

Managing Acute Pancreatitis



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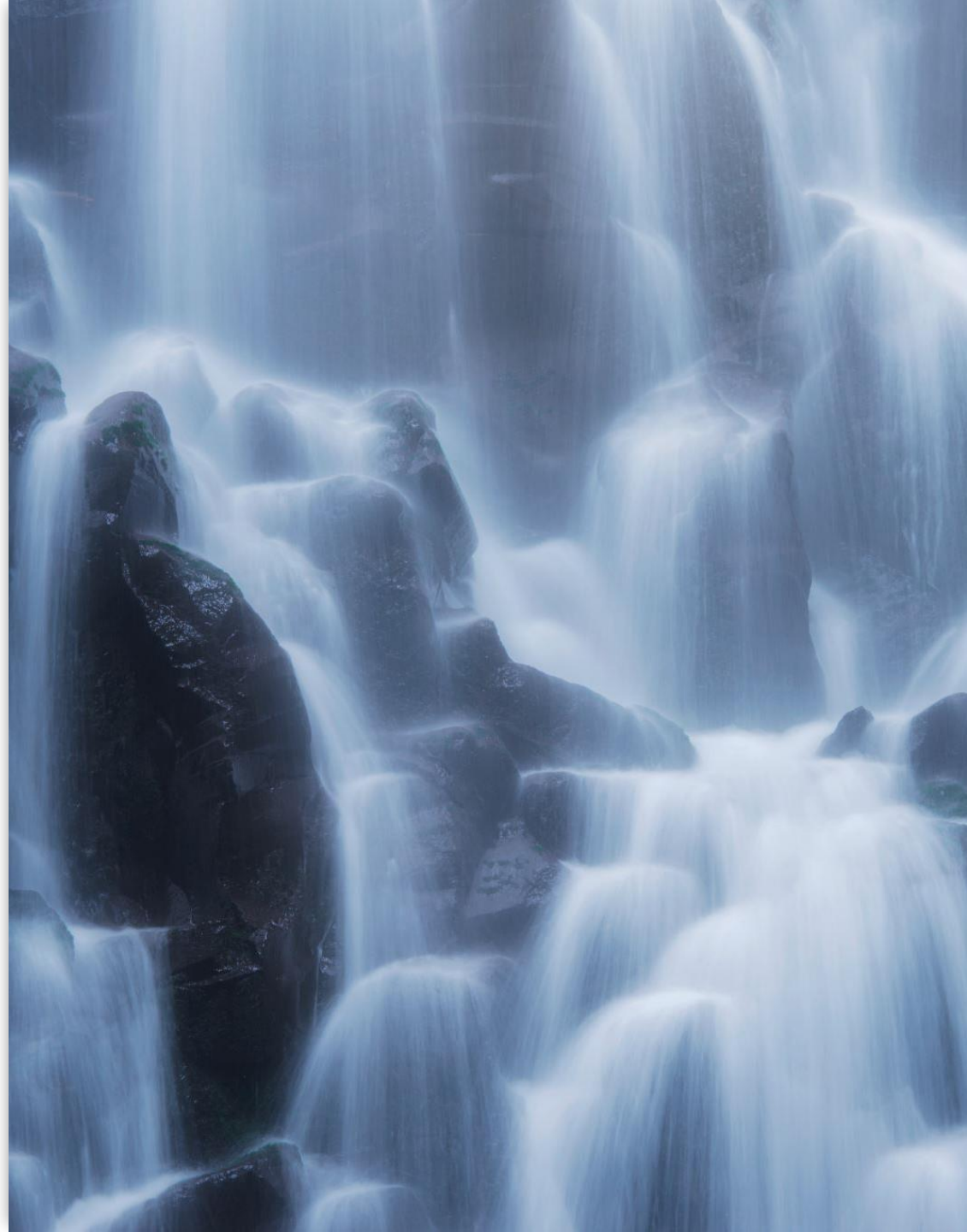
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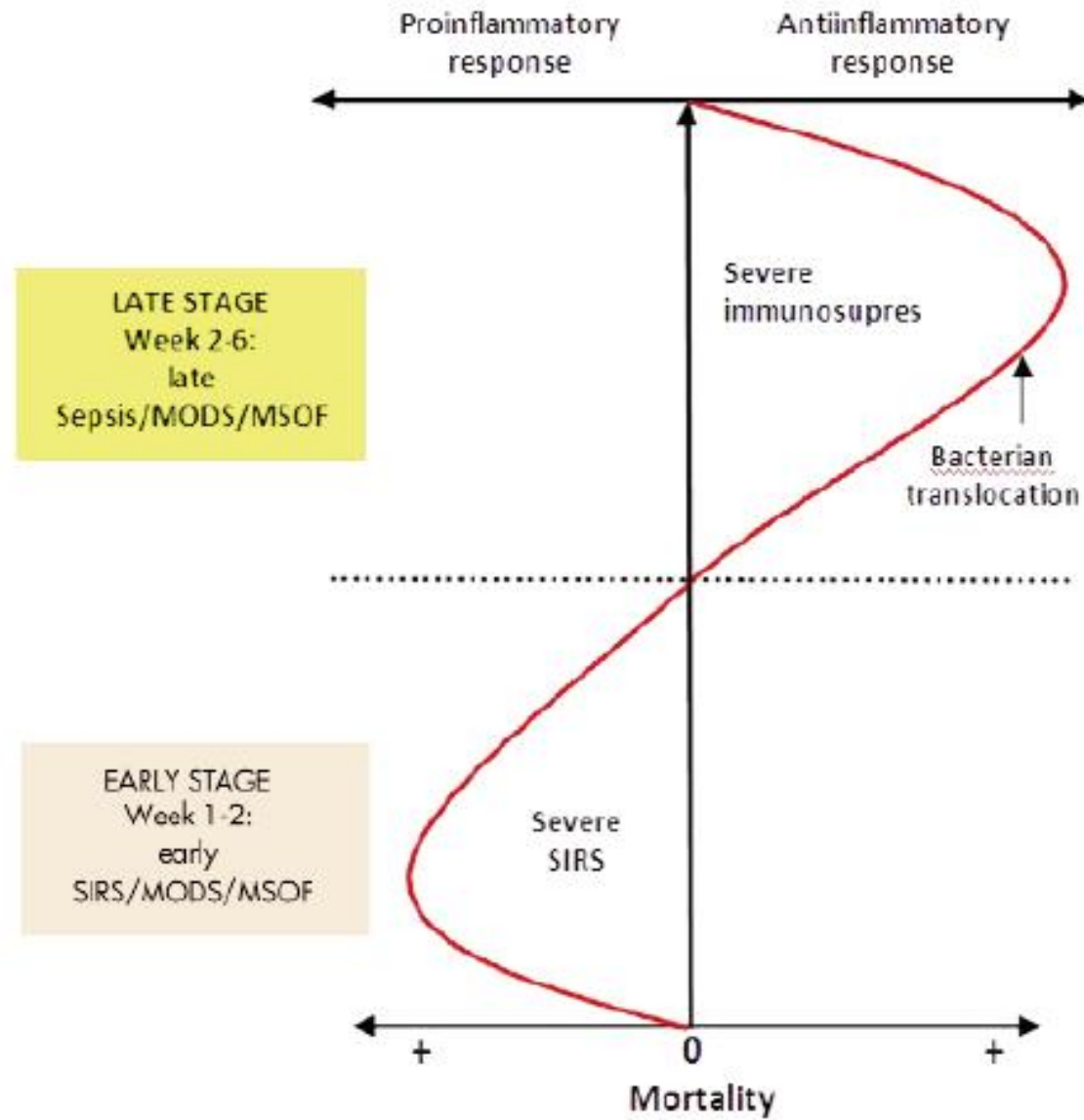
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Introduction

- Phases & Grades of AP
- WATERFALL Trial
- Dealing with local complications
- Strategies for dealing with Walled of Necrosis
- Other important Landmark trials



Phases of acute pancreatitis



Acute Pancreatitis

80% -
Interstitial
Oedematous

Recovery in 7 days
No Local Complications



20% -
Necrotizing

Moderately Severe or Severe
Exacerbation of co morbidities
Local Complications

Severity of AP



- ▶ **Mild AP** – no organ failure

- ▶ **Moderately severe AP**
 - transient organ failure
 - local complications or
 - exacerbation of co-morbid disease.

- ▶ **Severe acute pancreatitis**
 - organ failure >48hrs
 - Often have one or more local complications.
 - Increased risk of death if within the first few days (50%).
 - Mortality is extremely high if infected necrosis develops.

Waterfall Trial

Aggressive Resuscitation

N=122



20 ml/kg
bolus



followed by

3 ml/kg
per hour



Moderate Resuscitation

N=127

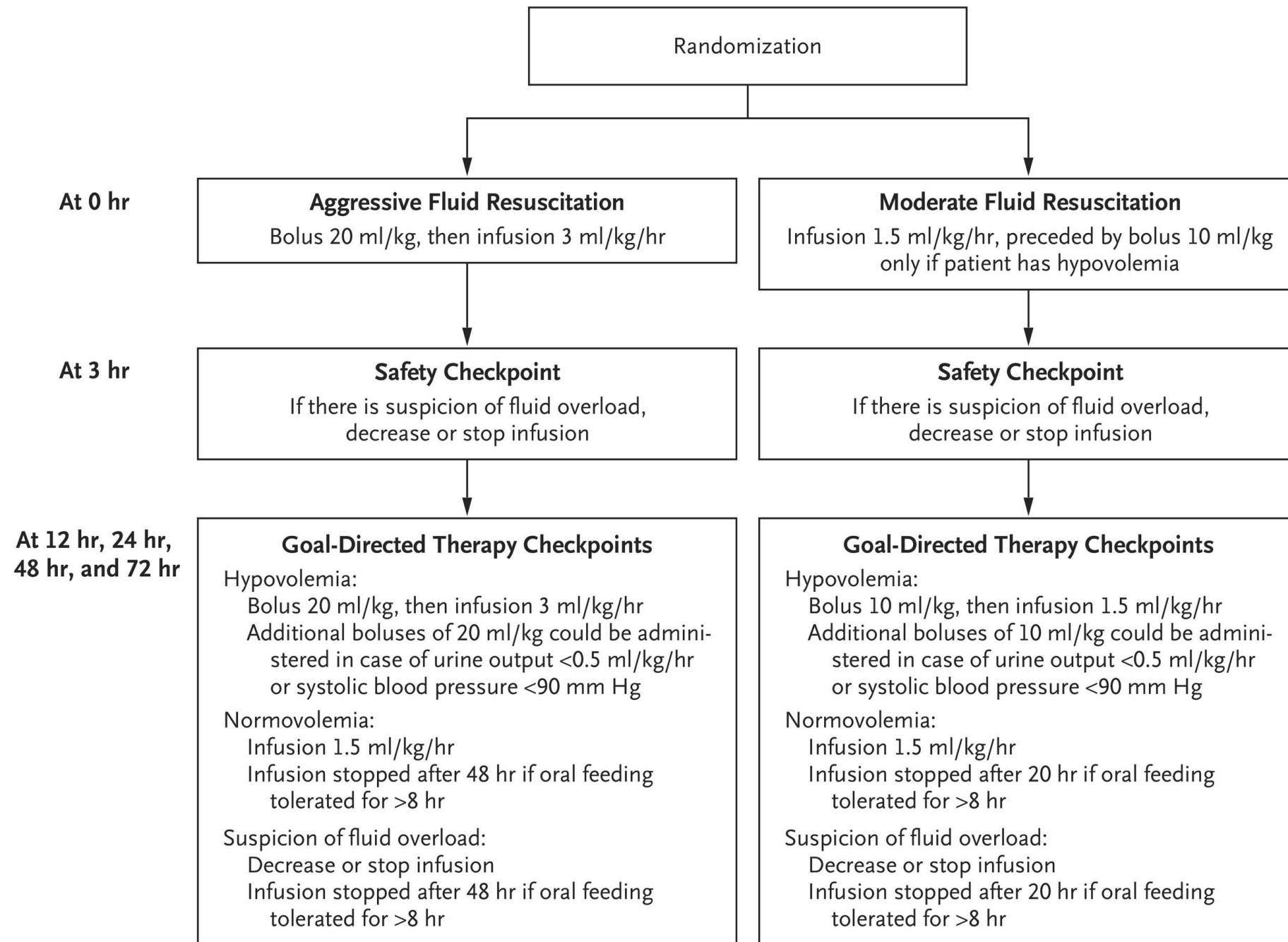


Patients with
hypovolemia
10 ml/kg
bolus



all patients

1.5 ml/kg
per hour



Aggressive Resuscitation

N=122

Moderate Resuscitation

N=127

Patients were assessed at:



12 hours



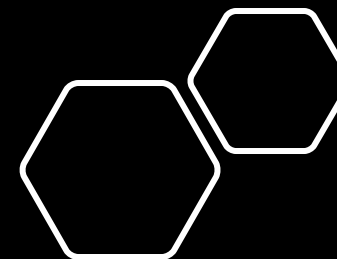
24 hours



48 hours



72 hours



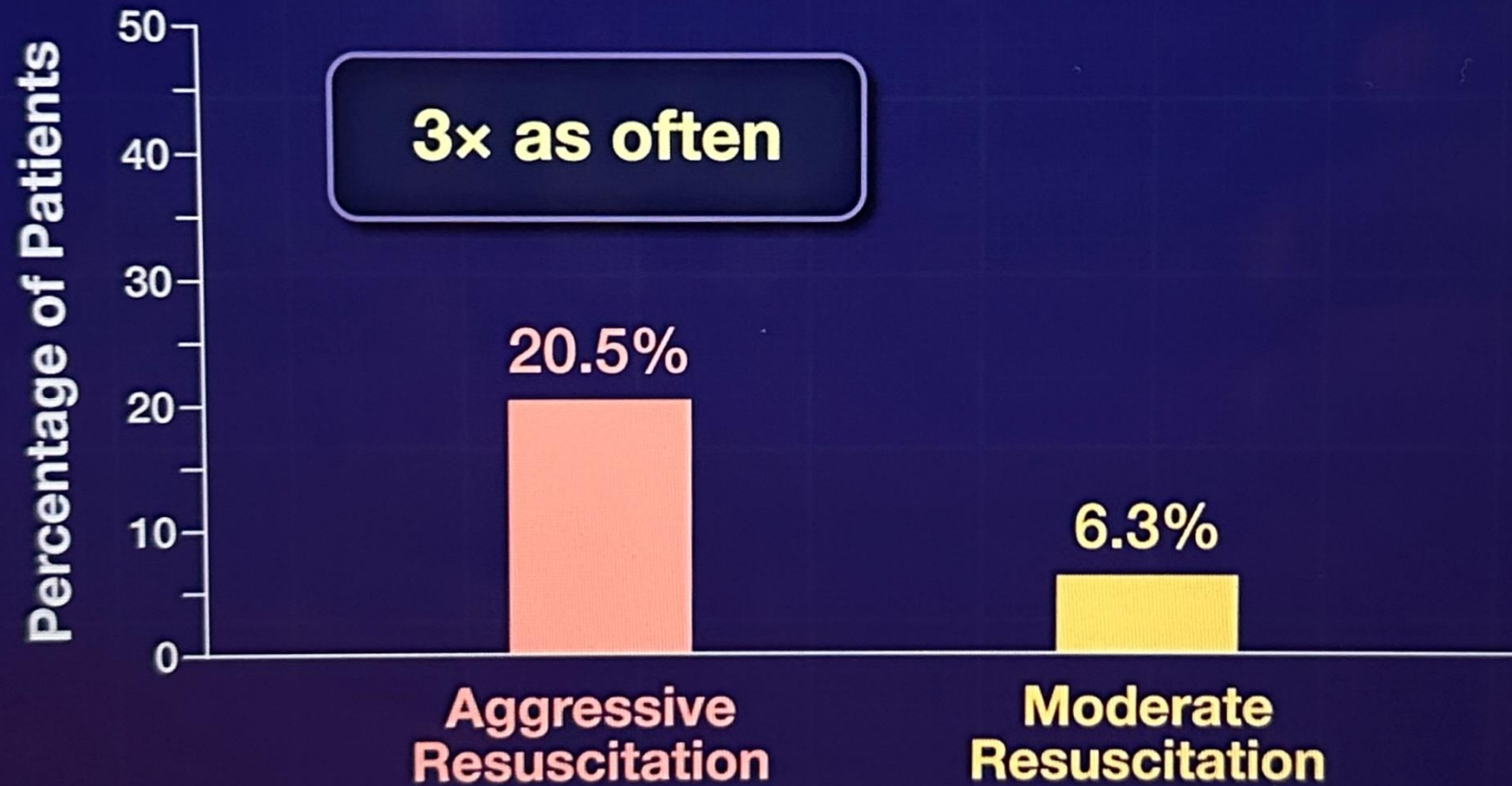
In-Hospital Moderately Severe or Severe Acute Pancreatitis

Adjusted relative risk, 1.30 (95% CI, 0.78 to 2.18); P=0.32



Fluid Overload

Adjusted relative risk, 2.85 (95% CI, 1.36 to 5.94); P=0.004

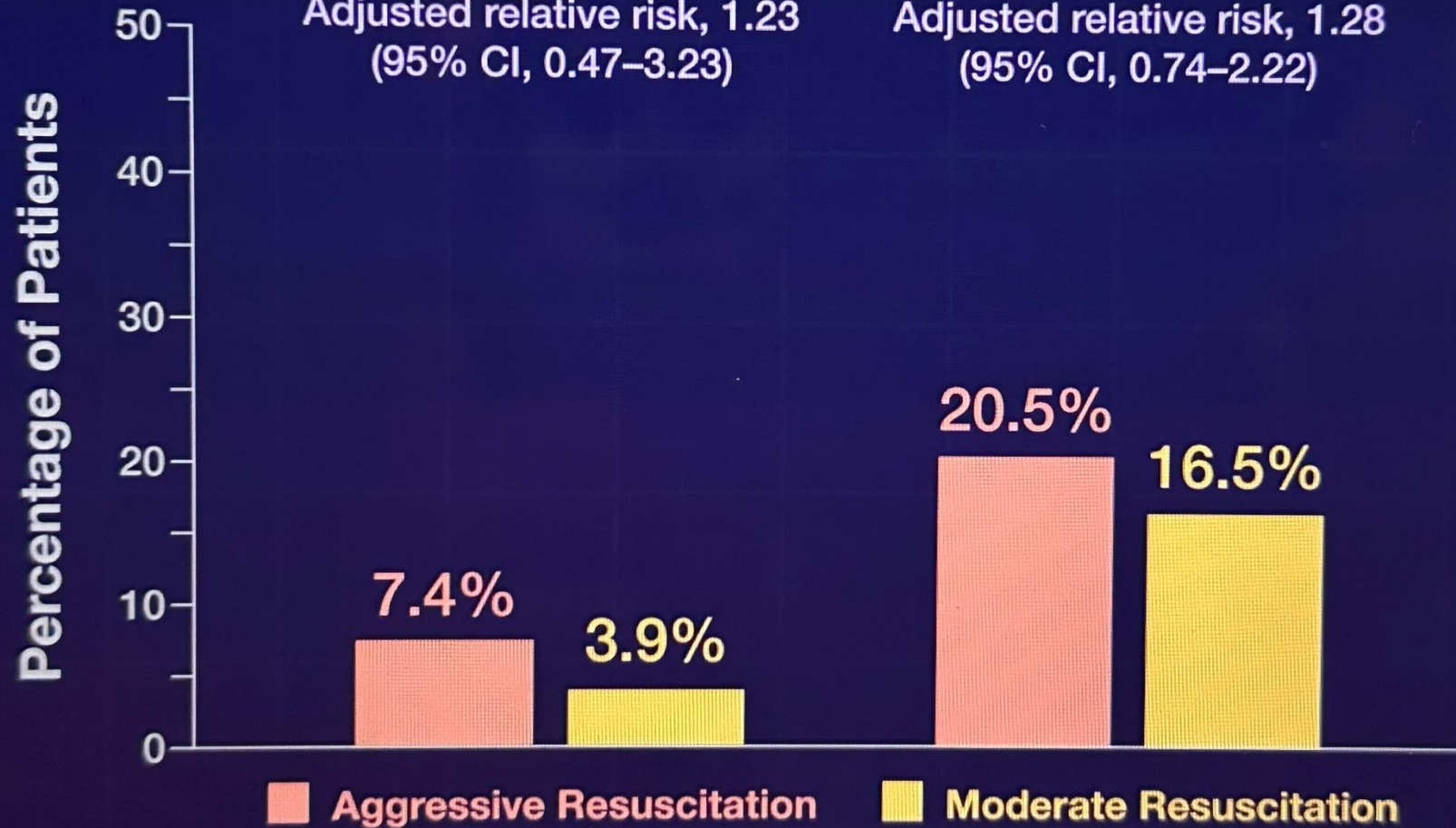


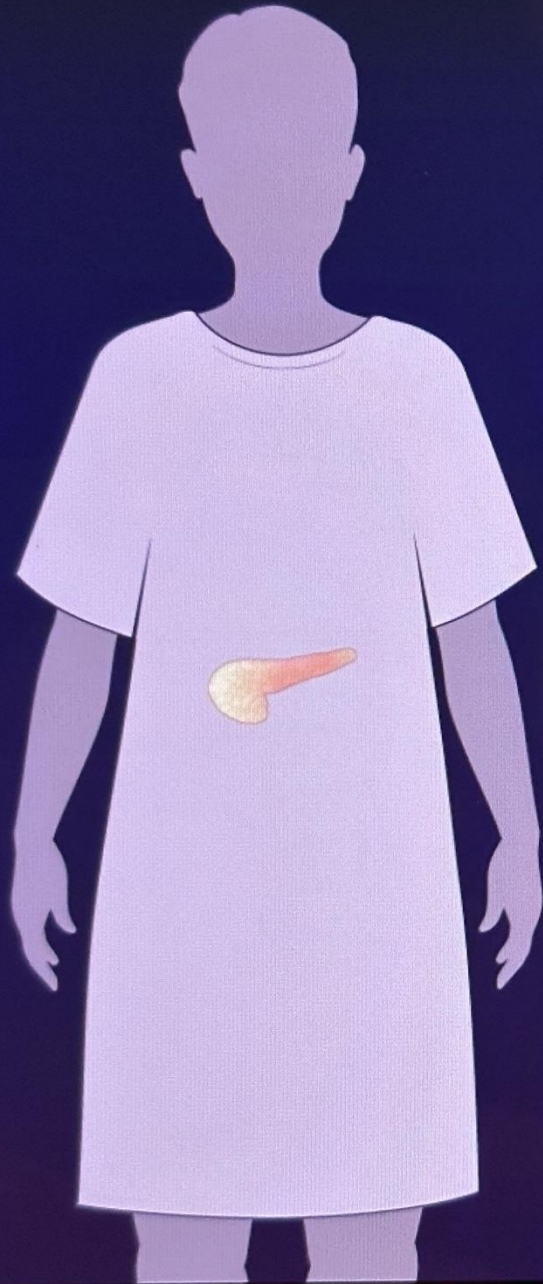
Any Organ Failure

Adjusted relative risk, 1.23
(95% CI, 0.47–3.23)

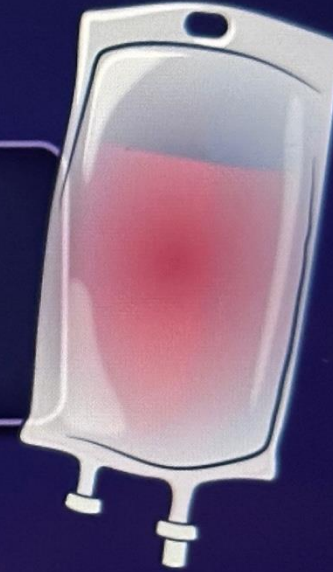
Any Local Complications

Adjusted relative risk, 1.28
(95% CI, 0.74–2.22)





Aggressive Fluid Resuscitation



**Did not improve
clinical outcomes**

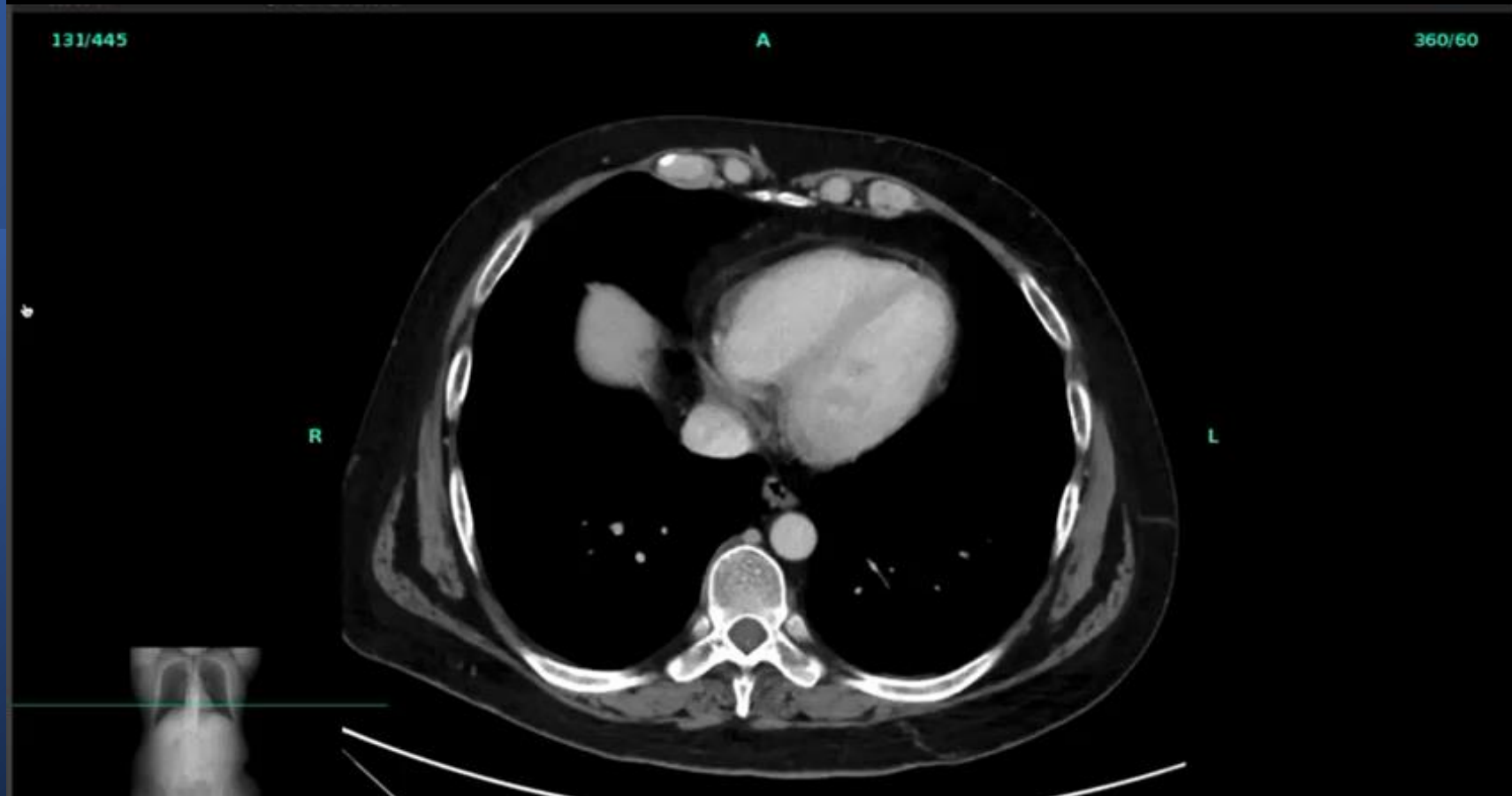


**Significantly higher
rate of fluid overload**

Peripancreatic fluid collection < 4weeks



Pseudocyst >
4 weeks

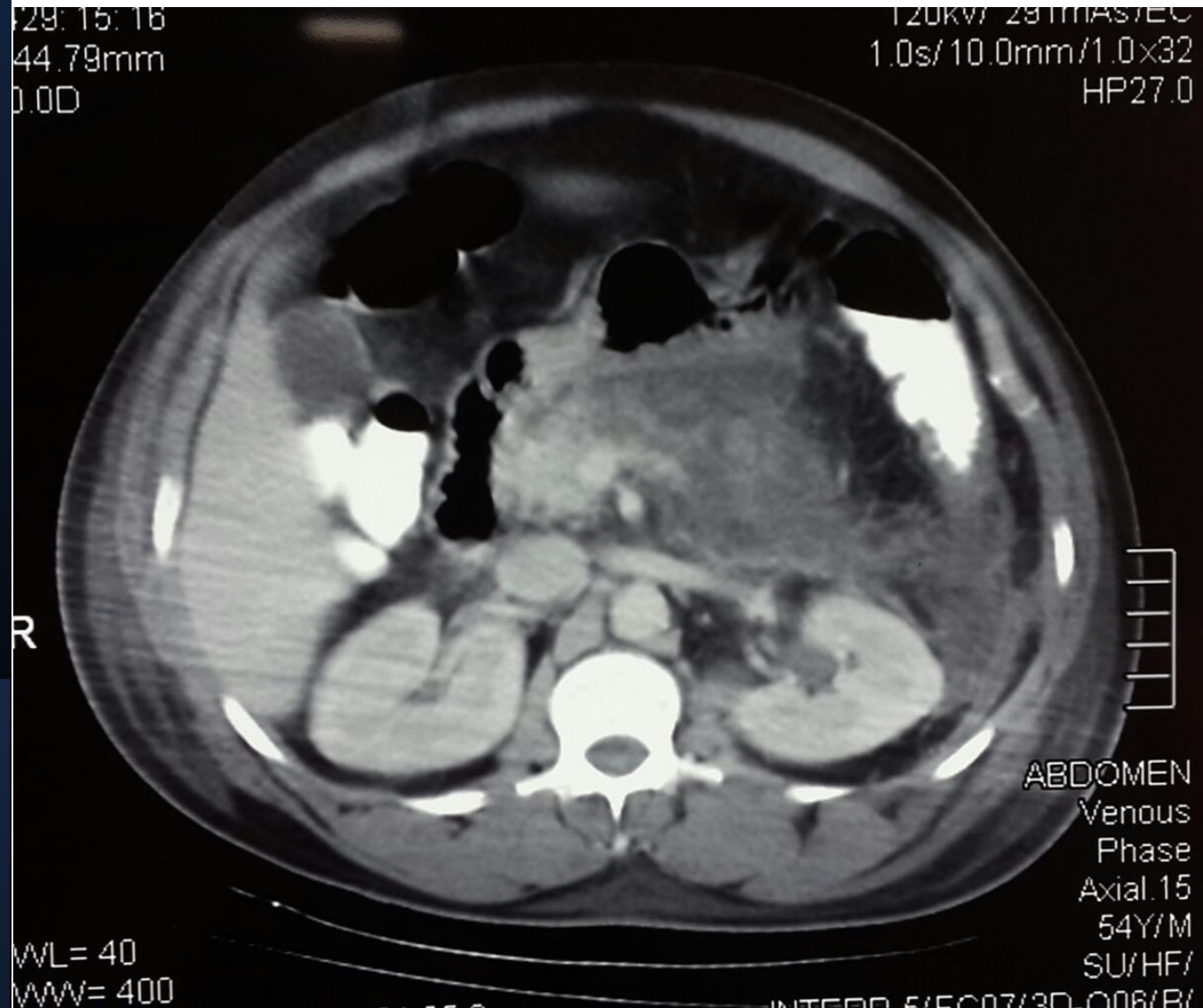


Management of Pseudocysts

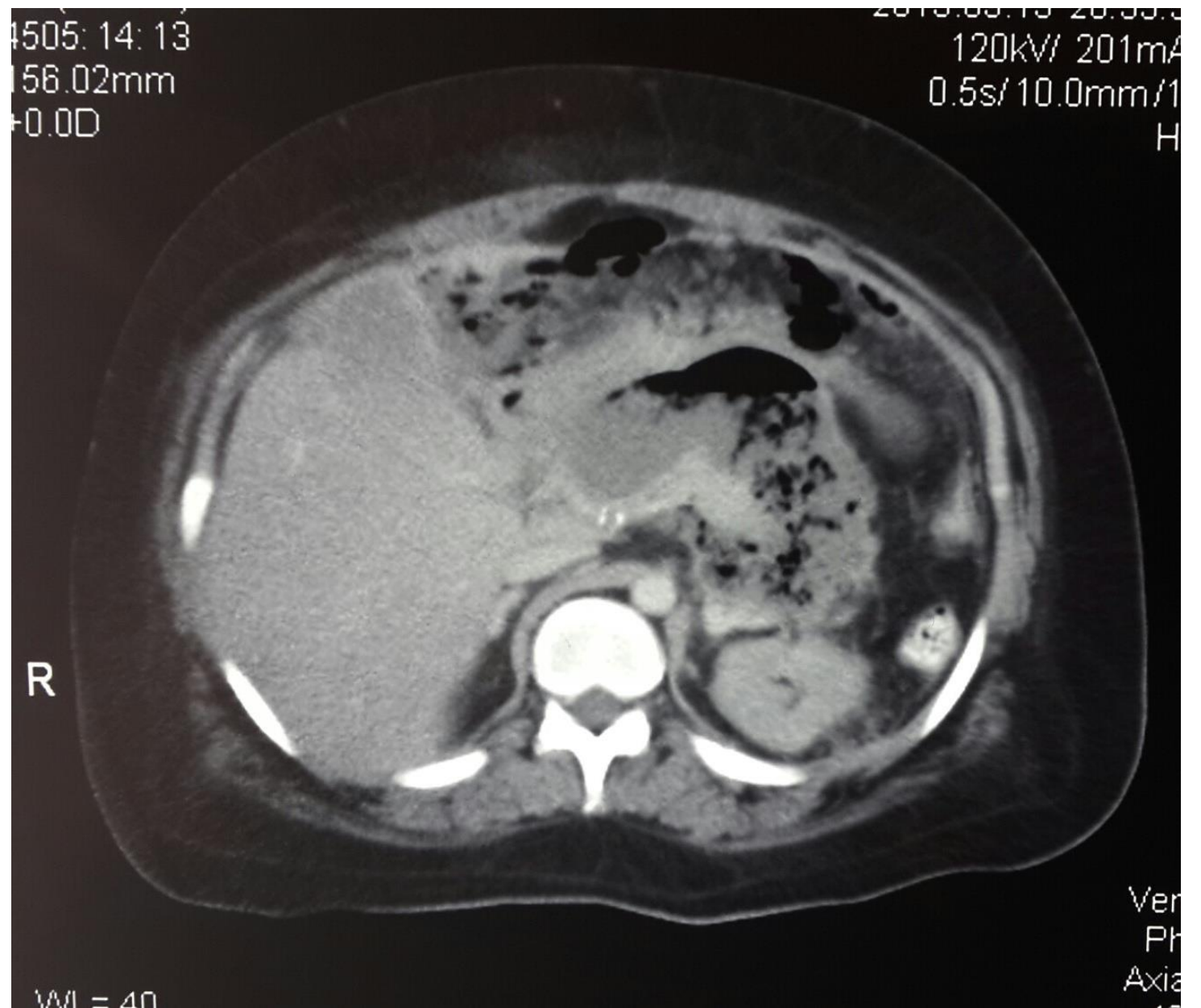


- Watch and wait approach unless
 - Pain
 - Gastric outlet obstruction
 - Jaundice
 - Infection
 - Size doesn't matter
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- Our protocol in the setting of acute pancreatitis is to aspirate to dryness – endoscopic or percutaneous
 - Debris/Pus – Stent or pigtail
 - Recurrence –Stent or pigtail

Acute Necrotic collection < 4weeks



Walled Off
Necrosis > 4
weeks



Endoscopic Options

- Transmural looking for a bulge
- Transpapillary
- EUS guided is now the standard of care



Cyst features for Endoscopic Drainage



- Anatomical location adjacent to the luminal gastrointestinal tract
- Size of collection >5 cm
- Gut compression
- Apposition to the gastrointestinal wall (<1 cm)
- Single cyst
- Mature cyst
- Absence of disconnected segment of pancreatic duct

Which Type of Stent?



- Double Pigtail
 - Option for pure fluid collection
 - In combination with LAMS/FCSEMS
- FCSEMS
 - better clinical outcomes
 - lower adverse event rates
 - lower risk of stent occlusion
 - less stent migration
 - Lower rate of infection
- LAMS
 - One stop approach to drainage
 - Eliminate steps that may prolong the procedure
 - Technical success rate >98% for Fluid collection
 - Technical success rate > 88% for WON

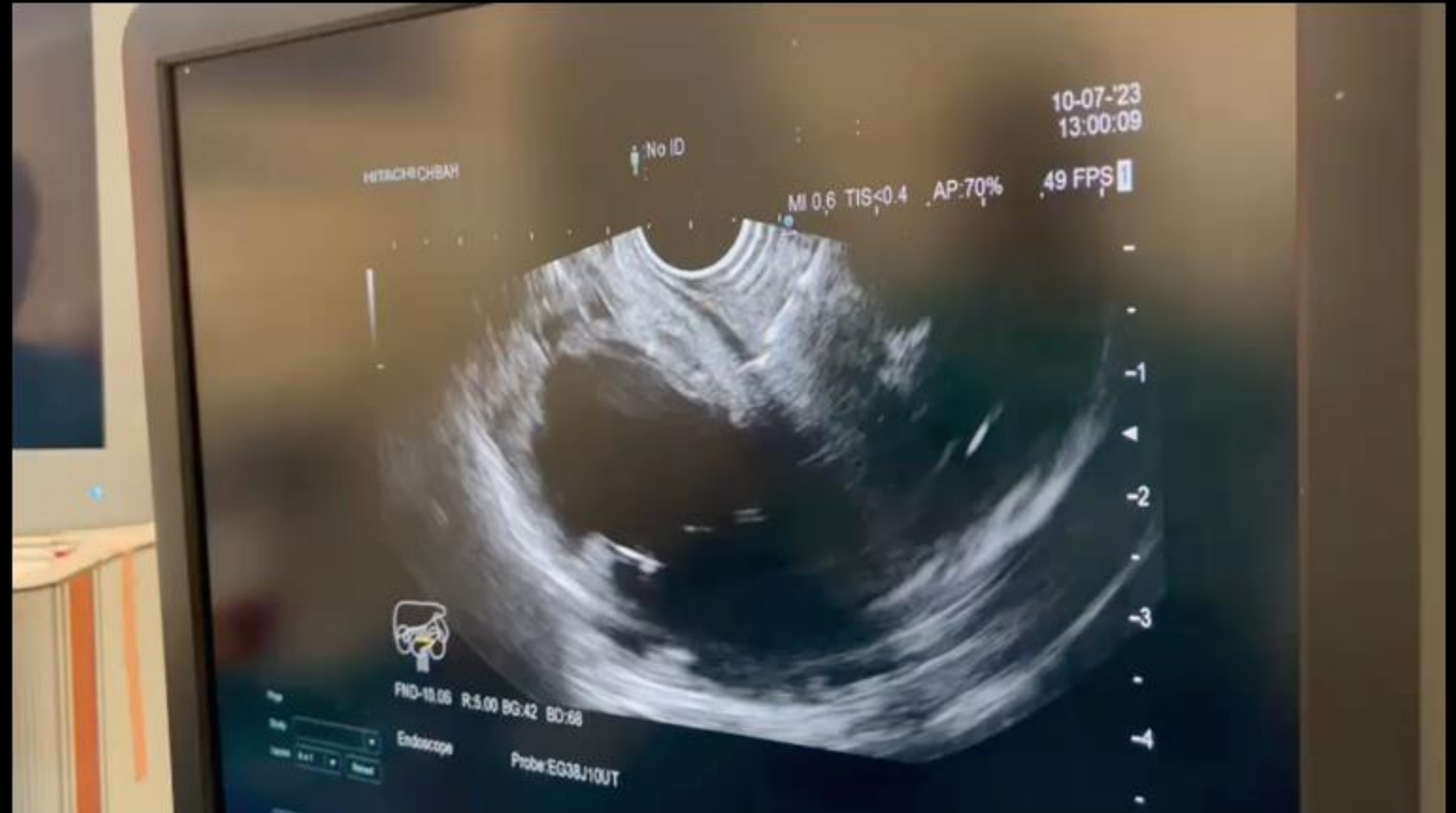
Adjuncts to stents



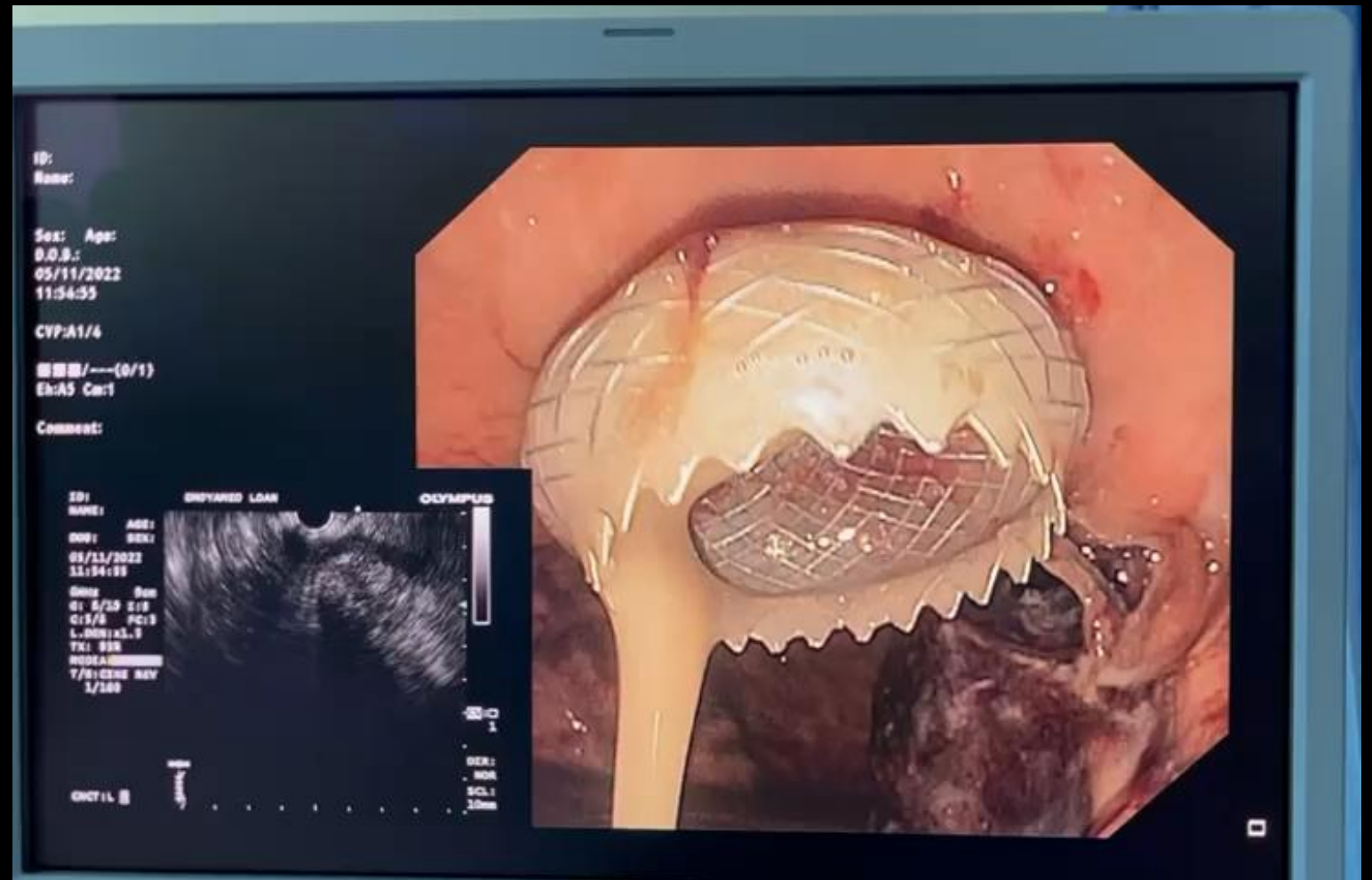
- IVI antibiotics
- Stop PPI's
- Nasocystic irrigation tubes improves clinical success
- Direct Endoscopic Necrosectomy (DEN)
- Dual Modality Drainage(DMD)
- Multiple Transluminal Gateway Technique(MTGT)

Powers PC, Siddiqui A, Sharaiha RZ, et al. Discontinuation of proton pump inhibitor use reduces the number of endoscopic procedures required for resolution of walled-off pancreatic necrosis. Endosc Ultrasound 2019

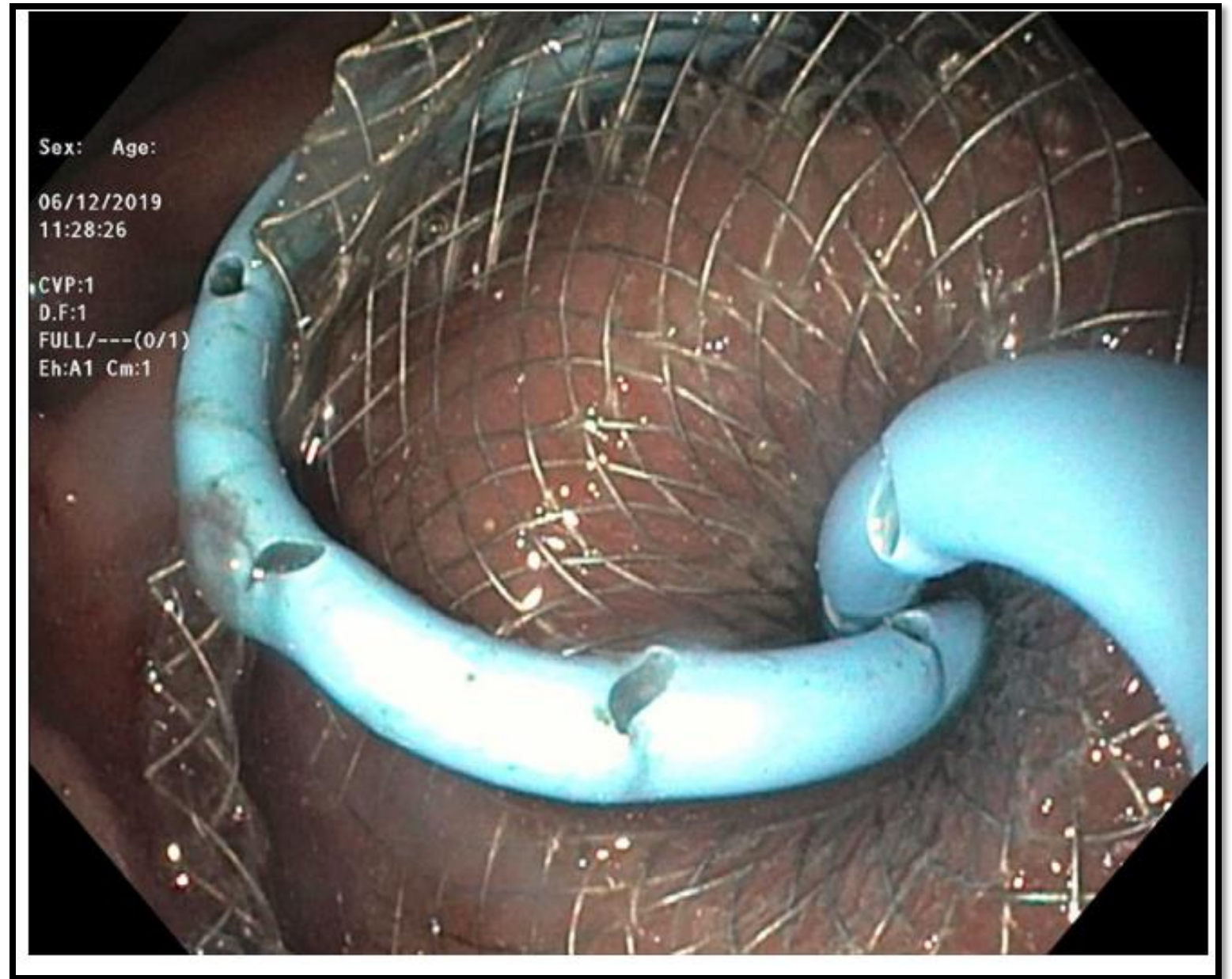
Infected Pseudocyst



Post Drainage procedure with a LAMS



Double Pigtails in combination with LAMS



Landmark Trials - Walled of Necrosis



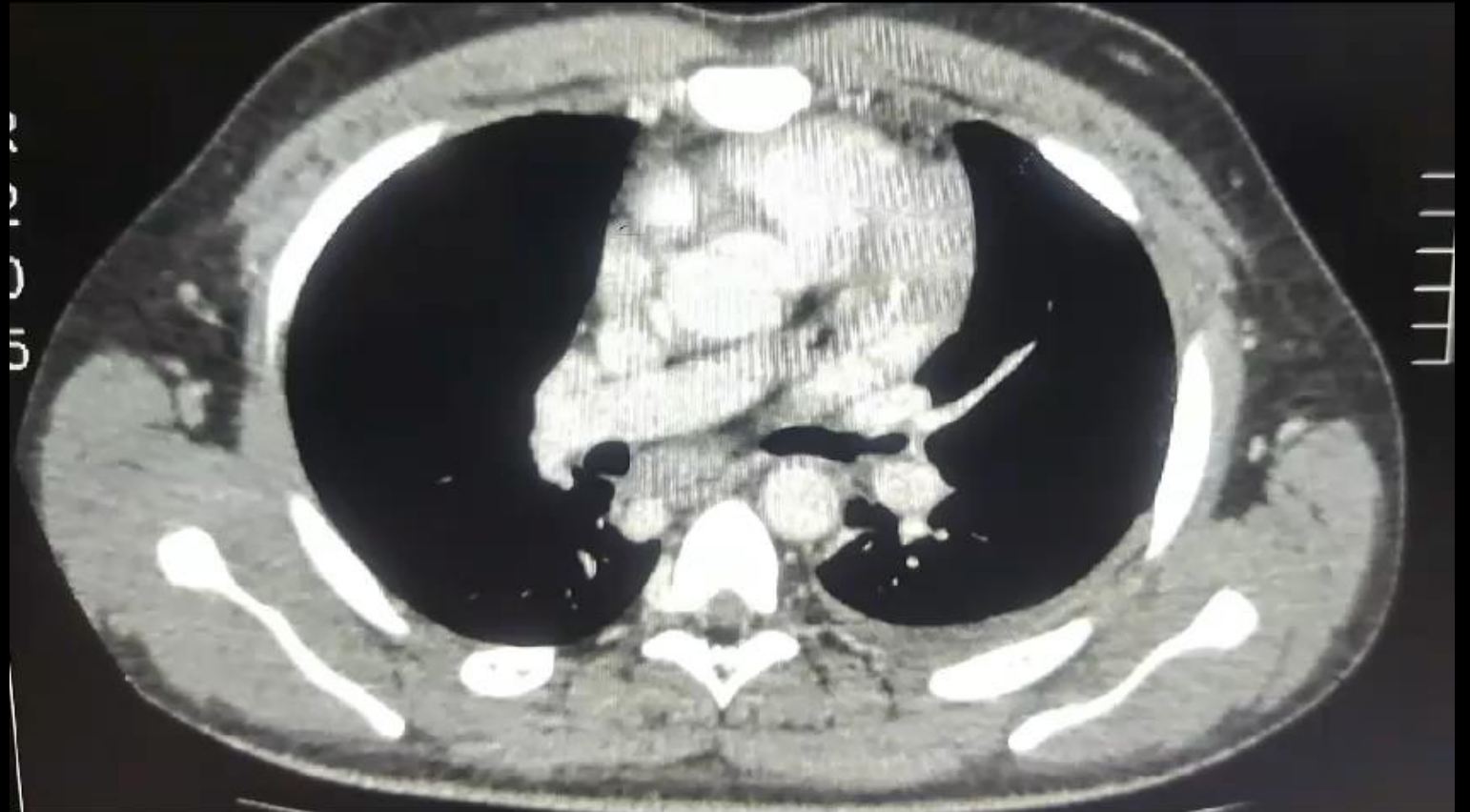
- PANTER trial
 - 2010 NEJM
 - Step up approach decreased mortality
 - Percutaneous drainage alone was enough in 30% of patients
- PENGUIN Trial – 2012 JAMA
 - EN reduced the proinflammatory response
- Miser Trial – 2019 Gastroenterology
- Tension Trial 2013 – Extension trial 2023
 - endoscopic step-up approach was not superior to the surgical step-up approach
 - NO reduction in death or major complications in patients
 - Endoscopy overall fewer pancreatico-cutaneous fistula
 - Endoscopy needed fewer reinterventions

Landmark Trials - Walled of Necrosis

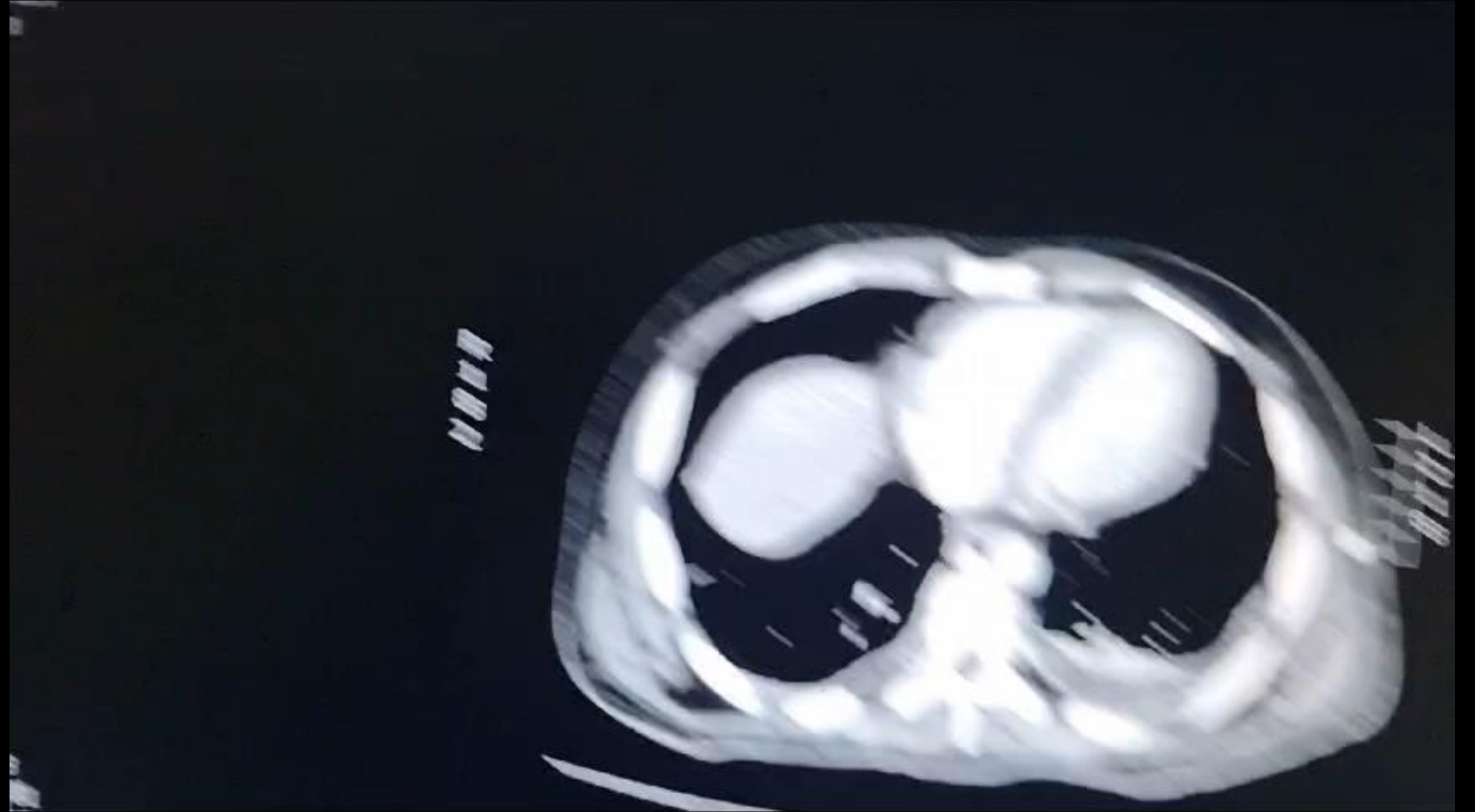


- Pointer Trial 2021 NEJM
 - Timing of intervention
 - Immediate versus Postponed Intervention for Infected Necrotizing Pancreatitis
 - No benefit to immediate drainage
 - Postponed drainage patients received fewer interventions

WON in a
29yr old
male
9/11/2023



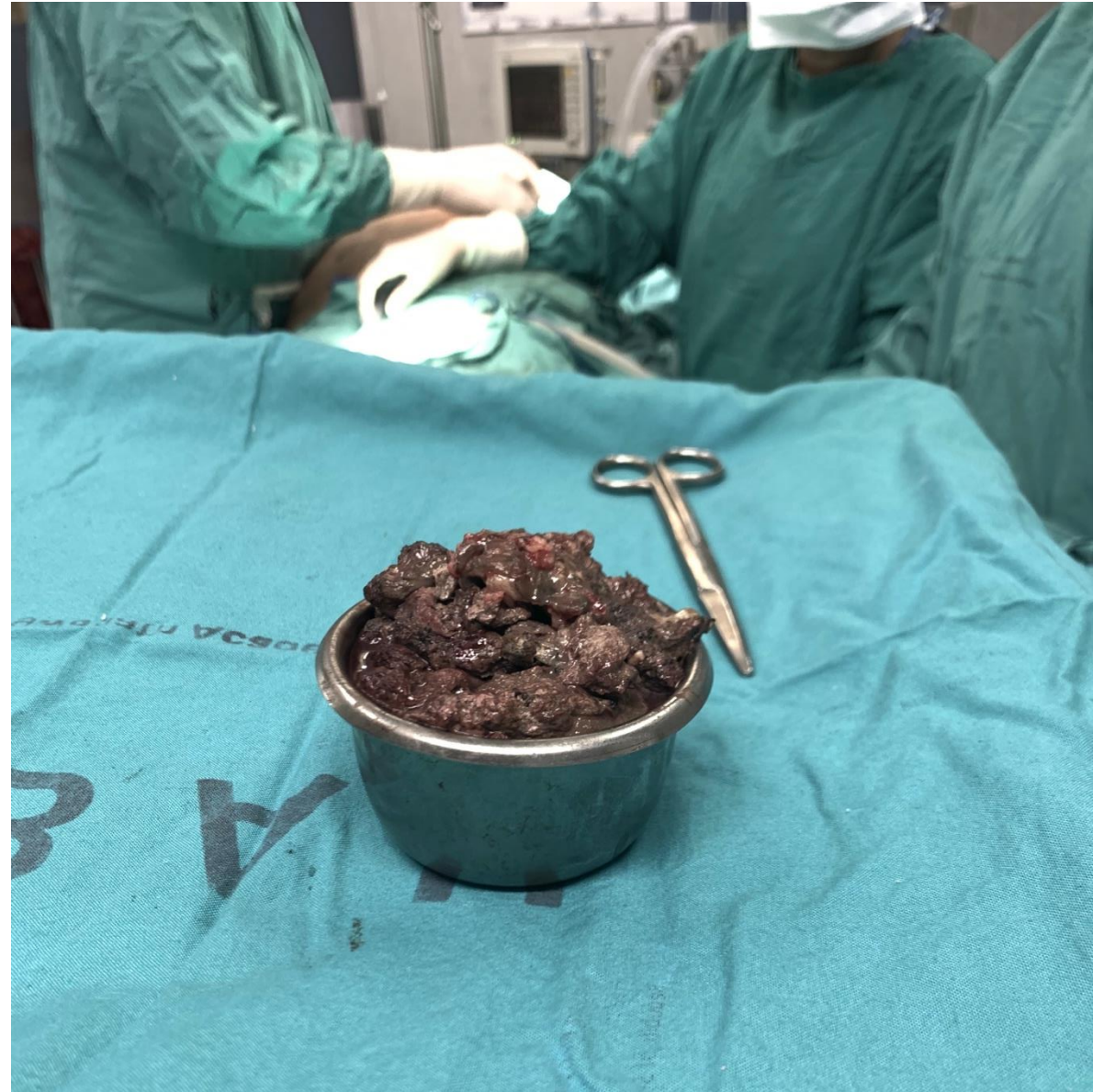
Multiple
Techniques
required –
02/12/2023



Occasionally we have to Combine Techniques



Infected Necrosis



Dealing with Necrosis

- Percutaneous Drainage
- Minimally Invasive Retroperitoneal Debridement and Irrigation
 - Amplats Dilators
 - Nephroscope
 - Fuller- Elliot Drains
- Video Assisted Retroperitoneal Debridement(VARD)
 - Laparoscopic Stack
 - Forceps
- Intraperitoneal Laparoscopic Approach
- Open Necrosectomy
- Endoscopic



Direct Endoscopic Necrosectomy



Limitations to Endoscopic Necrosectomy and future directions

Removal of necrosis is challenging

Still require the “ideal accessory” for removal of debris

We need something to liquify the necrosis

Conclusions

- Moderate Fluid Resuscitation is the way to go
- Local complications should be graded using the Revised Atlanta classification
- Pure Fluid collections:
 - Only Symptomatic Pseudocysts should be addressed
- Try to Delay drainage according to the POINTER trial
- WON:
 - Addressed using a step up approach – “take the stoke out of the fire”
 - Depending on location of infected necrosis decide on a percutaneous approach or endoscopic approach
 - Have the skills to safely perform VARD/MIRP
 - Have the skills to perform DEN
- Refer patients to a High-volume Centre