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***Diagnosi precoce e clinica delle malattie neuromuscolari:
implicazioni per la Distrofia Muscolare di Duchenne***

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Distrofia Muscolare di Duchenne (DMD)

- Distrofia muscolare più comune in età pediatrica
- Circa 1 ogni 5.000 nati maschi
- Malattia X-linked
- Assenza di distrofina a livello muscolare
- Esordio di debolezza muscolare in età infantile
- Possibile ritardo di sviluppo globale, difficoltà di linguaggio, disturbi comportamentali
- In assenza di trattamento, perdita della deambulazione entro i 13 anni di età e decesso entro inizio della 3^a decade di vita per insufficienza cardiaca o respiratoria

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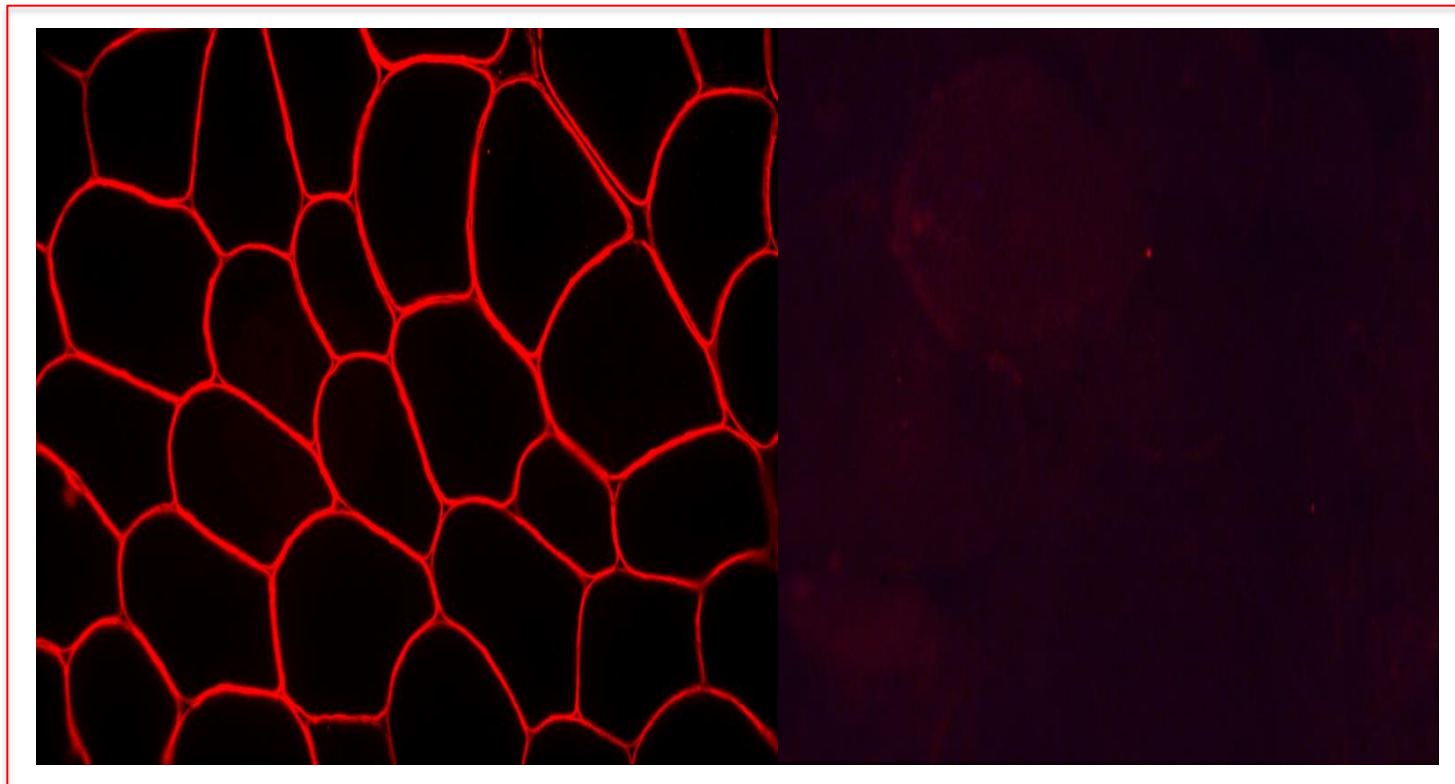
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Dystrophin: The protein product of the duchenne muscular dystrophy locus

Eric P. Hoffman, Robert H. Brown Jr., Louis M. Kunkel 51:919–928, 1987

Duchenne muscular dystrophy: Deficiency of dystrophin at the muscle cell surface Eduardo Bonilla, Craig E. Samitt, Armand F. Miranda, Arthur P. Hays, Giovanni Salviati, Salvatore DiMauro, Louis M. Kunkel, Eric P. Hoffman Lewis P. Rowland 54: 447-452, 1988

Distrofia Muscolare di Duchenne



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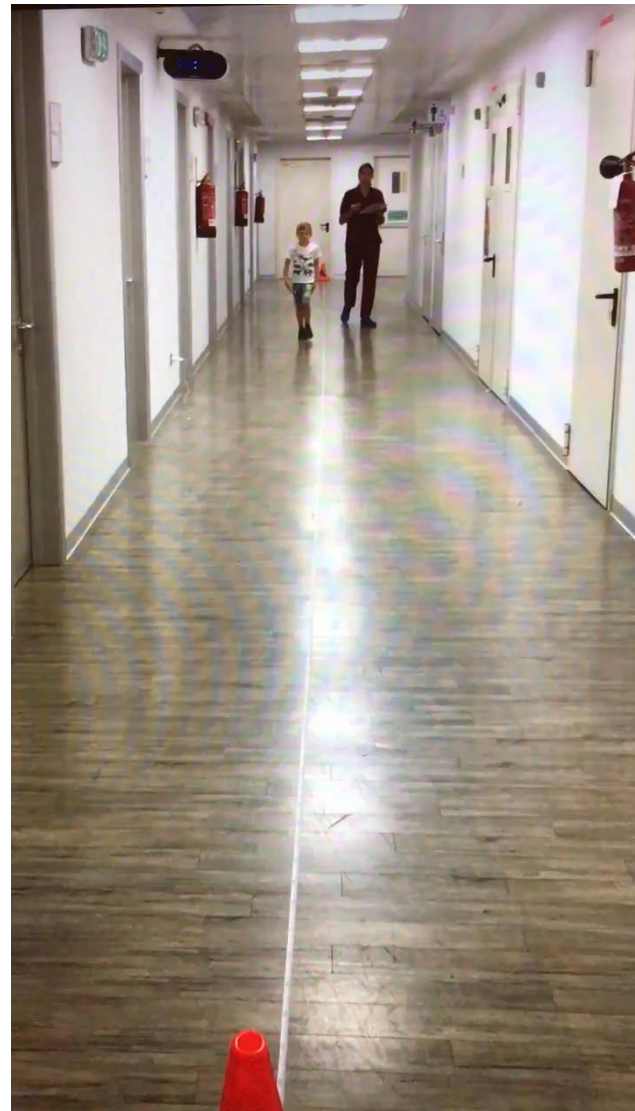
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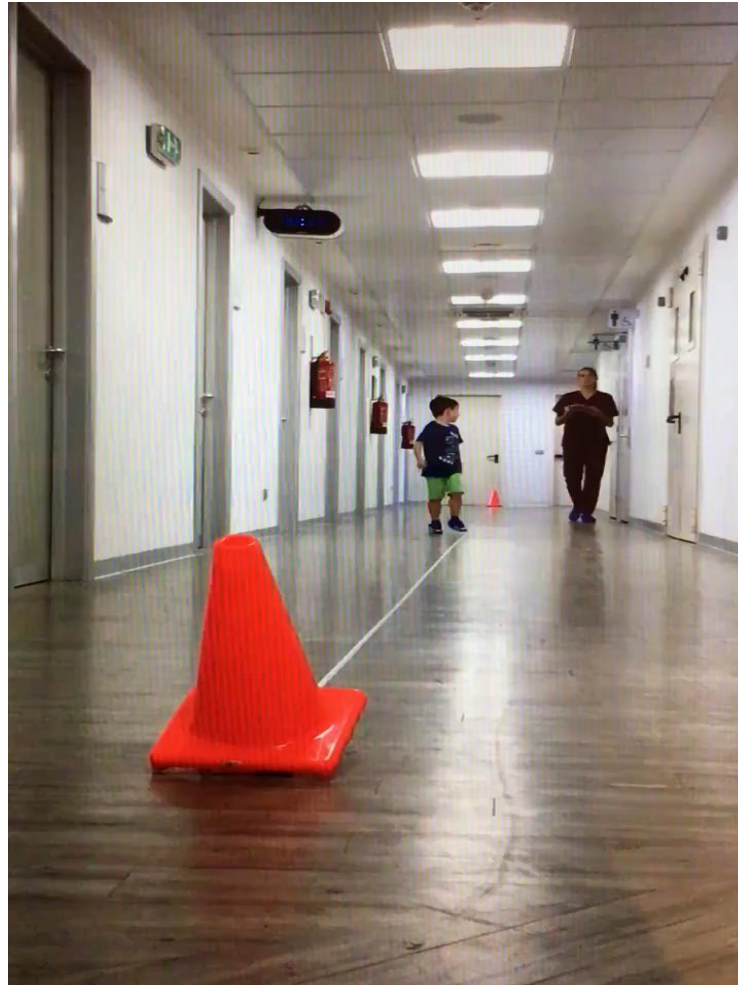
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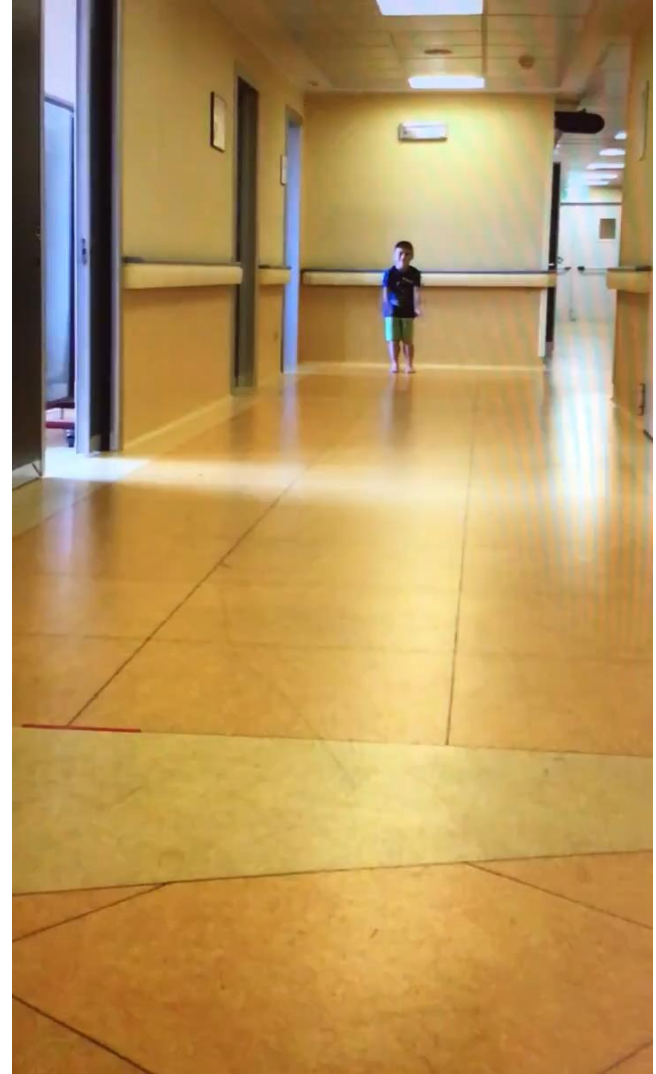
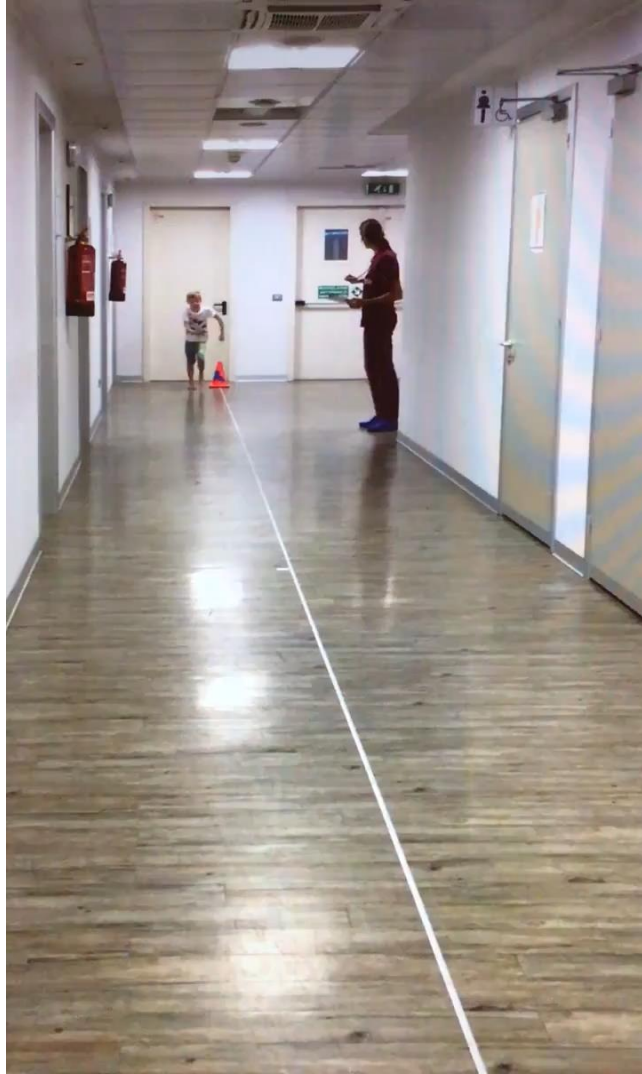
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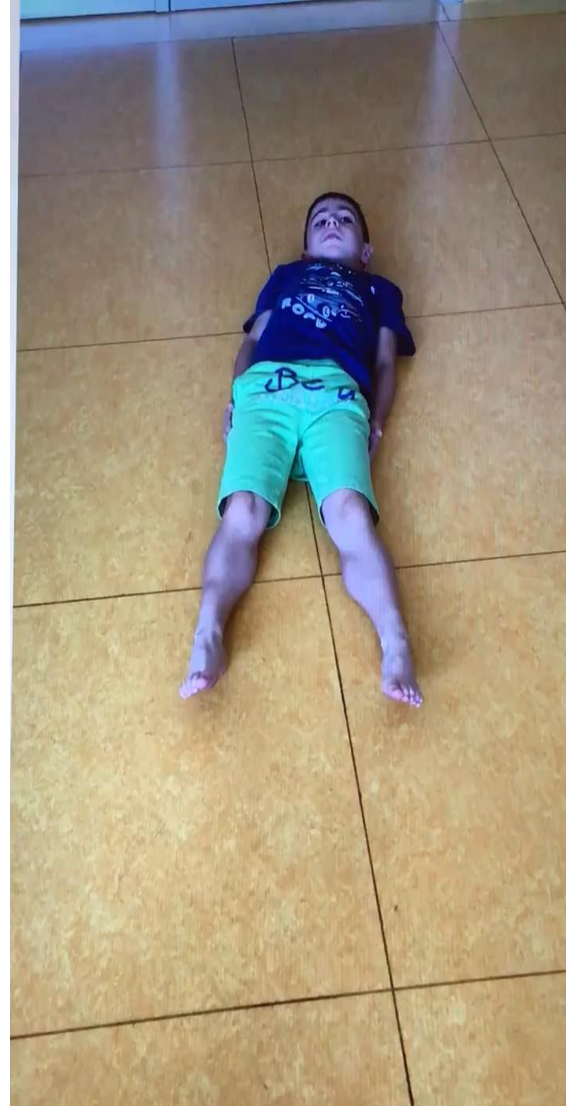
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Quadro clinico precoce – salire le scale



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Quadro clinico precoce - salto



Diagnosi DMD in Italia

Studio multicentrico retrospettivo

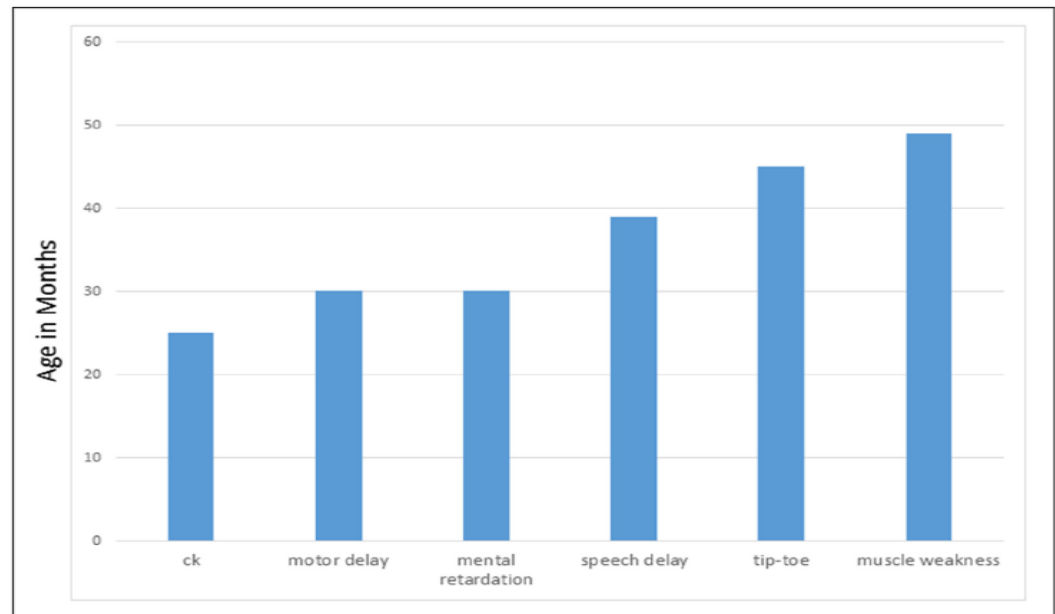
384 ragazzi italiani con diagnosi di DMD dal 2005 al 2014

Età media al primo sospetto: **31 mesi**

Età media alla diagnosi: **41 mesi**

Principali reperti che hanno portato al sospetto di DMD:

- riscontro di iperCKemia (44%)
- ritardo motorio (16%)
- debolezza muscolare (14%)
- aumento transaminasi (9%)
- familiarità (8%)
- cammino sulle punte (5%)
- disabilità intellettiva (2.6 %)
- ritardo nel linguaggio (1%)
- altri sintomi (0.4%)



Diagnosi di Distrofia Muscolare di Duchenne in Italia nell'ultima decade: problemi critici

Sospetto iniziale da parte di:

- Specialista di ospedale di I livello (38%)
- Pediatra di base (30%)
- Specialista di centro di III livello (22%)
- Altro (20%)

Diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in Italy in the last decade: Critical issues and areas for improvements

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Ritardo diagnostico

Data analysis of ages at suspicion and diagnosis and the interval between presenting symptoms and diagnosis in the different groups of patients.

Regions of origin	Age at first suspect	Age at diagnosis	Time for diagnosis
Northern n = 134	30 mo (0.2–84)	42 mo (1.1–101)	12 mo
Central n = 115	32 mo (2–86)	39 mo (2–102)	7 mo
Southern n = 135	36 mo (0.2–92)	45 mo (0.3–135)	9 mo
Presenting sign or symptom			
Whole cohort	31 mo (0.2–95 mo)	41 mo (0.3–135 mo)	10 mo
High CK/transaminases	25 mo (0–60 mo)	28.7 mo (1–81 mo)	3.7 mo
Motor delay	30 mo (10–84 mo)	48 mo (11–107 mo)	18 mo
Intellectual disability	30 mo (12–72 mo)	52 mo (13–102 mo)	22 mo
Muscle weakness	45 mo (18–92 mo)	62 mo (25–103 mo)	17 mo
Tip-toe walking	49 mo (12–95 mo)	70 mo (26–135 mo)	21 mo
Family history	27 mo (0–52 mo)	33 mo (1–69 mo)	6 mo

Diagnosi di Distrofia Muscolare di Duchenne in Italia nell'ultima decade: problemi critici

Esami effettuati prima della diagnosi:

- Valori di creatin-kinasi (CK) in tutti i pazienti
- EMG in 34 pazienti (9%)
- Ecografia muscolare in 5 pazienti (1.3%)
- Ecografia epatica e sierologia per epatite dopo riscontro di ipertransaminasemia in 17 su 36 pazienti (9.3%) e biopsia epatica in 2 casi
- Valutazione fisiatrica e ortopedica in 10 su 61 pazienti (2.6%) con ritardo motorio come unico sintomo di esordio
- RMN encefalo e EEG in 4 su 10 pazienti con disabilità intellettiva

Genotype and phenotype characterization in a large dystrophinopathic cohort with extended follow-up

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J Neurol (2011) 258:1610–1623

- 320 pazienti (286 famiglie)
- 205 DMD (184 famiglie)
- 115 BMD (102 famiglie)

Criteri di inclusione

- Fenotipo clinico suggestivo di distrofinopatia
 - Pattern distrofico alla biopsia muscolare

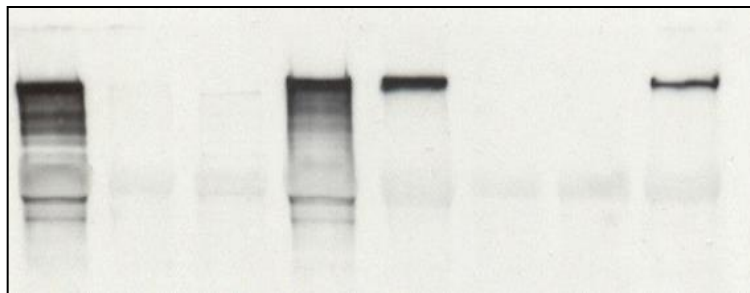
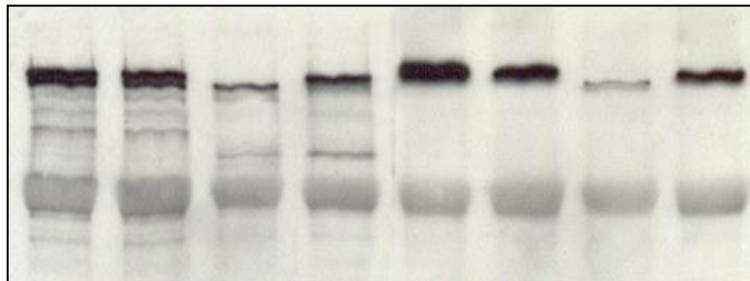
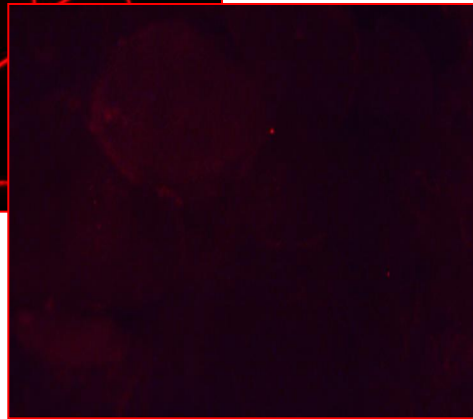
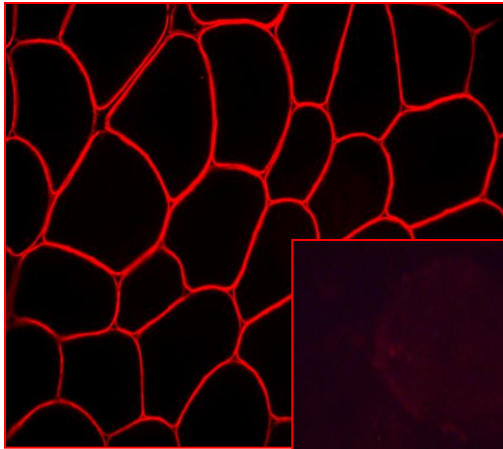
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- Assenza o diminuzione di distrofina all'analisi immunostochimica

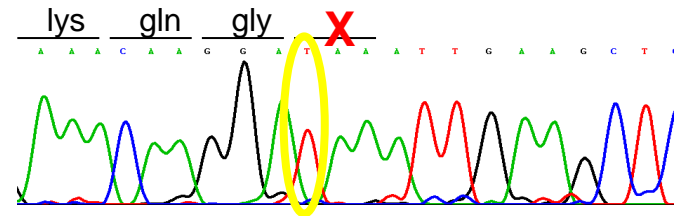
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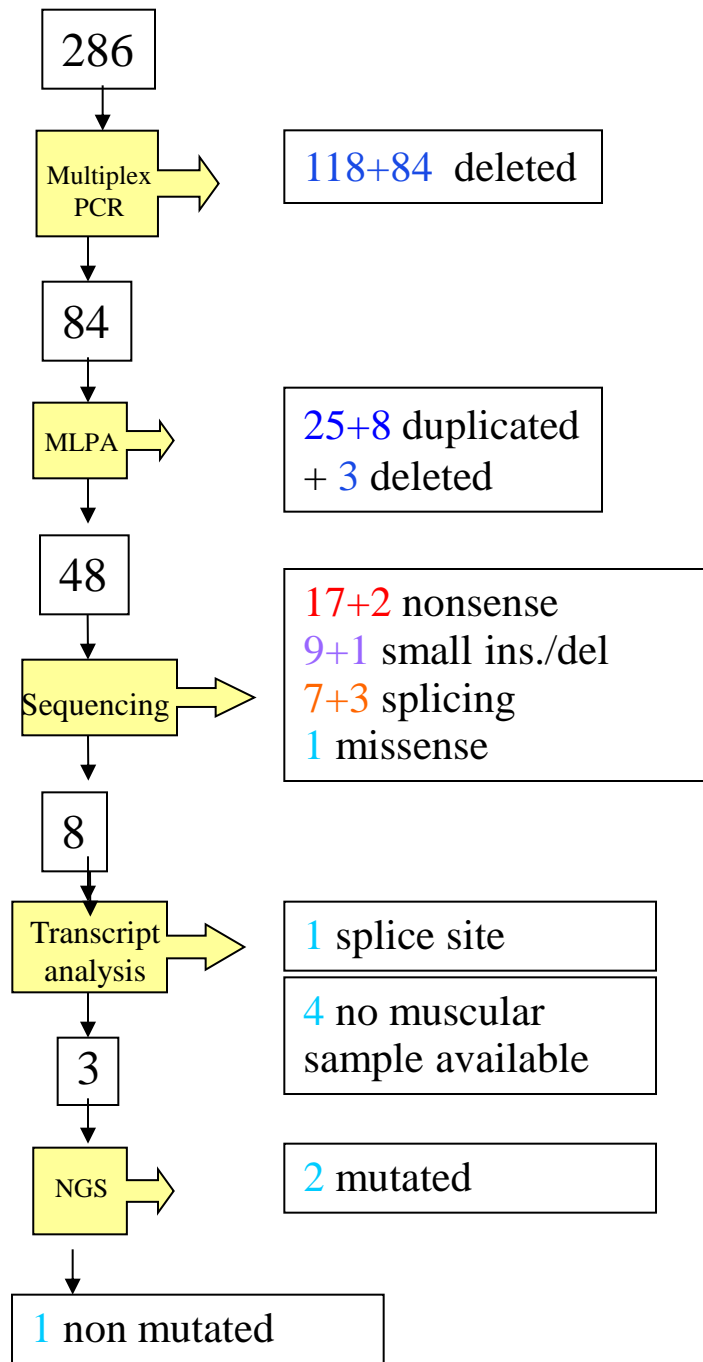
- Assenza o diminuzione di distrofina al Western Blot

Esami diagnostici



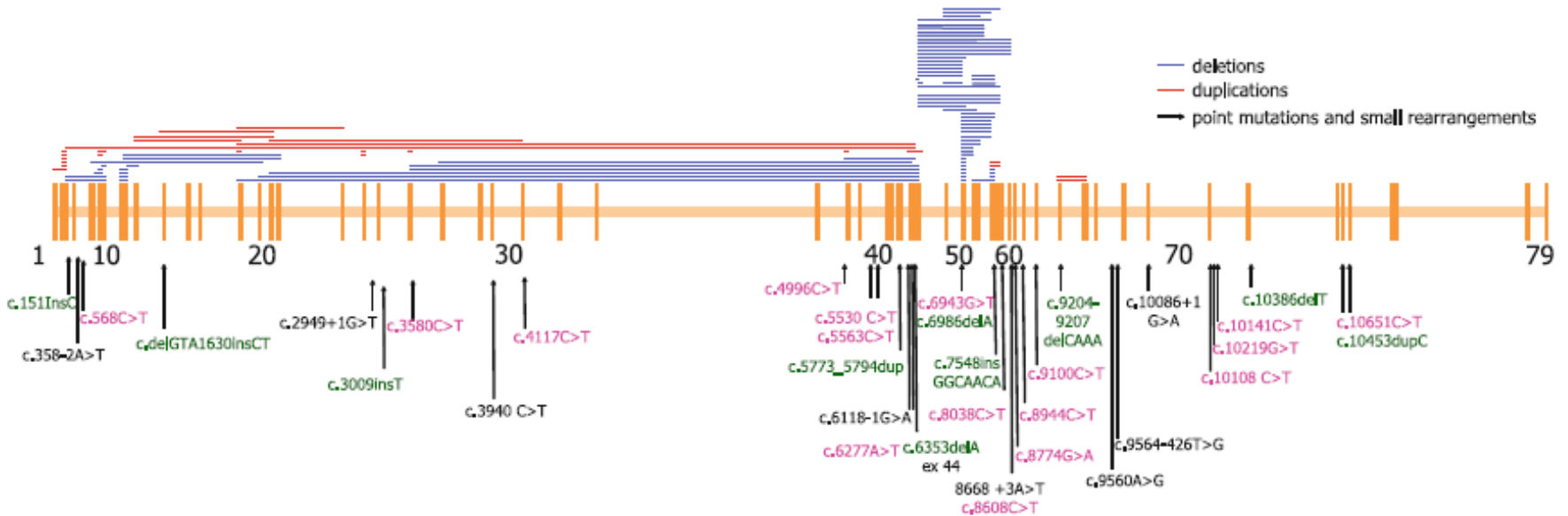
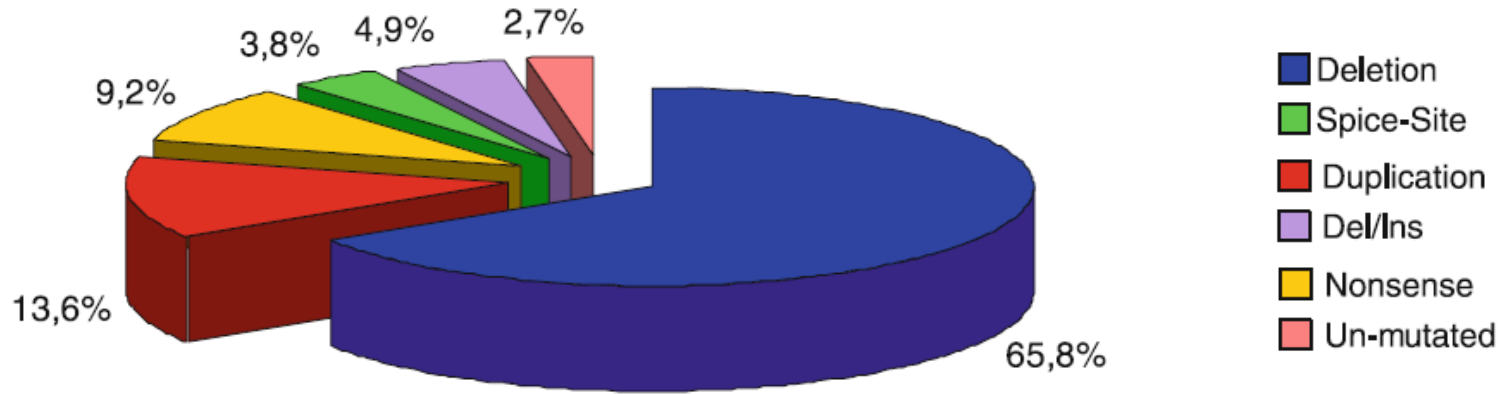
- Biopsia muscolare
- Immunoistochimica
- Western Blot
- Multiplex – PCR
(Sensibilità per delezioni: 97.5%)
- MLPA
- Sanger Sequencing
- Analisi del trascritto
- Targeted NGS



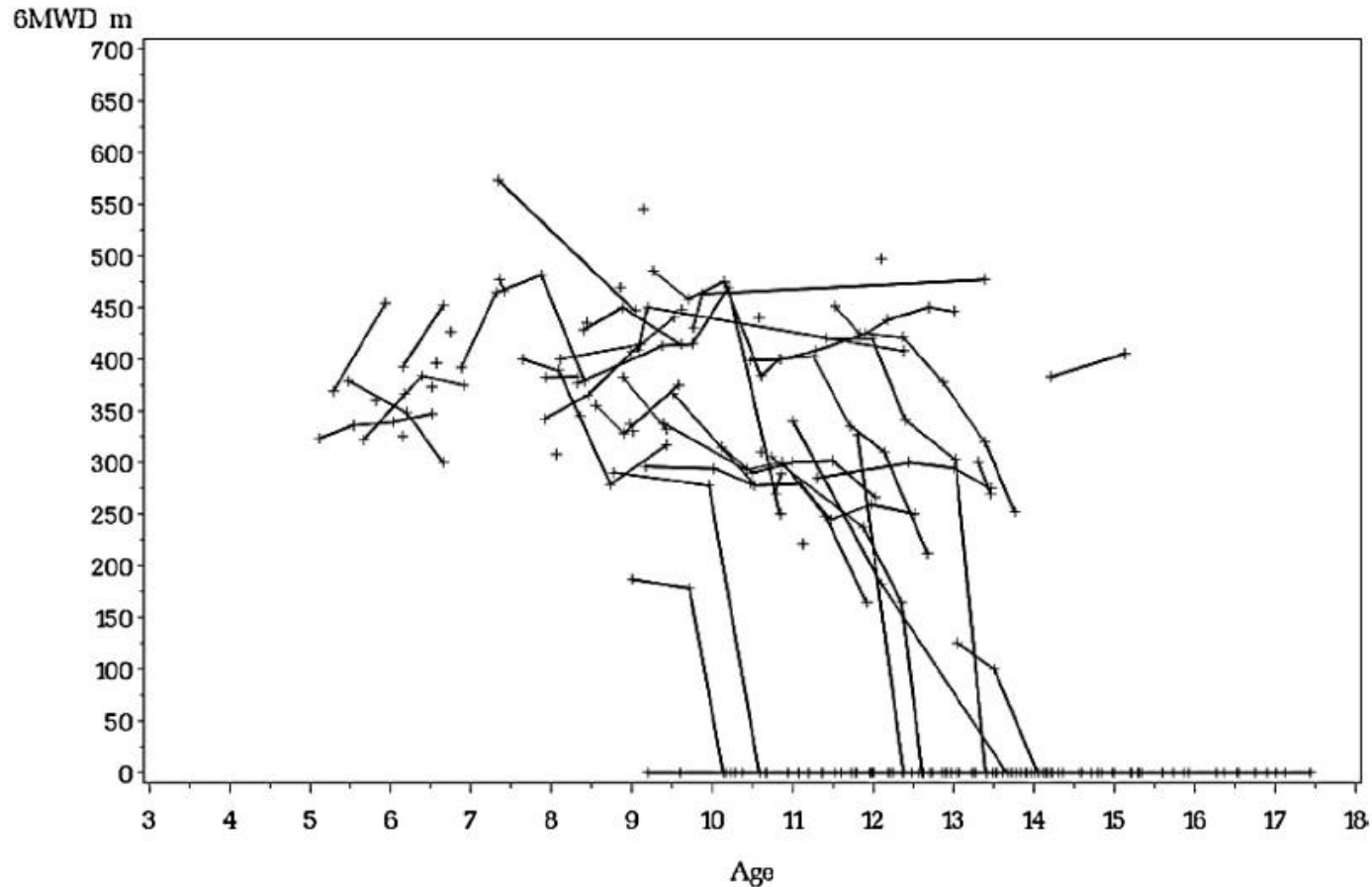


Tasso complessivo di identificazione delle mutazioni: **99.6%**

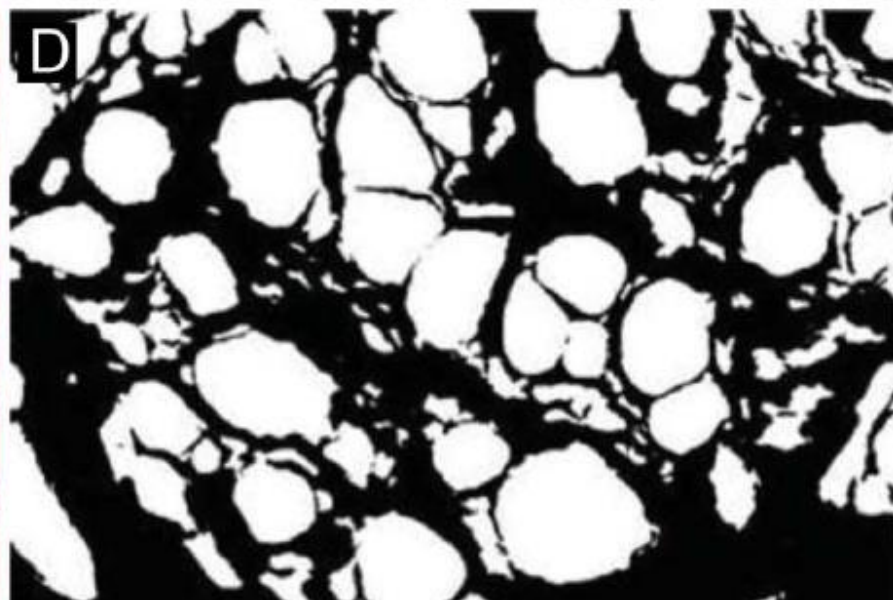
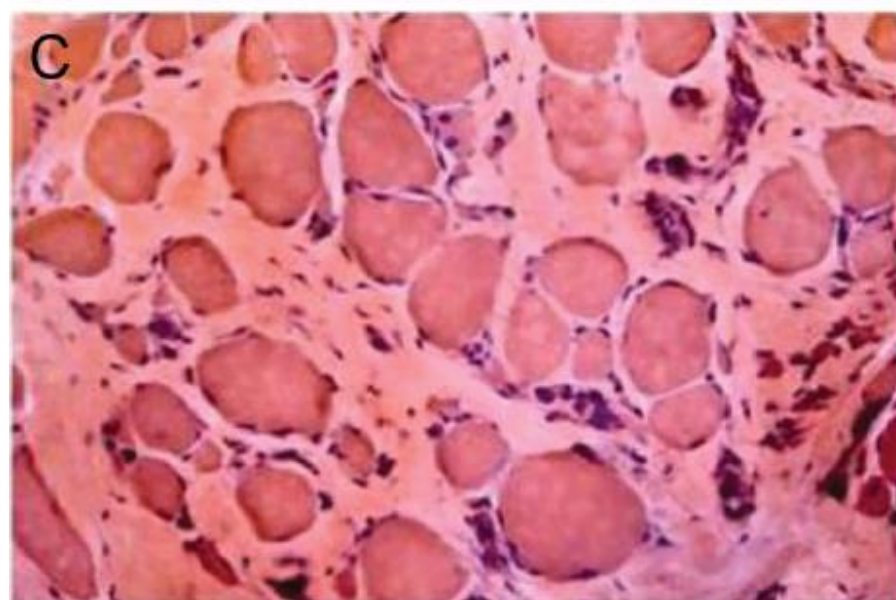
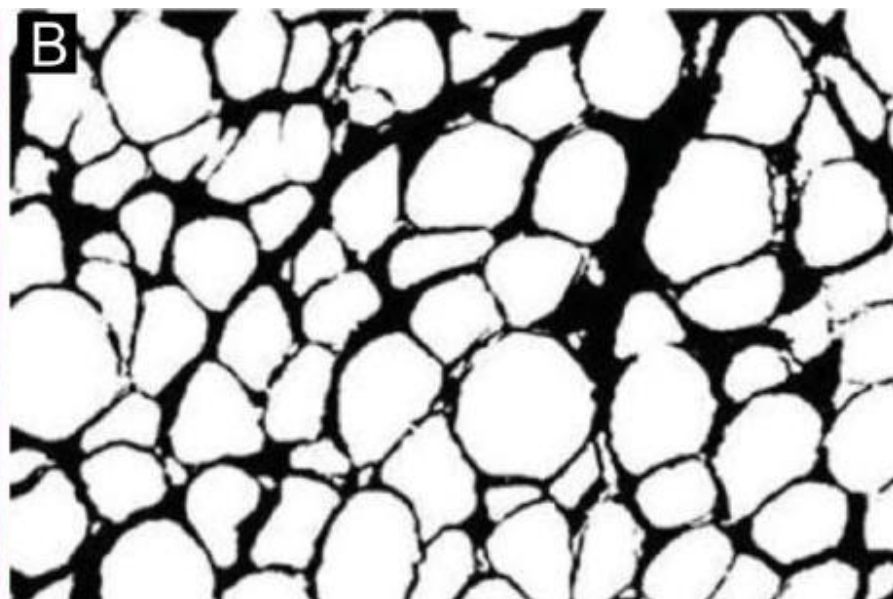
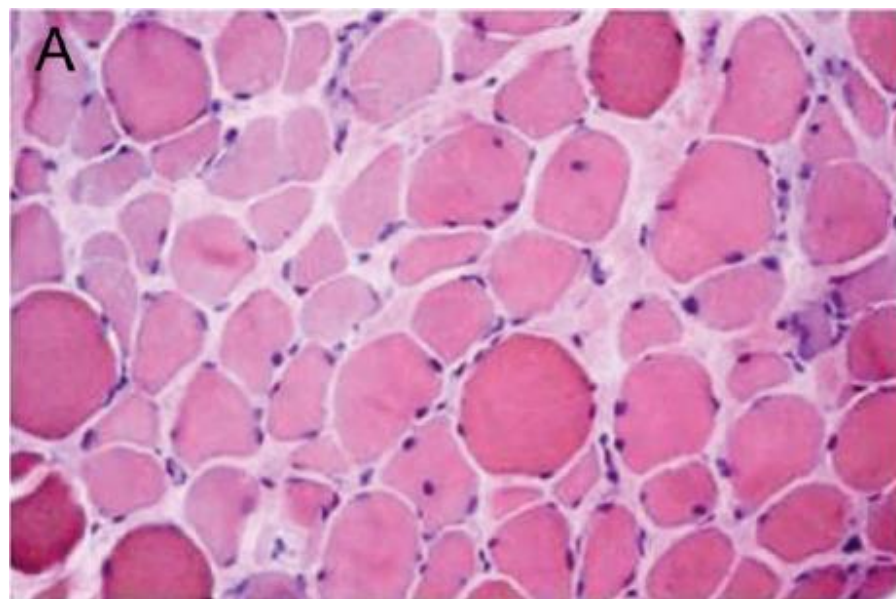
Mutazioni in DMD



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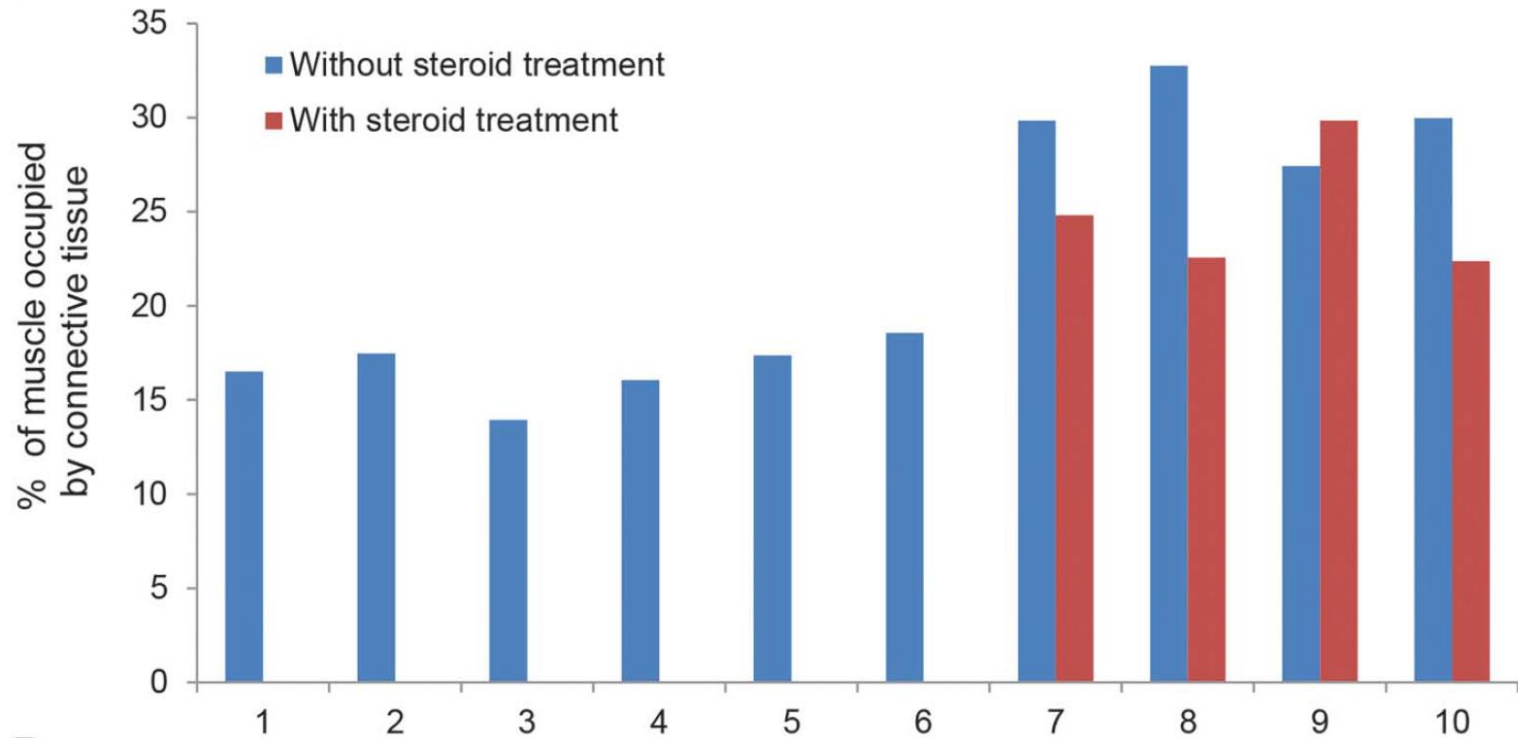


Deambulazione e progressione di malattia valutata tramite 6-minute-walk-distance (6MWT/6MWD) in pazienti con **Distrofia Muscolare di Duchenne** in trattamento corticosteroido giornaliero



Storia naturale

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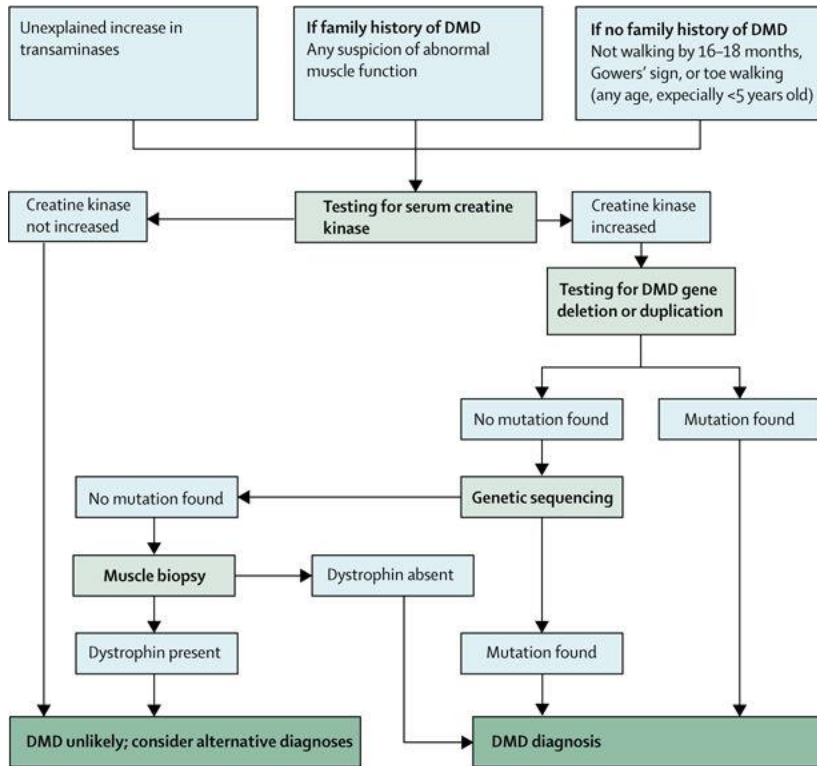


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Peverelli et al. Histologic muscular history in steroid-treated and untreated patients with Duchenne dystrophy. *Neurology*. 2015; 85:1886-93

Standard of care - diagnosis

When to suspect DMD



Most commonly observed early signs and symptoms in patients with DMD

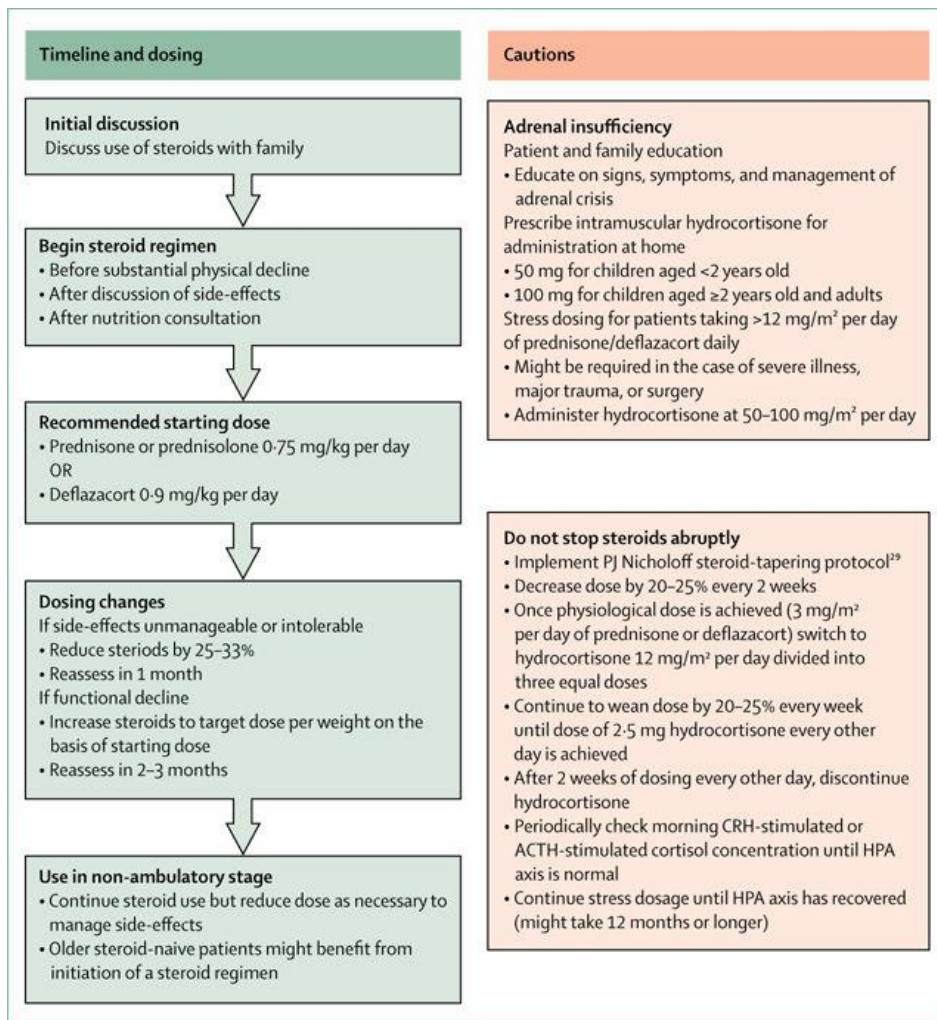
Motor

- Abnormal gait
- Calf pseudohypertrophy
- Inability to jump
- Decreased endurance
- Decreased head control when pulled to sit
- Difficulty climbing stairs
- Flat feet
- Frequent falling or clumsiness
- Gowers' sign on rising from floor
- Gross motor delay
- Hypotonia
- Inability to keep up with peers
- Loss of motor skills
- Muscle pain or cramping
- Toe walking
- Difficulty running or climbing

Non-motor

- Behavioural issues
- Cognitive delay
- Failure to thrive or poor weight gain
- Learning and attentional issues
- Speech delay or articulation difficulties

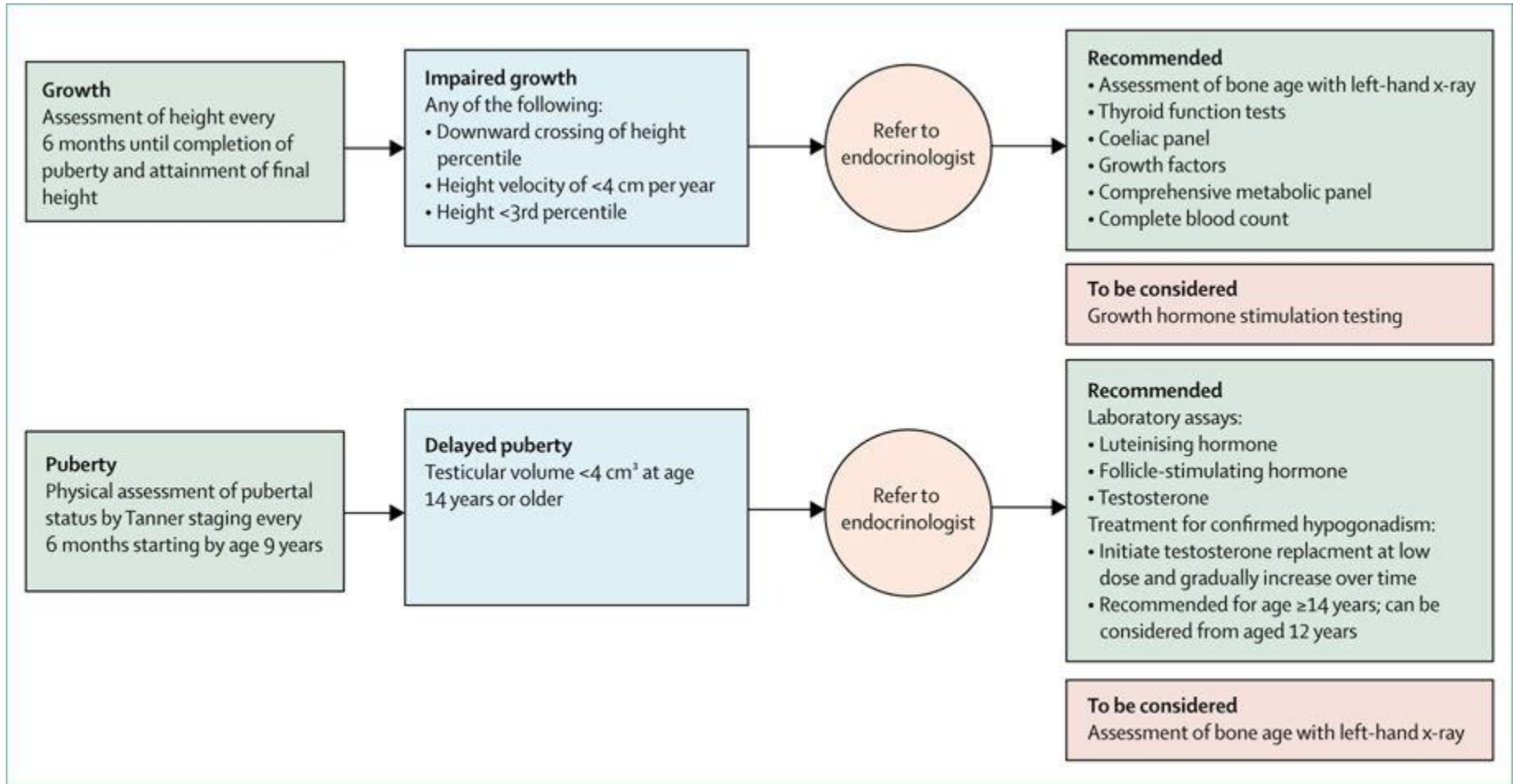
Standard of care – trattamento



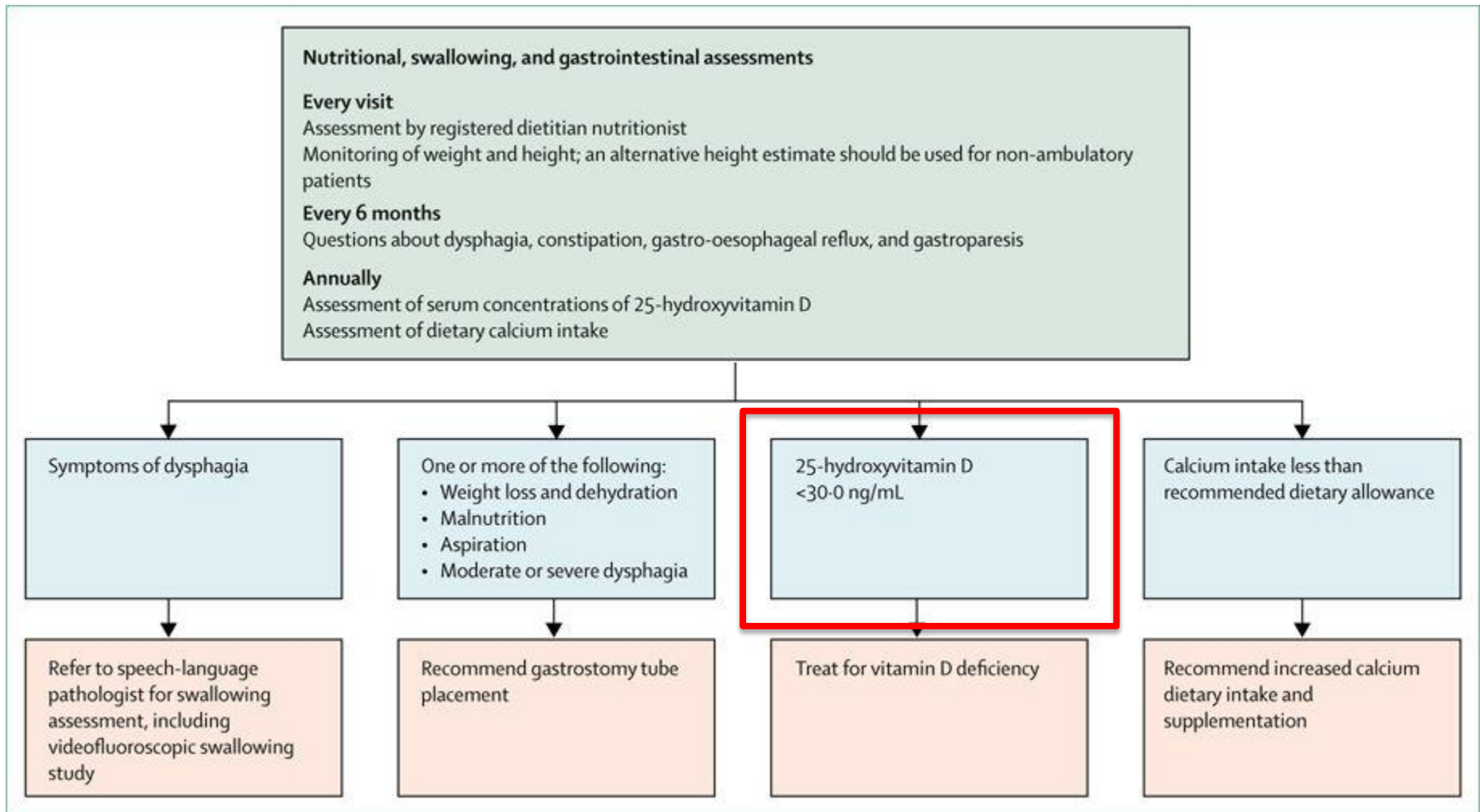
Prednisone 0.75 mg/kg al giorno

Deflazacort 0.9 mg/kg al giorno

Standard of care – crescita



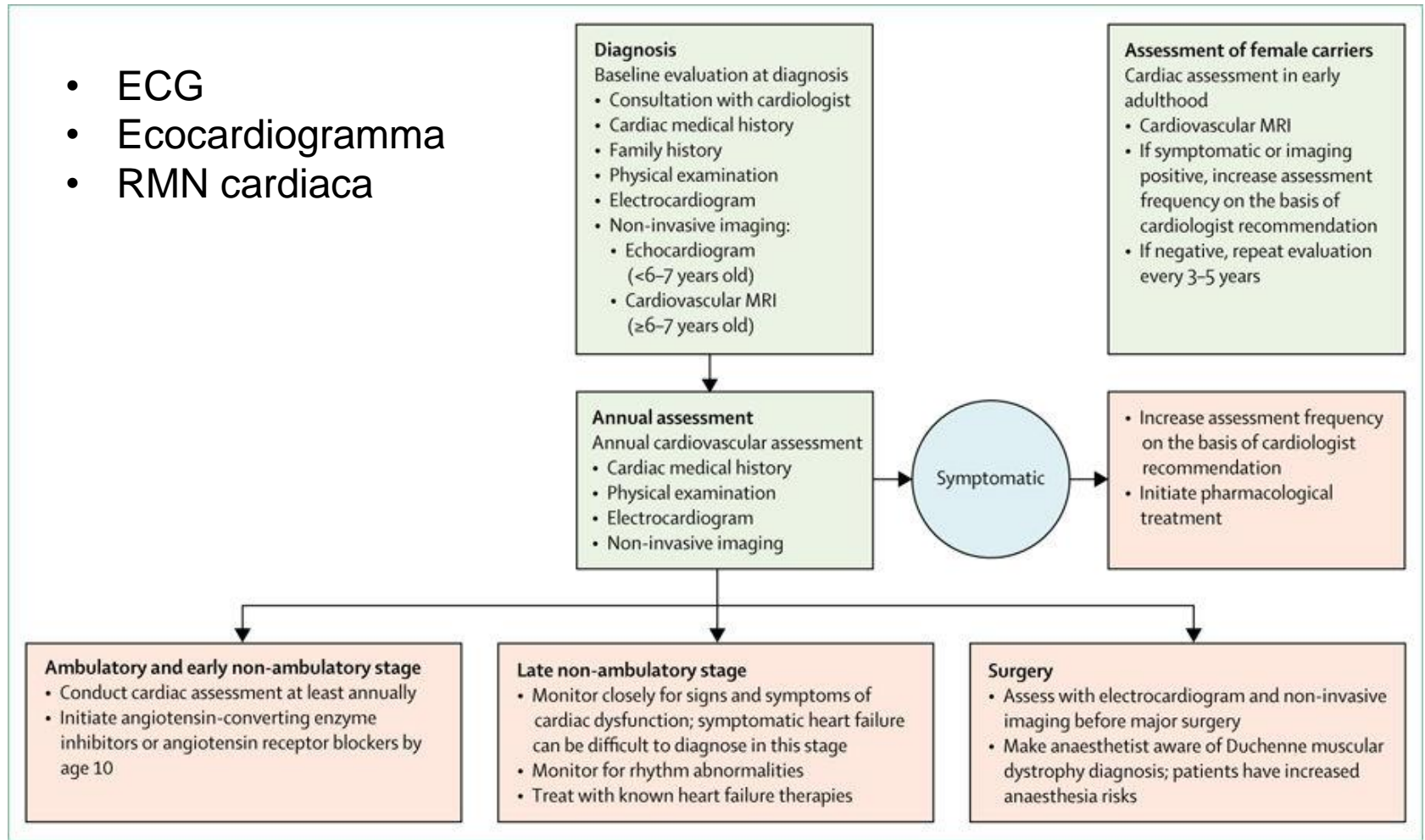
Standard of care - nutrizione



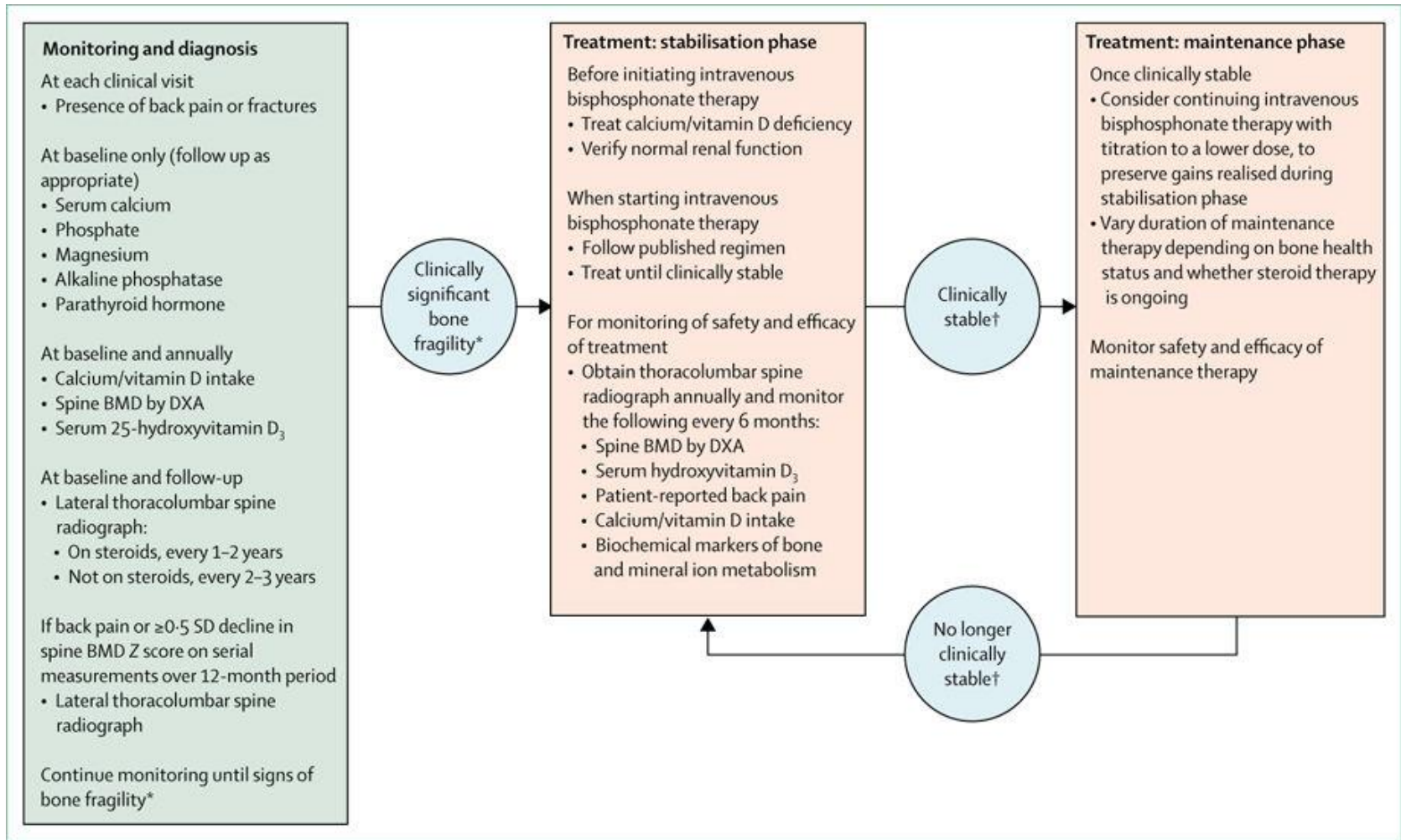
Standard of care – quadro respiratorio

Ambulatory stage	Early non-ambulatory stage	Late non-ambulatory stage
Assessments		
Once yearly: FVC	Twice yearly: FVC, MIP/MEP, PCF, SpO ₂ , p _{et} CO ₂ /p _t CO ₂	
Sleep study* with oximetry for signs and symptoms of obstructive sleep apnoea or sleep-disordered breathing		
Interventions		
Immunisation with pneumococcal vaccines and yearly inactivated influenza vaccine		
	Lung volume recruitment when FVC ≤60% predicted	
	Assisted coughing when FVC <50% predicted, PCF <270 L/min, or MEP <60 cm H ₂ O†	
	Nocturnal assisted ventilation with back-up rate of breathing (non-invasive preferred) when there are signs or symptoms of sleep hypoventilation or other sleep-disordered breathing,‡ abnormal sleep study,* FVC <50% predicted, MIP <60 cm H ₂ O, or awake baseline SpO ₂ <95% or pCO ₂ >45 mm Hg	
	Addition of assisted daytime ventilation when, despite nocturnal ventilation,§ daytime SpO ₂ <95%, pCO ₂ >45 mm Hg, or symptoms of awake dyspnoea are present	

Standard of care – cardiopatia



Standard of care - osteoporosi



Standard of care – quadro ortopedico

Ambulatory stage	Early non-ambulatory stage	Late non-ambulatory stage
Assessments		
Assess range of motion at least every 6 months		
Conduct visual inspection of the spine annually	Conduct visual inspection of the spine every 6 months	
Obtain radiographic assessment if curve observed or visual inspection difficult	Obtain spine radiograph when patients become non-ambulatory; if curve present, obtain radiograph every 6 months to 1 year, depending on skeletal maturity; refer to orthopaedic surgeon for curve >20°	Obtain annual anteroposterior upright spinal radiographs for patients with known progressive scoliosis
Interventions		
With physical therapy guidance, implement home stretching programme focusing on ankles, knees, and hips		
	With occupational therapy guidance, add focus on upper extremities	
When passive dorsiflexion <10°, use custom-molded nighttime ankle-foot orthoses set in neutral position	Use custom-molded daytime ankle-foot orthoses to delay worsening of equinovarus contracture	Continue use of lower-extremity braces; fabrication of custom wrist and hand splints may be appropriate
	Initiate standing programme using standing device or wheelchair with upright positioning	Use standing programmes with caution
Refer for surgery on foot and Achilles tendon to improve gait if substantial ankle contracture with good quadriceps and hip extensor strength	Refer for foot and ankle surgery to improve foot positioning only if advocated by patient	
Avoid use of spinal orthoses		
Provide anticipatory fracture prevention guidance to families		
Consult with cardiology and respiratory specialists before any surgical intervention		
Refer for physical therapy after surgery	Refer for posterior spinal instrumentation and fusion if spinal curve >20–30° in prepubertal individuals who are not on corticosteroids; provide preoperative and postoperative evaluation with physical therapy	Refer for posterior spinal instrumentation and fusion if curve is progressive
Ensure families and medical team are aware of fat embolism syndrome		

- Fisioterapia
- Tutori e ortesi
- Allungamento tendine di Achille
- Prevenzione fratture
- Scoliosi

Standard of care – interventivo chirurgico

Cardiac care

A cardiologist should be consulted before all surgical procedures
Anaesthetists should be aware that patients with DMD are at risk of cardiac decompensation during surgery

Major surgical procedures

- Patients with DMD are at particular risk of cardiac compromise during major procedures
- Echocardiogram and electrocardiogram should be done in close proximity to any planned surgery

Minor surgical procedures

- In patients with normal cardiac function, a cardiac assessment is suggested if last investigation was >1 year before

Respiratory care

Preoperative training in and postoperative use of assisted cough techniques

- Cough techniques are necessary for patients with baseline peak cough flow <270 L/min or baseline maximum expiratory pressure <60 cm H₂O*

Preoperative training in and postoperative use of non-invasive ventilation

- Non-invasive ventilation is necessary for patients with baseline FVC <30% predicted
- Non-invasive ventilation is strongly recommended for patients with FVC <50% predicted

Extubation to supplemental oxygen alone without concomitant use of non-invasive ventilation should be avoided

Incentive spirometry is not indicated because it is potentially ineffective in patients with respiratory muscle weakness, and preferred alternatives are available

Anaesthesia

Total intravenous anaesthesia is strongly recommended

Depolarising muscle relaxants, such as suxamethonium chloride, are absolutely contraindicated because of risk of fatal reactions

Risk of rhabdomyolysis and hyperkalaemia

- Patients with DMD are at risk of developing rhabdomyolysis with inhalational anaesthetics or when given suxamethonium chloride
- Rhabdomyolysis complications are frequently confused with malignant hyperthermia

Blood loss

Hypotensive anaesthetics to minimise blood loss are not recommended because of haemodynamic risk with cardiomyopathy in patients with DMD

Cell-saver technology, along with use of aminocaproic acid or tranexamic acid, can be considered to help manage intraoperative blood loss

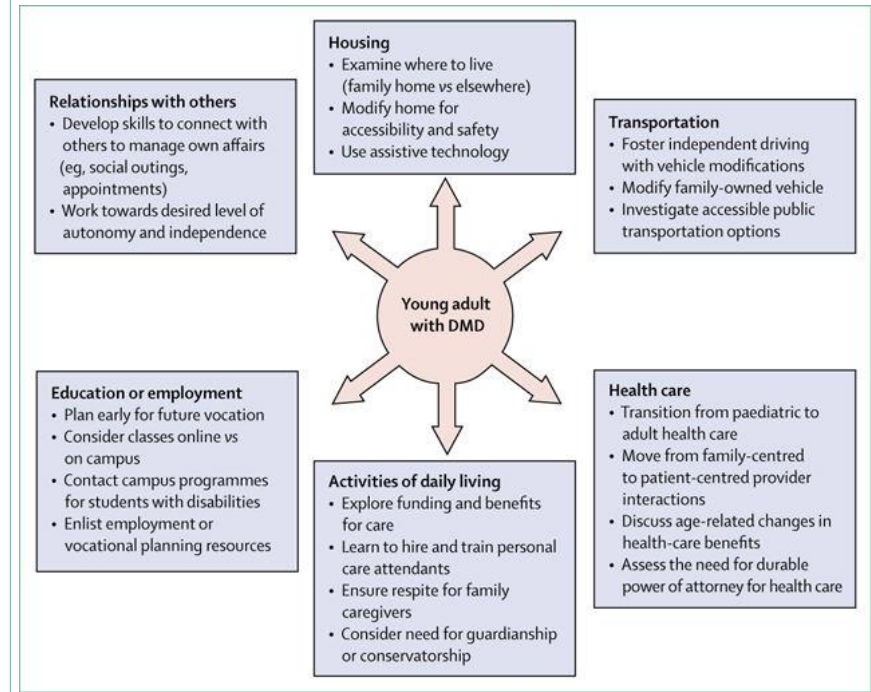
Postoperative anticoagulation with heparin or aspirin is not appropriate for patients with DMD

Compression stockings of sequential compression might be indicated for prevention of deep-vein thrombosis

Standard of care – quadro psicosociale

	Ambulatory stage or childhood	Early non-ambulatory stage, adolescence, or young adulthood	Late non-ambulatory stage or adulthood
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider baseline evaluation during first year of diagnosis Provide developmental (<4 years old) or neuropsychological evaluation (>5 years old) when social or emotional concerns or cognitive delays exist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide neuropsychological evaluation to identify cognitive or learning issues when concerns exist about school performance Provide neuropsychological evaluation when transitioning to adulthood to assess whether government-based assistance might be needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide neuropsychological evaluation when concerns exist about change in functioning or ability to manage daily affairs
	Provide evaluation by speech-language pathologist for children with suspected delays in speech or language development		Provide evaluation by speech-language pathologist for patients with loss or impairment of functional communication ability, chewing difficulties, or dysphagia
	Provide evaluation by social worker at diagnosis and then as needed	Provide evaluation by social worker of the needs of the patient and family	
Interventions	Refer for psychotherapy or psychopharmacology, or both, when mental health concerns are identified for the patient or family		
	Implement formal accommodations at school for health, safety, and accessibility; plan for health-related absences		Assist with continuing education, vocational training, and extended transitional education with individualised education programmes until age 22 years
		Set goals for future education and vocation	Assist with adjustments to accommodate job requirements
	Provide parents with resources to educate teachers, school psychologists, and other school personnel about DMD		
	Provide parents and patients with resources to educate peers about DMD		
	Refer to psychologist for social skills training as needed		
	Encourage patients and families to stay active and engaged		
	Promote patient self-advocacy and independence		
			Arrange for home health-care services if patient's health is at risk because sufficient care cannot be provided in the current setting
		Notify patients and families about availability of palliative care	
		Assist with arranging respite care for caregivers	
			Make hospice care available for patients at the end of life

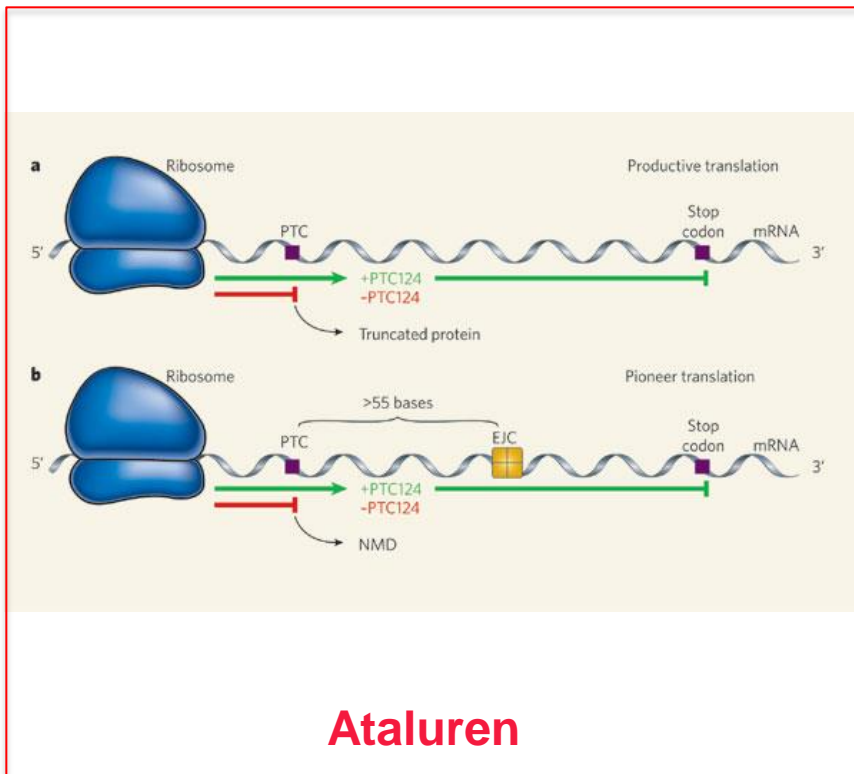
- Valutazione neuropsicologica
- Ritardo nel linguaggio
- Supporto psicologico



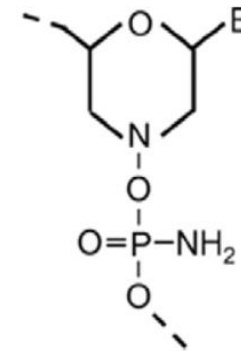
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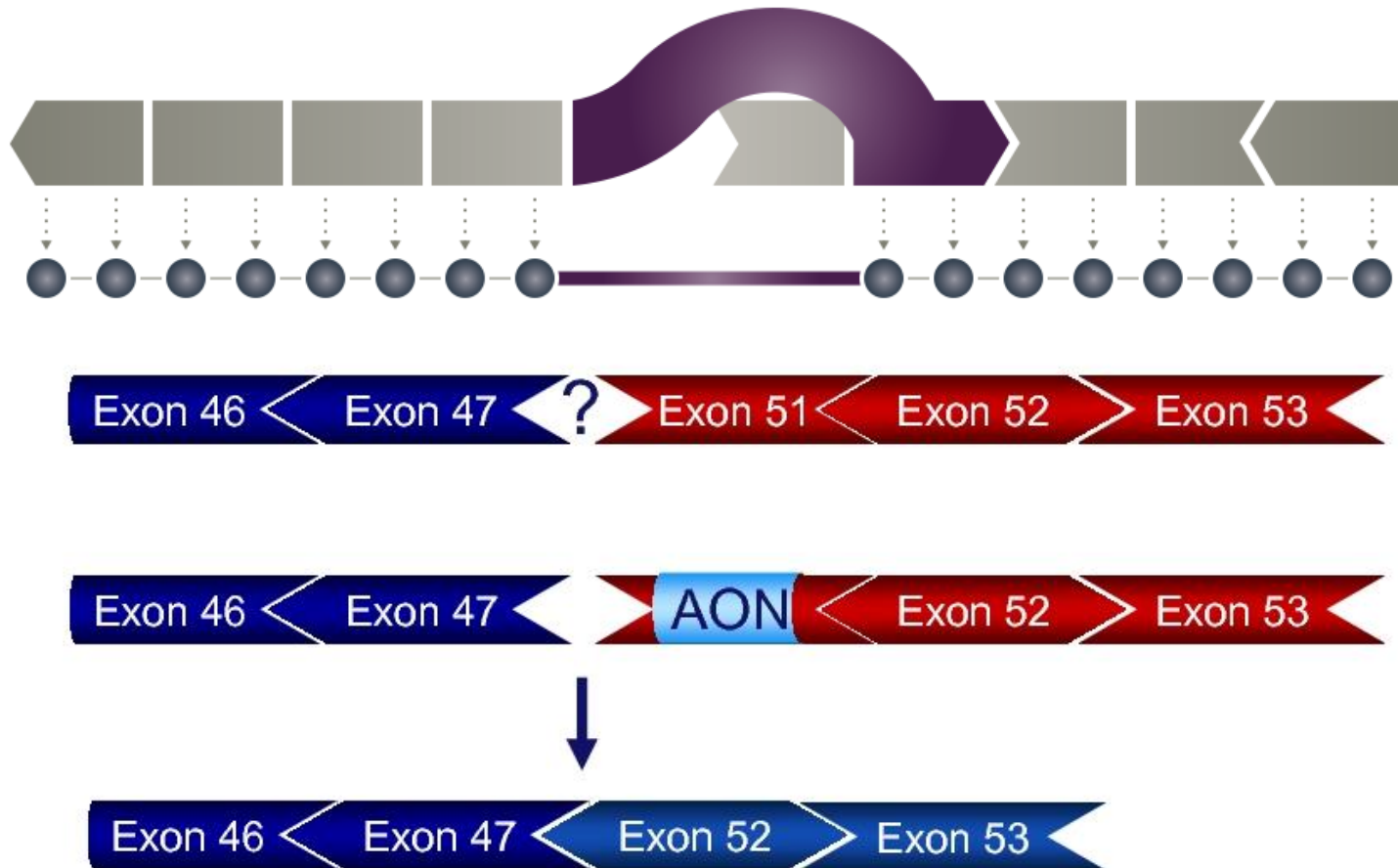
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Stop codon read through

Exon 51 skipping

Eteplirsen

Oligonucleotidi antisenso - Exon skipping

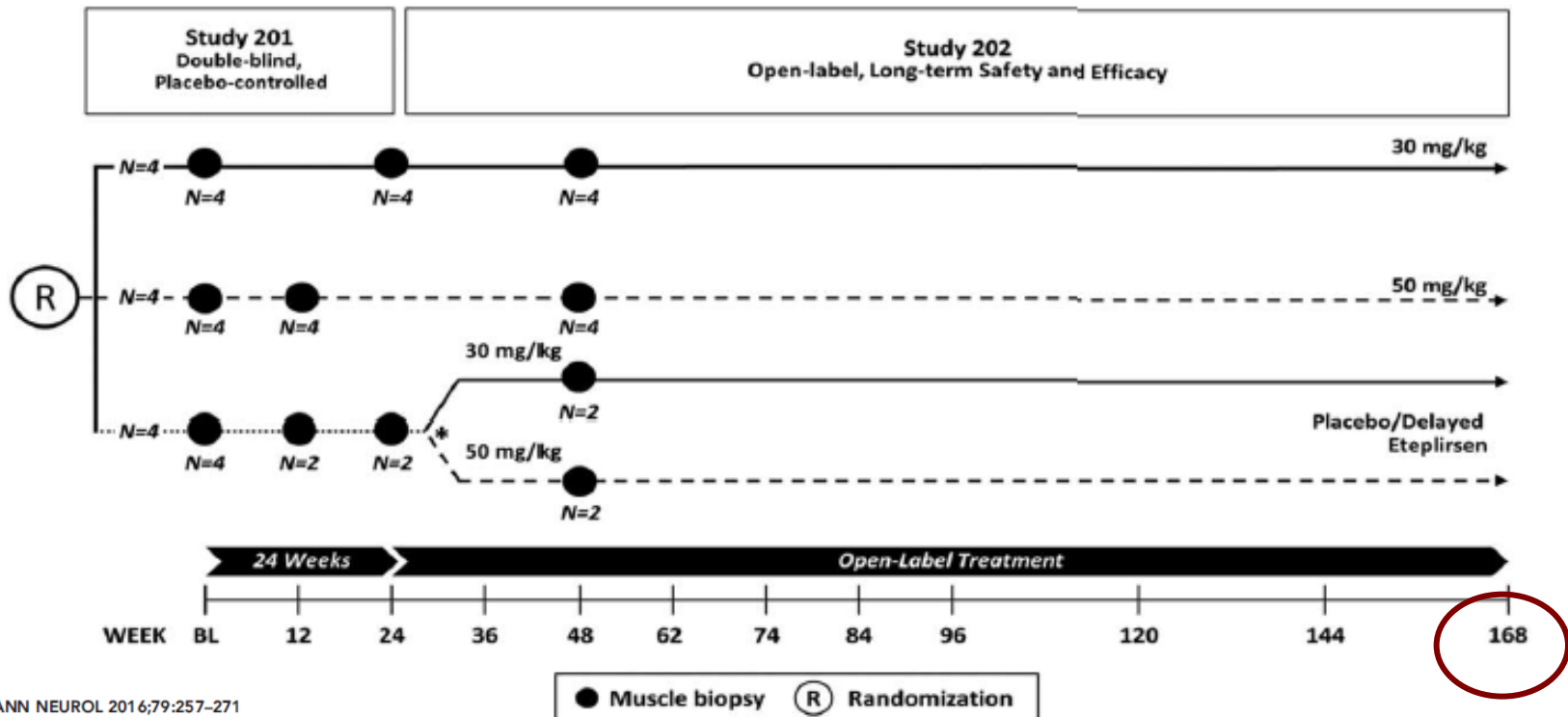


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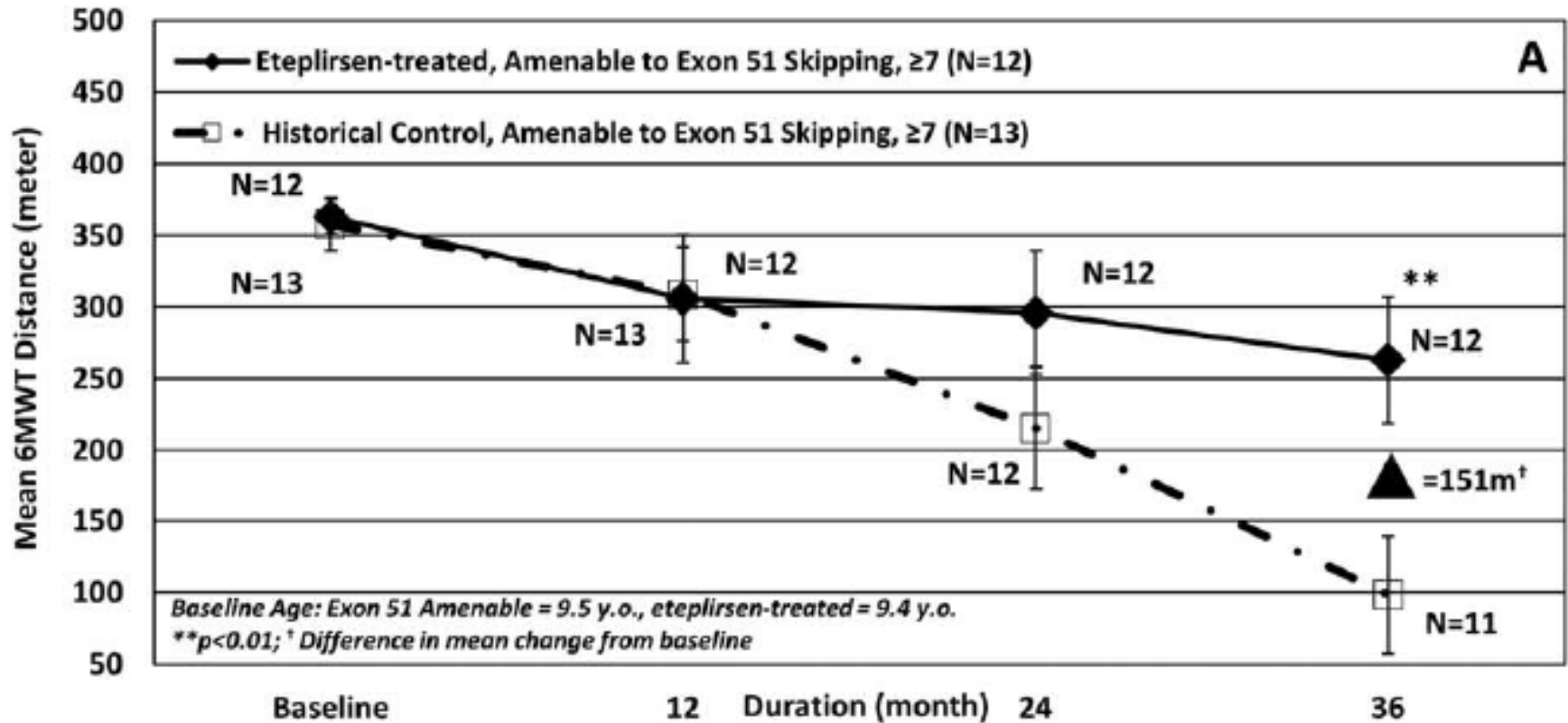
Criteria di inclusione:

- Età 7-13 anni
- 6MWD compreso tra 180 e 440 metri
- Delezione compatibile con skipping **esone 51**
- Corticosteroidi ≥ 24 settimane

- Infusione endovenosa settimanale
- 30 o 50 mg/kg/settimana
- Nationwide Children Hospital
- Gruppo storico di controllo



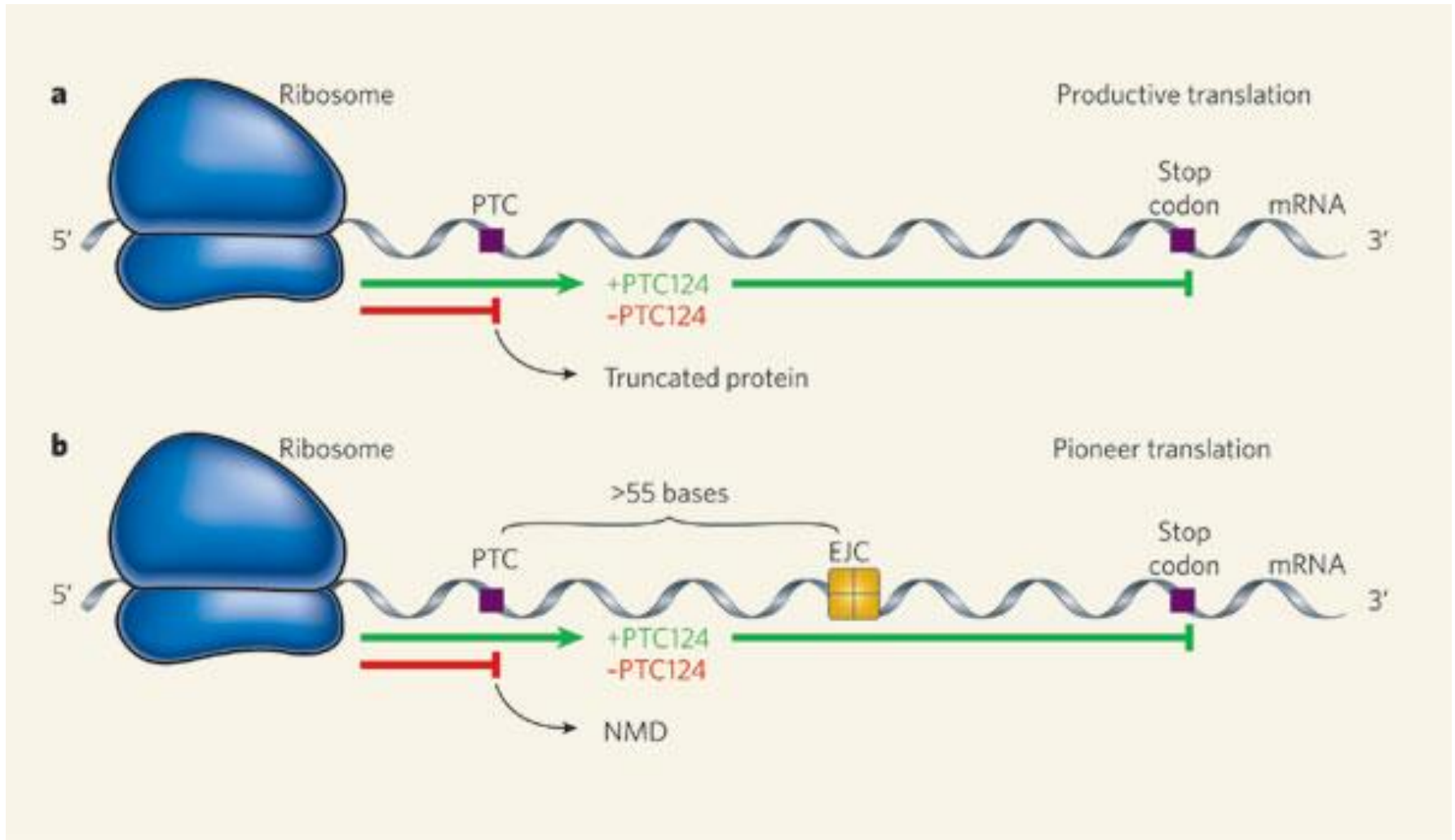
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Ataluren (PTC124)

Stop codon reading through

Mutazione nonsense (nmDMD)



Ataluren – ACT DMD

Valutazione dell'efficacia di Ataluren dopo 48 settimane in pazienti con nmDMD

Endpoint primario

- Variazione 6MWD

Endpoint secondari

- Peggioramento 10% 6MWD
- Variazione 10-m walk/run
- Variazione 4-stair climb
- Variazione 4-stair descend

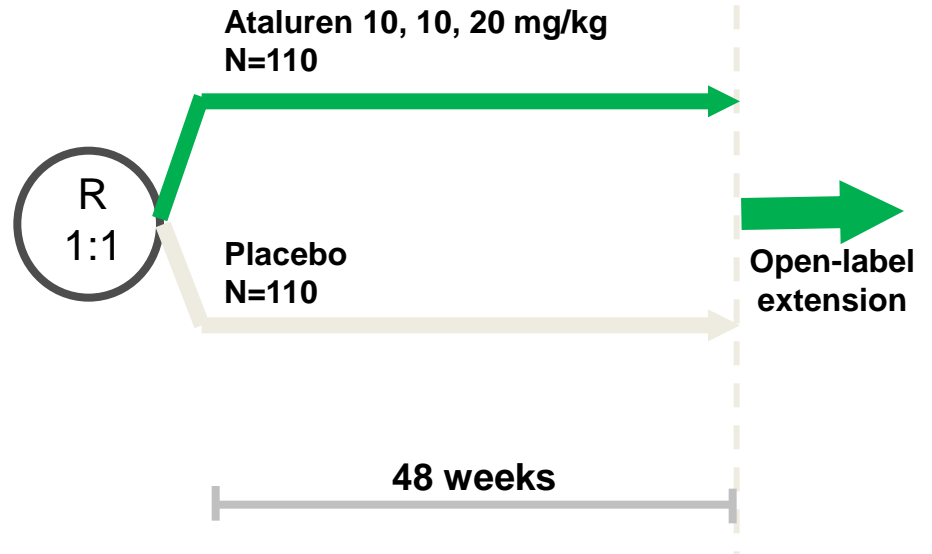
Endpoint esplorativi

- Variazione NSAA
- Variazione PODCI

Criteria di inclusione:

- Età ≥ 7 e ≤ 16 anni
- Utilizzo di corticosteroidi ≥ 6 mesi
- 6MWD ≥ 150 m e $\leq 80\%$ del predetto

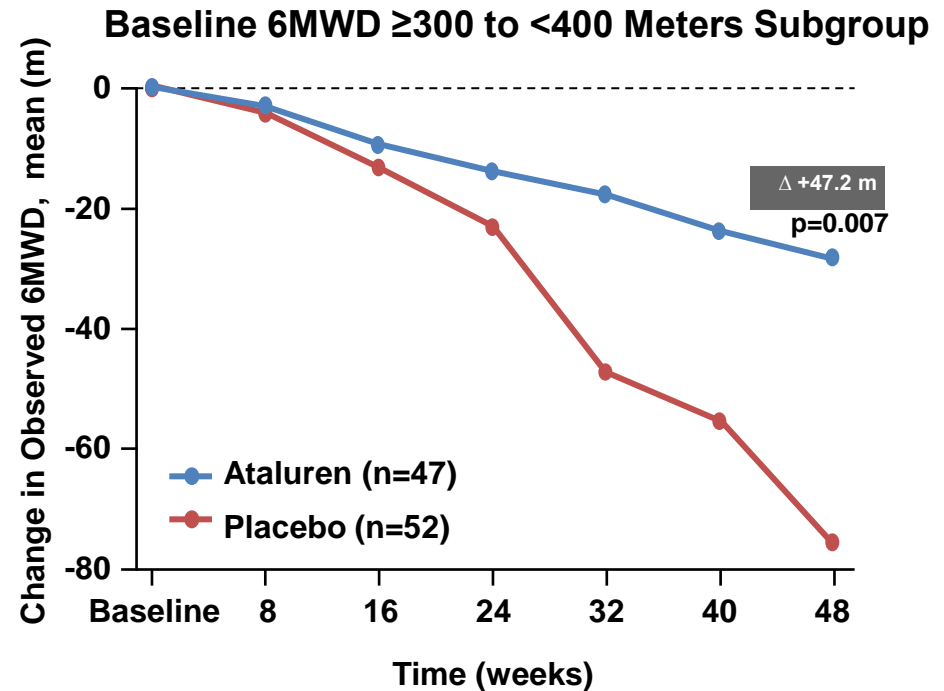
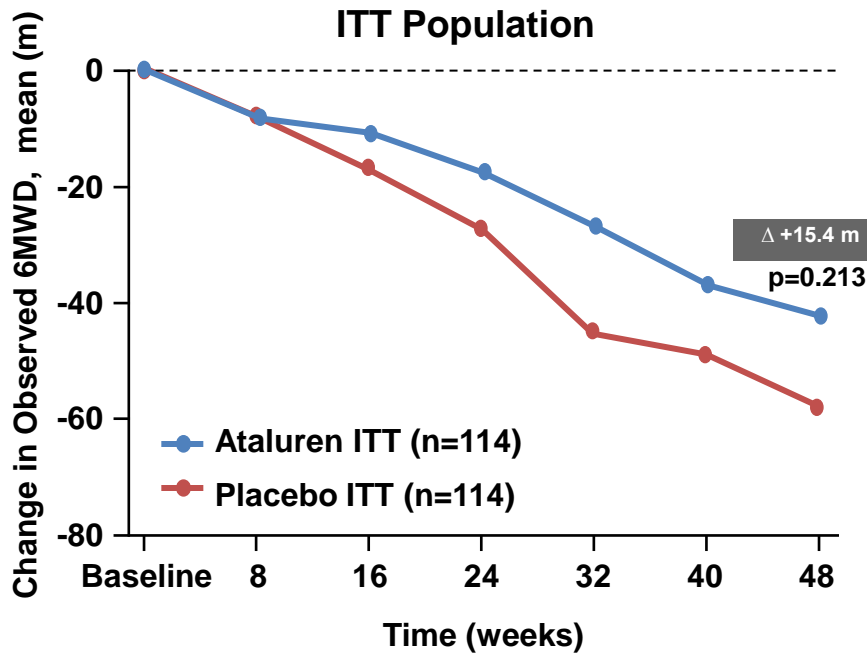
Double-blind placebo-controlled study



- **Somministrazione per via orale**
- 10 + 10 + 20 mg/kg al giorno

Ataluren – ACT DMD

- Variazione media del 6MWD dal baseline a settimana 48 a favore di Ataluren rispetto al gruppo in placebo. Differenza significativa nel sottogruppo di pazienti con 6MWD compreso tra 300 e 400 metri al baseline.
- Variazione media dei punteggi dei test temporizzati a favore di Ataluren rispetto a placebo con differenze statisticamente significative per 4-stair descend ($p=0.012$) e 4-stair climb ($p=0.058$).



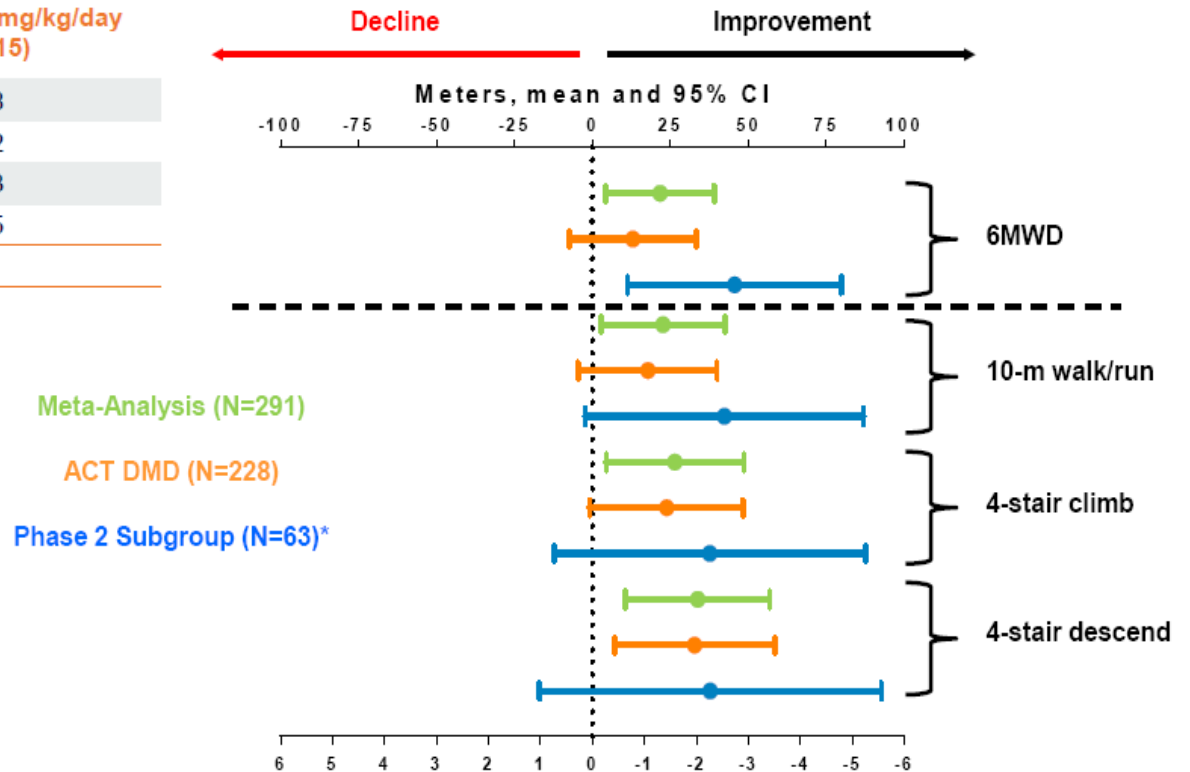
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- Eventi avversi simili nei pazienti trattati con Ataluren o placebo

Table 3. Treatment-related AEs With a >2.5% Higher Incidence in the Ataluren Group vs the Placebo Group

TEAE, %	Placebo (n=115)	Ataluren 40 mg/kg/day (n=115)
Vomiting	0.9	7.8
Headache	2.6	5.2
Diarrhea	0.9	4.3
Nausea	0	3.5

TEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events.



* Including only patients in the ambulatory decline phase subgroup matching ACT DMD entry criteria

Seconds, mean and 95% CI

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Sicurezza di Ataluren su 52 settimane in pazienti con nmDMD di età 2-4 years

Primary endpoint

- Long term Safety

Secondary endpoints

- Plasma pharmacokinetics

Exploratory endpoints

- Change in TFTs
- Change in NSAA

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Ataluren 10, 10, 20 mg/kg
N=14



Criteria di inclusione:

- Età ≥ 2 e < 5 anni
- Peso ≥ 12 kg

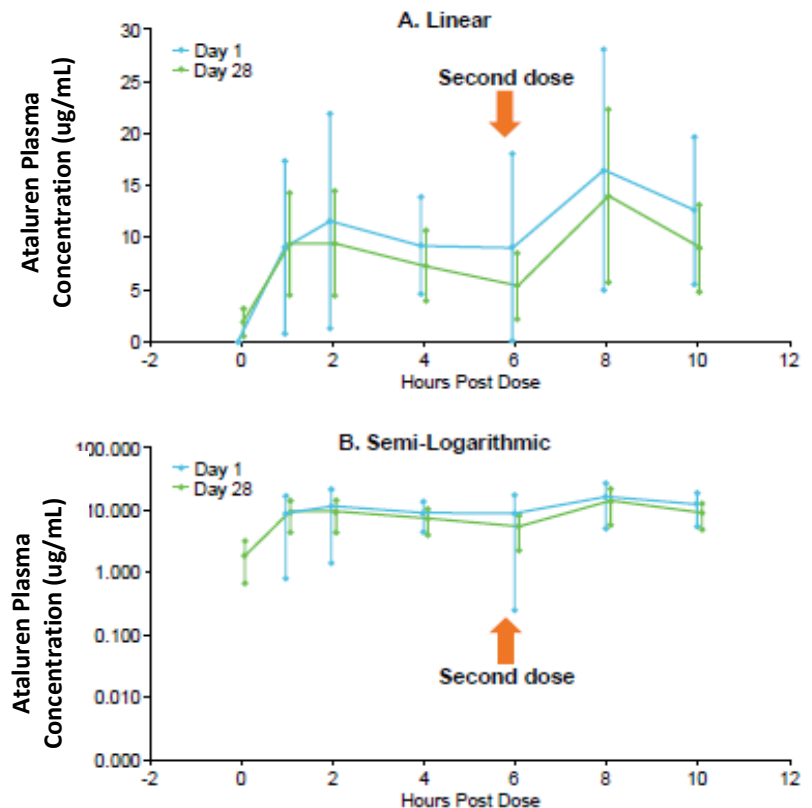
Criteria di esclusione:

- Altro farmaco sperimentale ≤ 3 mesi
- Intervento chirurgico maggiore programmato
- Comorbidità significativa
- Precedente trattamento con Ataluren
- Somministrazione di aminoglicosidi ≤ 3 mesi

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- **Eventi avversi:** rash, flatulenza, nausea, vomito
- Nessun evento avverso di grado severo
- **Farmacocinetica:** concentrazione plasmatica media simile tra giorno 1 e 28

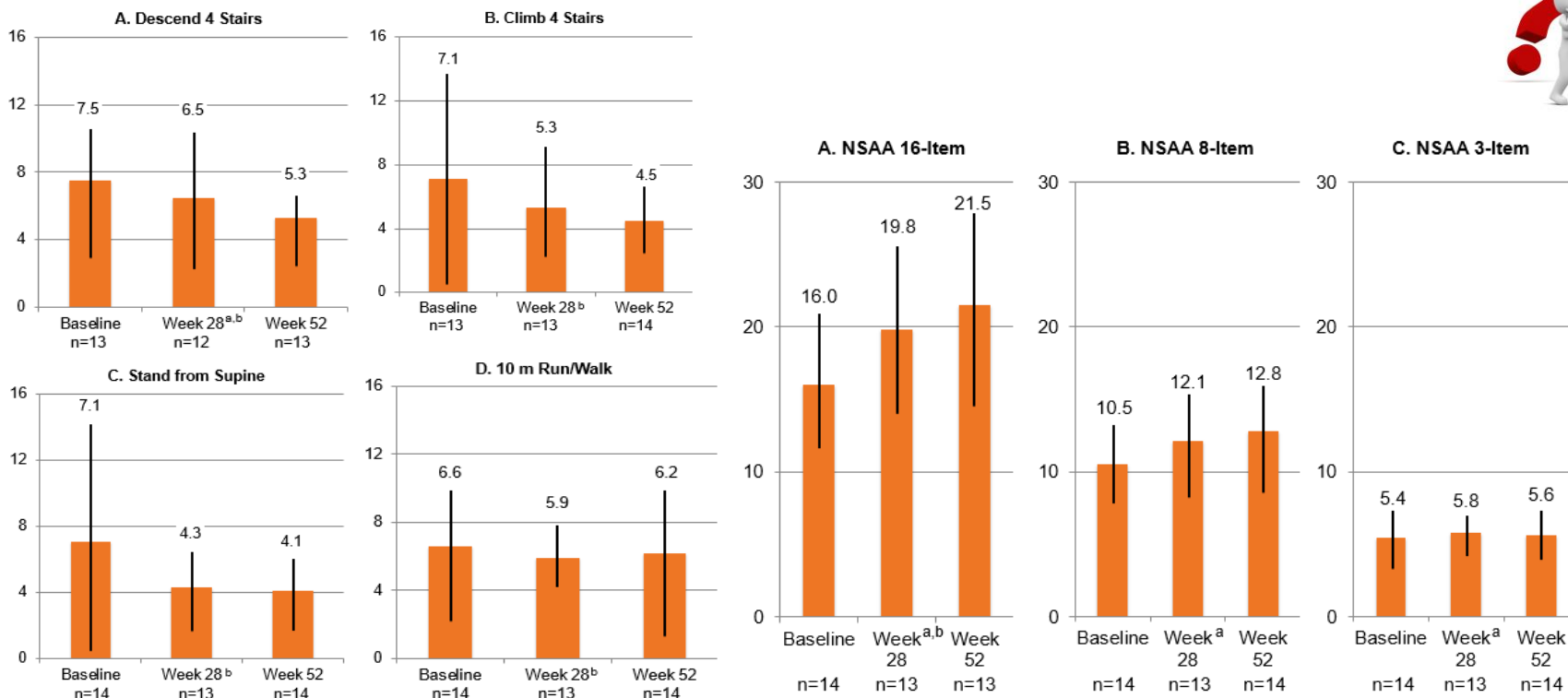
TEAE	PK Phase (N=14)	Extension Phase (N=14)	Overall (N=14)
Any TEAE	13 (92.9%)	10 (71.4%)	14 (100%)
Pyrexia	5 (35.7%)	3 (21.4%)	6 (42.9%)
Ear Infection	1 (7.1%)	3 (21.4%)	4 (28.6%)
Nasopharyngitis	1 (7.1%)	3 (21.4%)	4 (28.6%)
Rash	3 (21.4%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (21.4%)
Cough	2 (14.3%)	1 (7.1%)	3 (21.4%)
Vomiting	1 (7.1%)	2 (14.3%)	3 (21.4%)
Flatulence	2 (14.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (14.3%)
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	1 (7.1%)	1 (7.1%)	2 (14.3%)
Arthropod Bite	0 (0.0%)	2 (14.3%)	2 (14.3%)
Influenza	0 (0.0%)	2 (14.3%)	2 (14.3%)



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Indicatori di efficacia:

- Diminuzione del punteggio ai test temporizzati e aumento del punteggio NSAA rispetto al baseline dopo trattamento con Ataluren in paziente con nmDMD di età compresa tra 2 e 5 anni. In questa fascia di età è generalmente previsto un miglioramento legato alla normale crescita.



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