

What Are the Types of Pancreatitis? Many experts think repeated acute attacks can cause chronic pancreatitis. Most people with chronic pancreatitis have more than one risk factor for the condition. And knowing the symptoms for chronic pancreatitis can help you get the best treatment. Acute pancreatitis A sudden inflammation that lasts a short time usually means acute pancreatitis. Chronic pancreatitis can mean permanent damage that persists and worsens over time. There are two forms of pancreatitis, acute and chronic. Chronic pancreatitis When pancreatitis lasts longer, it's likely chronic. Acute pancreatitis can sometimes become serious or life-threatening. It often happens after an acute pancreatitis attack.