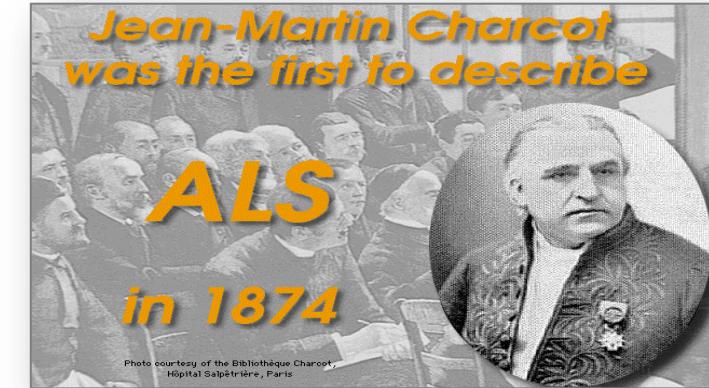
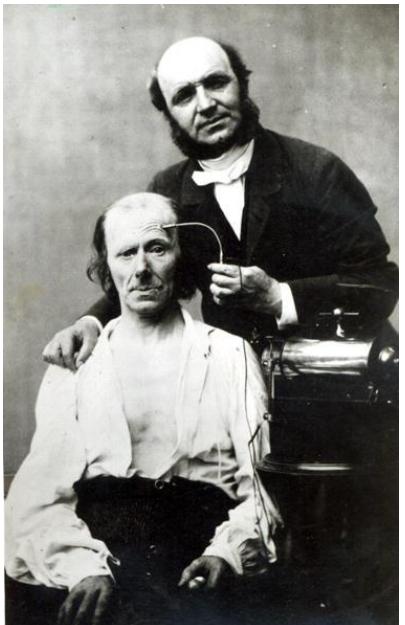


# Malattie neuromuscolari: competenze integrate nel percorso assistenziale

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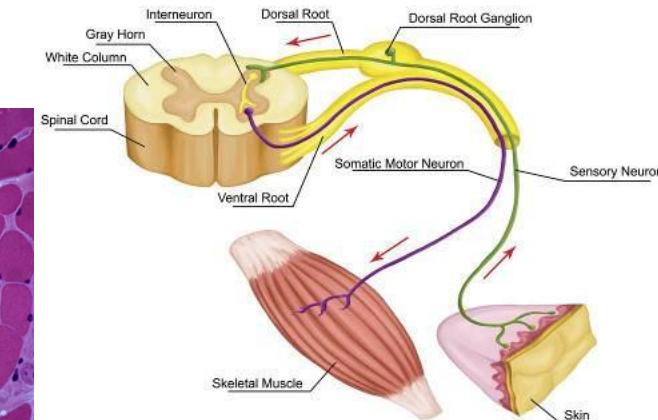
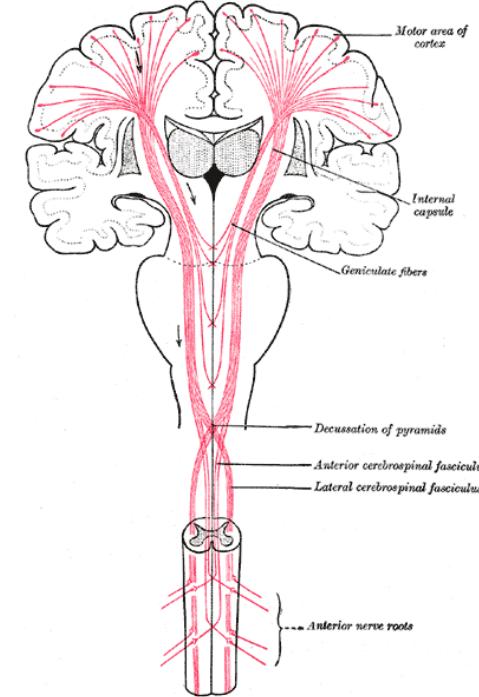
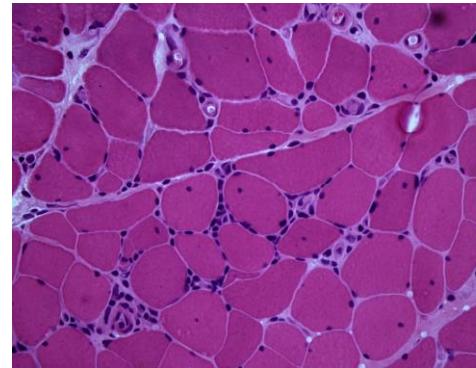
## LA STORIA NATURALE DELLE MALATTIE NEUROMUSCOLARI



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## Le malattie neuromuscolari

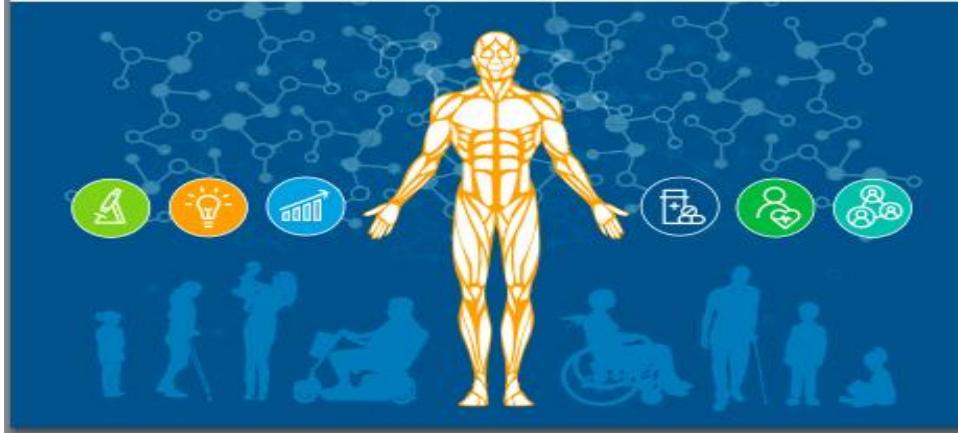
Sono malattie neurologiche eterogenee dal punto di vista eziopatogenetico, modalità di esordio, di decorso, caratteristiche cliniche, terapia e prognosi, con **impegno diagnostico-assistenziale necessariamente specifico e diversificato**, anche in relazione ad un possibile interessamento multisistemico.



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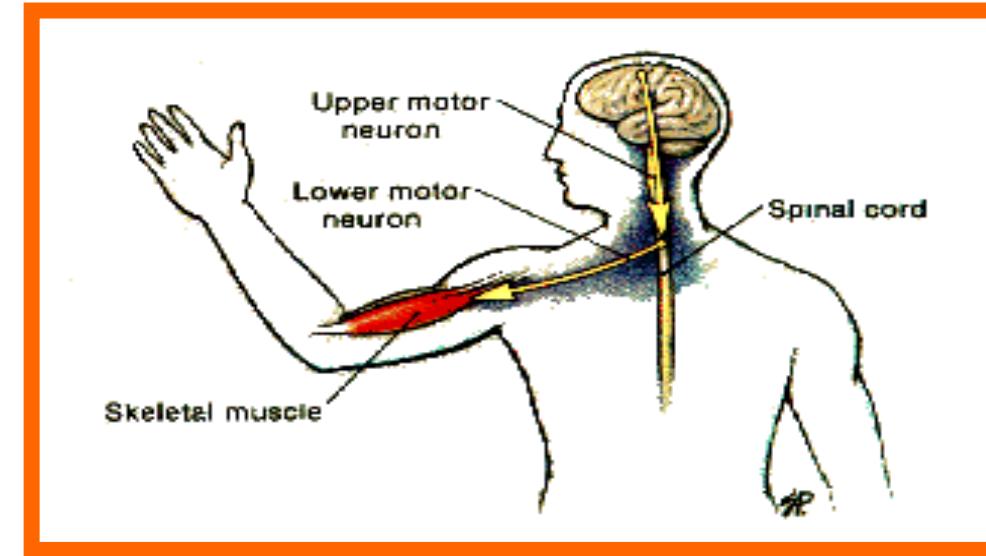
# Understanding Neuromuscular Disease Care

Current State and Future Prospects



**Le malattie neuromuscolari:** vasto gruppo di malattie caratterizzate da alterazioni del nervo, muscolo o placca neuro-muscioalre che comportano spesso una progressiva perdita di forza

**Prevalenza:** difficile da stimare, ma si stima colpiscono fino a 250,000 individui in USA, 500,000 in Europa



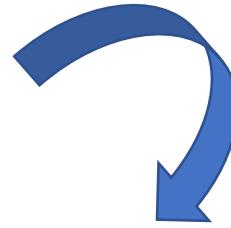
# Malattie neuromuscolari

Condizioni patologiche caratterizzate da sintomi e segni attribuibili ad alterazioni biochimiche, elettrofisiologiche o anatomo-patologiche dei costituenti dell'unità motoria:

Motoneurone  
SLA, SMA

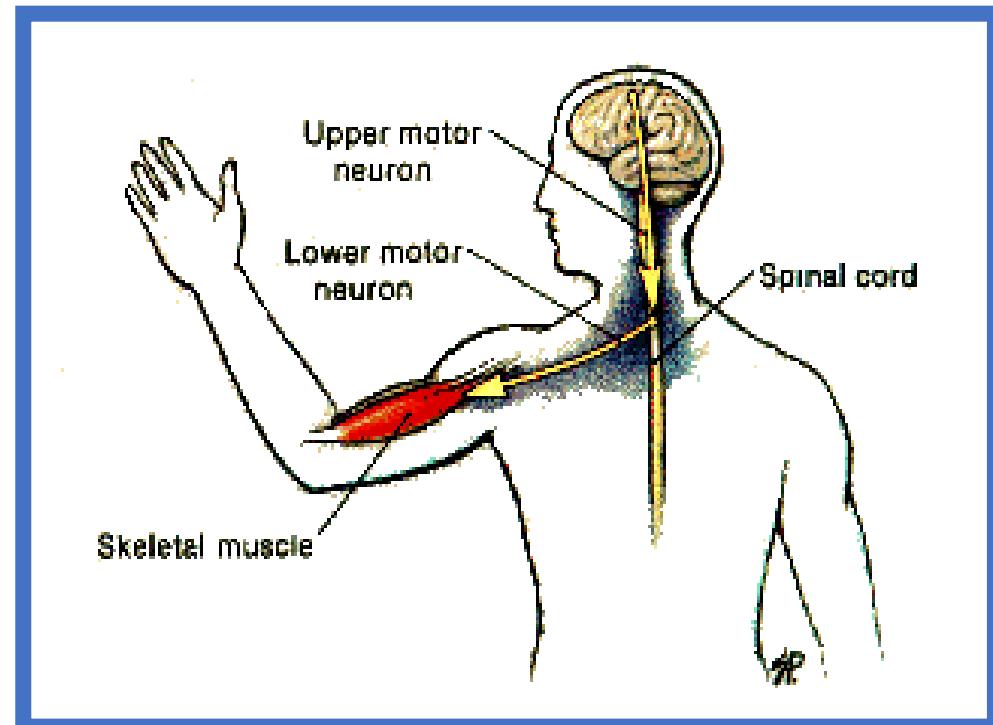
Nervo periferico/placca  
neuromuscolare  
CMT, CIDP, MIASTENIA GRAVIS

Muscolo scheletrico  
DISTROFIE MUSCOLARI, MIOPATIE  
METABOLICHE, MALATTIE  
MITOCONDRIALI



Coinvolgimento multisistemico

FORME ACQUISITE SPORADICHE/FORME GENETICHE



# MALATTIE NEUROMUSCOLARI

## Multidisciplinarietà

Un approccio multidisciplinare è fondamentale nella gestione delle malattie muscolari, dal momento che spesso comportano, per le forme sia genetiche sia acquisite, il coinvolgimento di altri sistemi ed apparati.

## Cronicità

L'andamento cronico della maggior parte delle malattie muscolari, unitamente al carattere disabilitante di esse, ed all'*assenza di cure risolutive*, richiede una presa in carico assistenziale a 360 gradi, che coinvolga, oltre al versante *medico e riabilitativo*, anche quello *socio-relazionale*.

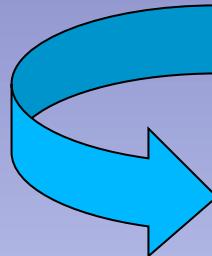


La Salute è uno stato  
di completo Benessere  
fisico, mentale e sociale,  
non semplicemente  
l'assenza di malattia

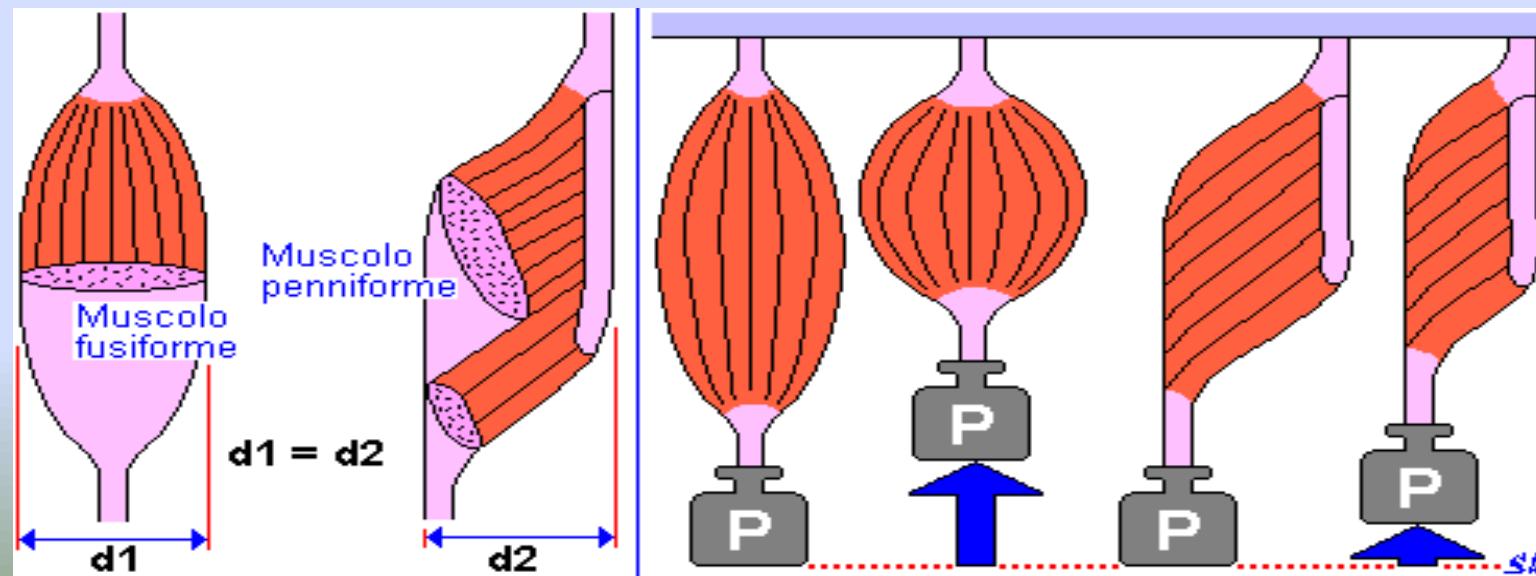
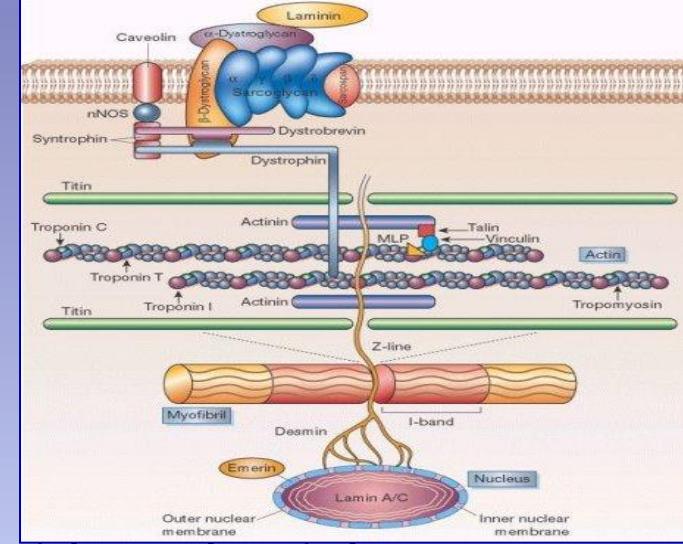


Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (OMS) 1946

# Consequences of myopathic process at contractile level



- less force generation/tissue unit
- muscles with myofibers parallel to tendon longitudinal axis lead to wide and quick displacement
- muscles with myofibers skewed to tendon longitudinal axis lead to great contraction force but slow and limited displacement



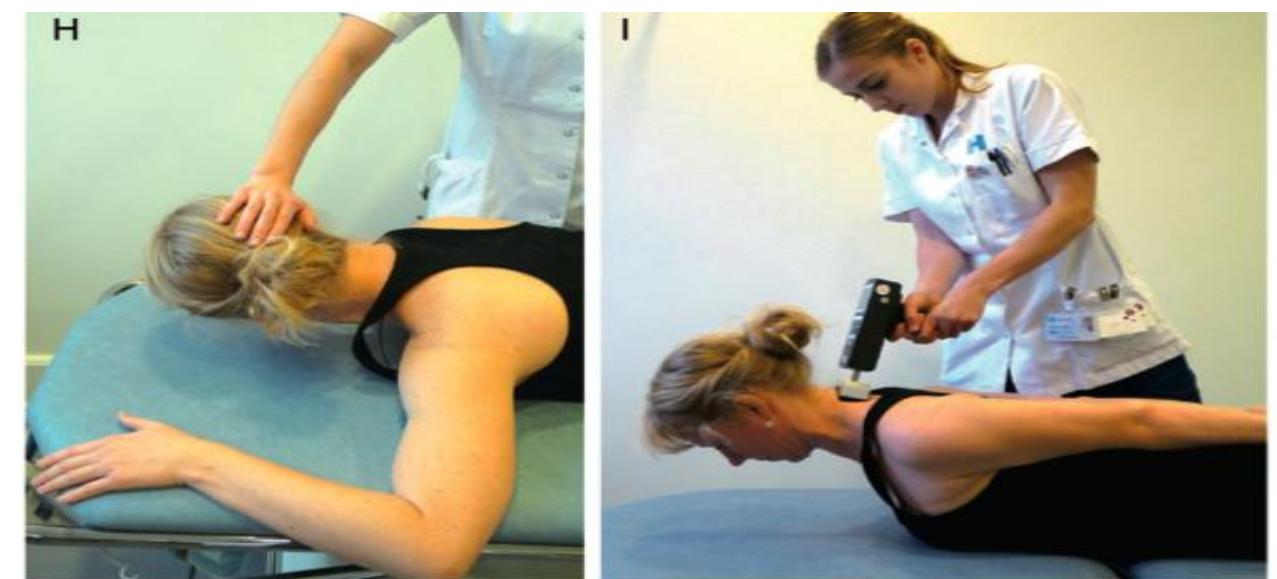
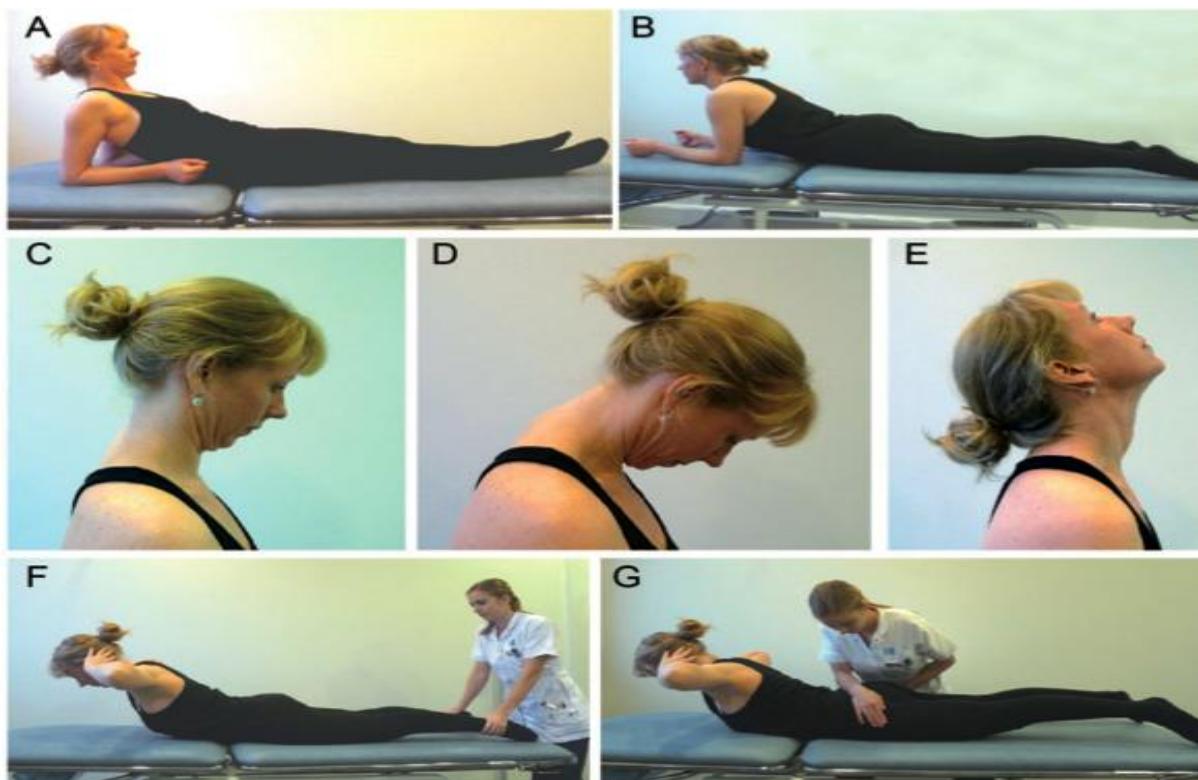
## Identification of axial muscle involvement : clinical examination

→ Clinical evaluation: abnormal posture or severe atrophy of paraspinal muscles . Rarely back pain

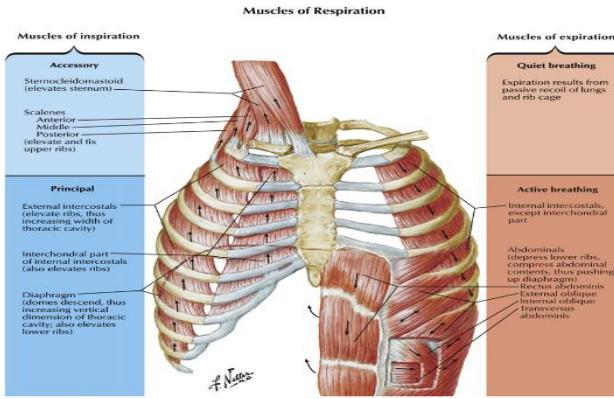
→ Motor function scales → The Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale (HFMS) : evaluates neck mobility/ strength in 2/32 items and hip/spine mobility in one item. The MFM assesses the ability to roll from side to side, in addition to several other functions. **Thus in the context of paraspinal myopathy, we find these scales too unspecific.**

→ Observation of mobility

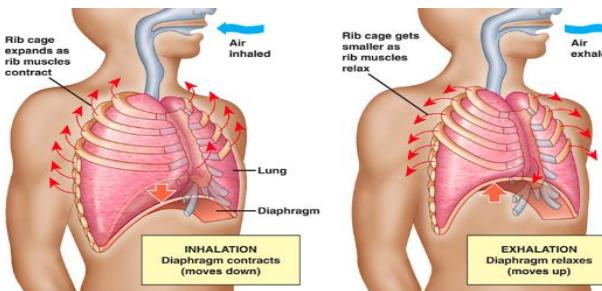
→ Manual testing of muscle strength and using a dynamometer



# LE COMPLICANZE RESPIATORIE NELLE MALATTIE NEUROMUSCOLARI



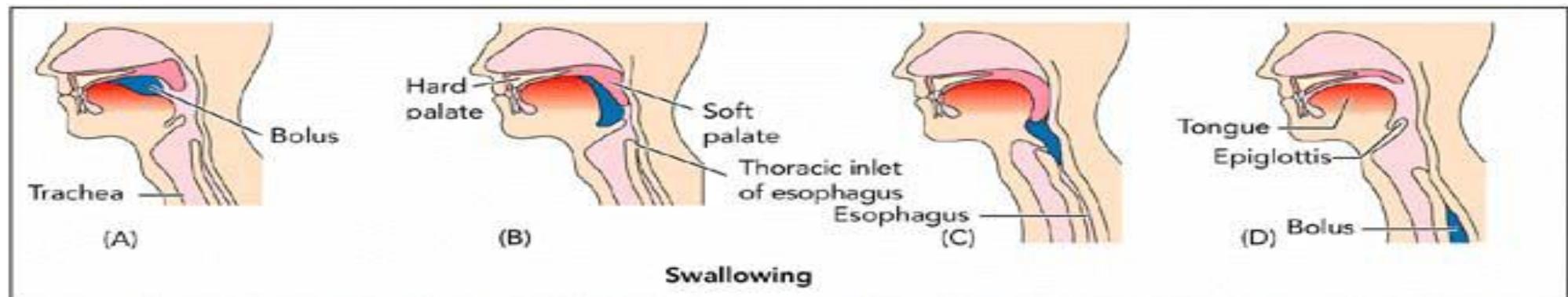
- debolezza dei muscoli respiratori (diaframma e / o muscoli intercostali o muscoli respiratori accessori)
- cifoscoliosi, e deformità della parete toracica
- debolezza dei muscoli faringei e laringei
- fibrosi muscolare
- controllo respiratorio centrale anormale (distrofia miotonica di tipo 1)



- Riduzione forza muscoli respiratori e restrizione da cifoscoliosi → riduzione pompa ventilatoria → alterazione scambi gassosi (incremento pCO<sub>2</sub> e riduzione pO<sub>2</sub>) → **insufficienza respiratoria**
- Riduzione efficacia della tosse → riduzione clearance delle secrezioni bronchiali → **incremento infezioni respiratorie**
- Deficit muscolatura bulbare → inalazioni ricorrenti → **polmonite ab ingestis**
- Ridotto tono della muscolatura faringea e alterazioni orofaciali → **apnee ostruttive**
- Ridotto drive respiratorio → **apnee centrali e ipoventilazione notturna**

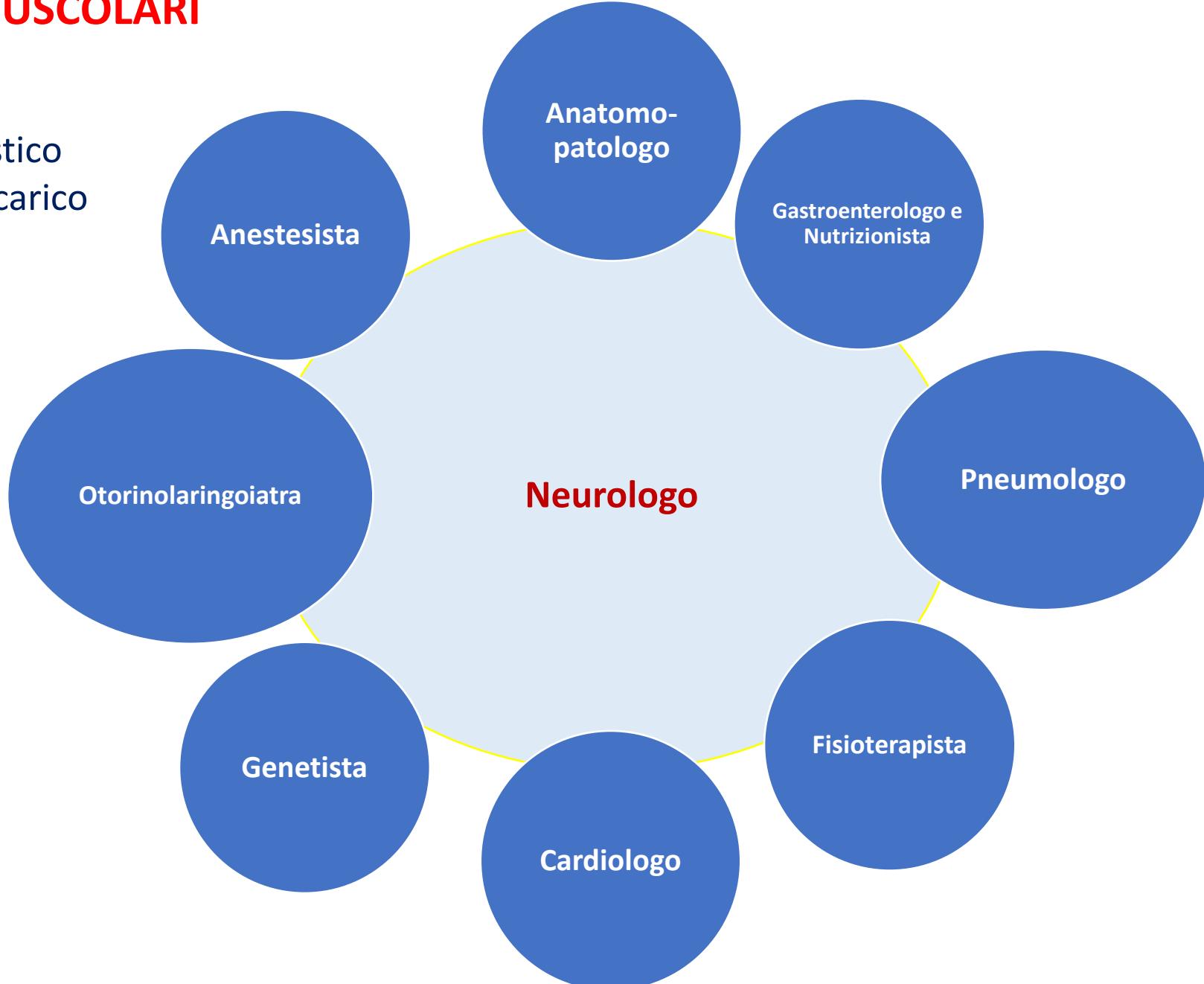
## Difficoltà deglutorie, disfagia

La disfunzione della deglutizione (disfagia) è comune e frequentemente progressiva nei pazienti con DMD. La valutazione anticipatoria per la disfagia è importante e dovrebbe essere effettuata regolarmente.

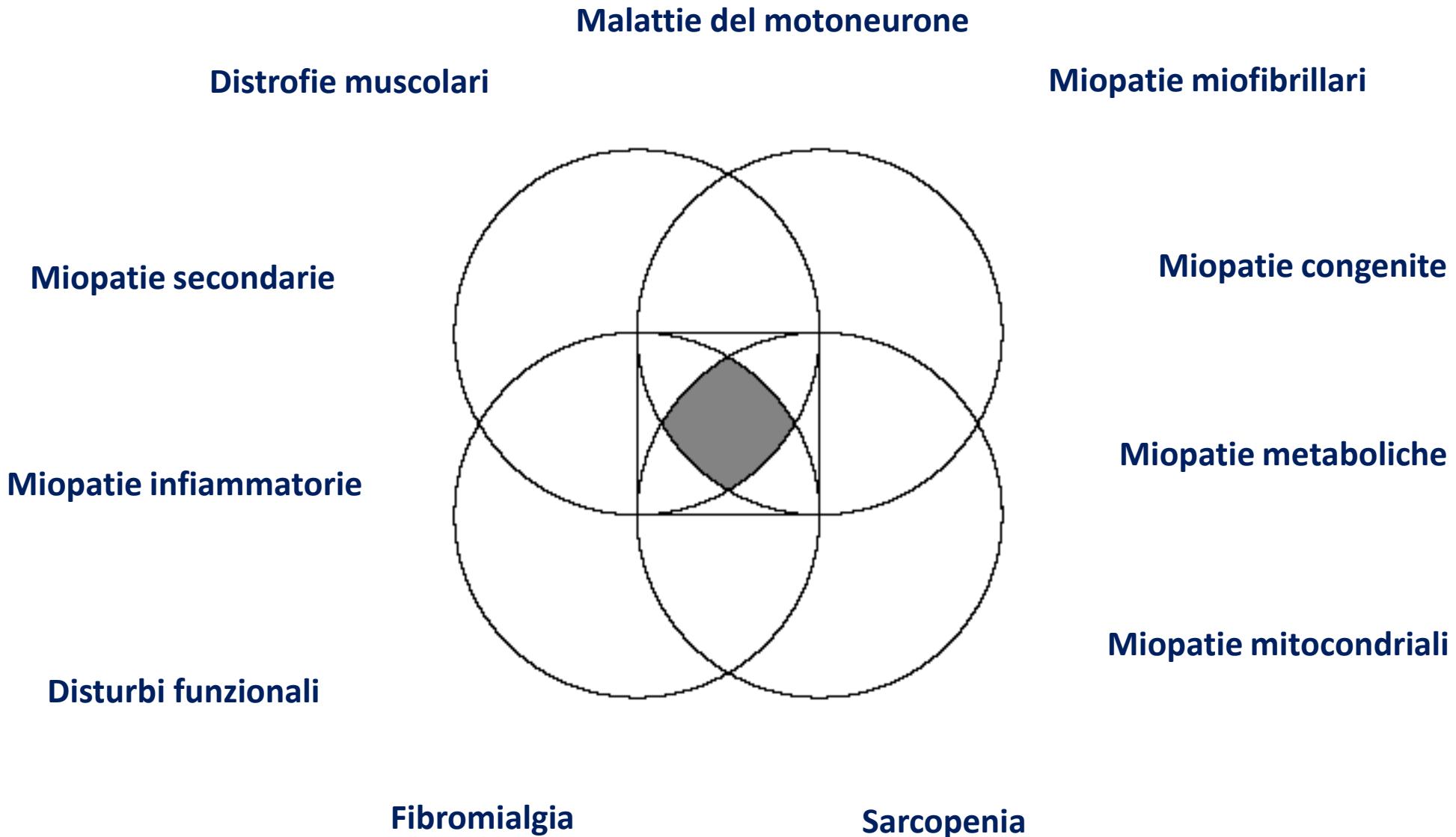


# MALATTIE NEUROMUSCOLARI

Inquadramento diagnostico  
Trattamento e presa in carico  
Follow-up

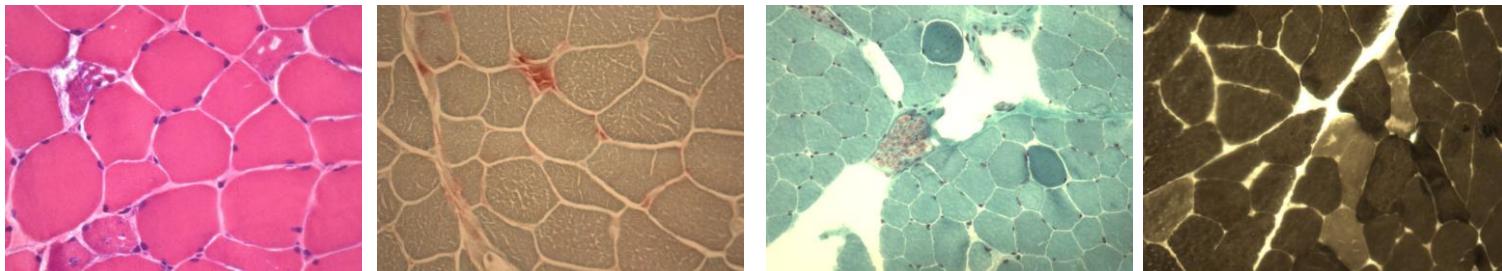


Ampia variabilita' fenotipica  $\longleftrightarrow$  Sovrapposizione clinica



# Le malattie muscolari geneticamente determinate

- ✓ Distrofie muscolari
- ✓ Miopatie congenite
- ✓ Miopatie miofibrillari
- ✓ Miopatie metaboliche
- ✓ Canalopatie e miotonie
- ✓ Miopatie mitocondriali



**Diagnosi fondamentale per :**

- Scelta terapeutica
- Prognosi e follow-up
- Consulenza familiare
- Studio genetico

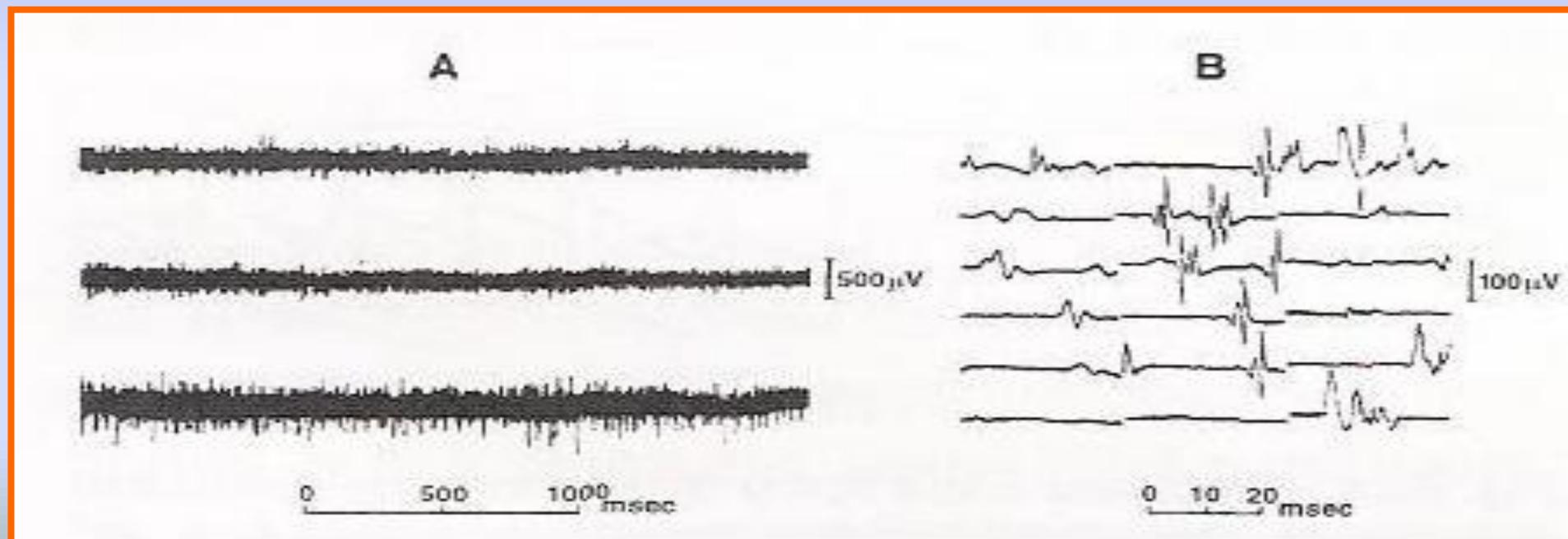


*Quando indirizzare il paziente verso un ulteriore approfondimento diagnostico*

# Malattie muscolari: diagnosi

## 3. Indagini elettrodiagnostiche

- Elettromiografia
- Velocità di conduzione



# Malattie muscolari: diagnosi

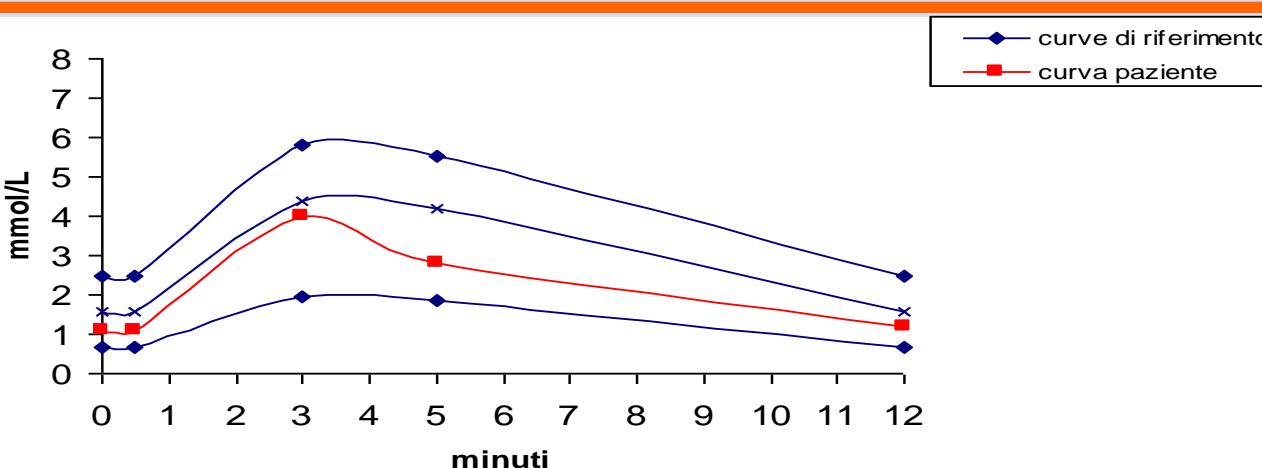
## 2. Indagini di laboratorio:

➤ valutazione enzimatica

- CPK
- LDH
- Aldolasi

➤ dosaggio dell'acido lattico

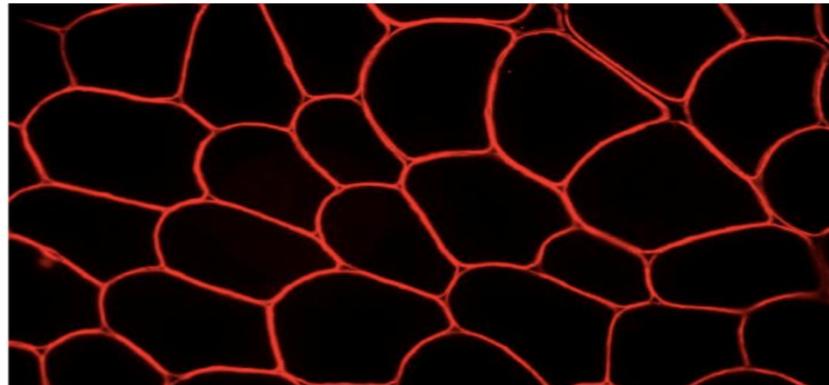
- ischemico
- aerobico



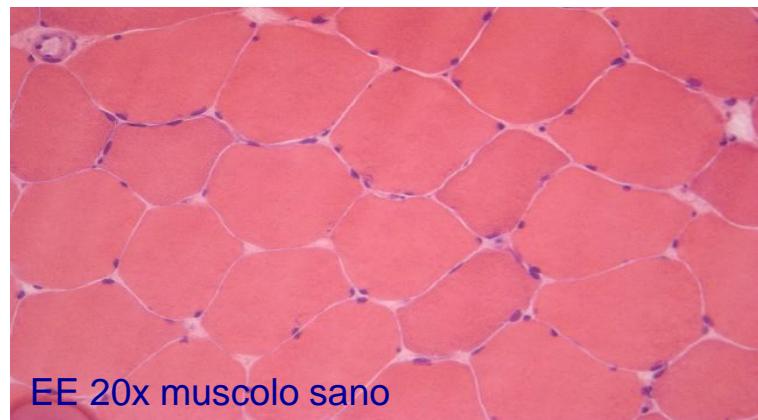
# *Le distrofie muscolari*

DMD/BMD- Malattia genetica Xp21-linked dovuta a deficit della proteina distrofina

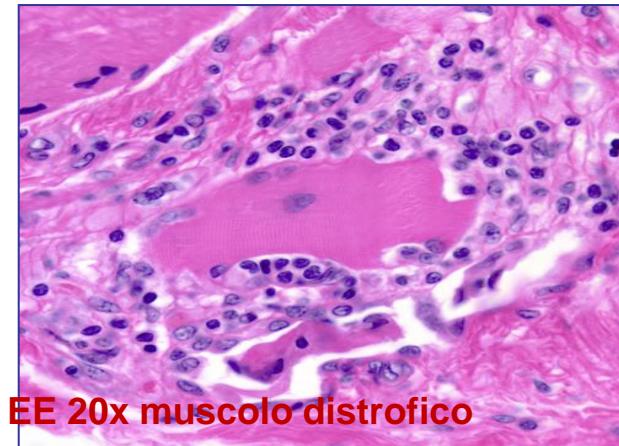
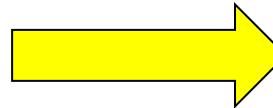
BIOPSIA MUSCOLARE IMMUNOISTOCHIMICA



La progressione della malattia



EE 20x muscolo sano



EE 20x muscolo distrofico

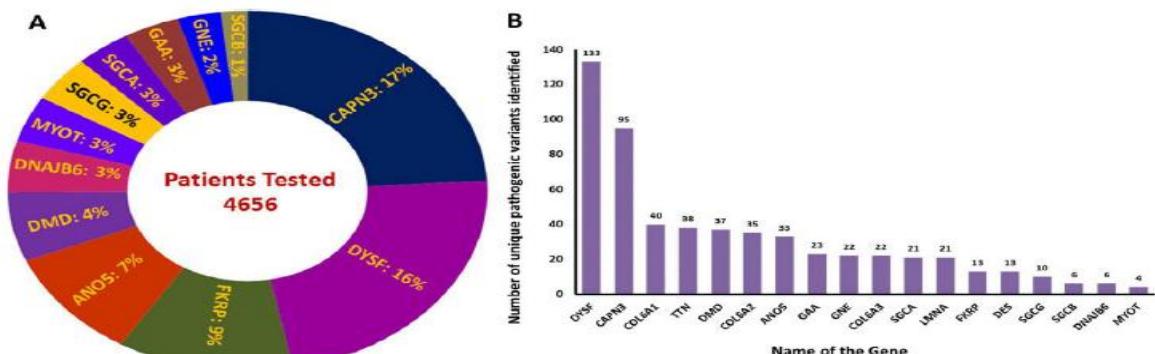
La graduale progressione del quadro clinico



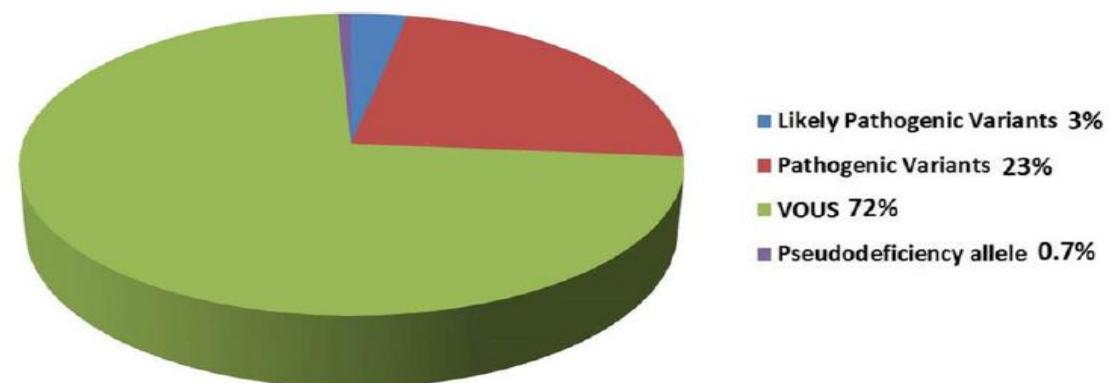
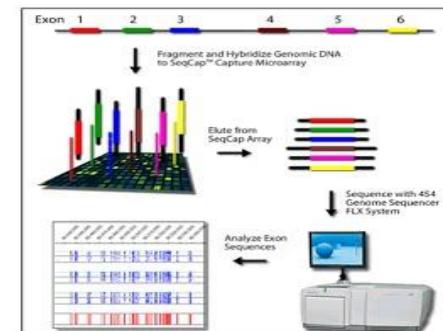
# Next generation DNA Sequencing

## Genetic landscape and novel disease mechanisms from a large LGMD cohort of 4656 patients

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**Figure 1.** Major contributing LGMD genes. (A) Molecular diagnosis has been established in 27% of the patients. A majority of these patients had a pathogenic variant in one of the following genes CAPN3 17%(175/1003), DYSF 16%(167/1003), FKR 9%(87/1003), and ANOS 7%(72/1003) indicating that these genes are likely the major contributors to LGMD phenotype. (B) Number of unique pathogenic variants identified. Numbers of identified pathogenic variants were compared among the major contributing LGMD genes to understand the allelic heterogeneity of these genes. DYSF, CAPN3, and COL6A1 were identified with the most pathogenic variants including 133, 95 and 40, respectively, in each gene, indicating more allelic heterogeneity in these genes.



**Figure 2.** Types of variants identified in the tested LGMD patients. Variants were classified according to standards and guidelines of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics. Around 23% of the identified variants are pathogenic. Around 72% of the variants are interpreted as variants of uncertain significance (VUS) because majority of LGMD subtypes are poorly studied and currently limited knowledge available.

# MALATTIE NEUROMUSCOLARI: decorso clinico e storia naturale di malattia

Decorso Clinico



Velocemente progressiva  
con risoluzione  
(GBS)

Variabilmente progressiva  
con relapsing  
(amiloidosi)

Rapidamente progressiva  
(SLA)

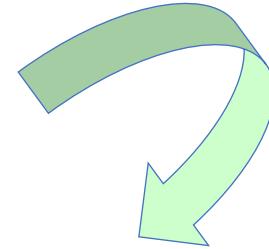
Relapsing remitting  
(CIDP)

Lentamente progressiva  
(distrofie muscolari, SMA, CMT)

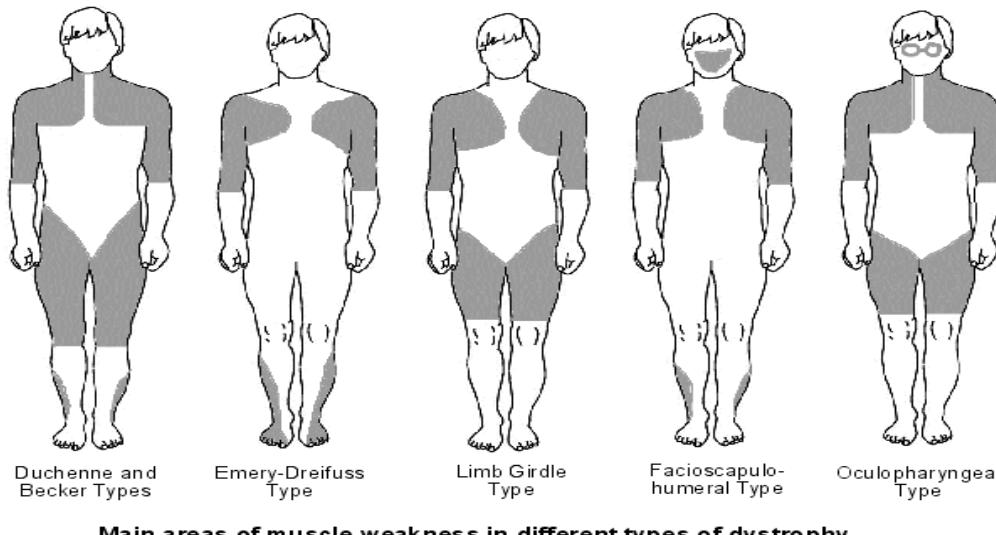
Tempo: anni, mesi o giorni?



# *Le distrofie muscolari*



- Distrofinopatie (Distrofia di Duchenne, Becker)
- Distrofia miotonica
- Distrofia muscolare facio-scapolo-omerale
- Distrofie muscolari dei cingoli
- Distrofie muscolari congenite



- età d'esordio
- familiarità
- tipo di esordio
- pattern di compromissione muscolare
- trofismo muscolare  
(ipotrofia; pseudoipertrofia)
- sintomatologia muscolare associata  
(intolleranza all'esercizio, mioglobinuria, crampi)
- interessamento di altri organi/apparati
- anamnesi farmacologica

Nuovi geni, nuovi fenotipi

Diagnosi precoce: pre-sintomatici, paucisintomatici

Presa in carico precoce: prevenzione delle complicanze

Nuove terapie: come si modifica la storia naturale  
delle malattie

Giornata

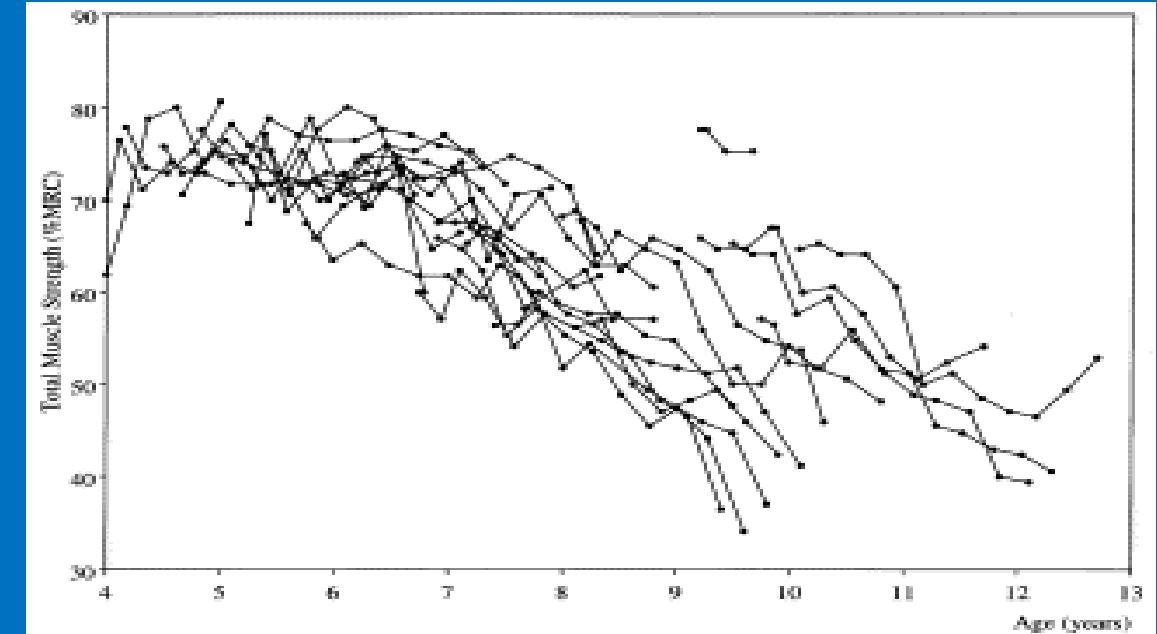
Malattie

Neuromuscolari

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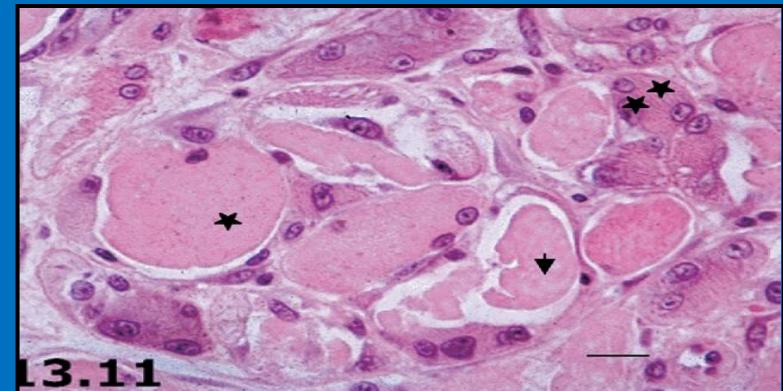
[www.giornatamalattieneuromuscolari.it](http://www.giornatamalattieneuromuscolari.it)



MRC score in DMD: natural history

## Muscle biopsy in muscular dystrophies

- myofiber necrosis/degeneration
- interstitial fibrosis and inflammation
- Regeneration attempt by satellite cells

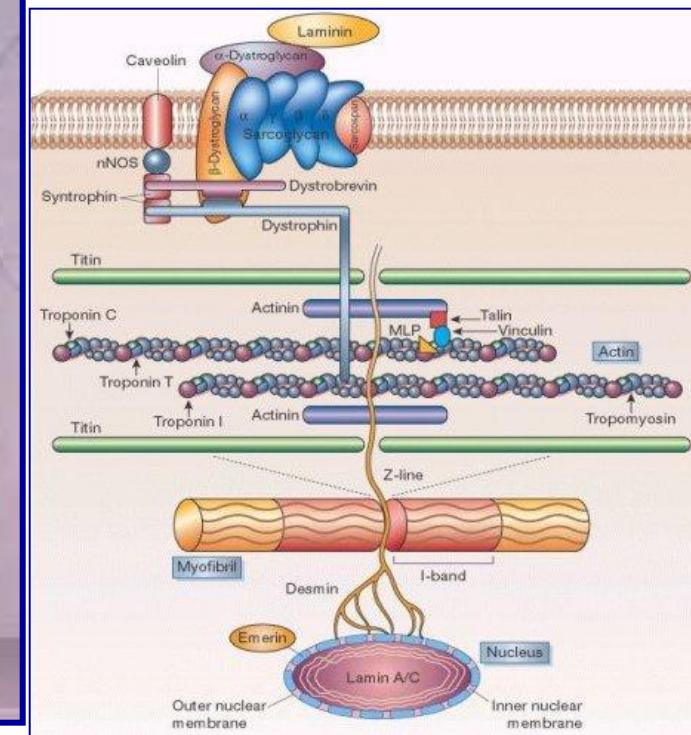
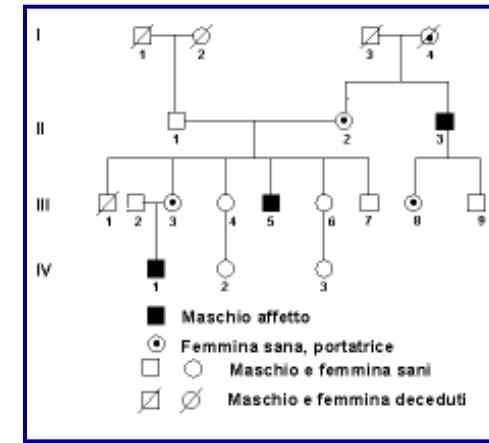
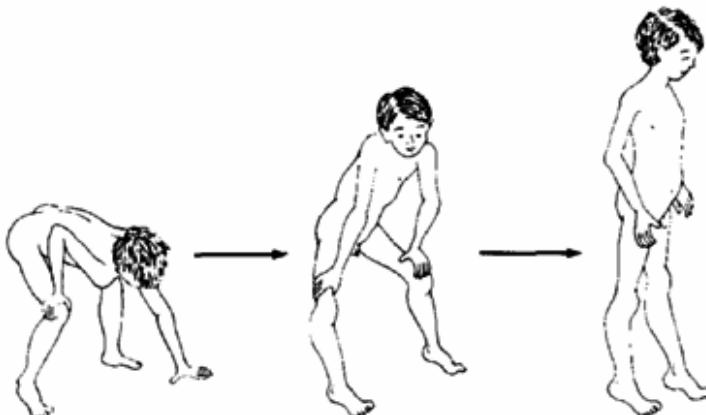


# Distrofia Muscolare tipo Duchenne/Becker

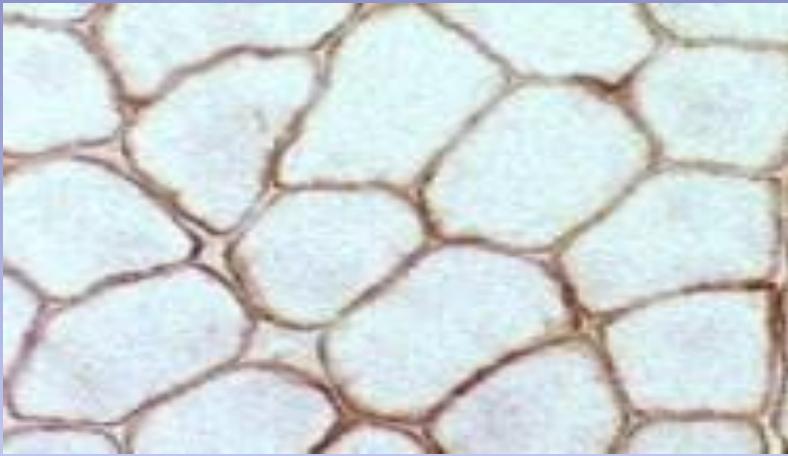
Marcata variabilità nella presentazione clinica e nella progressione di malattia (esordio 2-3 anni/8-10 anni).

Sintomi d'esordio:

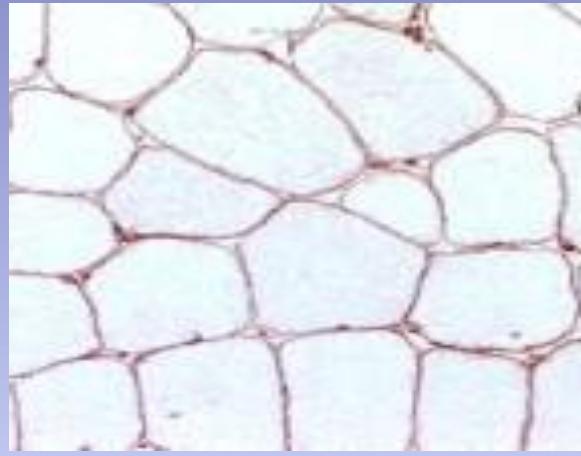
- ✓ Debolezza muscolare prossimale
- ✓ Crampi muscolari
- ✓ Mialgie
- ✓ iperCPKmia persistente
- ✓ Ipo/atrofia muscolare
- ✓ Pseudoipertrofia
- ✓ Cardiomiopatia (70%)



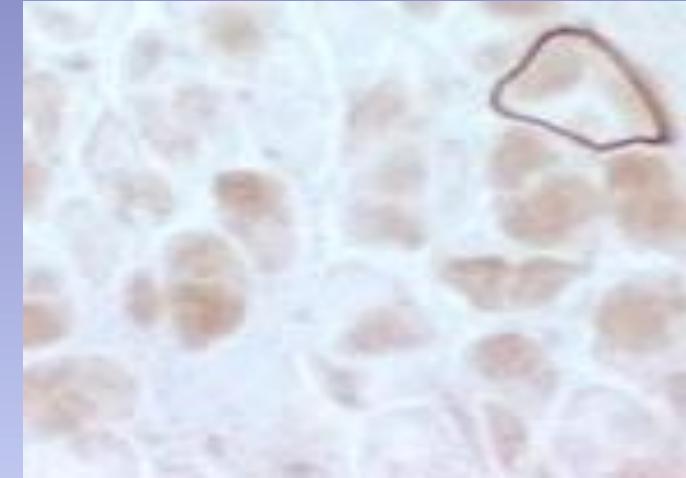
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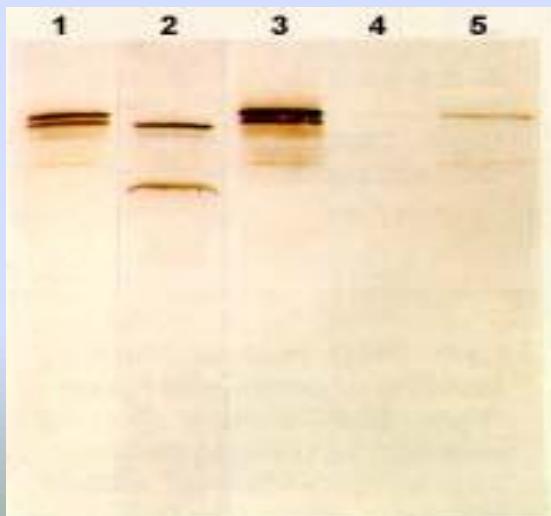
colorazione della distrofina sul  
contorno delle fibre muscolari di  
soggetto sano



Distrofia di Becker: ridotta  
colorazione delle fibre



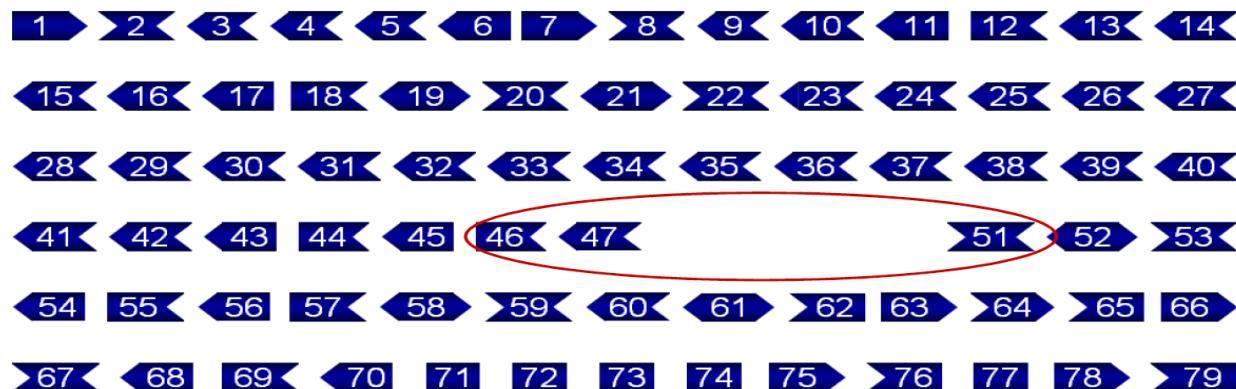
Distrofia di Duchenne:  
assenza di distrofina



Western blot:  
File 1-2: distrofia di Becker  
Fila 3: normale espressione di distrofina  
File 4-5: distrofia di Duchenne

# DNA- next generation sequencing

Duchenne muscular dystrophy: reading frame disrupted



No sintesi di distrofina

Duchenne muscular dystrophy: reading frame disrupted<sup>1</sup>



Disrupted reading frame

Protein translation truncated prematurely

Dystrophin not functional

1. Aartsma-Rus A et al. J Med Genet 2016;53:145–51.

# Distrofia Miotonica di Steinert



## Clinica:

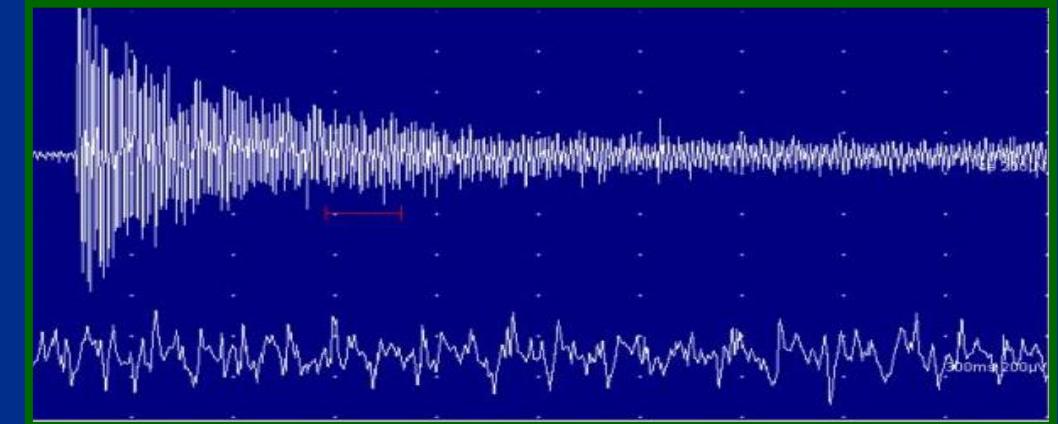
- Debolezza muscolare
- Fenomeno miotonico
- Ipotrofia mm. facciali
- Disturbi di conduzione cardiaca
- Cataratta
- Diabete
- Calvizie frontale



## Analisi molecolare:

Trasmissione autosomica dominante  
Espansione della tripletta CTG crom. 19q13.2

## Fenomeno miotonico



Nuclei interni  
(tricromica di Gomori)



# Distrofia muscolare facioscapolomerale

Alleli D4Z4 1-3 ripetizioni: forma severa (esordio nell'infanzia)

Alleli D4Z4 4-8 ripetizioni: forma classica (esordio entro la seconda decade)

Alleli D4Z4 9-10 ripetizioni: forma lieve (esordio tardivo)

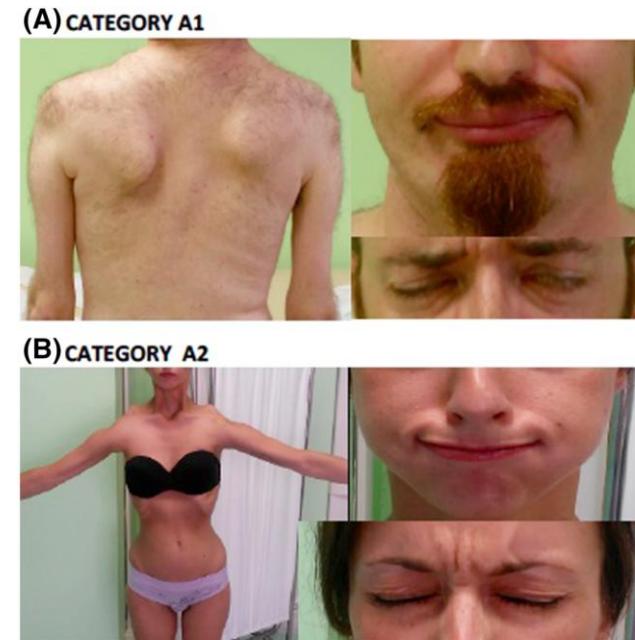
Tipicamente, la malattia si manifesta **nell'infanzia e in età giovanile.**

**Deficit della muscolatura facciale.**

**La debolezza dei muscoli del cingolo scapolare,** deficit dei muscoli che stabilizzano la scapola rende compromissione dell'elevazione delle braccia

Deficit distale arti inferiori

**Nel 20% interessamento severo cingolo pelvico** con perdita deambulazione entro la IV decade



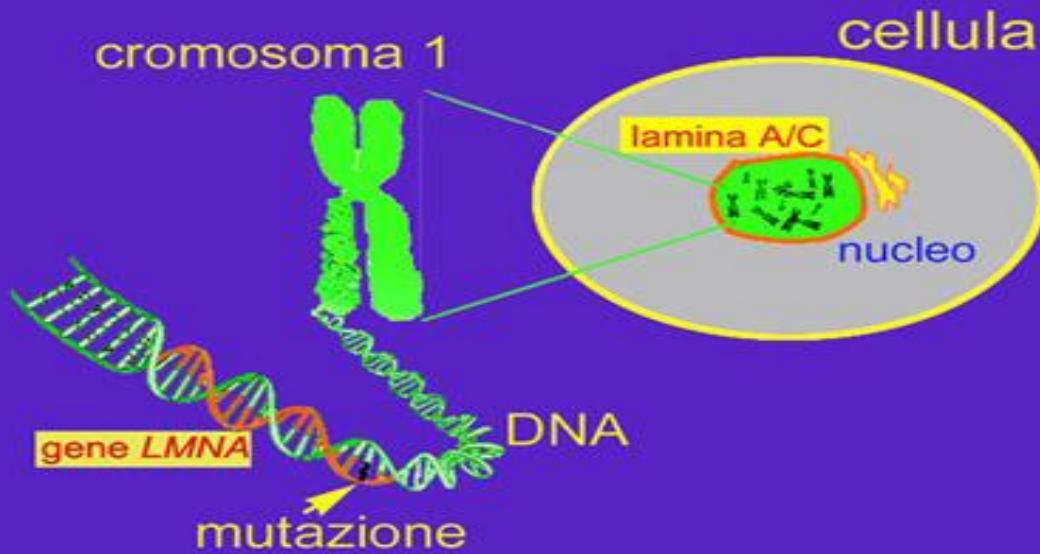
VARIABILITA' FENOTIPICA  
INTER e INTRA FAMIGLIE

# Le laminopatie

Progetto AIFA:  
terapia con corticosteroide nella variante miopatica LGMD e EDMD

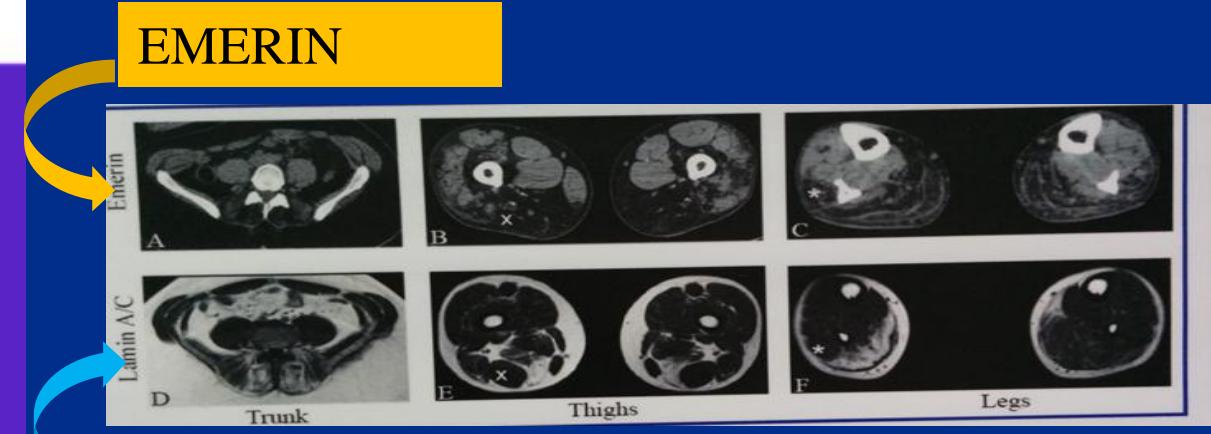
Progetto AIFA 2019

qual è la causa delle laminopatie?



un errore (mutazione) sul gene *LMNA* è la causa di quasi tutte le laminopatie

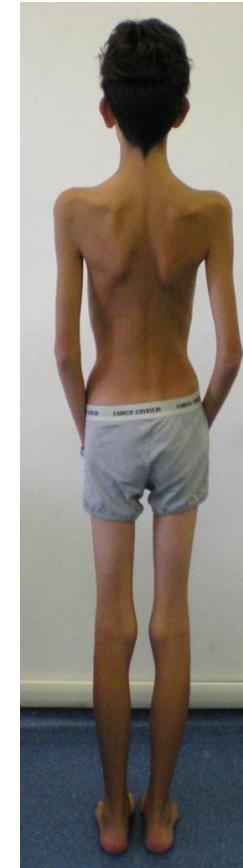
dal gene *LMNA* verrà prodotta una lamina A/C mutata (non funzionante)



The **congenital myopathies** are a group of genetic muscle disorders characterised by hypotonia and weakness, usually from birth, and a static or slowly progressive clinical course.

Other typical clinical features :

- myopathic facies (ptosis, ophtalmoplegia)
- feeding difficulties
- respiratory distress
- joint laxity or retraction (congenital hip dysplasia )
- delayed motor milestones
- diffuse muscle hypotrophy
- scoliosis



Heart rarely involved. Brain usually spared.

CK normal or mildly elevated.

**Severity**

Fatal forms (X-linked myotubular myopathy)

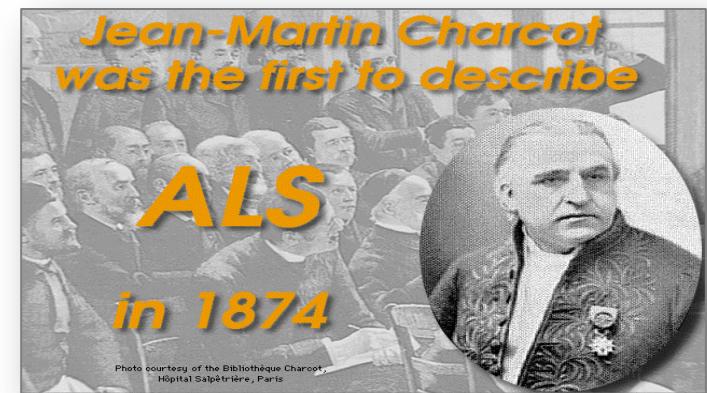
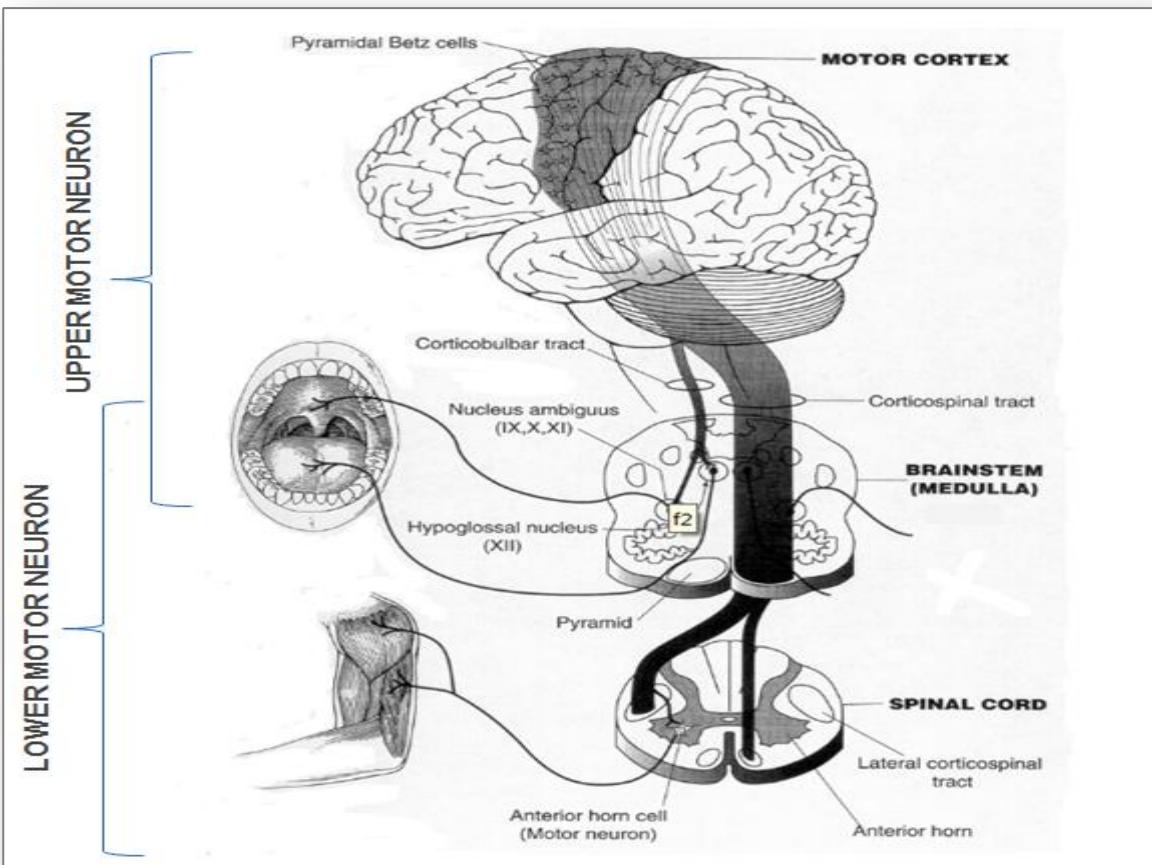
Later onset milder forms (adult nemaline myopathy)



# *Le altre malattie neuromuscolari*

# SCLEROSI LATERALE AMIOTROFICA (SLA)

Caratterizzata dalla degenerazione del I e II motoneurone.



Sclerosi

→ atrofia gliotica

Laterale

→ cordoni laterali del midollo spinale

Amiotrofica

→ riduzione della massa muscolare

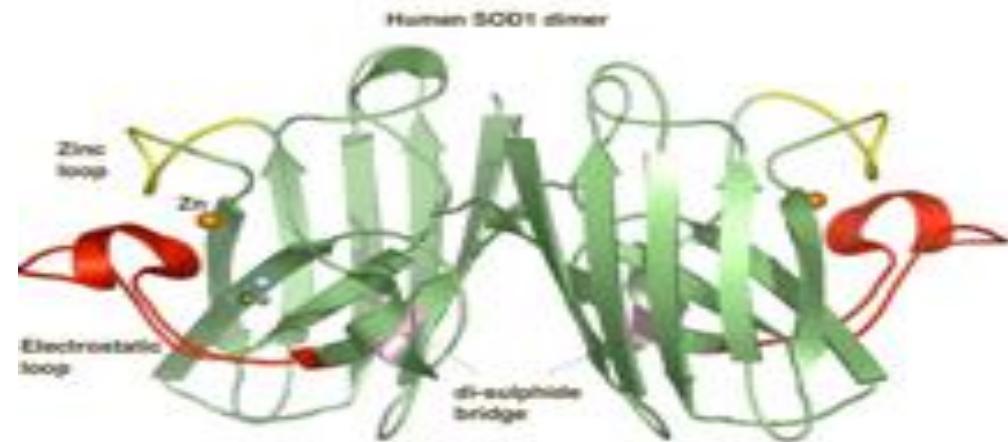
SLA

90%  
SPORADICA

10%  
FAMILIARE

**Mutations in Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase gene are associated with familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis**

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(15 %-Mutazione gene Superossido-Dismutasi 1)

## Terapia con oligonuclotidi specifici ASOs for FUS-fALS

Jacifusen is a recently developed ASO (Ionis Pharmaceutical and Columbia Medical centre) for patients with mutation in *FUS* gene

Jacifusen is a patient-specific ASO **targeting the *FUS* mutation p.P525 L**, which produces a mutant and toxic protein that accumulate in MN inducing alteration in their functions

In May 2019, the FDA approved the administration of this experimental ASO for a young woman affected by this specific mutation before the completion of toxicological study

FDA further approved the treatment as compassionate use for other three ALS patients with *FUS* mutations.

# nature medicine

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## Tailored treatment for ALS poised to move ahead

For a young woman with a rare disease, researchers are pushing the boundaries of personalized medicine

Jaci Hermstad (center) and her parents



# Charcot Marie Tooth Type 1 (CMT1)



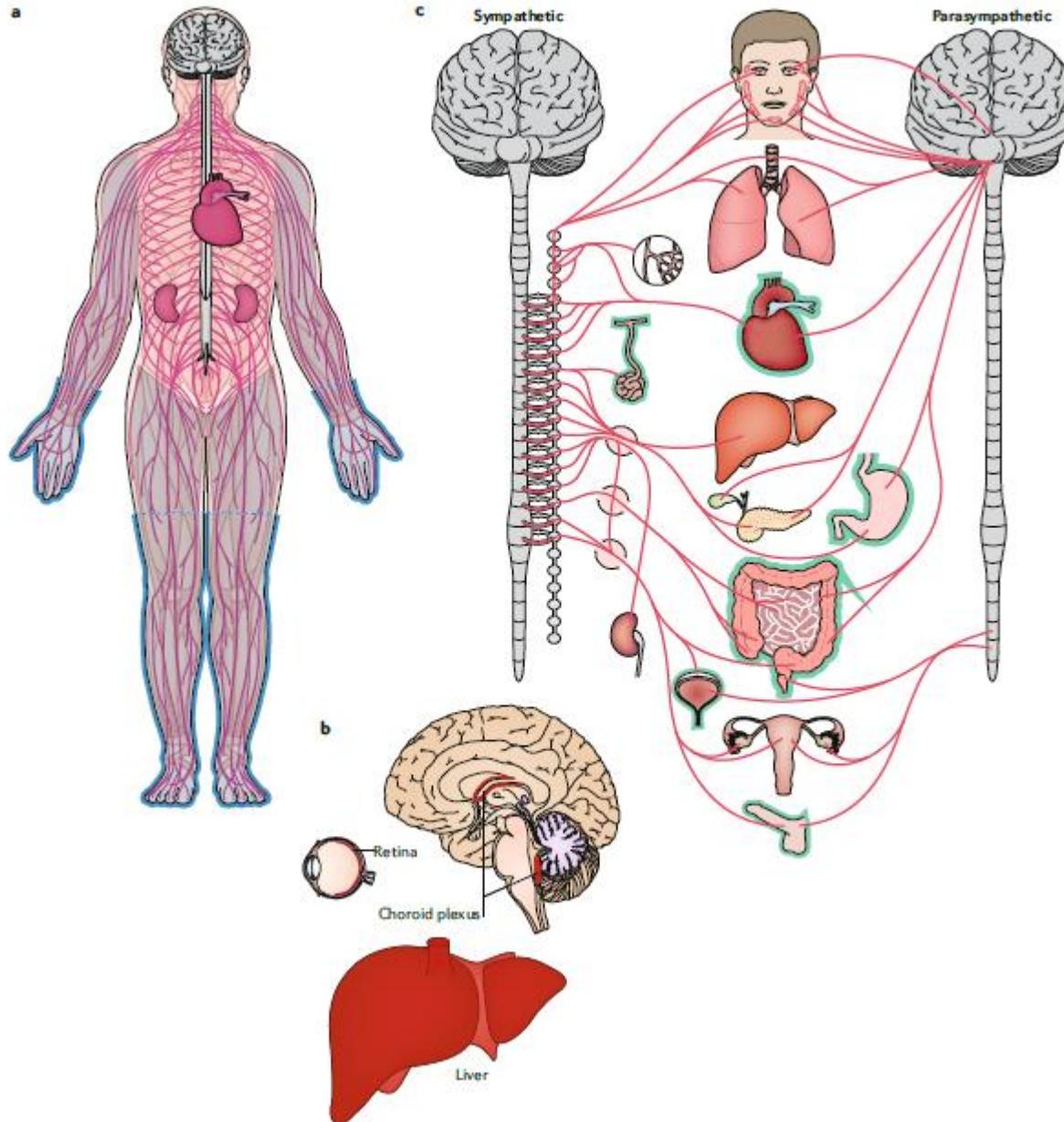
- Demyelinating
- Distal muscle weakness and atrophy, sensory loss
- Slow nerve conduction velocity (typically 5-30 m/sec; normal: >40-45 m/sec).
- Usually slowly progressive
- Often associated with pes cavus foot deformity and bilateral foot drop.
- Affected individuals usually become symptomatic between ages five and 25 years.
- Fewer than 5% of individuals become wheelchair dependent.
- Life span is not shortened

Locus Name	Proportion of CMT1 (excluding CMTX) <sup>1</sup>	Gene	Protein Product
CMT1A	70%-80%	<i>PMP22</i>	Peripheral myelin protein 22
CMT1B	10%-12%	<i>MPZ</i>	Myelin P <sub>0</sub> protein
CMT1C	~1%	<i>LITAF</i>	Lipopolysaccharide-induced tumor necrosis factor-alpha factor
CMT1D	Unknown	<i>EGR2</i>	Early growth response protein 2
CMT1E	~1%	<i>PMP22</i>	Peripheral myelin protein 22 (sequence changes)
CMT1F/2E	Unknown	<i>NEFL</i>	Neurofilament light polypeptide



# POLINEUROPATHIA AMILOIDOTICA FAMILIARE

## Manifestazioni cliniche

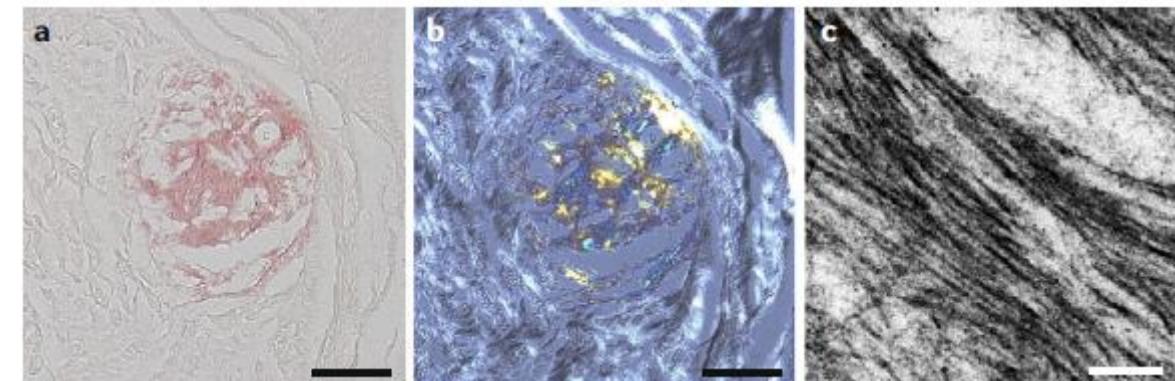
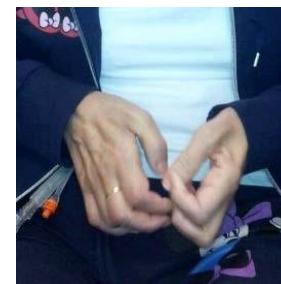


### Neuropatia

Polineuropatia delle piccole fibre

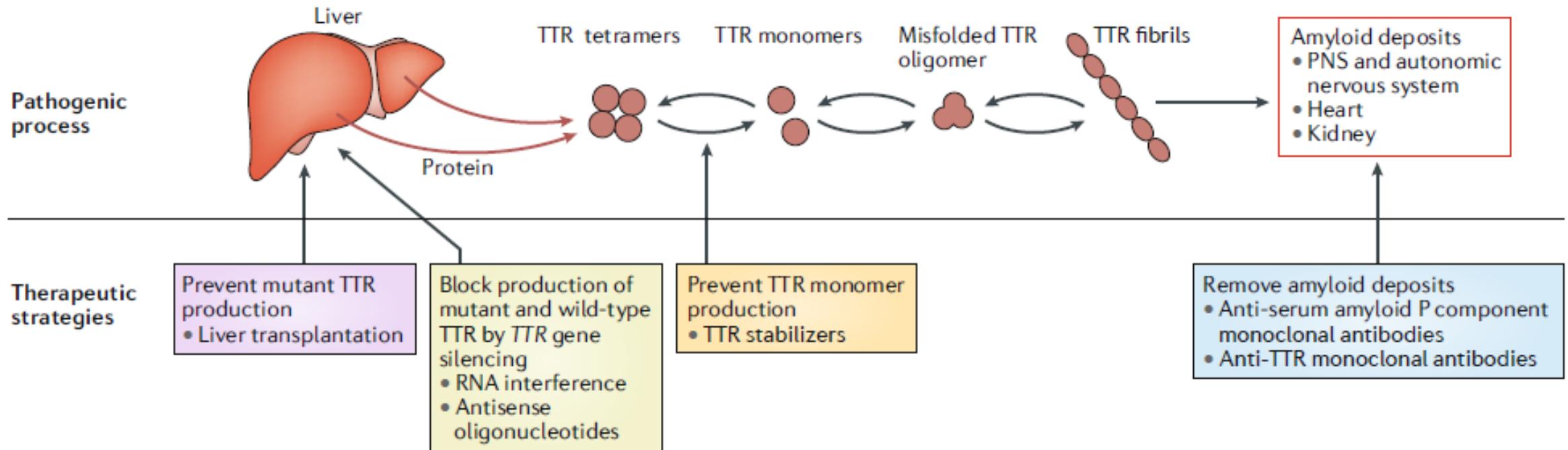
**Sintomi sensitivi o sensorimotori:** distali, più spesso i piedi

**Neuropatia autonomica:** disfunzione erettile, sintomi gastrointestinali (costipazione, diarrea, crisi di vomito), dysuria



Microangiopathy – Schwann cell stress

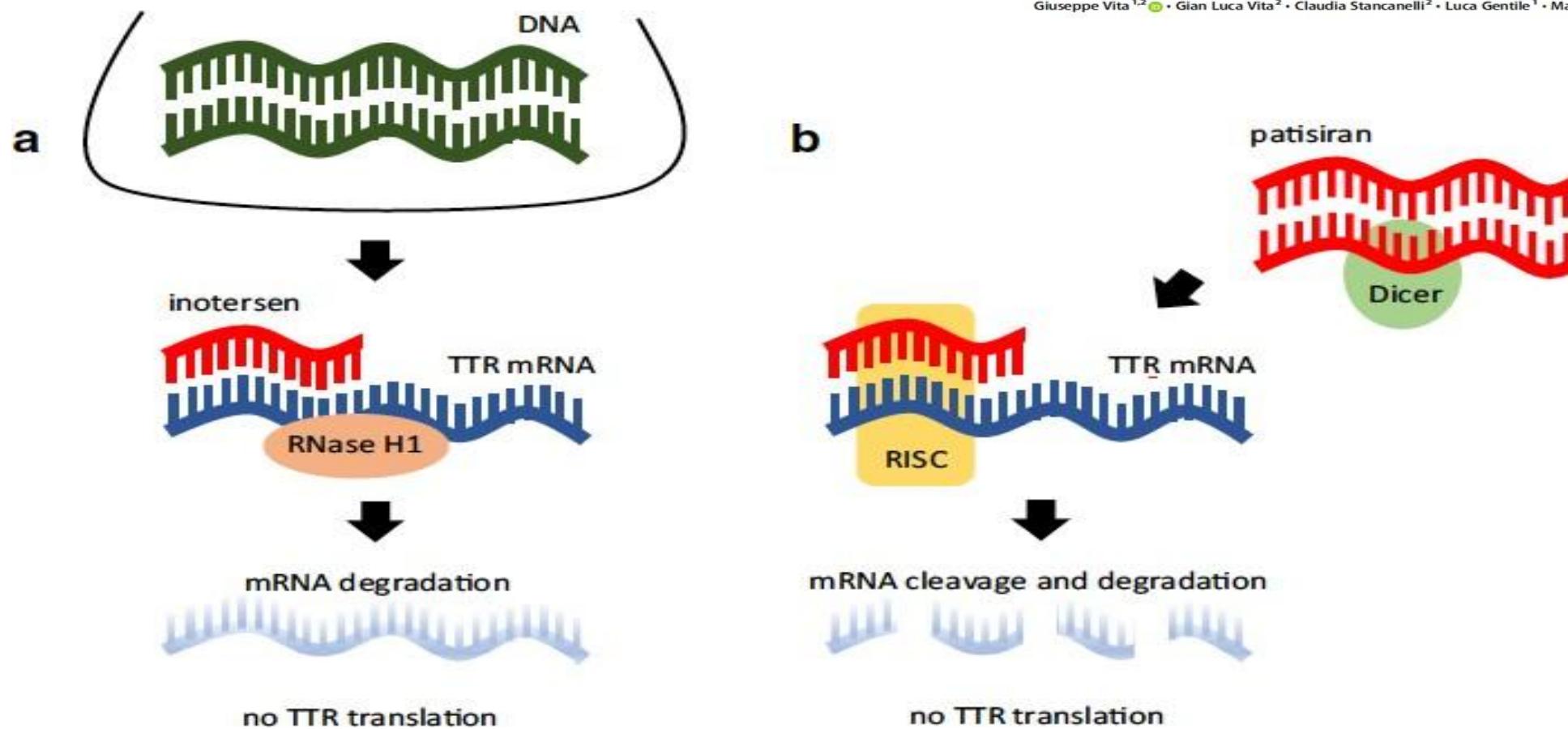
# Overview of therapeutic strategies in hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis with polyneuropathy





## Genetic neuromuscular disorders: living the era of a therapeutic revolution. Part 1: peripheral neuropathies

Giuseppe Vita<sup>1,2</sup> • Gian Luca Vita<sup>2</sup> • Claudia Stacanelli<sup>2</sup> • Luca Gentile<sup>1</sup> • Massimo Russo<sup>2</sup> • Anna Mazzeo<sup>1</sup>



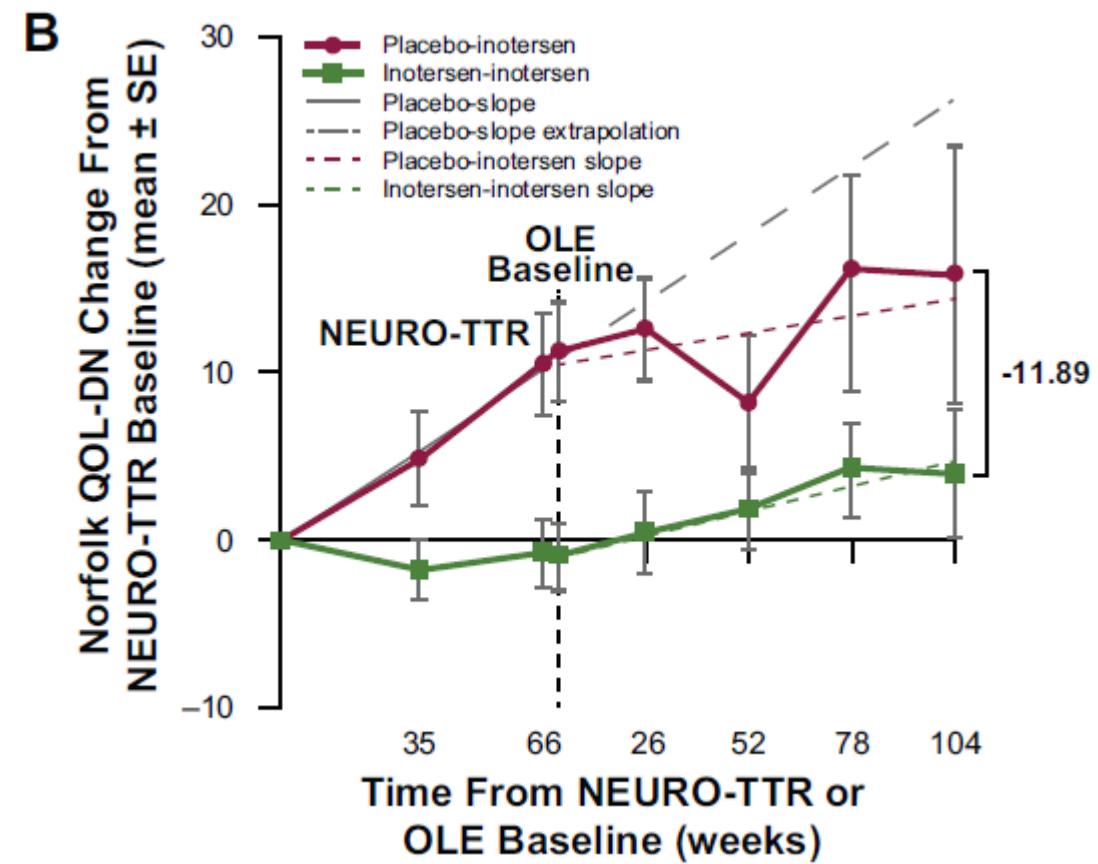
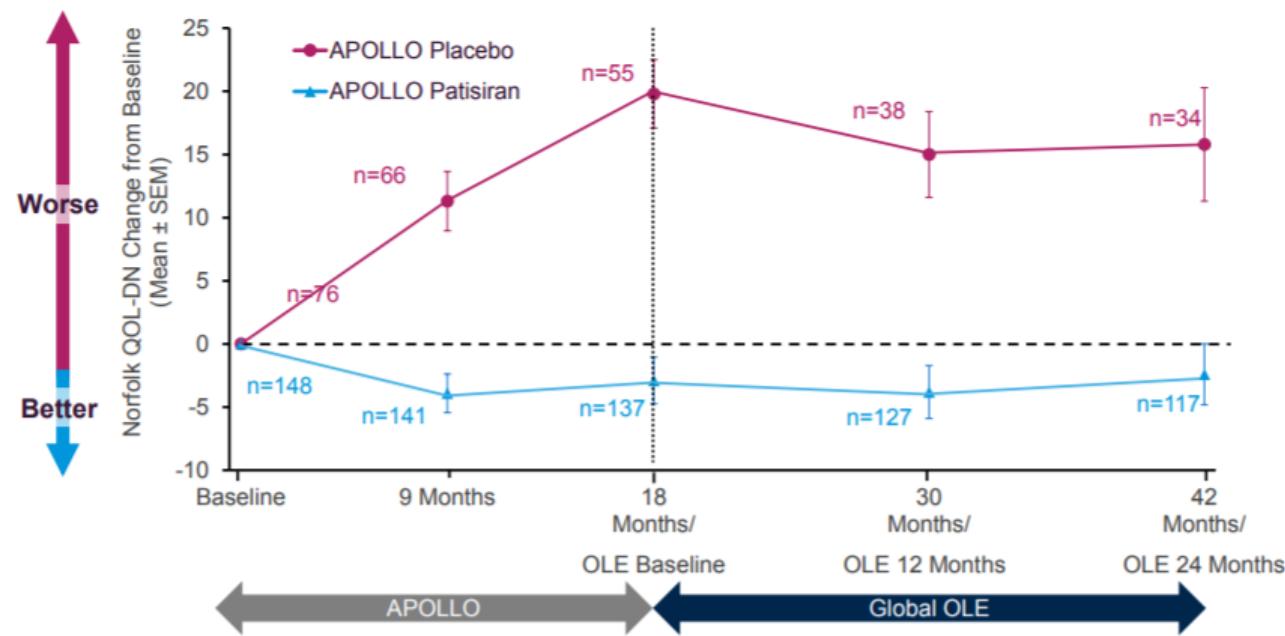
**Mechanism of action of inotersen and patisiran.** mRNA conveys genetic information from DNA to the ribosome, where the TTR amino acid sequence is translated. **Inotersen** acts by binding to mRNA with complementary base pairing and leading to RNase H1-mediated degradation of TTR mRNA and no TTR synthesis (a). **Patisiran** is a double-stranded siRNA which selectively targets TTR mRNA and triggers the RNAi pathway. The double-stranded molecule is cut into small double-stranded fragments by an enzyme called Dicer. These small fragments integrate into a multisubunit protein called the RNAinduced silencing complex (RISC), leading to mRNA degradation and suppressing its translation (b).

# EAN 2020: Norfolk QOL-DN

PATISIRAN

INOTERSEN

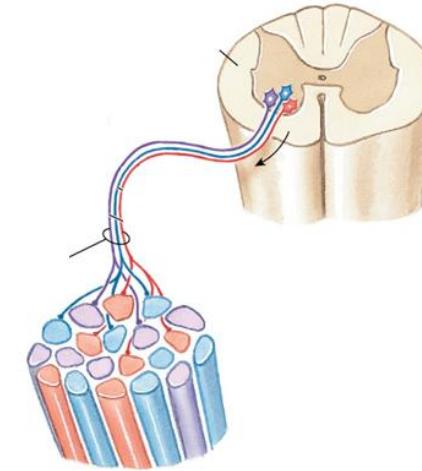
Figure 6. Integrated Change in Norfolk QOL-DN from APOLLO and Global OLE<sup>a</sup>



# Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

Progressive neuromuscular disease  
diagnosed in infancy  
Autosomal recessive disorder

disease incidence is 1:6000 to 1:10000 live births,  
the carrier status incidence is 1:40 to 1:60



Patients present muscular **weakness and atrophy**  
resulting from loss and degeneration of  
**motoneurons (MNs)** of spinal cord ventral horn  
and of brainstem nuclei.

It is the most common genetic cause of infant death.

# Diverse forme di SMA: Correlazione genotipo-fenotipo in funzione del numero di copie SMN2

SMN2 Copy Number and SMA Clinical Phenotype

SMN2 Copy Number	SMA Clinical Phenotype <sup>1</sup>		
	SMA I	SMA II <sup>2</sup>	SMA III/IV <sup>3</sup>
1	96%	4%	0%
2	79%	16%	5%
3	15%	54%	31%
>=4 <sup>4</sup>	1%	11%	88%



TYPE 1	
SMN2 Copy Number	Two

Onset Before 6 Months

Incidence per Live Birth Approximately 60%

Developmental Milestones

- Will never be able to sit without support
- Difficulty breathing & swallowing
- Can't crawl/will never walk
- <10% Event free\* by two years of age

Survival

TYPE 2	
	Three or Four

6-18 Months

Approximately 27%

- Will never be able to walk or stand without support

- 68% alive at age 25

TYPE 3

Three or Four

Early childhood to early adulthood (juvenile)

Approximately 13%

- Stand alone and walk but may lose ability to walk in 30s-40s

Modified from  
**IONIS/AVEXIS**

# AGENZIA ITALIANA DEL FARMACO

DETERMINA 25 settembre 2017

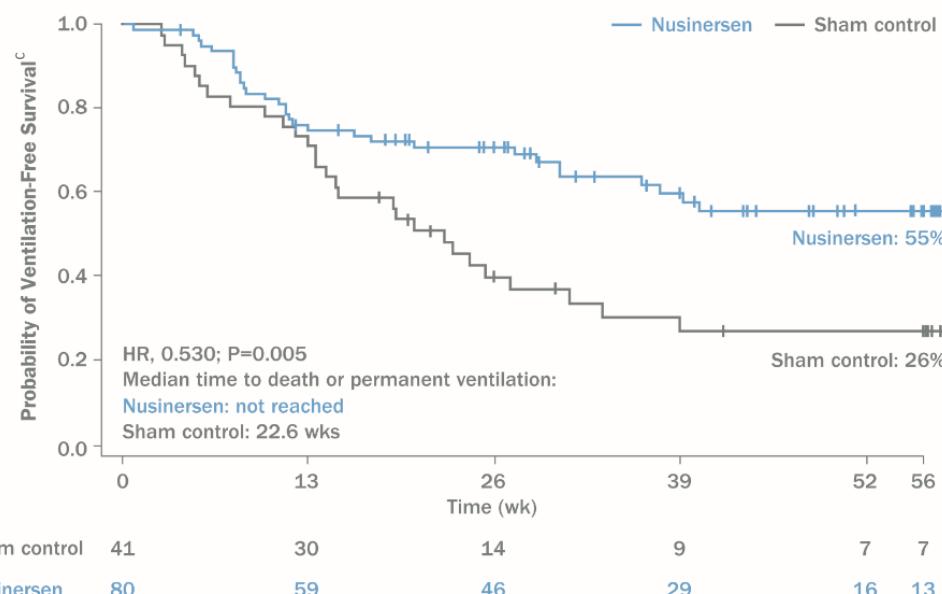
Regime di rimborsabilita' e prezzo del medicinale per uso umano  
«Spinraza». (Determina n. 1611/2017). (17A06571)  
(GU n.226 del 27-9-2017)

- Indicazioni terapeutiche: «Spinraza» e' indicato per il trattamento dell'atrofia muscolare spinale 5q.
- Ai fini delle prescrizioni a carico del Servizio sanitario nazionale, i centri utilizzatori specificatamente individuati dalle regioni, dovranno compilare la scheda raccolta dati informatizzata di arruolamento che indica i pazienti eleggibili e la scheda di follow-up, applicando le condizioni negoziali secondo le indicazioni criteri di eleggibilita' e appropriatezza prescrittiva riportati nella documentazione consultabile sul portale istituzionale dell'Agenzia:  
<http://www.agenziafarmaco.gov.it/it/content/registri-farmaci-sottoposti-monitoraggio>
- La classificazione ai fini della fornitura del medicinale «Spinraza» e' la seguente: medicinali soggetti a prescrizione medica limitativa, utilizzabili esclusivamente in ambiente ospedaliero o in struttura ad esso assimilabile (OSP).

# Tasso di sopravvivenza in assenza di eventi maggiori

- Significantly prolonged event-free survival<sup>a</sup> in nusinersen-treated infants (HR, 0.53;  $P=0.0046^b$ )

Outcome	Sham control	Nusinersen
Death or permanent ventilation, n (%)	28 (68)	31 (39)
Alive and no permanent ventilation, n (%)	13 (32)	49 (61)



HR = hazard ratio. All infants randomized who received  $\geq 1$  dose of nusinersen or sham control were included in the analysis. <sup>a</sup>Event-free survival = time to death or permanent ventilation (permanent ventilation was defined as tracheostomy or  $\geq 16$  hours ventilatory support per day for  $>21$  days in the absence of acute reversible event in the determination of an independent endpoint adjudication committee). <sup>b</sup>Log-rank statistical test stratified by disease duration. <sup>c</sup>Estimated from the Kaplan-Meier method.

## TERAPIA GENICA per le MALATTIE NEUROMUSCOLARI

The use of viral vectors and, in particular, of **adenoassociated viral (AAV) vectors** with neural tropism overcomes the need of repeated direct injections with ASOs, enabling persistent and global gene transfer after one single administration. Viral vectors can be used to replace faulty genes in affected tissues or to reduce the expression of toxic proteins.

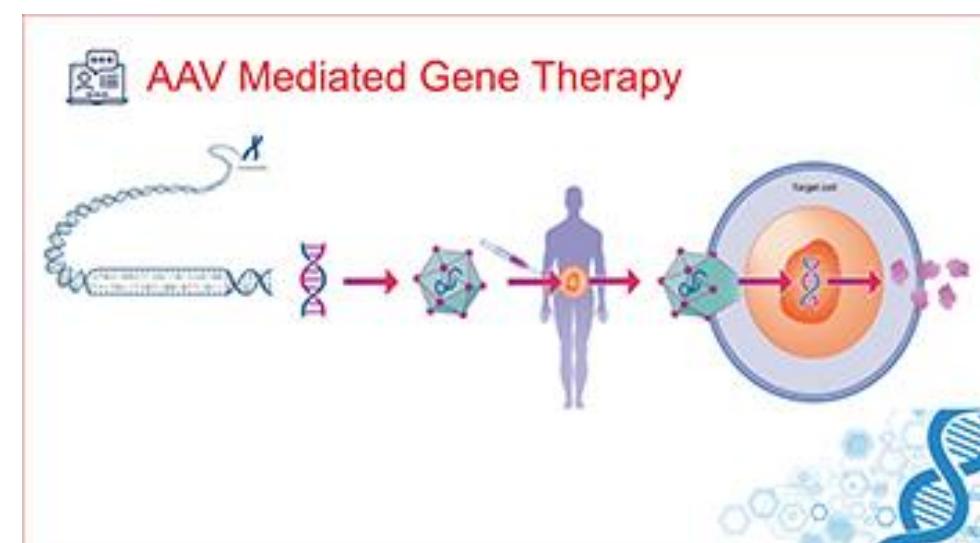
Several serotypes are investigated for efficient CNS delivery.

In particular, AAV serotype 9 (AAV9) and rh.10 (AAVrh.10), are largely used as preferred vectors for CNS delivery, due to their neuronal tropism and increased ability to cross the BBB

The ongoing effort in testing AAVmediated gene therapy for **SMA** is pivotal for the development and refinement of similar approaches for ALS patients.

**Table 1** Viral vector properties and clinical implications on efficacy and safety

	Adeno-associated virus	Adenovirus	Simple retrovirus	Lentivirus	Herpes virus
Transgene carrying capacity	<5 kb	<8 kb	8 kb	9 kb	30–40 kb
Integration into host genome	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Target cell population	Mitotic and quiescent cells	Mitotic and quiescent cells	Mitotic	Mitotic and quiescent cells	Mitotic and quiescent cells
Transgene expression duration	Long term (in quiescent cells)	Short term	Long term	Long term	Life-long
Immunogenicity	Moderate	High	Low	Low	High
Insertional oncogenesis risk	Low	Low	Very high	Moderate	Low
Oncolytic potential	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Risk of human pathogenicity*	Negligible	Possible but low risk	High	High	Possible but low risk
Comments on clinical utility	Only vector to be approved and licenced for clinical use in neurological disease†	Reduced utility in patients due to significant immunotoxic effects	Reduced utility in patients due to significant oncogenetic potential	Ex vivo strategies used due to reduced penetrance of BBB in adults	Effective in malignant brain tumours secondary to oncolytic potential



## MALATTIA DI POMPE: stessa malattia, diversi fenotipi



Ampio spettro di fenotipi clinici

Forma infantile classica  
Forma infantile a fenotipo non classico  
Forma giovanile-adulta (late onset)

# MYOZYME: ALFA-GLUCOSIDASI ACIDA UMANA RICOMBINANTE

## MECCANISMO D'AZIONE

### INGRESSO & LEGAME

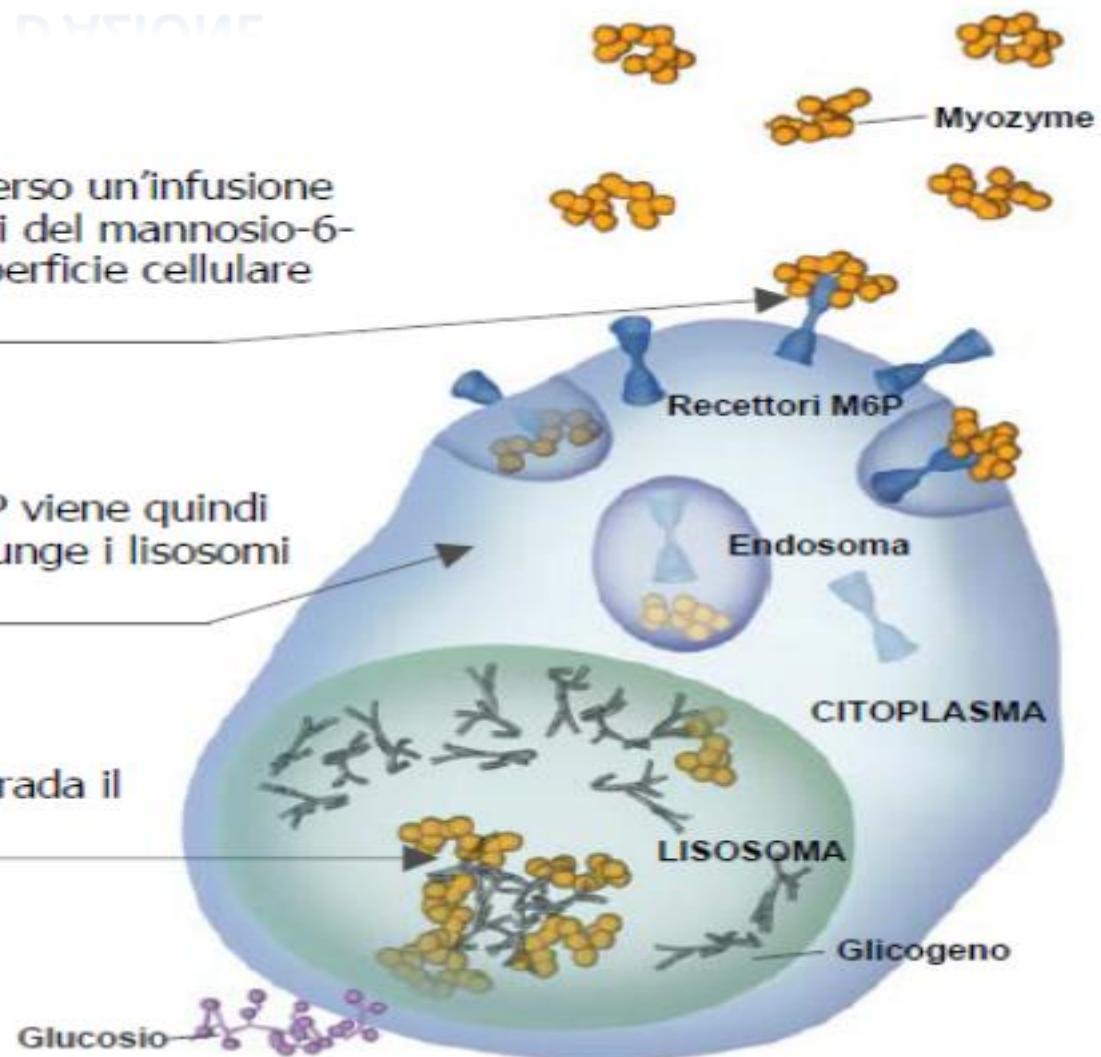
Myozyme entra nell'organismo attraverso un'infusione endovenosa, quindi si lega ai recettori del mannosio-6-fosfato (M6P) che si trovano sulla superficie cellulare formando un complesso.

### INTERNALIZZAZIONE E TRAFFICKING

Il complesso Myozyme/Recettore M6P viene quindi internalizzato nella cellula dove raggiunge i lisosomi per endocitosi.

### DEGRADAZIONE DEL GLICOGENO

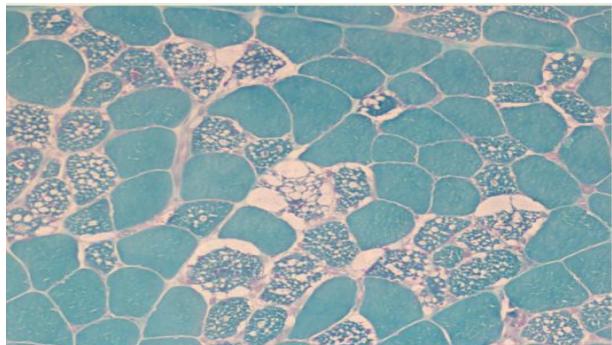
All'interno dei lisosomi, Myozyme degrada il glicogeno accumulato in glucosio.



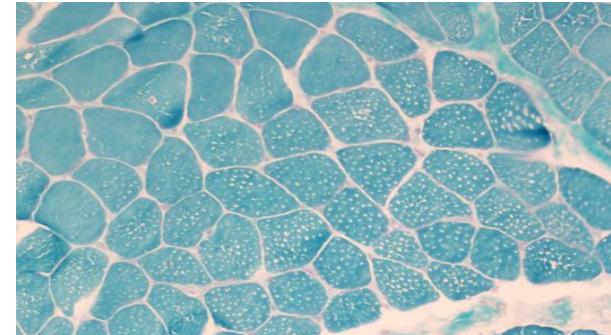
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van der Ploeg et al. J Clin Invest. 1991;87(2):513-518.  
Figura elaborata da Genzyme Srl.

**Case 1:** A 44 year old man arrived to our attention with one-year history of low back pain and mild hyperCKemia (300 UI/L). In anamnesis, he referred only hearing loss. Neurological examination showed asymmetric winged scapula. DNA testing for FSHD was negative.

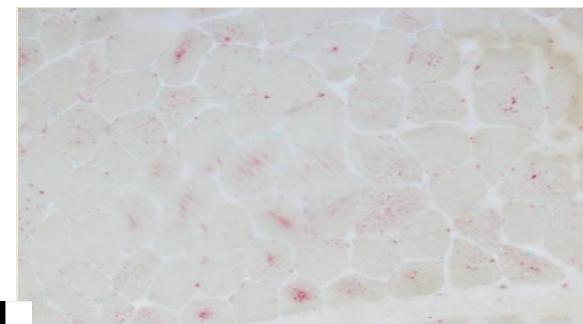
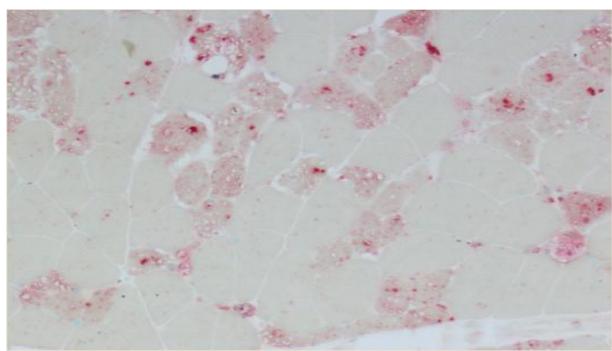
### Before



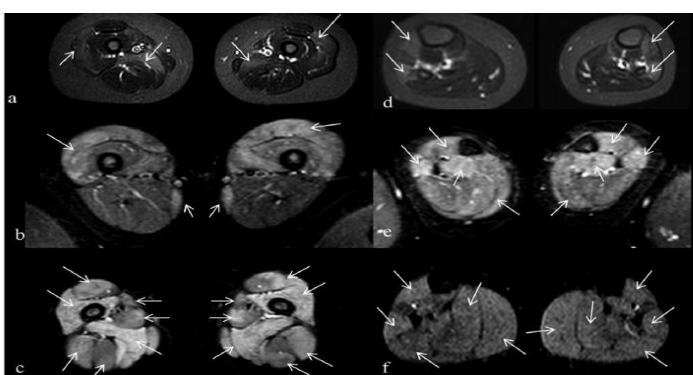
### After



Tric  
(16x)



FA  
(16x)



Muscle MRI

**FIGURE 3.** Axial STIR images in the thigh (a–c) and calf (d–f) in patients 6 (age 10 years; a,d), 4 (age 6 years; b,e), and 8 (age 6 years; c,f). Mild diffuse edema-like hyperintensity in the muscles of both thighs and calves. Significant and more extensive mild hyperintensity in less than or equal to one-third of the muscles are evident in patient 6 (a,d), with involvement of both vastus lateralis and adductor magnus muscles bilaterally in the thigh (a, arrows) and of the anterior compartment of the calf (d, arrows); mild extensive changes (mild hyperintensity in more than one-third of the muscles) are evident in the thigh of patient 4 (b,e), predominantly involving the anterior compartment, with the exception of the gracilis muscle in the posterior compartment (b, arrows) and more diffuse involvement of the calf with an anteroposterior gradient (e, arrows); marked changes (any muscle with marked hyperintensity) are evident in all muscles of the thigh of patient 8 (c, arrows) and of the calf of patient 1 (f, arrows).



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# NMD

## Are Rare and Take Time to Diagnose

Spuler et al. BMC Health Services Research 2011, 11:91  
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/11/91

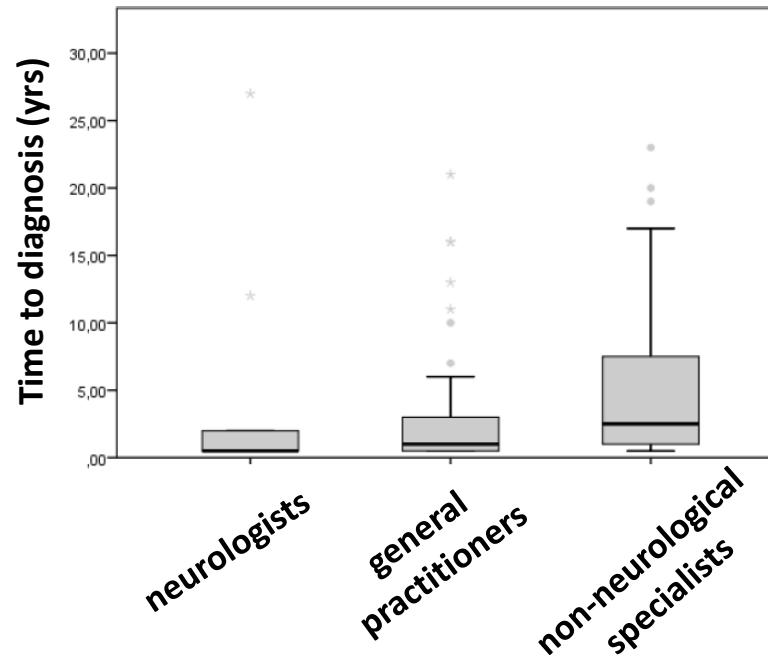


RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Delay in diagnosis of muscle disorders depends on the subspecialty of the initially consulted physician

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Expert Centers for  
NMD

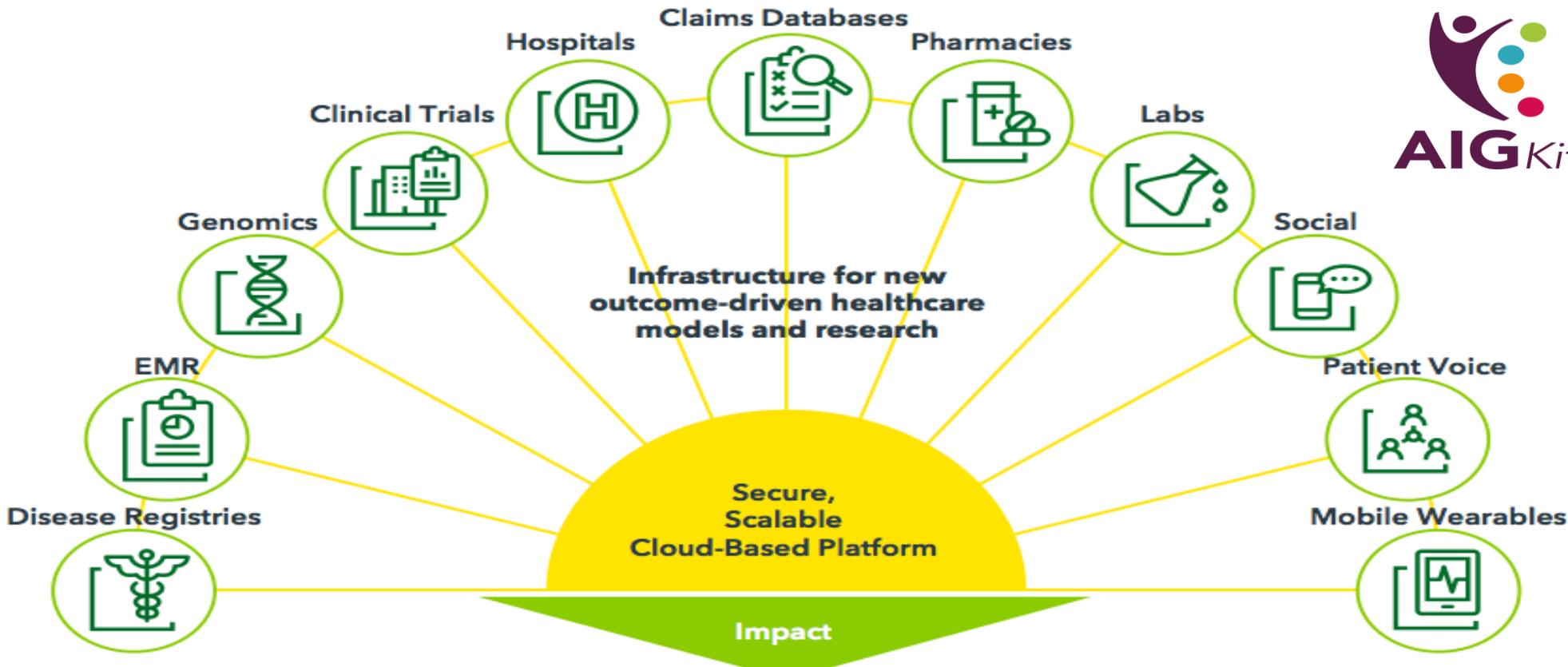


=> A wide network of healthcare centers that works to speed up diagnosis and research in NMDs and improve the standards of care for these pathologies

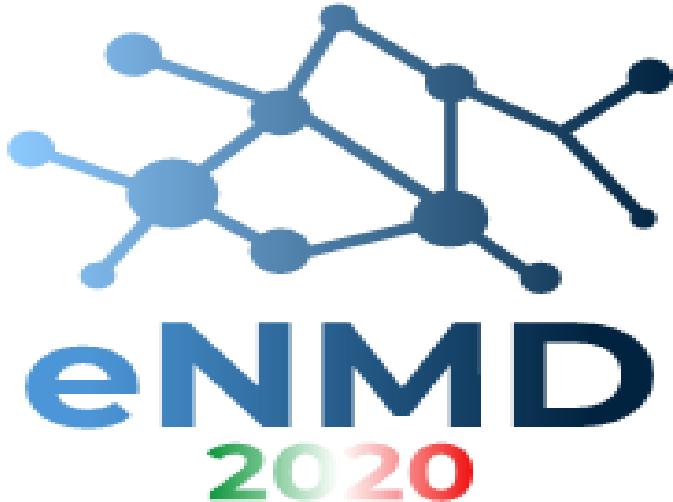
# Data Hubs as a Means to Accelerate Advancements in Neuromuscular Disease Care

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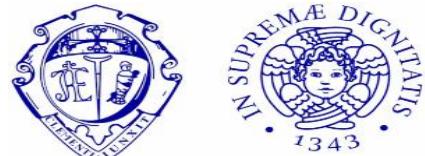
sviluppo di un'applicazione per smartphone  
per i pazienti affetti da malattia di Pompe



*data hub* is a collection of *data* from multiple sources organized for distribution, sharing, and often subsetting and sharing. Generally this *data* distribution is in the form of a *hub* and spoke architecture.



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