Screening: patients admitted with chronic pancreatitis  
\[ n = 400 \]

Compliant patients fulfilling inclusion criteria with informed consent  
\[ n = 200 \]

Randomisation: day of surgery prior to opening of the abdominal cavity

Duodenum preserving pancreatic head resection  
\[ n = 100 \]

Discharge day
QOL 6 months
QOL 12 months
QOL 24 months
To be analysed:  
\[ n = 100 \]

Pancreateco-duodenectomy  
\[ n = 100 \]

Discharge day
QOL 6 months
QOL 12 months
QOL 24 months
To be analysed:  
\[ n = 100 \]