

Question 41 – May 15

In which type of subjects do pancreatic mucinous cystadenomas most commonly occur?

- A. Young alcoholics
- B. Middle-aged women
- C. Older men
- D. HIV positive males

Answer: B

Mucinous cystadenomas are rare pancreatic neoplasms that occur predominantly in women (84%) at a mean age of 53 years. These are large tumors (averaging 5 cm diameter), explaining why most symptoms are due to a mass effect. They are considered to have a malignant potential and should be resected.

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