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# Simposio **Sindrome Metabolica e Terapia con GH**



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## OBESITA' E GH

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# Conflitti di interesse



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nessun conflitto di interesse



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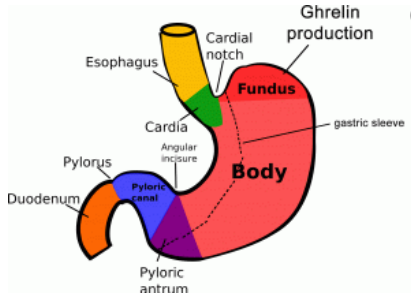
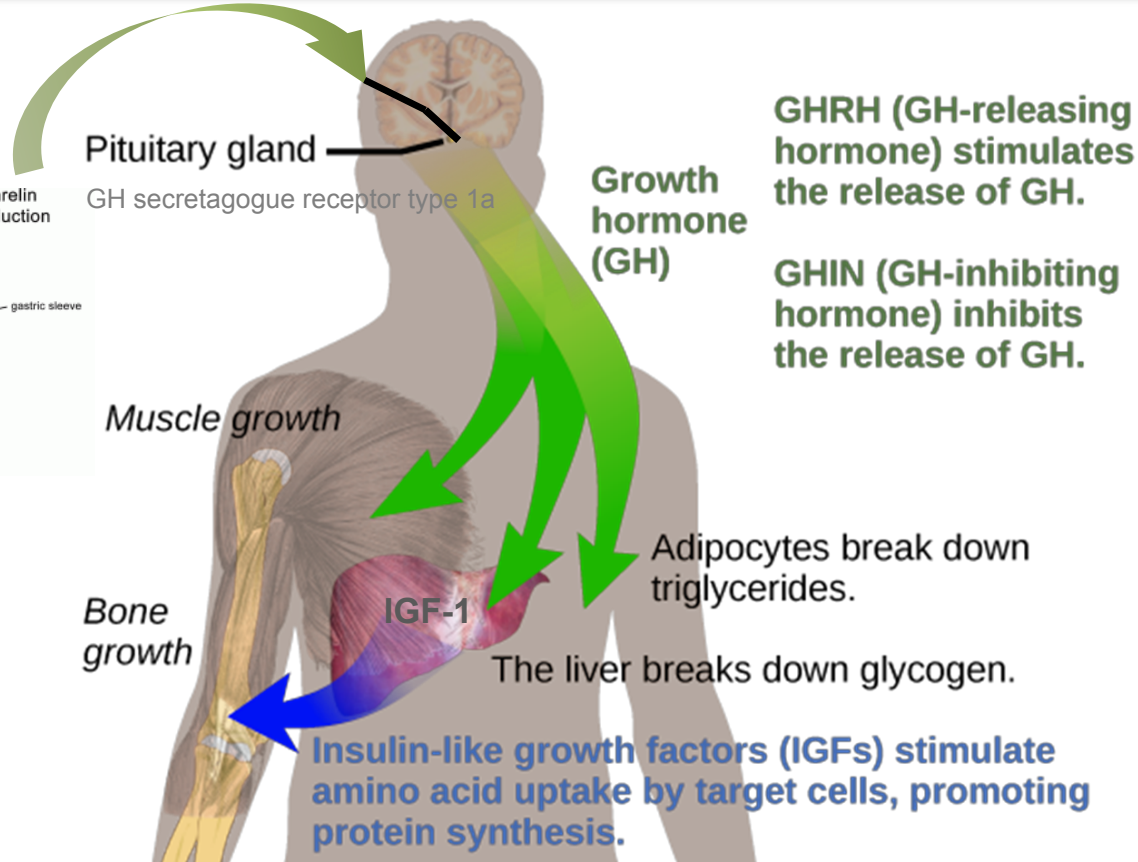


# Effetti Metabolici del GH



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# Effetti Metabolici del GH



## Muscolo



- Utilizzo degli aminoacidi
- Sintesi delle proteine
- Utilizzo dei carboidrati

**AUMENTO  
MASSA MUSCOLARE**

## GH & organi bersaglio

### Fegato



- Sintesi proteica
- Sintesi di RNA
- Produzione di IGF-I e IGF-II (somatomedine)

## Grasso



- Aumento lipolisi
- Utilizzo dei carboidrati
- Degradazione dei grassi

**RIDUZIONE  
GRASSO VISCERALE**



# GHD dell'Adulto



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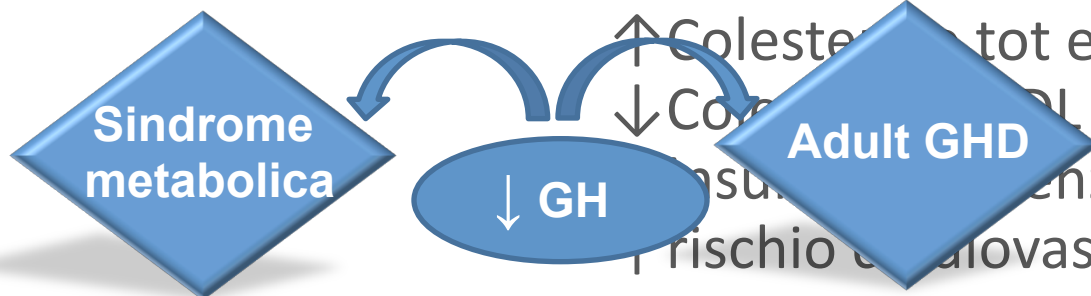
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## Sintomi

- ↓ benessere psicologico
- ↓ forza muscolare e resistenza fisica

## Segni Clinici

- ↑ Obesità addominale
- ↓ Massa muscolare
- ↓ Massa ossea
- ↓ Metabolismo basale
- ↓ GFR
- ↑ Colesterolo tot e trigliceridi
- ↓ Consumo di ossigeno
- ↑ Insulina
- ↑ rischio cardiovascolare





# Sindrome di Prader Willi



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- Malattia genetica rara (1/25.000 nati) con anomalie nella regione critica del cromosoma 15 (15q11-q13)
- Multiple alterazioni ipotalamico-ipofisarie
- Grave ipotonia neonatale
- Precoce insorgenza di iperfagia, che esita in obesità patologica durante l'infanzia e nell'età adulta
- Difficoltà di apprendimento e disturbi comportamentali o problemi psichiatrici gravi
- Alterazioni costitutive dell'asse GH/IGF-1, indipendentemente dall'obesità, nel 40-100% dei pazienti
- Test diagnostici indicativi di deficit di GH
- A parità di BMI, percentuale di tessuto adiposo > rispetto ai pazienti affetti da obesità semplice, mentre il rapporto massa magra/massa grassa è inferiore



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# Obesità: uno stato di iposecrezione di GH



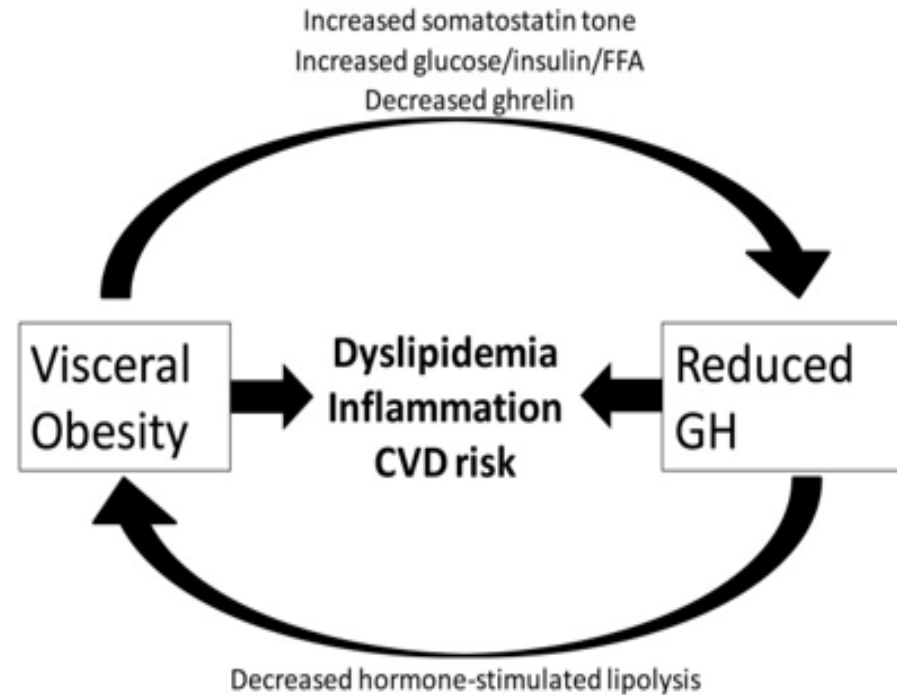
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Le alterazioni endocrine sono una conseguenza dell'obesità



Ma le alterazioni endocrine possono anche avere effetti causali nell'obesità





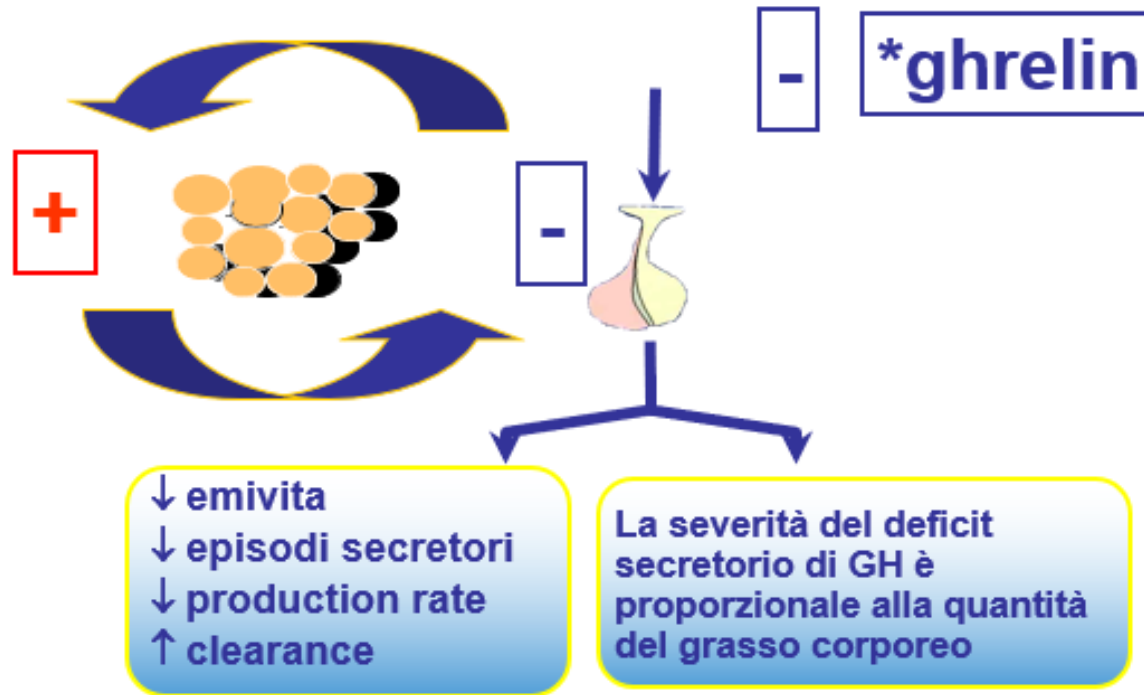


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# Associazione asse GH/IGF-1 e grasso viscerale



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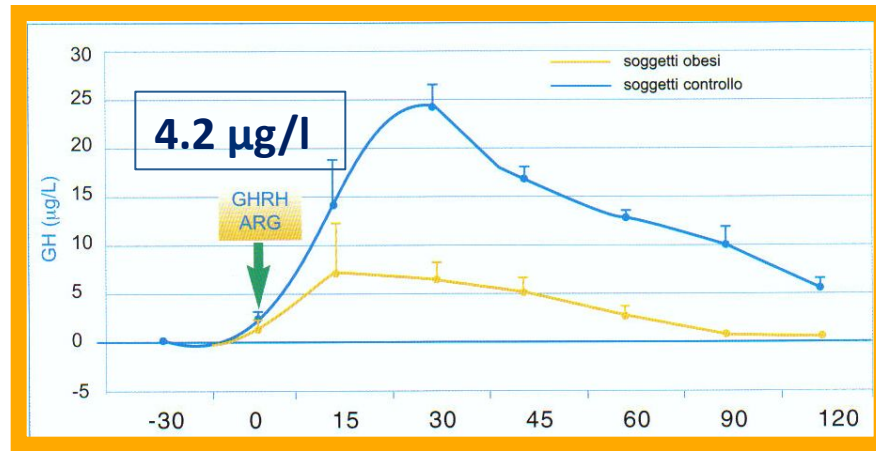
**Table 1.** GH/IGF system in conditions associated with visceral adiposity in humans.

CONDITION	GENERAL ADIPOSITY	VISCERAL ADIPOSITY	GH	IGF-1	IGFBP-1	INSULIN SENSITIVITY
Normal	—	—	N	N	N	N
Ageing	↑	↑	↓	↓	N/↑	↓
Simple obesity	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓/N
Metabolic syndrome	↑/—	↑	↓	↓	↓/↑	↓
GH deficiency	—/↑	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑
GH insensitivity	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑
HIV lipodystrophy	↓/—	↑	↓	↓	↑	↓
Prader-Willi syndrome	↑	↑	↓	↓	N	N

Abbreviations: GH, growth hormone; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; IGF-1, insulin-like growth factor 1; IGFBP-1, IGF-binding protein 1.

# Diagnosing functional somatopenia

- The GHRH + arginine test is likely to be the overall test of choice in clinical practice
- Similarly to other provocative tests, GHRH + ARG is independent of age and gender, but influenced by obesity *per se*



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**Biller BM et al, JCE&M 2002**

**Corneli, G, Di Somma C et al, EJE 2005**

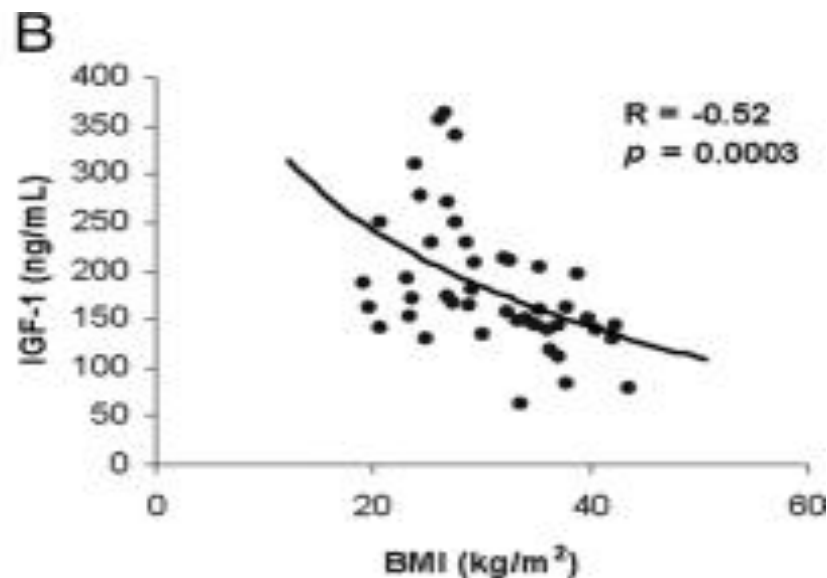
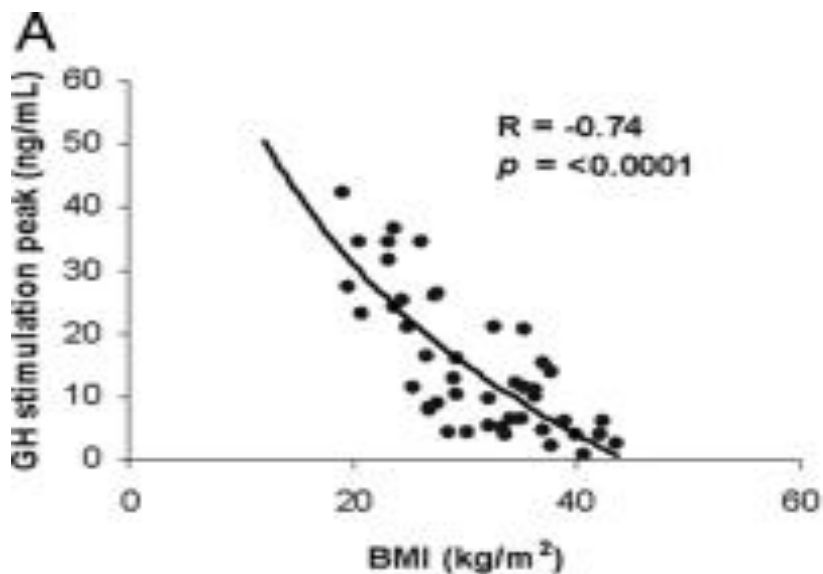


# GHD, obesità e rischio CVD



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↑ Rischio CVD in donne obese GHD



# Obesità ed asse somatotropo



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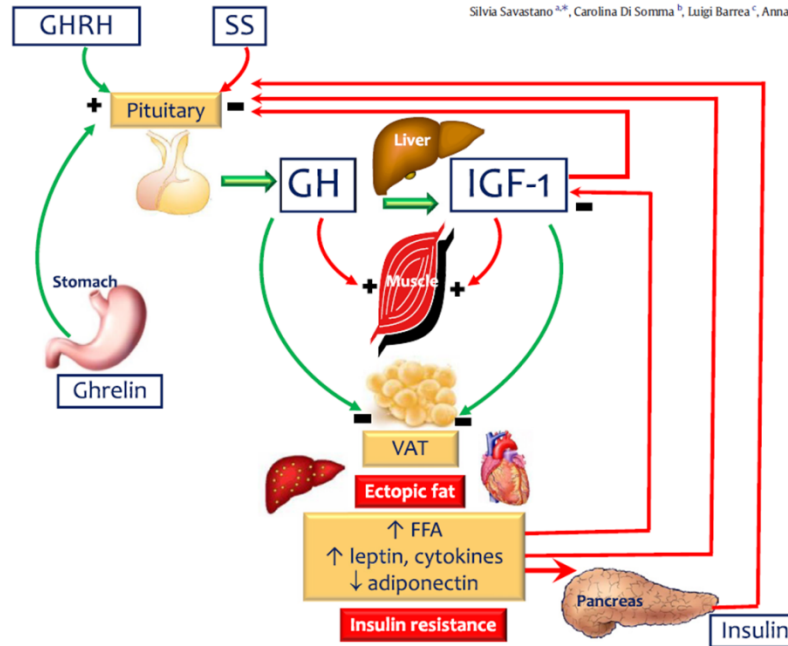


Review

The complex relationship between obesity and the somatotropic axis:  
The long and winding road



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# GHD, obesità e SM



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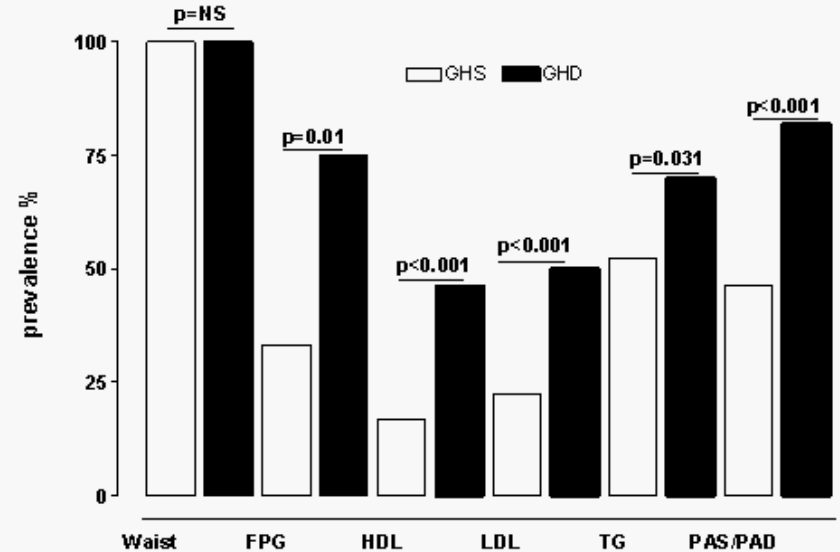


**GHD Obese Subjects**  
55 patients

→ **70.9%**

**GHS Obese Subjects**  
140 patients

→ **50.2%**



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# Asse GH/IGF-1 e perdita di peso



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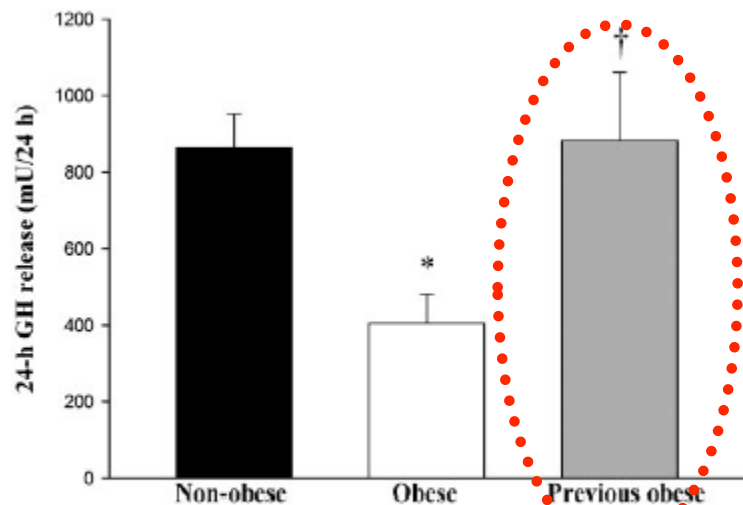


Figure 1: Twenty-four-hour GH release. Columns represent (left to right) levels in non-obese ( $n = 16$ ), obese ( $n = 16$ ), and previously obese women ( $n = 8$ ). \*  $p < 0.001$  compared with non-obese. †  $p < 0.05$  difference before and after weight loss.

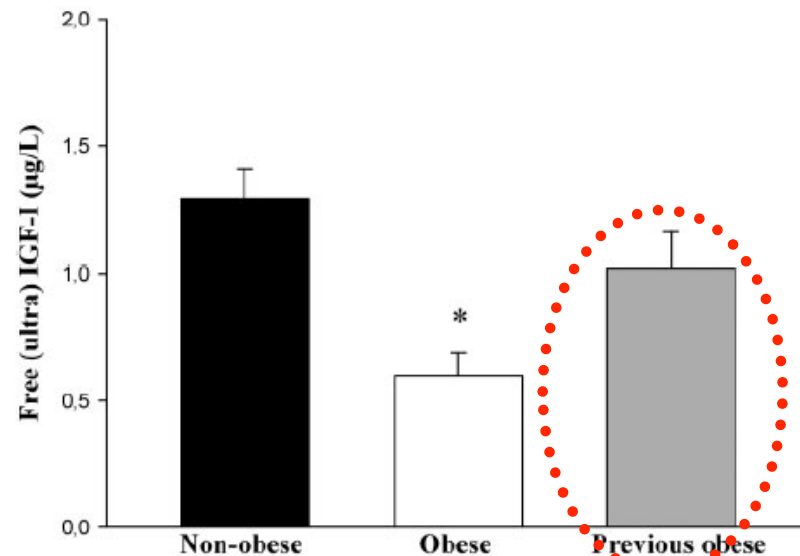


Figure 2: Free (ultra) IGF-I levels. Columns represent (left to right) levels in non-obese ( $n = 16$ ), obese ( $n = 16$ ), and previously obese women ( $n = 8$ ). \*  $p < 0.001$  compared with non-obese. The difference when comparing previously obese women to the same eight obese women in the pre-diet state did not reach statistical significance.





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Division of General Surgery, Rabin Medical Center, Campus Golda, Petach Tikva Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

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Edén Engström B, Burman P, Holdstock C, Ohrvall M, Sundbom M, Karlsson FA.

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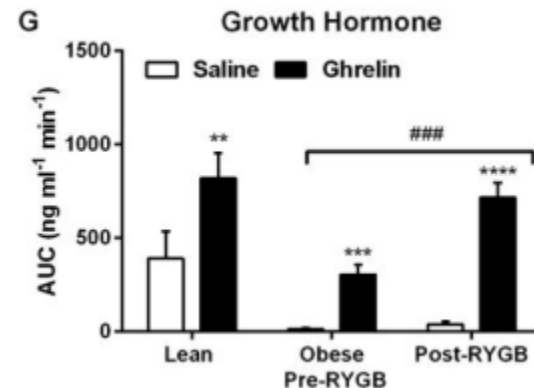
*Diabetes Obes Metab.* 2017 September ; 19(9): 1267–1275. doi:10.1111/dom.12952.

## Metabolic responses to exogenous ghrelin in obesity and early after Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in humans

Robyn A. Tamboli<sup>1</sup>, Joseph Antoun<sup>1</sup>, Reem M. Sidani<sup>1</sup>, B. Austin Clements<sup>1</sup>, Emily A. Eckert<sup>1</sup>, Pam Marks-Shulman<sup>1</sup>, Bruce D. Gaylinn<sup>2</sup>, D. Brandon Williams<sup>1</sup>, Ronald H. Clements<sup>1</sup>, Vance L. Albaugh<sup>1</sup>, and Najji N. Abumrad<sup>1</sup>

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### GH and IGF-I deficiency are associated with reduced loss of fat mass after laparoscopic-adjustable silicone gastric banding

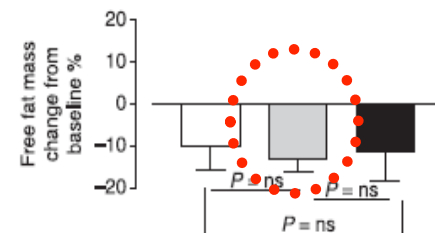
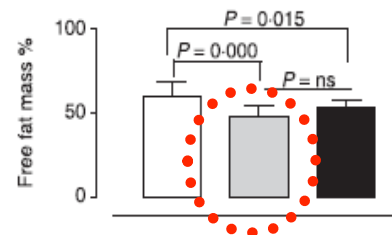
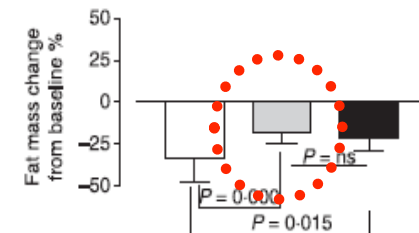
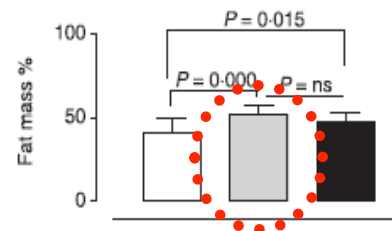
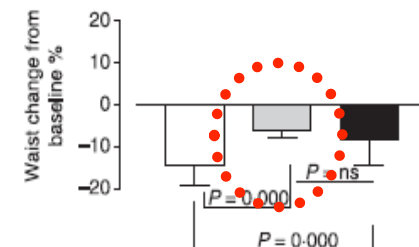
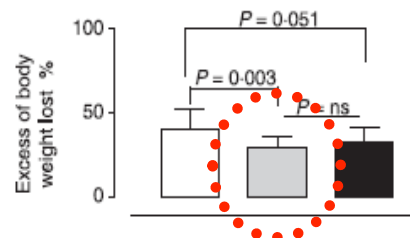
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- Razionale è il ruolo non solo lipolitico ma anche protido-anabolico del GH nella preservazione della massa muscolare in corso di perdita di peso

Eur J Endocrinol. 2012 Apr;166(4):601-11. doi: 10.1530/EJE-11-1068. Epub 2012 Jan 24.

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J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2013 Sep;98(9):3864-72. doi: 10.1210/jc.2013-2063. Epub 2013 Jul 3.

## **Effects of GH on body composition and cardiovascular risk markers in young men with abdominal obesity.**

Bredella MA<sup>1</sup>, Gerweck AV, Lin E, Landa MG, Torriani M, Schoenfeld DA, Hemphill LC, Miller KK.

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*Lewitt MS. Biochem Insights. 2017 Apr 20;10:1178626417703995*

*Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston,*



# Dosaggio della terapia con GH



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24 studies; 18 randomized parallel placebo-controlled

rhGH dose: 3.1 U/week – 10.4 mg/week

**TABLE 2.** Results of metaanalysis of rhGH therapy in obese adults, including clinical endpoints (body weight, BMI, body composition, fat distribution, calorimetry, and blood pressure)

Endpoint	Weighted mean difference	95% CI	P value	No. of studies	No. of subjects (GH)	No. of subjects (placebo)	Total no. of subjects	Q test P value	I <sup>2</sup> index (%)	Global effect size
BW (kg)	0.33	-0.44-1.09	0.403	20	207	213	420	0.021	43	
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	-0.3	-1.0-0.4	0.432	12	151	134	285	0.004	59	
WHR	-0.01	-0.02 to -0.001	0.027	5	65	72	137	0.838	0	
FM (kg)	-0.9	-1.3 to -0.4	<0.001	15	160	165	325	0.632	0	
% FM	-1	-1.3 to -0.7	<0.001	13	127	118	245	0.886	0	
% WLF	0.15	0.10-0.19	<0.001	6	36	36	72	0.129	41	
LBM (kg)	1.8	0.6-2.9	0.003	16	167	165	332	0.417	3	
VAT (cm <sup>2</sup> )	-22.8	-39.8 to -5.7	0.009	8	97	93	190	0.984	6	
ST (cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.2	-2.6-7	0.363	7	97	93	190	0.947	0	
TM (cm <sup>2</sup> )	8.8	-1.4-19.1	0.092	5	55	51	106	0.998	0	
REE (kcal/24 h)	115	-33-262	0.127	7	94	87	181	<0.001	93	
RQ	-0.02	-0.05-0.004	0.102	3	25	27	52	0.049	67	
SBP (mm Hg)	4.6	-7.0-16.2	0.437	4	55	53	108	<0.001	88	
DBP (mm Hg)	1.4	-3.7-6.4	0.591	5	71	67	138	0.006	72	

BW, Body weight; FM, fat mass; ST, sc adipose tissue area; TM, thigh muscle area; VAT, visceral adipose tissue area; WLF, weight lost as fat.



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The clinical studies with a duration of treatment of at least 12 weeks. Effects of GH on weight and body composition.

Reference	Subjects		Body composition Method	Total FM	Abdominal FM	LBM	Body weight	Duration (dose)
	M	F		Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD			
Albert and Mooradian (2004)	12	27	DEXA	↓* 2.89 kg ± 3.76	↓* 1.5 kg** ≈8%	→	↓* 2.4 kg** ≈2.4%	6 Months (3.8/6.0 μg/kg/d)
Ahn et al. (2006)	12	12	CT	↓* 4.0% ± 3.2	↓* 16.4 cm <sup>2</sup> ± 19.2 ≈10%	↑	→	12 Weeks (~500 μg/d)
Attallah et al. (2007), Attallah et al. (2007)	51	30	CT		↓* 23.9 cm <sup>2</sup> ± 7.4 ≈13%		→	40 Weeks (8.0 μg/kg/d)
Franco et al. (2005)		40	CT	→	↓* 6.6 cm <sup>2</sup> ** ≈6%	→	→	12 Months (670 μg/d)
Halpern et al. (2006)	40		DEXA	↓ 9.5% ± 7.9		→	↓* 3.5 kg** ≈2.9%	13 Weeks (50.0 μg/kg/d)
Johannsson et al. (1997)	30		CT	↓ 9.2% ± 2.4***	↓ 14.5% ± 3.8***	→	→	39 Weeks (9.5 μg/kg/d)
Kim et al. (1999)	2	22	BIA, CT	↓* 1.0 kg ± 0.5	↓ 31.5 cm <sup>2</sup> ± 2.3 ≈34%	→	→	12 Weeks (10.0 μg/kg/d)
Nam et al. (2001)	10	8	BIA, CT	↓* 1.0 kg ± 0.4	↓* 39.5 cm <sup>2</sup> ± 3.3 ≈28%	↑	→	12 Weeks (9.0 μg/kg/d)
Pasarica et al. (2007)	30		CT, DEXA	↓* 1.8% ± 0.3	↓* 0.6 kg ± 0.13 ≈5%	↑	↑ 2 kg** ≈1.9%	26 Weeks 10 mg/kg/d
Thompson et al. (1998)		16	DEXA	→		↑	→	12 Weeks (50 μg/kg/d)
Taaffe et al. (2001)		14	DEXA		→		→	12 Weeks (50 μg/kg/d)

\* Significant change compared to placebo.

\*\* No range provided.

\*\*\* Mean ± SEM.



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carboidrati



SI 10/22  
↔/migliora

lipidi



10/17  
↔/migliora

Rischio CV



↓ PCR e IL-6





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Tempi di somministrazione (almeno 12 settimane)

Prima  $\uparrow$  insulino resistenza

Dopo  $\downarrow$  grasso viscerale  $\uparrow$  massa magra e quindi  $\downarrow$   
insulino-resistenza

*Rasmussen MH. Mol Cell Endocrinol. 2010 Mar 25;316(2):147-53*

Dosi: 0.2-0.3 mg/die

per ridurre effetti collaterali ed iperinsulinemia che si  
oppone all'effetto lipolitico

*Consensus guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of adults with GH deficiency II*

*Ken K Ho et al. 2007 EJE;157: 695*



# GH therapy dose in adults



**Table 5.** GH Replacement Therapy for AGHD

**Starting dose**

Age <60 y 0.2–0.4 mg/d

Age >60 y 0.1–0.2 mg/d

**Dose titration**

Increase by 0.1–0.2 mg/d 6-wk intervals

**Dose determinants**

Mid-normal age-adjusted IGF-1 level

*Molitch ME, et al J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2011*

*Melmed S, et al J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2013*

*Fleseriu M, et al J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2016*



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- Se non somministrato in maniera pulsatile, l'incremento dei livelli di IGF-1 potrebbe ulteriormente sopprimere la secrezione endogena del GH
- L'uso degli analoghi del GHRH preserva la capacità secretoria del GH, mantenendo gli effetti positivi sul grasso viscerale, la dislipidemia ed il rischio CV, senza alterazioni della sensibilità insulinica



# Trattamento con GH



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[Growth Horm IGF Res. 2018 Jun;40:20-27. doi: 10.1016/j.ghir.2018.03.003. Epub 2018 Mar 10.](#)

## **The effect of growth hormone on bioactive IGF in overweight/obese women.**

[Dichtel LE<sup>1</sup>](#), [Bjerre M<sup>2</sup>](#), [Schorr M<sup>3</sup>](#), [Bredella MA<sup>4</sup>](#), [Gerweck AV<sup>5</sup>](#), [Russell BM<sup>5</sup>](#), [Frystyk J<sup>2</sup>](#), [Miller KK<sup>3</sup>](#).

**DESIGN:** Cross-sectional analysis and 3-month interim analysis of a 6-month randomized, placebo-controlled study of GH administration in 50 overweight/obese women without diabetes mellitus

**METHODS:** Bioactive IGF (kinase receptor activation assay; KIRA) based on cells transfected with the human IGF-IR gene  
Body composition (DXA)

**RESULTS:** GH administration resulted in an increase in mean serum IGF-I concentrations ( $144\pm 56$  to  $269\pm 66\mu\text{g/L}$ ,  $p<0.0001$ ) and bioactive IGF ( $1.29\pm 0.39$  to  $2.60\pm 1.12\mu\text{g/L}$ ,  $p<0.0001$ ). The treatment-related increase in bioactive IGF, predicted an increase in lean mass ( $r=0.31$ ,  $p=0.03$ ) and decrease in total adipose tissue/BMI ( $r=-0.43$ ,  $p=0.003$ ).



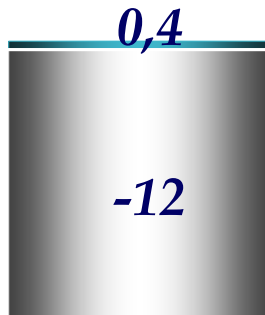
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20 pazienti con obesità ed iposecrezione di GH



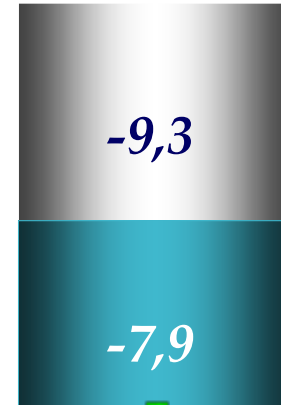
**GH treated**

**controls**

Massa magra (kg)



- initial dose: 0.15-0.30 mg/day (20-30 µg/kg/day)
- dose adjustment: according to IGF-1 (50-75%) levels up to 0.5±0.13 mg/day



**GH treated**

Massa grassa (kg)



**controls**

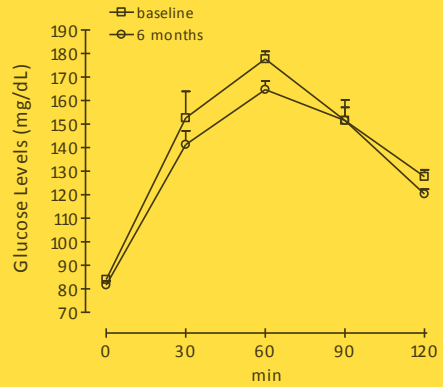


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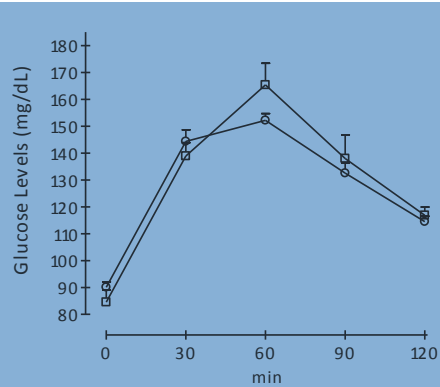
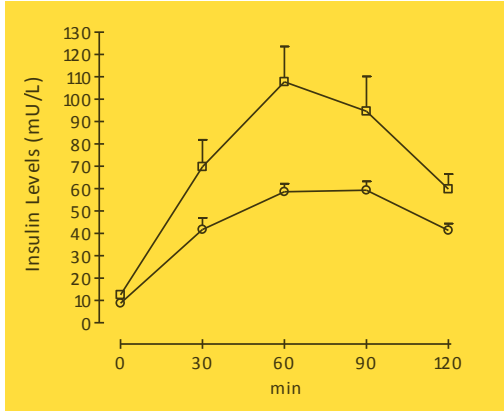
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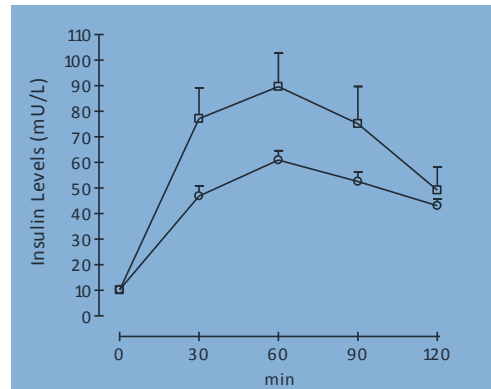


## Group A

- In both groups, fasting and post-glucose AUC levels of insulin reduced significantly
- The HOMA and the ISI indices, however, improved only in group A patients



## Group B



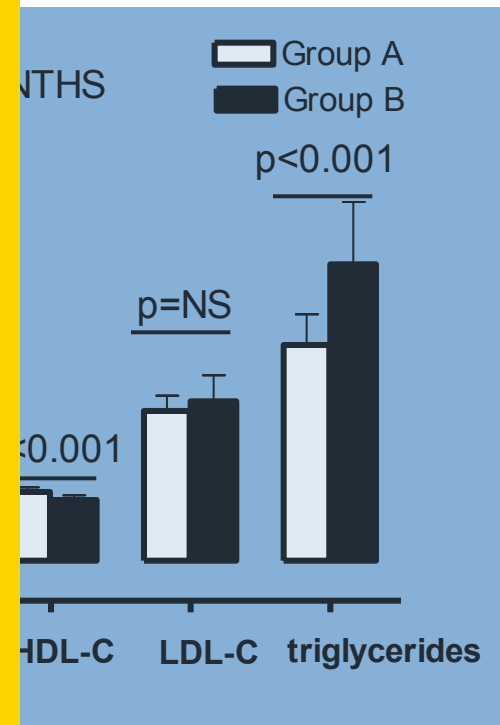
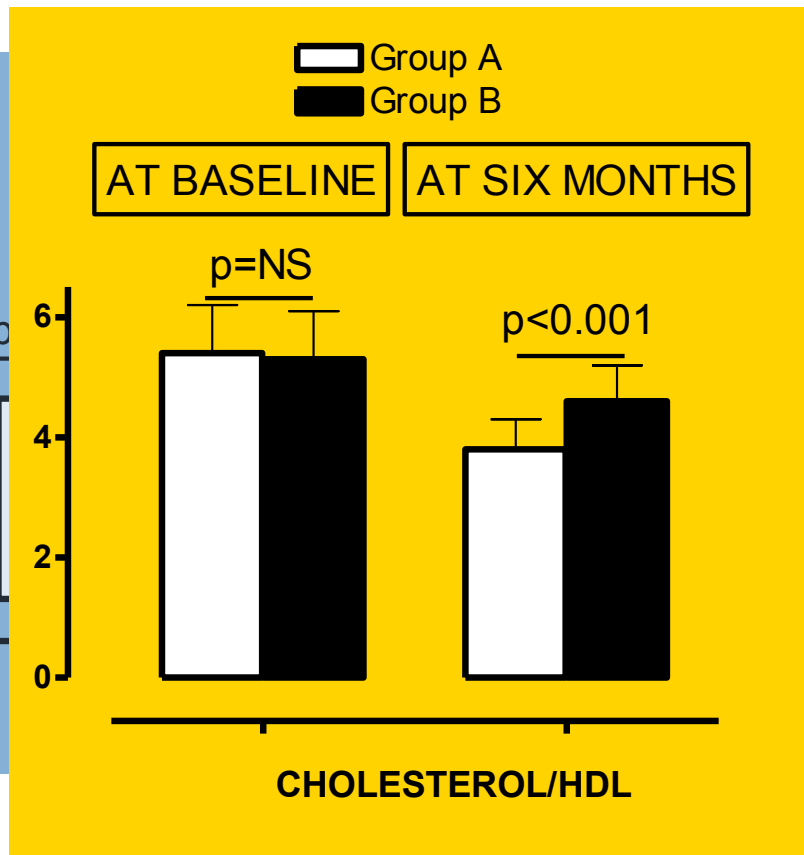
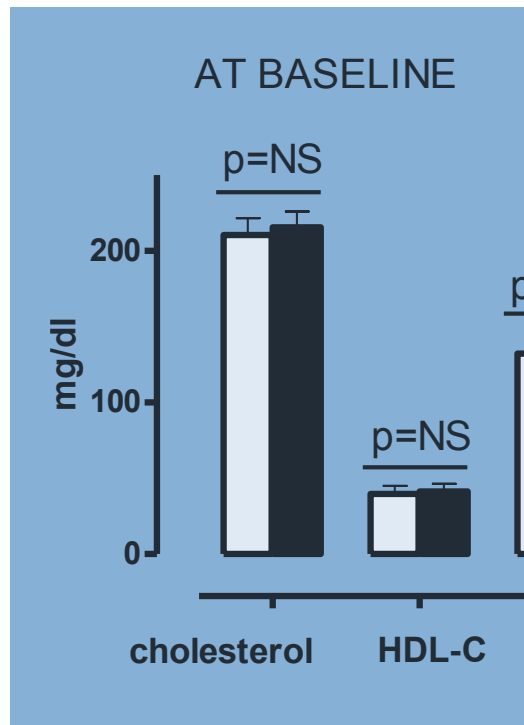


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# Take Home Message



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- GH esercita un fisiologico controllo sul metabolismo e sulla composizione corporea
- L'obesità è una condizione reversibile di ridotta secrezione del GH
- La ridotta secrezione di GH condiziona il fenotipo clinico
- Il trattamento senza documentata riduzione della secrezione di GH è controverso
- Gli effetti positivi richiedono un trattamento sufficientemente lungo
- Le dosi devono normalizzare i livelli di IGF-1 per evitare per l'effetto anti-lipolitico dell'iperinsulinemia