

CHILDHOOD ONSET FIBROCALCULOUS PANCREATIC DIABETES

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Fibrocalculous Pancreatic Diabetes (FCPD) is predominantly a disease of youth. However onset in childhood is not very common. Of the 228 cases of FCPD registered in the computerized registry set up at the Diabetes Research Centre, Madras, 28 (12.2%) had onset of diabetes below 20 years of age and 12 cases (5.2%) had onset at 15 years of age or less. All FCPD patients reported in this series had evidence of

pancreatic calculi on plain X-ray abdomen and the presence of calculi and other features of chronic pancreatitis on ultrasonography: The youngest patient in our series had onset of diabetes at the age of 8 years. While the majority of patients were ketosis resistant a few were prone to ketosis. FCPD must be kept in mind in the differential diagnosis of childhood onset diabetes in this part of the country.