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ANEMIA CLINIC IN ONCOLOGIA

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BACKGROUND

- L'anemia è comune in molti pazienti con cancro
- È un fattore indipendente di outcome
- La sua correzione impatta positivamente su trattamento cancro-relato

H. Ludwig et al. The European Cancer Anaemia Survey (ECAS): A large, multinational, prospective survey defining the prevalence, incidence, and treatment of anaemia in cancer patients *European Journal of Cancer* 40 (2004) 2293–2306

DIMENSIONI DEL PROBLEMA

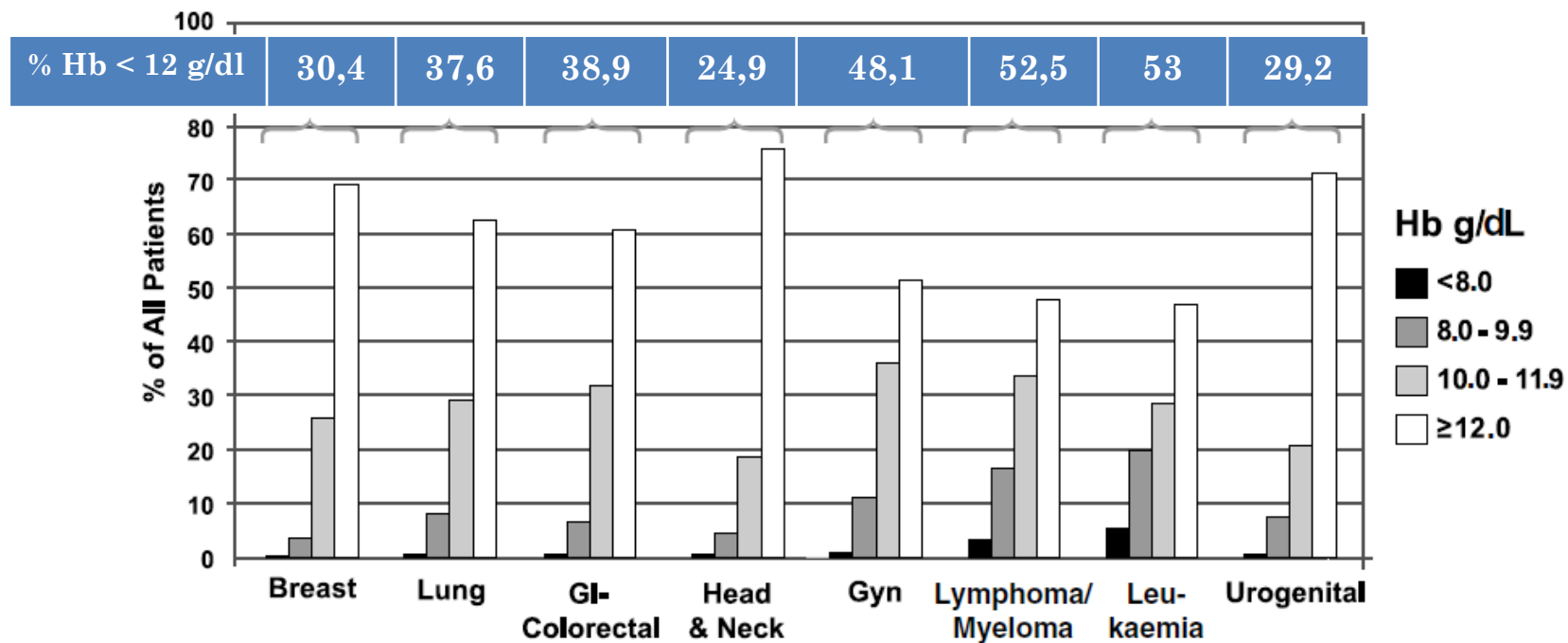
THE EUROPEAN CANCER ANAEMIA SURVEY (ECAS): A LARGE, MULTINATIONAL, PROSPECTIVE SURVEY DEFINING THE PREVALENCE, INCIDENCE, AND TREATMENT OF ANAEMIA IN CANCER PATIENTS

748 cancer centres in 24 European countries

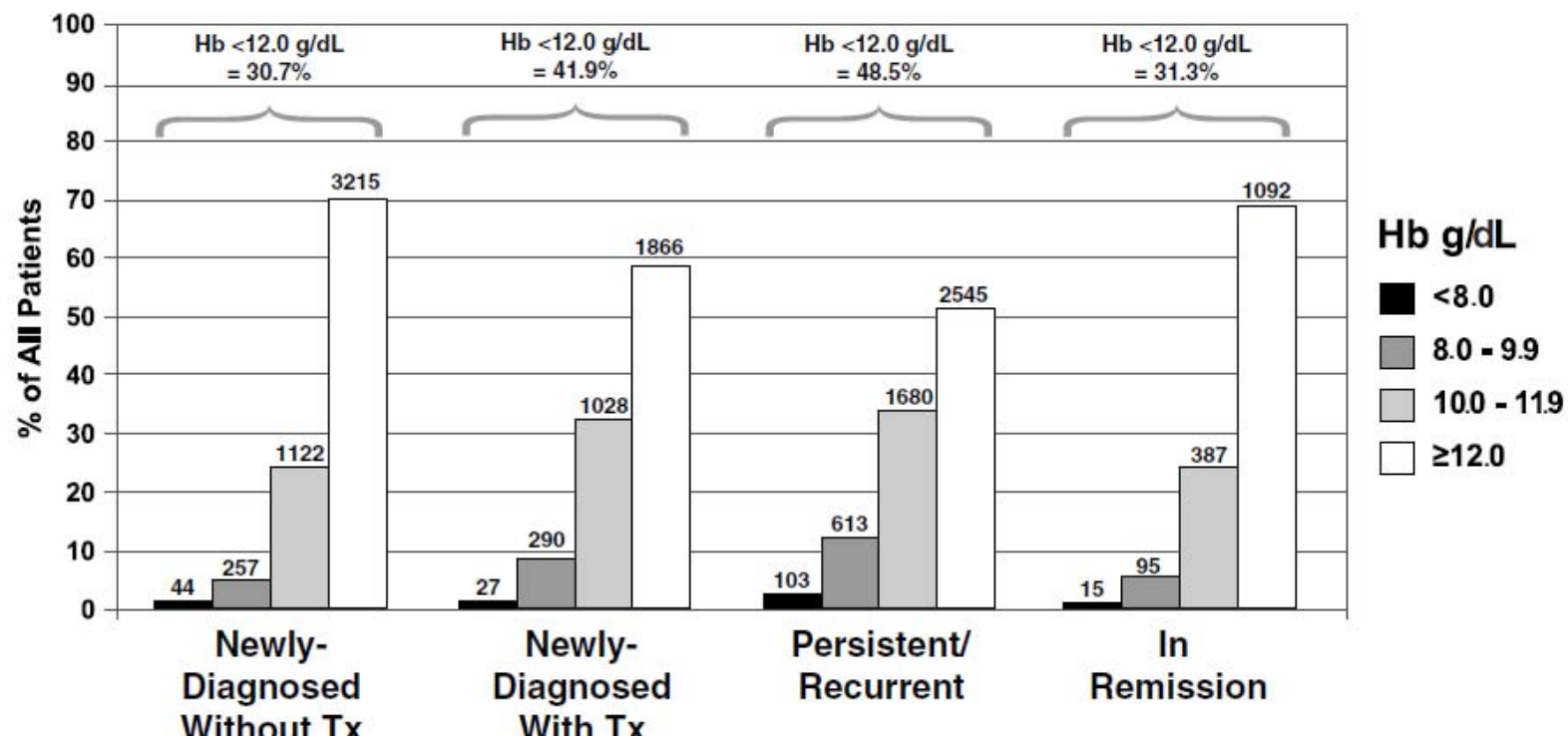
Analysis Population **N 14.520**

Anno 2004

**Prevalenza
39.3%**

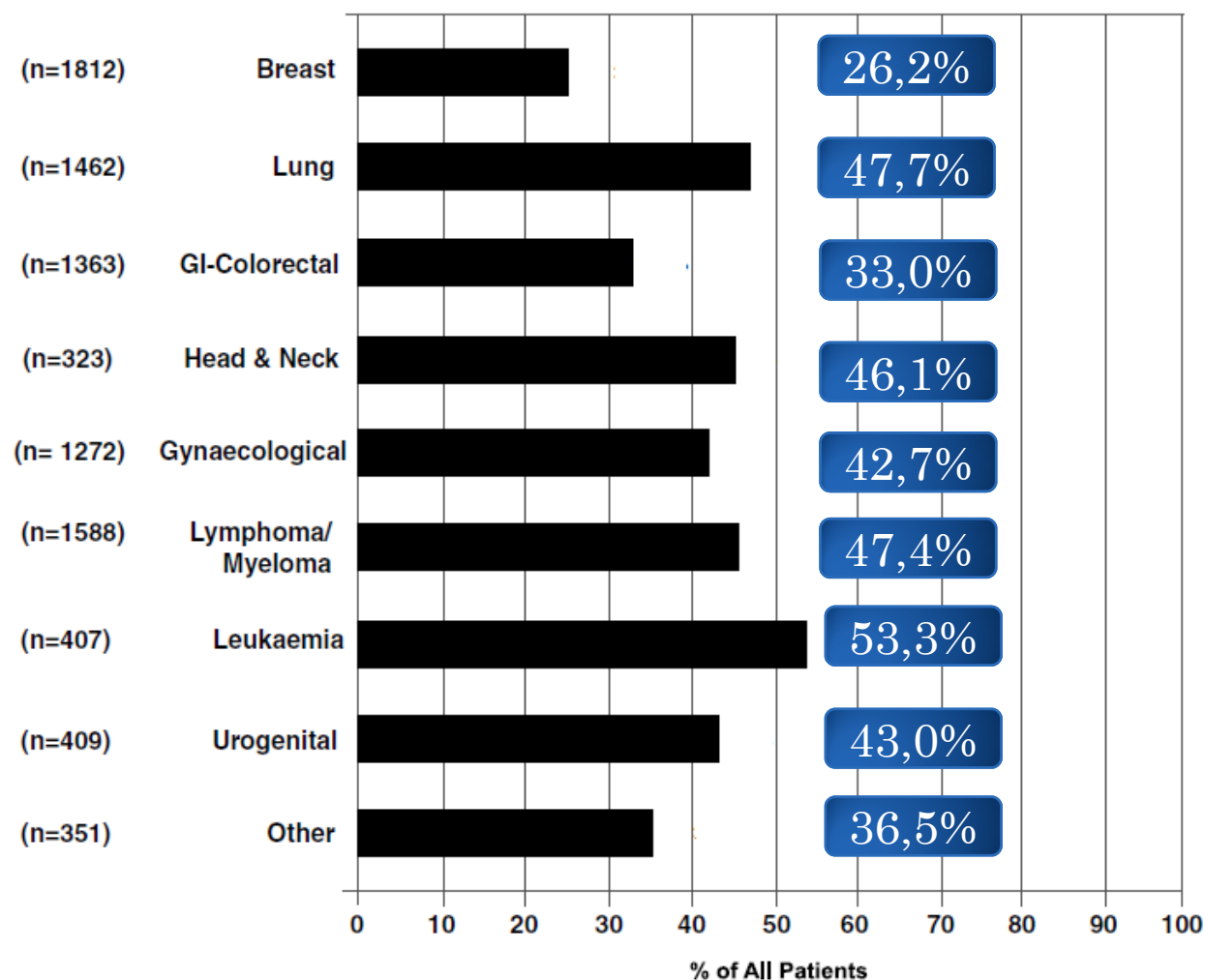


L'INCIDENZA RISENTE DEL TRATTAMENTO E DELLO STATO DI MALATTIA

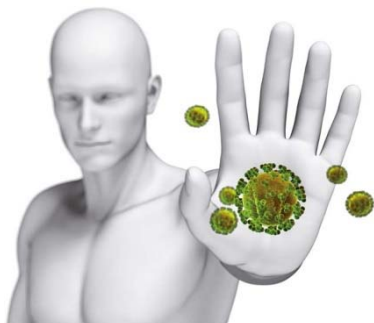


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PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED ANAEMIA TREATMENT



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PERCHÉ È IMPORTANTE GESTIRE L'ANEMIA NEL PAZIENTE ONCOLOGICO



ANEMIA È UN FATTORE INDIPENDENTE DI OUTCOME

521 pazienti con carcinoma squamoso della testa e del collo stadio III o IV

Variable	Risk ratio	95% CI	p value
→ Hemoglobin level	1.494	(1.144, 1.950)	0.0032
ETA	1.057	(0.832, 1.343)	0.6493
Age	1.014	(0.794, 1.295)	0.9113
Sex	1.069	(0.809, 1.411)	0.6391
→ T-stage	1.516	(1.183, 1.944)	0.0010
→ N-stage	1.356	(1.052, 1.747)	0.0186
→ KPS	0.621	(0.486, 0.795)	0.0002
RT to primary	0.812	(0.632, 1.042)	0.1017
Overall treatment time	0.999	(0.986, 1.012)	0.8793

Analisi multivariata

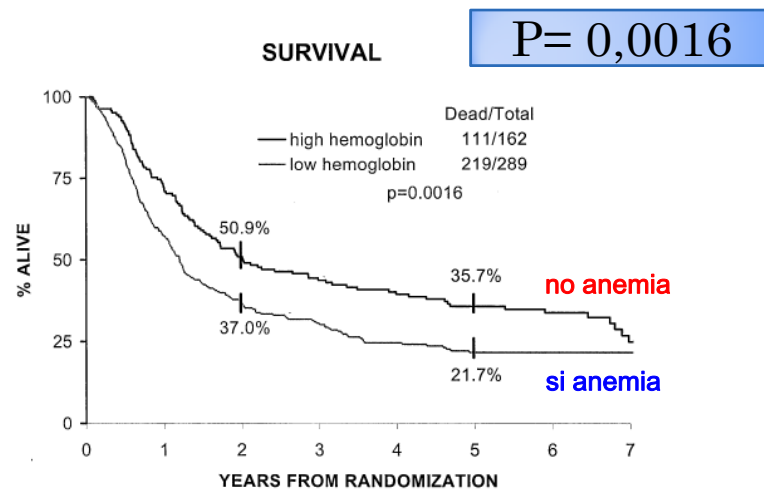


Fig. 1. Overall survival for all patients according to hemoglobin level.

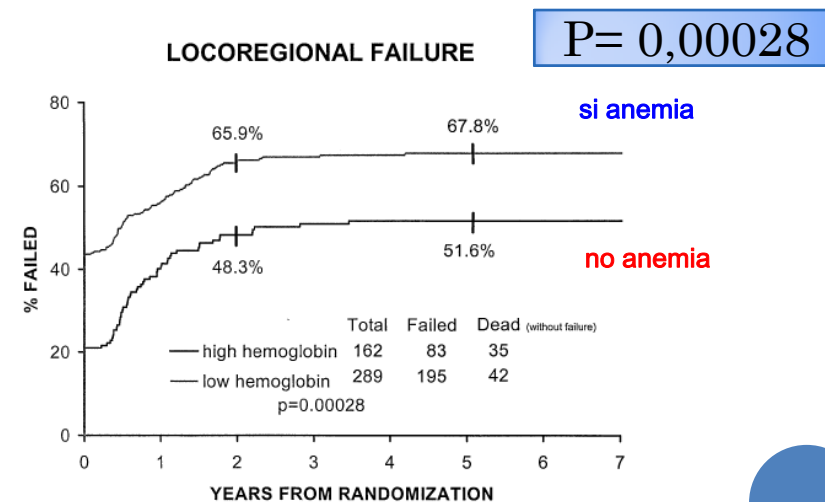
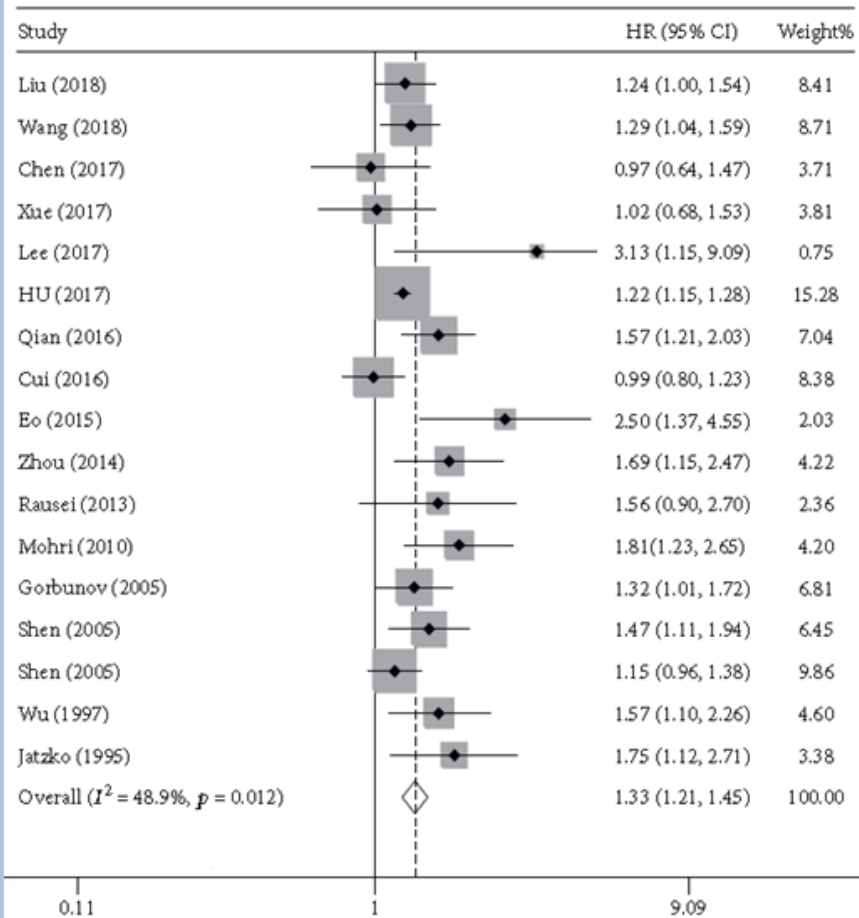


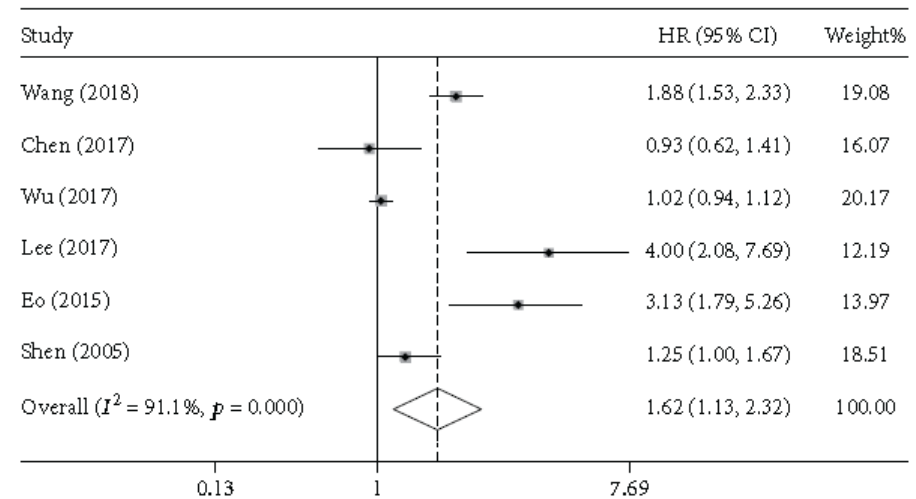
Fig. 2. Locoregional failure for all patients according to hemoglobin level.

ANEMIA È UN FATTORE INDIPENDENTE DI OUTCOME

overall survival

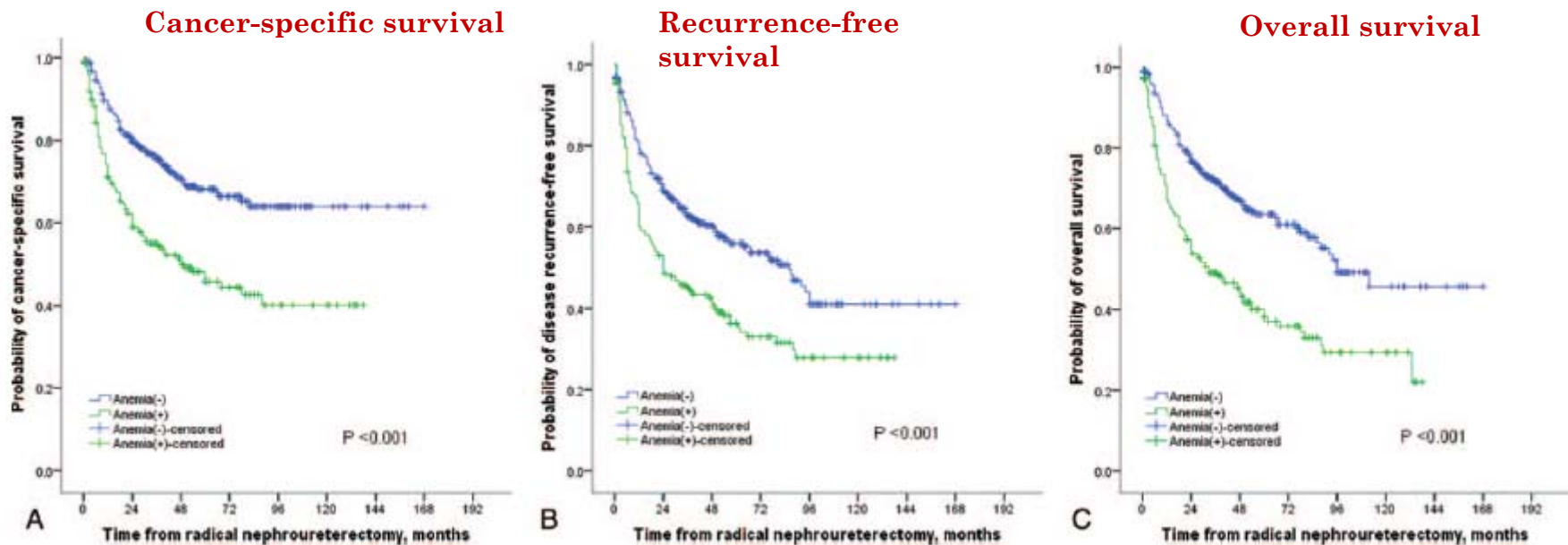


disease-free survival



Prognostic impact of preoperative anemia on upper tract urothelial carcinoma

Pazienti totali 620 con carcinoma uroteliale del tratto superiore (UTUC) sottoposti a uterectomia
Pazienti anemici 246

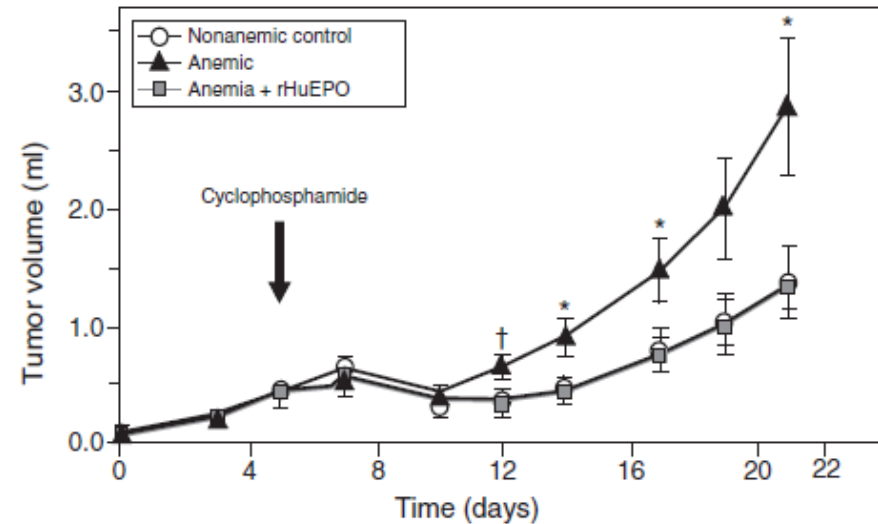
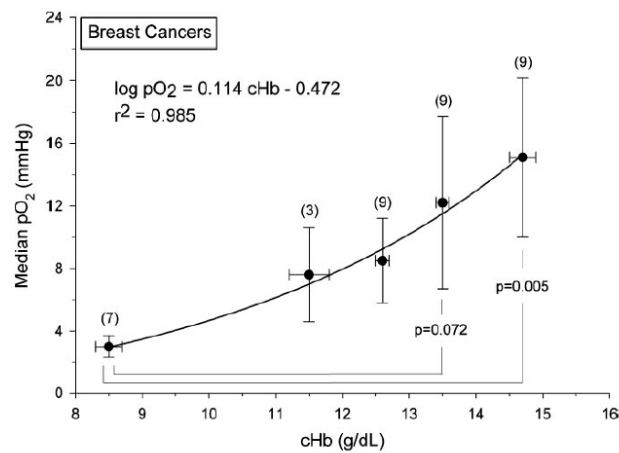
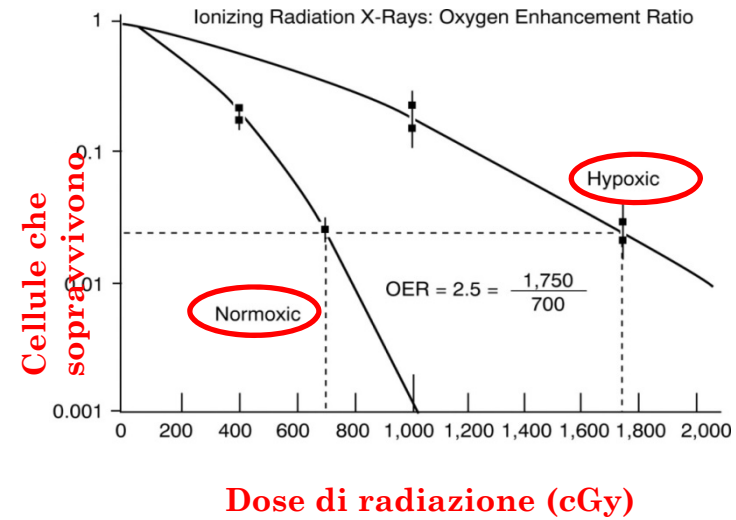
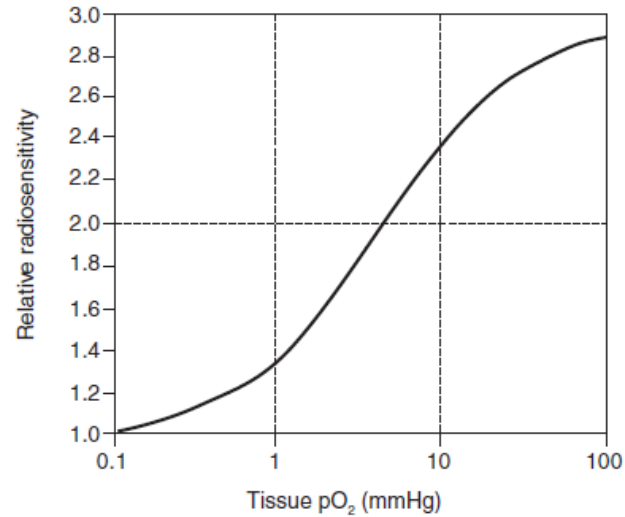


Anemia come fattore di ipossia nel cancro

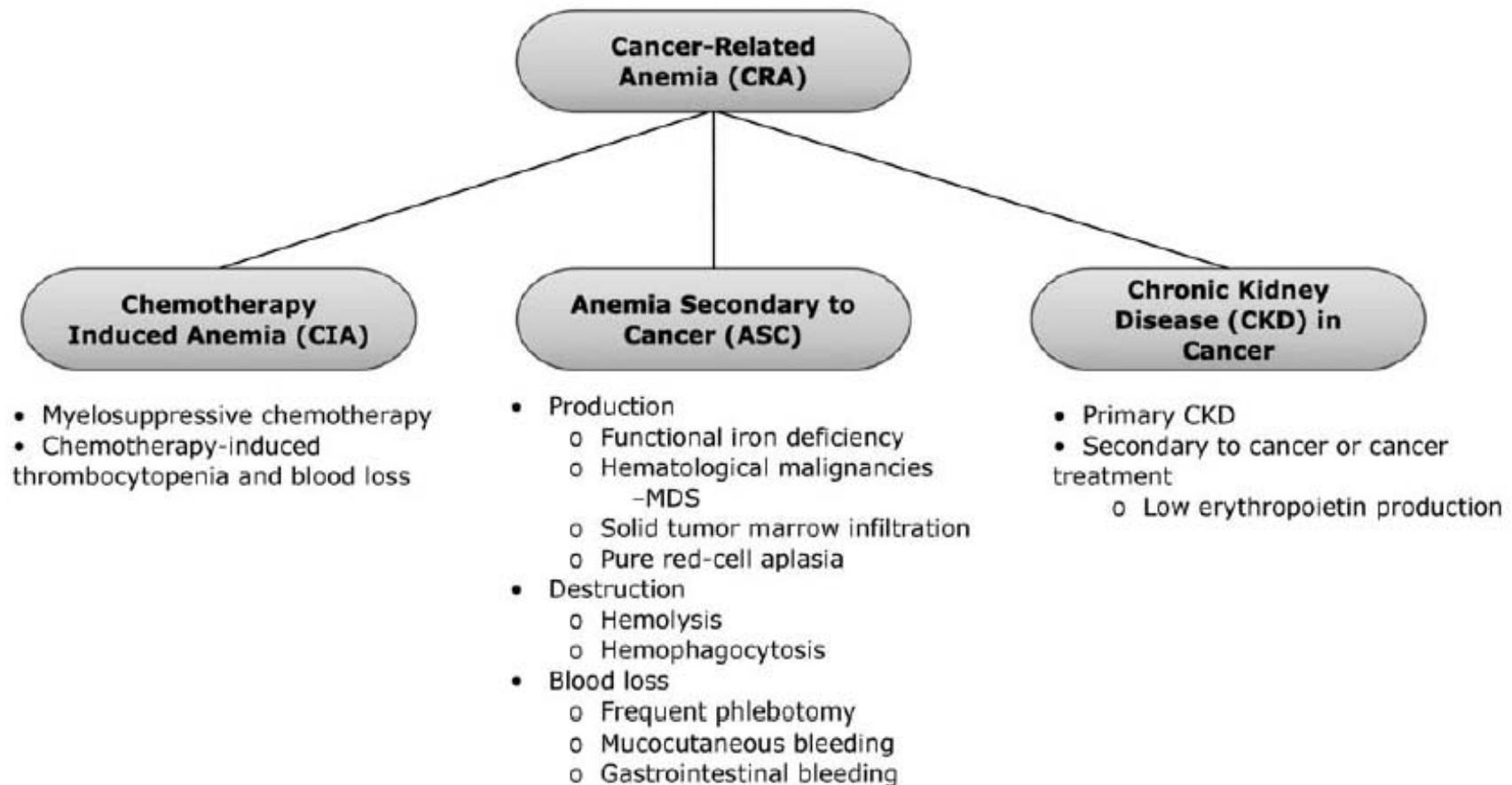
Harrison, Blackwell et al *Hypoxia and Cancer Treatment Response* *The Oncologist* 2004;9 (suppl 5):31-40

Kumar P *The Oncologist* 2000; 5:13-18

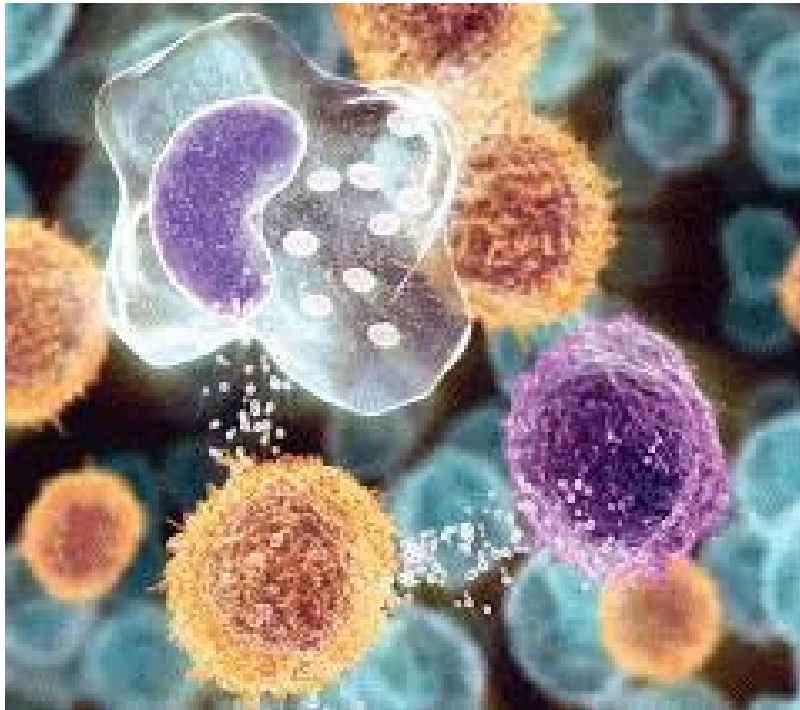
Peter Vaupel et al. *CANCER RESEARCH* 63, 7634–7637, November 15, 2003]



PATOGENESI DELL'ANEMIA NEL PAZIENTE NEOPLASTICO



STROMA NEOPLASTICO

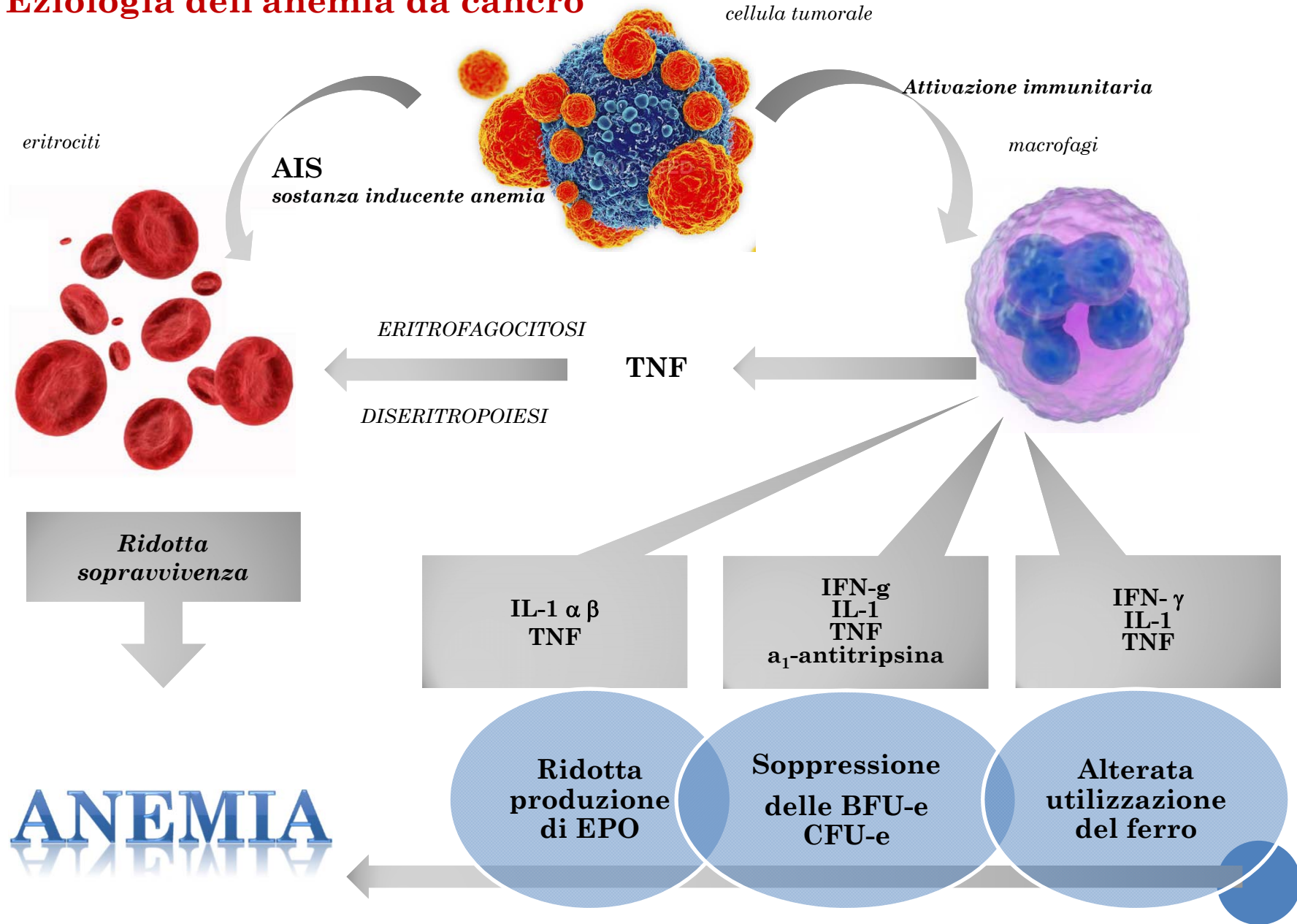


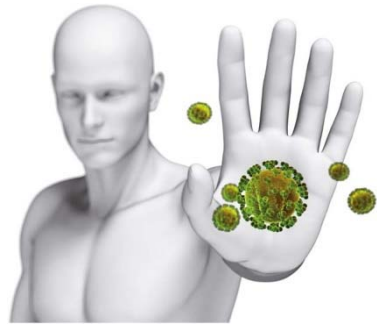
Con la progressione del tumore, si crea uno " **stroma reattivo**", che rilascia una serie di segnali i quali inducono cambiamenti nel fenotipo delle cellule tumorali, costituito principalmente da fibroblasti associati al cancro (CAF), cellule endoteliali e periciti che formano vasi sanguigni e linfatici, e cellule infiammatorie (macrofagi associati al tumore, TAM), attratti da chemochine tumorali (Mueller M. et al., 2004).

Complesso sistema di interazioni tra le cellule tumorali e il sistema immune



Eziologia dell'anemia da cancro



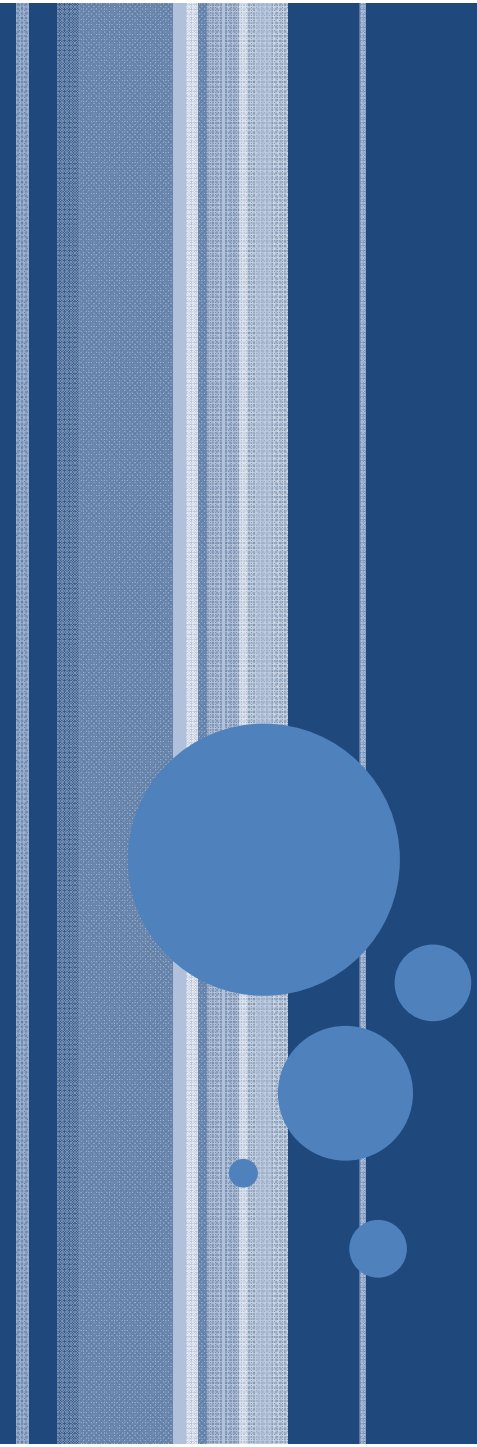


Management of anemia in cancer patients often requires a multidisciplinary approach

MIRATO ALLA CORREZIONE DEI DIVERSI MECCANISMI CHE CONTRIBUISCONO ALLA GENESI DELL'ANEMIA

- 1) Ridotta utilizzazione del Fe
- 2) Ridotta sopravvivenza eritrocitaria
- 3) Soppressione dei progenitori eritroidi
- 4) Inappropriata produzione di EPO

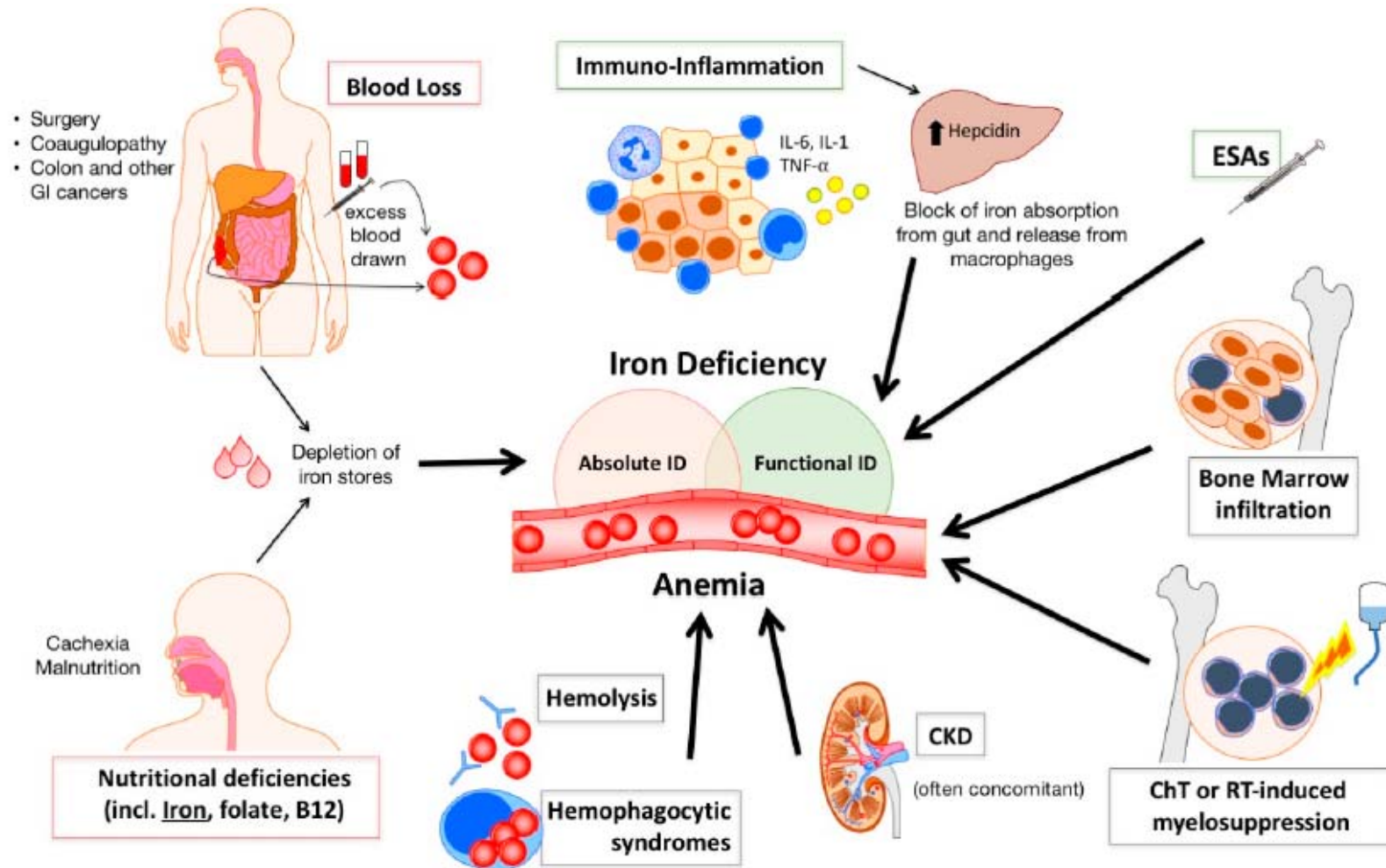




RIDOTTA UTILIZZAZIONE DEL Fe

Terapia Marziale

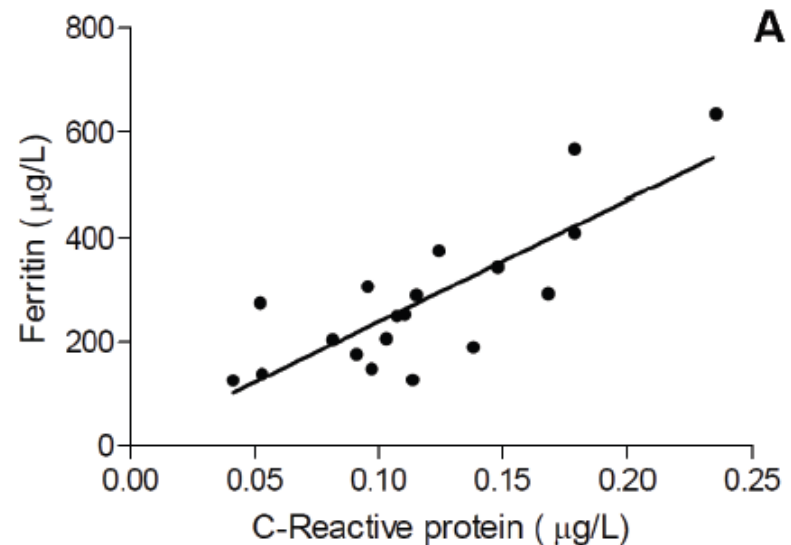
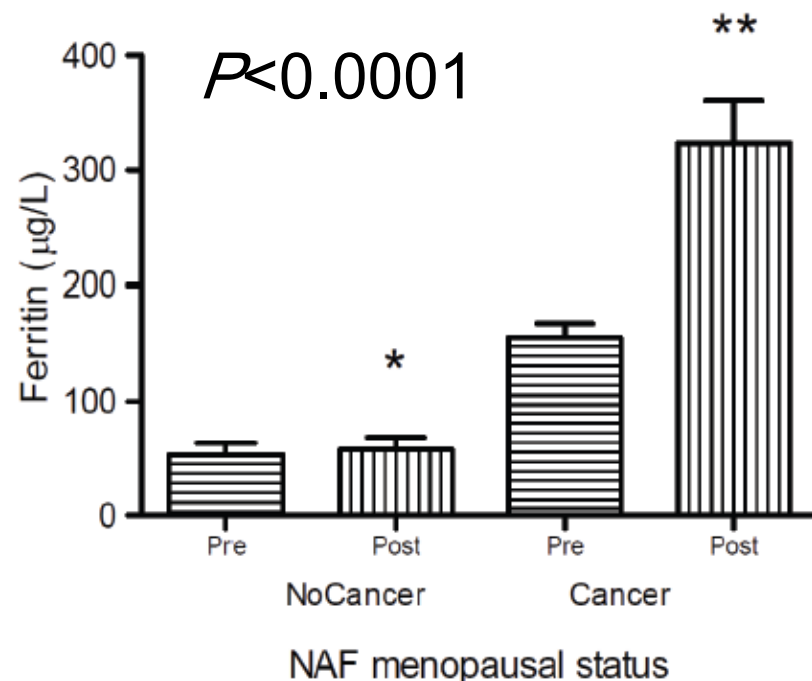
ANEMIA AND IRON DEFICIENCY IN CANCER



Iron-binding proteins and C-reactive protein in Nipple Aspirate Fluids: role of Iron-driven inflammation in breast cancer microenvironment?

Ferdinando Mannello

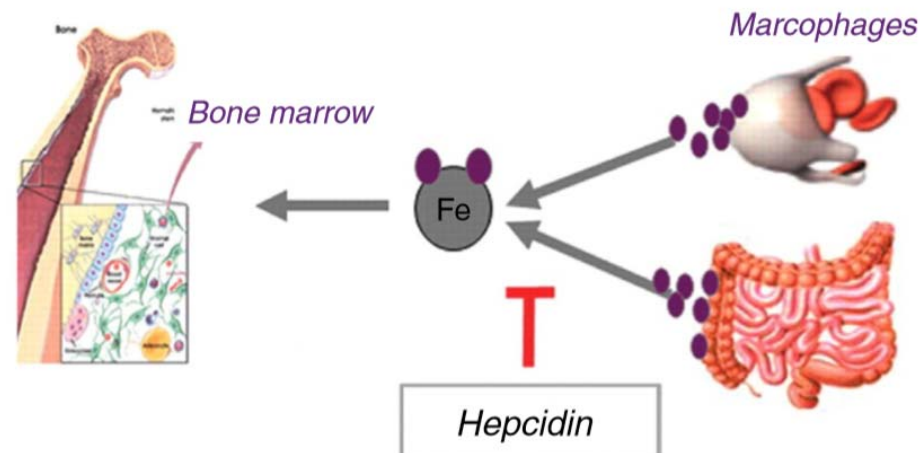
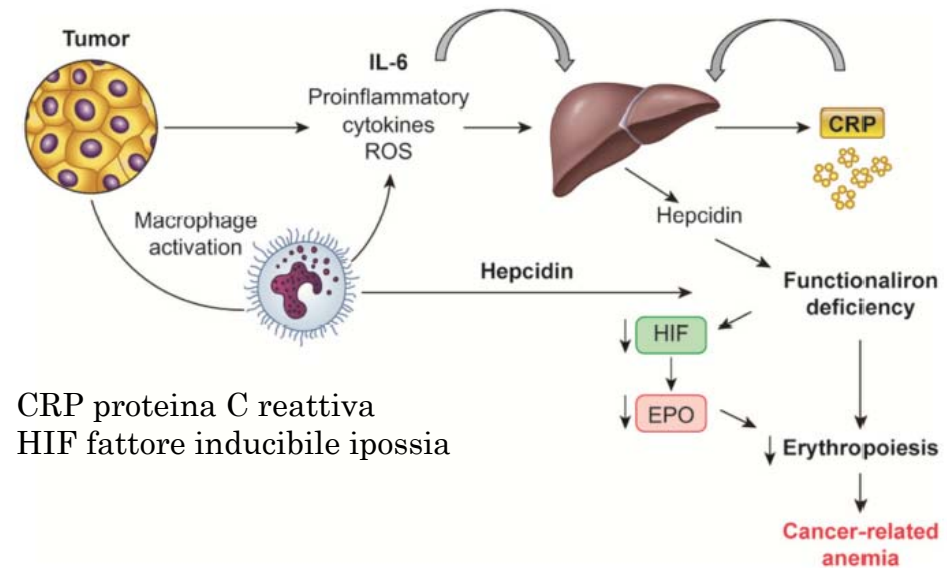
Am J Transl Res 2011;3(1):100-113



EPCIDINA

Regolatore negativo dell'assorbimento del ferro degli alimenti e del rilascio del ferro dai macrofagi

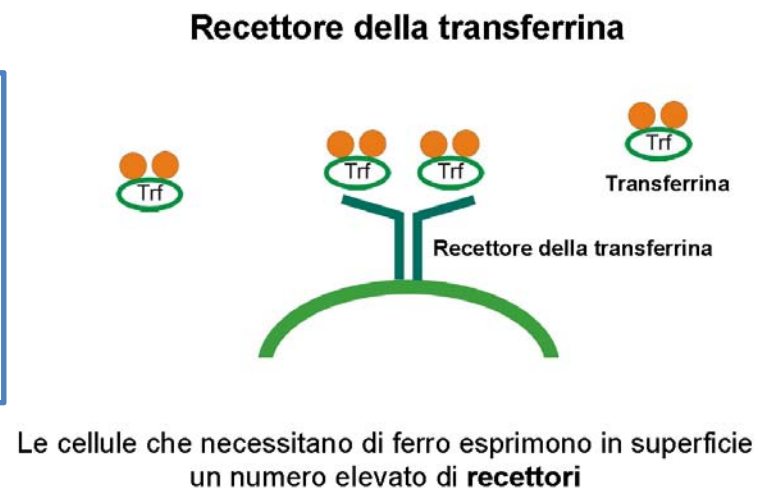
La funzione principale dell'epcidina e quella di down regolare la ferroportina (FNP), legandosi ad essa e determinandone l'endocitosi e conseguente degradazione



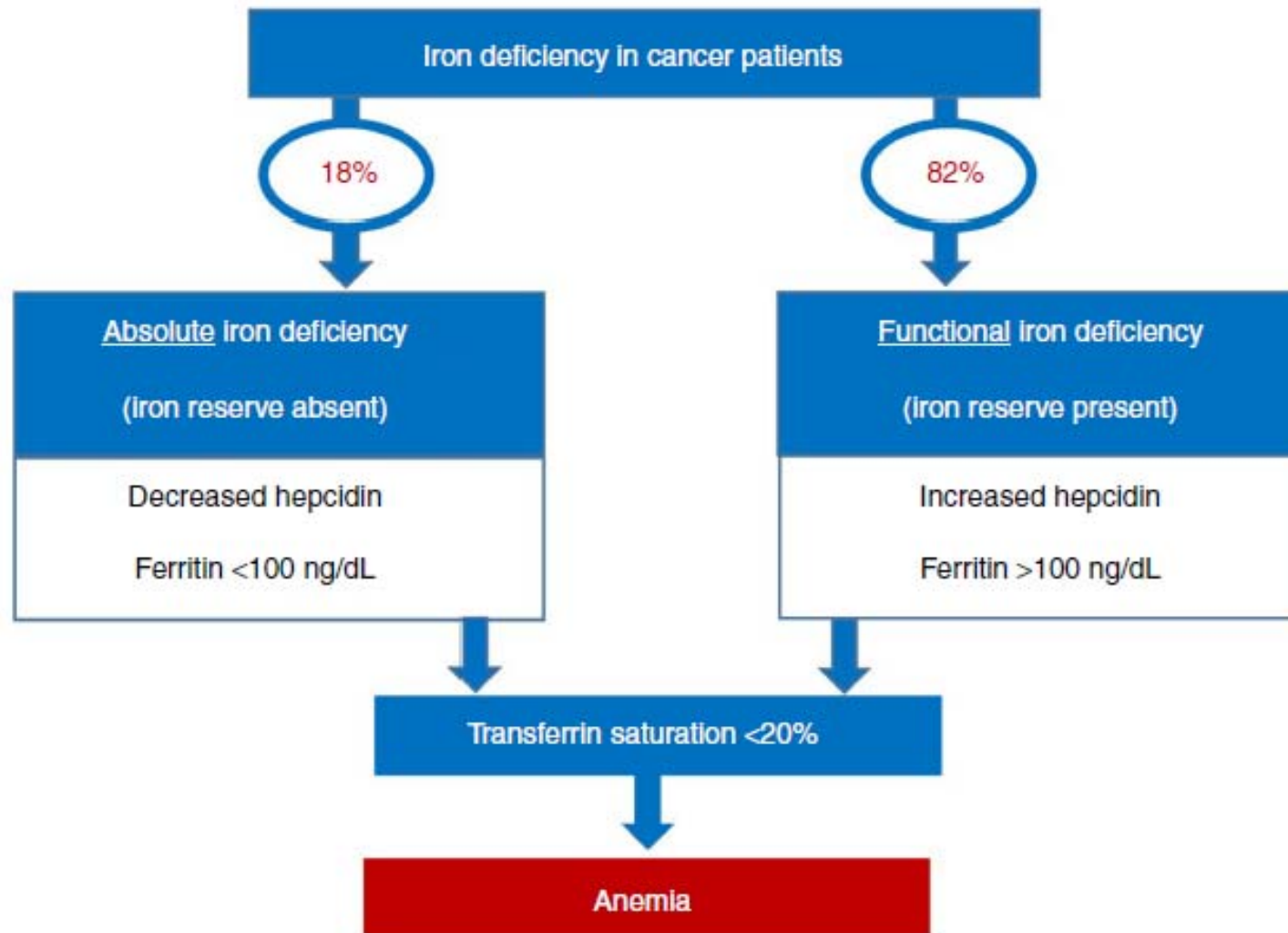
TRANSFERRINA

- È la proteina che trasporta il ferro all'interno dell'organismo, dai distretti in cui il ferro viene assorbito (intestino) a quelli che lo utilizzano (in particolare il midollo osseo, dove vengono prodotti i globuli rossi) o agli organi di deposito (in particolare il fegato).
- In caso di necessità, il ferro dagli organi di deposito viene ceduto alla transferrina che provvede al suo trasporto ai diversi tessuti.
- Ogni molecola di transferrina può legare al massimo due atomi di ferro.

La misurazione della *saturatione della transferrina* è un esame molto importante per stabilire lo stato del ferro di un individuo. Infatti se inferiore al 18% è indice di uno stato ferro-carenziale e se superiore al 50% è indice di un sovraccarico di ferro



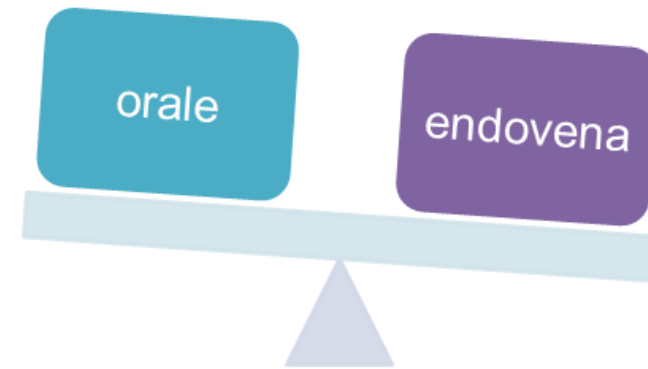
L'IMPORTANZA DI UNA DIAGNOSI CORRETTA



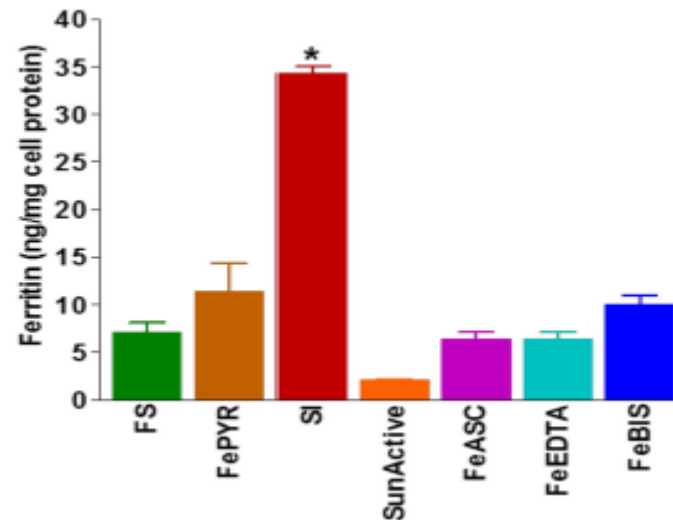
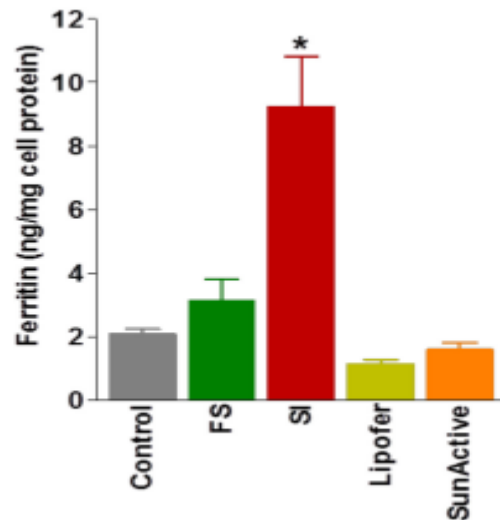
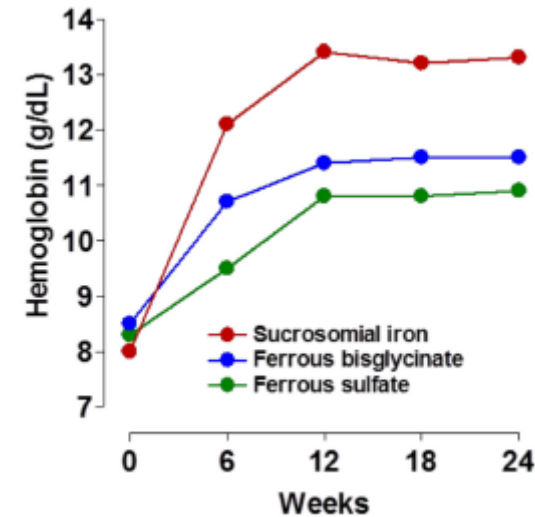
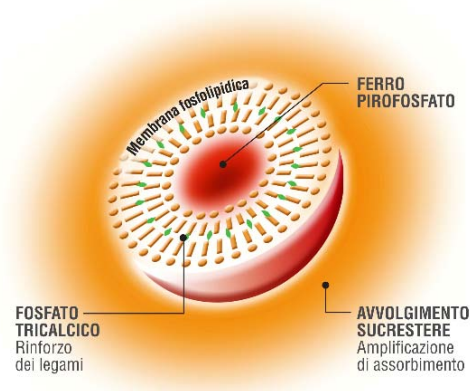
LA TERAPIA MARZIALE

Scelta della modalità di intervento

- gravità dell'anemia
- età
- presenza di comorbidità
- quadro clinico, indice di fatigue
- entità carenza
- **tempo necessario per il ripristino di valori “accettabili” di Hb**



COMPOSTI MICROCAPSULATI



Bioavailability experiments

Effects of micronised microencapsulated ferric pyrophosphate supplementation in patients with advanced cancer and iron deficiency: a single-centre cohort pilot study

A Pappalardo et al. Blood Transfus 2019

Studio osservazionale prospettico
Follow-up 10 mesi
42 pz con cancro (T0)

33% dei pazienti
raggiunge Hb >12 g/dl

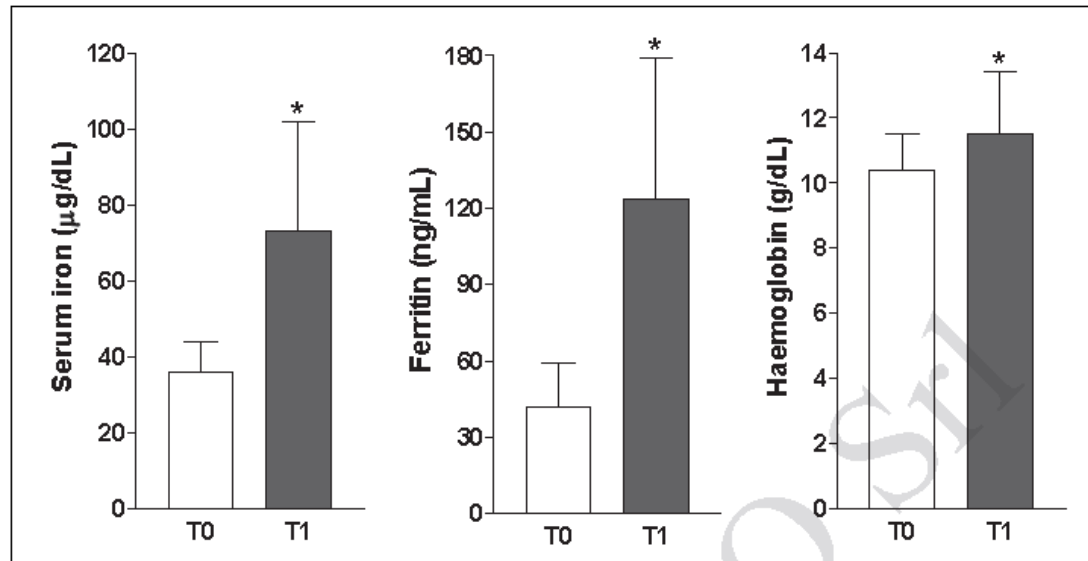
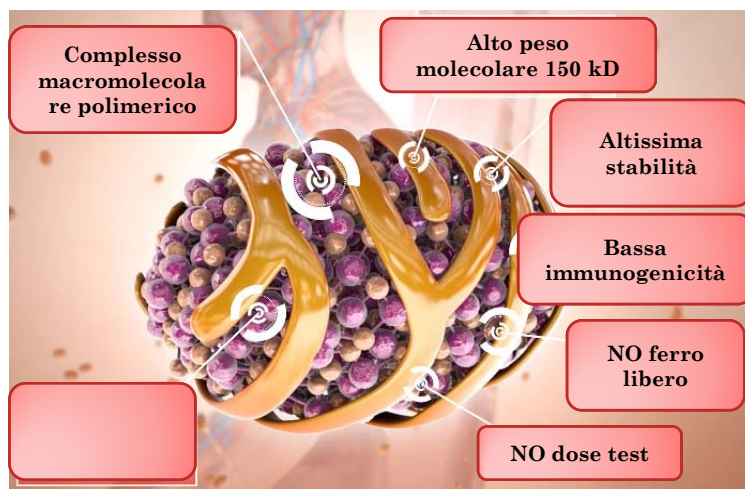


Figure 1 - Haematologic parameters (sideraemia, ferritinaemia and haemoglobin) at baseline (T0) and at 30 days after micronised microencapsulated ferric pyrophosphate supplementation (T1). $p < 0.001$.

Trattamento 30 mg MMFP e 80 mg acido ascorbico per 30 giorni
(T1)

L'impiego di formulazioni microcapsulate incrementa i livelli di emoglobina e migliora i depositi di ferro nei pazienti con cancro in assenza di eventi avversi significativi, in virtù della migliore biodisponibilità

FERRO CARBOSSIMALTOSIO



Laboratory parameters	Before FCM	3 months post-FCM	p
Haemoglobin, g/dL	12.78 ± 1.90	13.68 ± 1.56	<0.001
Haematocrit, %	38.61 ± 6.37	41.65 ± 4.91	<0.001
Serum iron, µg/dL	62.53 ± 25.65	97.08 ± 35.81	<0.001
Serum ferritin, µg/L	74.71 ± 85.97	375.54 ± 247.85	<0.001
TSAT, %	16.00 ± 11.69	31.69 ± 11.69	<0.001

A Robles-Mezcua et al International Journal of Cardiology (2016) 118–120

National Comprehensive Cancer Network guidelines suggest that IV iron could be considered for ferritin levels up to 800 ng/mL

**CENTRO
NAZIONALE
SANGUE**

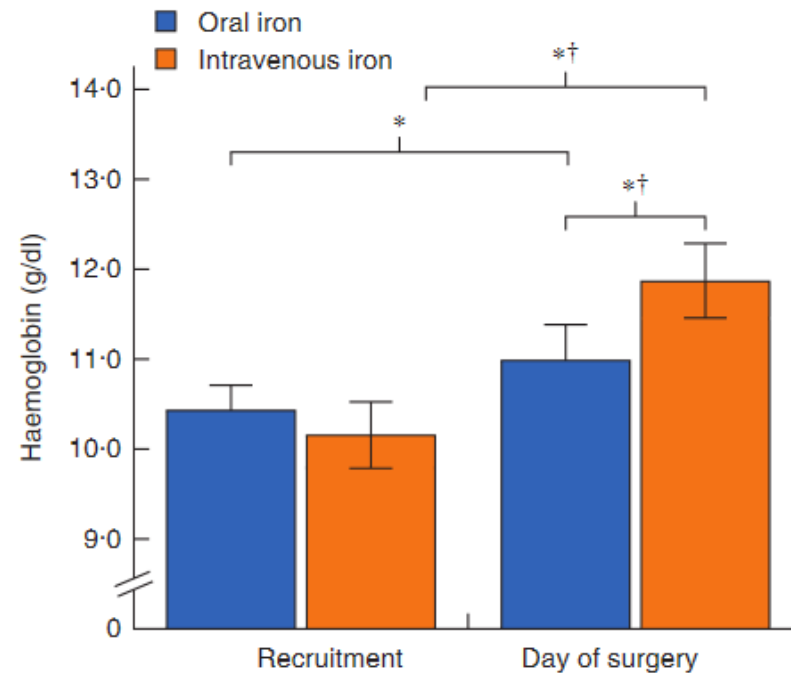
Raccomandazioni per l'implementazione del programma di
Patient Blood Management
Applicazione in chirurgia ortopedica maggiore elettiva dell'adulto

**1^a
Edizione**

Si suggerisce di evitare la somministrazione di ferro per via endovenosa nei pazienti con valori di ferritina > 300-500 ng/mL e con saturazione della transferrina > 50% [2C]

RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL OF PREOPERATIVE ORAL VERSUS INTRAVENOUS IRON IN ANAEMIC PATIENTS WITH COLORECTAL CANCER

	Oral iron (n = 61)	Intravenous iron (n = 55)
Age (years)*	74.7 (67.9–80.8)	73.8 (67.4–78.6)
Sex ratio (M:F)	37:24	35:20
Height (m)†	1.67 (1.64, 1.70)	1.68 (1.66, 1.71)
Weight (kg)†	72.8 (68.7, 76.9)	79.0 (74.9, 83.2)
Receiving oral iron at recruitment	30	25
Duration of iron before treatment (days)*	20 (6–34)	26.5 (13–37)
Preoperative risk assessment		
ASA fitness grade		
I–II	43	30
III–IV	18	25
CR-POSSUM mortality score at recruitment (%)*	3.58 (2.58–9.29)	3.48 (2.58–6.62)
Tumour details		
T category‡		
T1–2	5	8
T3–4	52	45
Tumour size (mm)*	45 (35–60)	41 (34–55)

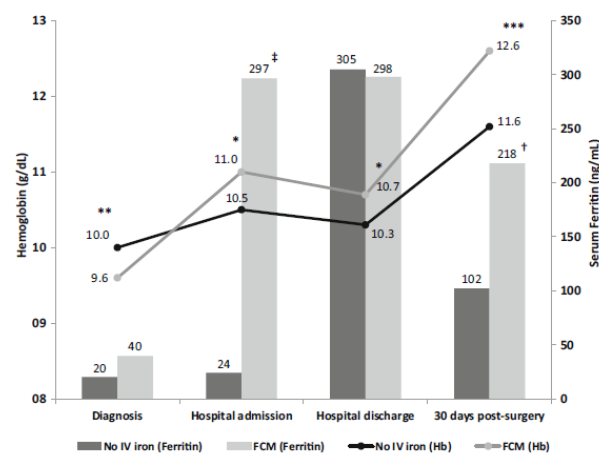
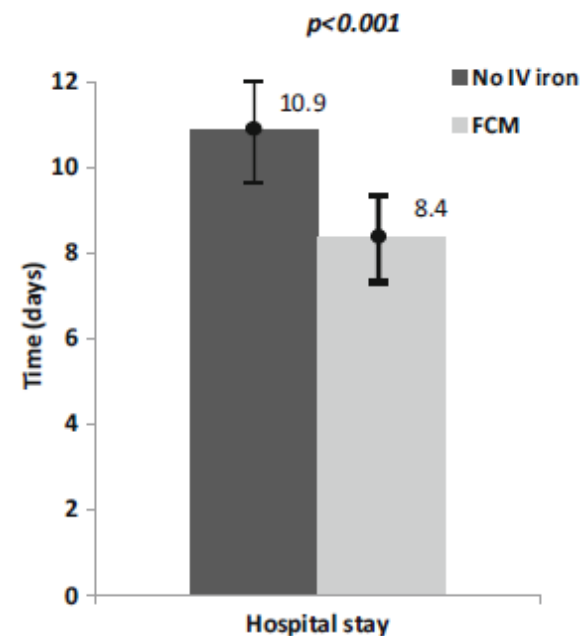


Conclusion: Intravenous iron did not reduce the blood transfusion requirement but was more effective than oral iron at treating preoperative anaemia and iron deficiency in patients undergoing colorectal cancer surgery.

Scopo	Valutare efficacia terapia ferro ev vs ferro os in pz con cancro del colon –chirurgici-
Metodo	266 pazienti 111 FCM (dose media 1000 mg) 155 terapia orale

	No-IV iron	FCM	<i>p</i>
Need for RBC transfusion (overall), %	38.7	9.9	<0.001
Need for RBC transfusions (peri-surgery period), %	31.8	8.3	<0.001
Need for RBC transfusion (post-surgery until day 30), %	16.7	5.0	0.005
Need for RBC transfusion (by surgery), %			
Open surgery, %	37.7	17.1	<0.05
Laparoscopic, %	25.4	0.0	<0.0001
Mean units of RBC transfused (overall)	0.8	0.2	<0.0001
Mean units of RBC transfused (peri-surgery)	0.5	0.1	<0.0001
Mean units of RBC transfused (post-surgery until day 30)	0.3	0.1	<0.05
Mean units of RBC transfused (by surgery)			
Open surgery	1.0	0.4	<0.01
Laparoscopic	0.6	0.0	<0.0001

FCM ferric carboxymaltose, RBC red blood cell

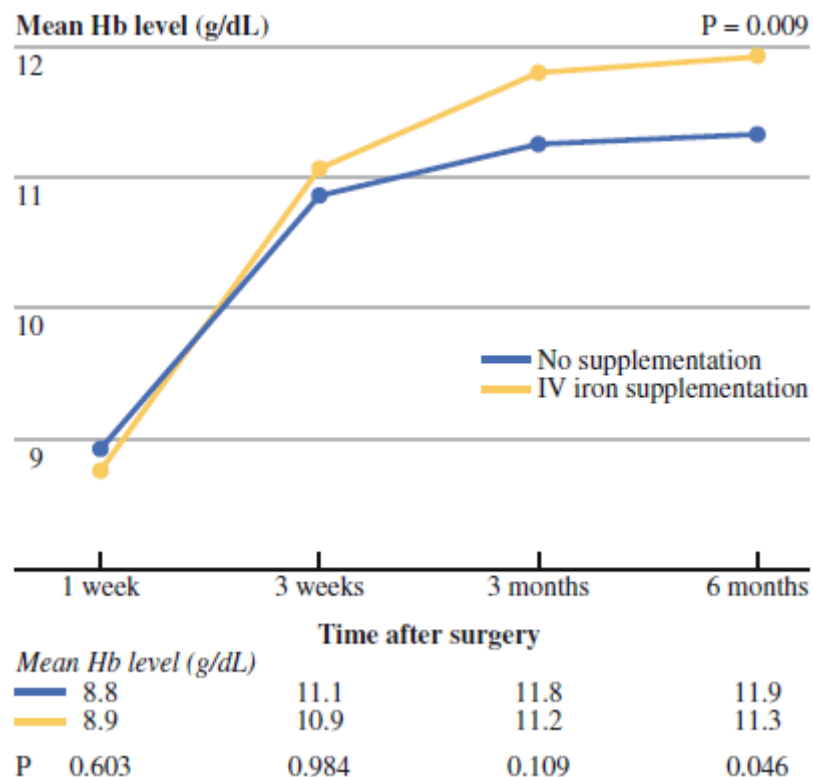


CONCLUSIONI

Trattamento preoperatorio con FCM riduce significativamente il fabbisogno trasfusionale e il numero di giorni di degenza ospedaliera, raggiungendo miglior tasso di risposta in termini di normalizzazione dei livelli di emoglobina sia al ricovero ospedaliero che 30 giorni dopo l'intervento

EFFECT OF INTRAVENOUS IRON SUPPLEMENTATION FOR ACUTE POSTOPERATIVE ANEMIA IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING GASTRECTOMY FOR GASTRIC CARCINOMA: A PILOT STUDY

OH JEONG ET AL ANN SURG ONCOL (2014) 21:547–552



Serial changes of Hb value between the two groups at different time points after surgery

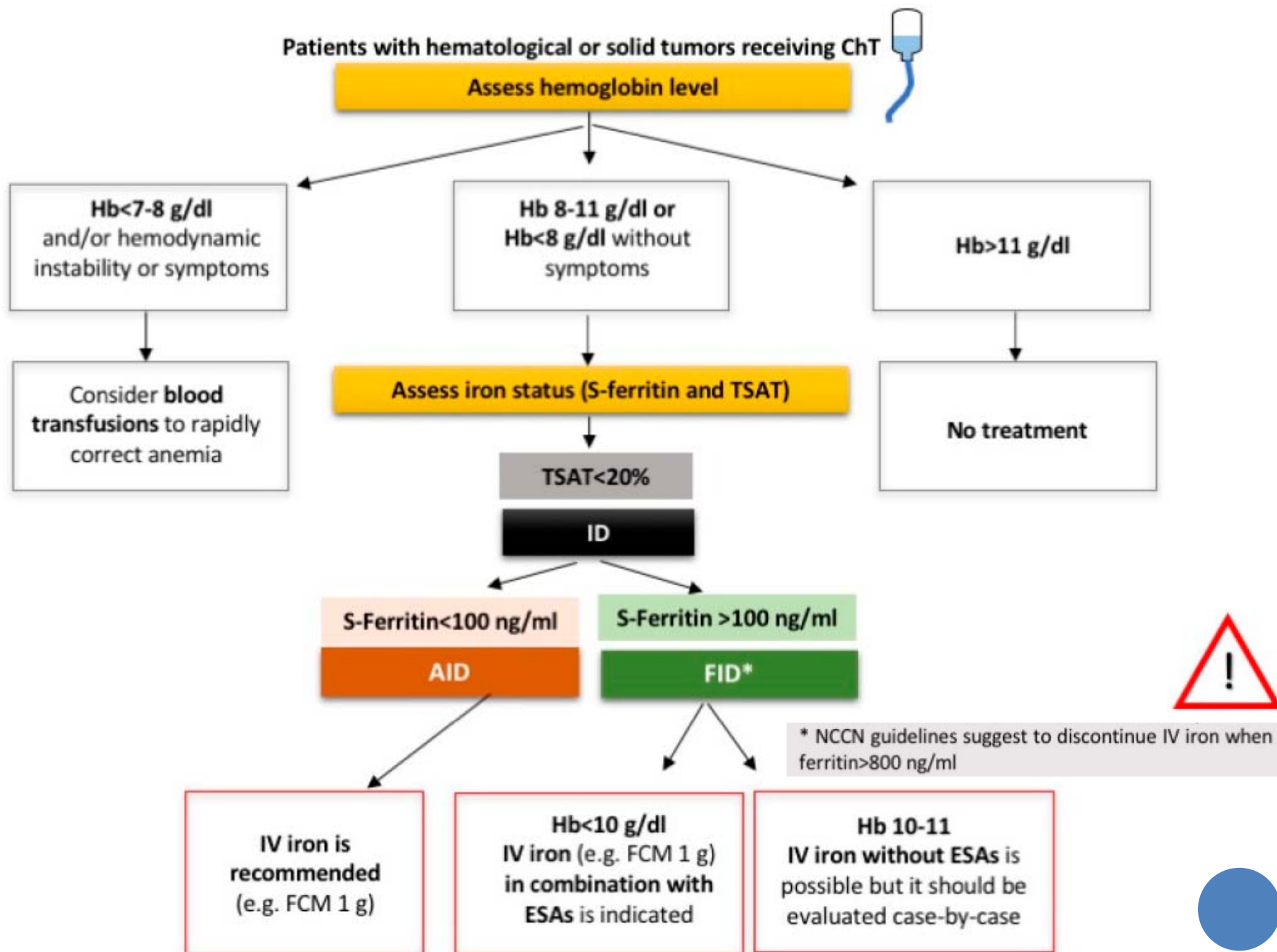
Multivariate analysis of factors affecting the recovery of Hb at postoperative 6 months

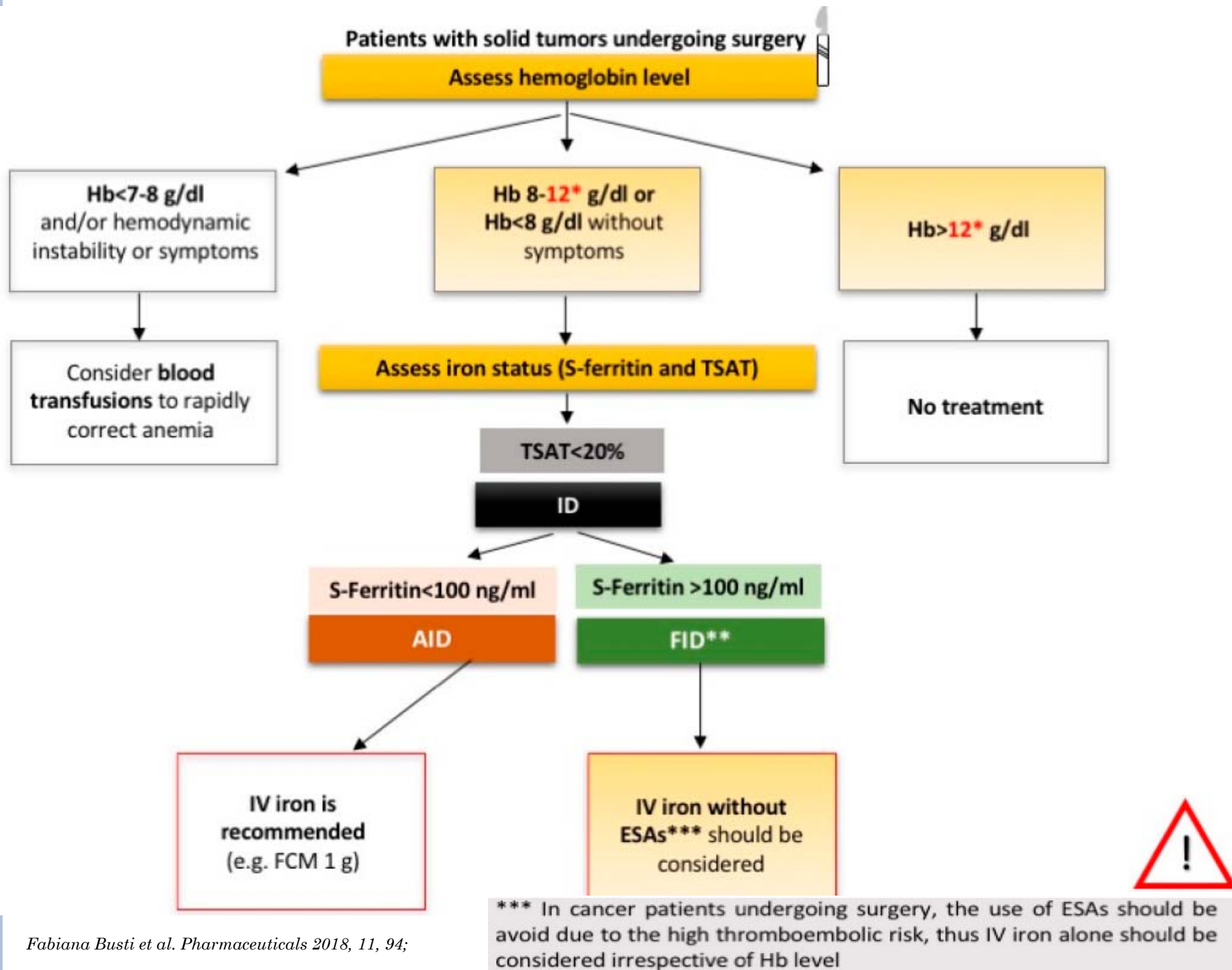
	Standardized β coefficient	<i>p</i> value ^a
Age (years)	0.028	.727
Sex (male)	0.202	.017
IV iron supplementation	0.228	.007
Resection type (total)	−0.143	.092
Operative approach (laparoscopy)	0.142	.129
Adjuvant chemotherapy	−0.017	.870
TNM stage	−0.017	.299

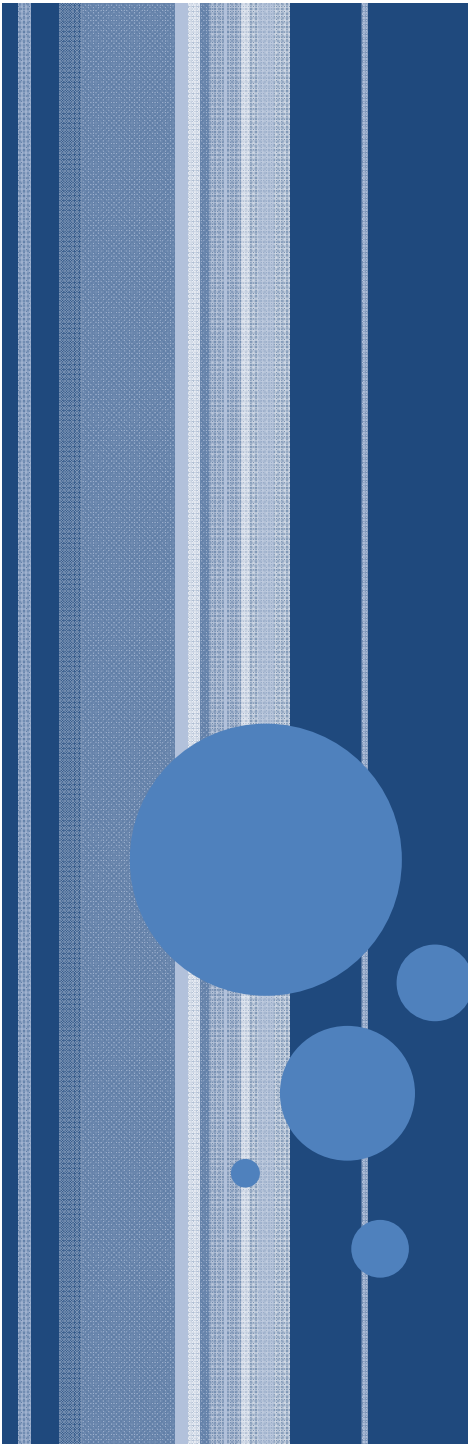
^a Multiple regression analysis

142 pazienti





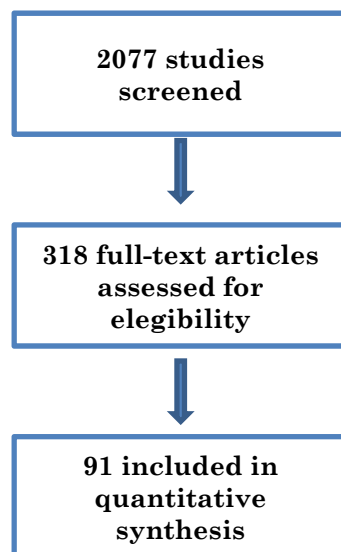




INAPPROPRIATA PRODUZIONE DI EPO

Eritropoietina

ERYTHROPOIETIN OR DARBEPOETIN FOR PATIENTS WITH CANCER (REVIEW)



20.102 patients

51 solid tumours
14 haematological disease
18 both solid and haematological

Primary Outcomes

Haematological response (increase in Hb level of 2 g/dL)

Patients receiving RBC transfusions

Number of RBC units transfused

Overall survival

On-study mortality

Secondary Outcomes

Tumour response (complete response)

Changes in quality of life

Adverse events

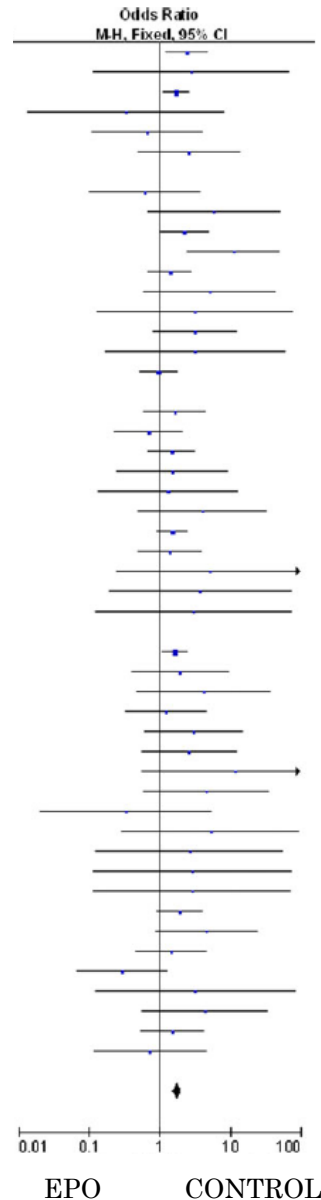
RISULTATI

Haematological response (increase in Hb level of 2 g/dL)	Haematological response was observed more often in participants receiving ESAs (RR 3.93;
Patients receiving RBC transfusions	reduced the relative risk of red blood cell transfusions (risk ratio (RR) 0.65
Number of RBC units transfused per patient	received one unit of blood less than the control group (mean difference (MD) -0.98
Overall survival	ESAs decrease overall survival (HR 1.05;
On-study mortality	There was strong evidence that ESAs increase mortality during active study period (hazard ratio (HR) 1.17; 95% CI 1.06 to 1.29
Tumour response (complete response)	There was insufficient evidence to support an effect of ESA on tumour response (fixed-effect RR 1.02;
Changes in quality of life	Favours Treatment
Adverse events	Favours NO Treatment

ADVERSE EVENTS

- The risk ratio for thromboembolic complications was increased in patients receiving ESAs compared to controls (RR 1.52, 95% CI 1.34 to 1.74; 57 trials, N = 15,498).
- ESAs may also increase the risk for hypertension (fixed-effect model: RR 1.30; 95% CI 1.08 to 1.56; random-effects model: RR 1.12; 95% CI 0.94 to 1.33, 31 trials, N = 7,228)
- ESAs may also increase the risk for thrombocytopenia/haemorrhage (RR 1.21; 95% CI 1.04 to 1.42; 21 trials, N = 4,507).

VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM RISK AND ERYTHROPOIESIS-STIMULATING AGENTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CANCER-ASSOCIATED ANEMIA



increased RR for VTE in patients receiving ESAs

379 potentially relevant clinical studies on ESAs and treatment of cancer in the literature between January 2000 and January 2013

- Among patients receiving ESAs, the summary incidence of all-grade VTE was 7.78 %.
- Patients with cancer who received ESAs had increased VTE risks (RR=1.75 [95%CI, 1.50–2.05]).

RISK FACTORS FOR CANCER-ASSOCIATED THROMBOSIS

Cancer-Associated Risk Factors



- ☐ Site of cancer
- ☐ Stage of cancer
- ☐ Histology of cancer
- ☐ Time after Diagnosis

Cancer-Treatment-Associated Risk Factors



- ☐ Surgery and hospitalisation
- ☐ Chemoterapy
- ☐ Angiogenesis Inibithors
- ☐ Central Venous Catheters

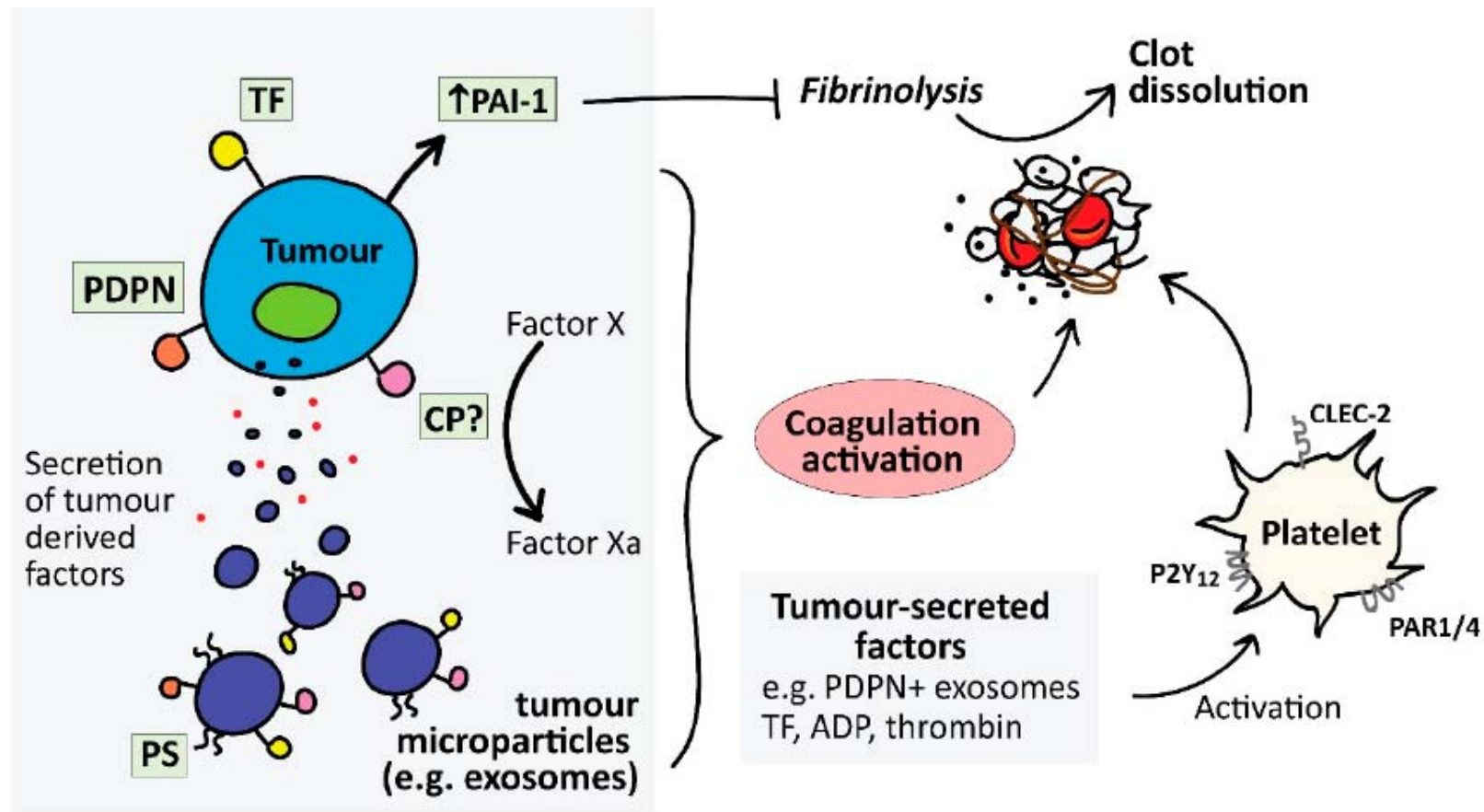
L'immediato periodo che segue la diagnosi è quello in cui esiste un rischio maggiore di sviluppare trombosi

CANCER-ASSOCIATED THROMBOSIS

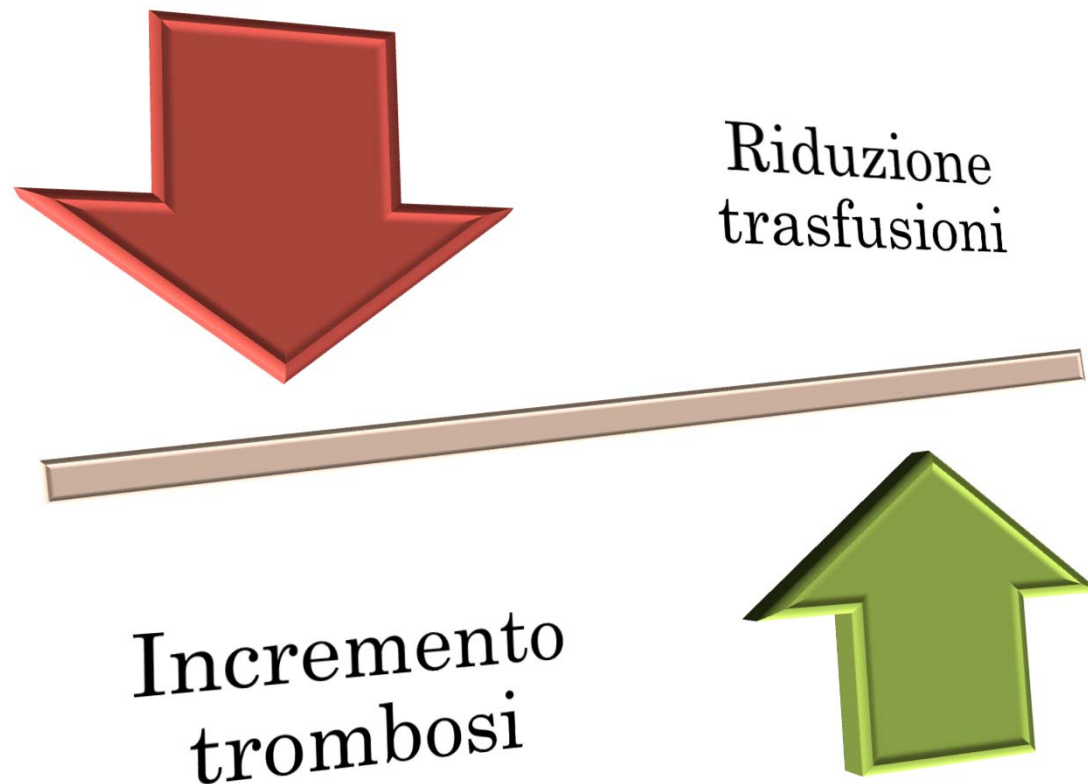
PDPN: podoplanin attivatore pistrinico

CP: cancer procoagulant

PS phosphaditil serine attivatore coagulazione



EPO VALUTAZIONE RISCHIO BENEFICIO



AN INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF POSTOPERATIVE ANAEMIA AFTER MAJOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES

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In patients without a previous indication, postoperative administration of rHuEPO is an off-label use of this medicinal product. The effects of postoperative rHuEPO have been evaluated in case series, mostly in Jehovah's Witnesses and in two RCTs, yielding inconclusive results due to selection bias [58] or premature interruption [59].

In women with moderate-to-severe postpartum anaemia, five RCTs evaluated the effects of iron sucrose (300–1600 mg) or iron sucrose plus rHuEPO (20,000–40,000 IU) on haemoglobin recovery and transfusion needs [15]. A trend to faster haemoglobin increment was observed with rHuEPO plus i.v. iron compared with i.v. iron alone, but no significant differences in transfusion rates which were very low, were observed. The benefits seemed to be greatest in the rHuEPO-treated sub-group with elevated C-reactive protein levels after Caesarean section [15].

Although it does not strictly refer to surgical patients, a recent meta-analysis also found a reduction in mortality rates (risk ratio (RR) 0.63, 95%CI 0.49–0.79, $p < 0.0001$) in critically ill trauma patients who received rHuEPO (nine studies, 2607 patients), without increasing the risk of thromboembolic complications [90]. In cardiac surgery patients, rHuEPO seems to exert neurological and renal protective effect [91, 92]. The mechanisms underlying these non-erythropoietic effects of rHuEPO need to be elucidated before recommending its use in patients without an approved indication.

Short-term pre-operative (1–4 days before operation) administration of rHuEPO to anaemic patients, with or without i.v. iron, has been shown to reduce postoperative transfusion in elective orthopaedic and cardiac surgery [93, 94]. In hip fracture repair surgery, there are conflicting data. One RCT failed to show a reduction in red cell transfusion in patients receiving rHuEPO plus i.v. iron [95]. However, they included patients with haemoglobin $< 100 \text{ g.l}^{-1}$ but did not study women with haemoglobin $\geq 120 \text{ g.l}^{-1}$, and transfused fixed amounts of red cells according to pre-defined transfusion thresholds (e.g. patients with haemoglobin $\leq 70 \text{ g.l}^{-1}$ received three units of red cells, and those with haemoglobin 71–89 g.l^{-1} and severe symptoms received two units). In contrast, in an observational study of 196 anaemic hip fracture patients managed with peri-operative i.v. iron and a restrictive transfusion protocol, administration of rHuEPO on admission was associated with reduced transfusion requirements and higher haemoglobin levels on discharge and at postoperative day 30

[96]. An analysis including 544 women with haemoglobin $< 130 \text{ g.l}^{-1}$ undergoing hip fracture repair showed that the blood-sparing effect of this strategy was restricted to those presenting with haemoglobin concentrations between 120 and 130 g.l^{-1} ($n = 305$) [97].

Thus, in non-cancer patients with severe postoperative anaemia and blunted erythropoiesis due to infection and/or inflammation, as well as in those who refuse blood transfusion, we suggest considering treatment with rHuEPO. However, as stated above, some guidelines do not support the off-label use of this medicinal product [12].

Red blood cell transfusion: transfusion thresholds for whom and when?

Allogeneic red cell transfusion is associated with a significant increase in peri-operative morbidity and mortality [2, 98–100]. In addition, there is a worldwide shortage of blood, with substantial associated costs to the manufacturer and health systems [101]. Moreover, red cell transfusion risks infectious, immunological, haemolytic, non-haemolytic adverse reactions, cardiac and pulmonary complications [2, 98]. Despite successful implementation of PBM programmes, red cell transfusion is still widely used as a default treatment for the majority of patients with acute postoperative anaemia [102].

Historically, the standard for red cell transfusion was a liberal transfusion threshold, namely haemoglobin level $< 100 \text{ g.l}^{-1}$ (or haematocrit $< 30\%$). This arbitrary transfusion threshold has been gradually lowered towards haemoglobin 70–80 g.l^{-1} , according to data derived from a number of RCTs evaluating the effect on patient outcomes of restrictive vs. more liberal red cell transfusion strategies in a variety of clinical settings. When subjected to pooled analysis in several systematic reviews and meta-analyses (Supporting Information online, Appendix S2) [103–108] data from these RCTs show that, in terms of morbidity and mortality, a restrictive red cell transfusion strategy is equivalent to or more beneficial than a liberal strategy [101, 109].

In addition, evidence-based guidelines have translated the results of RCTs and meta-analyses into clinical practice [7, 10–12, 47–49]. One of the most recently published guidelines on red cell transfusion thresholds recommends a restrictive red cell transfusion threshold (haemoglobin $< 70 \text{ g.l}^{-1}$) for hospitalised adult patients who are haemodynamically stable, including critically ill patients [49]. However, a transfusion threshold of at least 80 g.l^{-1} is suggested for patients undergoing

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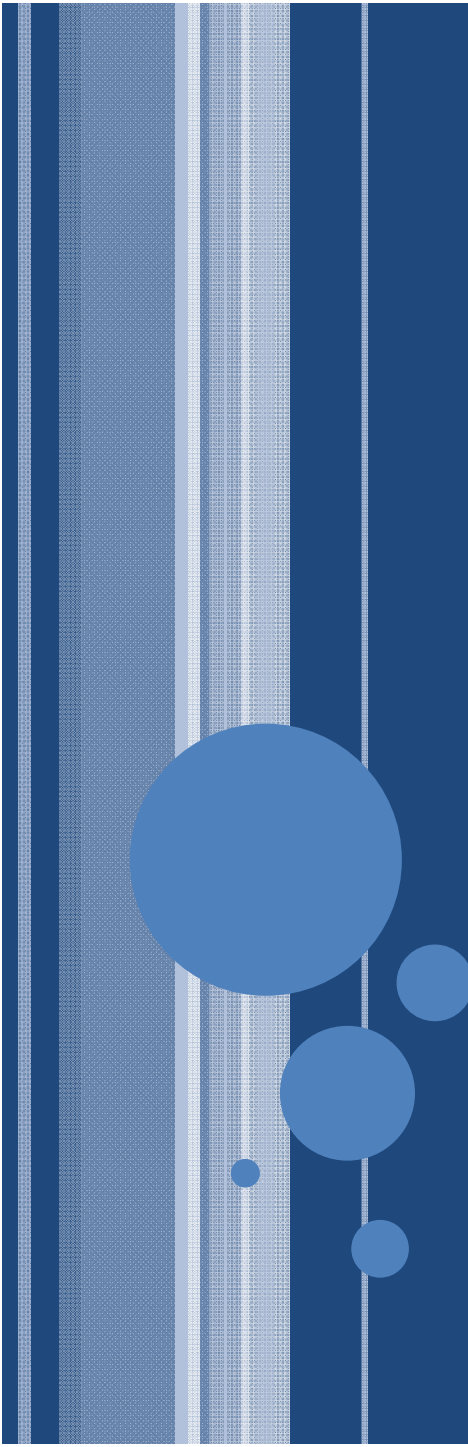
- ❑ Nonostante sia chiaramente dimostrato che l'EPO può ridurre il fabbisogno trasfusionale nei pazienti critici, rimane da dimostrare che ciò abbia un impatto favorevole in termini di beneficio clinico, in particolare riduzione della mortalità, della morbidità, della durata del ricovero, e in termini di riduzione dei costi.
- ❑ Di conseguenza l'EPO può essere utilizzata nei soggetti che rifiutano la trasfusione o in pazienti selezionati, come quelli con complessi problemi immunoematologici, con insufficienza renale o anemia cronica, eventualmente abbinata a terapia marziale per via orale o parenterale (*Grado di raccomandazione: 2C+*)

CONCLUSIONI

- complesso programma PBM incentrato sulla normalizzazione dei livelli di emoglobina prima dell'intervento migliora outcome dopo chirurgia onologica
- La valutazione dello stato del ferro ha un'importanza cruciale per una corretta strategia terapeutica
- Sebbene si è dimostrata in grado di ridurre incidenza di trasfusioni la somministrazione di EPO è associata ad un aumentato rischio di TEV e quindi va attentamente valutato il rapporto rischio beneficio

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Grazie



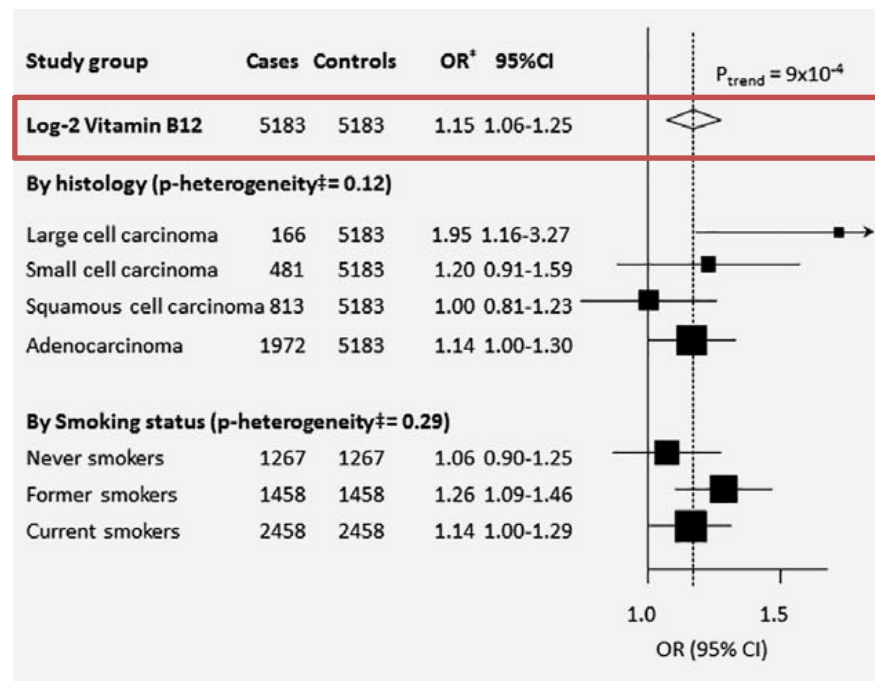
RIDOTTA SOPPRESSIONE ERITROIDI

Ruolo della supplementazione vitaminica

IS HIGH VITAMIN B12 STATUS A CAUSE OF LUNG CANCER?

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC/WHO) Int. J. Cancer: (2019)

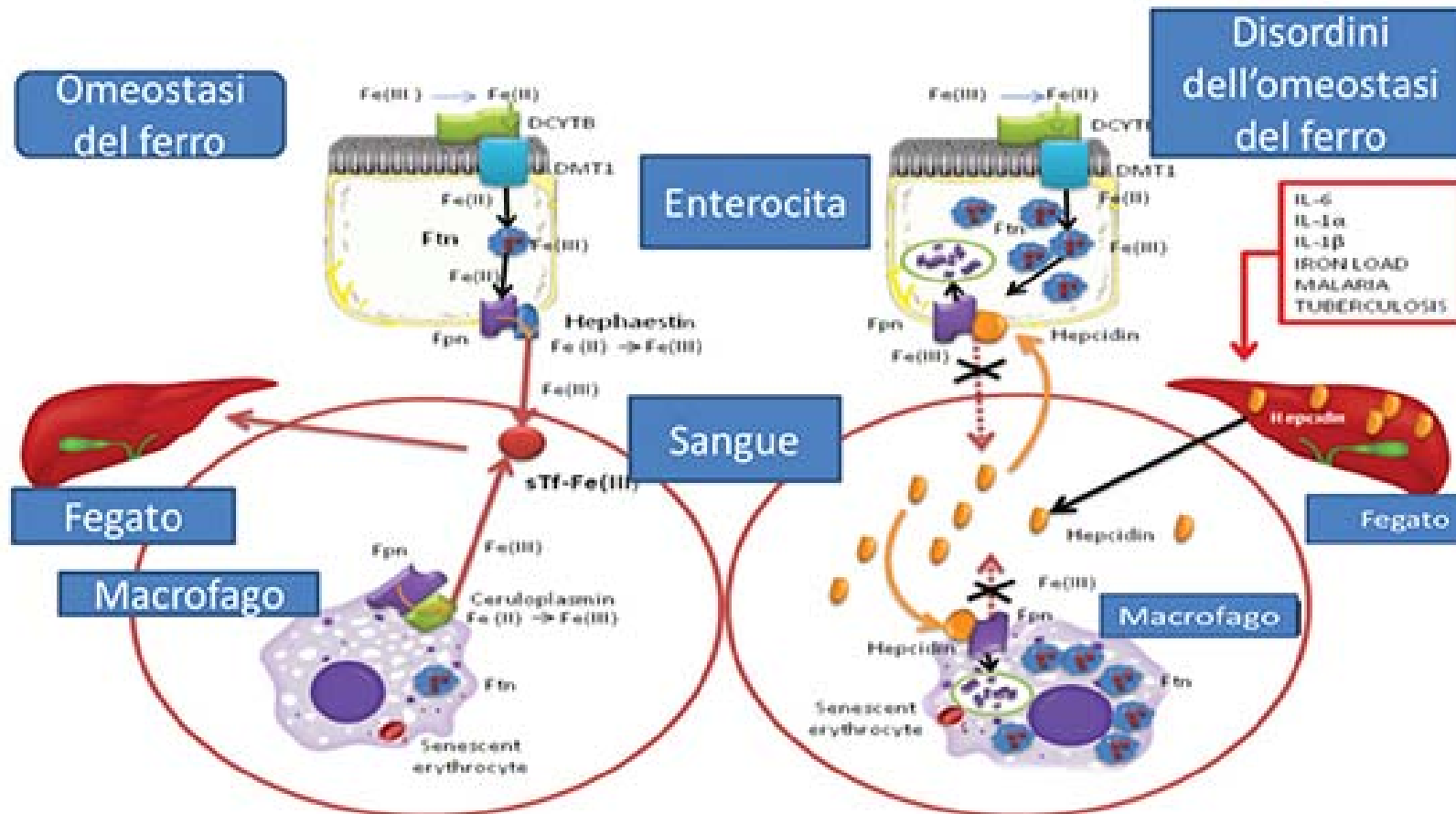
Mirato a chiarire il ruolo della vitamina B12 nell'eziologia del cancro del polmone attraverso misurazioni dirette di concentrazioni di vitamina B12 circolanti pre-diagnostiche in uno studio caso-controllo nidificato, integrato con un approccio di randomizzazione mendeliana (MR) in un campione indipendente di controllo del caso. Abbiamo utilizzato dati di biomarker pre-diagnostici da 5183 coppie caso-controllo annidate in 20 coorti prospettiche e dati genetici da 29.266 casi e 5650 controlli.



La vitamina B12 circolante è positivamente associata al rischio complessivo di cancro del polmone in modo dose-risposta (odds ratio per un raddoppio in B12 [ORlog2B12] = 1,15, intervallo di confidenza al 95% (IC 95% = 1,06-1,25).

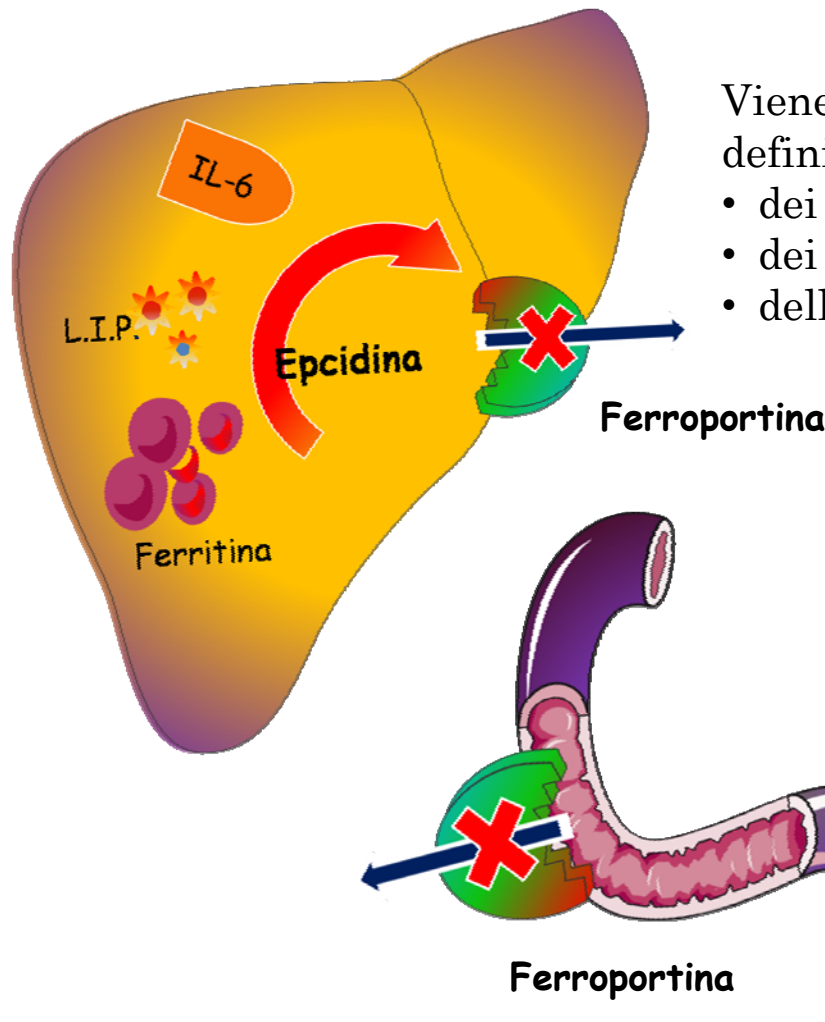
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OMEOSTASI DEL FERRO



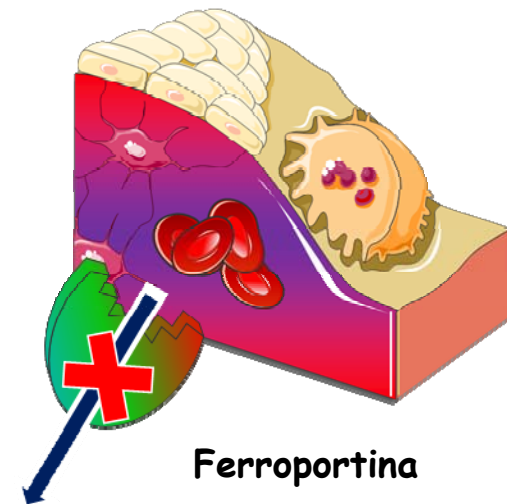
Ruolo dell'Epcidina

Regolatore negativo dell'assorbimento del ferro degli alimenti e del rilascio del ferro dai macrofagi



Viene prodotta in quantità definite in funzione:

- dei livelli di ferro ematico
- dei depositi di Fe
- dell'attività eritropoietica



Svolge la sua azione modulatoria legandosi alla Ferroportina inibendo così la liberazione del ferro dalle cellule intestinali e di deposito R.E. al sangue.

L'epcidina determina, pertanto, una riduzione dei livelli di ferro extracellulare

L'epcidina è inoltre una piccola proteina della fase acuta e si correla positivamente con i livelli di IL-6, sembra svolgere pertanto un ruolo chiave nella determinazione e nel mantenimento dell'anemia da infiammazione cronica

Come leggere il Forest Plot

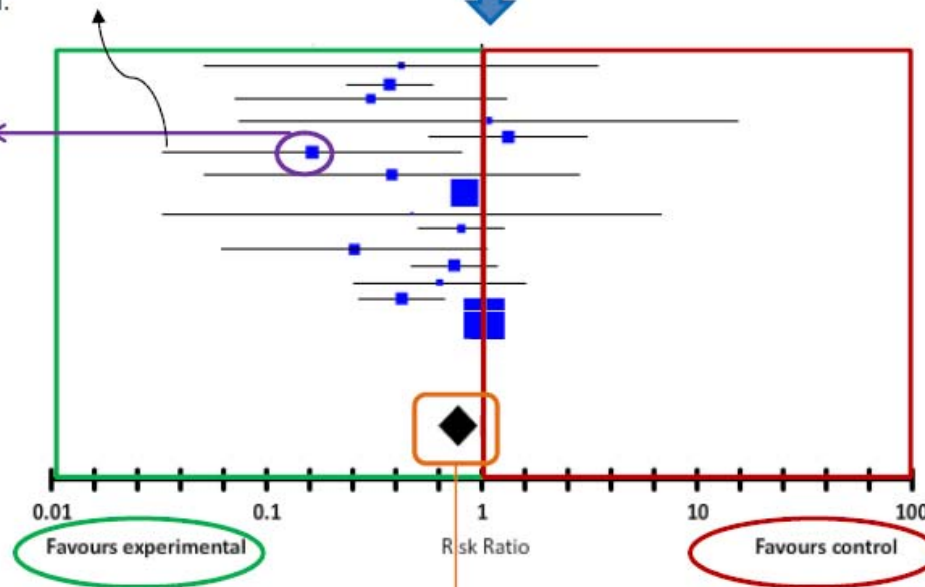
IC che esprime il grado di incertezza dello studio.
Tanto più è lunga tanto più i risultati sono incerti.
Se l'IC attraversa la linea del "non-effetto" vuol dire che i risultati dello studio non sono statisticamente significativi.

Linea del "non-effetto": 1 per indicatore di rischio e
0 per indicatori continui

Stima puntuale di effetto
del singolo studio, la cui
grandezza è
proporzionale al peso
attribuito allo studio che
a sua volta dipende dalla
numerosità e dal numero
di eventi.



Scala orizzontale



Il rombo rappresenta il risultato finale (stima complessiva).
Il centro del rombo indica la stima puntuale, mentre
l'ampiezza dei lati rappresenta l'intervallo di confidenza.