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Iposurrenalismo Inquadramento clinico ed epidemiologico

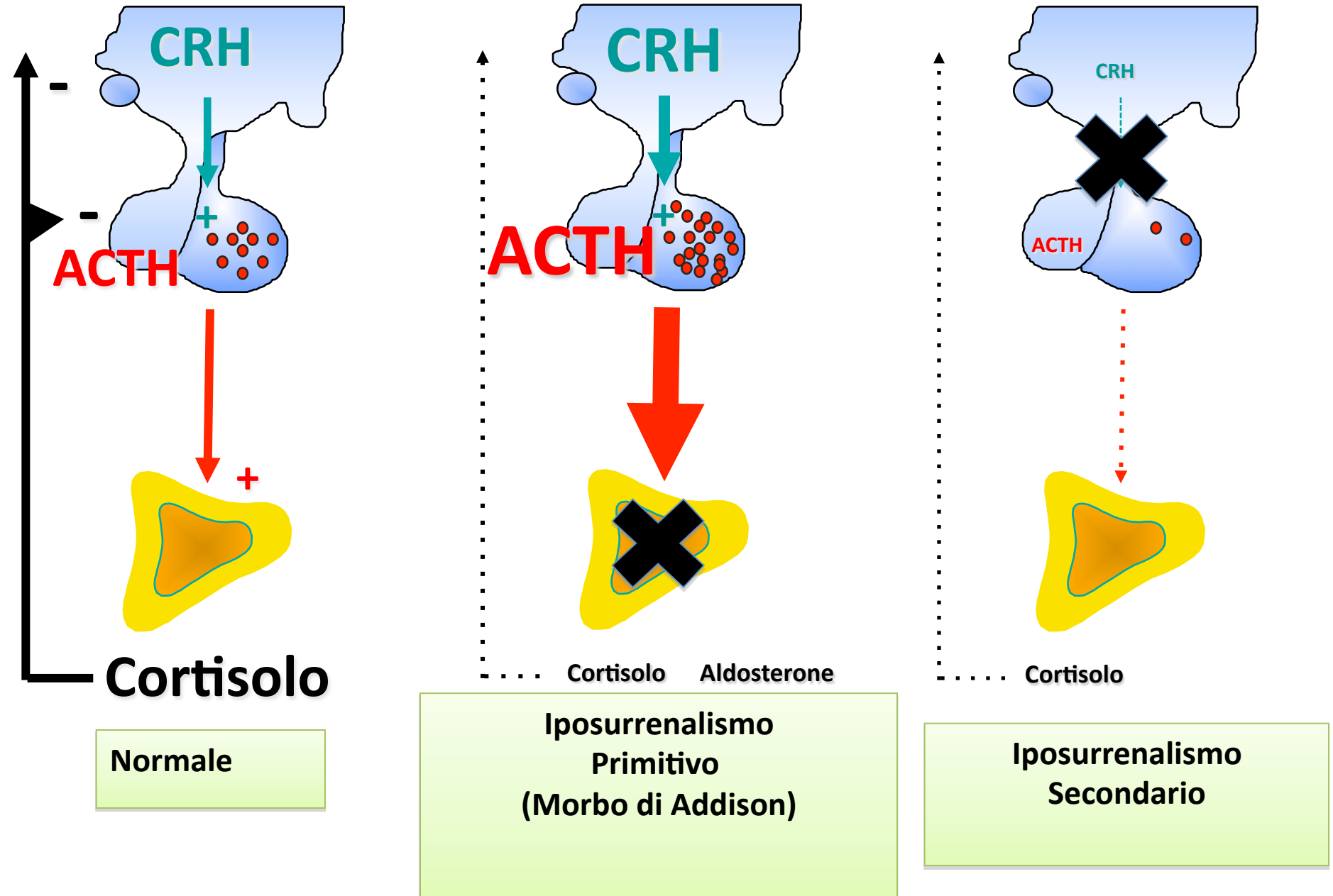
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Insufficienza surrenalica primaria

Prevalenza: 93-140 casi / milione

– Italia (stimato):

-- 6.000-7.000 casi

-- **SOTTOSTIMATA**
-- 500 nuovi casi/anno

Insufficienza surrenalica secondaria

Prevalenza: 125-280 casi / milione



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Iposurrenalismo Primitivo

Primitivo (Morbo di Addison)

Adrenalite autoimmune

Autoimmune

Tubercolare

Infezioni sistemiche fungine

Adrenaliti infettive

Cytomegalovirus

HIV

Metastasi e linfomi

Granulomatosi ed amiloidosi

Emorragie bilaterali massive

Adrenoleucodistrofia

Deficit enzimatici steroidogenesi

Forme genetiche

Ipoplasia surrenalica congenita

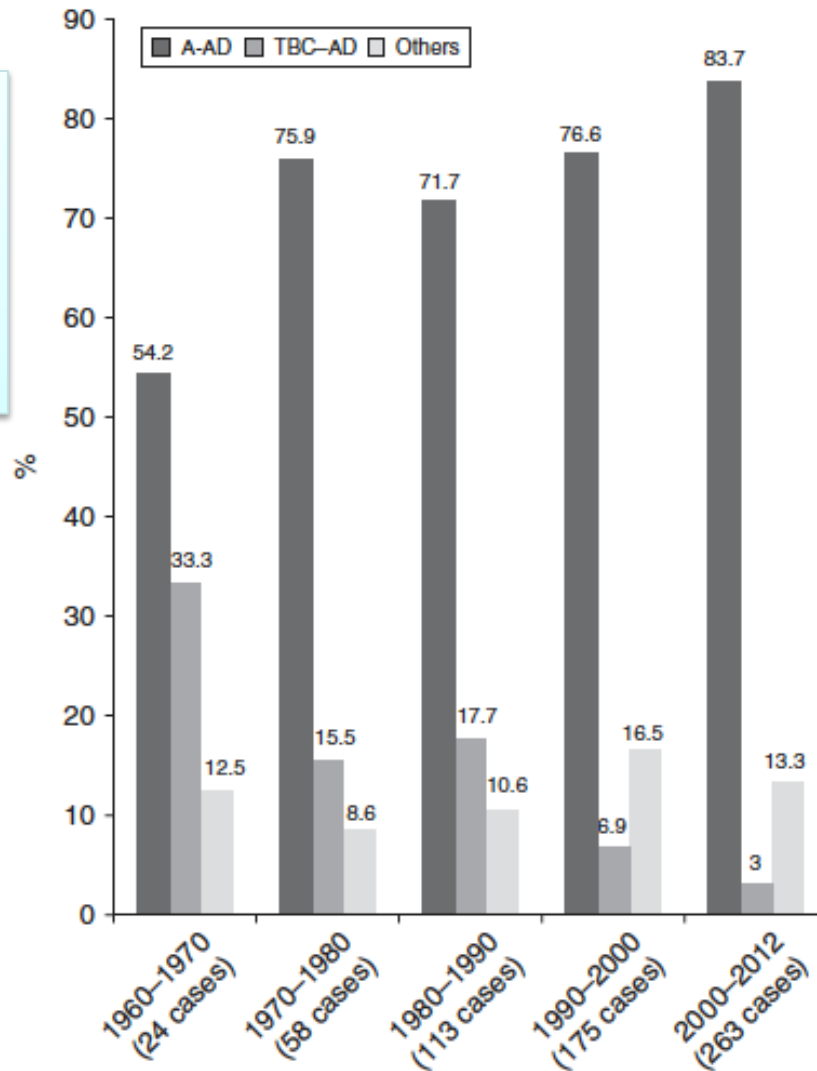
Insensibilità all'ACTH

Bisurrenalectomia chirurgica

CLINICAL STUDY

Addison's disease: a survey on 633 patients in Padova

1960-1970
Autoimmune 54%
TBC 33%
Altre 12%

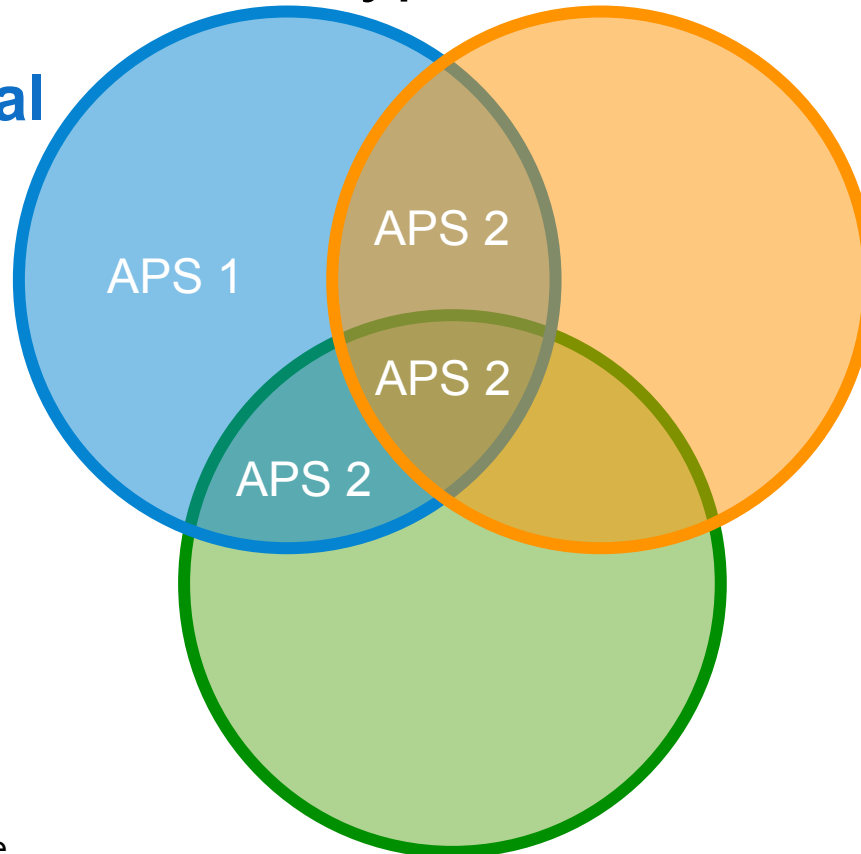


2012
Autoimmune 83%
TBC 3%
Altre 13%

Betterle et al 2013

Primary adrenal insufficiency frequently coexists with autoimmune thyroid disease and type 1 diabetes¹

Primary adrenal insufficiency



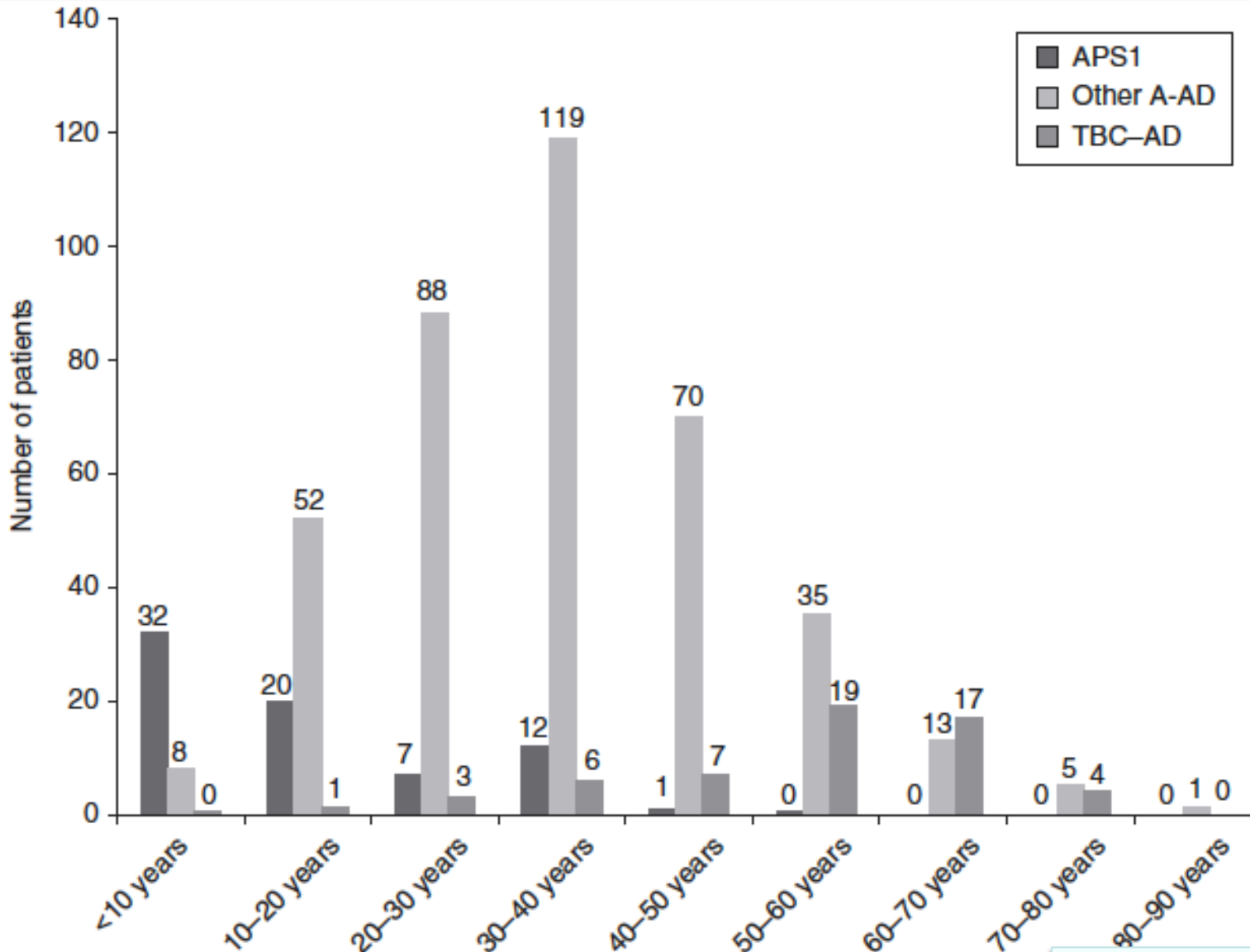
Autoimmune thyroid disease (~50%)

Type 1 diabetes (~10–15%)

APS: autoimmune polyendocrine syndrome

APS1 : A-AD associated with chronic candidiasis and/or chronic hypoparathyroidism

Morbo di Addison: età di comparsa



Morbo di Addison Insufficienza Cortico-Surrenalica primitiva



Thomas Addison (1793–1860)



1855: prima descrizione del Morbo di Addison

“The leading and characteristic features of the morbid state to which I would direct attention are anaemia, general languor and debility, remarkable feebleness of the heart’s action, irritability of the stomach and a peculiar change of colour in the skin, occurring in connexion with a diseased condition of the ‘supra-renal capsules’ “.

Insufficienza Corticosurrenalica: Clinica

Sintomi

Astenia

Anoressia

Dolori addominali

Mialgie

Turbe neuropsichiche

Vomito

Diarrea

Preferenza cibi salati

Cefalea

Segni

Dimagramento

Iperpigmentazione (solo morbo di Addison)

Ipotensione arteriosa

Amenorrea

Riduzione peli pubici ed ascellari

Laboratorio

Iposodiemia

Iperpotassiemia

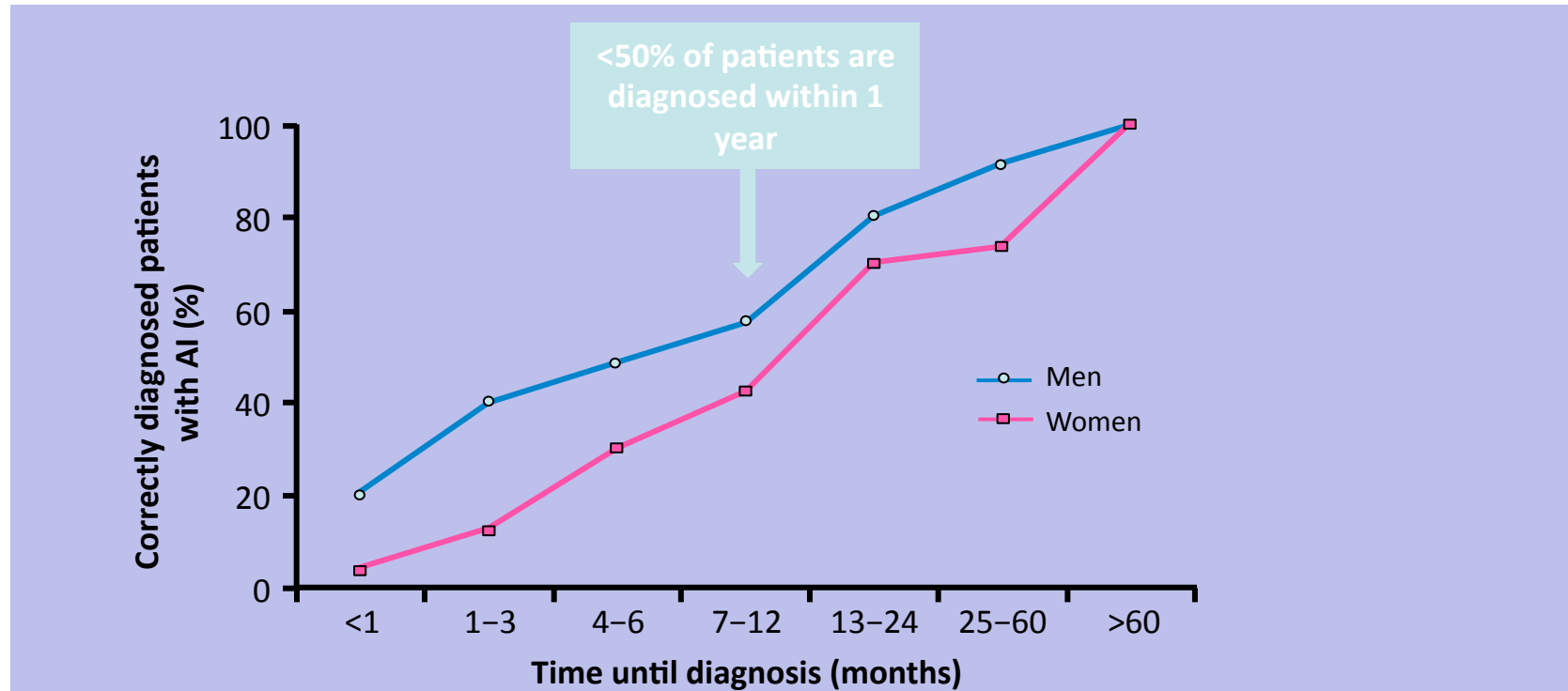
Ipoglicemia

Anemia normocromica

Linfocitosi

Eosinofilia

Delayed diagnosis of adrenal insufficiency is common in clinical practice¹



- 67% of patients consulted ≥ 3 physicians before being correctly diagnosed
- 68% of patients incorrectly diagnosed initially
 - Psychiatric and gastrointestinal disorders most common incorrect diagnoses

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Diagnosi dell'insufficienza surrenalica

Cortisolemia ridotta

< 3 mcg/dl

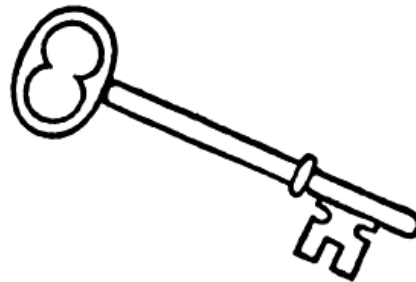
→ diagnosi certa

< 18 mcg/dl

→ necessari test dinamici

ACTH test / CRH / ITT

ACTH elevato (solo nel morbo di Addison)



**Importanza del contesto clinico
Conoscenza**

Natural history of primary adrenal insufficiency

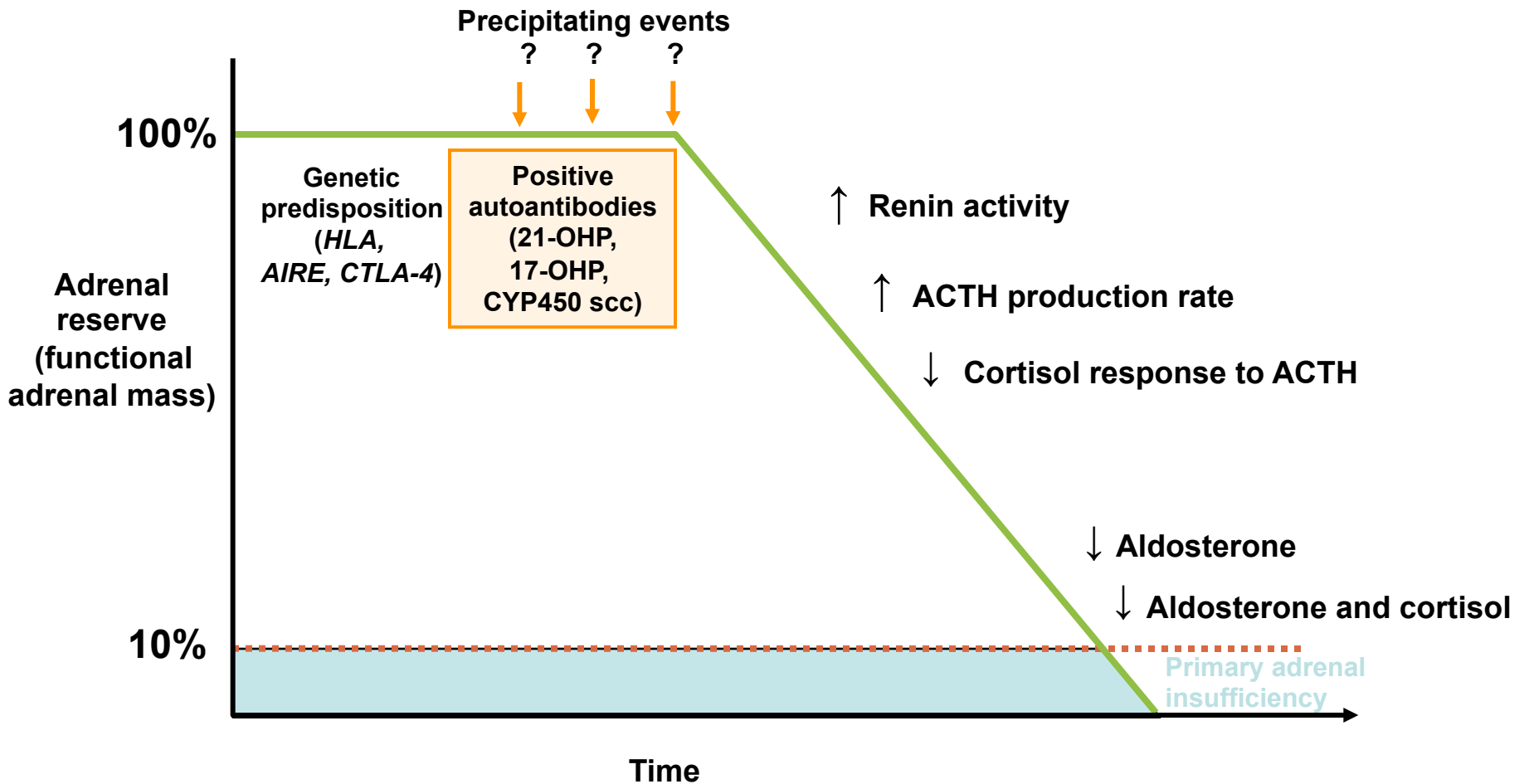


Figure adapted from Ten et al

Ten S et al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2001;86:2909–2922

Insufficienza surrenalica

QUADRO CLINICO

ESORDIO CRONICO

**NECESSITA' ASSOLUTA di
terapia sostitutiva con
steroidi**

RISCHIO MORTALE

ESORDIO ACUTO

- Grave ipotensione e shock
- Dolori addominali
- Febbre
- Nausea e vomito
- Stato confusionale

**L'esordio acuto può essere
scatenato da situazioni stressanti
come episodi intercorrenti febbrili
ed infettivi (vie respiratorie,
intestinali etc), interventi chirurgici**

Epidemiology of adrenal crisis in chronic adrenal insufficiency: the need for new prevention strategies

EJE 162 597–602, 2010

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Table 3 Frequency of adrenal crisis (AC) in patients with primary (PAI) and secondary adrenal insufficiency (SAI).

| Number of AC | PAI (n=254) | | SAI (n=190) | |
|--------------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| | n | % | n | % |
| 0 | 135 | 53.1 | 124 | 65.1 |
| 1 | 58 | 22.8 | 32 | 16.9 |
| 2 | 24 | 9.4 | 8 | 4.2 |
| 3 | 10 | 3.9 | 12 | 6.3 |
| ≥ 4 | 27 | 10.6 | 14 | 7.4 |

Table 4 Precipitating factors for adrenal crisis.

| | n | Pei |
|---|----|-----|
| Gastrointestinal infection | 59 | |
| Other infectious disease/fever | 44 | |
| Surgery | 13 | |
| Unknown | 12 | |
| Strenuous physical activity | 14 | |
| Cessation of glucocorticoid substitution by patient | 9 | |
| Neglected glucocorticoid intake | 9 | |
| Psychic distress | 6 | |
| Accident | 5 | |
| Cessation of glucocorticoid substitution by attending physician | 2 | |
| Other reasons ^a | 8 | |

Table 5 Risk factors for adrenal crisis.

| | Odds ratio | 95% Confidence interval | P |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Adrenal crisis with hospital admission | | | |
| All patients (n=444) | | | |
| DHEA replacement | 0.88 | 0.52–1.49 | 0.63 |
| Glucocorticoid dose/BSA | 1.02 | 0.98–1.07 | 0.32 |
| Age at diagnosis | 0.98 | 0.96–1.01 | 0.12 |
| Female sex | 1.66 | 1.00–2.75 | 0.05 |
| Educational status | 1.22 | 0.70–2.14 | 0.49 |
| Concomitant disease | 1.81 | 1.13–2.90 | 0.01 |
| BMI | 0.98 | 0.93–1.03 | 0.40 |
| SAI versus PAI | 0.51 | 0.27–0.97 | 0.04 |
| Patients with PAI (n=254) | | | |
| DHEA replacement | 0.82 | 0.40–1.72 | 0.60 |
| Glucocorticoid dose/BSA | 1.02 | 0.96–1.08 | 0.50 |
| Fludrocortisone dose | 0.84 | 0.38–1.88 | 0.68 |
| Age at diagnosis ^a | 0.96 | 0.93–0.99 | 0.02 |
| Female sex | 1.60 | 0.74–3.44 | 0.23 |
| Educational status | 0.90 | 0.37–2.19 | 0.82 |
| Concomitant disease | 2.02 | 1.05–3.89 | 0.04 |
| BMI | 0.995 | 0.91–1.08 | 0.90 |
| Patients with SAI (n=189) | | | |
| DHEA replacement | 0.92 | 0.33–2.55 | 0.87 |
| Glucocorticoid dose/BSA | 1.04 | 0.96–1.12 | 0.32 |
| Age at diagnosis | 0.98 | 0.94–1.01 | 0.21 |
| Female sex | 2.18 | 1.06–4.50 | 0.04 |
| Diabetes insipidus | 2.71 | 1.22–5.99 | 0.01 |
| Educational status | 1.48 | 0.62–3.56 | 0.38 |
| Concomitant disease | 1.58 | 0.66–3.77 | 0.31 |
| BMI | 0.983 | 0.91–1.06 | 0.67 |
| | 1.1 | 4 | 3.6 |
| | 4.4 | 6 | 5.4 |

Deficit di ACTH: Cause

Trauma
cranico

Emorragia
subaracnoidea

Patologie della regione sellare/parasellare

Apoplessia
ipofisaria

Adenomi
ipofisari

Ipofisiti ed altre
infiammazioni

Malattie
genetiche

Altri Tumori

Post chirurgia
e radioTx

**Quali i pazienti a rischio ?
Dove cercarli ?**

Hypopituitarism

Seminar



Harald Jörn Schneider, Gianluca Aimaretti, Ilonka Kreitschmann-Andermahr, Günter-Karl Stalla, Ezio Ghigo

Trauma cranico

ACTH deficit
11%

| | n | Any degree of hypopituitarism | Multiple deficiencies | GH | LH/FSH | ACTH | TSH | Remarks |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| Kelly et al, 2000 ¹¹ | 22 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | |
| Lieberman et al, 2001 ¹⁴ | 70 | 48 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 32 | 15 | 32 patients with low morning cortisol; only 5 patients with cortisol <500 nmol/L after ACTH stimulation |
| Bondanelli et al, 2004 ¹⁵ | 50 | 27 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 5 | No stimulation test for ACTH |
| Agha et al, 2004 ¹² | 102 | 29 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 1 | |
| Popovic et al, 2004 ¹⁶ | 67 | 23 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 3 | |
| Aimaretti et al, 2005 ¹³ | 70 | 16 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 5 | No stimulation test for ACTH |
| Leal-Cerro et al, 2005 ¹⁷ | 170 | 42 | 15 | 6 | 29 | 11 | 10 | Endocrine testing only if clinical suspicion of hypopituitarism (n=99) |
| Schneider et al, 2006 ¹⁸ | 70 | 25 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 2 | |
| Tanriverdi et al, 2006 ¹⁹ | 52 | 26 | 5 | 17 | 4 | 10 | 3 | |
| Herrmann et al, 2006 ²⁰ | 76 | 18 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 2 | 2 | |
| Total (%) | 749 (100) | 262 (35) | 69 (9) | 86 (11) | 99 (13) | 84 (11) | 47 (6) | |

LH=luteinising hormone. FSH=follicle-stimulating hormone. GH=growth hormone. ACTH=adrenocorticotrophic hormone. TSH=thyrotropic hormone.

Table 1: Hypopituitarism in the chronic phase after traumatic brain injury

Lancet 369: 1461, 2007



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Emorragia subaracnoidea

**ACTH deficit
16 %**

| | n | Any degree of hypopituitarism | Multiple deficiencies | GH | LH/FSH | ACTH | TSH | Remarks |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Kelly et al, 2000 ¹¹ | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Brandt et al, 2004 ²¹ | 10 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| Aimaretti et al, 2004 ²⁴ | 40 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 3 | No stimulation test for ACTH |
| Kreitschmann-Andermahr et al, 2004 ²³ | 40 | 22 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 16 | 1 | |
| Dimopoulou et al, 2004 ²² | 30 | 14 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 2 | No stimulation test for GH (11 patients low IGF-I) |
| Total (%) | 122 (100) | 58 (48) | 11 (9) | 32 (26) | 13 (11) | 20 (16) | 6 (5) | |

LH=luteinising hormone. FSH=follicle-stimulating hormone. GH=growth hormone. ACTH=adrenocorticotrophic hormone. TSH=thyrotropic hormone.

Table 2: Hypopituitarism after subarachnoid haemorrhage

Pituitary Insufficiency after Infectious Meningitis: A Prospective Study

J Clin Endocrinol Metab, July 2010, 95(7):3277–3281

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30% dei pazienti con ACTH deficit tardivo

TABLE 2. Demographics and evaluation of pituitary function in patients with acute infectious meningitis at the onset of the disease and 12 months later

| | Age (yr) | Sex | Meningitis-infectious agent | Endocrine deficits at the acute phase | Endocrine deficits at 12 months |
|----|----------|-----|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | 23 | F | <i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i> | Normal | Normal |
| 2 | 16 | M | Unidentified virus | Normal | Corticotropic deficiency |
| 3 | 40 | M | <i>C. neoformans</i> | Transient gonadotropic deficiency | Normal |
| 4 | 18 | M | <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> | Low T ₃ syndrome | Corticotropic deficiency |
| 5 | 47 | F | Unidentified virus | Normal | Corticotropic and somatotropic deficiency |
| 6 | 60 | F | Unidentified virus | Hyperprolactinaemia | Normal ^a |
| 7 | 44 | M | <i>N. meningitidis</i> | Low T ₃ syndrome, Transient gonadotropic deficiency | Corticotropic and somatotropic deficiency |
| 8 | 40 | F | Unidentified virus | Low T ₃ syndrome | Normal ^a |
| 9 | 39 | F | Unidentified virus | Low T ₃ syndrome, Somatotropic deficiency | Somatotropic deficiency |
| 10 | 67 | F | <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> | Low T ₃ syndrome, Possible somatotropic deficiency | NA |
| 11 | 15 | F | <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> | Normal | Normal |
| 12 | 32 | M | Unidentified virus | Low T ₃ syndrome | Normal |
| 13 | 47 | M | <i>Streptococcus oralis</i> | Normal | Hashimoto thyroiditis |
| 14 | 52 | F | <i>S. pneumoniae</i> | Low T ₃ syndrome | Normal |
| 15 | 40 | M | Herpes simplex virus-1 | Normal | NA |
| 16 | 28 | M | <i>N. meningitidis</i> | Transient somatotropic deficiency | Normal |

Paziente oncologico

Complicanze endocrine

- per azione diretta della neoplasia
- per complicanze della neoplasia
- indotte da terapia

CASE 2. ADRENAL INSUFFICIENCY AS THE INITIAL MANIFESTATION OF NON-SMALL-CELL LUNG CANCER

A 34-year-old woman presented with back pain, fatigue, anorexia, weight loss, and nausea and vomiting of 8 months' duration. She had smoked one pack of cigarettes per day for 17 years. Her blood pressure was 96/62 mmHg, and the results of her serum electrolyte and liver and thyroid function tests were normal. An abdominal computed tomography (CT) scan showed symmetric, homogenous enlargement of the adrenal glands. A 6 AM plasma cortisol level was 7.5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ (normal, 6 to 30 $\mu\text{g/dL}$); it remained unchanged 1 hour after intravenous administration of 0.25 mg of cosyntropin. A repeat adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH) stimulation test demonstrated a plasma cortisol level of 2.1 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ at baseline and 4.6 $\mu\text{g/dL}$ 1 hour after cosyntropin. Her plasma ACTH level was 141 pg/mL (normal, 9 to 52 pg/mL). A supine serum aldosterone level on a normal diet was 2 ng/dL (normal, 2 to 9 ng/dL). Her 24-hour urinary free cortisol, 17-ketosteroid, and 17-hydroxycorticosteroid levels were normal. She was initially treated with corticosteroids but was noncompliant. Three months later, she was admitted with orthostatic hypotension, worsening back pain, and persistent nausea and vomiting. She was pale, with no cutaneous hyperpigmentation. Laboratory studies revealed a sodium concentration of 127 mEq/L, a potassium concentration of 5.7 mEq/L, and a bicarbonate concentration of 22 mEq/L. A repeat CT scan showed further enlargement of bilateral adrenal masses (Fig 1), and a chest x-ray showed a vague right upper-lobe opacity. She



CLINICAL CASE SEMINAR

Tumors Metastatic to the Pituitary Gland: Case Report and Literature Review

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TABLE 4. Clinical presentation of 190 symptomatic pituitary metastases

| Symptom/finding | n | % |
|---|----|------|
| Diabetes insipidus | 86 | 45.2 |
| Cranial nerve II deficit | 53 | 27.9 |
| Anterior pituitary insufficiency (partial or total) | 45 | 23.6 |
| Cranial nerve III, IV, VI palsy | 41 | 21.6 |
| Headaches/postocular pain | 30 | 15.8 |
| Fatigue/general malaise | 15 | 7.9 |
| Hyperprolactinemia | 12 | 6.3 |
| Pituitary apoplexy | 9 | 4.7 |
| Nausea/vomiting | 7 | 3.7 |
| Anorexia/weight loss | 6 | 3.1 |
| Altered consciousness | 5 | 2.6 |

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TABLE 3. Origin of primary tumor metastatic to the pituitary in 380 cases

| Tumor origin | n | % | Tumor origin | n | % |
|------------------|-----|------|------------------|---|-----|
| Breast | 151 | 39.7 | Pancreas | 5 | 1.3 |
| Lung | 90 | 23.7 | Pharynx | 5 | 1.3 |
| Gastrointestinal | 24 | 6.3 | Endometrium | 5 | 1.3 |
| Colon | 9 | | Leukemia | 5 | 1.3 |
| Stomach | 7 | | Urinary bladder | 4 | 1.1 |
| Ileum | 1 | | Uterine cervix | 4 | 1.1 |
| Prostate | 19 | 5.0 | Liver | 4 | 1.1 |
| Unknown | 12 | 3.1 | Multiple myeloma | 3 | 0.8 |
| Kidney | 10 | 2.6 | Paranasal sinus | 3 | 0.8 |
| Melanoma/skin | 9 | 2.4 | Oral cavity | 3 | 0.8 |
| Thyroid | 8 | 2.1 | Lymphoma | 2 | 0.5 |

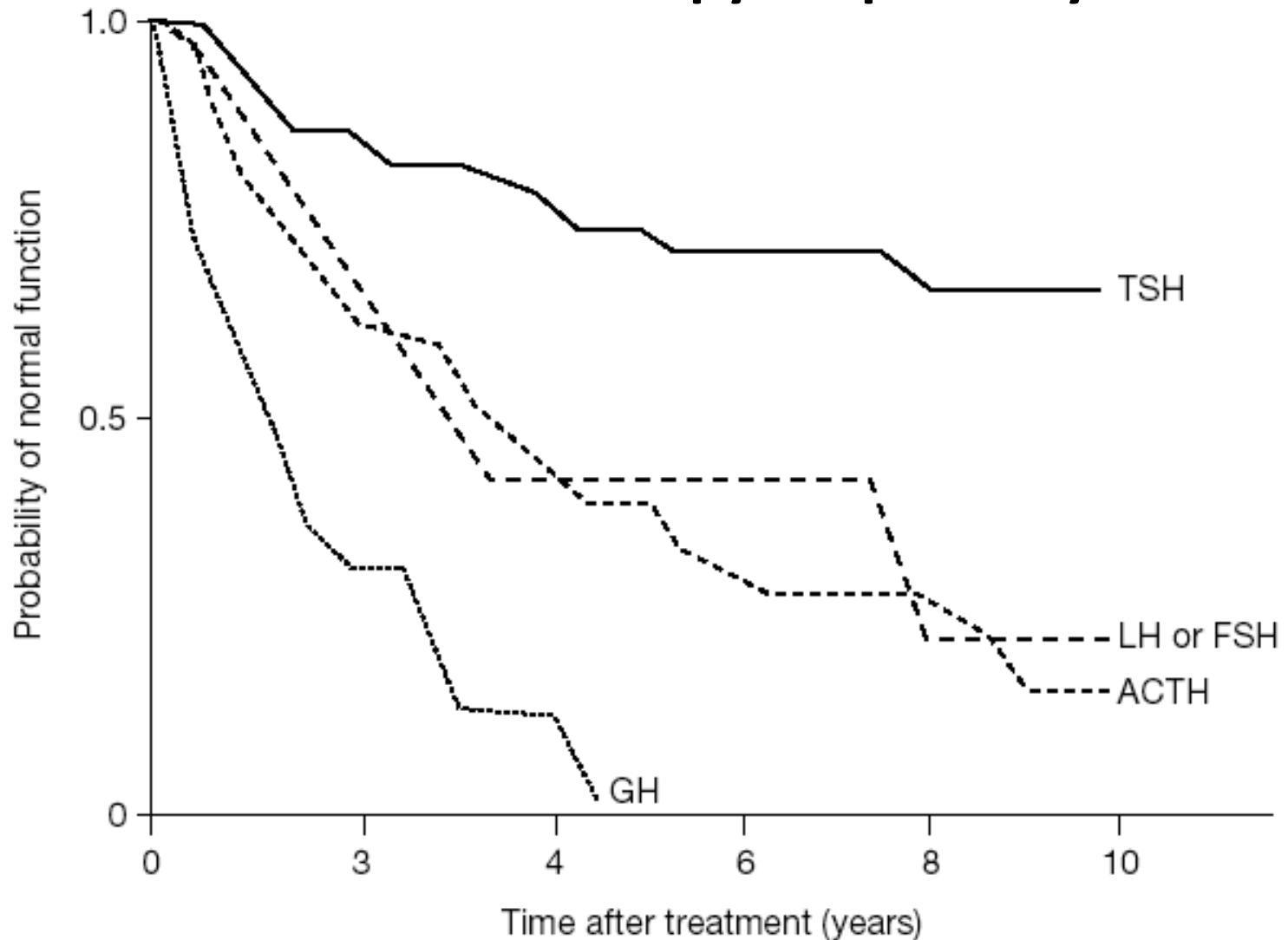
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Paziente oncologico

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 - Radiante

Probability of hypothalamic–pituitary axis dysfunction after conventional radiotherapy for pituitary adenomas.



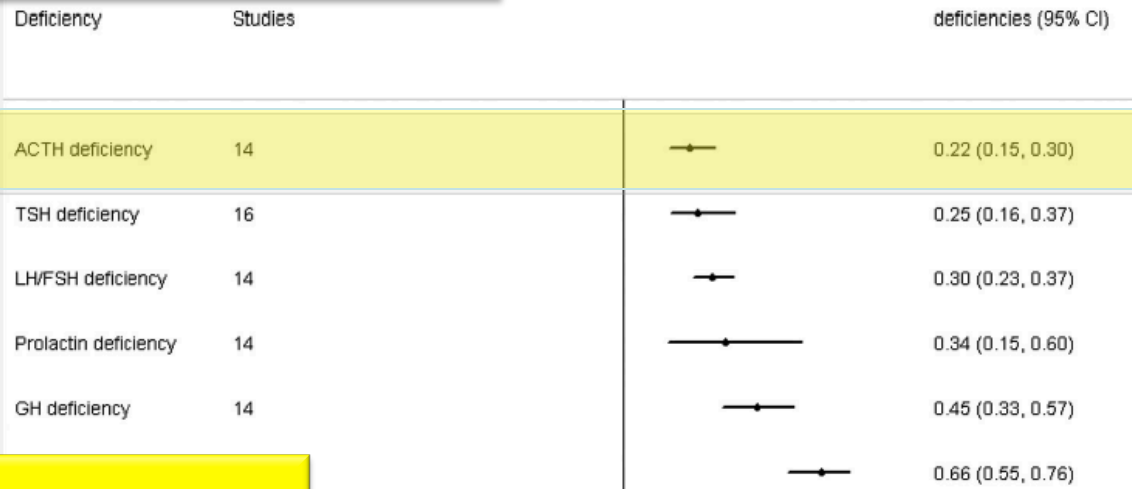
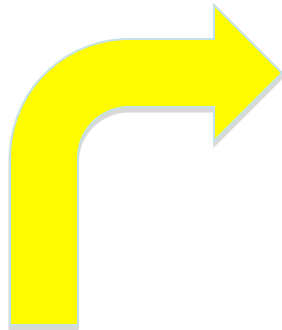
Pituitary Dysfunction in Adult Patients after Cranial Radiotherapy: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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J Clin Endocrinol Metab 96: 2330–2340, 2011

The studies were published between 1975 and 2009. Seventy-five percent of the patients (608 of 813) were treated for nasopharyngeal cancer. The remaining 25% were treated for intracerebral tumors

Circa il 25% dei pazienti sviluppa un deficit di ACTH



Adrenal insufficiency was diagnosed in 0–50% of patients with nasopharyngeal tumors in 3–62% of the patients with intracerebral tumors

Paziente oncologico

Complicanze endocrine

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- **indotte da terapia**
 - Radiante
 - **Medica**

Food and Drug Administration Drug Approval Summary: Sunitinib Malate for the Treatment of Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor and Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma

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ABSTRACT

On January 26, 2006, sunitinib (Sutent) received regular approval as monotherapy for the treatment of patients with gastrointestinal stromal tumor after disease progression on or into imatinib mesylate (Gleevec).

Time-to-tumor progression in sunitinib-treated patients was superior to imatinib-treated patients (median TTP of sunitinib-treated patients compared with imatinib-treated patients, $P < .0001$). Partial responses were observed in 25.5% (95% confidence interval [CI], 17.5,

34.9) and 36.5% (95% CI, 24.7, 49.6) of patients. Median response durations in the two trials were 27.1 weeks (95% CI, 24.4, incalculable) and 54 weeks (95% CI, 34.3, 70.1). Treatment-related adverse events were observed in 95% of sunitinib-treated patients. Common adverse events included hypertension, diarrhea, and fatigue. Cardiac abnormalities, including cardiac failure, were observed in 10% of sunitinib-treated patients. Caution should be exercised when administering sunitinib in combination with known CYP3A4 inducers or inhibitors. *The Oncologist* 2007;12:107–113

Based on nonclinical findings, physicians prescribing sunitinib should monitor for adrenal insufficiency in patients who undergo stressors such as surgery, trauma, or severe infection

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Sunitinib: rischio surrenalico ?

In studi clinici condotti su 336 pazienti trattati ad uno o più cicli di sunitinib non vi è stata **nessuna** evidenza di necrosi/emorragia surrenalica (TAC/RMN)

Il test all'ACTH eseguito in circa 400 pazienti trattati con sunitinib in trials clinici, ha identificato con certezza **un solo caso** di insufficienza surrenalica

In sette casi si è avuta una risposta parziale del cortisolo (picco compreso tra 12 mcg e 16 mcg)

In nessun caso si è avuta una crisi acuta di insufficienza surrenalica

Anti-CTLA-4 antibody therapy associated autoimmune hypophysitis: serious immune related adverse events across a spectrum of cancer subtypes

Troy Dillard · Chris G. Yedinak · Joshi Alumkal · Maria Fleseriu

Pituitary (2010) 13:29–38

DOI 10.1007/s11102-009-0193-z

Incidence of autoimmune hypophysitis in clinical trials of anti-CTLA-4 therapy

Here we describe the first 2 cases of hypopituitarism due to presumed autoimmune hypophysitis in subjects undergoing experimental therapy with ipilimumab for prostate cancer

| Percentage | Disease | References |
|------------|---|------------------------|
| 17.0 | Metastatic melanoma | Maker et al. [26] |
| 9.0 | Metastatic melanoma | Downey et al. [24] |
| 7.1 | Metastatic melanoma | Phan et al. [17] |
| 4.9 | Metastatic melanoma, renal cell carcinoma | Blansfield et al. [22] |
| 4.0 | Metastatic melanoma | Weber et al. [20] |
| 3.3 | Renal cell carcinoma | Yang et al. [29] |
| 2.5 | Metastatic melanoma | Ribas et al. [18] |
| 1.8 | Metastatic melanoma | Attia et al. [10] |
| 0 | Metastatic melanoma | Weber et al. [28] |
| 0 | Prostate cancer | Small et al. [27] |
| 0 | Prostate cancer | Fong et al. [14] |
| 0 | Metastatic melanoma | Maker et al. [25] |

Endocrine Side Effects Induced by Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

Salvatore Maria Corsello, Agnese Barnabei, Paolo Marchetti, Liana De Vecchis, Roberto Salvatori, and Francesco Torino

Evidence Synthesis: The spectrum of endocrine disease experienced by patients treated with ipilimumab includes most commonly hypophysitis, more rarely thyroid disease or abnormalities in thyroid function tests, and occasionally primary adrenal insufficiency. Hypophysitis has emerged as a distinctive side effect of CTLA4-blocking antibodies, establishing a new form of autoimmune pituitary disease. This condition, if not promptly recognized, may be life-threatening (due to secondary hypoadrenalism). Hypopituitarism caused by these agents is rarely reversible, and prolonged or lifelong substitutive hormonal treatment is often required. The precise mechanism of injury to the endocrine system triggered by these drugs is yet to be fully elucidated.

Conclusions: Although reports of endocrine side effects caused by cancer immune therapy are abundant, their exact prevalence and mechanism are unclear. Well-designed correlative studies oriented to finding and validating predictive factors of autoimmune toxicity are urgently needed. (*J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 98: 1361–1375, 2013)

Ipofisiti: incidenza
Studi iniziali: 0-17%
Studi recenti e più numerosi: 5%

Paziente oncologico

Complicanze surrenaliche

- per azione diretta della neoplasia
- per complicanze della neoplasia
- **indotte da terapia**
 - Radioterapia
 - **Medica**
 - Inibitori delle tirosinchinasi
 - Inibitori immunitari (anti CTLA-4)
 - **Cortisonici**

Precedente trattamento con STEROIDI

- diversa potenza ed emivita
- diversa via di somministrazione
- durata del trattamento
- alte dosi
- sensibilità individuale
- concomitante uso di inibitori del CYP3A4
 - Antifungini



**5 mg prednisone o
equivalente/die per oltre 3
settimane**

A pilot study of adrenal suppression after dexamethasone therapy as an antiemetic in cancer patients

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| | Normal adrenal response | | Suppressed adrenal response | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | Number | Percentage (%) | Number | Percentage (%) |
| Overall | | | | |
| 3 or 6 months (<i>n</i> =103) | 58 | 56.3 | 45 | 43.7 |
| 3 months (<i>n</i> =103) | 63 | 61.2 | 40 | 38.8 |
| 6 months (<i>n</i> =25) | 15 | 60.0 | 10 | 40.0 |
| According to the MA use | | | | |
| Use of MA (<i>n</i> =58) | 28 | 48.3 | 30 | 51.7 |
| No use of MA (<i>n</i> =45) | 30 | 66.7 | 15 | 33.3 |

Patients with normal and suppressed adrenal responses had similar cumulative dexamethasone doses (mean±SD 257.9±178.1 vs 243.9±184.9 mg; *P*=0.697) and similar total dexamethasone treatment durations (mean±SD, 25.7±15.0 vs 25.3±15.5 days; *P*=0.896).

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Table 2. Cumulative Dose of Glucocorticoid Therapy and Plasma Cortisol Response to SST

| Cumulative Dose of Treatment, g | No. of Patients | SST Response, n (%) | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | T0 <100 | T60 Response <550 | Normal SST |
| <10 | 9 | 0 | 2 (22) | 7 (78) |
| 10–20 | 25 | 5 (20) | 7 (28) | 13 (52) |
| 21–35 | 10 | 1 (10) | 4 (40) | 5 (50) |
| >35 | 16 | 7 (44) | 3 (19) | 5 (31) |
| All | 60 | 13 | 16 | 31 |

29 pazienti (48.3%) avevano un deficit surrenalico

Table 3. Duration of Glucocorticoid Therapy and Plasma Cortisol Response to SST

| Years of Treatment | No. of Patients | SST Response, n (%) | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | T0 <100 | T60 Response <550 | Normal SST |
| <5 | 30 | 3 (10) | 8 (27) | 19 (63) |
| 5–9 | 11 | 2 (18) | 4 (36) | 5 (46) |
| 10–18 | 15 | 4 (27) | 4 (27) | 7 (46) |
| >18 | 4 | 4 (100) | 0 | 0 |
| All | 60 | 13 | 16 | 31 |

Durata di trattamento
4 mesi-32 anni

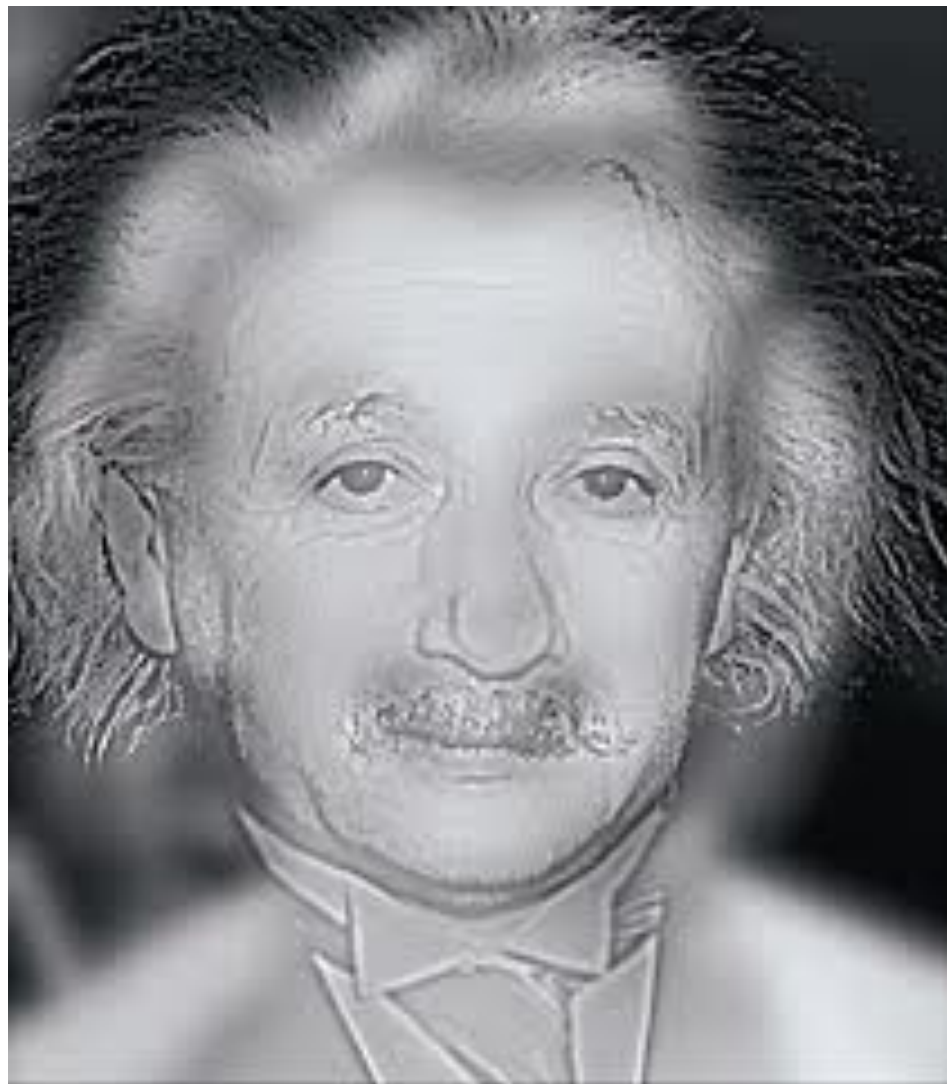
Dose di prednisone
1 – 132 grammi

Fattori predisponenti e cause di deficit di ACTH

- **Precedente uso di glucocorticoidi**
 - diversa potenza ed emivita
 - diversa via di somministrazione
 - **concomitante uso di inibitori del CYP3A4**
 - antifungini
- **Trauma cranico + emorragia subaracnoidea**
- **Ipofisite** (il deficit di ACTH è il deficit più frequente, circa 50%)
- **Pazienti a rischio, specialmente oncologici**



John Fitzgerald Kennedy
1917 - 1963



Marilyn od Einstein ?

IPOSURRENALISMO

1.

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2.

DIAGNOSI

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