

Re: Pancreatitis from meds

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Howard McCollister wrote:

"plutu" <plutu@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

Gallstone pancreatitis and chemical pancreatitis from those meds are two completely different mechanisms and her doctor should have no difficulty in determining which of the two mechanisms is the cause of her recurrent pancreatitis.

This is interesting but contrary to what I knew... I think I read in a paper something like "the pancreatitis from meds has no distinguishable features..."

Anyway: can you provide more detailed info about how to discriminate between the two?

At the hospital they just said that "when they find gallstones they assume that the reason for the pancreatitis is gallstones and not a rare side effect from a widely used medication"

This leads me to believe that they didn't do a real estimation of what you say.

If you can tell me more about the differences...

I think one can be fairly certain that the basis is gallstones and that her meds are not contributing in any way.

Obviously, she needs to have her gallbladder removed. The risk of her dying from that operation may very well be less than the risk of three or more episodes of pancreatitis.

This was my opinion also but they didn't want to operate her. The anesthetist said she probably would not have passed the anesthesia. They didn't speak about precise likelihoods.

Probably they thought that a death during an operation was not good for their career, while the patient was alive and could be dismissed... :(It is sad but I kinda understand this.

Thanks for your help

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