

Pancreatitis

Clinical definition:

- Lipase greater than three times the upper limit of normal
- Imaging findings compatible with pancreatitis

Did you know?

Acute Pancreatitis is a frequent cause of Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS). If SIRS is present, please be sure to document to accurately portray your patients' SOI.

Examples:

- SIRS secondary to pancreatitis WITHOUT organ dysfunction
- SIRS secondary to pancreatitis WITH organ dysfunction (ATN, metabolic encephalopathy, severe malnutrition)

Remember, SIRS is defined as ≥ 2 of the following 5 criteria:

- Pulse > 90 bpm
- Temp $> 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ (38.6°C) or $< 96.8^{\circ}\text{F}$ (36°C)
- WBC $> 12,000$ or $< 4,000$
- Diff $> 10\%$ bands
- RR > 20 /min or PCO₂ < 32 mmHg

This documentation will support your patient being as sick on paper as they are in the bed.

Reference: <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/clinical-manifestations-and-diagnosis-of-acute-pancreatitis?source=machineLearning&search=acute%20pancreatitis%20diagnosis&selectedTitle=1~150§ionRank=1&anchor=H26225963#H26225963>