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- CF is a life-shortening, multisystem genetic disease.
- First described by Dr. Dorothy Anderson (American Pathologist). provided the first description of the disorder in 1938.
- Mutated CF gene (cystic fibrosis trans-membrane conductance regulator; CFTR) was discovered in 1989.
- The function of CFTR protein discovered in 1992

- Characterized by: *chronic, progressive obstructive lung disease*
- Other systemic manifestations, such as:
 - nutrient malabsorption and malnutrition due to pancreatic insufficiency.*
 - liver disease and cirrhosis, and CF-related diabetes mellitus (CFRD).*

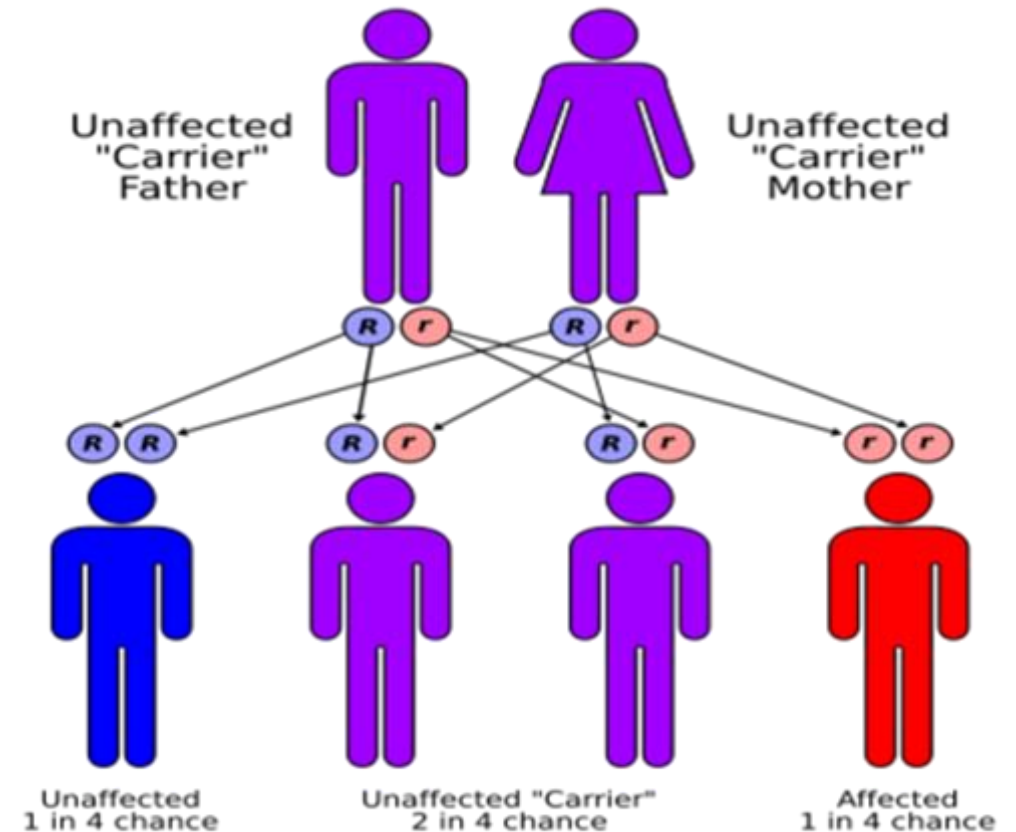
- Median survival has improved steadily from less than 2 years (1938) to 41.1 years currently.
- This results from: early diagnosis
implementation of therapies to optimize lung health and nutritional status
treat chronic respiratory infection, and improve quality of life.

Prevalence:

- CF is common in the *Caucasian population* but does occur in all ethnic and racial groups.
- Occurs in approximately 1: 3000 live births. Genet Med. 2008
- M/C gene mutated : delta F508

Genetics

- Autosomal recessive
- 1 in 30 Caucasians are carriers
- 1 in 3300 live births in Caucasians
- US ~30,000 affected individuals
- Other ethnicities - incidences in US
 - Hispanic: 1:9000
 - African American: 1:15,000
 - Asian: 1:32,000



CFF.org. Accessed August 2013.

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CFTR Gene

Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator(CFTR)

- Long arm chr 7
(7q31.2)
- Large gene: 189 kilobases, 27 exons
- Transcribed into 6.5 kb mRNA
- Encodes 1480 amino acids
- * Regulates chloride movement in and out of a range of epithelial cells.

CF Mutations

Over 1900 CFTR mutations

- **F508del most common**

- Homozygous – 47%

- Heterozygous – 40%

- Other mutations

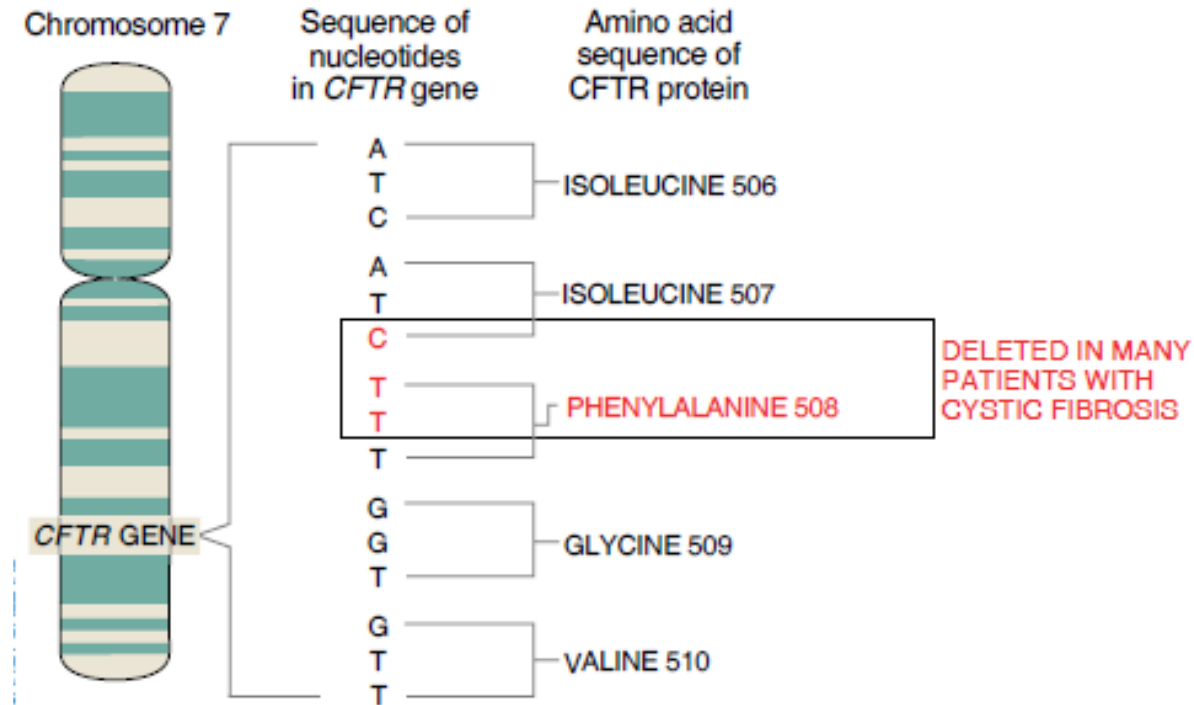
- G542X – 5%

- G551D – 4%

- R117H – 3%

- N1303K – 2.5%

- 2789+5G>A – 1.3%

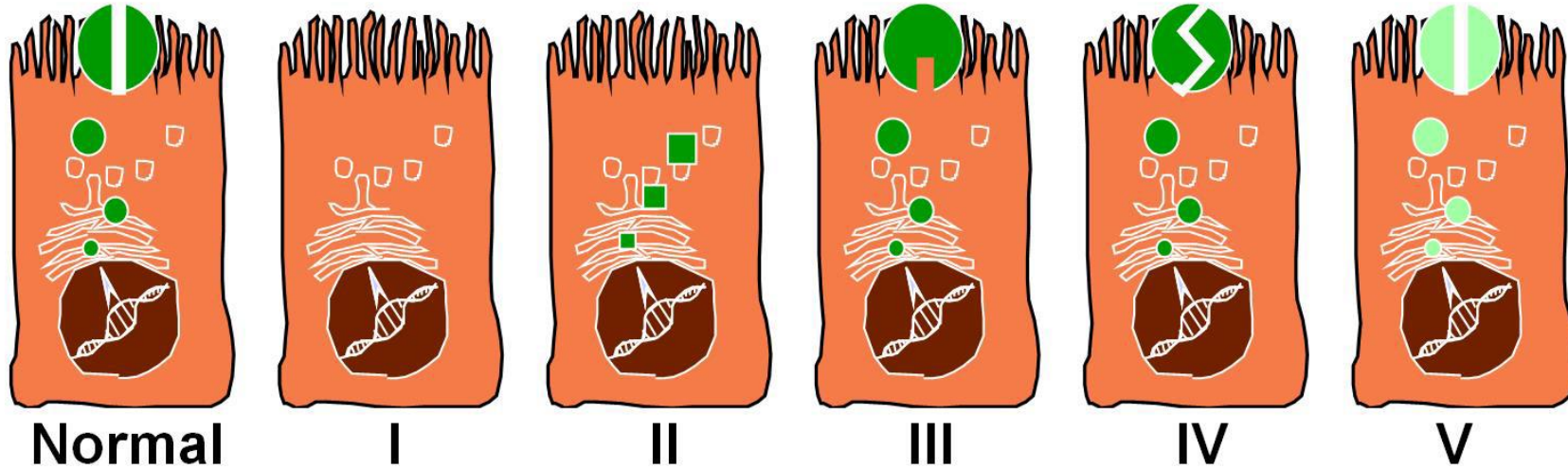


CFF Patient Registry. www.cff.org. Accessed Aug 2013

Mutation	Mutation class	Effect on CFTR protein	Relative frequency [%]
ΔF508	II	Block in protein processing	66.0
G542X	I	Reduced or absent synthesis	2.4
G551D	III	Block in regulation of CFTR chloride channel	1.6
N1303K	II	Block in protein processing	1.3
W1282X	I	Reduced or absent synthesis	1.2
R553X	I	Reduced or absent synthesis	0.7
621 + IG>T	I	Reduced or absent synthesis	0.7
1717-IG>A	I	Reduced or absent synthesis	0.6
R117H	IV	Altered conductance of CFTR chloride channel	0.3
R1162X	II	Block in protein processing	0.3

CFTR

Classes of Mutations



	No synthesis	Block in processing	Block in regulation	Altered conductance	Reduced synthesis
	G542X	F508del	G551D	R117H D1152H	3849+10kbC→T 5T A455E
	12%	87%	5%	5%	5%

Diagnosis:

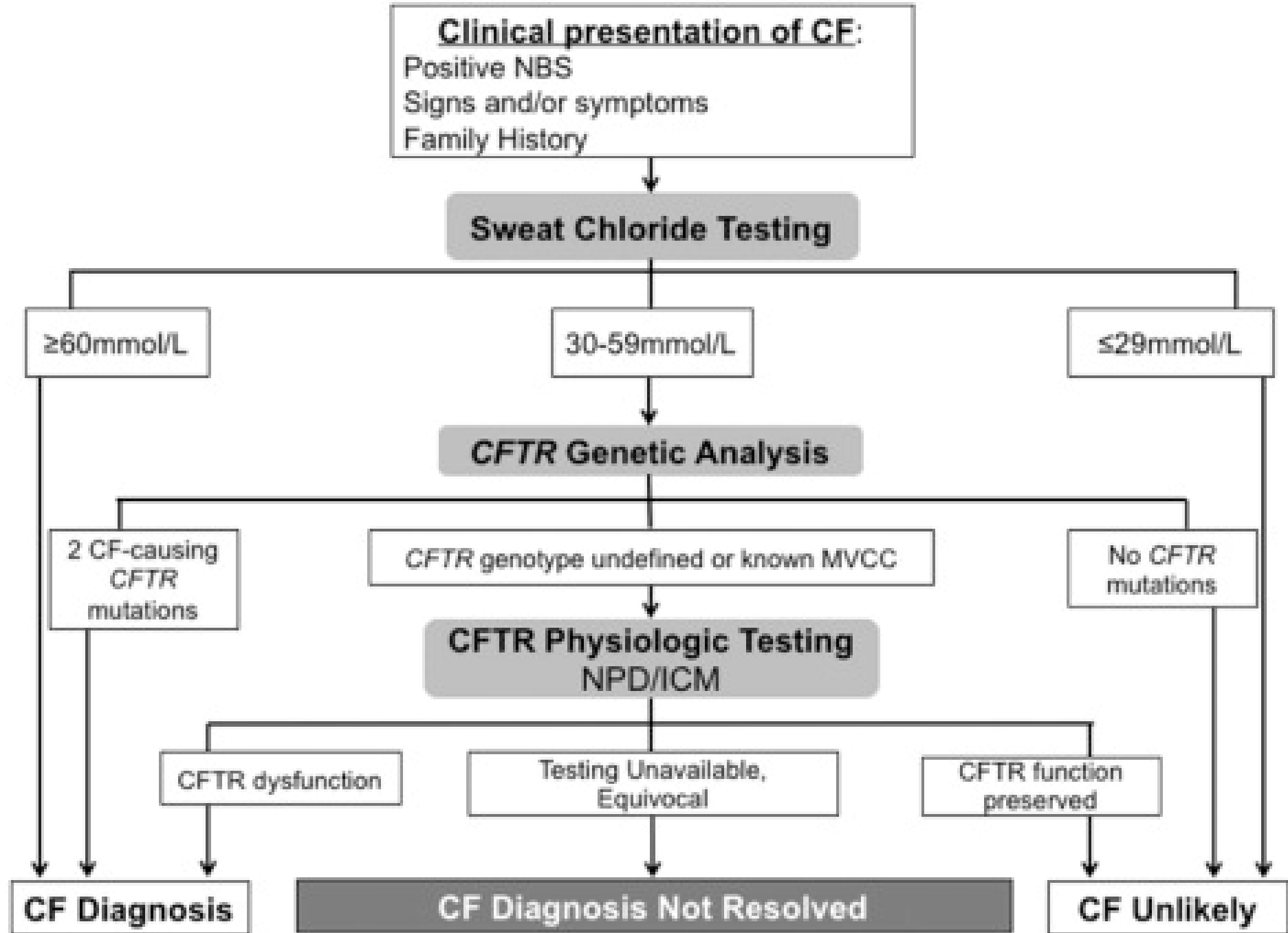
- Criteria
 - One of the following
 - . Presence of typical clinical features
 - . History of CF in a sibling
 - . Positive newborn screening test
 - Plus laboratory evidence for CFTR dysfunction
 - . Two elevated sweat chloride concentration on 2 separate days
 - . Identification of 2 CF mutations
 - . Abnormal nasal potential difference measurement

Diagnostic Testing:

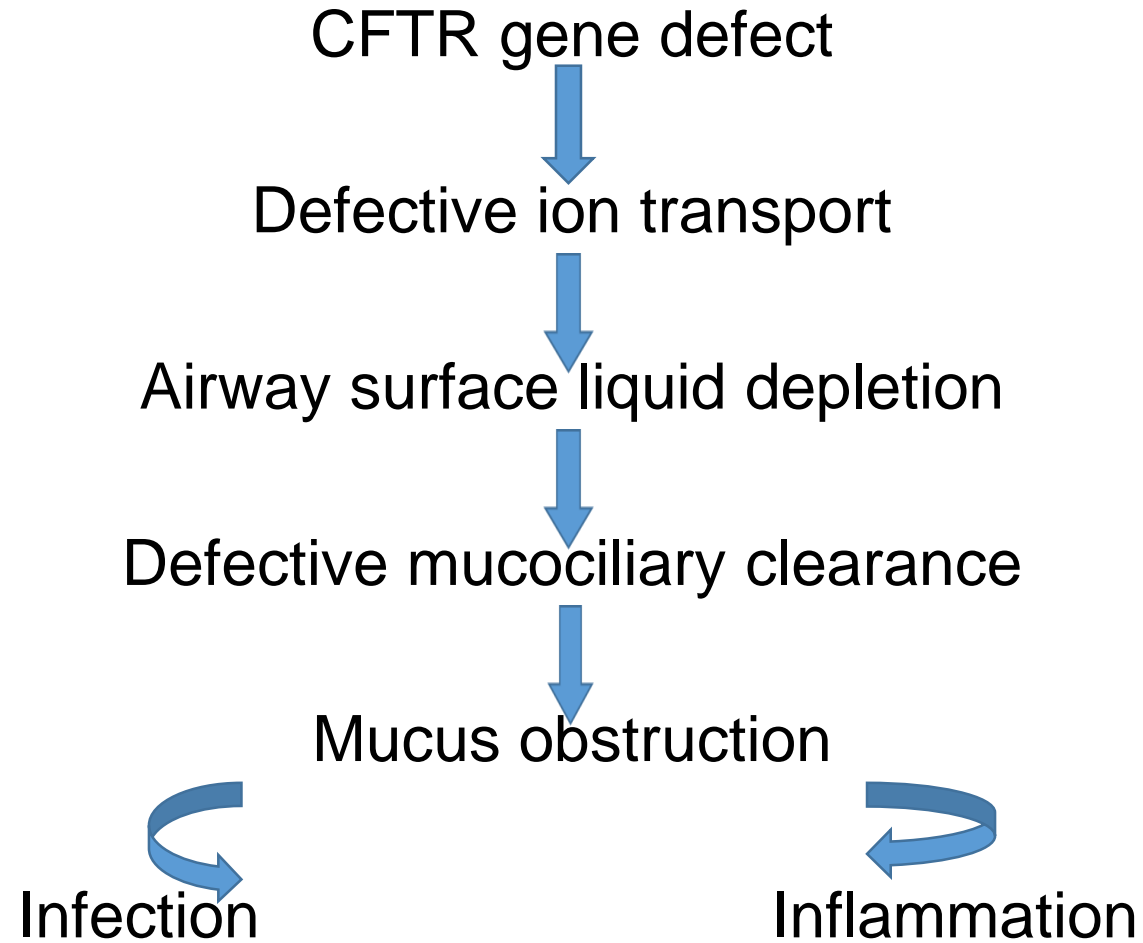
- *Newborn Screening test*: pancreatic derived enzyme immunoreactive trypsinogen [IRT]
- *Sweat Chloride*: the most useful test for diagnosing CF.
≥60 mmol/L
- Genetic testing
- The standard diagnostic test for pancreatic insufficiency has been the three day fat collection.

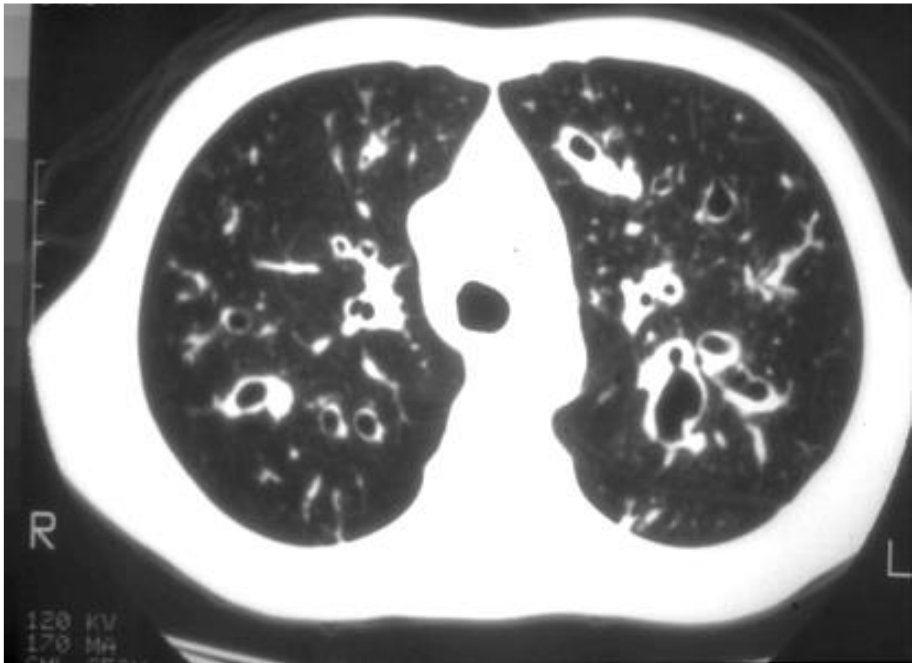
Sweat Chloride testing:

- IF NBS +ve: Sweat Cl testing when the infant weighs >2 kg, and is at least 36 wk of corrected gestational age.
- Newborns greater than 36 wk gestation and >2 kg body weight with a positive CF newborn screen, should have sweat chloride testing performed as soon as possible after 10 d of age, ideally by the end of the neonatal period (4 wk of age).
- In children ≤ 6 months: sweat Cl <30 is negative, 30-59 is An intermediate sweat chloride value (consider extended CFTR gene analysis), ≥ 60 mmol/l ...CF



CF Pathophysiology





Pathophysiology

- **Gastrointestinal:**

- *Pancreas*

- Absence of CFTR limits function of chloride-bicarbonate exchanger to secrete bicarbonate.
 - Leads to retention of enzymes in the pancreas, destruction of pancreatic tissues.

Pathophysiology

- Intestine

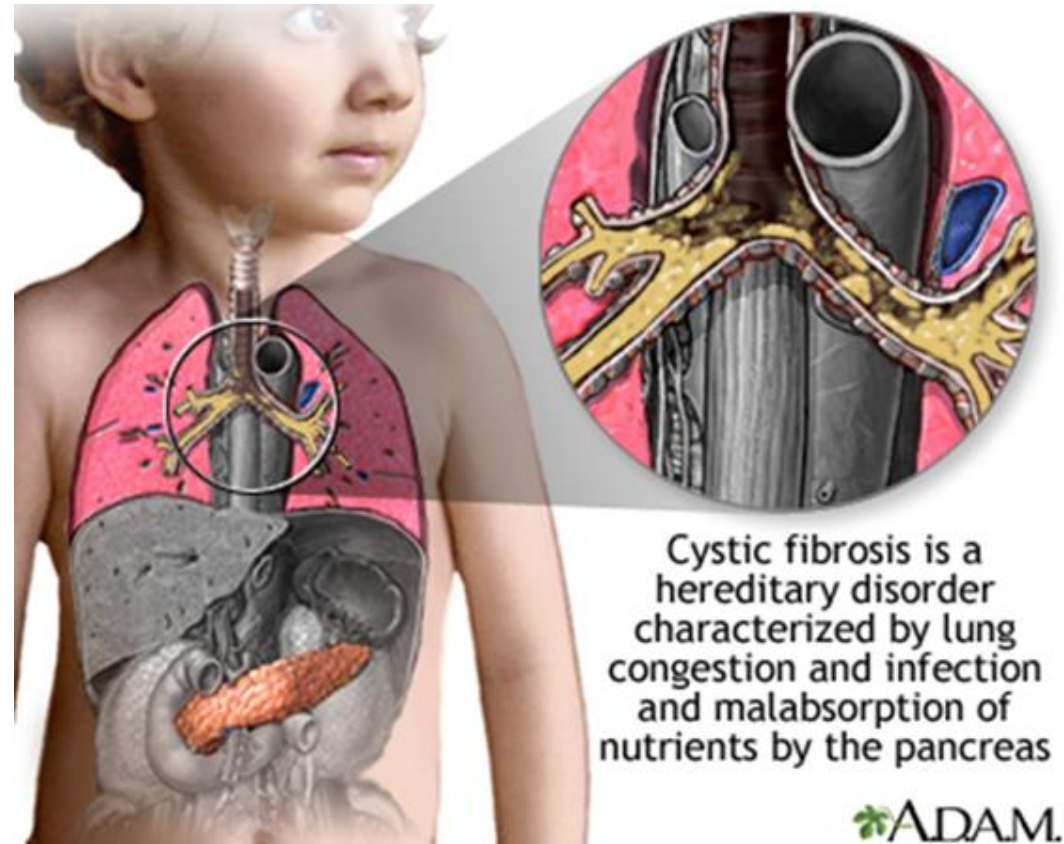
- Decrease in water secretion leads to thickened mucus and desiccated intraluminal contents.
- Obstruction of small and large intestines

-Biliary Tree:

- Retention of biliary secretion
- Focal biliary cirrhosis
- Bile duct proliferation.
- Chronic cholecystitis, cholelithiasis

Manifestations

- **Common presentation:**
 - Chronic cough
 - Recurrent pulmonary infiltrates
 - Failure to thrive
 - Meconium ileus



Cystic fibrosis is a hereditary disorder characterized by lung congestion and infection and malabsorption of nutrients by the pancreas

Manifestations:

- **Respiratory tract:**

- Chronic sinusitis.

- . Nasal obstruction

- . Rhinorrhea

- . Nasal polyps in 25%; often requires surgery

- Chronic Cough:

- . Persistent

- . Viscous, purulent, green sputum

Manifestations

- Infection:

- . Initially with H. influenza and S. aureus
- . Subsequently P aeruginosa
- . Occasionally, Burkholderia gladioli, proteus, E. coli, klebsiella.

- Lung Function:

- . Small airway disease is first functional lung abnormality
- . Progresses to reversible as well as irreversible changes in FEV1
- . Chest x-ray may show hyperinflation, mucus impaction, bronchial cuffing, bronchiectasis

Complications

- *Respiratory Tract:*
 - . Pneumothorax : 10% of CF pts
 - . Hemoptysis
 - . Digital clubbing
 - . Cor pulmonale
 - . Respiratory failure



Cystic Fibrosis Lung



Healthy Lung

Complications

- **Gastrointestinal:**

- Meconium ileus

- . Abdominal distention
 - . Failure to pass stool
 - . Emesis

- DIOS: distal intestinal obstruction syndrome

- . RLQ pain
 - . Loss of appetite
 - . Emesis
 - . Palpable mass
 - . May be confused with appendicitis

Gastrointestinal complications

- Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency
 - . Found in > 90% of CFpts
 - . Protein and fat malabsorption
 - . Frequent bulky, foul-smelling stools
 - . Vitamins A,K,E,D malabsorption
- Increased incidence of GI malignancy

Genitourinary

- Late onset puberty
 - . Due to CLD and inadequate nutrition.
- >95% of male pts with CF have azospermia due to obliteration of the vas deferens
- 20% of female pts with CF are infertile

Treatment

- *Major objectives:*
 - Promote clearance of secretions
 - Control Lung infection
 - Provide adequate nutrition.
 - Prevent intestinal obstruction

TTT: Lung

- > 90% of CF pts die from complications of lung infection
- **Antibiotics:**
 - Early intervention, long course, high dose
 - Staphylococcus-anti staph: flucloxacillin
 - Pseudomonas-treated with two drugs with different mechanisms to prevent resistance- e.g: cephalosporin (ceftazidime) + aminoglycoside(amikacin, gentamicin)
 - Use of aerosolized antibiotics

Lung

- *Increasing mucus clearance*

- . Long-term DNase treatment increase time between pulmonary exacerbations
- . Inhaled beta-adrenergic agonists to control airway constriction
- . Oral glucocorticoids for allergic Bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA)

Lung:

- *Atelectasis*

- . Chest PT + antibiotic

- *Respiratory Failure and cor pulmonary*

- . Vigorous medical management
- . Oxygen supplementation
- . NIV
- . Lung transplantation

Treatment

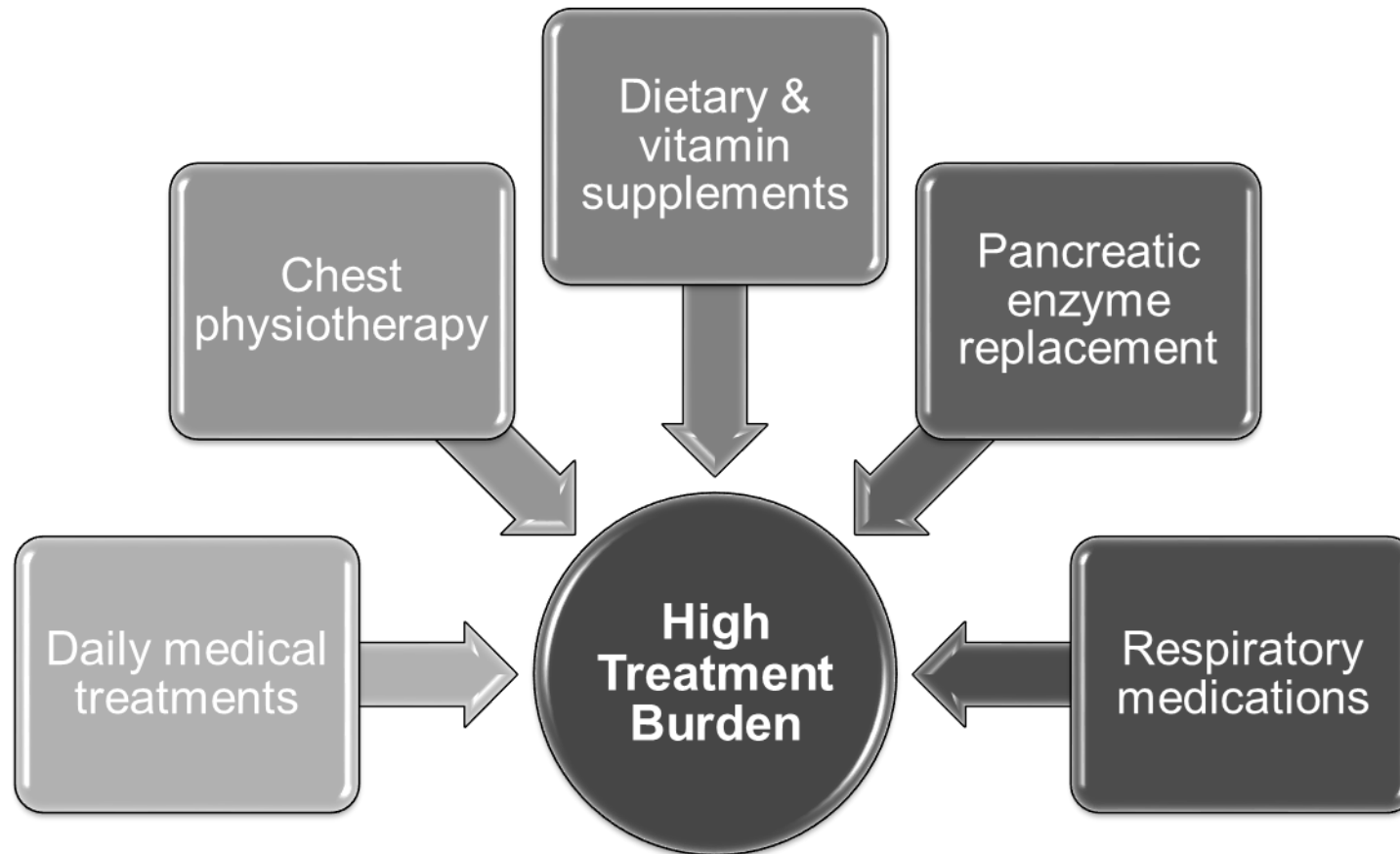
- **Gastrointestinal:**

- Pancreatic enzyme replacement
- Replacement of fat-soluble vitamins- especially Vitamin E & K
- insulin for hyperglycemia
- Intestinal obstruction
 - . Pancreatic enzymes (creon) +osmotically active agents
 - . Distal-hypertonic radio contrast material via enema

TTT: Gastrointestinal

- End-stage liver disease- transplantation
 - . 2 year survival rate >50%

Complexity of CF Treatment



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2012;47(6):523-33

Summary

- CF is an inherited monogenic disorder presenting as a multisystem disease
- Pathophysiology is related to abnormal ion transportation across epithelia
- Respiratory, GI and GU manifestations
- Treatment is currently preventative and supportive

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