

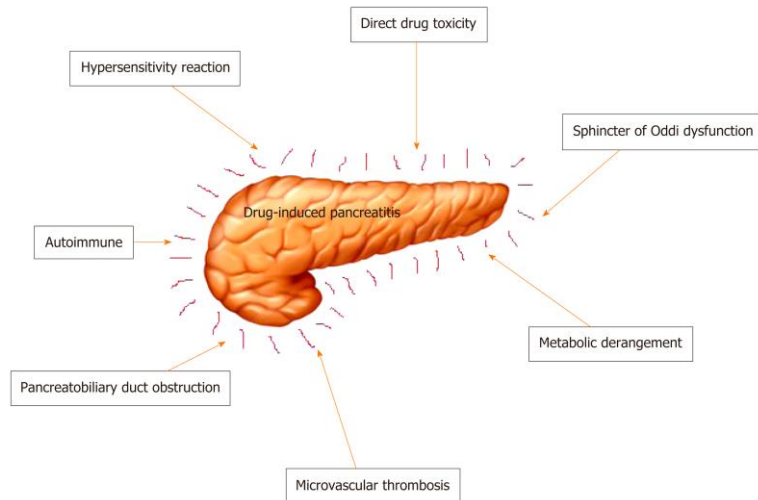
Loop Diuretic Induced Pancreatitis

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BACKGROUND

- Drug-Induced Acute Pancreatitis, once considered a rare cause (0.1 – 2%) of pancreatitis, is seen more clinically and reported more frequently in the literature¹.
- Loop diuretic has been reported as the causative agent in a few cases of drug-induced pancreatitis. Furosemide is considered a class 1A agent².
- Class 1A agents have at least 1 case report with a positive re-challenge, with other causes for pancreatitis altogether ruled out².

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY



CASE PRESENTATION



DISCUSSION

- Based on Naranjo et al. Adverse Drug Reaction Probability Scale, our patient scored 7, making loop diuretic the most probable cause of pancreatitis.
- Loop diuretic exerts direct toxicity on the pancreas and a concurrent decrease in extracellular fluid volume leading to pancreatic ischemia and inflammation¹.
- Our patient developed pancreatitis only with furosemide and bumetanide, indicating a possible underlying immune-mediated mechanism related to sulfa metabolites³.

CONCLUSION

The greatest challenge in diagnosing drug-induced pancreatitis is the inability to completely rule out other risk factors. Further research is crucial to learn more about this disease process.

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