

ULTRASONIC TYPES OF CHRONIC PANCREATITIS IN THE MIRROR
OF THE CLINICAL APPEARANCE

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Since the Marseille symposium /1963/ many attempts had been made to classify the several etiological-clinical forms of chronic pancreatitis. One of their main problems was the lack of simple evaluation and so early typing and management. On the basis of some hundreds of pancreatic US surveys an observation had been made and sonographic evaluation of the disease had been attempted. Ductal -with two subdivisions- and non-ductal, i.e. parenchymal forms could be distinguished, that seem agree in men and disagree in women the forms of Sarles's clinical classification: calcifying, obstructive and reactive forms. The observation and comparison should be taken as preliminary report, however, may involve clinical implications.