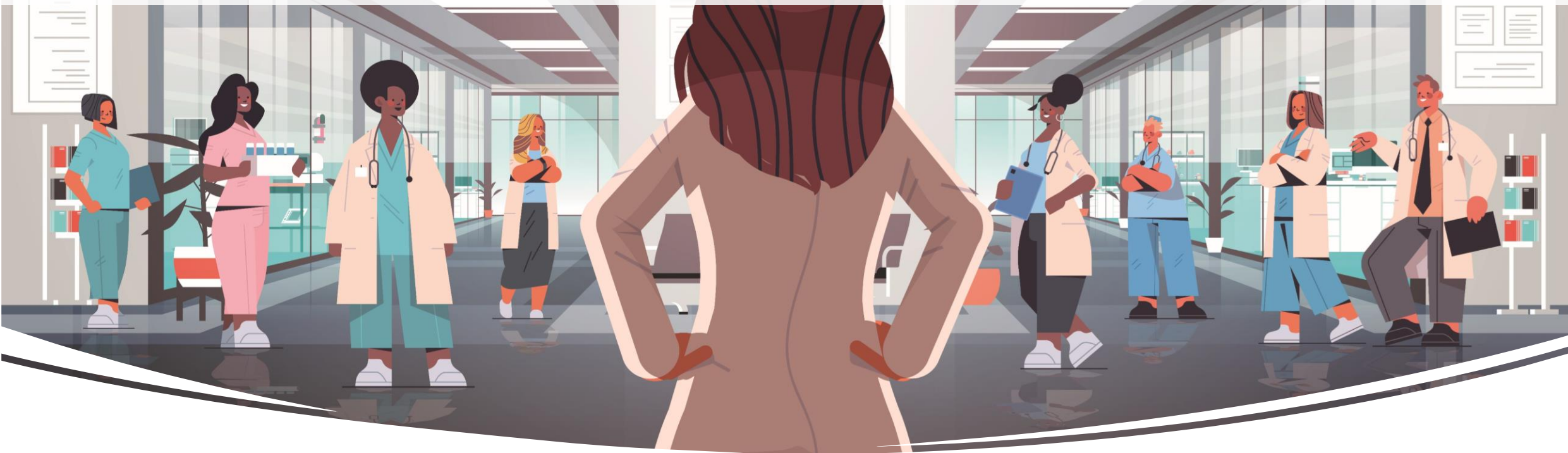


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Le patologie del sistema immunitario: gestione multidisciplinare della cronicità con focus sul paziente

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# Agenda

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SYMPOSIUM ON SOLID TUMORS

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# Perché la Multidisciplinarieta?

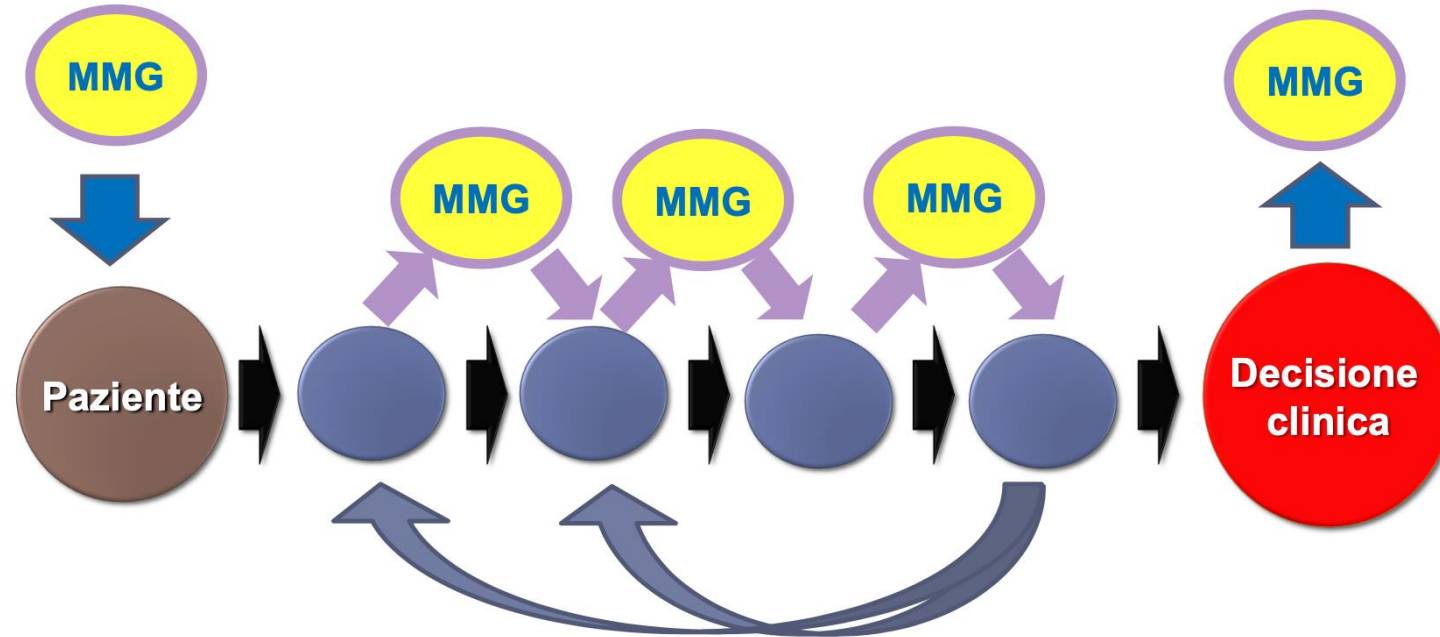


**Gestione della  
complessità**

**Competenze  
multiple**

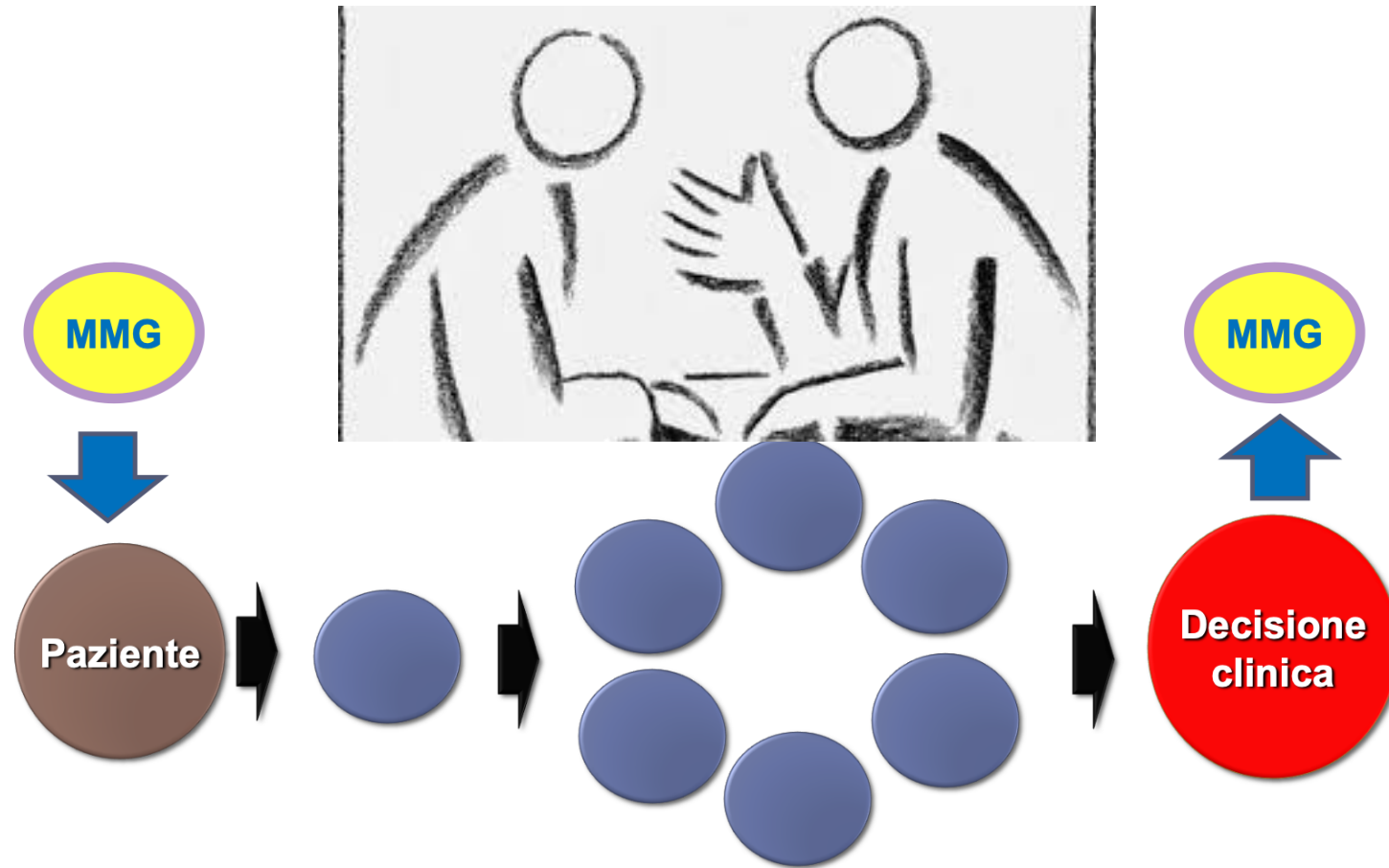
**Razionalizzazione  
delle risorse**

# INTERAZIONE SEQUENZIALE



- **Tempo**
- **Trasmissione multipla di informazioni**
  - Rischio di errore
- **Esclusione di attori rilevanti**
- **Ripetizione di procedure**

# INTERAZIONE MULTIDISCIPLINARE



- **Riduzione del tempo**
- **Trasmissione efficace delle informazioni**
  - Riduzione del rischio di errore
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- **Unificazione delle procedure**

Lupus Eritematoso sistemico:

**LES**



# Perché la Multidisciplinarieta?

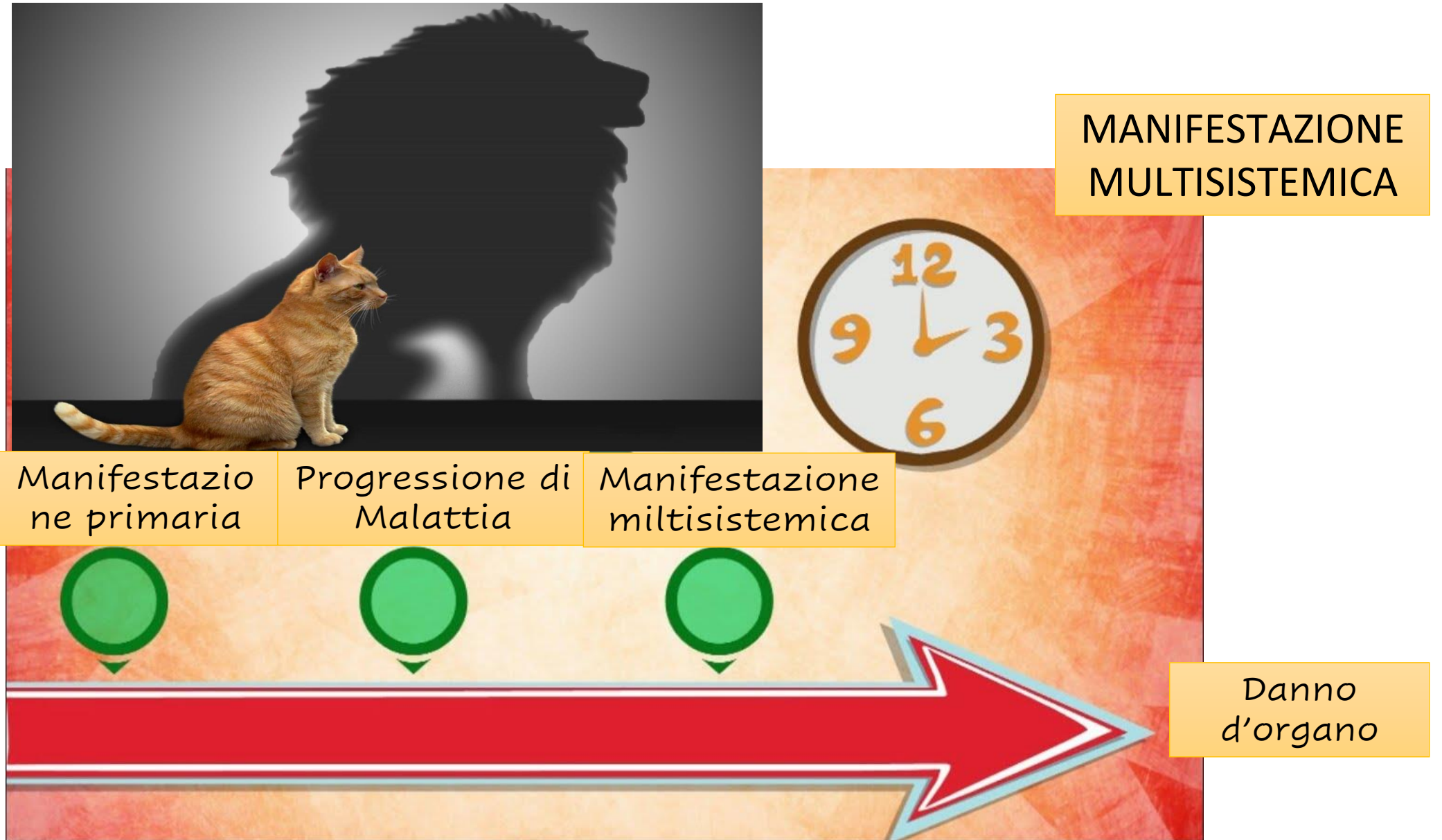
MANIFESTAZIONE  
MULTISISTEMICA



Manifestazione  
primaria



# Perché la Multidisciplinarieta in Immunologia?



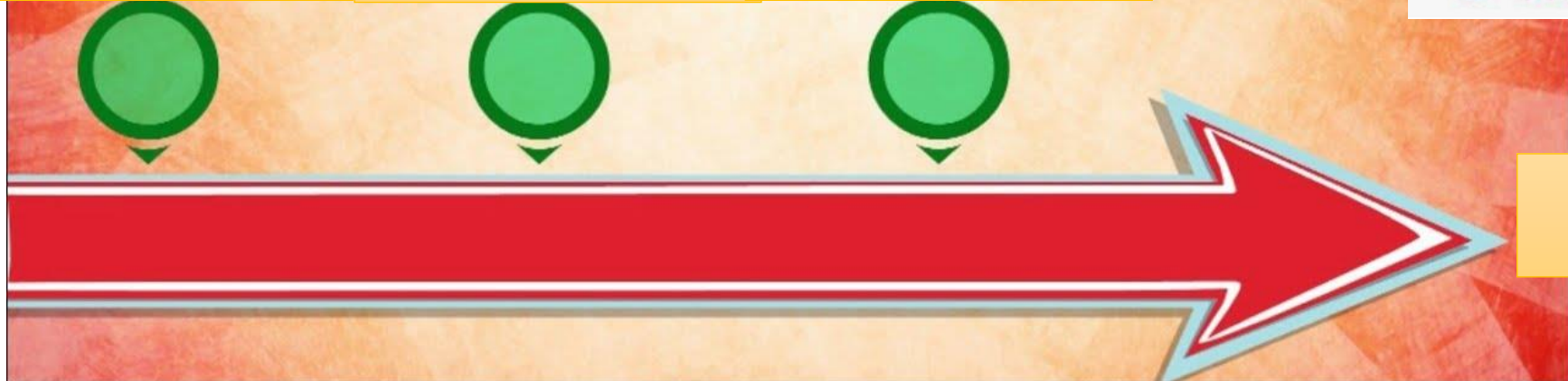
# Perché la Multidisciplinarieta in Immunologia?



Manifestazio  
ne primaria

Progressione di  
Malattia

Manifestazione  
miltisistemica



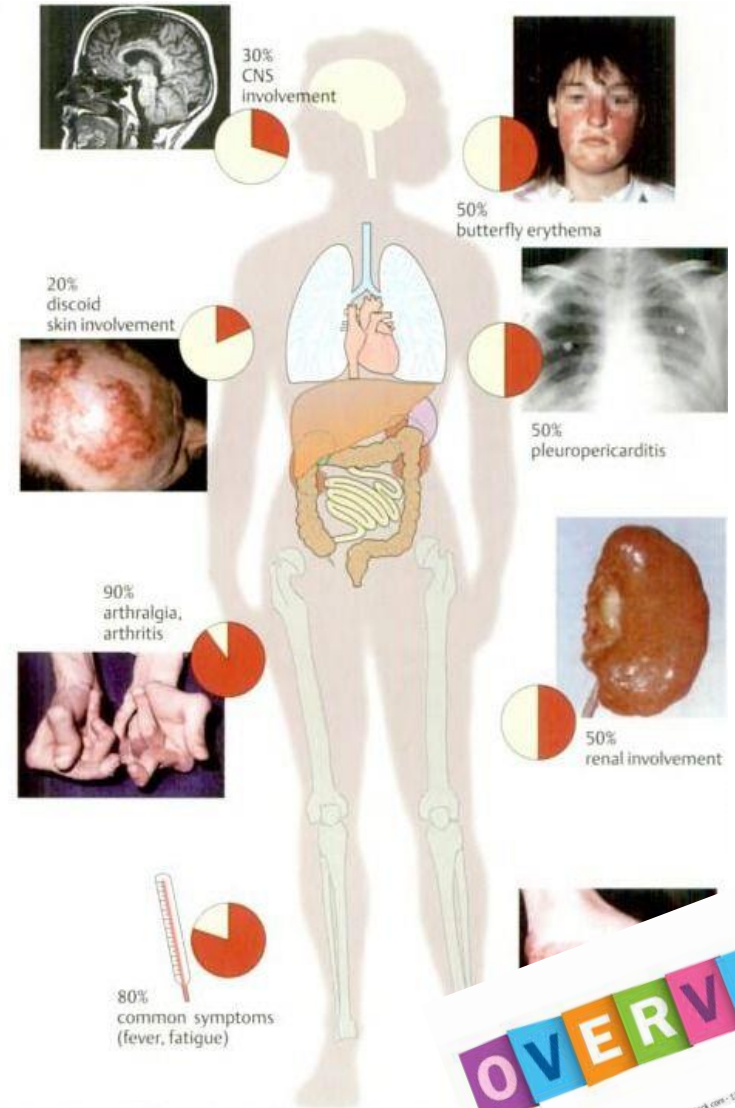
Danno  
d'organo

# Manifestazioni cliniche

*Manifestazioni cliniche molteplici e variabili*

*Presentazione non sincrona*

*Gravità variabile*



A. Clinical manifestations of systemic lupus erythematosus

# Manifestazioni cliniche

## Asintomatica



Ab ++

NO Sintomi

## Fase attiva



Ab ++

Sintomi

## Danno d'organo



Ab ++

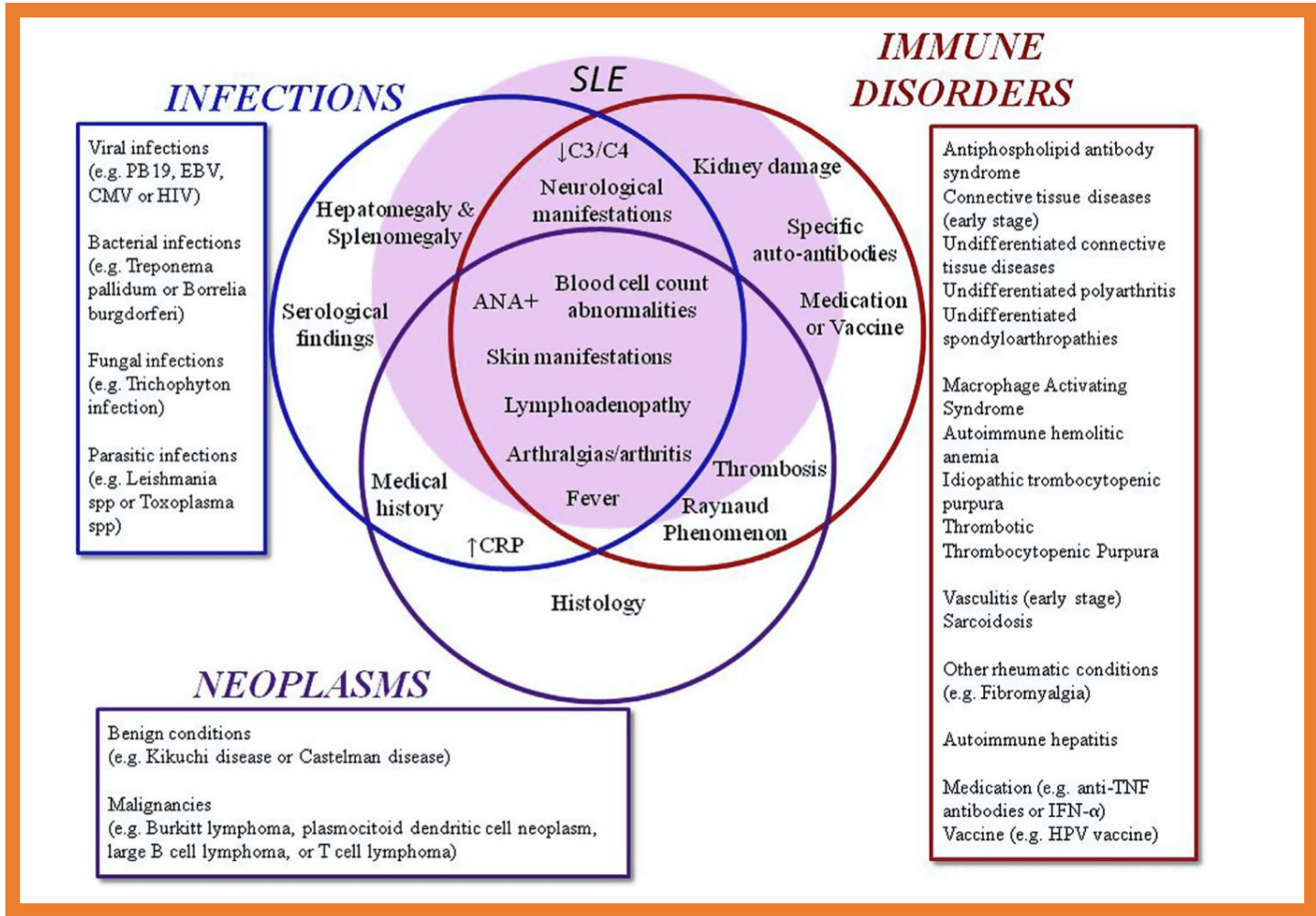
Danno irreversibile



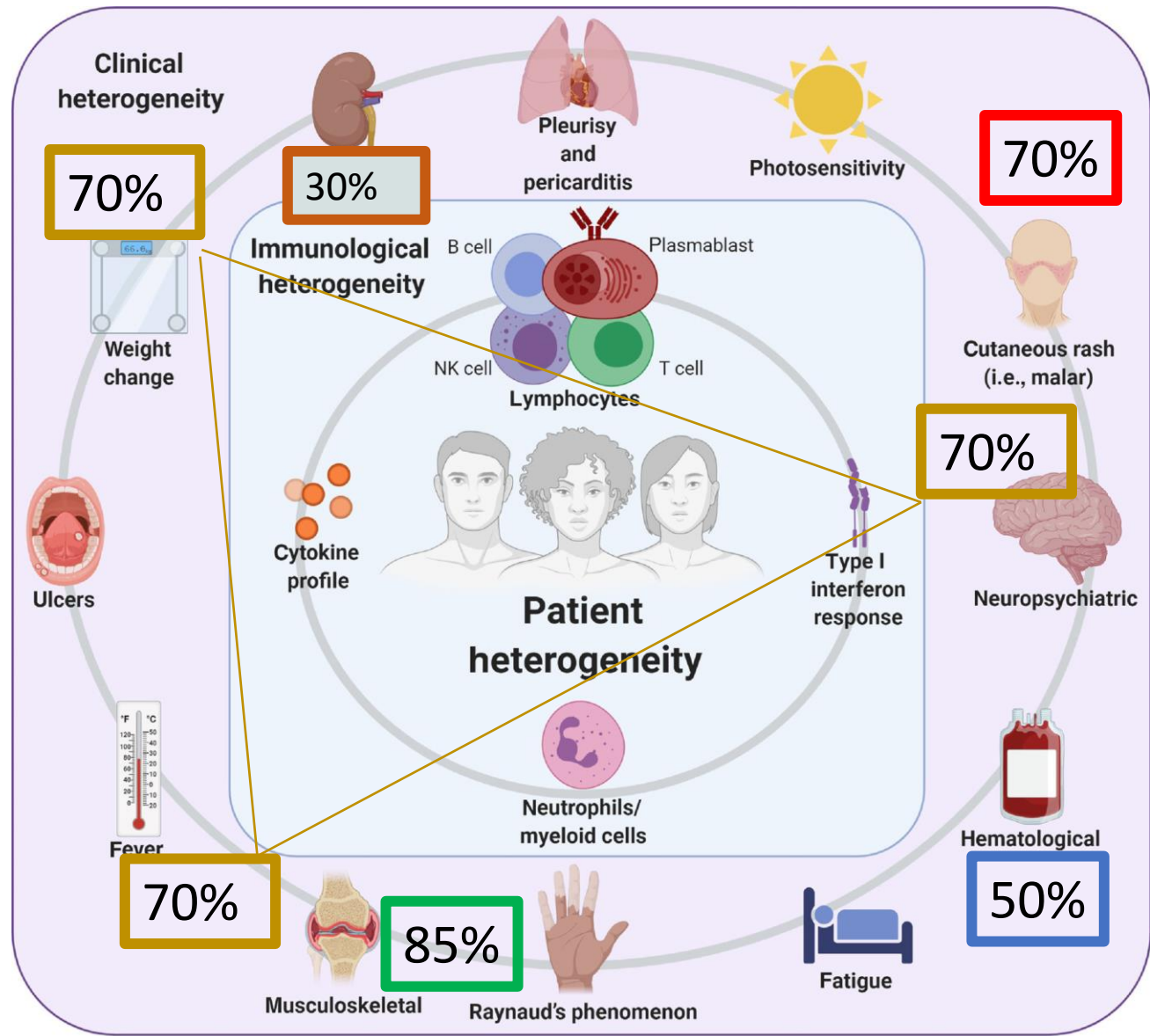
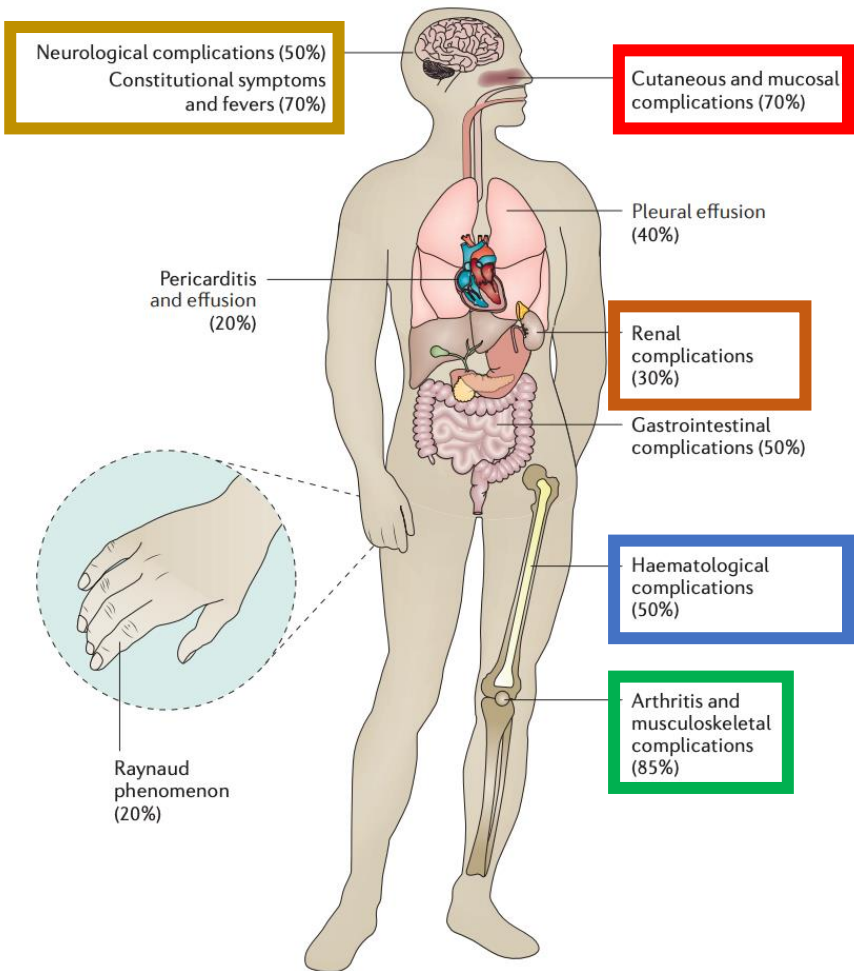
# SLE: the «great imitators»



# I comuni «lupus-imitatori» devono essere esclusi alla diagnosi



# LES: manifestazioni cliniche





# Agenda



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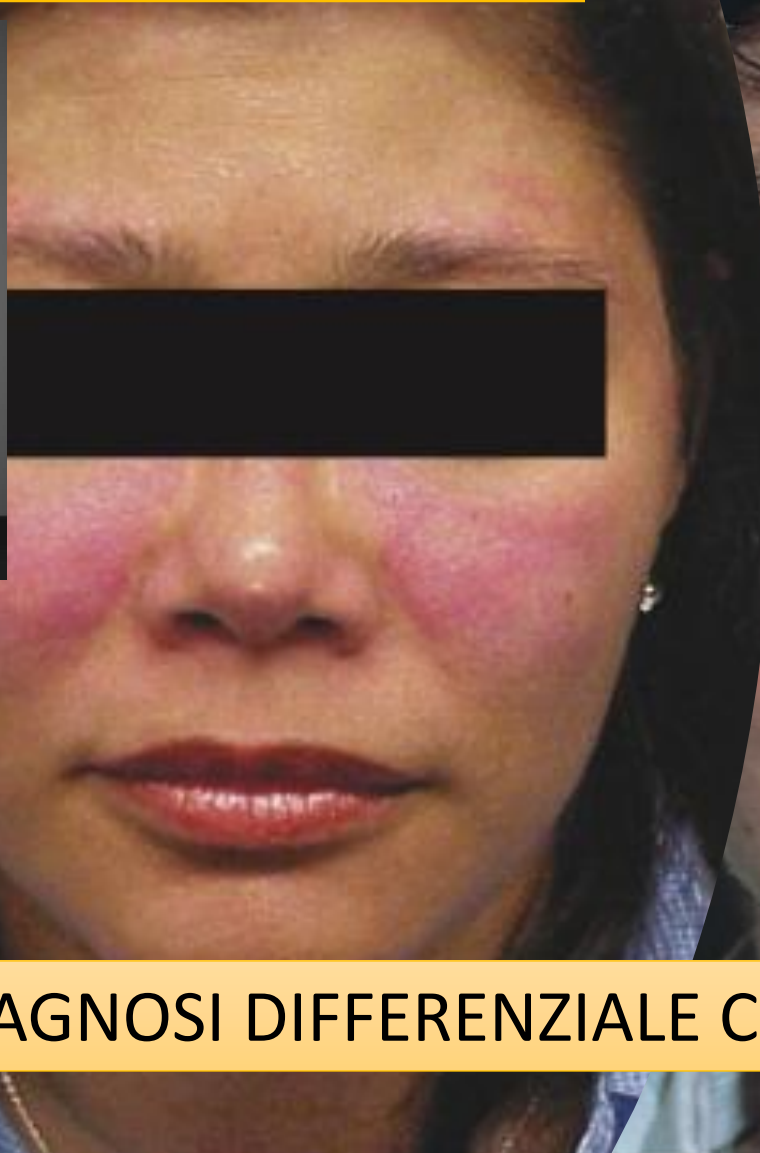
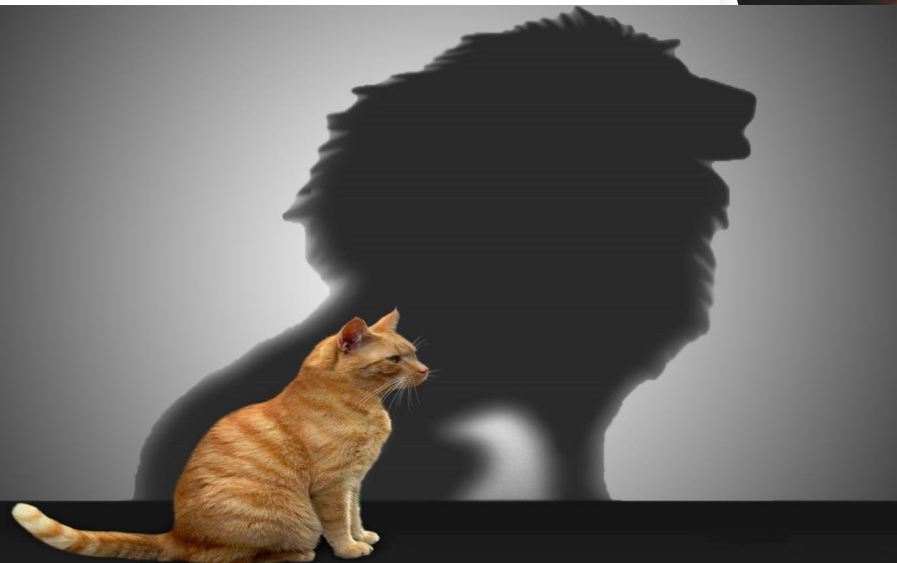
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DIAGNOSI DIFFERENZIALE CON ROSACEA

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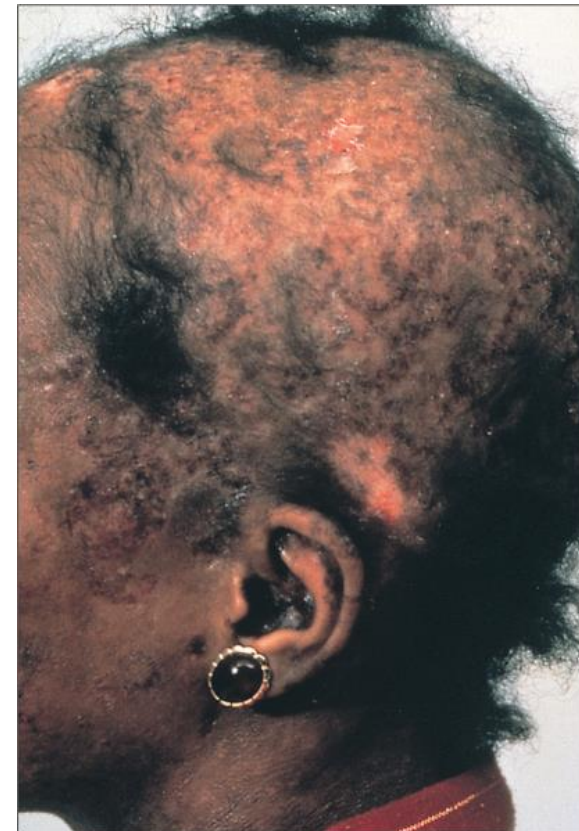
## 1. Lupus Subacuto

papule eritematose ed eritemato-squamose; evolve in placche eritemato-squamose o in lesioni policicliche



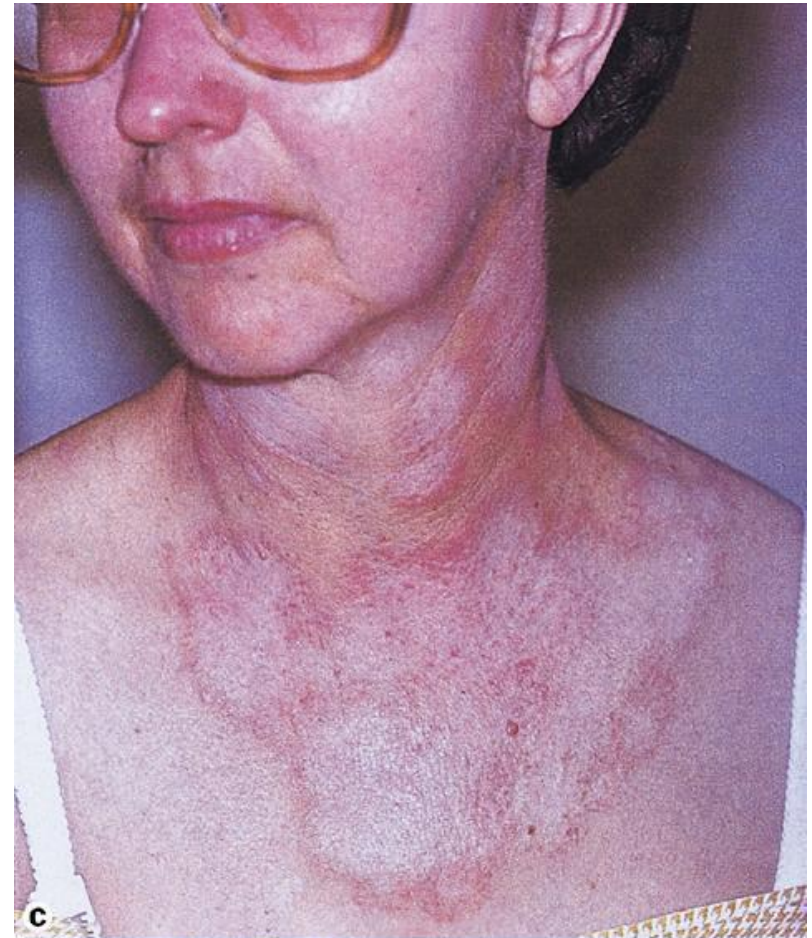
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**2. Rash discoide** (placche eritematose sollevate, con cheratosi aderente ad evoluzione cicatriziale )



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## 3. Fotosensibilità

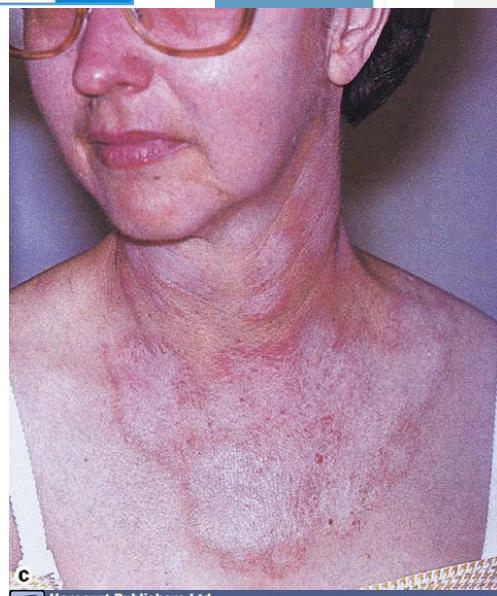
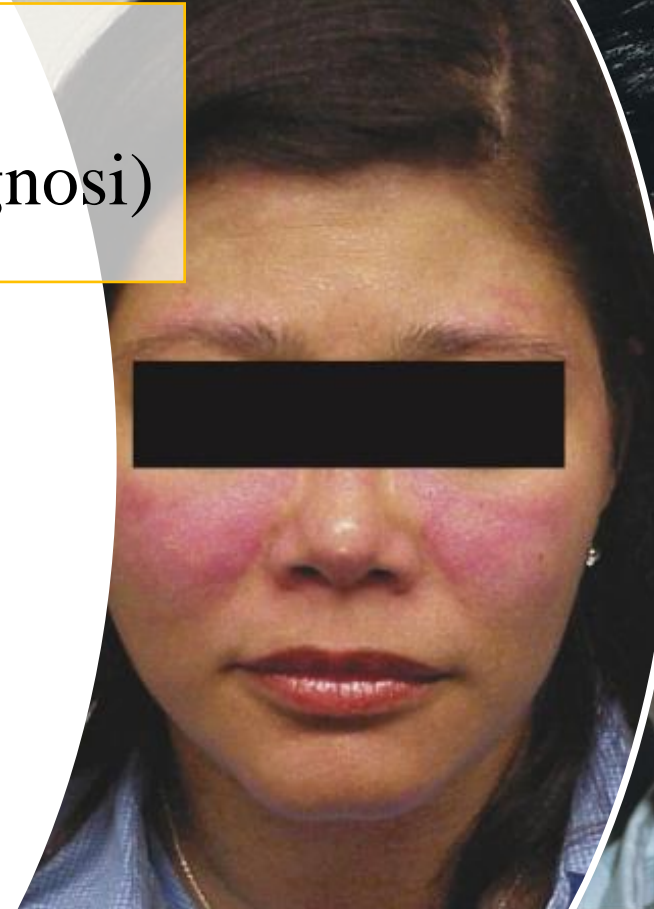


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**Dermatologo**



**MMG**



# CLASSIFICATION OF SLE 1997 ACR REVISED CRITERIA (4 criteri per la diagnosi)



## 4. Ulcere orali





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## 5. Artralgia e/o Artrite

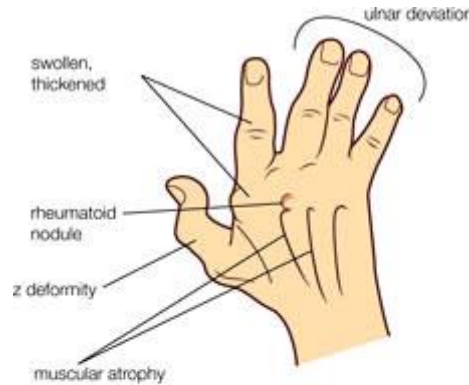
non erosiva coinvolgente 3  
o più articolazioni  
periferiche, caratterizzata da  
dolenzia e tumefazione)



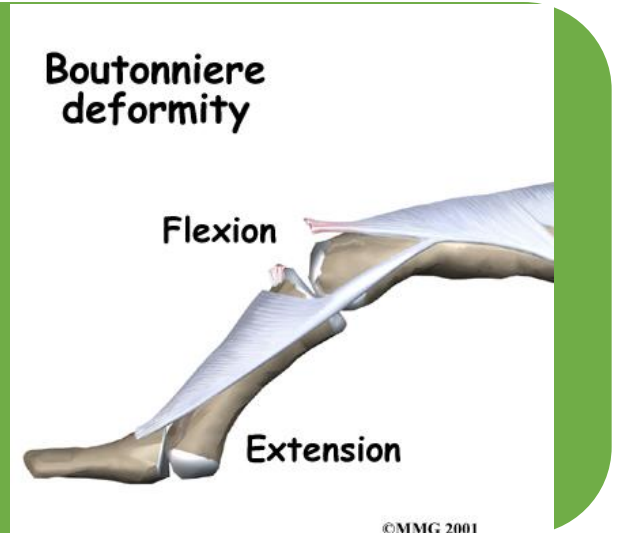


# Coinvolgimento articolare nel LES

Tumefazioni articolari con deviazione delle metacarpo-falangee, senza erosioni ossee (cosiddetta artropatia di Jaccoud)



Immunologo/Reumatologo



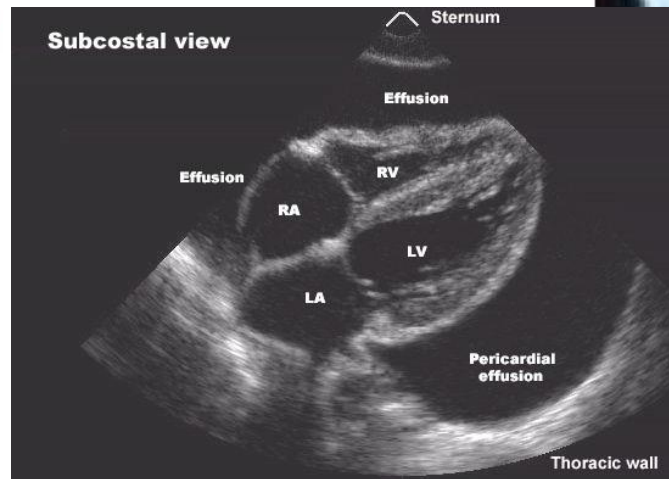
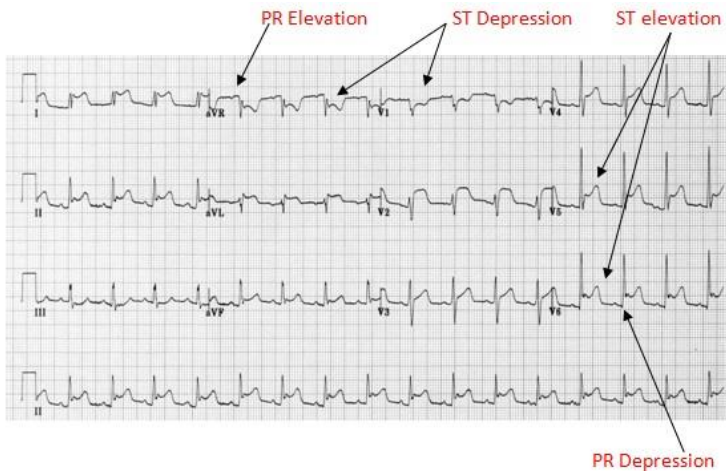
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## 6. Sierosite

(a) *pleurite* — anamnesi convincente di dolore pleurico o di sfregamento pleurico o evidenza di versamento pleurico

(b) *pericardite* — documentata da ECG, sfregamento o evidenza di versamento pericardico



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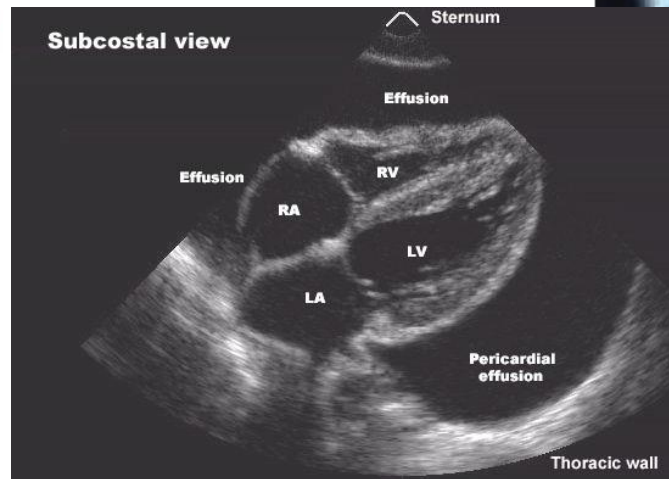
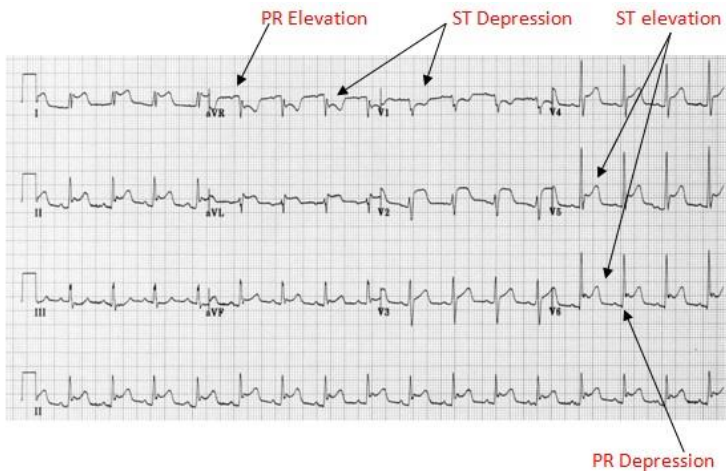


## 6. Sierosite

Pneumologo



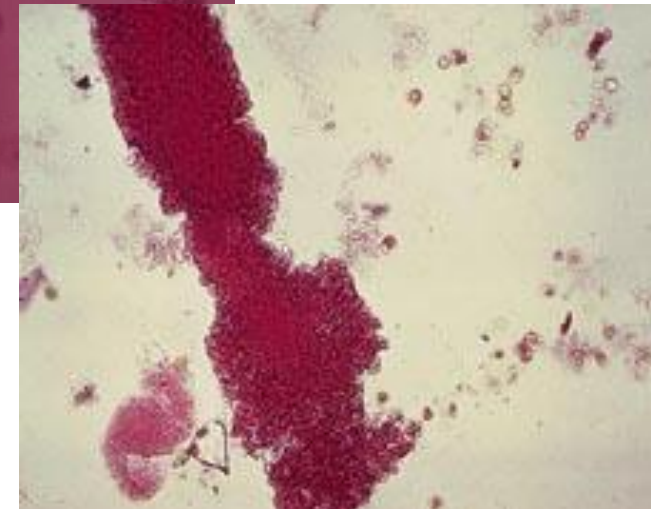
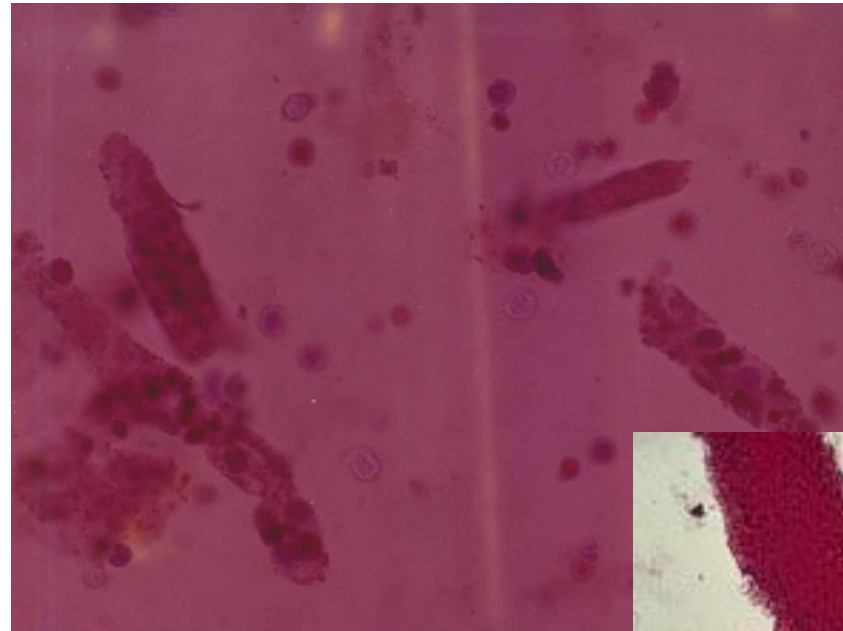
Cardiologo



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## 7. Coinvolgimento renale

- (a) persistente proteinuria:  $> 0.5$   
gr/24h o 3+ in un campione  
o
- (b) cilindri cellulari — eritrocitari,  
granulari, tubulari o misti



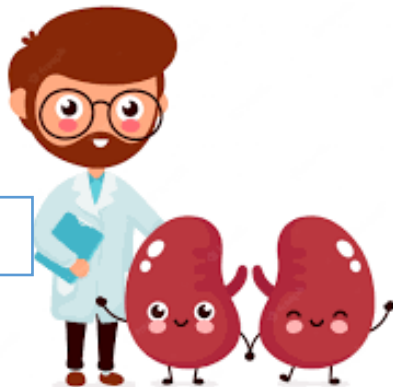
# WHO CLASSIFICATION OF LUPUS NEPHRITIS (2004)

- Classe I Nefrite minima mesangiale
- Classe II Nefrite mesangiale proliferativa
- Class III Nefrite focale
- Class IV Nefrite diffusa segmentaria (IV-S)  
o globale (IV- G)
- Class V Nefrite membranosa
- Class VI Nefrite sclerosante avanzata

**BIOPSIA RENALE**

CORRETTA  
DIAGNOSI  
=  
TERAPIA  
MIRATA  
e  
RIDOTTA  
PROGRESSIONE  
DI MALATTIA

**Nefrologo**



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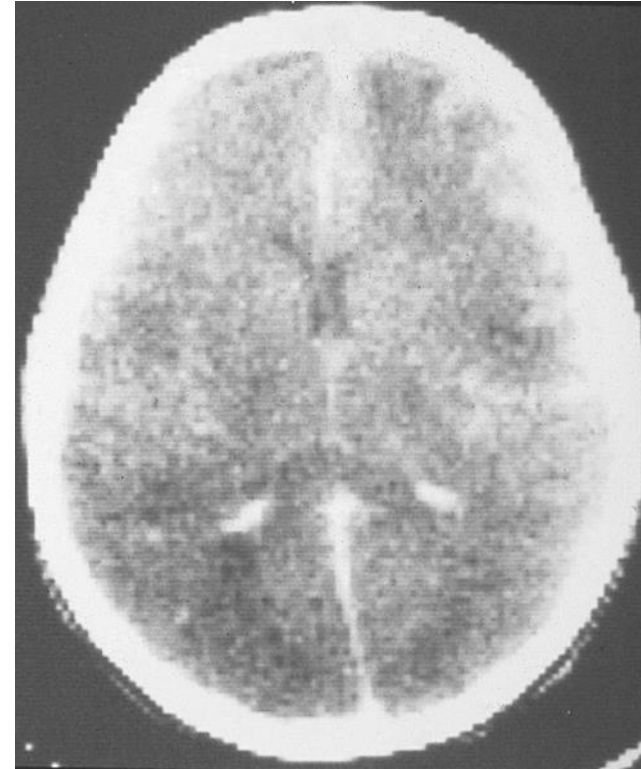
## 8. Coinvolgimento neurologico

(a) **convulsioni** — in assenza di farmaci epilettogeni o alterazioni metaboliche note (es. uremia, chetoacidosis o iposodiemia)

o

(b) **psicosi** — in assenza di farmaci o alterazioni metaboliche note

Neurologo



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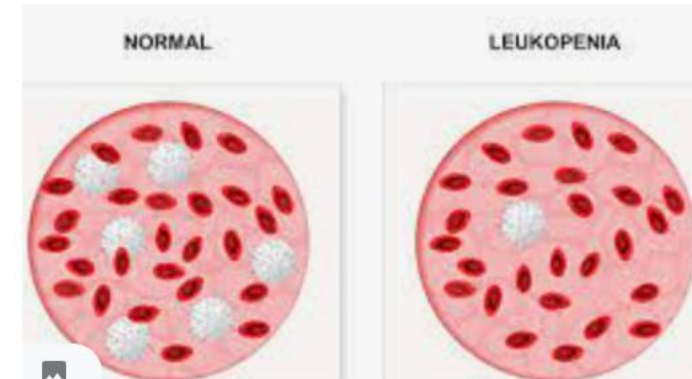


## 9. Coinvolgimento ematologico (1 o +)

- (a) anemia emolitica — con reticolocitosi
- (b) leucopenia <math><4000/\text{mm}^3</math> in 2 o più occasioni
- (c) linfopenia <math><1500/\text{mm}^3</math> in 2 o più occasioni
- (d) trombocitopenia <math><100,000/\text{mm}^3</math> in assenza di farmaci



Ematologo



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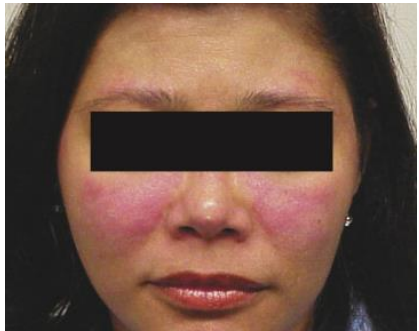


# LES: Red Flags diagnostiche



## Cute e Mucose

Eritema malare-rosacea    Lupus Subacuto



Lupus cutaneo acuto-  
dorso mani



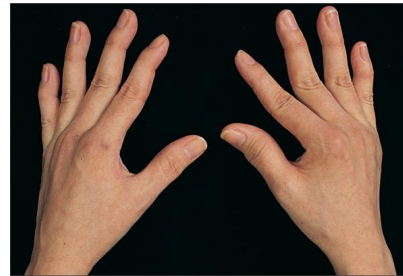
Aftosi Orale



Fotosensibilità

## Articolazioni

Poliartralgia



Artrite non erosiva



## Sierose



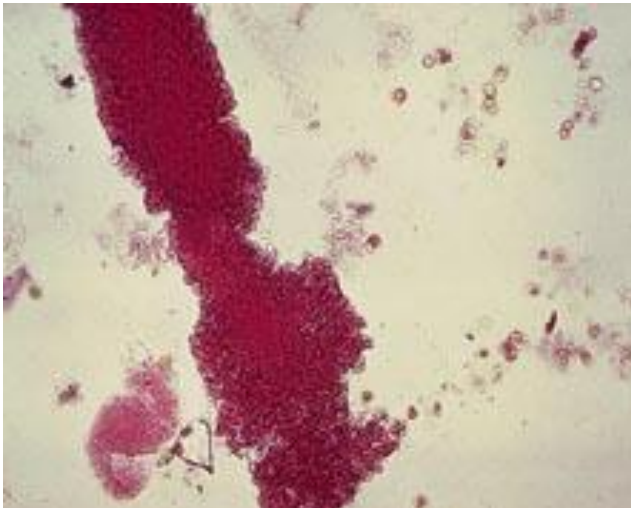
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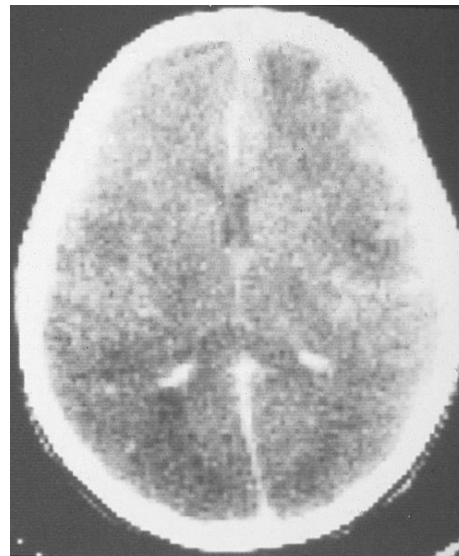
## RENE

- (a) persistente proteinuria:  
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## SNC

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## Coinvolgimento ematologico



- (a) **anemia emolitica** —
- (b) **leucopenia**
- (c) **linfopenia**
- (c) **trombocitopenia**



OVERVIEW

# LES: Diagnosi Precoce

## Sintomi clinici

- Febbre
- Artralgia
- Rash cutaneo
- Fotosensibilità
- Aftosi

## Segni laboratoristici

Proteinuria/casts  
Anti-DNA  
Ipo-C3  
Anti-PL  
IgG autoreattive

20%

4-6 anni



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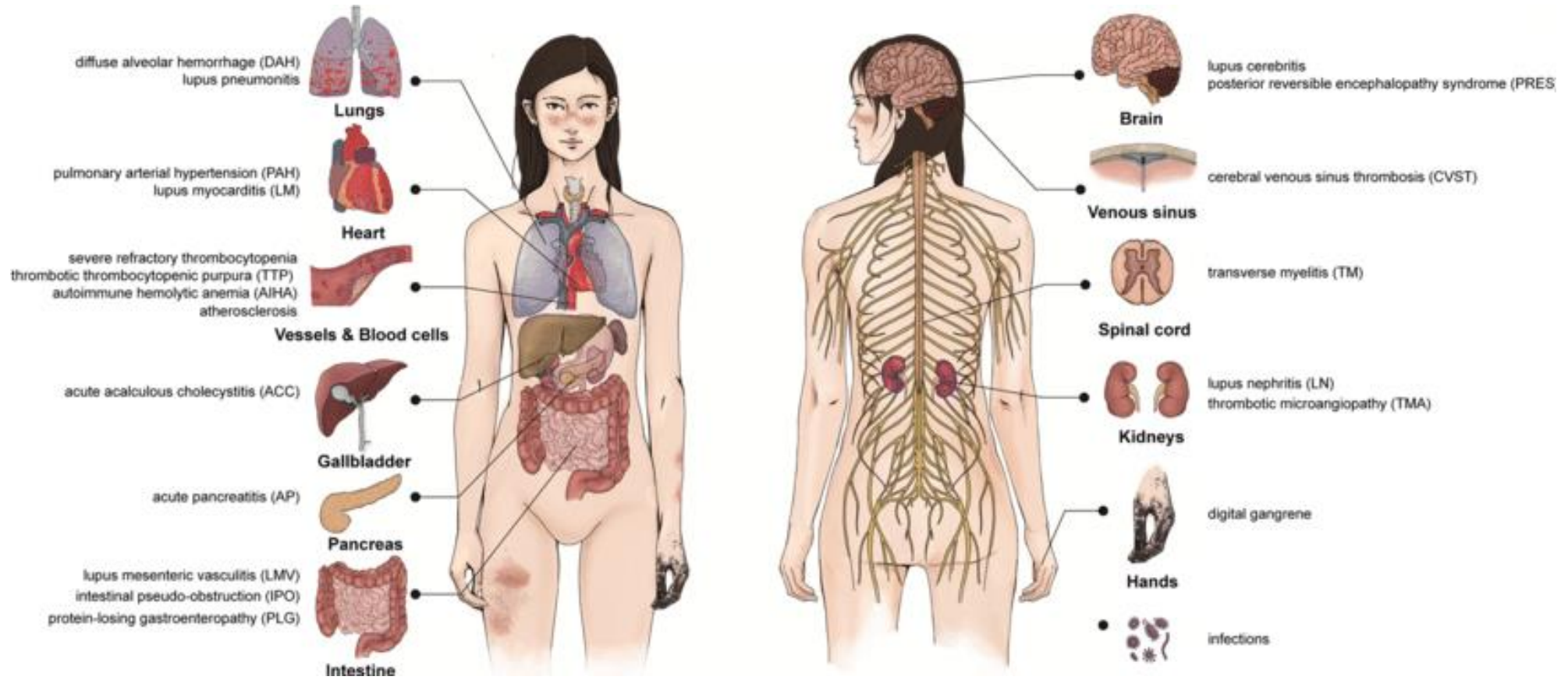
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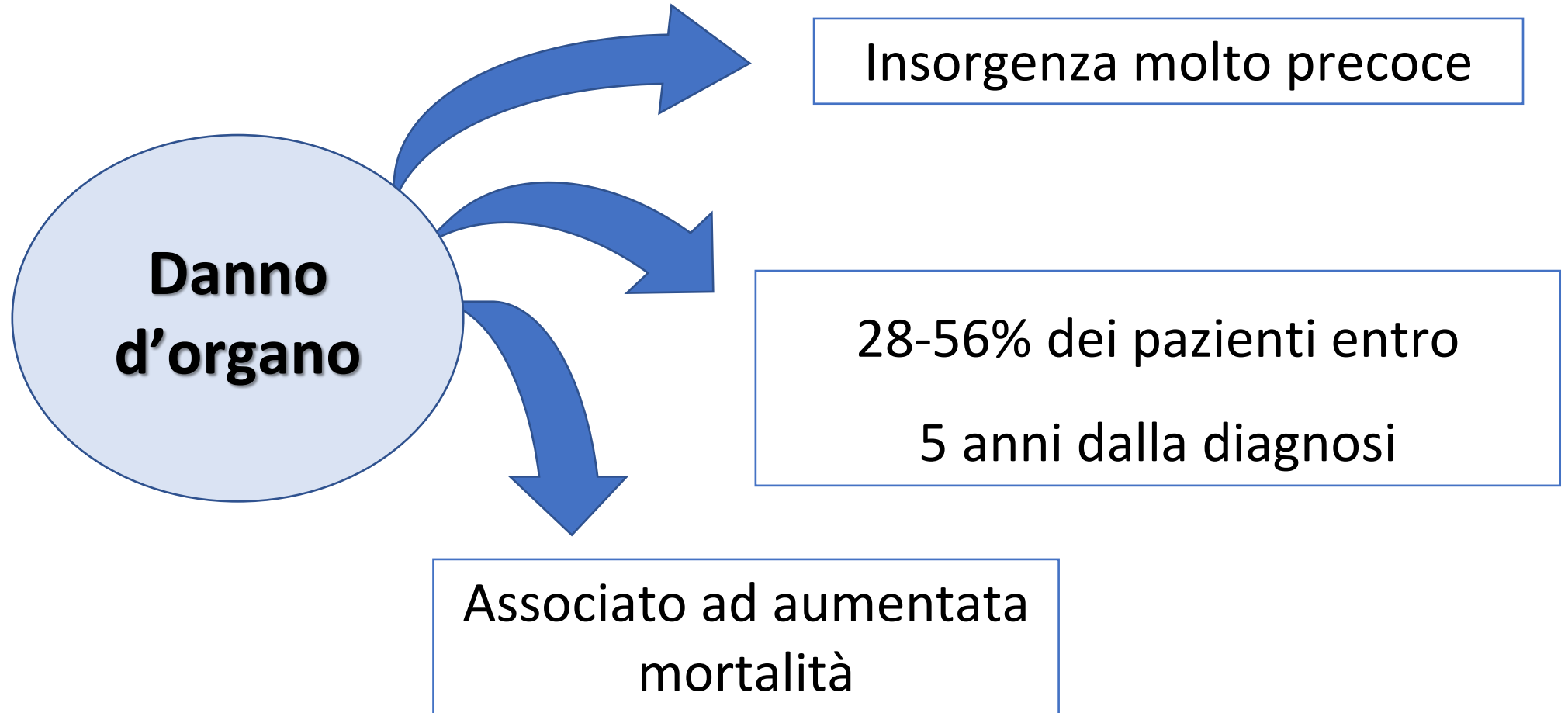
# Definizione

Insieme di alterazioni irreversibili legate a:

- **Patologia** di base (LES)
- **Terapie** utilizzate
- **Comorbidità** associate al LES  
(Es. cardiovascolari o neoplasie)



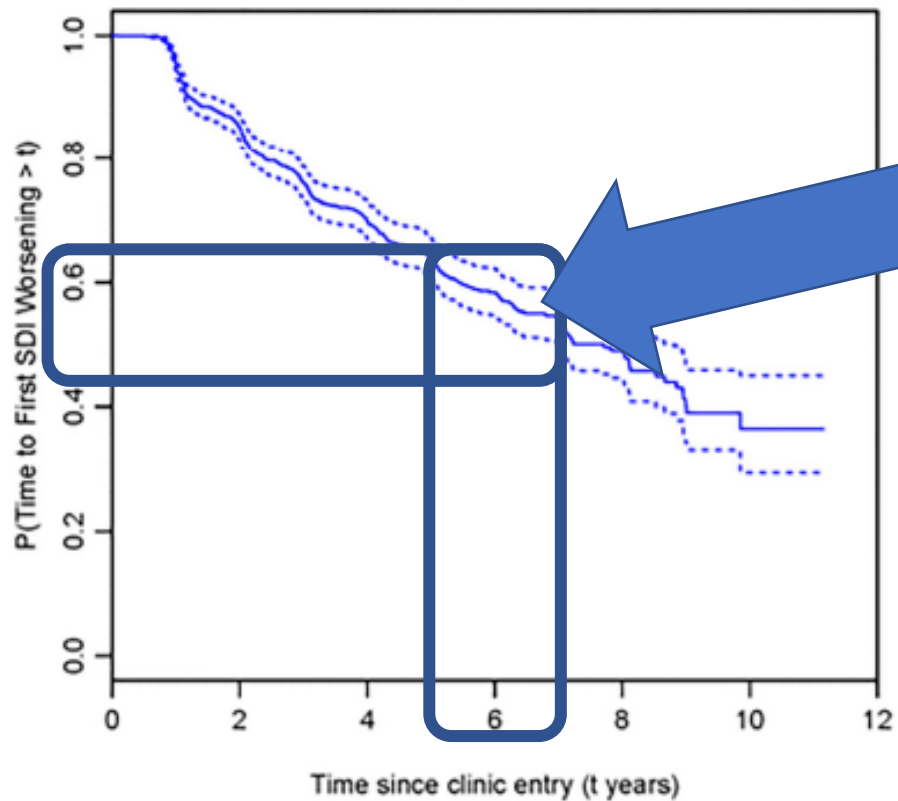
# Danno d'organo - Epidemiologia





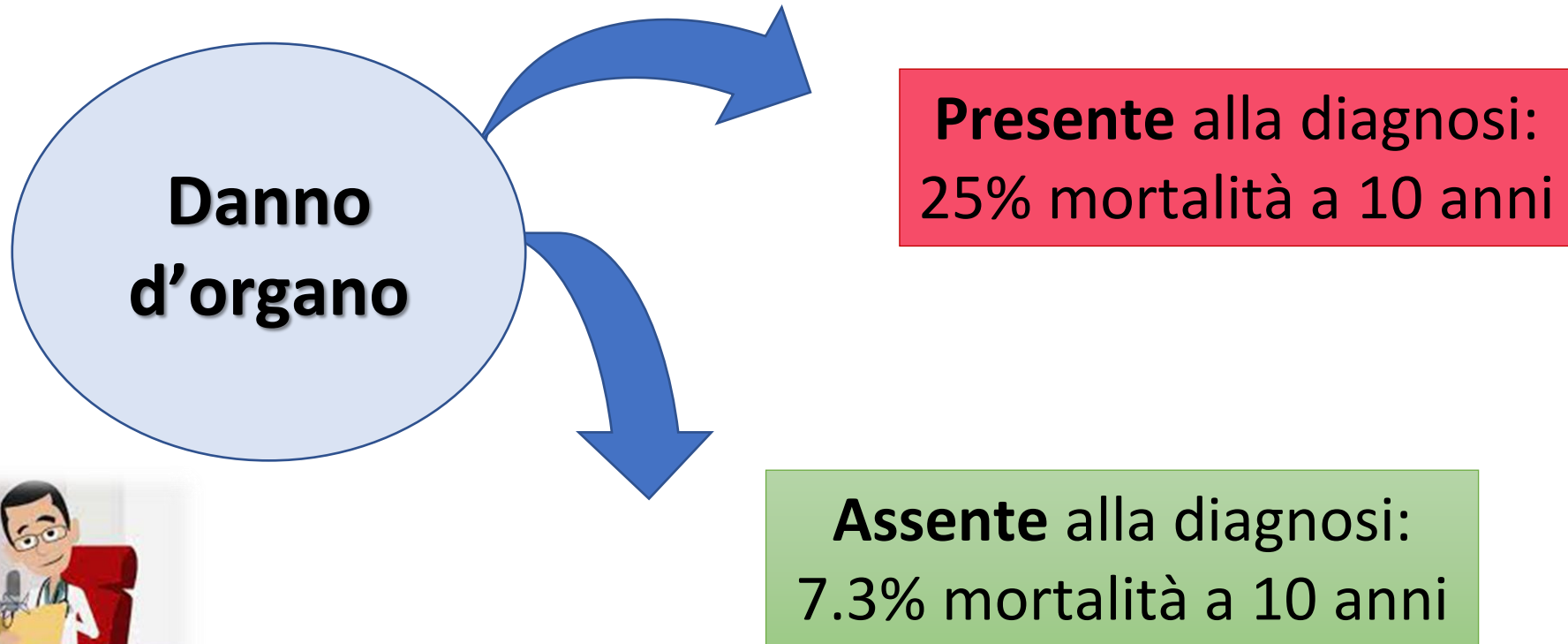
# Danno d'organo - Epidemiologia

A Plot of Kaplan–Meier Estimate of the Survivor Function for SDI Worsening



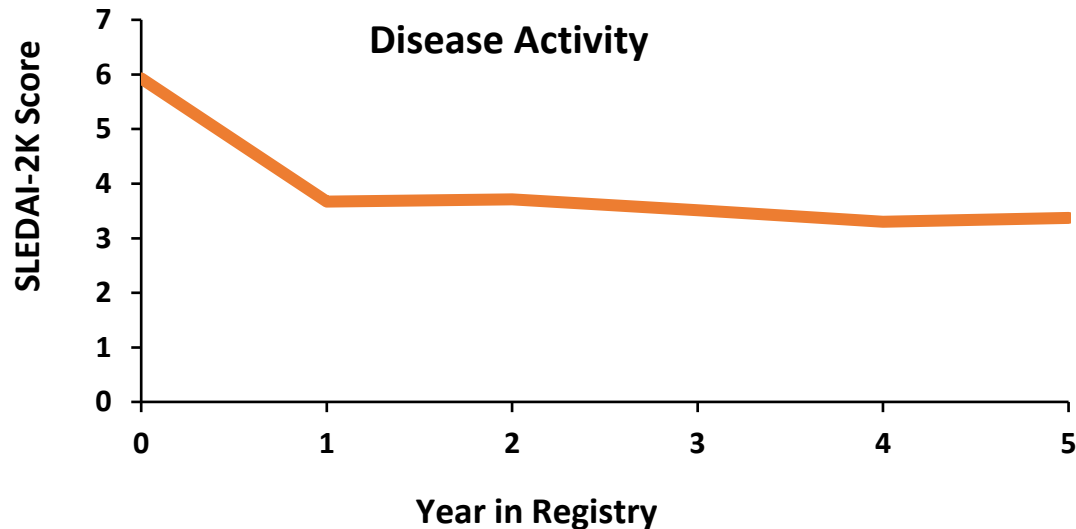
Dopo 6 anni:  
51,1% dei pazienti  
con danno d'organo

# Danno d'organo - Epidemiologia

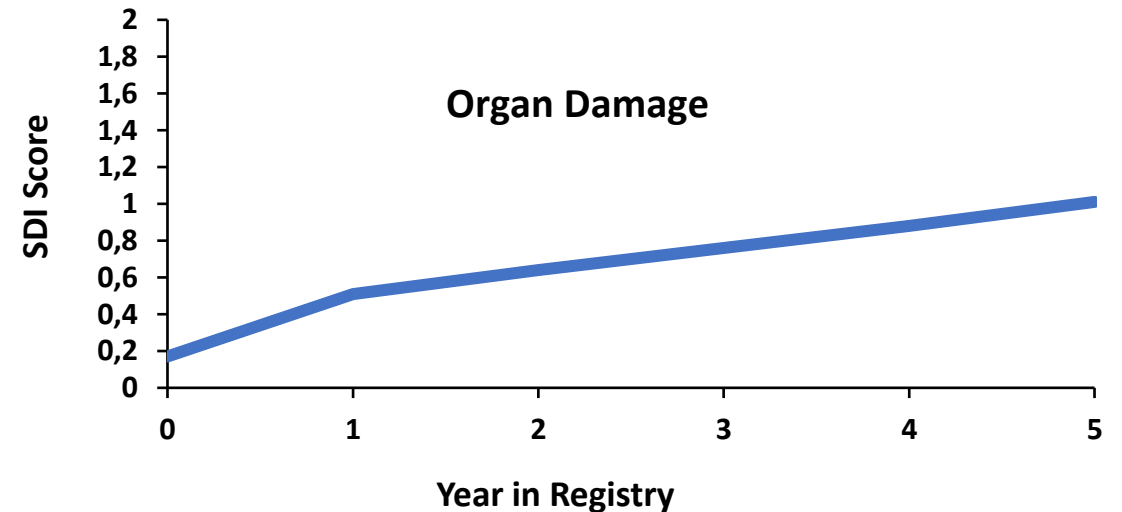


# Organ Damage - Reduced Disease Activity

**Disease activity and organ damage in newly diagnosed patients with SLE followed over 5 years (n=298; SLICC Inception Cohort, 2000-2009)<sup>1</sup>**



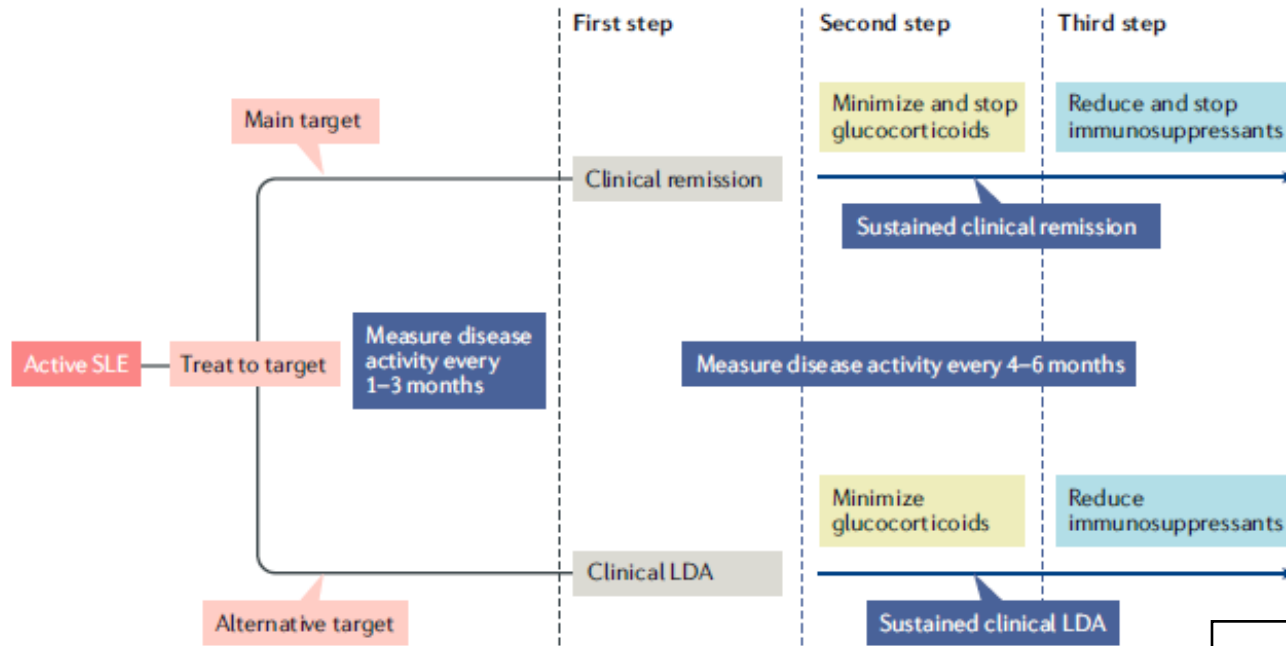
SLEDAI-2K was used to measure global SLE disease activity<sup>1</sup>



SDI was used to assess accumulated organ damage since the onset of SLE, stemming from the disease and/or sequelae<sup>1,2</sup>



# Proposed approach treat-to-target in SLE



Gatto M, et al Nat Rev Rheumatol 2019



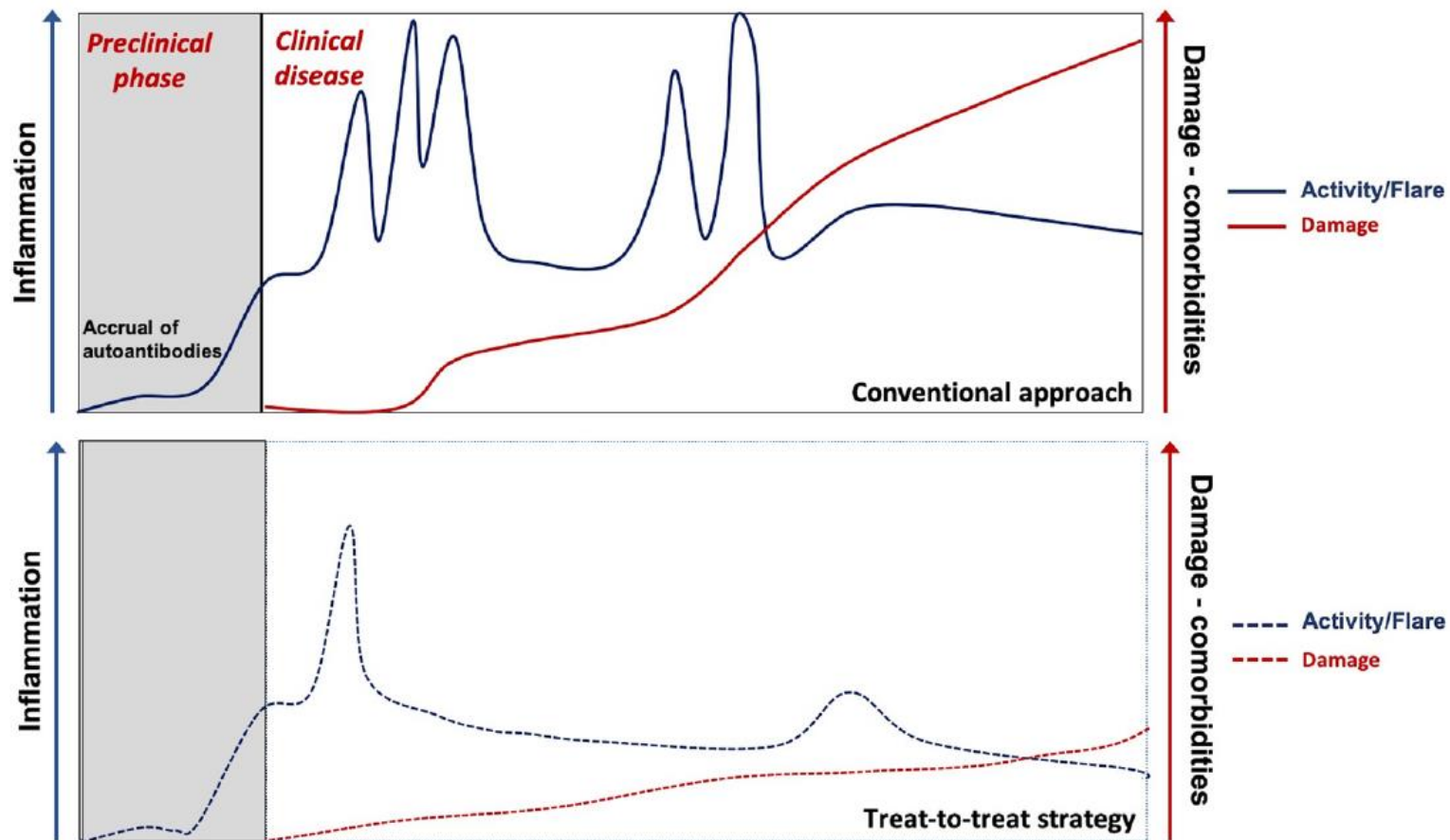
## TERAPIA *treat to target*:

- » Farmaci anti malarici
- » Corticosteroidi
- » **Immunosoppressori**
- » Farmaci biologici (Belimumab – Rituximab)

## TARGET:

- a. Ridurre attività di malattia
- b. Evitare danno d'organo permanente

# LES: storia naturale e potenziale della treat to target



**Clinical course of SLE:**  
70% Relapsing Remitting  
15% persistently active  
15% prolonged remission

# REMISSIONE CLINICA

## MEDICO

Associata a:

- **Attività di malattia**, ad esempio tramite SLEDAI-2K, PhGA
- **Trattamento farmacologico**

- **Clinical remission on corticosteroids:** cSLEDAI=0, immunosoppressori e/o antimalarici a dosi stabili, corticosteroidi  $\leq 5$  mg/die.
- **Clinical remission off corticosteroids:** cSLEDAI=0, immunosoppressori e/o antimalarici a dosi stabili
- **Complete remission:** SLEDAI-2K=0, ammessi solo antimalarici



## PAZIENTE

Per il **paziente** la remissione clinica è correlata alla **qualità di vita**

La **qualità di vita** è influenzata da:

- Dolore cronico
  - Coinvolgimento articolare
  - Fibromialgia
- Astenia
- Ansia e depressione
- Trattamento farmacologico

Terapia  
immunosoppressiva  
calibrata sulla gravità

# MALATTIA LIEVE

- **Idrossiclorochina:** manifestazioni cutanee e articolari. *Sembra utile per prevenire le esacerbazioni*

- **Metotrexate:** manifestazioni articolari e cute

OFF-LABEL

- **Micofenolato:** inibisce la sintesi de novo delle purine (manifestazioni renali)





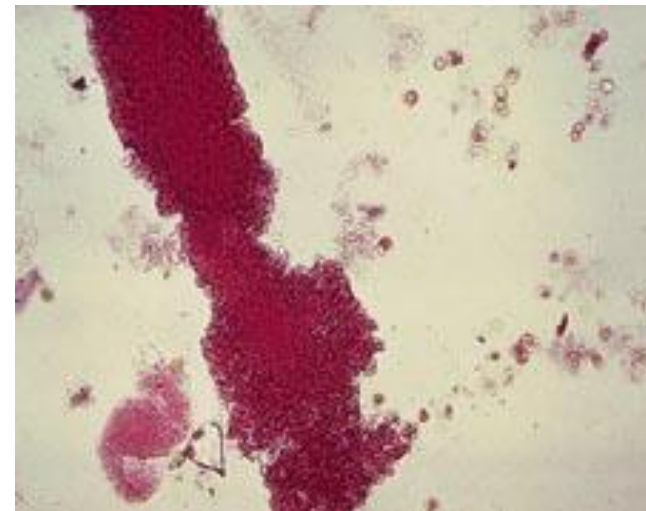
# Terapia immunosoppressiva calibrata sulla gravità

- Micofenolato (2 g/die) o azatioprina associato a prednisone come sopra. Se non risposta dopo 6-12 mesi passare a

**OFF-LABEL**

- Ciclofosfamide pulse dose (0.75 g /mq) ogni 3-4 settimane per 7 dosi + pulse steroidi (15 mg/Kg) associato a prednisone come sopra.

# MALATTIA MODERATA



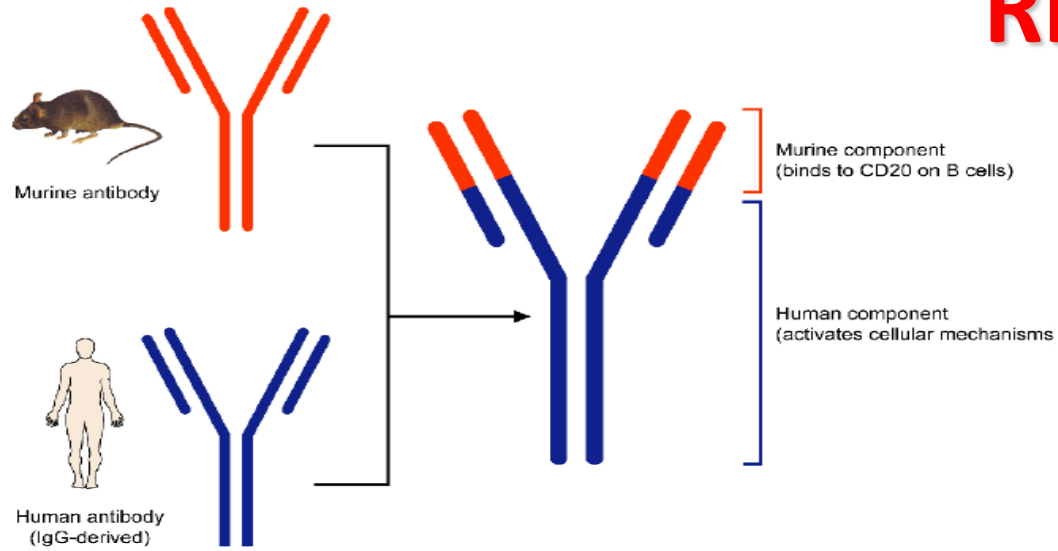
# Terapia immunosoppressiva calibrata sulla gravità

- ciclofosfamide a boli 0.75-1 g /  
mq per 4-6 mesi
- metilprednisolone a boli (15  
mg/Kg) per 3 gg seguito da 1  
mg/Kg
- Se non risposta micofenolato o  
rituximab

**MALATTIA  
GRAVE**

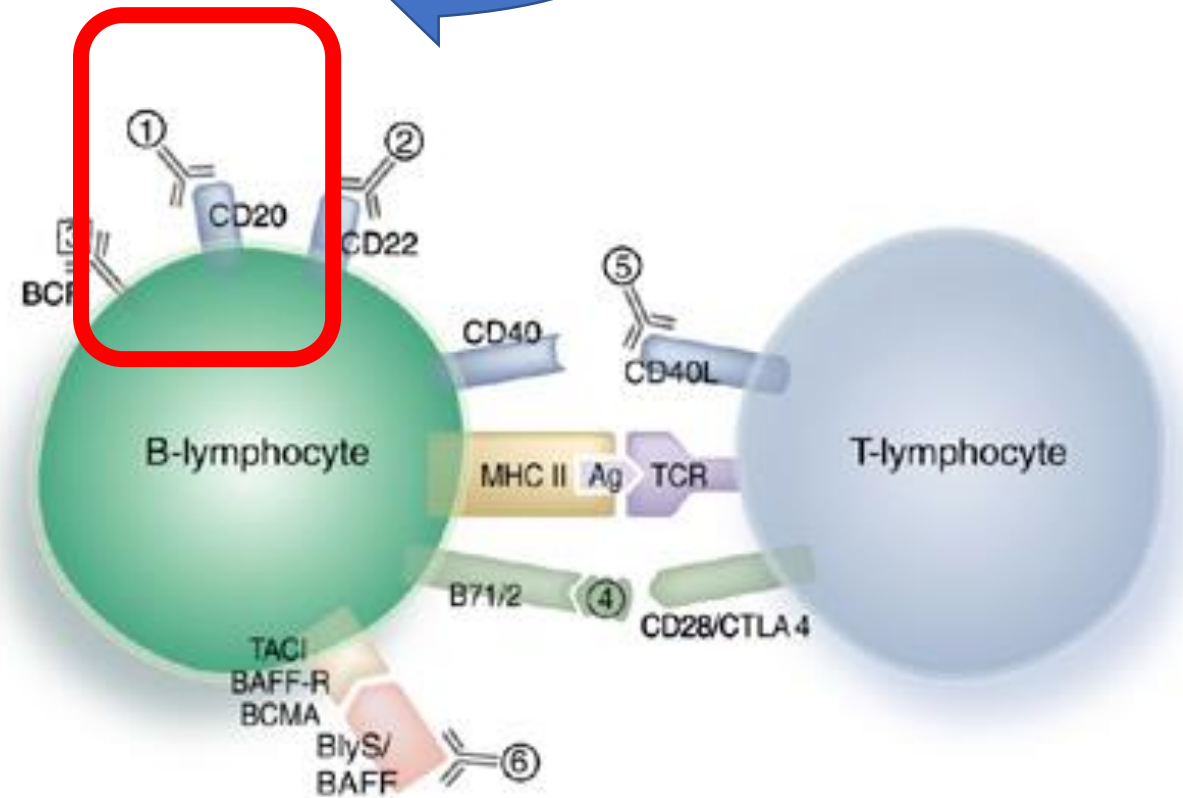
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# Rituximab:

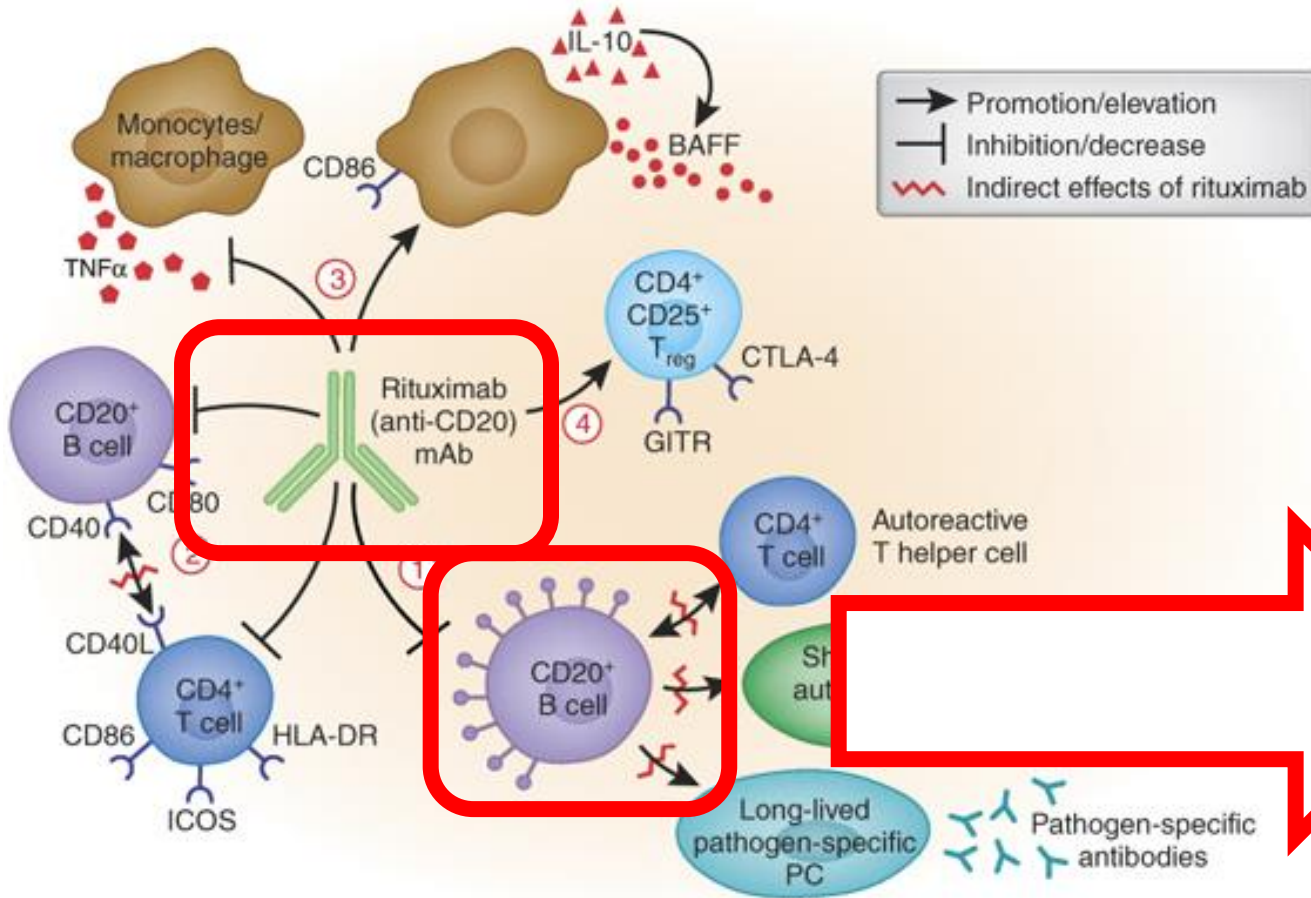


Anticorpo monoclonale  
umanizzato

Lega il CD20



# Rituximab:



Apoptosi  
cellule B

# Rituximab - indicazioni

Granulomatosi con poliangite (**GPA**)  
 e poliangite microscopica (**MPA**)

**Pemfigo volgare**

**Artrite Reumatoide**

**Linfoma non-Hodgkin (LNH)**

**LLC**

| Disease                | ANCA-associated vasculitis | Antiphospholipid syndrome | Autoimmune hemolytic anemia | Autoimmune hepatitis | Behçet's disease | Bullous pemphigoid | C1-INH-AAE* | Castleman's disease | Cryoglobulinemia | Goodpasture's disease | Graves' disease | IgA nephropathy | IgG4-related disease | Immune thrombocytopenia | Inflammatory myositis | Juvenile idiopathic arthritis | Membranous nephropathy | Multiple sclerosis |        | Myasthenia gravis | Nephrotic syndrome | Neuromyelitis optica | Pemphigus | Rheumatoid arthritis | Sjögren's syndrome | Spondyloarthritis | Systemic lupus erythematosus | Systemic sclerosis | Ulcerative colitis |
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| Level IIb              |                            |                           | Green                       |                      |                  |                    |             |                     |                  |                       |                 |                 |                      | Green                   | Red                   |                               |                        |                    | Yellow | Green             |                    |                      |           |                      | Yellow             |                   | Red                          |                    |                    |
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| Level IV               |                            |                           |                             |                      |                  | Green              | Green       | Green               | Green            | Green                 |                 | Green           |                      |                         |                       | Green                         |                        |                    |        | Green             | Green              |                      |           |                      | Green              |                   |                              |                    |                    |
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| Legend       |  |
|--------------|--|
| Level I      | Approved by FDA/EMA  |
| Level IIa    | Multicentric double-blind RCTs proving a significant superiority over standard-of-care treatment                       |
| Level IIb    | Multicentric double-blind RCTs proving a significant superiority over placebo  |
| Level IIIa   | Clinical study, not fulfilling the above-mentioned criteria, but proving a superiority over standard-of-care treatment |
| Level IIIb   | Clinical study, not fulfilling the above-mentioned criteria, but proving a superiority over placebo                    |
| Level IV     | Case series or open-label trials without control group with positive results   |
| Achieved     | Green  |
| Failed       | Red  |
| Mixed result | Yellow   |

# Rituximab – Uso off-label

In **organ-threatening disease** refractory or with intolerance/contraindications to standard immunosuppressive agents

More than one IS drug need to have failed prior to RTX administration (except for severe autoimmune thrombocytopenia and haemolytic anaemia)

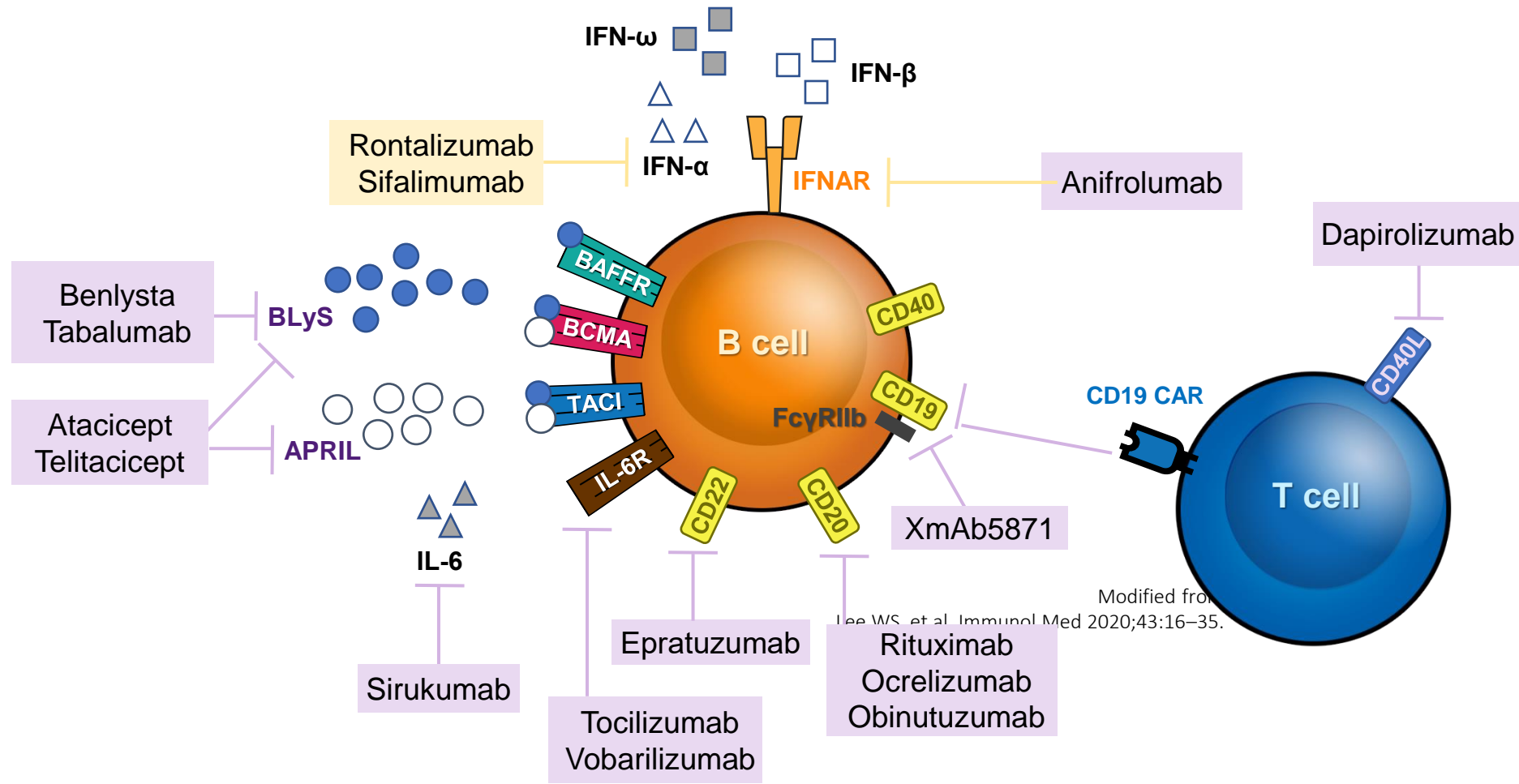
Off-Label

## Recommendation

2019 update of the EULAR recommendations for the management of systemic lupus erythematosus

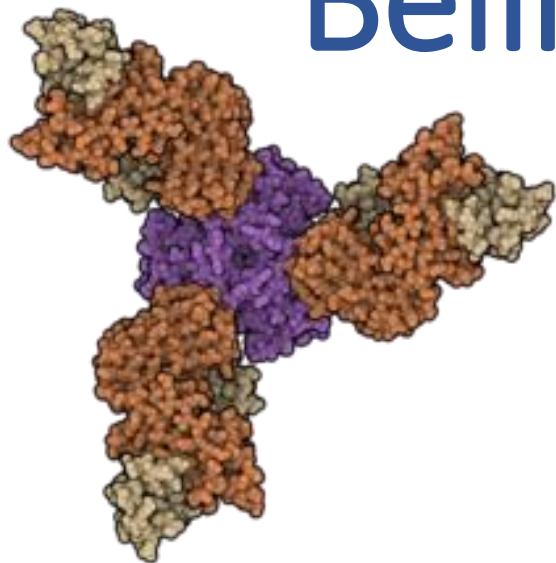
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# Therapies have been developed to target a variety of SLE pathogenic pathways



APRIL = a proliferation-inducing ligand; BAFFR = B-cell-activating factor receptor; BCMA = B-cell maturation antigen; BLyS = B-lymphocyte stimulator; CAR = chimeric antigen receptor; CD = member of the tumour necrosis factor receptor family on the surface of B cells; CD40L = cluster of differentiation 40 ligand; IFN = interferon; IFNAR = interferon-α/β receptor; IL-6 = interleukin-6; IL-6R = interleukin-6 receptor; TACI = transmembrane activator and cyclophilin ligand interactor.

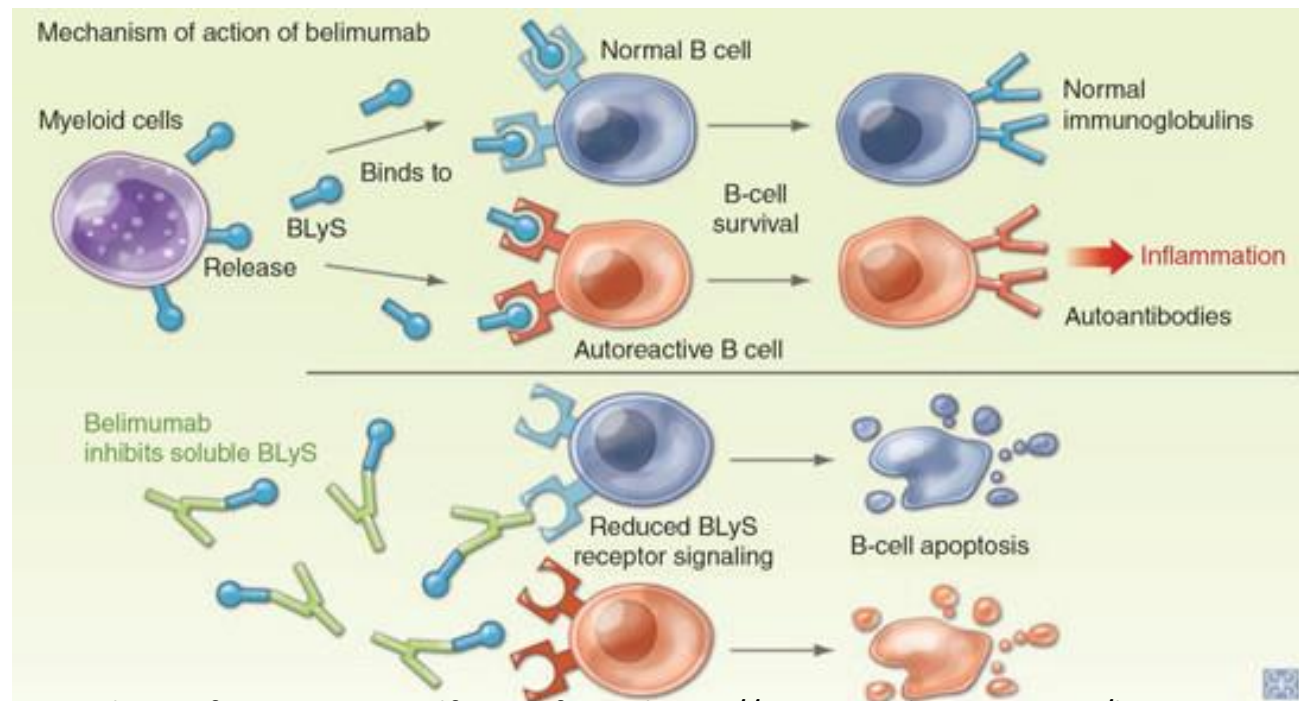
# Belimumab



mAb IgG1 $\lambda$  umano

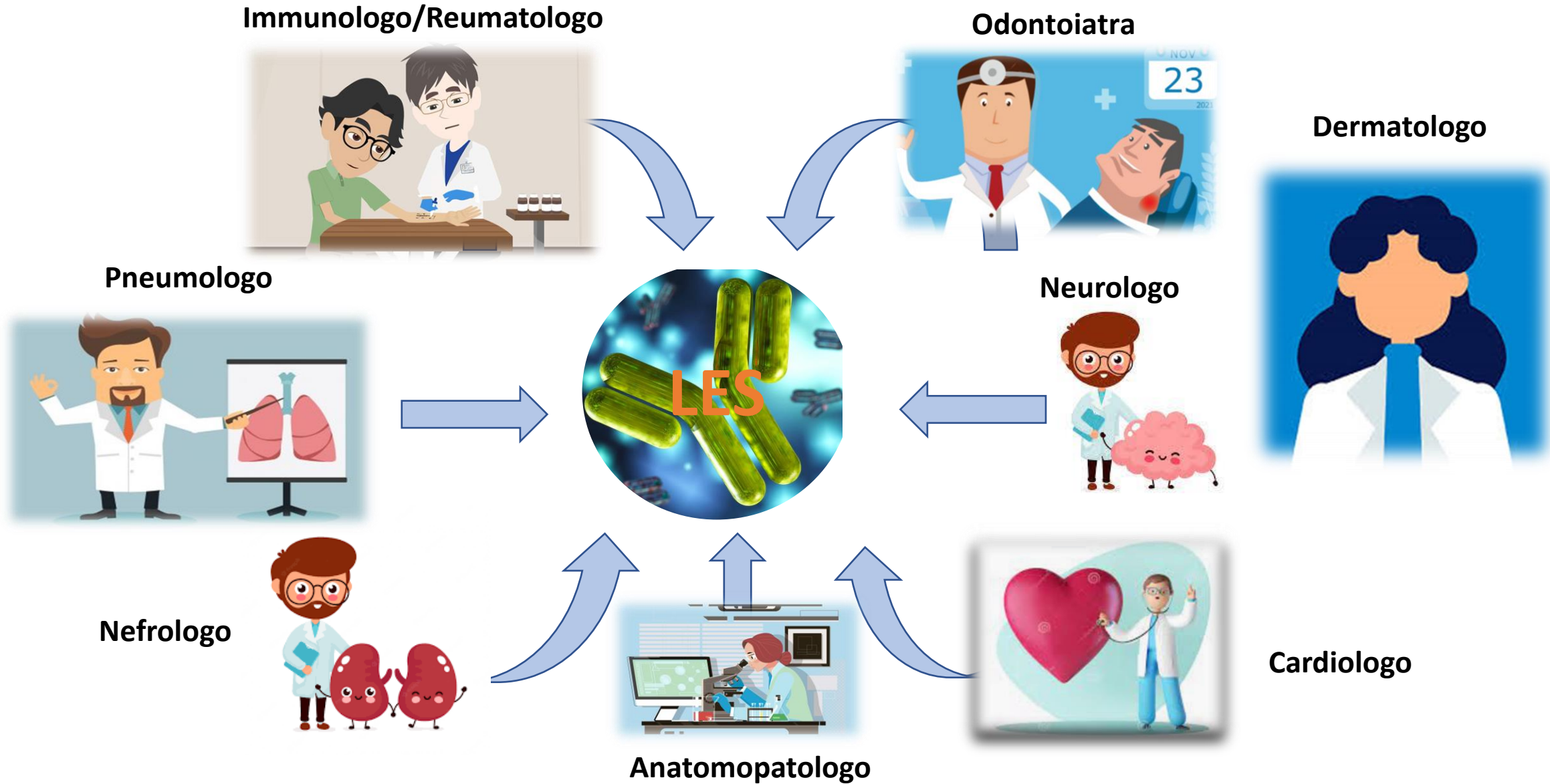
Lega BAFF solubile

Inibisce sopravvivenza  
delle cellule B

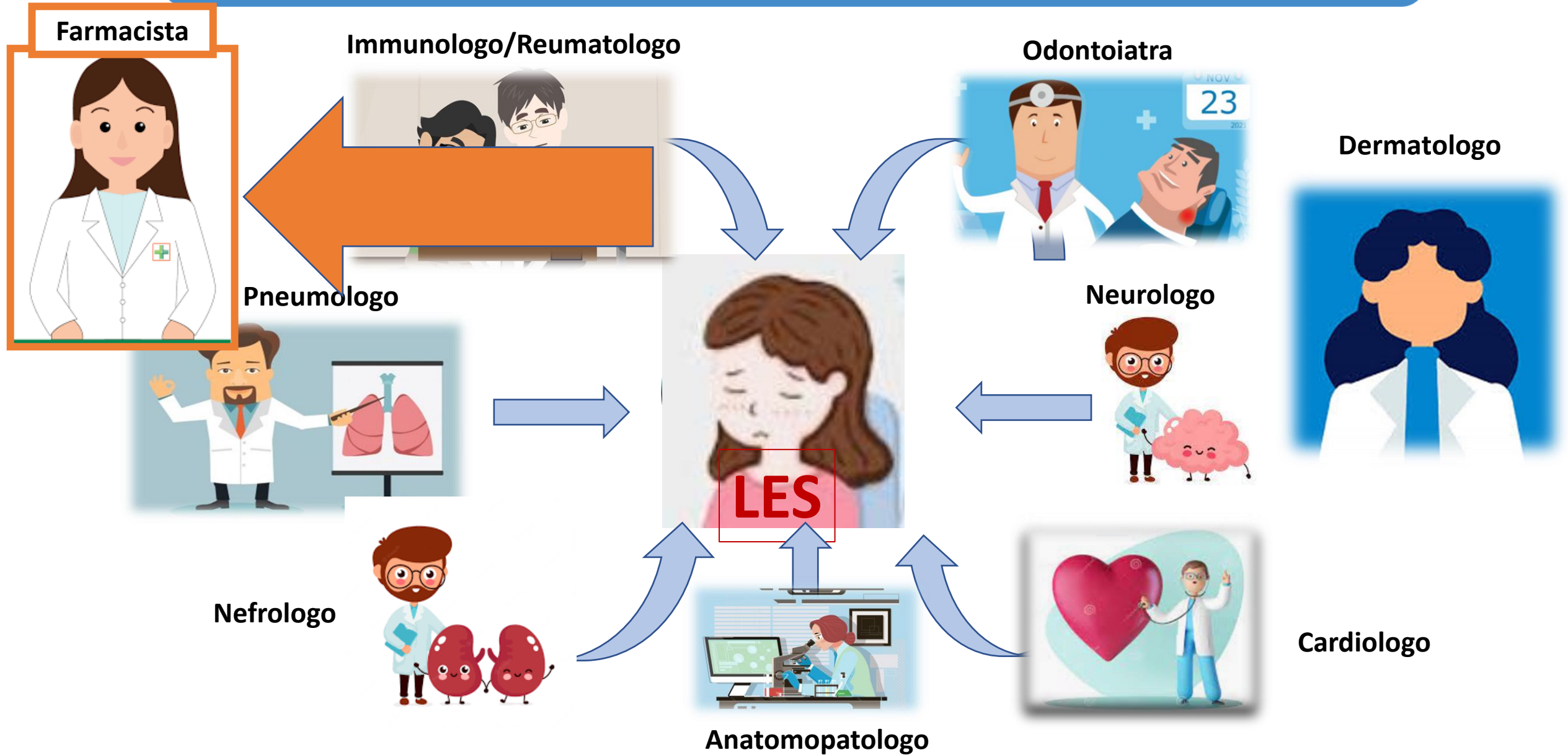




# L'organizzazione della gestione multidisciplinare nel LES: quali figure andrebbero coinvolte?



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# CASO CLINICO

## THE TRICKY PATIENT JOURNEY



# CASO CLINICO



# CASO CLINICO

MMG

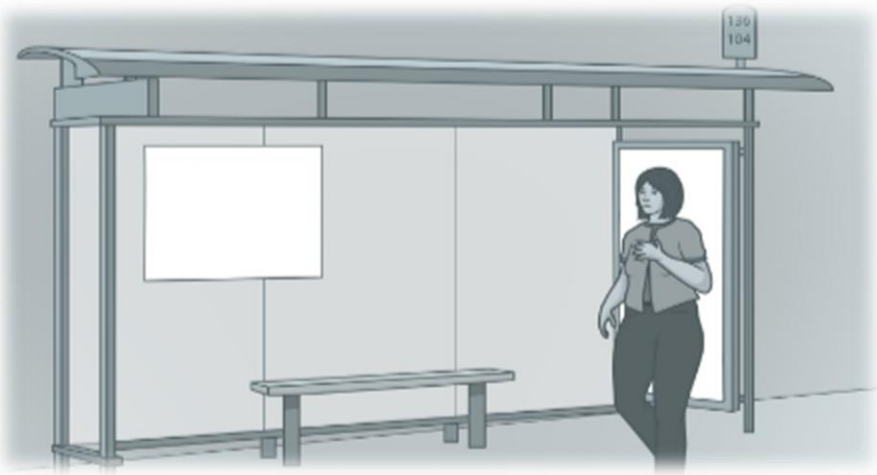
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Tosse, dispnea e sibilo da 6w, in peggioramento.

Dispnea per sforzi lievi (camminata in piano)

Beneficio parziale da salbutamolo

*Recente insorgenza di instabilità e zoppia*



**Nega** febbre, brividi, escreato, cefalea,  
artromialgie, piroisi gastrica, nausea,  
vomito o necessità di schiarire la voce.

# CASO CLINICO

# MMG

## Anamnesi:

Rinite allergica stagionale (estate)

Sensibilizzazione ad acari

Cefalea

Sovrappeso: BMI 26.3

Asma nota da 10 anni

Non fumatrice

Non abitudini voluttuarie

Donna, 40 anni

## Terapia domiciliare:

Fluticasone nasale

ICS/LABA

Loratadina 10 mg

Paracodina ab

Precedente trattamento  
con omalizumab  
**INFRUTTUOSO**



# CASO CLINICO

## MMG

### **Anamnesi personale:**

Nata in Repubblica Dominicana

Lavora in una scuola dell'infanzia

Ha un cane, nega esposizione a muffe o insetti

### **Anamnesi familiare:**

Madre con rinite allergica

Sorella con asma bronchiale

Familiarità per neoplasia ematologica

(due zii materni con linfoma)





# CASO CLINICO

## MMG

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EOP: diffusi sibili espiratori,  
espirazione prolungata.  
Normale obiettività cavo orale e  
nasale.

Sat.O2: 96% in AA



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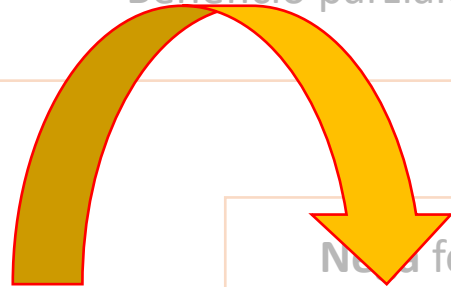
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Non febbre, brividi, escreato,  
cefalea, artromialgie, pirosi gastrica,  
...tà di

**Diagnosi  
di Riacutizzazione di Asma**

**Visita  
Pneumologica**



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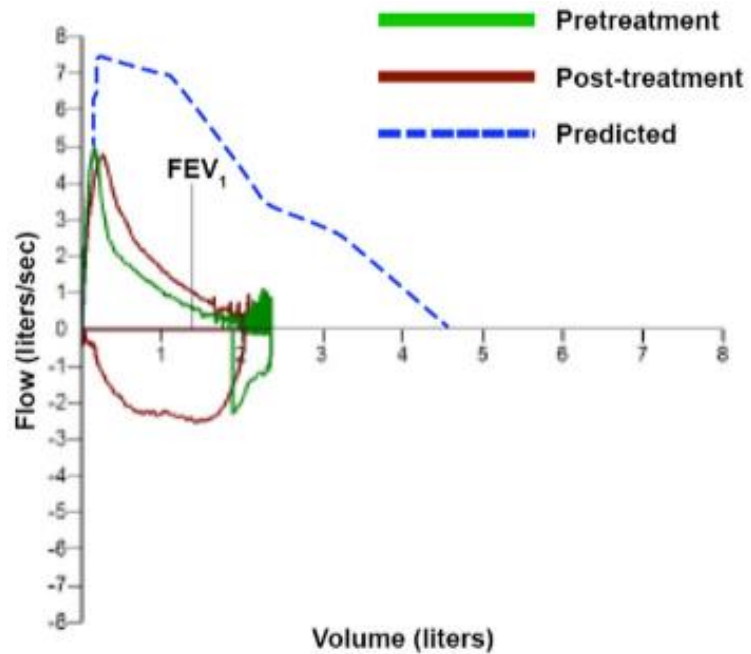
1)MMG

2)Pneumologo



# CASO CLINICO

## Pneumologo



FEV1: 1,37L (35% predetto)

IT: 58%

FEV1 PB: 1,67L (+300 ml, +22%)



# CASO CLINICO

## Pneumologo

Confermata la riacutizzazione di Asma



FEV1: 1,37L (35% predetto)

IT: 58%

FEV1 PB: 1,67L (+300 ml, +22%)

↑ICS/LABA (salmeterolo/fluticasone 50/500 BID) + SABA

Ciclo di prednisone 25 mg per 5 giorni



# CASO CLINICO

## Pneumologo

Aderenza verificata.  
Nessun beneficio da ICS/LABA  
dopo 3 mesi

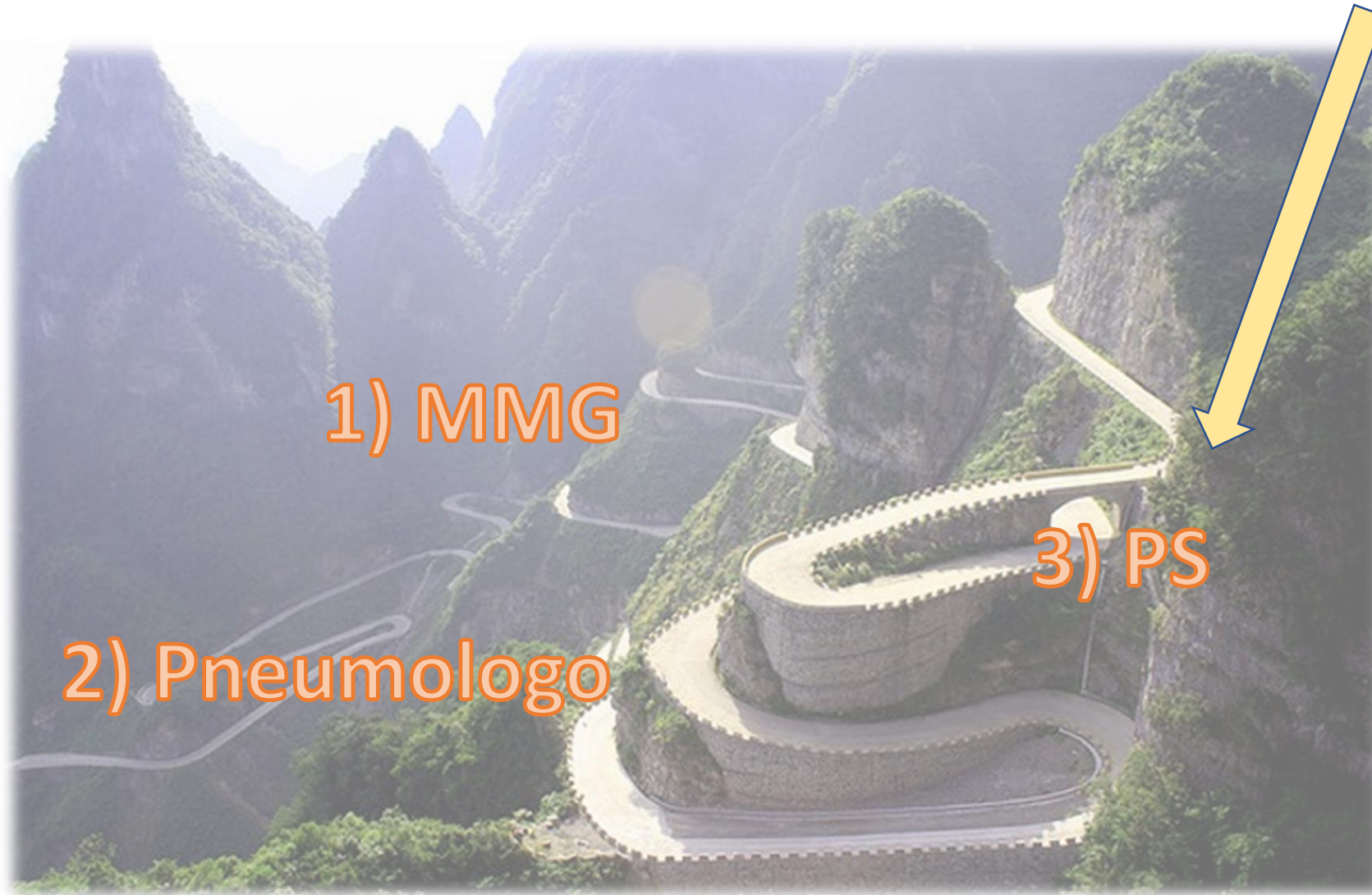
ICS/LABA 50/500  
+ LTRA  
(Tiotropio)

Persistenza di tosse, dispnea  
per sforzi lievi, sibilo toracico



# CASO CLINICO

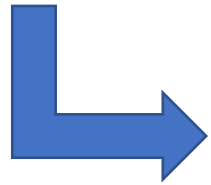
Dopo 4 mesi...



# CASO CLINICO

## Dopo 4 mesi...PS

Accesso in PS per broncospasmo serrato, nausea e iporessia.



**Rx torace 2P**

Emocromo  
GB: 10500  
N: 5000  
L: 1700  
E: 2100



Diagnosi di  
Bronchite in paziente asmatica

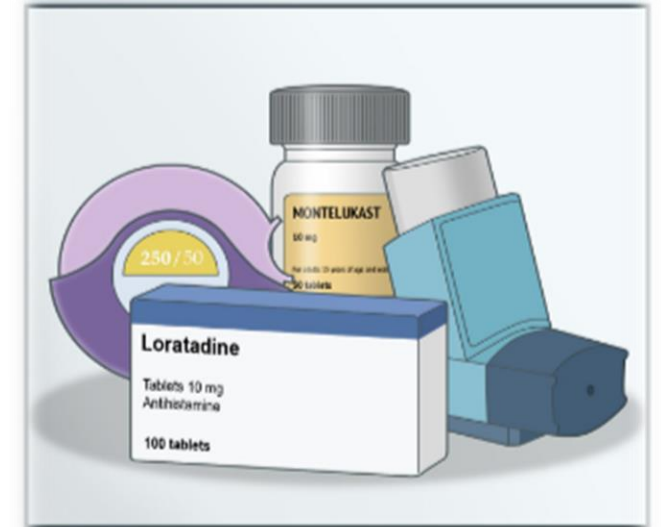


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PS

Azitromicina 500 x 6 gg

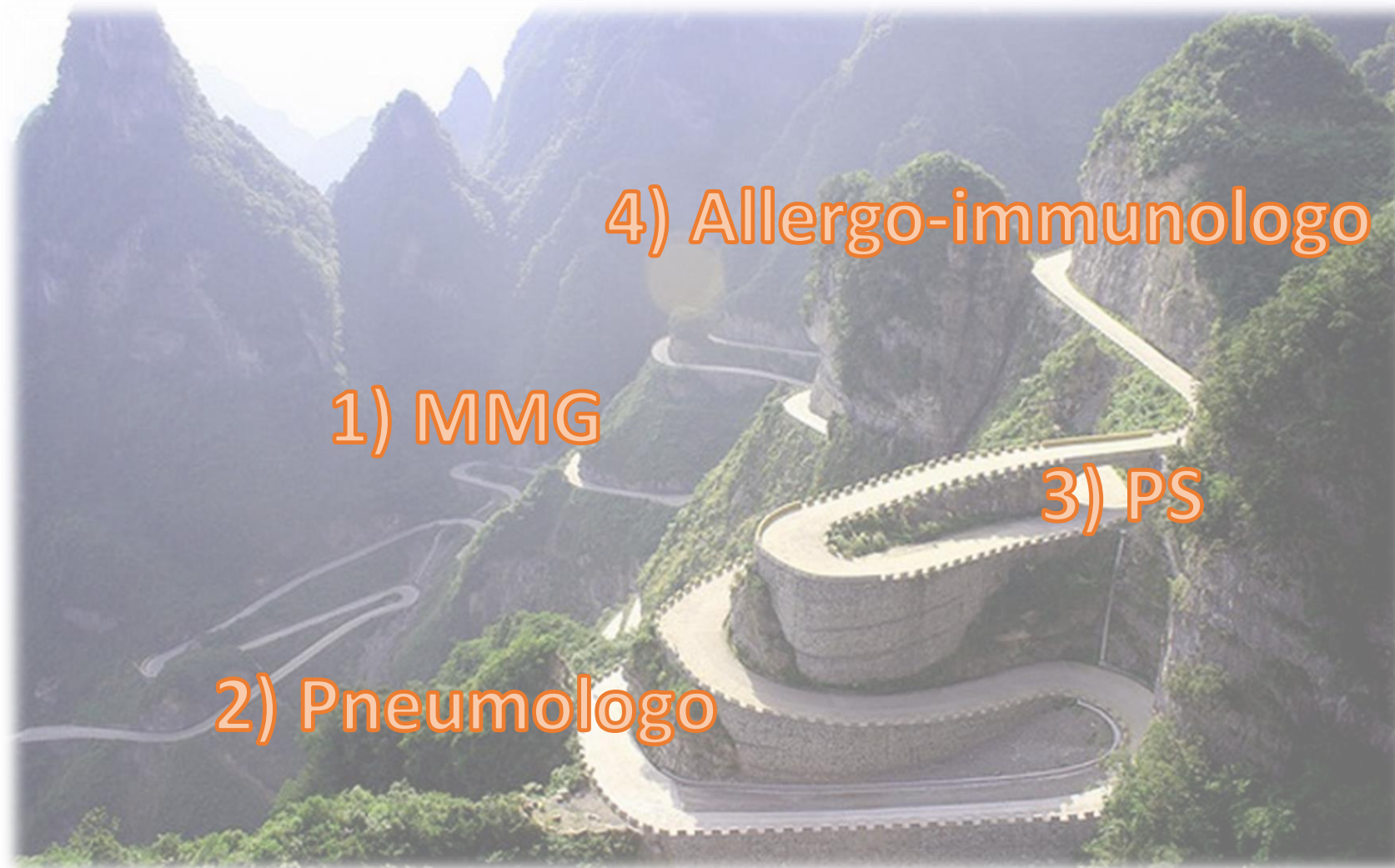
Prednisone 40 mg/die per 10 gg



Storia di rinite:  
**Visita allergologica**



# CASO CLINICO



# CASO CLINICO

# Allergo-Immunologo

## Physical Examination

### Vital Signs and General Appearance

T: 37.0° C  
FC: 69 bpm  
PAO: 110/60 mmHg  
FR: 18/min  
Sat.O2: 97% in AA  
No distress respiratorio

- Head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat
- Lungs
- Heart
- Abdomen
- Extremities
- Nervous system
- Skin
- Hide All

**Head, eyes, ears, nose, and throat**

Congiuntiva ndr  
Oro-faringe ndr  
No dolorabilità trigger points sinusali  
No adenopatia  
No noduli tiroidei

**Abdomen**

Piano, non dolente né dolorabile

**Extremities**

No clubbing, cianosi, edema

**Skin**

Non rash, eritema, orticaria

**Nervous system**

Normali NC, no deficit forza  
Sensibilità TA-DO ndr  
Instabilità per deficit SPE

**Heart**

Non turgore giugulare  
FR nn  
Non rumori di galoppo

**Lungs**

Espirazione prolungata  
Sibili espiratori  
FVT nn  
Non crepitii

# Visita allergologica

## Prick test



Dermatophagoides farinae +++

Graminacee +++

Cereali mix +++

Gatto +++

Aspergillus: -

Penicillium: -

# Allergo-Immunologo

## Component-resolved diagnostics



- Der p1: 10,2 kUA/l.
- Der p2: 4,5 kUA/l
- Der p 23: 8,2 kUA/l
- Phl p1: 18,7 KUA/l
- IgE Asp: < 0.35 kU/l



# CASO CLINICO

# Allergo-Immunologo

## Esami laboratorio

## Mepolizumab 100 mg?

|      |   |             |            |
|------|---|-------------|------------|
| Hb   | 13.8 g/dl                               | VES         | 51 mm/h    |
| Hct  | 39.9%                                   | PCR         | 41 mg/l    |
| MCV  | 86 fl                                   | Elettroliti | ndr        |
| WBC  | 20.740 cell/mcl                         | Es. urine   | ndr        |
|      | L 2.200    N 7.260<br>E 10.990    M 210 | IgE totali  | 1100 KUA/L |
| Plts | 118.000                                 | ANCA        | neg        |

# CASO CLINICO

# Allergo-Immunologo e Pneumologo

**HRTC**



**Riscontro di opacità subpleuriche**



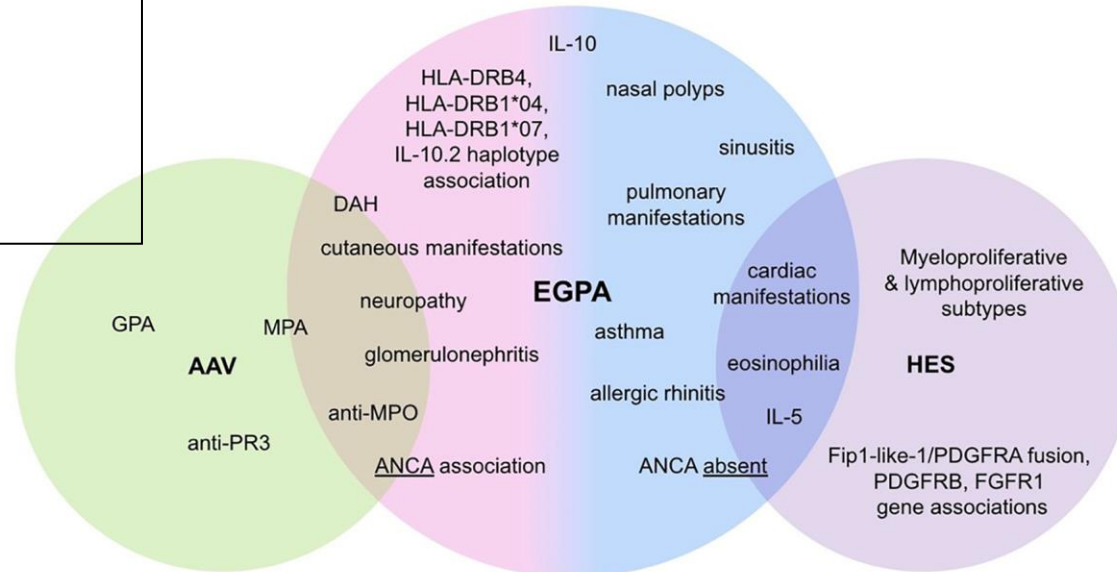
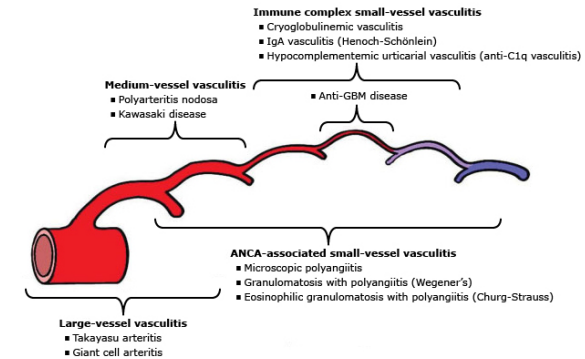
# CASO CLINICO

**Quali sono i segni clinici che potrebbero indurci al sospetto di una  
EGPA (*Granulomatosi eosinofila con poliangite*)**



# Granulomatosi eosinofila con poliangite (EGPA) già denominata sindrome di Churg-Strauss

- Vasi di medio-piccolo calibro: *infiltrazione eosinofila*
- **Vasculite ANCA associata:** pANCA/MPO, 40% dei casi
- Interessa *esclusivamente* **pazienti asmatici**
- Incidenza  $0.3 \times 10^5$



## Malattia Rara

*Granulomatosi eosinofila con poliangite  
(Sindrome di Churg-Strauss)  
(criteri di classificazione American College Rheumatology 1990)*

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Asma

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Eosinofilia > 10 %

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Mononeurite multipla o polineuropatia (distribuzione a calzini o a guanti)

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Infiltrati polmonari migranti

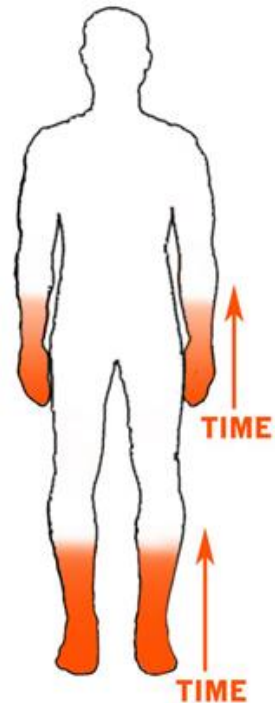
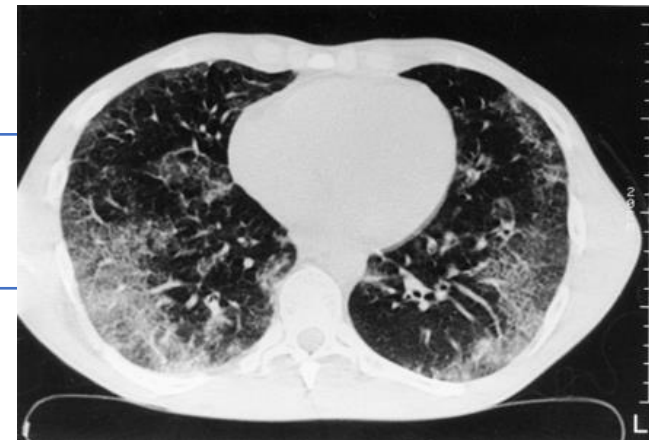
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Sinusite

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Eosinofilia tessutale (biopsia)

**La presenza di almeno 4 sui 6 criteri ha una sensibilità del 85%  
e una specificità del 99%**



**Polyneuropathy**  
First symptoms on  
toes and feet. Later  
Stocking-gloves pattern

# CASO CLINICO

## 2022 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY / EUROPEAN ALLIANCE OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR RHEUMATOLOGY CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA FOR **EOSINOPHILIC GRANULOMATOSIS WITH POLYANGIITIS**

### CONSIDERATIONS WHEN APPLYING THESE CRITERIA

- These classification criteria should be applied to classify a patient as having eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis when a diagnosis of small- or medium-vessel vasculitis has been made
- Alternate diagnoses mimicking vasculitis should be excluded prior to applying the criteria

### CLINICAL CRITERIA

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Obstructive airway disease | +3 |
| Nasal polyps               | +3 |
| Mononeuritis multiplex     | +1 |



### LABORATORY AND BIOPSY CRITERIA

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Blood eosinophil count $\geq 1 \times 10^9$ /liter  | +5 |
| Extravascular eosinophilic-predominant inflammation on biopsy   | +2 |
| Positive test for cytoplasmic antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (cANCA) or antiproteinase 3 (anti-PR3) antibodies | -3 |
| Hematuria   | -1 |

Sum the scores for 7 items, if present. A score of  $\geq 6$  is needed for classification of **EOSINOPHILIC GRANULOMATOSIS WITH POLYANGIITIS**.



# CASO CLINICO

Allergo-Immunologo  
Pneumologo  
Reumatologo

Asma in peggioramento  
Opacità subpleuriche  
Ipereosinofilia periferica



EGPA: Probabile  
Asma, Eosinofili,  
Alterazioni HRTC, Zoppia.

HES:  
Possibile

Polmonite Eosinofila Cronica:  
Possibile

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Granulomatosi Eosinofila con PoliAngioite  
Polmonite eosinofila cronica  
HES con interessamento di singolo organo?

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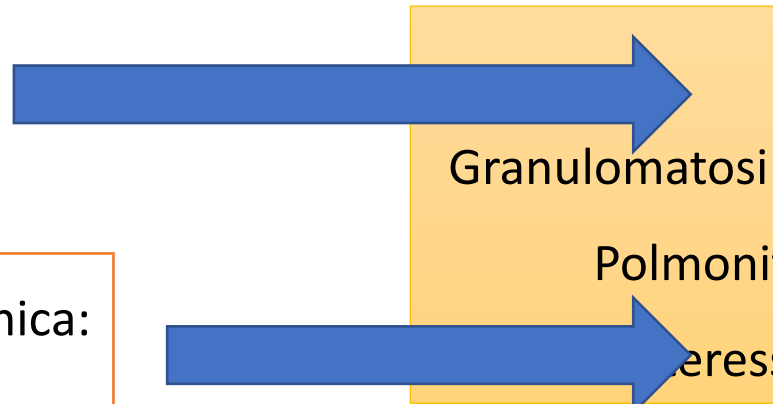
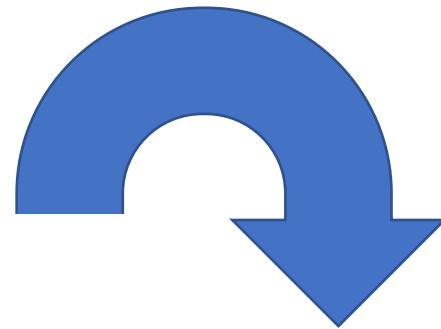
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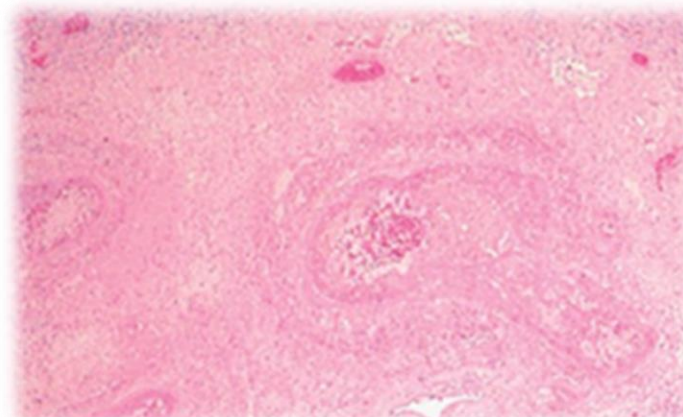
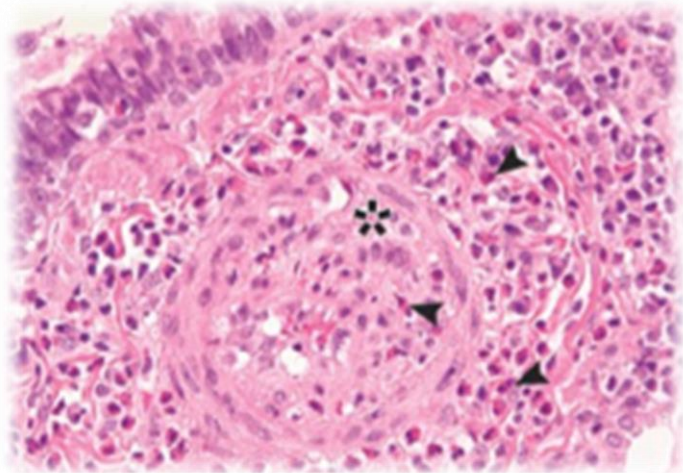
**Biopsia opacità polmonari**



# CASO CLINICO

Allergo-Immunologo  
Pneumologo  
Reumatologo  
Anatomo-patologo

Biopsia TC guidata

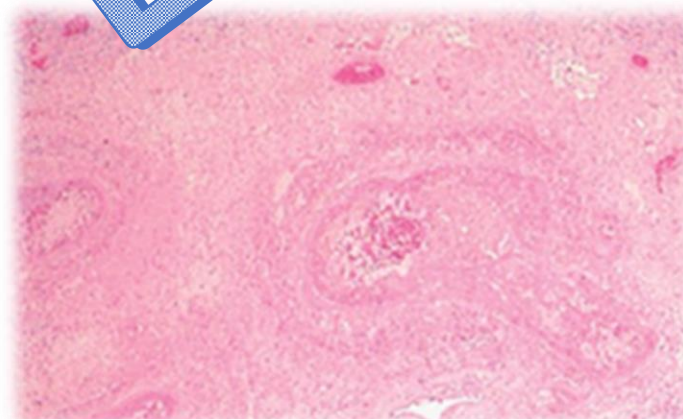


**Vasculite eosinofila**  
**Aree di necrosi**

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Anatomo-patologo

Biopsia TC guidata



Vasculite eosinofila  
Aree di necrosi

~~Polmonite eosinofila cronica  
HES singolo organo~~



~~Eosinofili e linfociti negli alveoli e  
nell'interstizio  
No vasculite.~~





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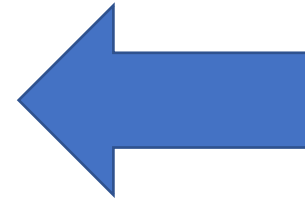
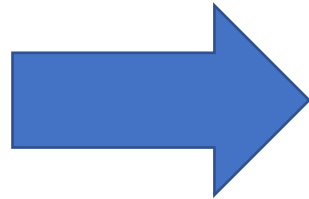
ASMA GRAVE (?)  
Instabilità/zoppia  
Ipereosinofilia  
Infiltrati polmonari  
..Cefalea



**Potevamo pensarci prima?**

# PATIENT JOURNEY

Possibili cambiamenti per migliore presa in carico?



# PATIENT JOURNEY

Gestite il paziente in un team multidisciplinare?

E' veramente utile?

# L'organizzazione della gestione multidisciplinare nella EGPA: quali figure andrebbero coinvolte?

Allergologo/Immunologo/Reumatologo

Otorinolaringoiatra



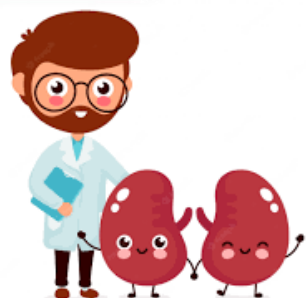
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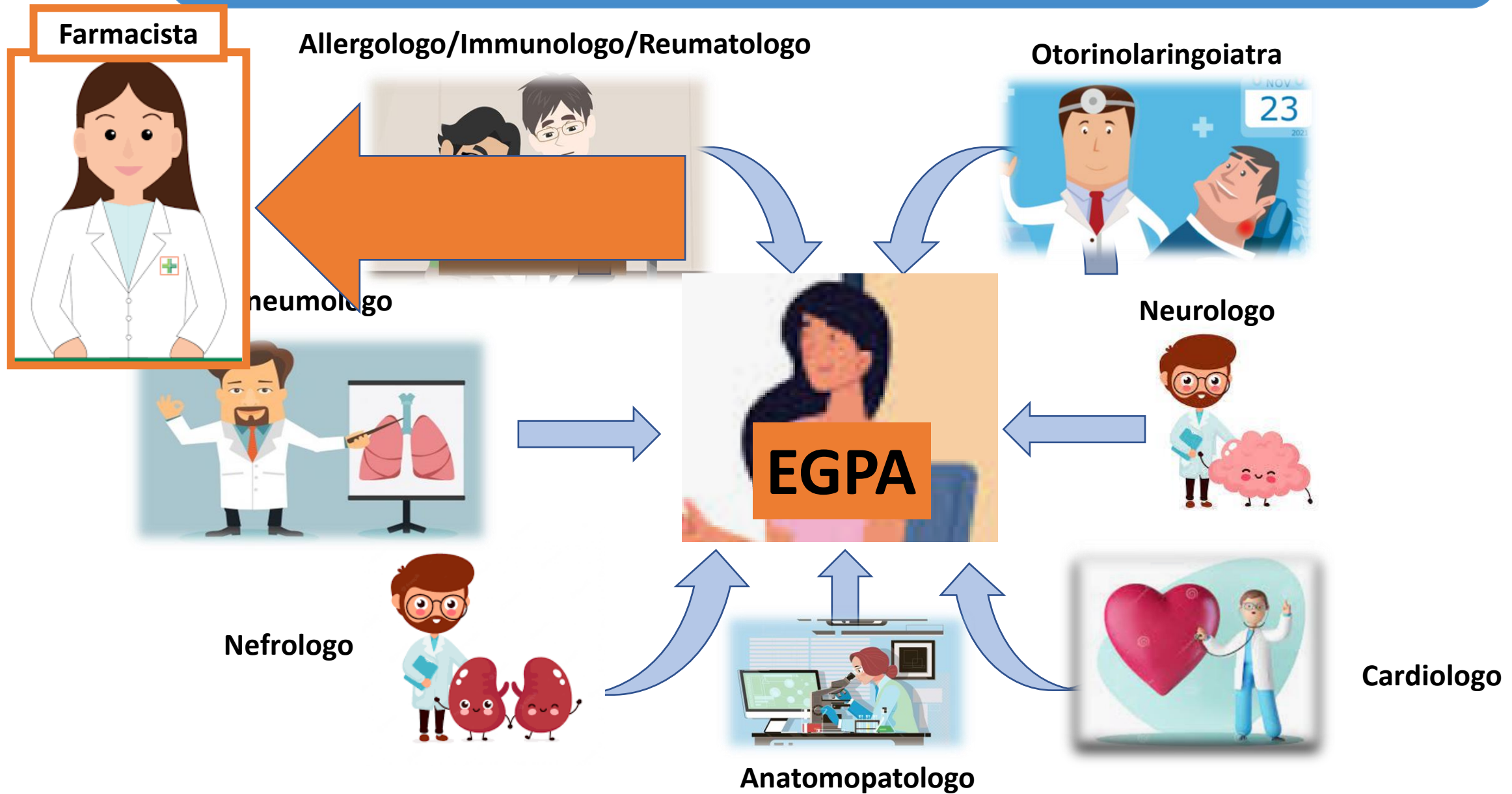
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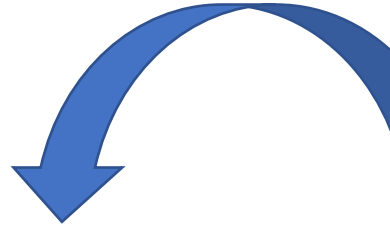
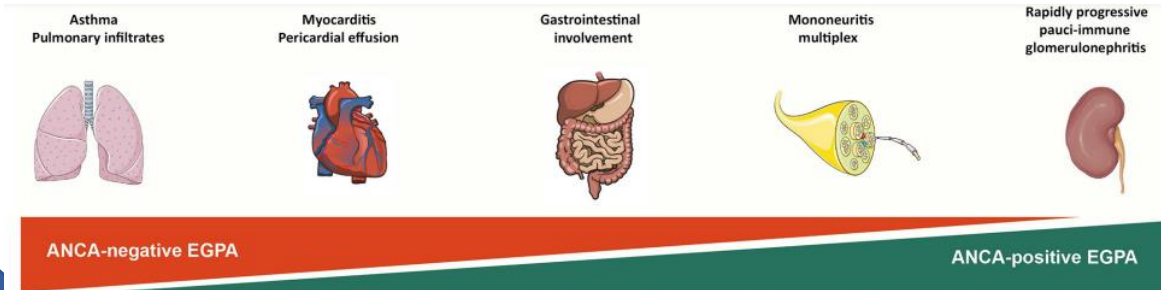
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**Obiettivi terapeutici in asma grave ed EGPA:**

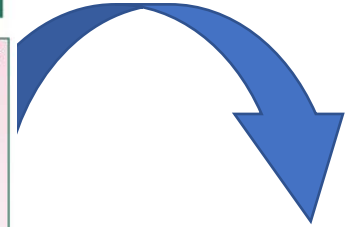
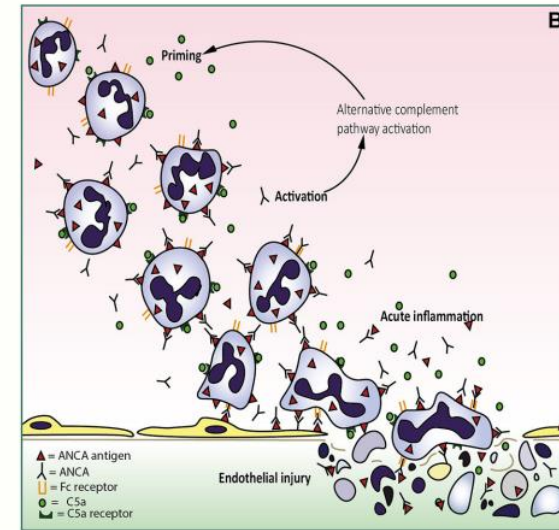
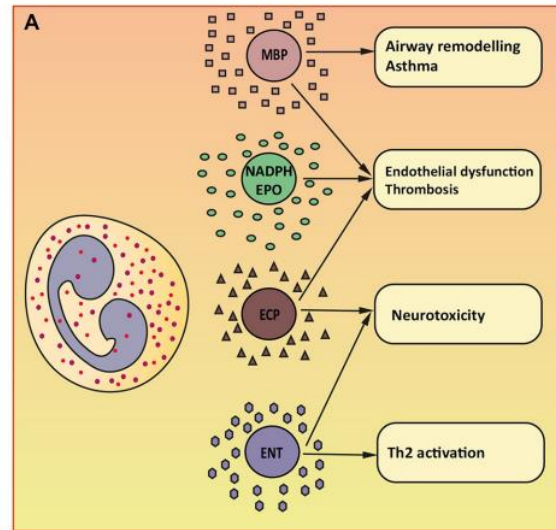
**Biologico come OCS sparing?**



# Fenotipi di EGPA



Omalizumab 300 mg  
Benralizumab



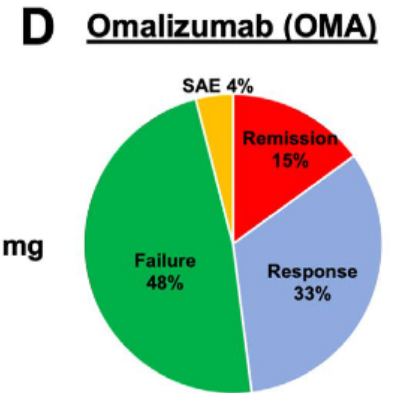
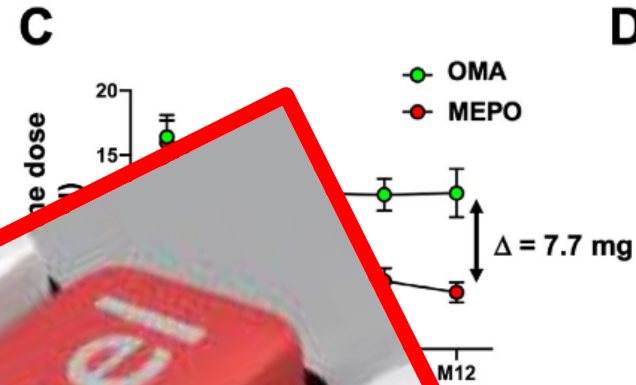
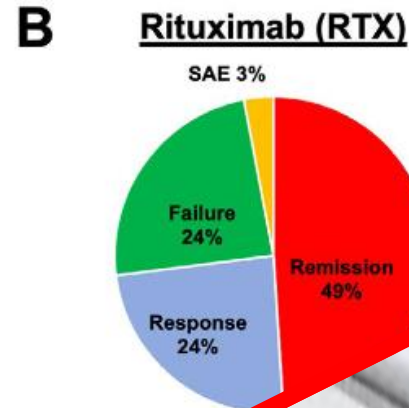
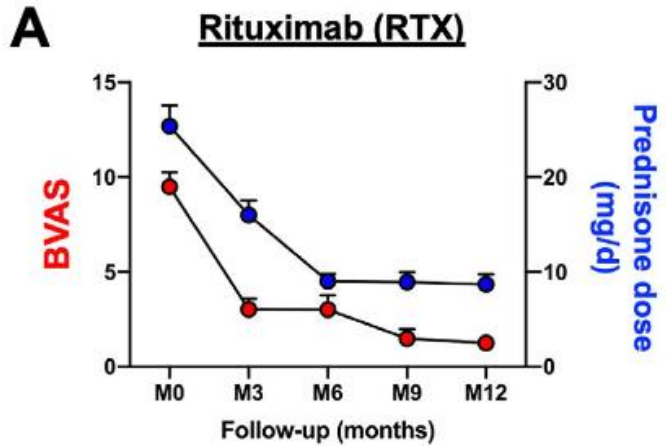
Ciclofosfamide  
Rituximab

# OCS sparing in EGPA

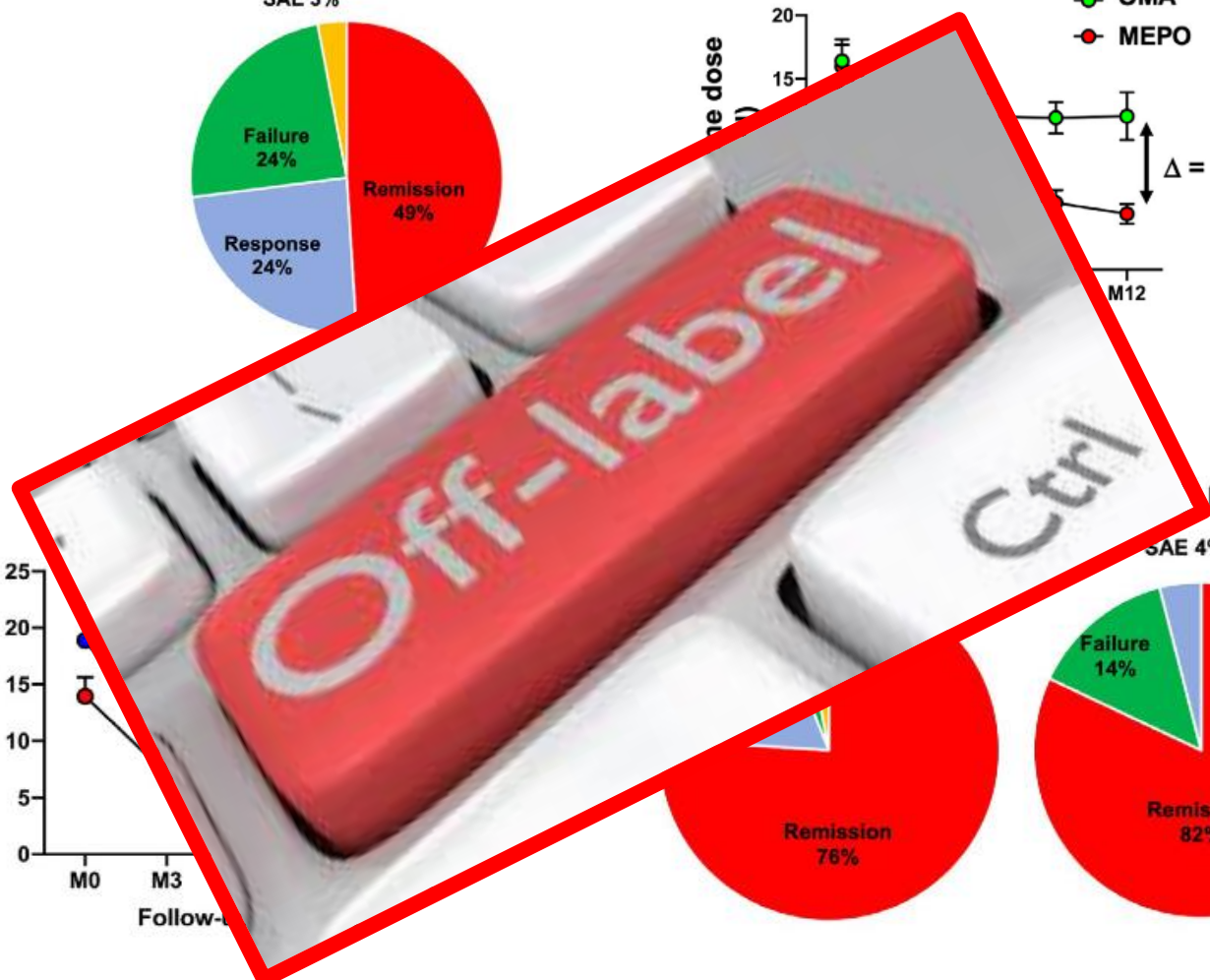
Review

| Drug                   | Pathogenetic basis   | Evidence in EGPA   | Dose   | Clinical use  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Rituximab<br>(36–56)   | <p><i>Anti-CD20—B cell differentiation and B-T cell stimulation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ANCA pathogenetic antibodies</li> <li>■ Eosinophils maturation and survival promoted by IL-5 (B-T cell interaction)</li> <li>■ IgG4 (a surrogate of B-lymphocyte activation) infiltration of the organs involved</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Case reports and open label studies</li> <li>■ Previous AAV studies (not involving EGPA)</li> <li>■ Two phase 3 RCT ongoing in EGPA:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>REOVAS</i> (RTX as induction therapy) (NCT02807103)</li> <li>- <i>MAINRITSEG</i> (RTX as maintenance therapy) (NCT03164473)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Induction: 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week for 4 weeks or 1 g every 2 weeks (AAV treatment)</li> <li>■ Maintenance: 500 mg every 6 months for almost 18 months</li> </ul> | <p><i>RCTs ongoing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ New diagnosis or refractory/remitting disease</li> <li>■ GC sparing agent</li> </ul>                                 |
| Mepolizumab<br>(57–68) | <p><i>Anti-IL-5—eosinophils activation and survival</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Eosinophils products: massive tissue toxicity</li> <li>■ EGPA eosinophils: lower expression of pro-apoptotic genes and defective apoptosis</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>FDA approval in 2017 as the first specific drug for EGPA</i> (RTC involving 136 patients with uncontrolled non-severe disease)</li> <li>■ Long term efficacy: ongoing RCT (NCT03298061)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 300 mg/month (FDA approved)</li> <li>■ 100 mg/month (severe eosinophilic asthma, under evaluation in EGPA)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Non-severe relapsing/refractory disease</li> </ul>   |
| Omalizumab<br>(71–79)  | <p><i>Anti-free circulating IgE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Lower mast cells activation and interaction with eosinophils</li> <li>■ Inhibition of Th2 and IgE mediated antigen presenting processes</li> </ul>  | <p><i>Evidence contradictory and scarce:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Positive results in EGPA with asthma resistant to GC</li> <li>■ Scarce information about vasculitic involvement</li> <li>■ Possible trigger factor for EGPA</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Subcutaneously every 2–4 weeks</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Maintenance therapy in patients with uncontrolled and severe asthma/ENT symptoms but with a complete control of non-allergic symptoms</li> </ul> |

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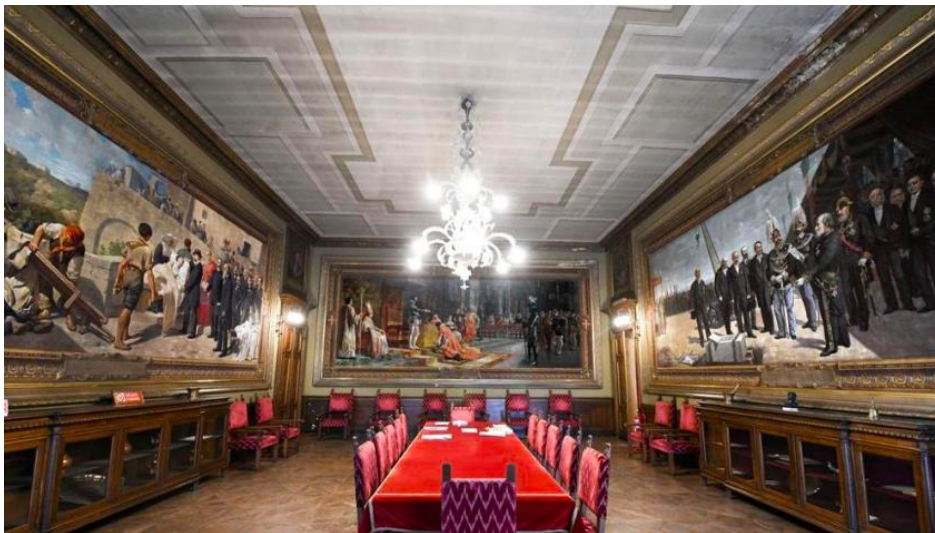
**147 pazienti:**  
 63 RTX  
 51 MEPO  
 33 OMA





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