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ANDRES GELRUD: My research interest is in genetic conditions that lead to the development of recurrent acute and chronic pancreatitis. I also have a strong interest in patients that have complications from pancreatitis. And I also have an interest in the acute management of the patients with bad pancreatitis. The implications of some of the findings that we have had in our research, it's a strong relationship between genetic mutations and the development of pancreatic diseases. And I think that this has had a strong benefit to a subset of patients that used to be called alcoholics that we all know they're not, and that they have a genetic mutation. This has important clinical implications because depending on the type of mutations, actually, we can give targeted therapies in order to ameliorate the disease, and in order to decrease the speed of the progression of the disease. All of the research that I'm doing and that I have been doing over the past years, regarding the pancreas, has been with different institutions throughout the United States. So we have been able to come up with complex questions and answers to some of these questions particularly to rare, medical, pancreatic conditions thanks to all of the collaboration that we have with different institutions throughout the United States.