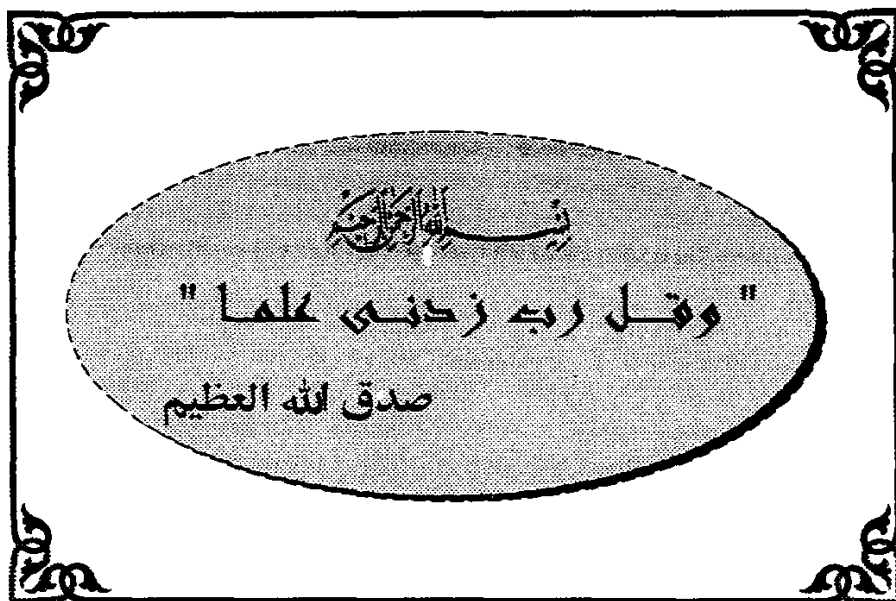




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Pancreatitis remains an important surgical problem with considerable morbidity and mortality . its treatment is largely empirical and its pathogenesis poorly understood .

Acute pancreatitis is a common surgical emergency with presentation varying from mild self limiting attack of abdominal pain to severe systemic upset and eventual death as a consequence of pancreatic necrosis (Gohnson 1995) .

Chronic pancreatitis is an inflammatory disease of the pancreas characterized by destruction of its exocrine and endocrine tissue and their replacement by fibrous scar (Reber 1994) .

