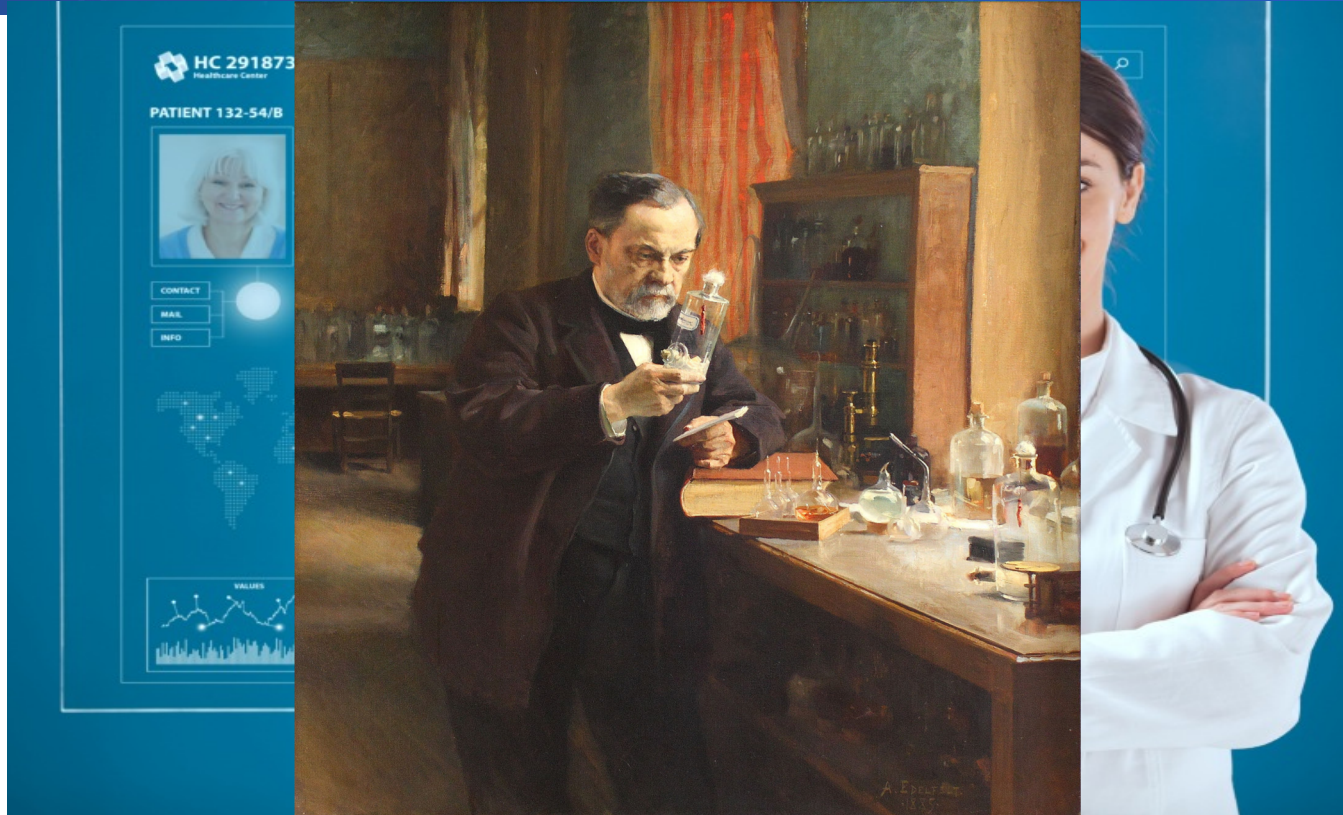
**Germ Theory:**  
symptom complex predicts single etiology

Observed (if no “germ”)



**Germ Theory:**  
*A Paradigm Failure!*

# A New Paradigm is Needed!



**Louis Pasteur in his laboratory**





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# **PERSONALIZED** MEDICINE

# Personalized Medicine

## When is a new paradigm needed?

- **Personalized/Precision/Individualized Medicine**
  - Needed when a “syndrome” is complex
    - Multiple etiologies → same “pathology”
    - Same pathology → multiple outcomes
    - Treatment effects → unpredictable (**NNT >1**)
  - Needed for **Complex & Functional** disorders; [Cancer]
    - Focus on **mechanism** rather than *associations* (RCT)
    - Relies on **modeling** and **simulation**, not *epidemiology*.
    - Guidance for **individuals** rather than *populations*.
  - Requires a **New framework** for new technologies
    - Progressive, mixed disease model [*not* data-driven models from populations]
    - Analysis of multiple factors interacting in **ONE** person
    - Predicts *different* outcomes with changes in key variables (e.g. Rx)
  - **Pancreas is a perfect organ to start modeling:**
    - Three cell types (acinar, duct, islet)
    - Each does **ONE** primary thing
    - The molecular mechanisms are **KNOWN**
    - The environmental effects are minimal (except smoking and alcohol)



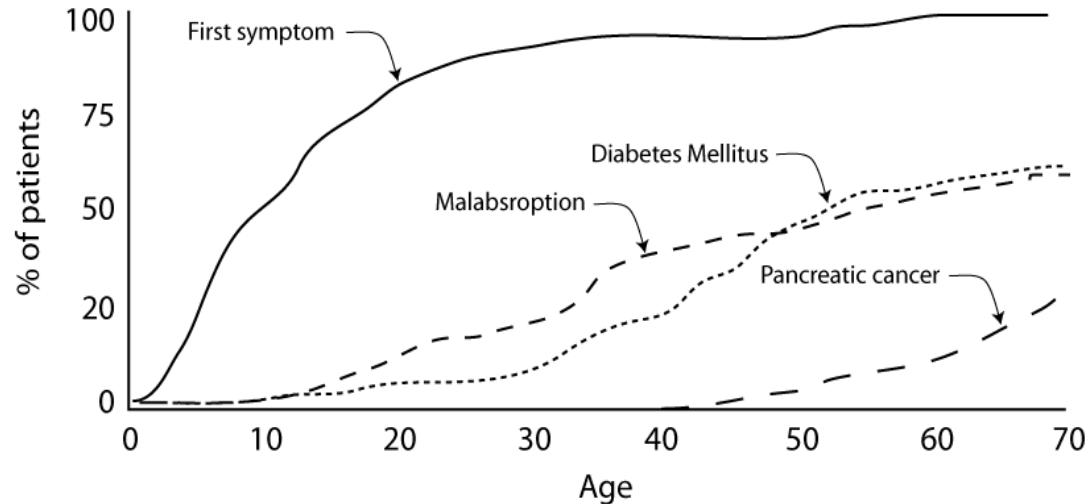
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**GENETICS:** PRSS1, CFTR, CEL, OTHERS

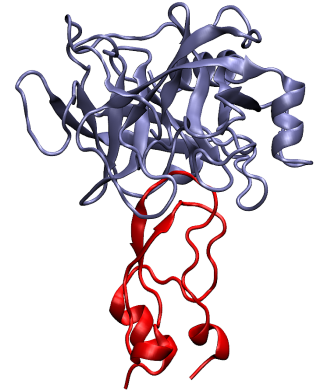
# Hereditary Pancreatitis (*PRSS1*)

- **Acute Pancreatitis** in 80% with the *PRSS1* mutation
- **Chronic Pancreatitis** in 50% with acute pancreatitis
- **Pancreatic Cancer** in ~15% with chronic pancreatitis.

Hereditary Pancreatitis: Time to symptom development



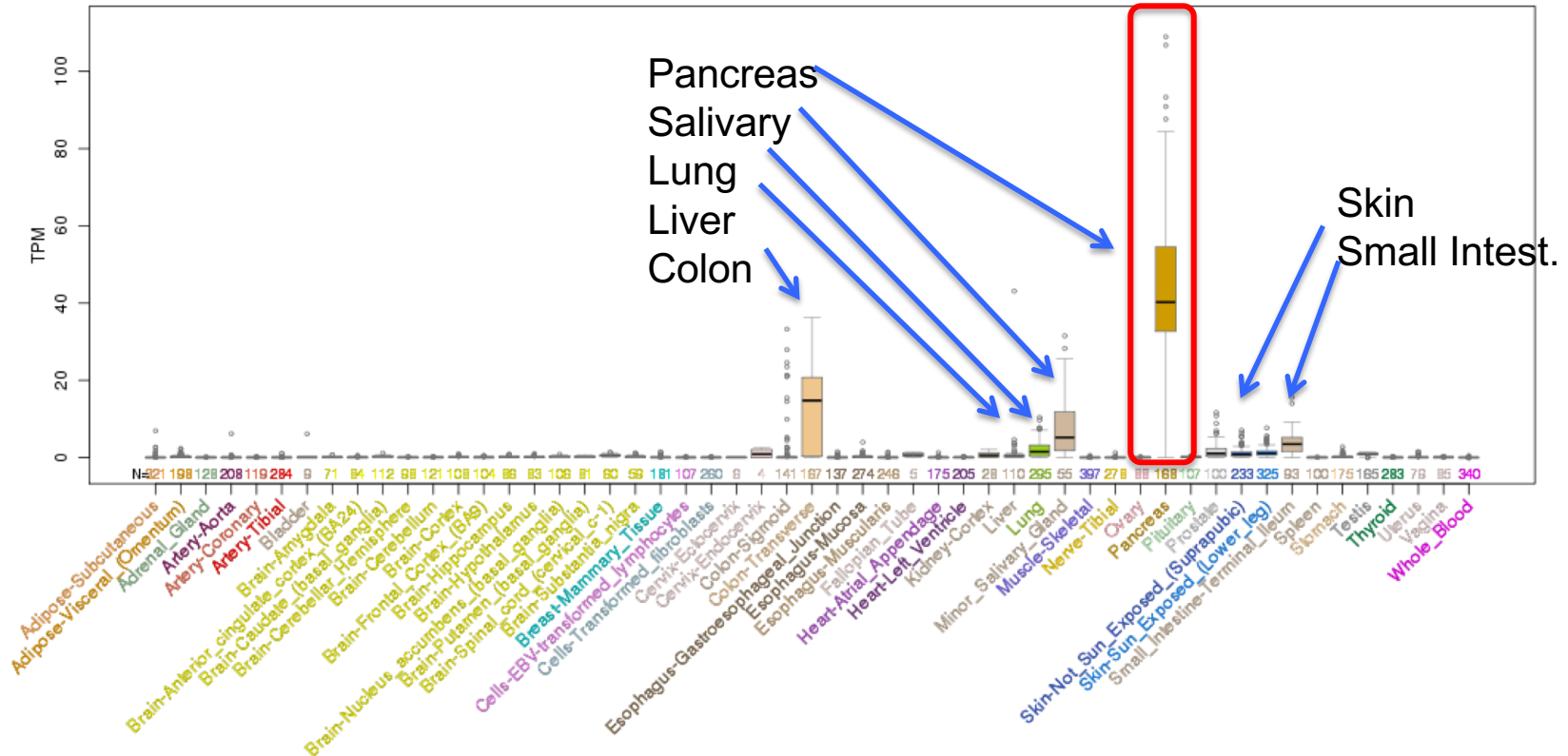
Howes et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2004;2(3):252-61



*PRSS1* &  
*SPINK1*

# CFTR Transcript Expression

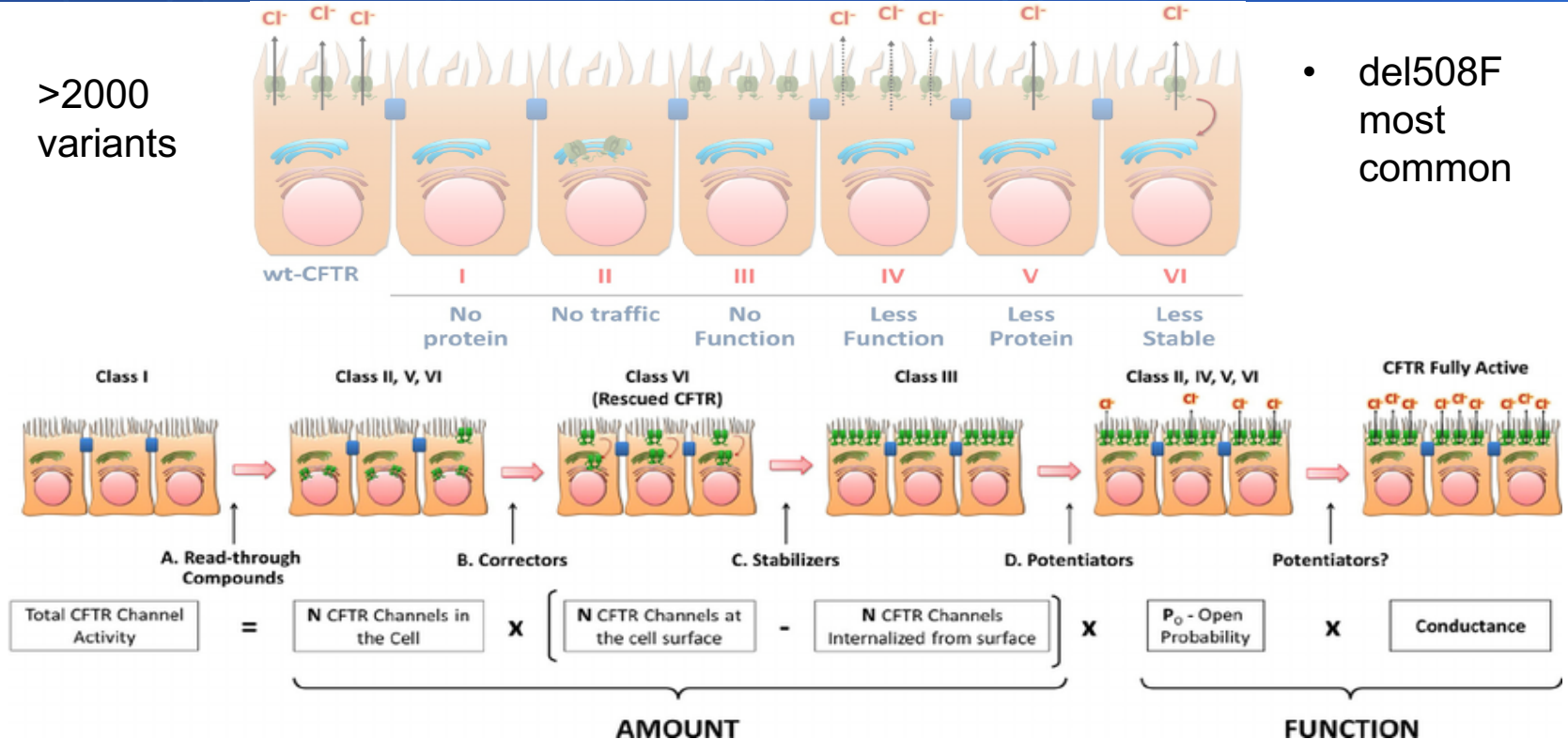
53 tissues from GTEx RNA-seq of 8555 samples/570 donors



# CFTR Mutations: Functional Effects

- >2000 variants

- del508F most common





## 22 ICP patients displaying evidence of a multi-genic inheritance pattern.

Patient	<i>PRSS1</i>	<i>SPINK1</i>	<i>CTRC</i>	<i>CFTR</i>
4	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	F508del/L967S
9	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	L967S/-
18	-/-	N34S/N34S	V235I/-	-/-
31	-/-	N34S/-	K247_R254del/-	R1162L/-
32	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	G542X/L188P
36	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	H1054D/G1069R
40	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	11TG-5T/-
48	-/-	N34S/-	R254W/-	-/-
49	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	F508del/E1124del
57	-/-	N34S/N34S	-/-	12TG-5T/-
68	-/-	-/-	C155Y/-	L997F/-
73	-/-	N34S/N34S	-/-	F508del/-
76	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	R117G/11TG-5T
77	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	F508del/S1235R
89	N29I/-	-/-	-/-	F508del/-
98	-/-	-/-	G217S/R254W	G85E/L568F
102	R122H/-	-/-	-/-	11TG-5T/-
110	N29I/-	-/-	-/-	G576A-R668C/-
115	R116C/-	N34S/-	-/-	-/-
125	-/-	[N34S;R65Q]/[N34S;R65Q]	-/-	G622D/11TG-5T
126	-/-	N34S/-	-/-	F508del/L206W
131	-/-	-/-	W55X/-	12TG-5T/-

Multigenic  
disease:  
***PRSS1***  
***SPINK1***  
***CTRC***  
***CFTR***

**Masson E**, Chen J-M, Audrézet M-P, Cooper DN, et al. (2013) A Conservative Assessment of the Major Genetic Causes of Idiopathic Chronic Pancreatitis: Data from a Comprehensive Analysis of *PRSS1*, *SPINK1*, *CTRC* and *CFTR* Genes in 253 Young French Patients. PLoS ONE 8(8): e73522. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0073522

# Analysis of *CFTR* and *SPINK1* variants in NAPS2 cases and controls – Bicarb Def. (BD)

984 cases and 1224 controls from NAPS2

81 *CFTR* variants genotyped (CF mutations and reported in CP > 1)

43 variants were detected.

<b>CFTR variant</b>	<b>%Cases</b>	<b>%Uctrls</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>p-value</b>	<b>%Cases w/N34S</b>	<b>OR w/N34S</b>	<b>p-value w/N34S</b>
<b>CF/BD or BD/BD</b>	2.5	0.0			5.5	7.46	0.12
<b>All CF</b>	8.7	3.3	<b>2.76</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	16.4	<b>5.65</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
<b>F508del<sup>CF</sup></b>	6.9	3.1	<b>2.32</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	14.5	<b>5.13</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
<b>621+1G&gt;T<sup>CF</sup></b>	0.1	0.0		0.13	1.8		<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
<b>All BD</b>	14.2	9.8	<b>1.50</b>	<b>0.002</b>	25.5	<b>4.63</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
<b>R75Q<sup>BD</sup></b>	6.3	6.2	1.02	0.30	16.4	<b>2.97</b>	<b>0.003</b>
<b>CF/BD or BD/BD</b>	2.5	0.1	<b>31.9</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>	5.5	7.46	0.12
<b>Other</b>							
<b>M470V</b>	76.1	74.2	1.11	0.14	70.9	0.85	0.59
<b>I148T</b>	0.3	0.4	0.75	0.27	0.0	0.00	0.63

# CFTR: Bicarbonate conductance

## Manifestations of Cystic Fibrosis

### General

- Growth failure (malabsorption)
- Vitamin deficiency states (vitamins A, D, E, K)

### Nose and sinuses

- Nasal polyps
- Sinusitis

### Liver

- Hepatic steatosis
- Portal hypertension

### Gallbladder

- Biliary cirrhosis
- Neonatal obstructive jaundice
- Cholelithiasis

### Bone

- Hypertrophic osteoarthropathy
  - Clubbing
- Arthritis
- Osteoporosis

### Intestines

- Meconium ileus
- Meconium peritonitis
- Rectal prolapse
- Intussusception
- Volvulus
- Fibrosing colonopathy (strictures)
- Appendicitis
- Intestinal atresia
- Distal intestinal obstruction syndrome
- Inguinal hernia

### Lungs

- Bronchiectasis
- Bronchitis
- Bronchiolitis
- Pneumonia
- Atelectasis
- Hemoptysis
- Pneumothorax
- Reactive airway disease
- Cor pulmonale
- Respiratory failure
- Mucoid impaction of the bronchi
- Allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis

### Heart

- Right ventricular hypertrophy
- Pulmonary artery dilation

### Spleen

- Hypersplenism

### Stomach

- GERD

### Pancreas

- Pancreatitis
- Insulin deficiency
- Symptomatic hyperglycemia
- Diabetes

### Reproductive

- Infertility (aspermia, Absence of vas deferens)
- Amenorrhea
- Delayed puberty

# Integration & Application

## Genetic Variables

- Susceptibility
  - **PRSS1/2** (risk and protective)
  - **CFTR** (5 classes)
  - **SPINK1**
  - **CTRC**
  - **CAP1**
  - **CASR**
  - **CEL**
  - **CLDN1**
  - **GGT1**
  - **ABO**
  - **MCP1**
  - **MTHFR**
- Modifier genes
  - Pain Genes
  - Phase I/II metabolism
  - Celiac
  - Dyslipidemia genes
  - Diabetes (multiple types)
  - Immune regulator genes
  - Other

## Biomarkers

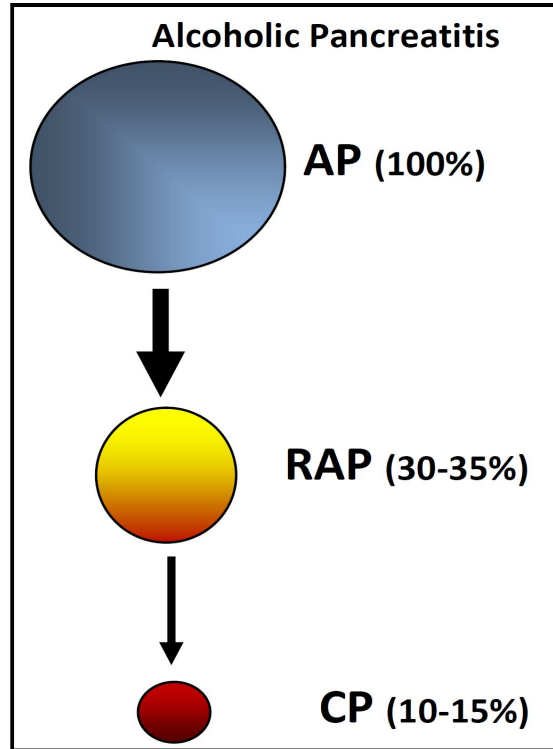
- AP/RAP
  - Amylase, lipase
  - CRP
- Imaging
  - CT
  - MRI / MRCP
  - EUS
  - ERCP
- Pancreatic function test
  - Secretin stimulation test
  - Serum trypsinogen
  - Fecal Elastase
  - Breath test / stool fat measures / others
- Pain measures
  - VAS
  - QOL
- Nutritional markers
  - Vitamin ADEK B12
  - Prealbumin, albumin
  - Weight, BMI Growth
  - Hemoglobin A1c, blood sugar,
- Experimental markers
  - Fibroscan
  - Urine biomarkers
  - Serum biomarkers
  - Other

**Partial List!!**

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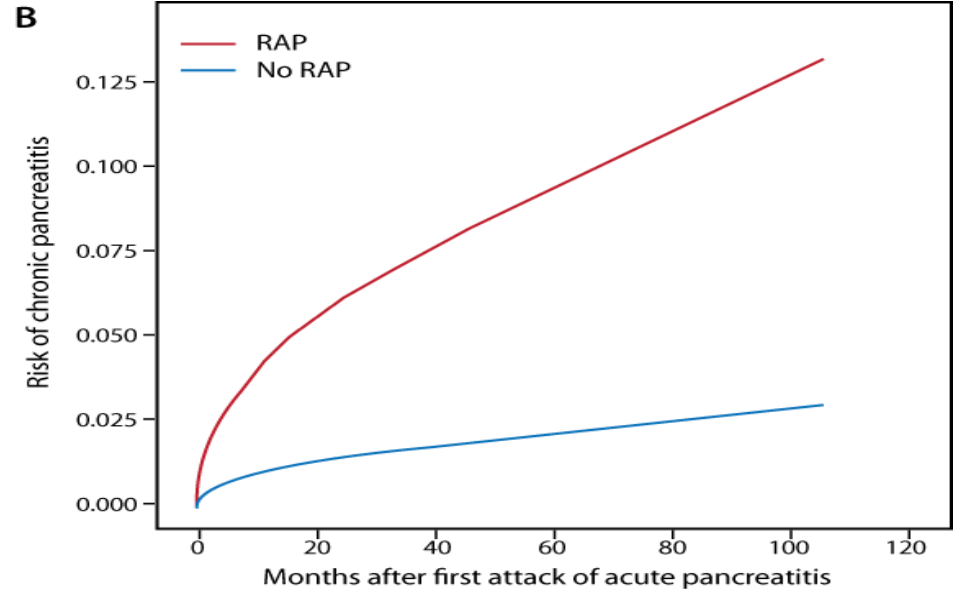
# **NEW DEFINITION & FRAMEWORK**

# Progression Model: Epidemiology



Yadav, Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2009;7:S15-7

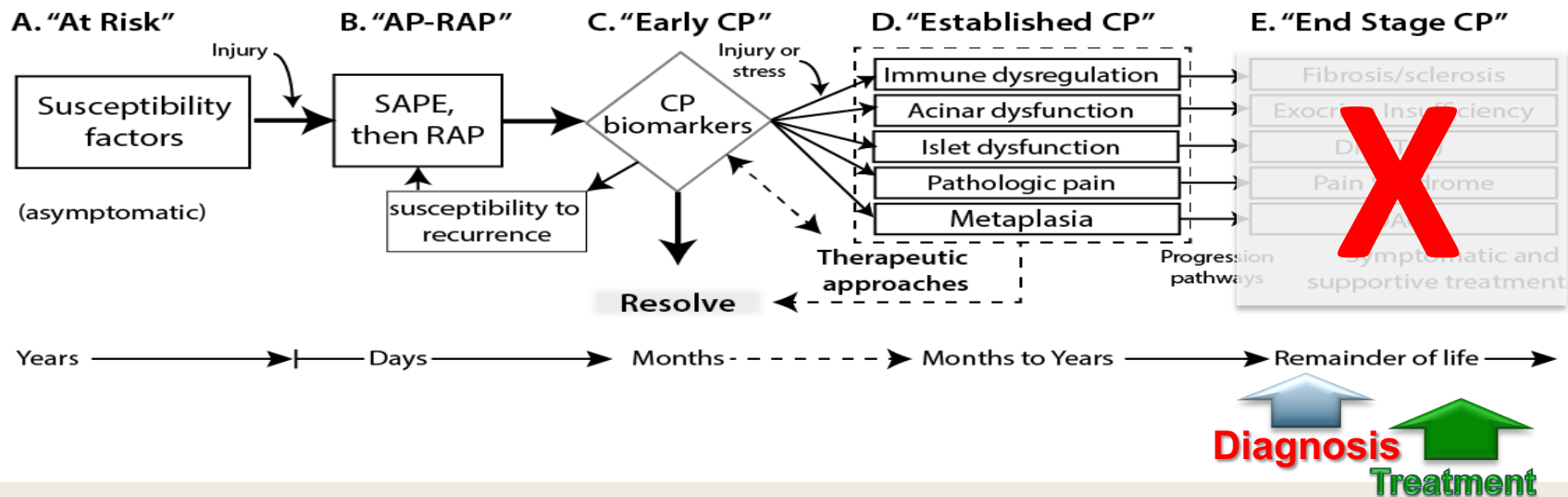
RAP is a major the driver of CP



Yadav D, O'Connell M, Papachristou GI.  
*Am J Gastro.* 2012. [PMID: 22613906]



# Early Diagnosis of CP (Mechanistic Definition)



- **Dx** is needed in Stages B, C and D.
- **Rx** should be started in Stages B, C and D.
- **Stage E** should be relegated to the history books.

AP-RAP, acute pancreatitis and recurrent acute pancreatitis; CP, chronic pancreatitis; DM (T3c), diabetes mellitus Type IIIc or pancreatogenic diabetes mellitus; PDAC, pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma; SAPE sentinel acute pancreatitis event

# The GOOD News

- New therapies can be based on genetic and mechanistic targets:
  - CFTR
  - PRSS1
  - Hyperlipidemia
  - Unfolded protein disorders
  - Oxidative stress mechanisms
  - Genes interacting with EtOH and smoking!
  - Obstruction
  - The future is not “genetics”,  
it is **personalized medicine**

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# **SUMMARY AND THE FUTURE**

# Summary:

- The Germ Theory of Diseases fails as a framework for complex diseases (e.g. chronic pancreatitis)
- “True” personalized precision medicine requires complex disease modeling
- ***Nobody*** can calculate all of the effects of all of the variables in their head (especially in 2-3 minutes)
- New tools are needed!
- **NEXT STEPS....**

# *Ten things we have to do to achieve precision medicine*

Major but surmountable hurdles should be addressed now to hasten the advent of precision medicine.

- Linkage of health records
- Accuracy and reproducibility of data
- Connect research and clinical data sets
- Public approval of consent / data use
- Measures taken over a lifetime
- Perpetual updating of information
- Computer – driven real time decision support at point of care
- Affordability
- Representation for all ethnic and ancestral backgrounds
- Education of health workers – and **“in many instances, patients will be precision medicine experts ”**

Kohane, Isaac S.  
Science. PMID:26138968

