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Hereditary Pancreatitis in Pediatrics

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A 13 year-old boy with a strong family history of hereditary pancreatitis was found to have a PRSS1 mutation after been tested at age 5 for his first documented pancreatitis episode. Since then, a multidisciplinary team has been following him for the diagnosis of hereditary pancreatitis. Unfortunately, his pain episodes were severely interfering with his life and after extensive discussion a total pancreatectomy with auto islet cell transplant was performed. He is now pain free and not requiring insulin at this point. However, what is hereditary pancreatitis and how is it diagnosed? What are the management and follow up strategies needed for these patients? We aim to address these questions as well as to inform the healthcare community about this diagnosis and the importance of having a high index of clinical suspiciousness.

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