CP patients with dilated pancreatic duct (≥5mm) and moderate pain

**REGISTRATION & FOLLOW-UP**

Patient meeting the randomization criteria (newly developed need for opioid analgesics)

**RANDOMIZATION**

- Enlarged pancreatic head (≥4cm)
  - **Yes**
    - Frey procedure
  - **No**
    - Pancreatico-jejunostomy

**Group A**
Early surgical intervention

**Group B**
Optimal Current Step-up Practice

**Step 1. Optimal medical management**
- Optimal pain medication (WHO pain ladder)
- Co-medication for neuropathic pain
- Dietary advice
- Management of pancreatic insufficiency

**Failure of medical management**
- Unsatisfactory pain control, or
- Clinically unacceptable side-effects

**Step 2. Endoscopic intervention**
ERCP with sphincterotomy, and
- Dilatation of strictures (if necessary)
- Placement of pancreatic duct stent
- ESWL for large intraductal stones

**Failure of endoscopic treatment**
- Unsatisfactory pain control

**Step 3. Surgical intervention**
(as in group A)