

# Pylorus Preserving Pancreatoduodenectomy (PPPD) A patient case

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**MUMC+ 2018**  
**33 PPPD**

**UK Aachen 2018**  
**85 PPPD**



# Introduction

Preoperative patient characteristics and postoperative complications after PPPD:

- How to recognize
- How to treat
- Patient consequences



# Content

- Dutch Professional Nurse Practitioner (NP) Organization (V&VN VS)
- The role of the NP in the tumor group HPB-surgery
- The role of the NP in the HPB-surgery Maastricht UMC+
- 3 Patient cases
- Concluding remarks



# Dutch Professional Nurse Practitioner (NP) Organization (V&VN VS)



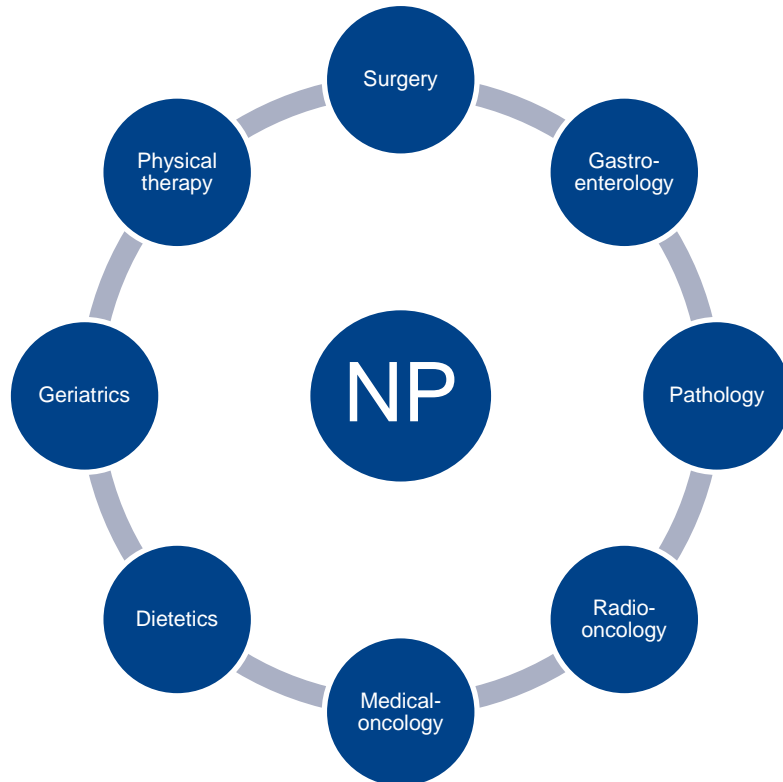


# The role of the NP in the tumor group HPB-surgery



# The role of the NP in the HPB-surgery Maastricht UMC+

## Multidisciplinary Team



## NP roles

- Multidisciplinary consultation
- Validation of medical history
- Physical examination
- Discuss the case with the patient
- Educating
- Clinical care preparation for presentation at MDT meeting
- Preoperative risk screening
- Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS)



# Pancreatic head carcinoma: patient characteristics and complications after PPPD

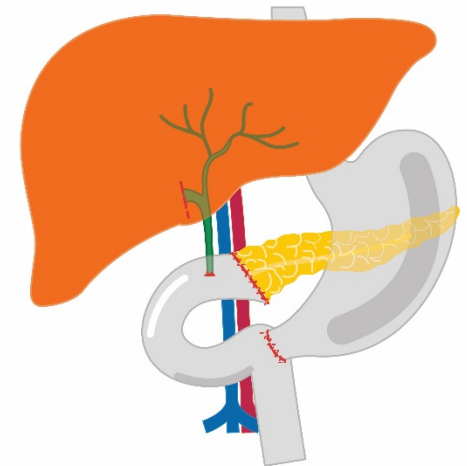
Focus on 3 patient cases:

## Preoperatively

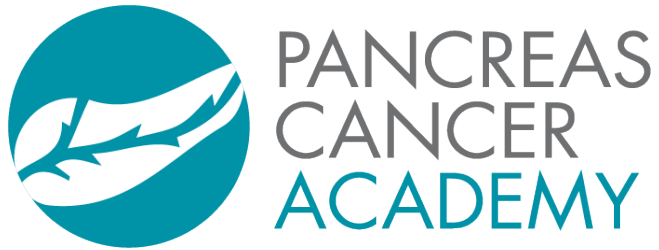
Autoimmune disease (IgG4): preoperative challenge!

## Postoperative

- Wound infection (incidence 20%)
- Delayed Gastric Emptying (DGE) (incidence 24%)
- Exocrine Pancreas Insufficiency (EPI) (incidence 80-90%)
- Pancreas leakage (incidence 20%)



# Case 1



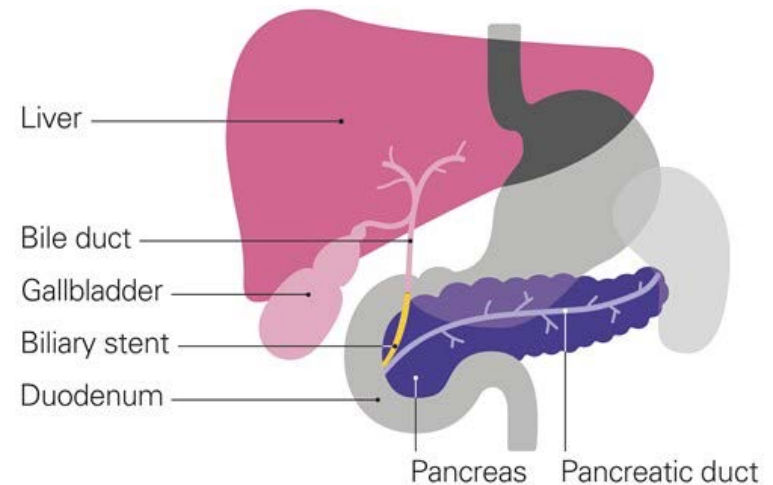
# Patient 1: Mr. A 63 Year old (1)

## Outpatient clinic (preoperatively)

- Hypertension
- Referred to Maastricht: icterus, nausea
- Diagnosis: suspicion pancreatic head carcinoma
- Performance score: WHO 0-1
- Bilirubin 140: stent in common bile duct (CBD)
- Medical history: profession not asked

## Operation

- PPPD: uncomplicated



# Patient 1: Mr. A 63 Year old (2)

## Admission

- Uncomplicated

## Discharge from hospital

- 10 Days after PPPD

## Histology

- No malignancy
- IgG4 Autoimmune pancreatitis

## Complications

- Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency
- Chance of developing Endocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency

# Patient 1: Mr. A 63 Year old (3)

- Autoimmune disease: concentration of the fourth subtype immunoglobulin G is strongly increased
- Possible cause IgG4: blue-collar workers exposed to chemical-, paint-, oil substances
- Presented as a malignancy
- Serum diagnostics: plasma cells PCR IgG4 or obtain tissue
- No surgery!!!
- Treatment with immune suppression
- Take home message: Always ask about the profession!
- *In this case the patient is exposed to a major abdominal surgery, with a high risk of complications and even mortality*
- *And after the operation the patient developed Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency*



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# Patient 1: Mr. A 63 Year old (4)

## Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)

- 42-45% preoperatively, 20-60% unresectable pancreatic cancer, after PPPD 80-90%, after distal pancreatectomy 20-50%
- Steatorrhea, weight loss, vitamin deficiency, maldigestion complaints
- Elastase in defecation
- Pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT)
- In this patient case we started with PERT 1-1-2, despite still discolored defecation
- Increased 2-2-2 and give advice to take an extra capsule depending on the fat intake per meal



Capsurso G Et.Al. 2019. Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency: prevalence, diagnosis, and management. Gastroenterol; 12: 129-139.

## Case 2





# Patient 2: Mr. B 70 Year old (1)

## Outpatient clinic (preoperatively)

- 2015 Appendectomy
- Referred to Maastricht: icterus and abdominal pain
- PG-SGA 8: cachexia
- Diagnosis: Pancreatic head carcinoma
- Performance score: WHO 0
- Bilirubin 132.6: Stenting not possible.  
Percutaneous Transhepatic Biliary Drainage (PTBD)

## Operation

- PPPD: uncomplicated



# Patient 2: Mr. B 70 Year old (2)

## POD 1+

- Postoperative abdominal drain: secretion 70cc
- No fever
- Start mobilization

## POD 2+

- Nausea, vomiting
- Abdominal drain: secretion 50cc

## POD 3+

- Increased nausea and vomiting
- Increased CRP 360 (90), fever 39 °C
- Wound infection: redness, fever, start antibiotics
- Delayed Gastric Emptying (DGE) grade A
- Nasogastric tube for excessive (2L) stomach secretion and start tube feeding jejunum
- Reduced abdominal drain production: 40cc

# Patient 2: Mr. B 70 Year old (3)

## Wound infection

- 20 % of patients
- Wound opened, pus or redness
- Edema, redness, fever, septic
- Duration operation, diabetes, BMI
- Day 3-14 postoperative
- Vital signs
- Observations, sometimes open the wound, or give antibiotics
- In this patient case we started with Augmentin

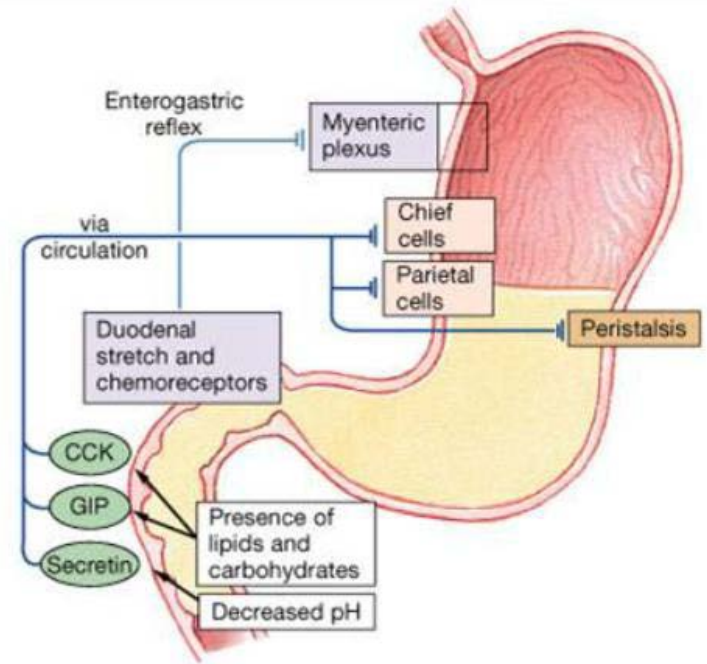


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# Patient 2: Mr. B 70 Year old (4)

## Delayed gastric emptying (DGE) 1

- 24.2% of patients
- Nausea, vomiting, burping, hiccups, tachycardia
- Build up gastric acid and saliva
- Duodenal control of the stomach disappeared
- Spasm of the pylorus due to ischemia
- DGE is usually related to an abdominal problem: for example leakage anastomose
- Day 3-14 postoperative. Can take 2 to 6 weeks
- Vital signs



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# Patient 2: Mr. B 70 Year old (5)

## Delayed gastric emptying (DGE) 2

Grade	Tube feeding	Oral intake
Grade A	Until day 4-7 or relocate after day 3 postoperative	From day 7 until day 14
Grade B	Until day 8-14 or relocate after day 7 postoperative	From day 14 until day 21
Grade C	Until day 14 or relocate after day 14 postoperative	From day 21

- Stimulated oral food in portions, small and frequent
- When oral intake is inadequate: start tube feeding: electrolyte supplementation, anti emetics, prokinetics
- In this patient case we placed a Nasogastric tube for excessive stomach secretion and gave a Nasojejunal tube with the Cortrak system

Yong Hoon. 2012. Management and prevention of delayed gastric emptying after pancreaticoduodenectomy. J Hepatobiliary Pancreat Surg 2012;16:1-2

# Electromagnetic- Guided tube (Cortrak)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Electromagnetic-Guided Versus Endoscopic Placement of Nasojejunal Feeding Tubes After Pancreatoduodenectomy

*A Prospective Pilot Study*

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## Patient 2: Mr. B 70 Year old (6)

### POD 4+

- Decrease CRP 210 (360)
- Production nasogastric tube : 1350cc

### POD 5+

- Remove abdominal drain: <15cc

### POD 6+

- Production nasogastric tube: 500cc

### POD 7+

- CRP 11

### POD 8+

- Production nasogastric tube: 0cc.  
Remove tube
- No nausea or vomiting
- Stop tube feeding: start oral feeding

### POD 11+

- Discharged from hospital
- Advice small frequent meals
- Stop antibiotics



## Case 3



# Patient 3: Mrs. C 71 Year old (1)

## Outpatient clinic (preoperatively)

- Hypertension
- BMI 30
- Referred to Maastricht: icterus, discolored defecation
- Diagnosis: Suspicion pancreatic head carcinoma
- Performance score: WHO 0
- Bilirubin 250: ERCP + stenting

## Operation

- PPPD:uncomplicated

# Patient 3: Mrs. C 71 Year old (2)

## POD 1+

- Abdominal drain: 100cc production
- No pain
- Mobilization is going well

## POD 2+

- Abdominal drain: 120cc production
- No fever (37.3)

## POD 3+

- Fever (39,2), CRP 196
- Abdominal drain: 120cc (Amylase 3x higher than normal serum level)
- CT: intra abdominal abscess collection, caused pancreatic leakage. Placing drain



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# Patient 3: Mrs. C 71 Year old (3)

## Pancreatic leakage

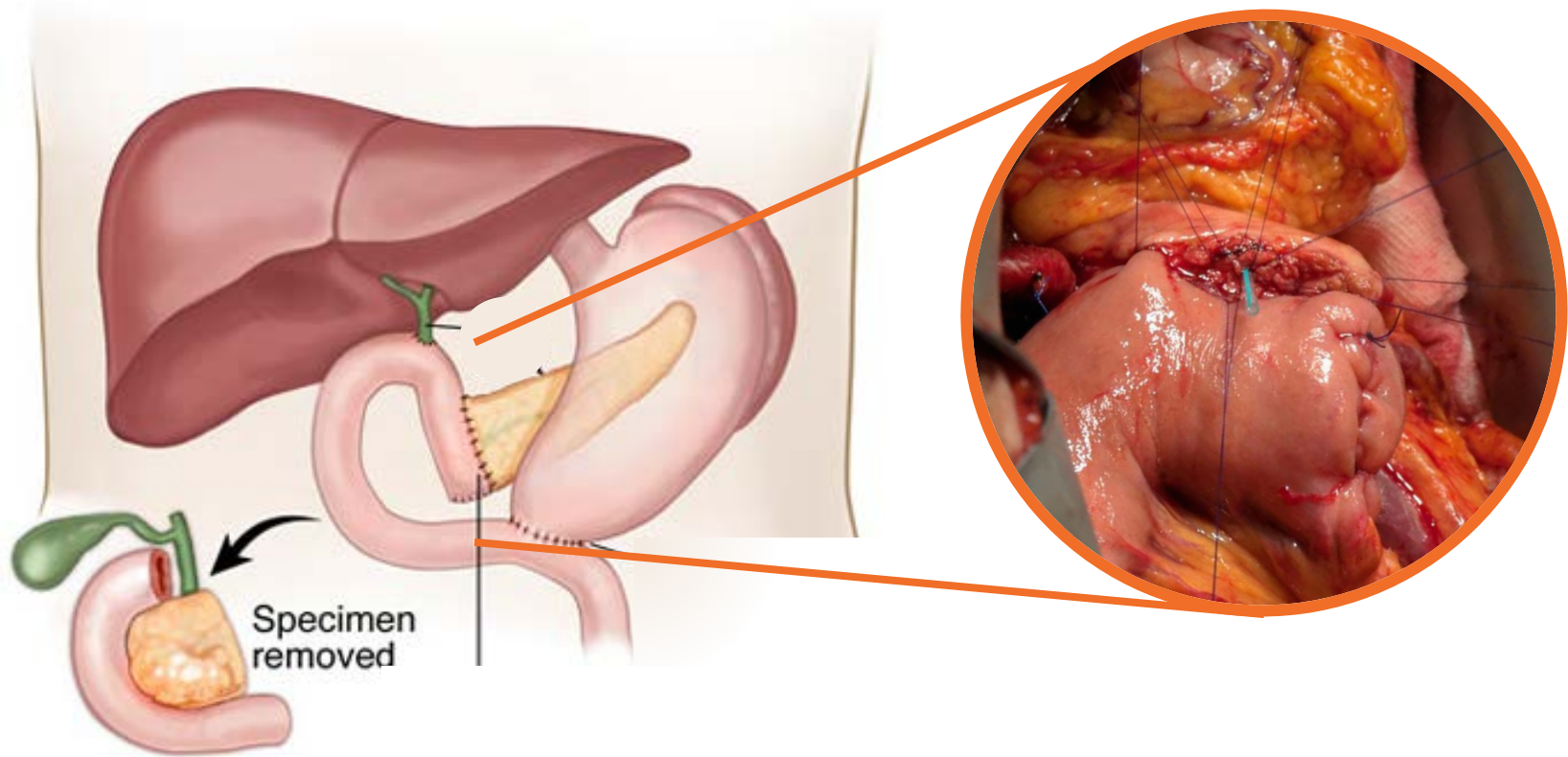
- 20% of patients
- Amylase drain >3x serum level (normally 0-220, then increased to > 660)
- Pain, sepsis, bleeding, DGE, abscess
- Soft pancreas, high BMI
- Day 3-14 postoperative
- Vital signs, drain fluid
- Consider CT
- Drain in situ, electrolyte supplementation, drainage abscess, treat sepsis
- Observe drain fluid
- In this patient case we see that an abscess can be a sign of a pancreatic leakage

Grade	Definition
Grade A	Amylase leakage without clinical consequence
Grade B	Persistent drainage >3 weeks with drain. Signs of infection without organ failure Angiography for bleeding
Grade C	Reoperation Organ failure

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# Patient 3: Mrs. C 71 Year old (4)



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# Patient 3: Mrs. C 71 Year old (5)

## POD 8+

- Nausea and vomiting
- Nasogastric tube for excessive stomach secretion (Delayed Gastric Emptying (DGE)) Grade B
- Start tube feeding

## POD 21+

- Discharge from hospital
- Stop tube feeding
- With abdominal drain: persistent drainage >3 weeks (grade B leakage)

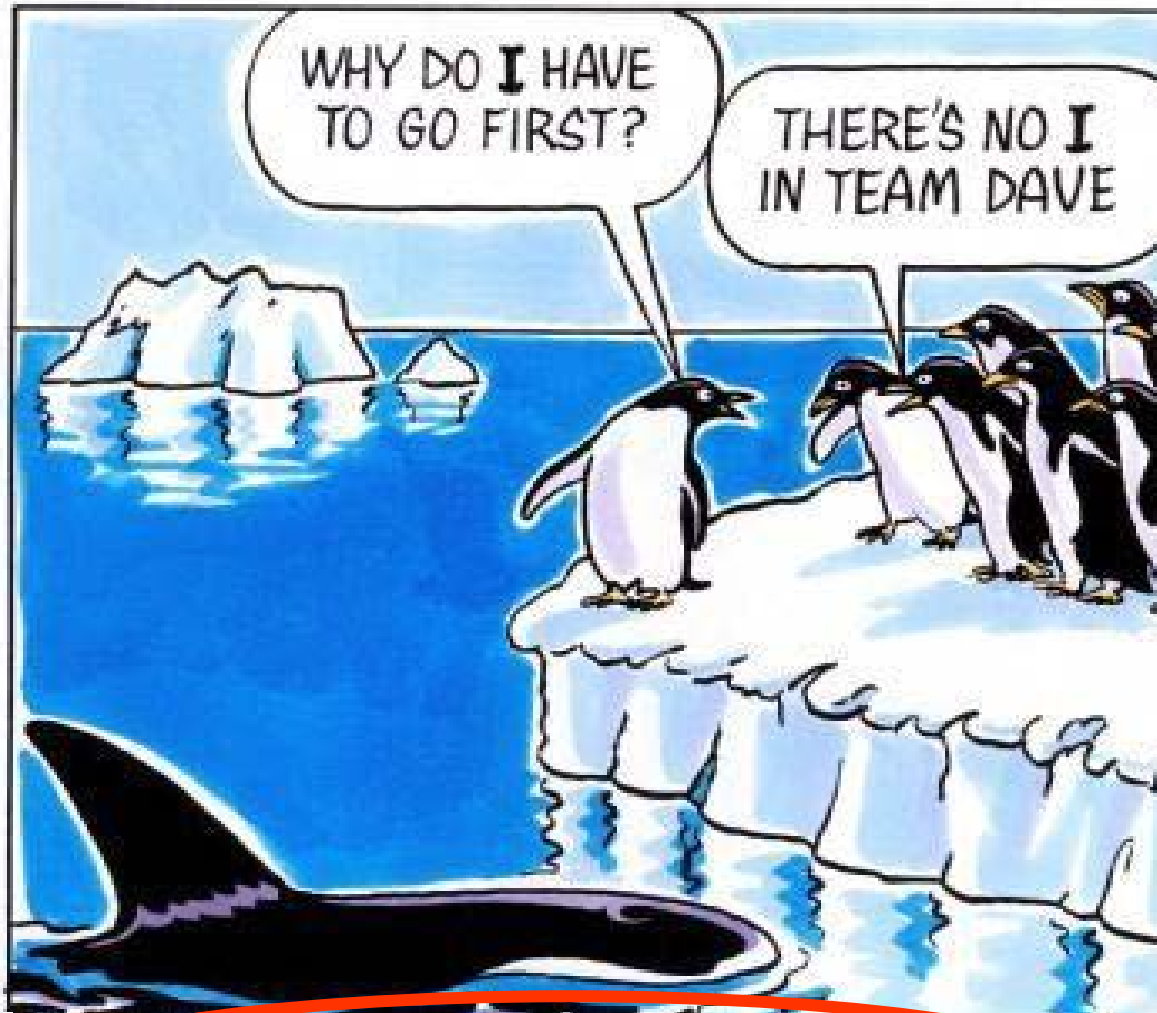
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# Concluding remarks

- Be aware of patient characteristics before surgery
- Always ask for the medical history and profession
- Recognizing complications after surgery for timely intervention
- Describe what you see: the nurse sees the patient several times a day and the doctor once a day
- Educate nurses: bedside teaching to recognizing symptoms







Teamwork is essential in the care of our patients

Thank you for your attention

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