Practice Patterns of Pancreatic Surgery Within the Military

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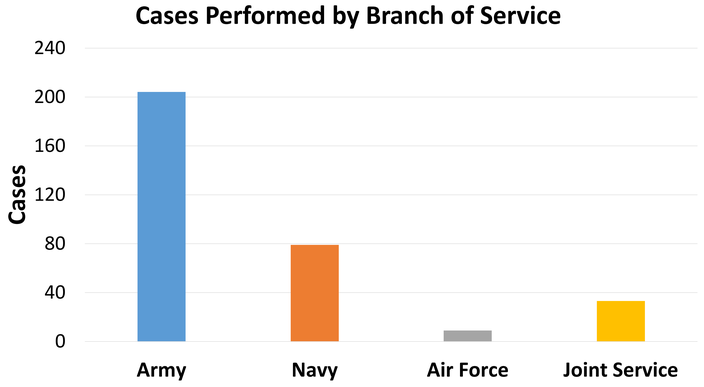
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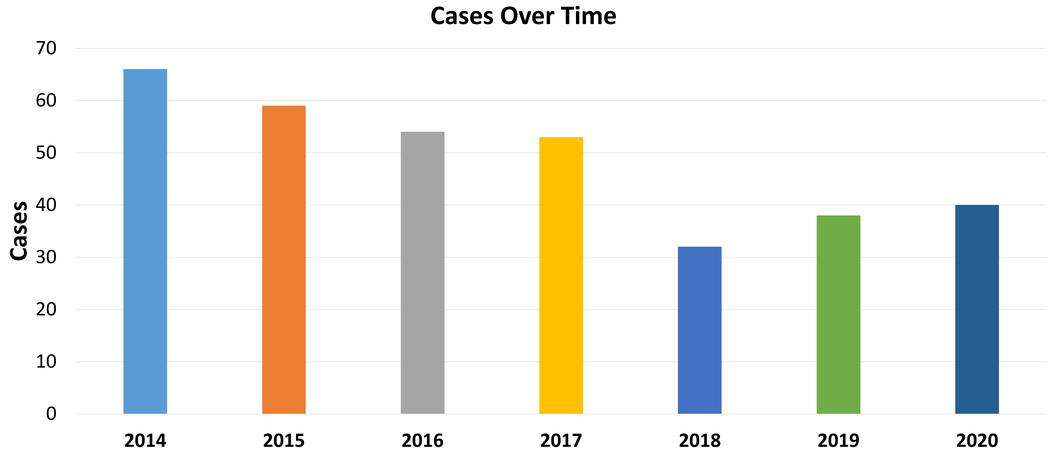
Background

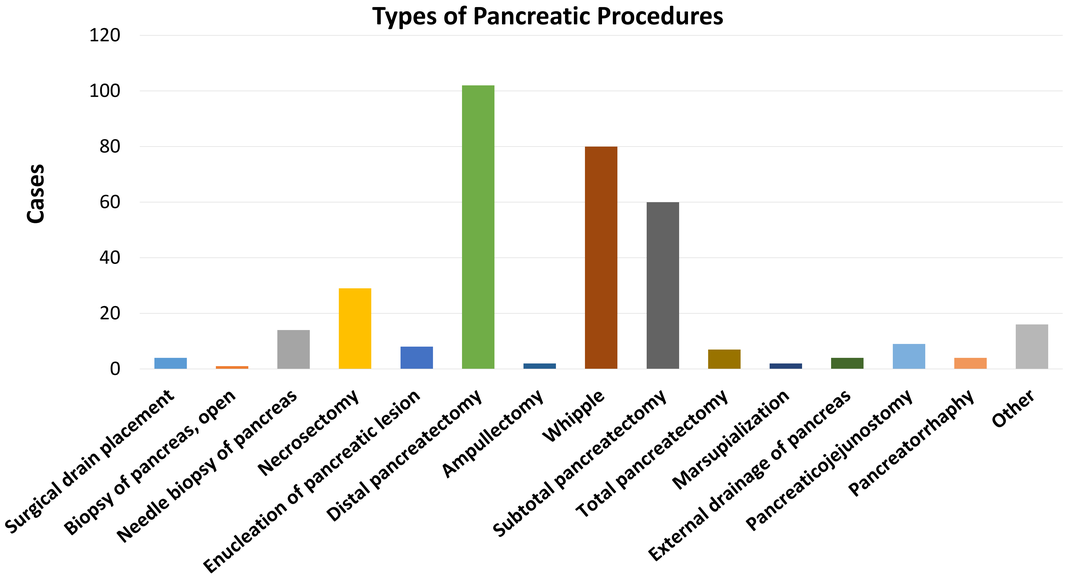
- Pancreatic surgical procedures are among the most technically challenging procedures performed
- There is an overall trend towards referring patients to high-volume centers for pancreatic surgery
- Previous papers have examined patterns in pancreatic surgery practices at individual military treatment facilities (MTFs)
- The goal of our project was to determine the current trends in pancreatic surgeries performed across all MTFs

Methods

- Used MHS Mart (M2), a military data collection system to obtain data from the outpatient setting
- Data was obtained from all MTFs from 2014 to 2020
- Outpatient electronic medical records were obtained and reviewed
- Pancreatic surgeries were identified by CPT codes







Discussion

- Since 2014, there was a general trend towards fewer pancreatic surgeries over time across all MTFs
- Army MTFs are performing more pancreatic surgeries than Navy and Air Force MTFs
- Community hospitals and medical centers all perform both simple and complex pancreatic procedures
- Without an official policy of centralization, the majority of complex pancreatic surgeries are being performed at tertiary medical centers

Limitations

- Our study was limited by our data collection method and thus we were unable to examine the complication rate

Future Directions

- Future studies will examine the outcomes of military pancreatic surgeries

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