



Terapia dell' insufficienza surrenalica: verso una migliore qualità di vita



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Terapia sostitutiva: dove siamo oggi?

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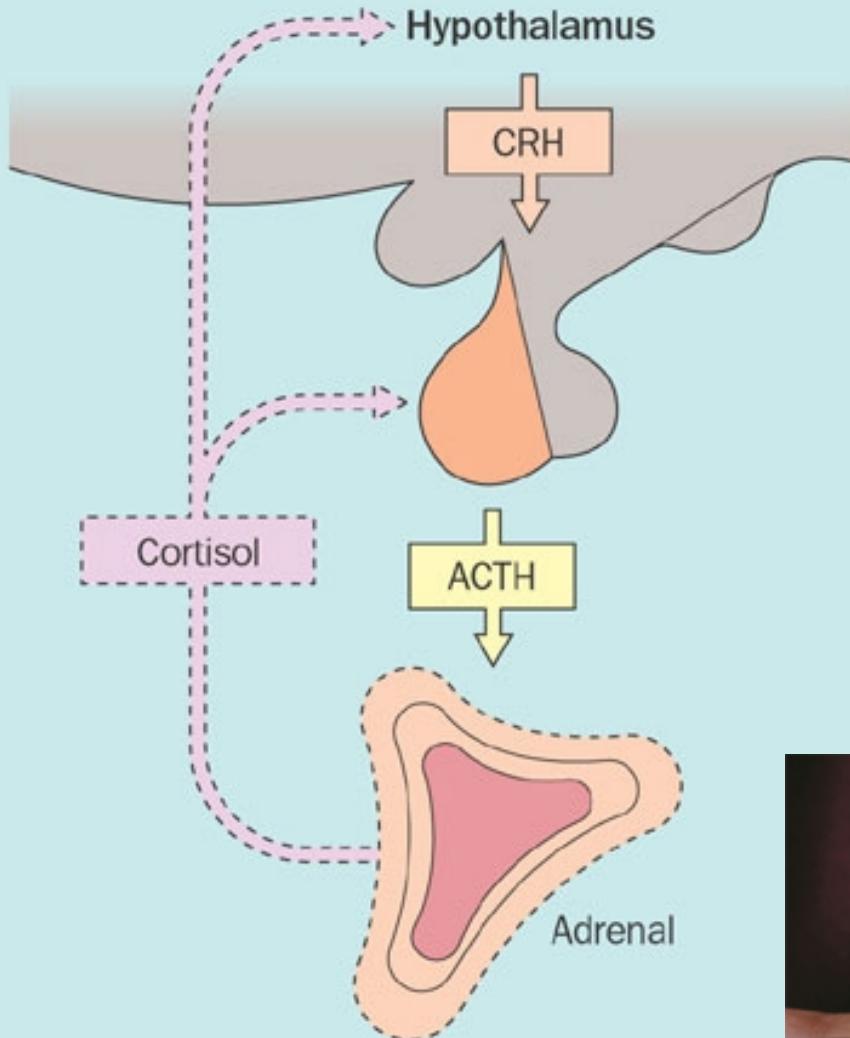
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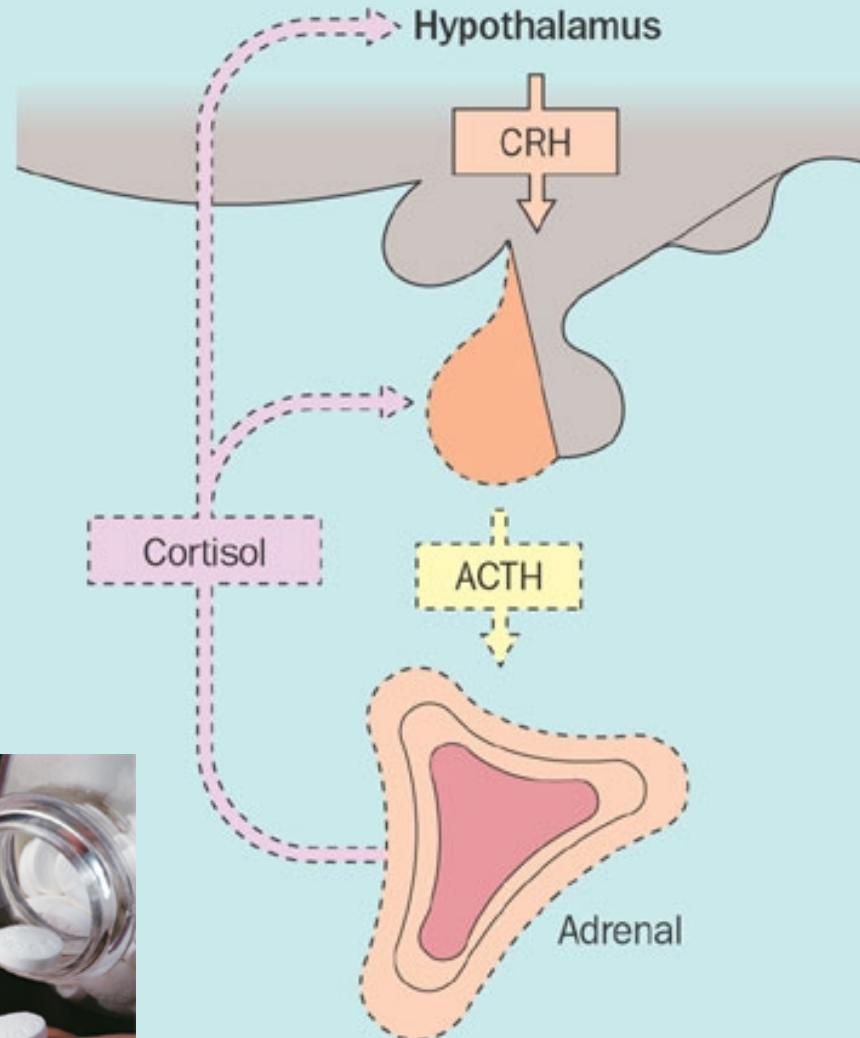
Terapia sostitutiva: la storia

- **1937:** viene sintetizzato **11-DOC**
- **1948:** vengono sintetizzati **cortisone** ed **idrocortisone**
- **1948: prima pubblicazione** su efficacia del **cortisone** nel trattamento dell'**artrite reumatoide**
- **1950**
 - **Premio Nobel** Medicina a Philip Hench, Edward Kendall e Tadeus Reichstein per **cortisone** ed **idrocortisone**
 - George Widmer Thorn e PH Forsham per primi usano il **cortisone acetate nella malattia di Addison**
 - Merck rende disponibile il **cortisone** negli USA
 - Viene sintetizzato **fludrocortisone**

Primary adrenocortical insufficiency



Secondary adrenocortical insufficiency



GC

MC

GC

DHEA ?

Terapia sostitutiva GC

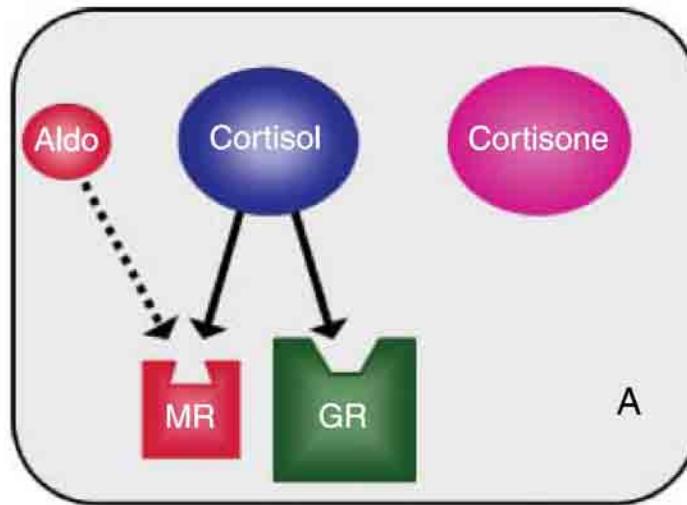
Opzioni terapeutiche

1. Cortisone acetato
2. Idrocortisone
3. Altri steroidi

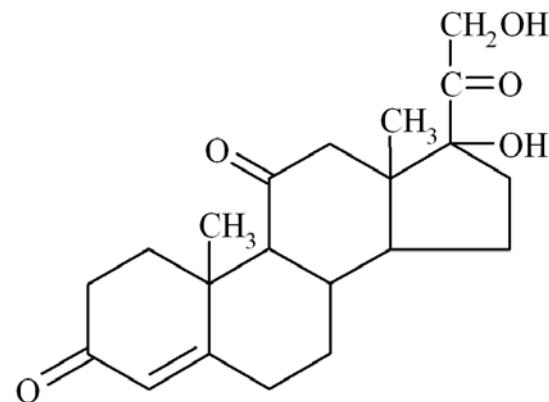
Tipologia di trattamento

1. Dose
2. Modalità di somministrazione

Opzioni terapeutiche



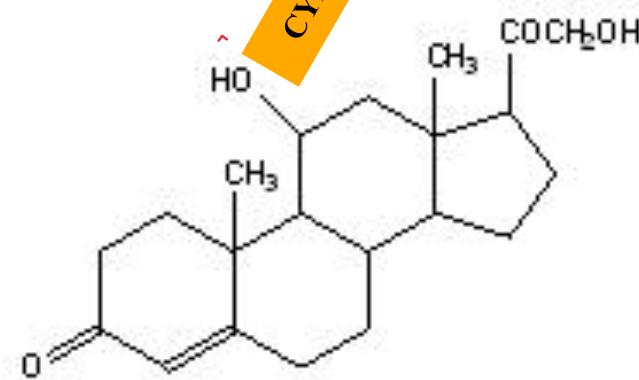
| Steroide | Dose equivalente (mg) | Potenza relativa anti-infiammatoria | Potenza relativa mineralcorticoidea | Emivita plasmatica (h) | Emivita biologica (h) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cortisone acetato | 25 | 0.8 | 2 | 0.5 | 8-12 |
| Idrocortisone | 20 | 1 | 2 | 1.5-2 | 8-12 |
| Metilprednisolone | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1.5-3 | 18-36 |
| Prednisone | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 18-36 |
| Prednisolone | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2-3.5 | 18-36 |
| Triamcinolone | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3.5-4 | 18-36 |
| Betametasone | 0.6-0.75 | 20-30 | 0 | 5.5 | 36-54 |
| Desametasone | 0.75 | 20-30 | 0 | 2-3.5 | 36-54 |



5β-reduttasi

Tetraidrocortisone
(THE)

11-β HSD1



6β-OHcortisolo

CYP3A4

5β-reduttasi

5 β - diidrocortisolo

5α-reduttasi

5α- diidrocortisolo



5 β -
tetraidrocortisolo
(THF)

5 β -
tetraidrocortisolo
(allo-THF)

Comparison of Absorption of Cortisone Acetate and Hydrocortisone Hemisuccinate*

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TABLE 2
and ACT

| Steroid | | osteroids |
|-------------------|-----|-----------|
| Cortisone acetate | 4 h | 49 |
| | 24 | 24 |
| | 12 | 12 |

Mean ± SEM

Hydrocort

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|----|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| sone hemi- | HD | 8.1 | 34.5 | 40.8 | 29.8 | 20.7 | 192 | 144 | 45 | 16 | 30 |
| succinate | HH | 5.9 | 85.5 | 64.8 | 54.5 | 41.9 | 120 | 68 | 26 | 13 | 10 |

Mean ± SEM

steroids

When cortisone acetate and hydrocortisone were given by **mouth** to three of the four patients in this study, **the response to each agent was similar**. Therefore, for those patients requiring chronic glucocorticoid therapy, **oral administration of cortisone acetate is sufficient and appropriate.**

osteroids

4 h

49

24

12

28 ± 11

30

10

15

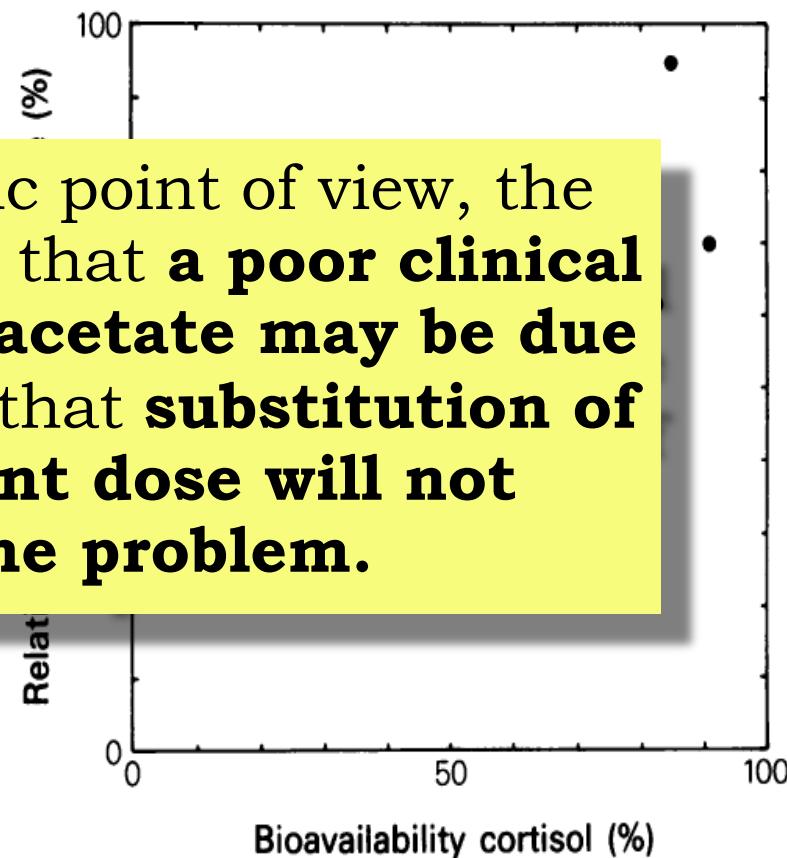
Each steroid was given as a single 50-mg oral dose, and blood samples were collected at 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 h.

Plasma cortisol delivery from oral cortisol and cortisone acetate: relative bioavailability

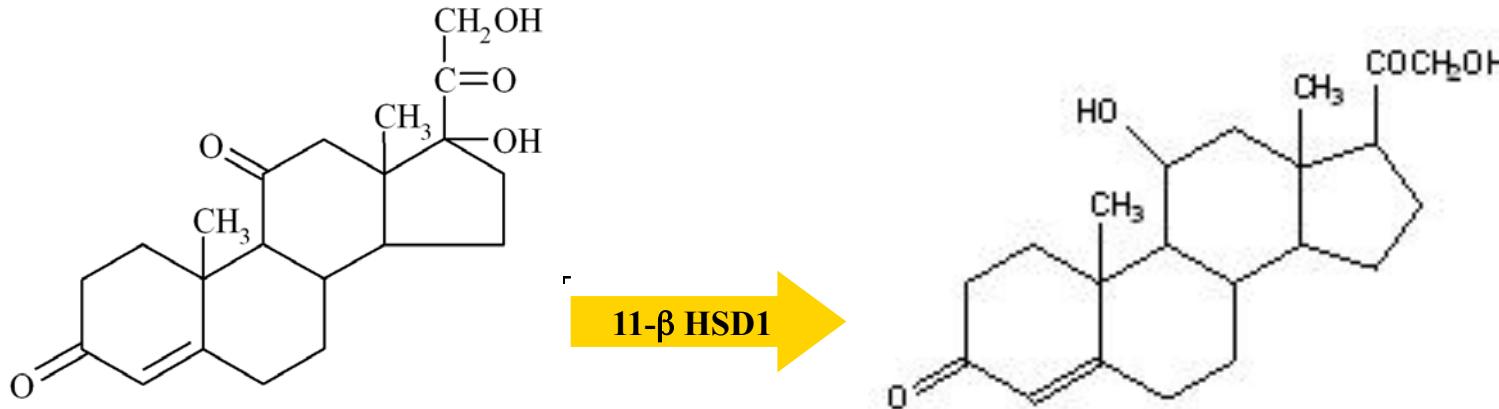
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Table 4 AUC and bioavailability

| Number | AUC ($\text{nmol l}^{-1} \text{h}$) | Bioavailability (%) |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 12355 | 10204 |
| 2 | 7196 | 2488 |
| 3 | Mean | 11795 |
| 4 | s.e. mean | 1507 |
| 5 | | 6806 |
| 6 | | 5790 |
| 7 | | 4109 |
| 8 | | 526 |
| 9 | | 82.7 |
| 10 | | 54.4 |
| 11 | | 61.8 |
| 12 | | 34.6 |
| | | 32.2 |
| | | 43.7 |
| | | 6.9 |
| | | 6.6 |



* Relative bioavailability of cortisone was calculated as described in the methods section.



Deficit congenito

Epatopatie avanzate

Farmaci:

rhGH

PPAR α agonisti (fibrati)

*PPAR γ agonisti e LXRa
agonisti*

Flavonone

Carbenoxolone

Ac. glicirizzico

Ac. chenodesossicolico

Bassa clearance metabolica
Basso volume distribuzione
Assorbimento intest. > 90%
Biodisponibilità 96%

Tmax 1.2-1.5 h
Cmax 550-650 nM

rifampicina

carbamazepina

fenitoina

fenobarbital

mitotane

itraconazolo

ritonavir

nefazodone

claritromicina



CORTISOLO

6 β -OHcortisolo

Terapia sostitutiva GC

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JULY 6, 1957



ADRENAL CORTICAL INSUFFICIENCY

TREATMENT OF ADRENAL CORTICAL INSUFFICIENCY

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Practical Experience

Hydrocortisone production in a normal subject may be assessed by studies with isotope-labelled steroid (Peterson and Wyngaarden, 1955), or by measurement of urinary glucocorticoid excretion (Moxham and Nabarro, 1956). The adrenal glands of a normal adult secrete 20–25 mg. of hydrocortisone a day, which is equivalent to about 25–37.5 mg. of cortisone acetate. Patients who have had total adrenalectomy and those with severe Addison's disease can usually

The adrenal glands of a normal adult secrete **20-25 mg of hydrocortisone a day**, which is **equivalent to about 25-37.5 mg of cortisone acetate**. Patients who have had total adrenalectomy and those with severe Addison's disease can usually be maintained **on 37.5 mg of cortisone a day**. Because of its rapid absorption and conjugation after oral administration, cortisone should be given as evenly spaced doses of 12.5 mg.



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Daily Cortisol Production Rate in Man Determined by Stable Isotope Dilution/Mass Spectrometry

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**5-10 mg/m² BSA
= 10-20 mg/m² HC os**

Steroids



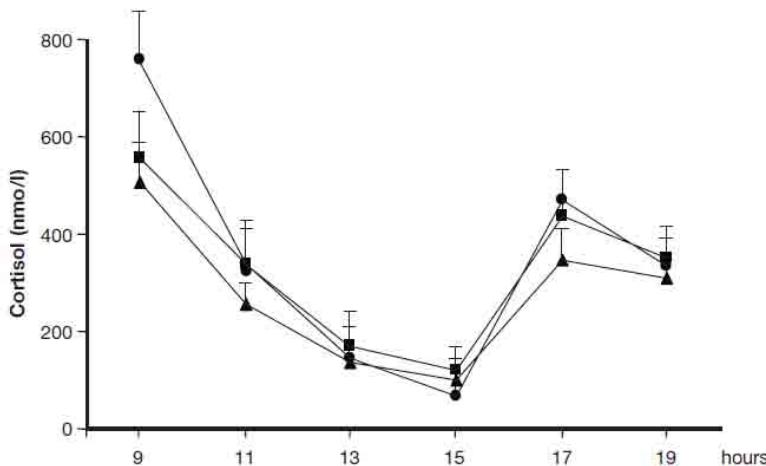
Cortisol production rate measurement by stable isotope dilution using
gas chromatography-negative ion chemical ionization
mass spectrometry¹

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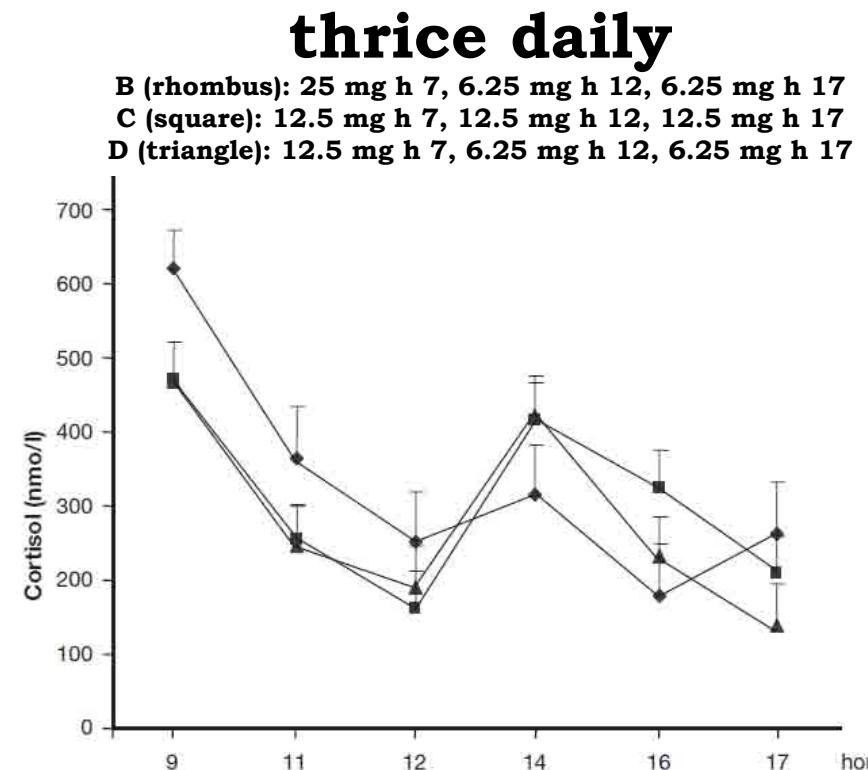
Comparison of different regimens of glucocorticoid replacement therapy in patients with hypoadrenalinism

L. Barbetta¹, C. Dall'Asta¹, T. Re², R. Libè³, E. Costa⁴, and B. Ambrosi¹

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twice daily
(25 mg h 7
12.5 mg h 15)



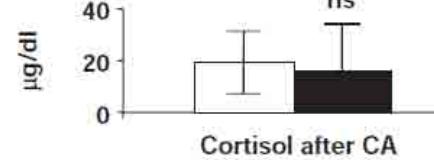
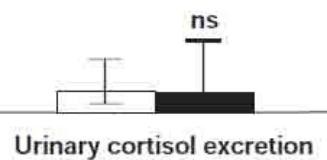
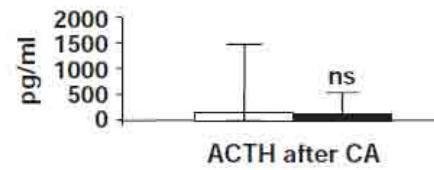
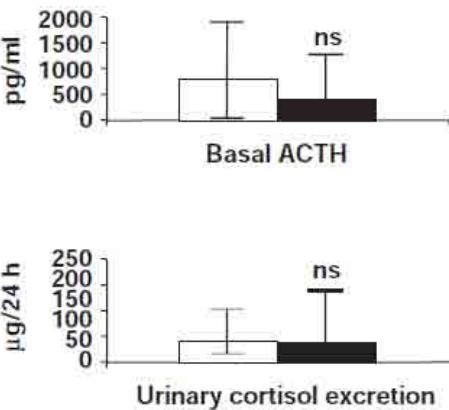
thrice daily

B (rhombus): 25 mg h 7, 6.25 mg h 12, 6.25 mg h 17
 C (square): 12.5 mg h 7, 12.5 mg h 12, 12.5 mg h 17
 D (triangle): 12.5 mg h 7, 6.25 mg h 12, 6.25 mg h 17

Improvement of treatment of primary adrenal insufficiency by administration of cortisone acetate in three daily doses

S. Laureti, A. Falorni and F. Santeusanio

(J. Endocrinol. Invest. 26: 1071-1075, 2003)

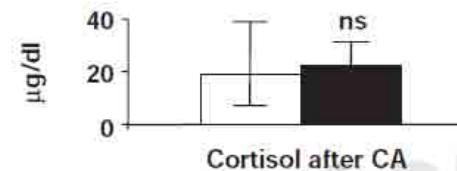
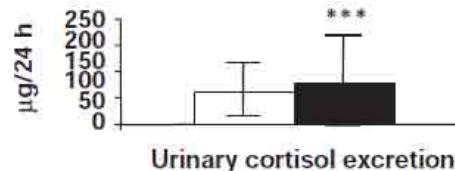
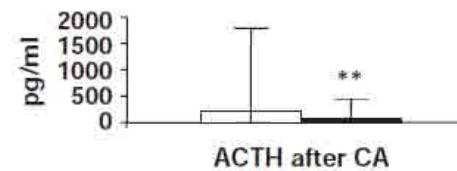
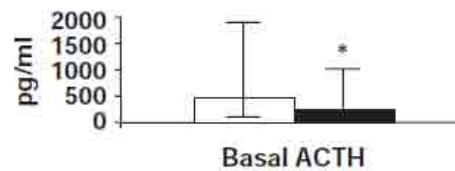


twice daily

(18 pts; 25-50 mg/day)

thrice daily

(16 pts; 37.5-50 mg/day)



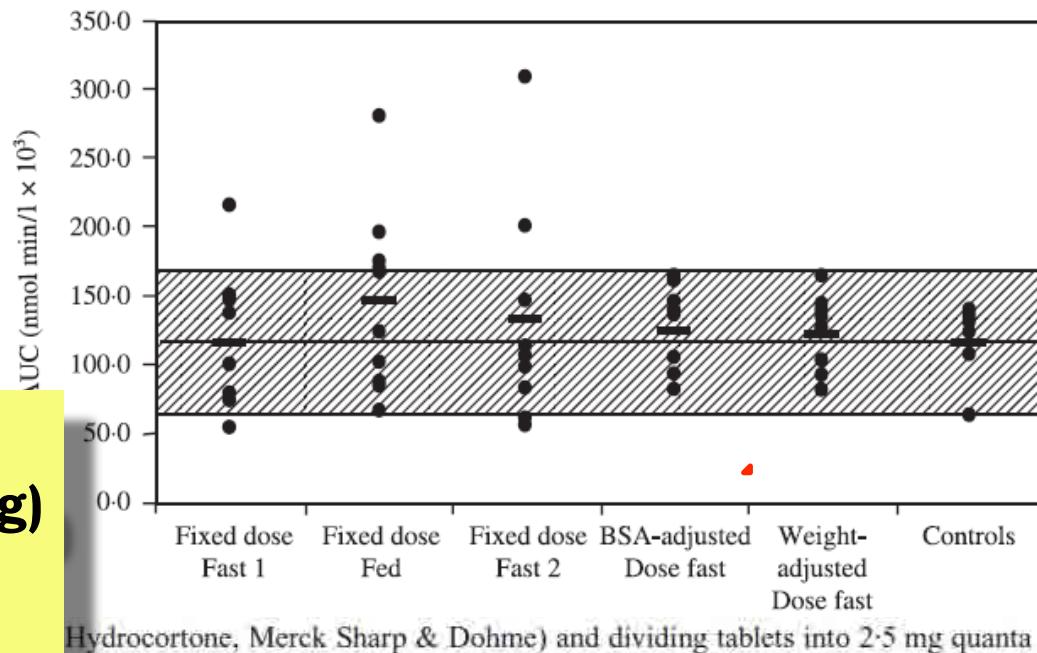
Weight-related dosing, timing and monitoring hydrocortisone replacement therapy in patients with adrenal insufficiency

Clinical Endocrinology (2004) 61, 367–375

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**Weight-adjusted (0.12 mg/kg)
Thrice daily
Before food**

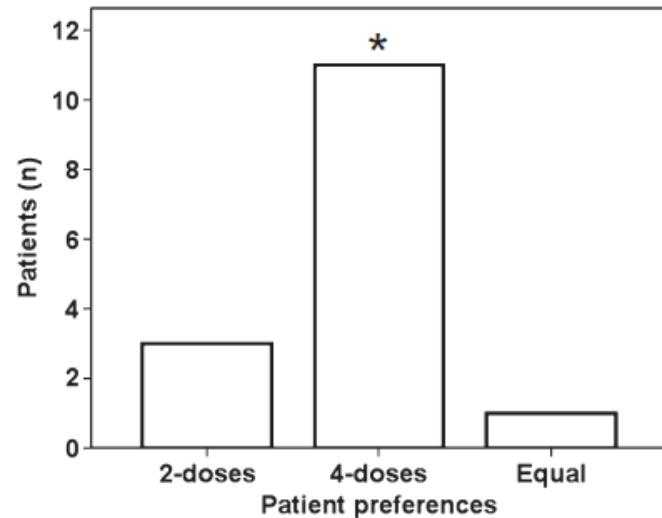
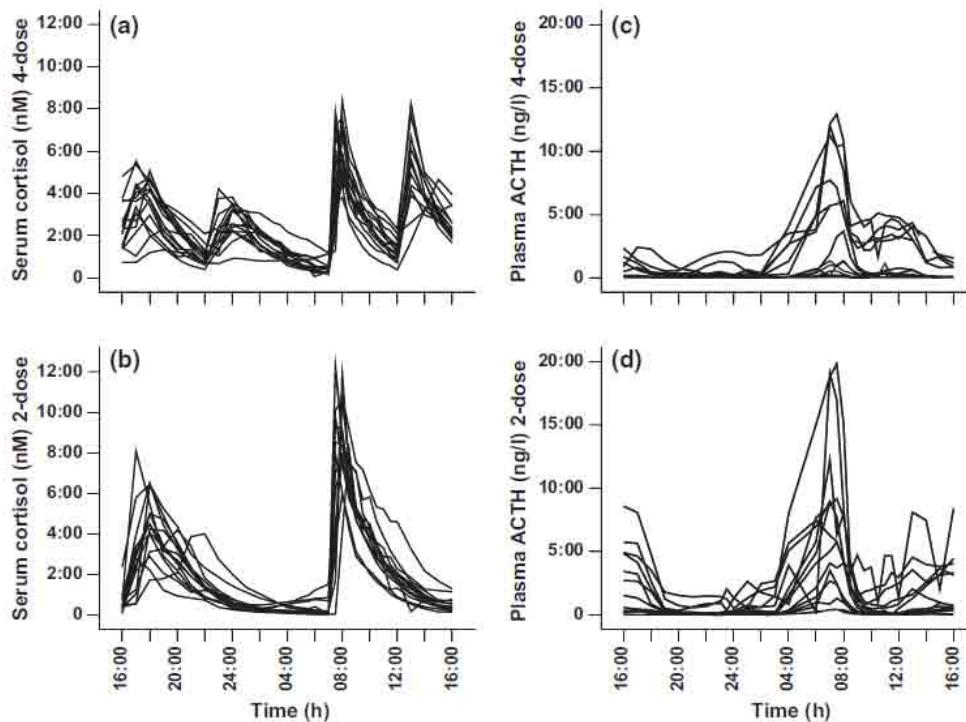


| Patient weight (kg) | Total dose per day (mg) | First morning dose (mg) | Second midday dose (mg) | Third evening dose (mg) |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 50–54 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 55–74 | 15.0 | 7.5 | 5.0 | 2.5 |
| 75–84 | 17.5 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 |
| 85–94 | 20.0 | 10.0 | 7.5 | 2.5 |
| 95–114 | 22.5 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 2.5 |
| 115–120 | 25.0 | 15.0 | 7.5 | 2.5 |

A randomized, double-blind, crossover study comparing two- and four-dose hydrocortisone regimen with regard to quality of life, cortisol and ACTH profiles in patients with primary adrenal insufficiency

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Clinical Endocrinology (2012) 77, 18–25



Four times daily

10 mg at 07:00, 10 mg at 12:00,
5 mg at 16:00, 5 mg at 22:00

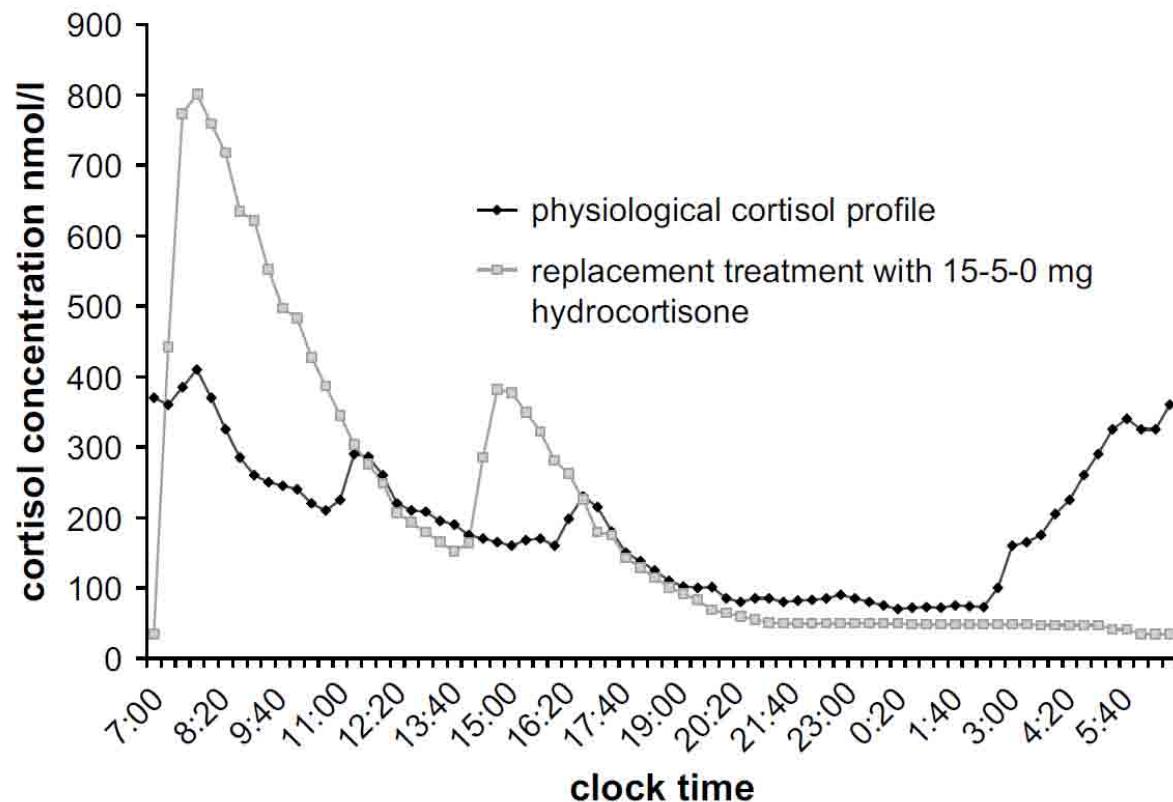
Valutazioni ematochimiche

- 1. Cortisolemia**
- 2. Cortisolo salivare**
3. ACTH
4. UFC

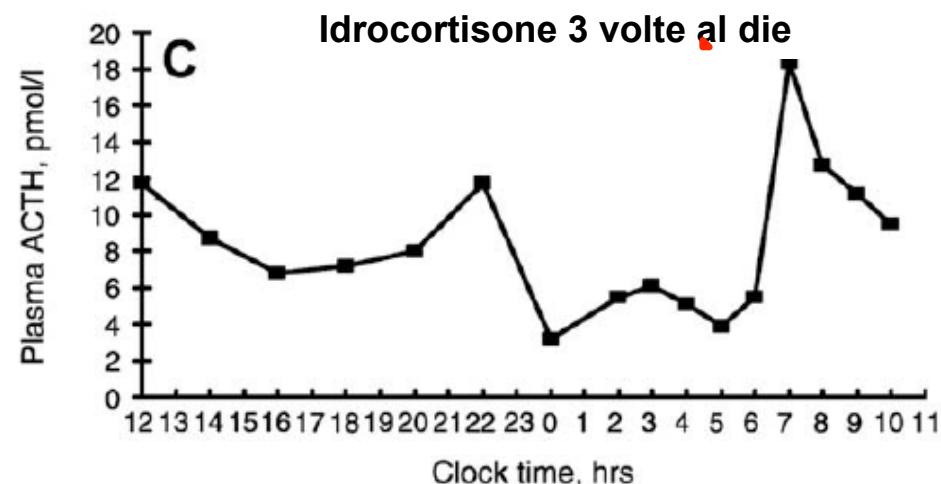
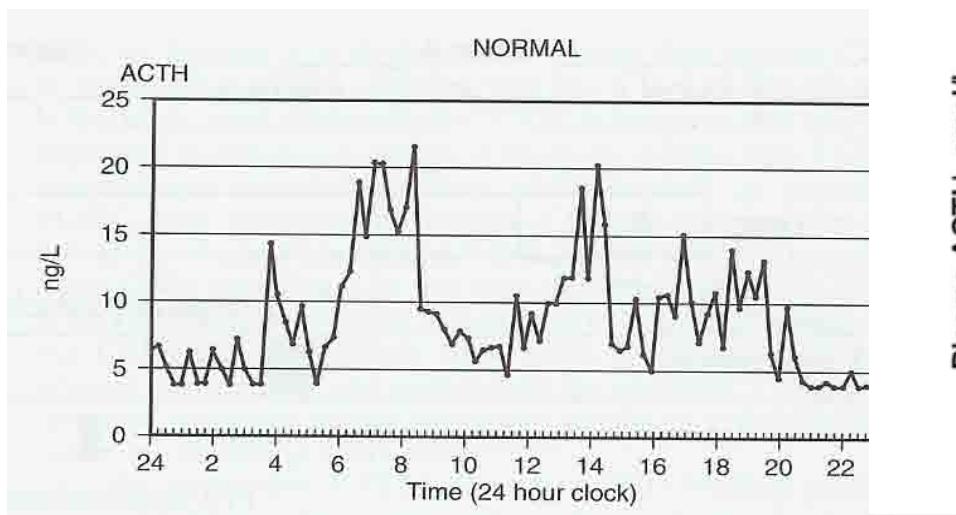
Valutazione clinica

- 1. Ricerca di segni e sintomi di sotto/sovra-dosaggio**
- 2. Valutazione della QoL**

... la terapia convenzionale **non** è in grado di mimare il **ritmo circadiano del cortisolo** essendo caratterizzata da un **picco sovra-fisiologico** dopo l'assunzione e livelli bassissimi alla sera...

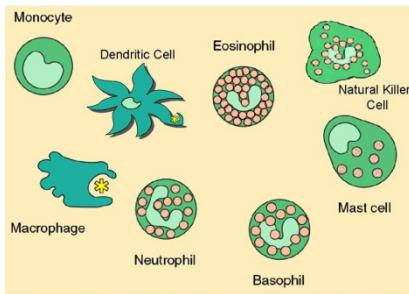


... nell'ipocorticosurrenalismo primario la terapia convenzionale non è in grado di ridurre i livelli circolanti di ACTH ...



GC: numerosi effetti

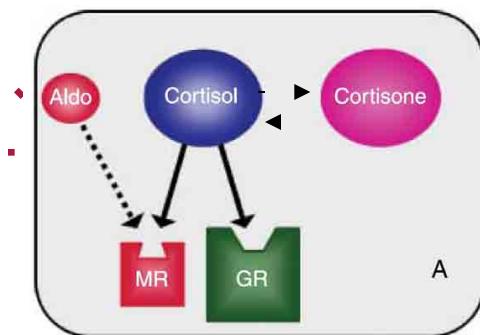
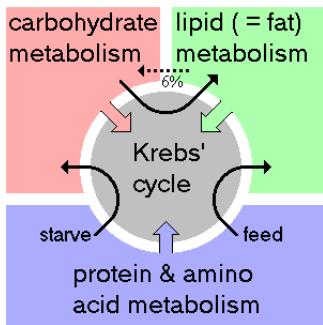
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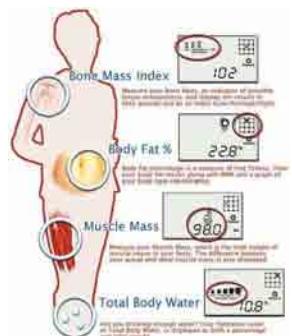
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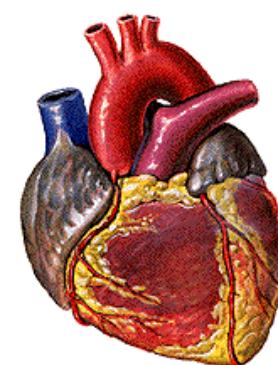
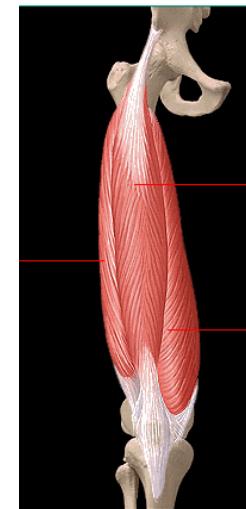
Composizione corporea



Osso



Muscolo



Sistema cardiovascolare

Mortalità - Morbilità

Premature Mortality in Patients with Addison's Disease: A Population-Based Study

Ragnhildur Bergthorsdottir, Maria Leonsson-Zachrisson, Anders Odén, and Gudmundur Johannsson

(*J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 91: 4849–4853, 2006)

Increased death risk and altered cancer incidence pattern in patients with isolated or combined autoimmune primary adrenocortical insufficiency

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Clinical Endocrinology (2008) **69**, 697–704

Normal overall mortality rate in Addison's disease, but young patients are at risk of premature death

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European Journal of Endocrinology (2009) **160** 233–237

Metabolic and cardiovascular profile in patients with Addison's disease under conventional glucocorticoid replacement

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38 AD under conventional GC (HC 30 mg/day, CA 37.5 mg/day) compared with 38 age-, sex- and BMI-matched CS

| | AD | CS | P |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Age (yr) | 50.2±2.2 | 50.4±2.3 | ns |
| BMI (Kg/m ²) | 24.6±0.4 | 24.4±0.4 | ns |
| Waist (cm) | 94.2±2.3 | 85.8±1.9 | <0.05 |
| ACTH (pg/ml) | 486.8±61.6 | 23.0±1.6 | <0.0005 |
| PRA (ng/ml/h) | 8.2±0.8 | 1.3±0.1 | <0.0005 |
| DHEAS (μg/dl) | 18.6±2.2 | 97.0±6.2 | <0.0005 |
| Glucose (mg/dl) | 79.3±1.3 | 81.9±1.3 | ns |
| Insulin (mU/l) | 9.8±1.1 | 9.3±0.4 | ns |
| HOMA | 1.9±0.2 | 1.9±0.1 | ns |
| 2h-Glucose (mg/dl) | 107.7±4.8 | 95.3±2.4 | ns |
| Total C (mg/dl) | 205.0±6.7 | 193.9±3.9 | ns |
| HDL C (mg/dl) | 64.2±2.5 | 61.0±1.6 | ns |
| LDL C (mg/dl) | 117.5±5.2 | 112.6±3.5 | ns |
| TG (mg/dl) | 118.6±9.6 | 112.3±7.7 | ns |

... a higher prevalence of central adiposity, impaired glucose tolerance and dyslipidemia in AD ...



Osteopenia - Osteoporosi



Table 1 Previous studies of bone mineral density in Addison's

Glucocorticoid replacement therapy and pharmacogenetics in Addison's disease: effects on bone

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(292 pts, HC 26.5 mg/day or CA 40.1 mg/day or Pred or DEX)... **BMD at the femoral neck and lumbar spine is reduced in Addison's disease ... not influenced by duration or type ... inverse association between GC dosage and BMD ...**

Bone Mineral Density Is Not Significantly Reduced in Adult Patients on Low-Dose Glucocorticoid Replacement Therapy

K. R. Koetz, M. Ventz, S. Diederich, and M. Quinkler

(J Clin Endocrinol Metab 97: 85–92, 2012)

(81 PAI and 41 CAH pts, HC 12.0 ± 2.7 mg/m² and 15.5 ± 7.8 mg/m²)... **BMD varied within the normal reference range in both cohorts ... lower Z-scores for femoral neck and Ward's region in CAH than in PAI...**

Ridotta QoL

TABLE 2. Published mean scores in HRQoL studies applying the generic questionnaires SF-36 or GHQ in Addison's disease cohorts in Norway (15), United Kingdom (3, 5), and Germany (16, 25)

| HRQoL domain | Scale | Score | Normative |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| General health | Vitality (SF-36) | 47–52 ^a | 58–60 |
| | General health (SF-36) | 56–59 ^a | 71–77 |
| | Self-esteem (GHQ) | 8.1 ^b | 7.6 |
| | Coping (GHQ) | 10.3 | 9.8 |
| Physical health | Role-physical (SF-36) | 46–66 ^a | 78–87 |
| | Physical functioning (SF-36) | PF 80–84 | 87–88 |
| | Bodily pain (SF-36) | BP 76–79 | 75–79 |
| Mental health | Role-emotional (SF-36) | 57–75 ^a | 82–86 |
| | Social functioning (SF-36) | 75–80 | 83–86 |
| | Mental health (SF-36) | 67–78 | 72–79 |
| | Depression (GHQ) | 7.2 | 7.3 |
| | Anxiety (GHQ) | 16 ^a | 14 |

SF-36, Short Form-36; high scores are favorable. GHQ, General Health Questionnaire; low scores are favorable.

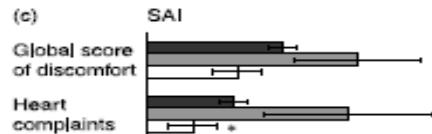
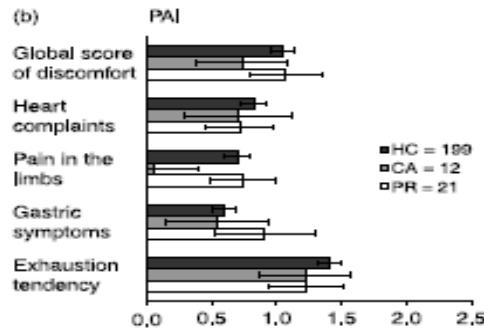
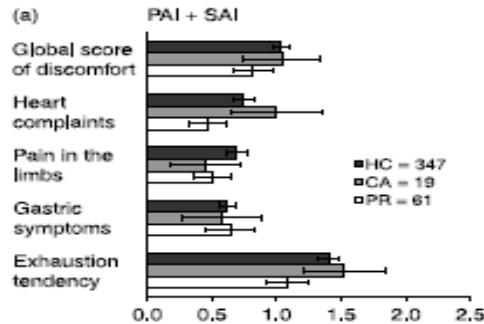
^a P < 0.001; ^b P < 0.01; differences from the normative data tested with Student *t* test (3, 5, 15) or Mann-Whitney *U* test (3, 5, 16, 25).

... Published studies of HRQoL in Addison's disease indicated reduced vitality and general health perception and limitation in physical and emotional functioning ...

CLINICAL STUDY

Impaired subjective health status in chronic adrenal insufficiency: impact of different glucocorticoid replacement regimens

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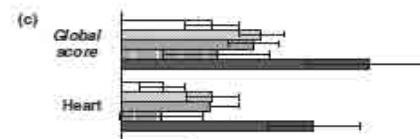
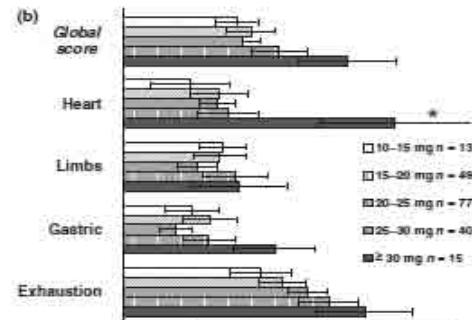
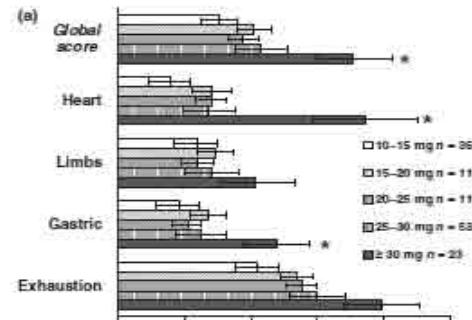


AI patients showed significantly impaired SHS compared with controls **irrespective of the glucocorticoid use for replacement.**

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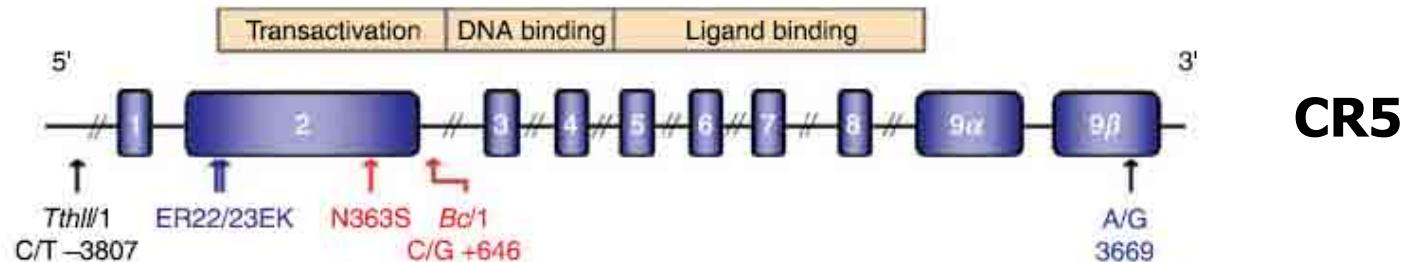
Influence of hydrocortisone dosage scheme on health-related quality of life in patients with adrenal insufficiency

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HC doses above 30 mg/day were associated with a worse health status. Thrice daily intake of HC was not superior to twice daily intake.

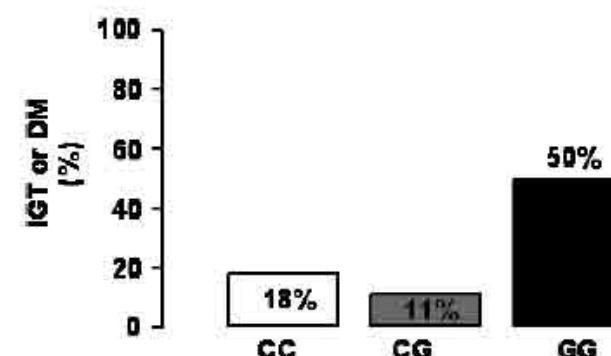
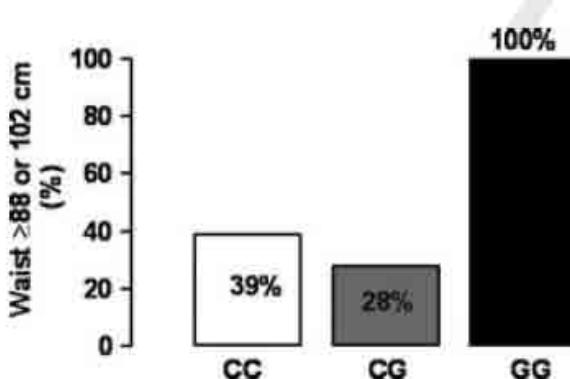
Differente sensibilità ai GC



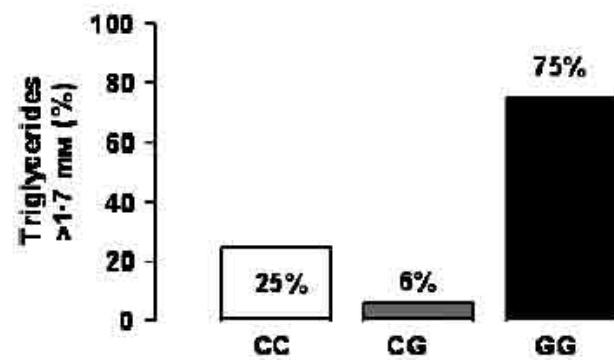
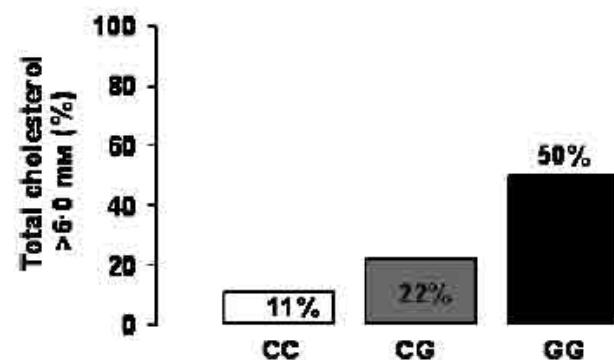
| | ER22/23EK | N363S | Bcl1 RFLP G allele |
|--|--|---|---|
| Allele frequency in population | ~5% | ~ 6% | ~ 35% |
| <i>In vitro</i> glucocorticoid sensitivity | | Enhanced sensitivity to Dex in PMN cell proliferation assay (161) | No effect on GR binding or number of PMN cells (36, 161) |
| <i>In vivo</i> glucocorticoid sensitivity | Resistance to Dex suppression (162) | Enhanced Dex suppression (161) | Enhanced Dex suppression (163); increased glucocorticoid-induced skin vasoconstriction (36); higher plasma cortisol (164) |
| Proposed molecular mechanism | Increased GR-A:GR-B transcript ratio (165) | ? | ? |
| Phenotype | Higher lean body mass (167); insulin sensitisation (162); protective lipid profile (162); lower CRP (168); reduced mortality (168); cognitive protection (169) | Obesity in some (161, 170–173) but not all (174, 175) cohorts; dyslipidaemia (116); coronary artery disease (116) | Inconsistent with obesity (36, 163, 164, 176–180); hyperinsulinaemia in obese (181); familial hypertension (182) |

BCII polymorphism of the glucocorticoid receptor gene is associated with increased obesity, impaired glucose metabolism and dyslipidaemia in patients with addison's disease

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Terapia sostitutiva MC

Opzioni terapeutiche

1. Fludrocortisone

Tipologia di trattamento

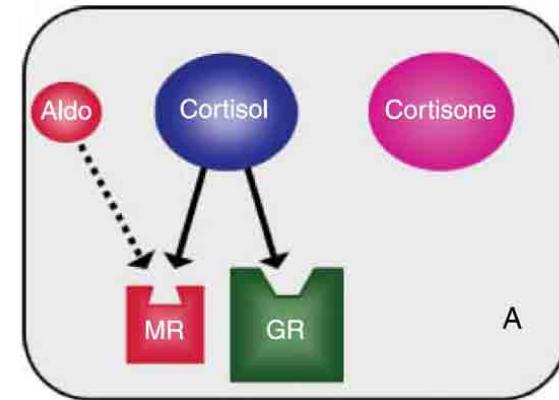
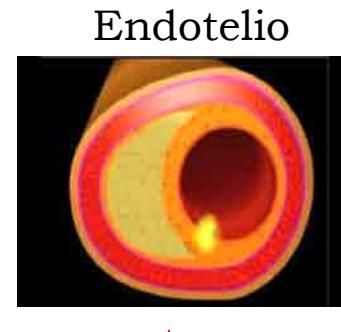
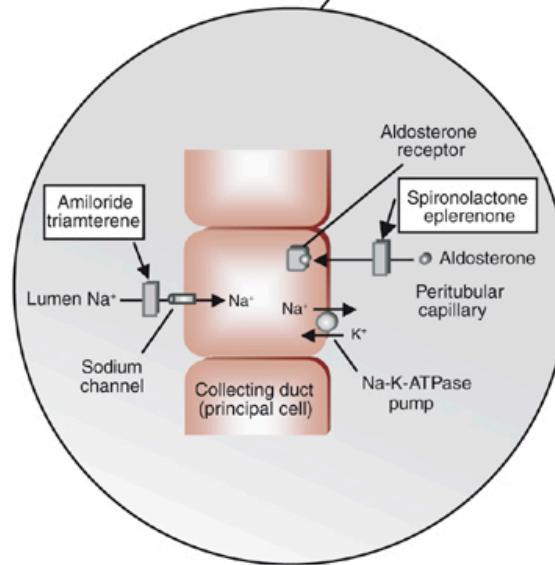
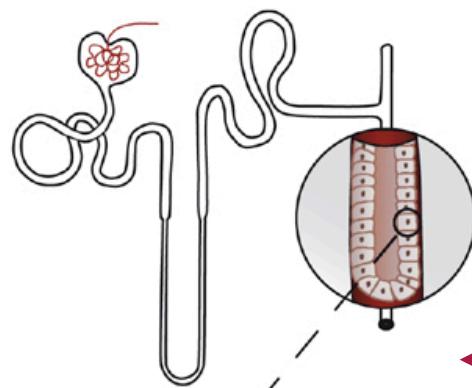
1. Dose fissa

Pratica clinica: dose fissa giornaliera 0.05 - 0.2 mg

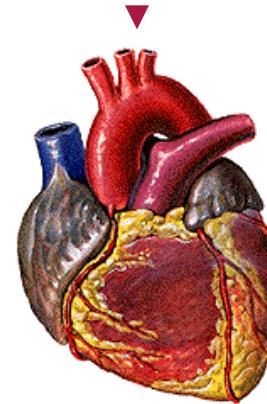
Effetti biologici dell' aldosterone



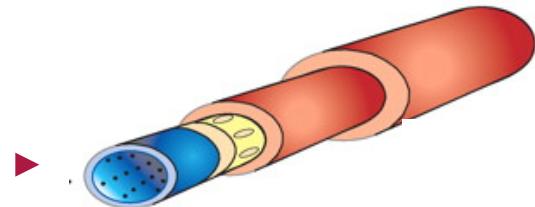
Omeostasi idro-salina



Aldosterone



Cuore



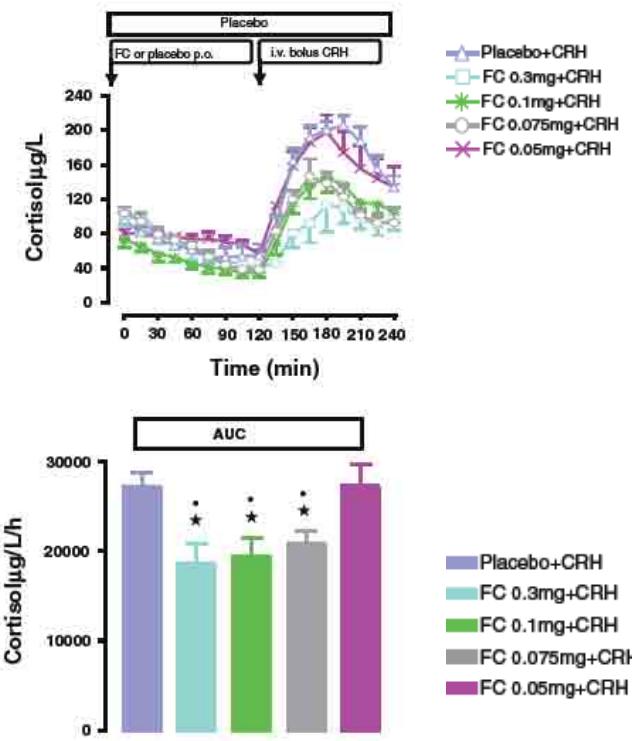
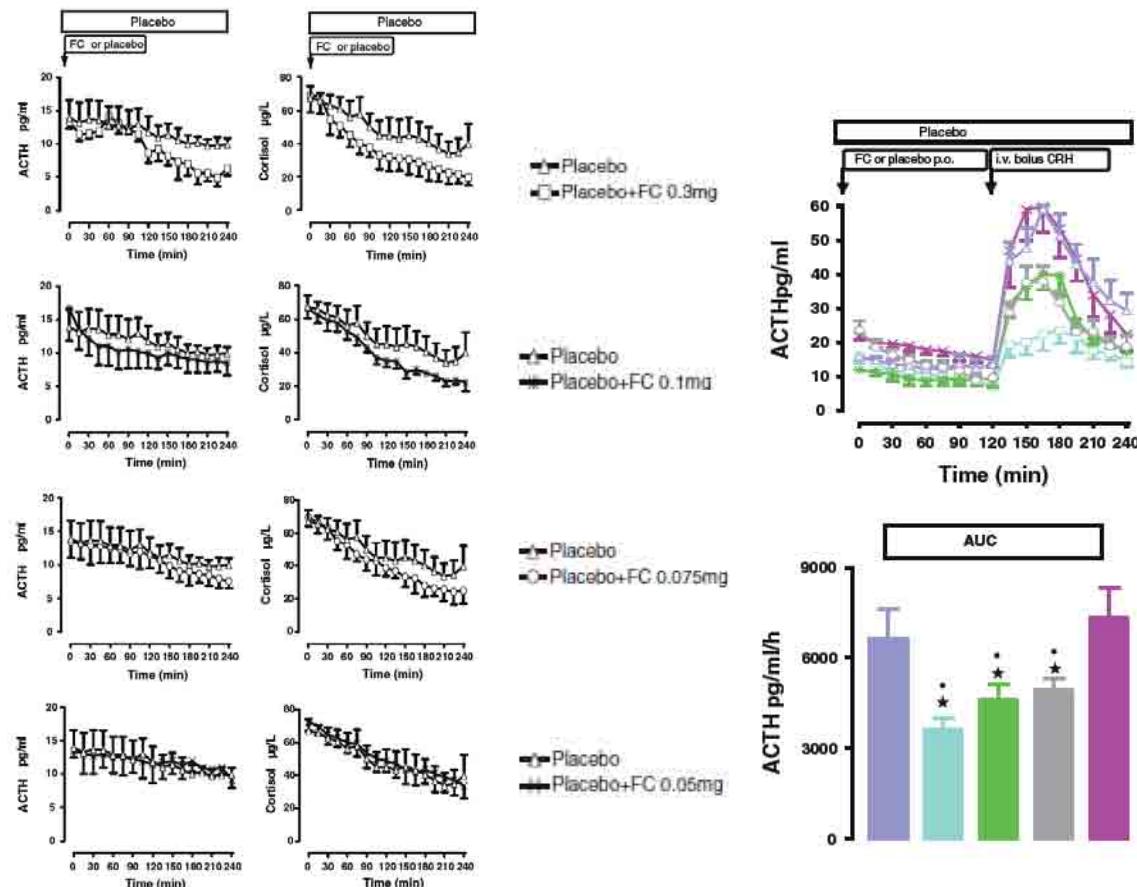


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Valutazioni ematochimiche

1. Na, K
2. PRA

Valutazione clinica

1. Ricerca di segni e sintomi di sotto/sovra-dosaggio

Terapia sostitutiva DHEA

Opzioni terapeutiche

1. DHEA

Tipologia di trattamento

1. Dose fissa

Pratica clinica: terapia opzionale 25 - 50 mg



Terapia sostitutiva DHEA



Dehydroepiandrosterone replacement in women with adrenal insufficiency

Arlt W et al.

N Engl J Med 1999; 341: 1013-1020

(50 mg for 4 months)... **improves well-being and sexuality** in women with adrenal insufficiency

Improvement in mood and fatigue after dehydroepiandrosterone replacement in Addison's disease in a randomized, double blind trial

Hunt PJ et al.

J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2000; 85: 4650-4656

(DHEA 50 mg for 12 weeks)... **psychological assessment** showed significant **enhancement of self-esteem with a tendency for improved overall well-being**. **Mood and fatigue** also **improved** significantly, with benefit being evident in the evenings. No effects on cognitive or sexual function, body composition, lipids, or bone mineral density were observed....

Long-Term DHEA replacement in primary adrenal insufficiency: a randomized, controlled trial

Gurnell EM et al.

J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2008; 93: 400-409

(DHEA 50 mg for 12 months)... reversed ongoing loss of **bone mineral density at the femoral neck**... enhanced **total body and truncal lean mass** significantly with no change in fat mass... one **subscale of SF-36 improved significantly**... no significant benefit on fatigue or cognitive or sexual function...

Terapia sostitutiva DHEA

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DHEA substitution in female adrenal failure: no impact on endothelial function and cardiovascular parameters despite normalization of androgen status

Christiansen JJ et al.

Clin Endocrinol 2007; 66: 426-433

(DHEA 50 mg for 6 months)... **did not effect cardiovascular parameters and endothelial function...**

Effects of DHEA replacement on vascular function in primary and secondary adrenal insufficiency: a randomized crossover trial

Rice SP et al.

J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2009; 94-1966-1972

(DHEA 50 mg or placebo for 12 weeks)... does **not significantly affect** measures of **arterial stiffness or endothelial function** in patients with adrenal insufficiency...

Conclusioni (1)

La terapia sostitutiva GC attualmente disponibile presenta numerosi limiti:

- ✓ Non è in grado di mimare il ritmo circadiano del cortisolo;
- ✓ Non riduce i livelli circolanti di ACTH;
- ✓ Non normalizza la QoL;
- ✓ Si associa ad una aumentata mortalità (soprattutto CV) e morbilità.

Conclusioni (2)

La terapia sostitutiva con MC esercita effetti GR-mediati ?

La terapia sostitutiva con DHEA presenta alcuni effetti positivi (QoL, sessualità, well-being, osso), ma non esiste evidenza che modifichi altri parametri importanti (rischio CV) .



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