



Pancreas Divisum

- In 10% of individuals, fusion does not occur. This situation is called pancreas divisum.
- In pancreas divisum secretions from the dorsal and ventral ducts drain separately into the duodenum. Individuals with pancreas divisum may be at higher risk for pancreatitis
- Dorsal pancreatic duct (main pancreatic and Santorini ducts) directly entering the minor papilla with no communication with the ventral duct (Wirsung), and thus, the major papilla

Subtypes

- **Type 1 (classic):**
 - no connection at all; occurs in the majority of cases: 70%
- **Type 2 (absent ventral duct):**
 - minor papilla drains all of pancreas while major papilla drains bile duct; 20-25%
- **Type 3 (functional):**
 - filamentous or inadequate connection between dorsal and ventral ducts: 5-6%

