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Research Objectives: Our research is focused on early detection of pancreatic cancer in high risk populations. We combine clinical setting with translational research to improve early detection of this lethal cancer. Our research methodology includes molecular and genetic analysis of human samples and cell culture methods.

Main Research topics:

- Characterization of pancreatic cyst fluids and blood in order to identify early cancer markers
- Identification of genetic alterations in pancreatic cancer high risk individuals
- Study the pathways leading to pancreatic cancer development in BRCA1 and 2 mutation carriers

Stuff:

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