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Pancreatic cysts are fluid-filled sacs that develop inside or on the pancreas. Pancreatic cysts aren't cancer, but they do have a high risk of turning into it. That's why removing these cysts is so important.

A promising new treatment for [pancreatic cysts](#) uses a combination of chemoablation and endoscopic ultrasound (EUS). UVA Health is the first in Virginia to offer this specialized treatment. About 80% of cysts we treat with this procedure disappear or shrink.

What is Chemoablation for Cysts or Tumors?

With ablation treatment, we use energy to burn or freeze a tumor. Usually, removing a cyst or tumor requires major surgery. This procedure only uses a small needle. The treatment is over 90% effective in completely curing small tumors.

Because we use a needle to deliver the chemotherapy, chemoablation results in:

- Targeted, effective treatment
- Lower risks of complications
- Quick recovery
- Less pain while you heal

Chemoablation for Pancreatic Cysts

Traditional treatment for most pancreatic cysts includes regular imaging tests. These tests help check for signs that the cysts might turn into [pancreatic cancer](#). If we find these risky cysts, we often use surgery to remove them.

Removing pancreatic cysts involves major surgery. Not everyone with pancreatic cysts can go through operations, due to age or health.

Chemoablation can remove cysts with less toll on your body. You get the same result with less pain and a faster recovery.

At UVA Health, we use [endoscopic ultrasound](#) to guide the needle. This high-tech imaging technology makes sure that the procedure delivers the chemo to the right place.

How Chemoablation for Pancreatic Cysts Works

There are 3 main steps to the procedure:

- **Locate the cyst:** During an endoscopic ultrasound, we insert a thin, flexible tube with a tiny ultrasound probe down the throat and into the digestive tract. The probe gives us a detailed view of the pancreas and allows us to locate cysts.
- **Drain the cyst:** We place a needle into the cyst and drain the fluid out.
- **Inject the chemotherapy:** We inject the chemotherapy drugs into the empty cyst. Injecting drugs into the cyst limits side effects from the chemotherapy.

Who is a Good Candidate for Chemoablation for Pancreatic Cysts?

Your eligibility for chemoablation for pancreatic cysts will depend on:

- Your overall health
- The size and shape of the cyst
- The rate of growth of the cyst

Do You Have Pancreatic Cysts?

We have a [special clinic](#) to track and treat people with pancreatic cysts.