



Chiari e Malattie Rare

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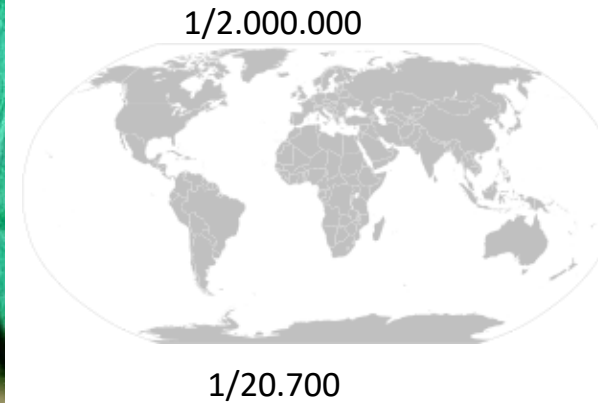
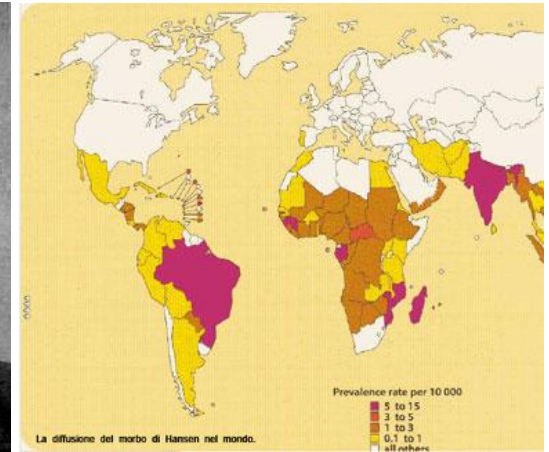
Malattie rare

Definizione

- USA <200.000 pazienti (1 su 1.630)
- Europa < 5/10.000 (<1/2.000)
- Giappone <50.000 pazienti (1 su 2.500)

Prevalenza cumulativa minima: 1,5-6,2%

Ultrarare 1/50.000



Perspective

Estimating the number of diseases – the concept of rare, ultra-rare, and hyper-rare

C. I. Edvard Smith,^{1,2,3,*} Peter Bergman,^{2,4} and Daniel W. Hagey¹

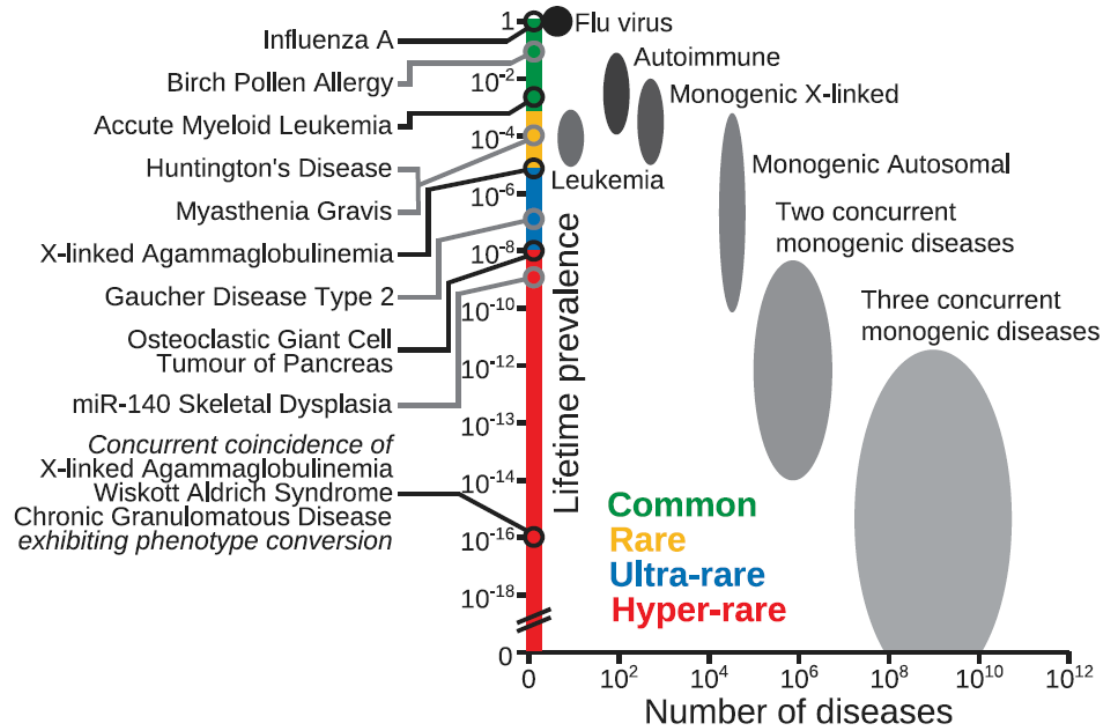


Figure 3. Estimated range in frequency and absolute number of various disease classes

Left, Distinct diseases, including the concurrent coincidence of three primary immunodeficiencies, where the prevalence for chronic granulomatous disease corresponds to mutations in the autosomal *NCF1* gene, encoding a 47 kDa cytosolic subunit of neutrophil NADPH oxidase. Right, the oval-shaped areas correspond to various disease classes. To compensate for that phenotype conversion only appears in certain disease combinations a correction coefficient was introduced, which for three concurrent diseases amounts to $[\frac{1}{3}]^3 = \frac{1}{27}$.



WRNS signs and symptoms (age of onset in years) ^a	Present case (age of onset in years)
Cardinal features	
Cataracts (bilateral) (in the 30s)	+ (10)
Dermatological features/lesions (in the 20s)	+ (6)
Growth retardation/short stature (adolescence)	+ (since birth)
Premature graying and/or thinning of scalp hair (in the 20s)	+ (5)
Additional features	
Prematurely aged face with beaked nose (in the 30s–40s)	–
Weak/hoarse/high-pitched voice (in the 20s)	+ (12)
Diabetes mellitus (in the 30s)	–
Osteoporosis (in the 30s)	+ (9)
Lipodystrophy (progressive after puberty) ^b	–
Soft tissue calcification (over 10–40)	+ (12)
Atherosclerosis (in the 30s–40s)	–
Hypogonadism (in the 30s)	–
Neoplasms (in the 40s) ^c	–
Age of diagnosis (late 30s–40s)	+ (11)

NS main signs	Present case
Facial features	
Tall forehead	–
Triangular face	–
Widely spaced and downslanted palpebral fissure	–
Epicanthal folds	–
Palpebral ptosis	–
Broad nasal bridge	+
Bulbous nasal tip	–
Deep philtrum	–
Prominent nasolabial fold	+
Broad webbed neck	–
Low-set posteriorly rotated ears	–
Mild intellectual disability	+
Short stature	+
Congenital heart defect	–
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	–
Pectus excavatum/carinatum	–
Scoliosis	–
Renal anomalies	–
Lymphedema	–
Bleeding diathesis	–
Ocular anomalies	+

documented as negative. Trio-based exome sequencing was performed (Supplemental Materials and Methods S1), and variant filtering and prioritization allowed to identify a homozygous nonsense variant in *RECQL2* (chr8:30999080T>G, GRCh37.p13; c.3102T>G, NM_000553.6; p.Tyr1034*, NP_000544.2), and a missense change in *PTPN11* (chr12:112910784C>G, GRCh37.p13; c.793C>G, NM_002834.5; p.Arg265Gly, NP_002825.3) as the only clinically and functionally relevant variants (Table S3). The *RECQL2* truncating vari-

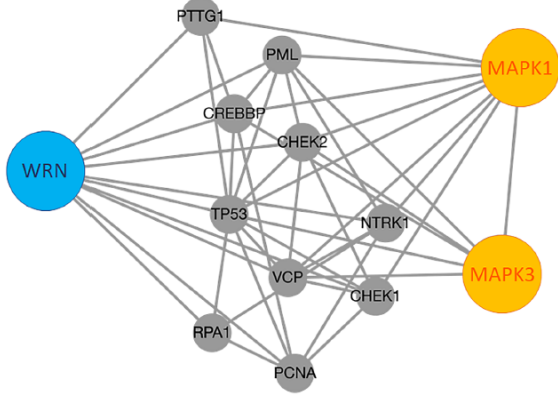
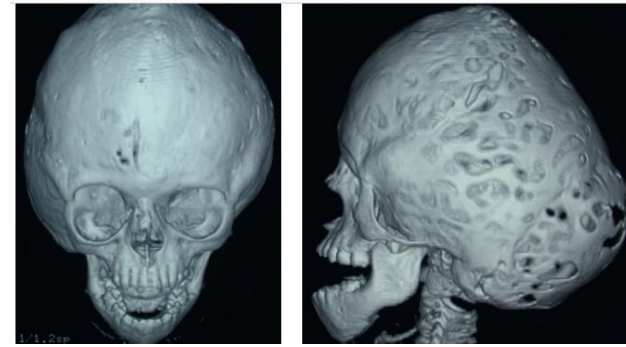


FIGURE 3 Gain-of-function consequences of the Arg265Gly amino acid substitution on SHP2 function. (A) In vitro assessment of the phosphatase activity of recombinant SHP2^{Arg265Gly} basally and following BTAM stimulation. Catalytic activity is compared with that of wild-type (WT) SHP2 and of two Noonan syndrome-causing mutants (SHP2^{Ala725Ser} and SHP2^{Arg265Gly}). Phosphatase activity was measured as pmoles of phosphate released using pNPP as a substrate, basally (white bars) and following stimulation with 10 μ M BTAM peptide (black bars). Asterisks indicate significant differences compared to basal or stimulated activities of the WT enzyme (* p < 0.05; *** p < 0.001; Student's t-test with Bonferroni correction). (B) Overexpression of SHP2^{Arg265Gly} promotes enhanced EGF-dependent ERK phosphorylation, as assessed by time-course experiments. WT SHP2, or each of the SHP2^{Arg265Gly} and SHP2^{Ala725Ser} mutants, the latter selected as a representative of the GoF mutants associated with Noonan syndrome, are shown for comparison. Representative blots (below) and mean $\pm$ SD densitometry values (above) of three independent experiments are shown. HEK293T cells were transiently co-transfected with Flag-tagged Gab1 and V5-tagged SHP2 constructs. Following transfection, cells were serum starved and treated with 30 ng/ml EGF for 5 or 15 min, or left unstimulated. Equal amounts of cell lysates were resolved on 10% polyacrylamide gel. Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences compared with WT SHP2 at the corresponding time upon EGF stimulation (*** p < 0.001; **** p < 0.0001; two-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple comparison test). (C) WRN-MAPK/ERK interaction network. The displayed graph is constructed by random walk analysis starting from seeds (WRN, MAPK1 and MAPK3) to obtain an expanded sub-network in which colored nodes are the input seeds, gray nodes are their 10 top-ranking neighbors, and interactions are depicted as edges [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

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Meccanismi patogenetici:

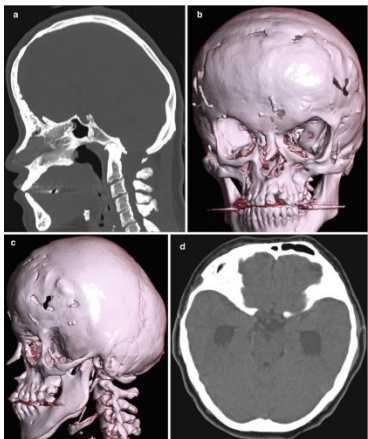
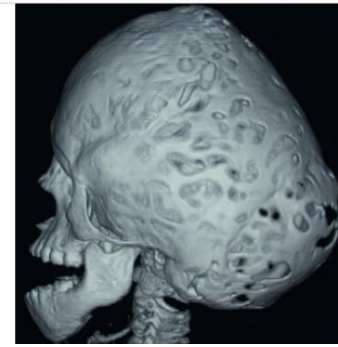
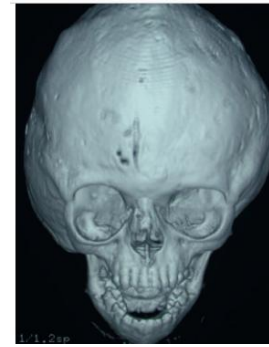
- **Fossa posteriore piccola:** la fusione prematura delle suture in particolare lambdoidee e della base cranica crea una sproporzione tra la crescita del cervelletto/tronco encefalico e lo spazio disponibile
- **Ipertensione endocranica:** causata dalla fusione multi-suturale e dall'idrocefalo
- **Ipertensione venosa:** stenosi del forame giugulare che compromette il drenaggio venoso
- **Idrocefalo:** contribuisce alla pressione dall'alto che spinge le tonsille verso il basso

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Crouzon

- 73% dei pazienti ha Chiari 1.
- Sinostosi precoce della sutura lambdoidea nei primi 24 mesi di vita, che restringe la fossa posteriore.
- 20% dei pazienti con Crouzon e Chiari I sviluppa siringomielia.
- Mutazioni specifiche di FGFR2 (come Tyr281Cys e Cys342Trp) associate a questa combinazione.



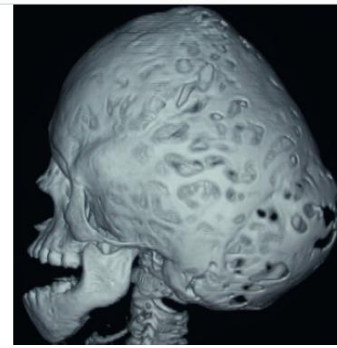
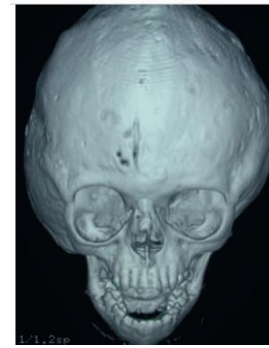
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Crouzon

Pfeiffer

Il 50% dei pazienti con sindrome di Pfeiffer sviluppa malformazione di Chiari tipo 1, con percentuali che raggiungono il 100% nei pazienti con Pfeiffer tipo 2 e tipo 3



Pfeiffer 1



Pfeiffer 2



Pfeiffer 3

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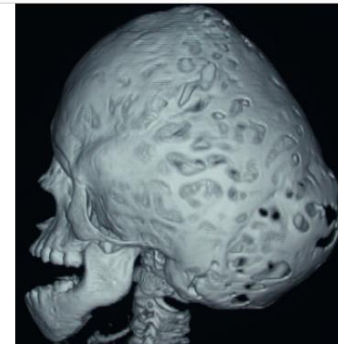
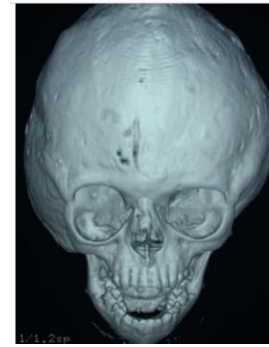
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→ Crouzon

→ Pfeiffer

→ Saethre Chotzen

→ Si ritrova intorno al 10% dei casi perché questa condizione prevede sinostosi coronali



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→ Crouzon

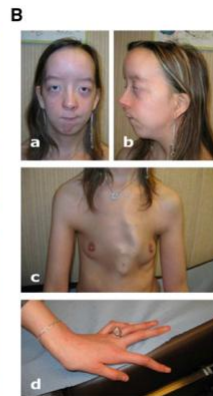
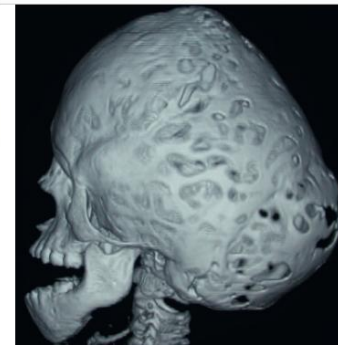
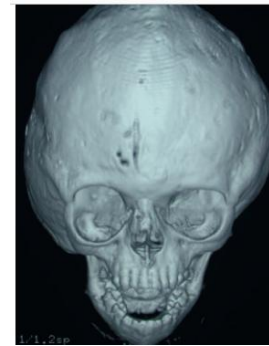
→ Pfeiffer

→ Saethre Chotzen

→ Shprintzen-Goldberg

→ Craniosinostosi, habitus marfanoide, DI e volto distintivo.

→ Causata da mutazioni nel gene SKI e fa parte delle TGF- β -opatie, un gruppo di patologie associate alla via di segnalazione del TGF- β .



Effects of TGF- β signaling

Epithelial and endothelial cells

- Phenotypic transitions
- Restricted proliferation
- Balanced differentiation
- Paracrine secretomes

Fibroblasts, bone, connective tissue cells

- Proliferation
- Activation
- ECM production
- Migration

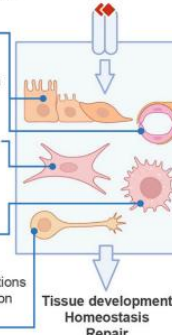
Innate and adaptive immune cells

- Restricted proliferation
- Restricted effector functions
- Inflammation suppression

Neural cells

- Migration
- Survival

TGF- β



Tissue development

Homeostasis

Repair

Diseases of TGF- β signaling

Developmental (connective, bone, cardiovascular tissues)

- Aortic aneurysms
- Craniofacial anomalies
- Skeletal deformities
- Brittle skin

Fibrosis (lung, liver, kidney)

- Excess ECM
- Chronic inflammation
- Epithelial injury
- Faulty repair

Cancer (gastrointestinal, breast, lung, and head & neck carcinomas, gliomas, others)

- Lost tumor suppression
- Immunosuppressive TME
- Intra-tumoral fibrosis
- EMT and dissemination
- Immune evasive dormancy
- Organotropic metastasis

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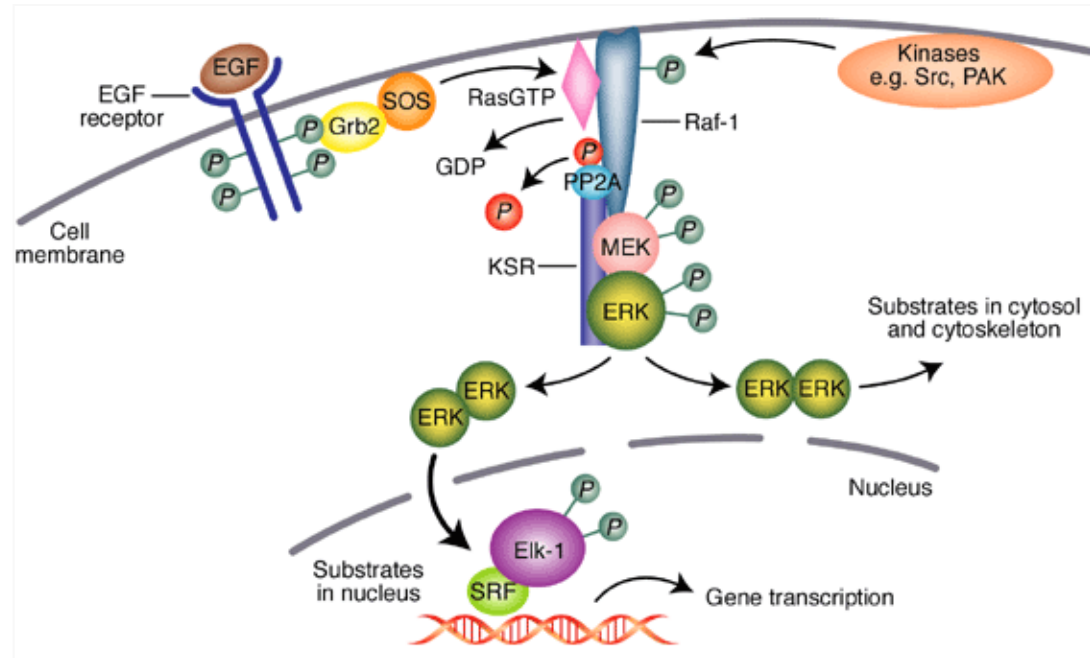
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RASopatie

RAS proteins are small GTP/GDP-binding GTPases, acting as molecular switches.

GTP binding, and the consequent RAS/MAPK pathway activation, stimulate a major intracellular network guiding diverse biological functions such as:

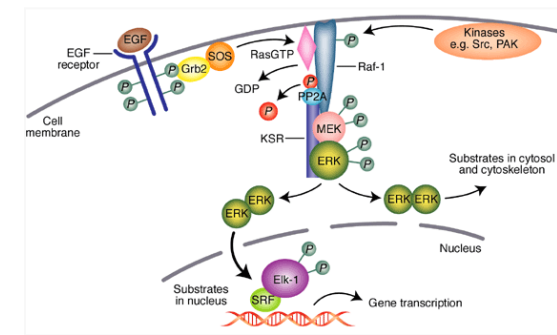
-  cell proliferation
-  migration
-  survival
-  cell fate determination
-  differentiation
-  senescence



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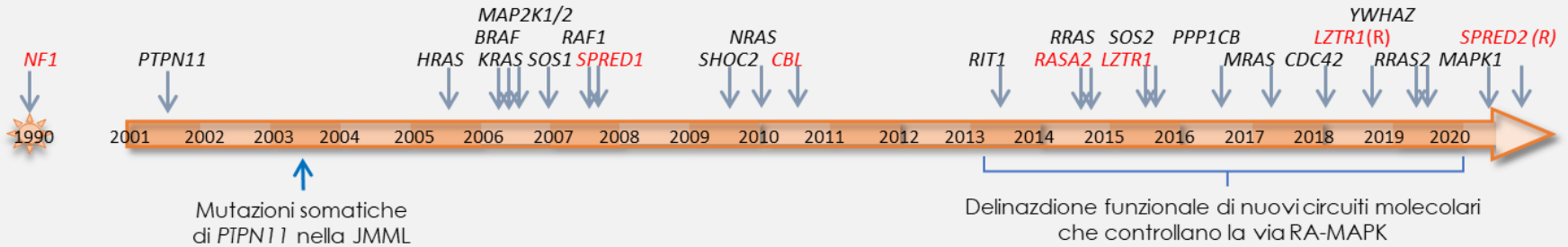
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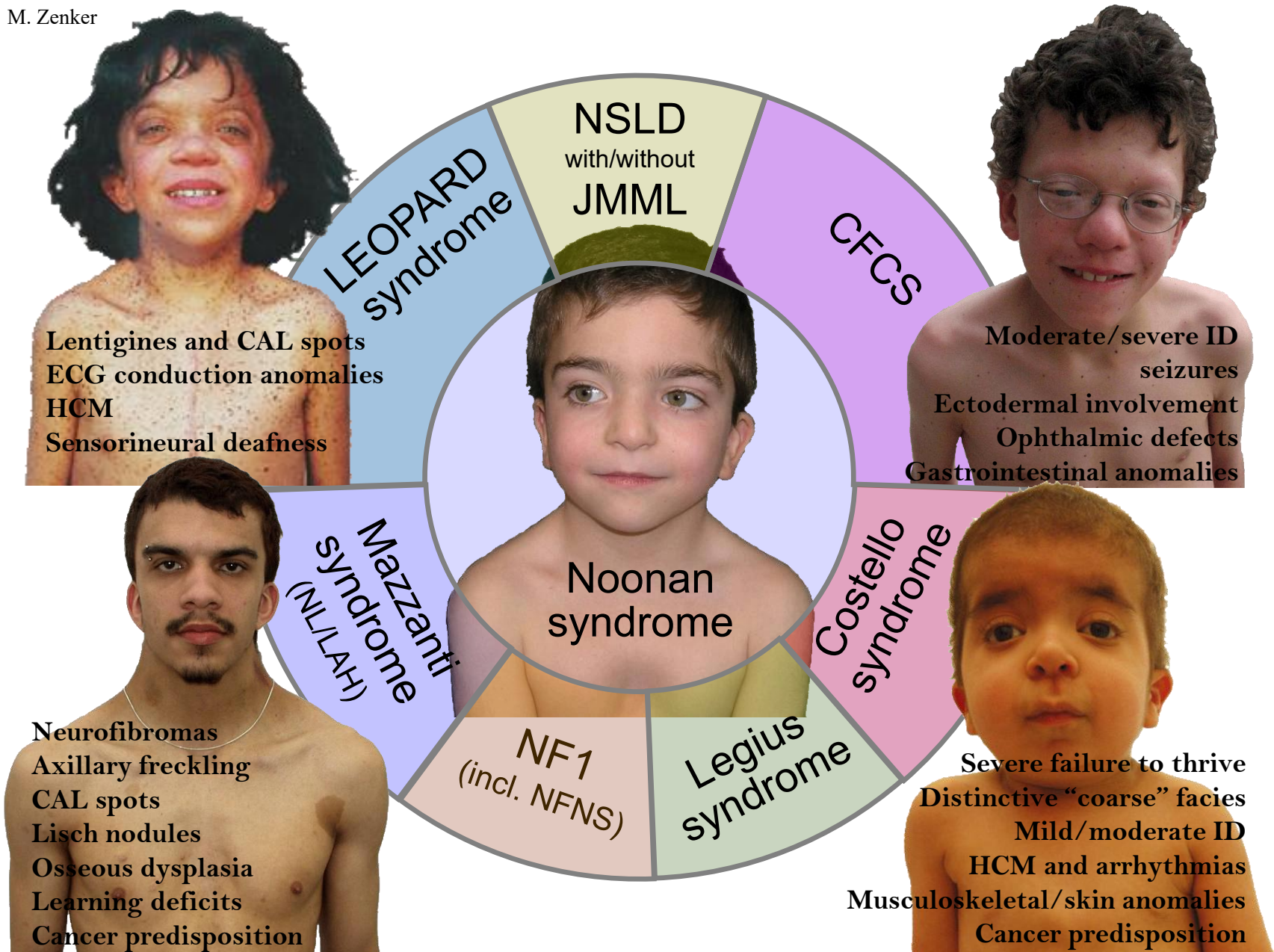


positional candidacy
(2001)

functional candidacy
(2005-2010)

sequenziamento genomico
(since 2013)





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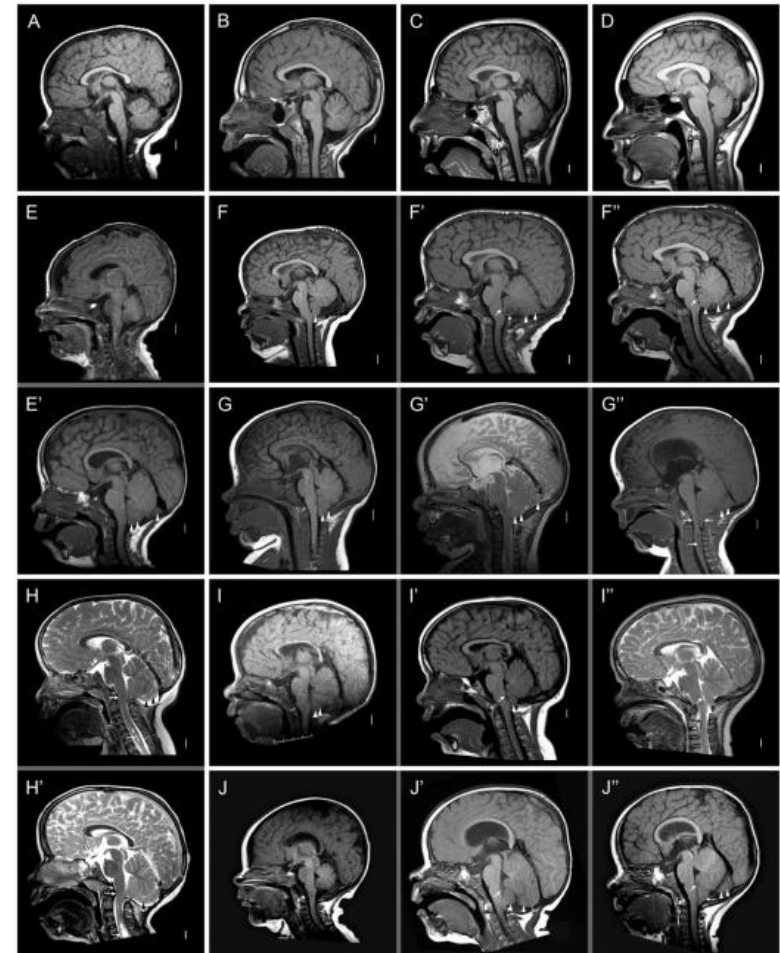
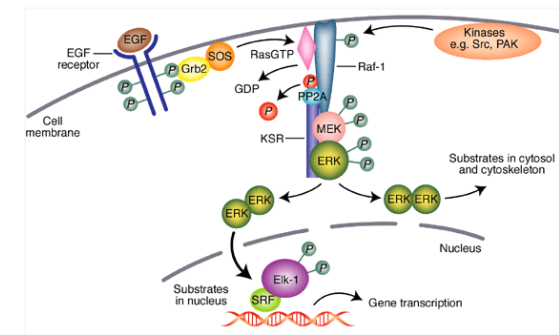
RASopatie

Chiari 1 nel 32% dei casi complessivi,
ma fino al 50% nei soggetti di età ≥ 16
anni

Siringomielia (25%)

Meccanismo patogenetico :
Crescita cerebellare postnatale
progressiva.

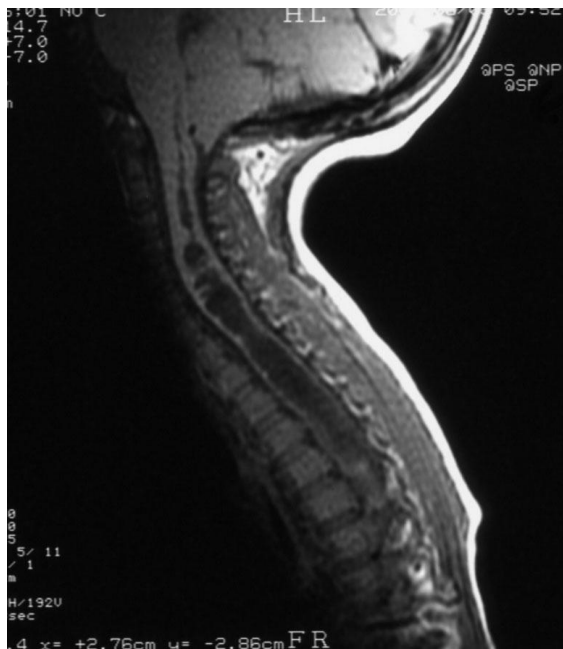
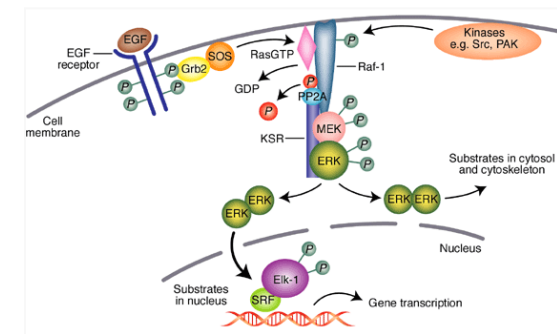
Aumento del numero di astrociti e del
volume cerebrale, con affollamento
progressivo della fossa posteriore.



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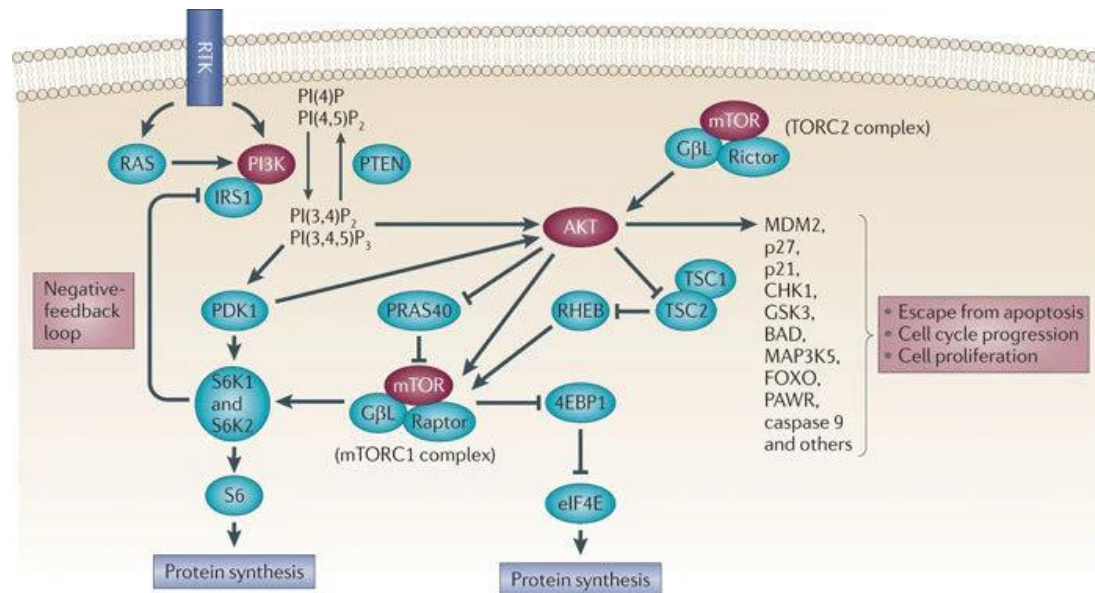


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PTEN-PI3K/AKT



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Mutazioni pathway PTEN-PI3K/AKT sono l'8,6% delle Chiari 1 sindromiche

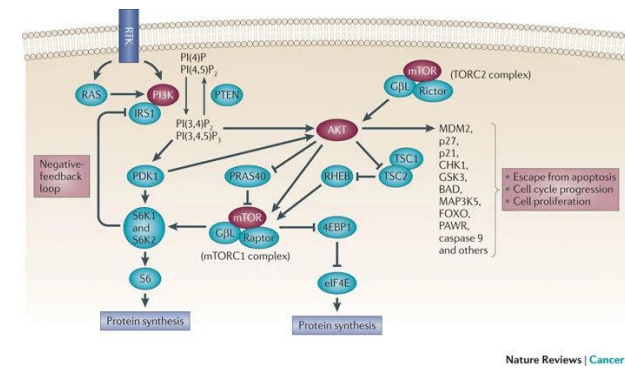
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L'overgrowth cerebrale con aumento significativo dei volumi cerebrali globali e regionali, mega-corpo calloso (75% dei casi), e alterazioni della sostanza bianca periventricolare (83%) determina incongruenza tra il volume del contenuto intracranico e la capacità della fossa cranica posteriore, favorendo l'erniazione tonsillare attraverso il forame magno.



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Displasie scheletriche

Anomalie della base cranica

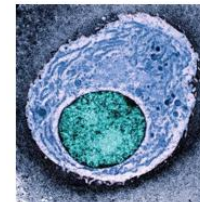
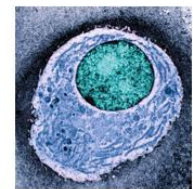
Anomale giunzione cranio-cervicale

Endocrine factors

Cartilage extracellular matrix

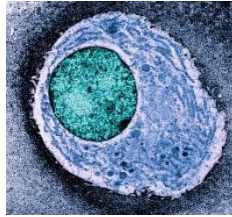
Paracrine factors

Intracellular pathways

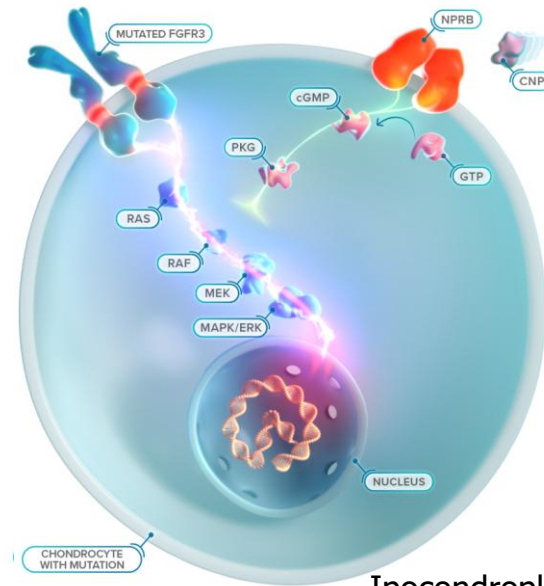
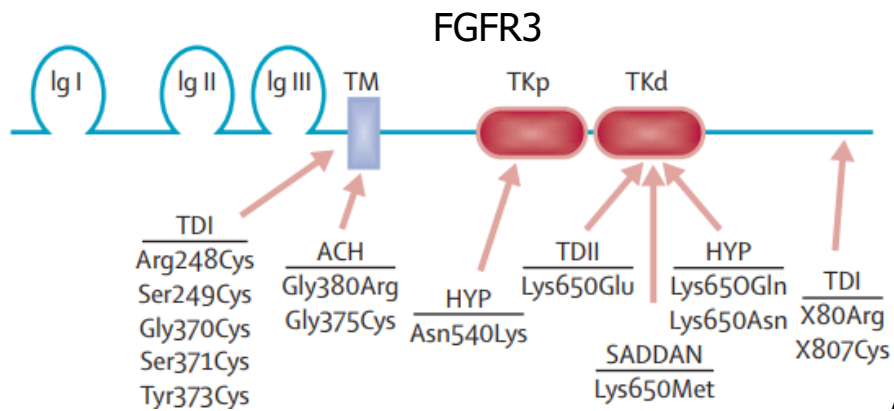


Paracrine factors

Short Disarmonic Stature



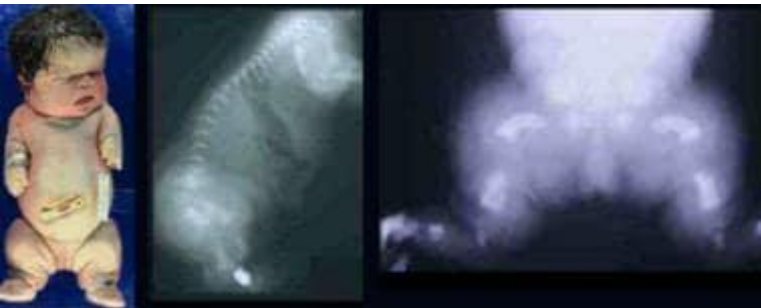
Fibroblast growth factor signalling



Acondroplasia

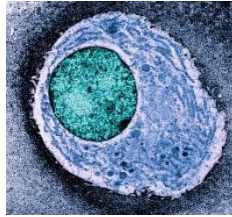
Ipocondroplasia

Displasia tanatofora



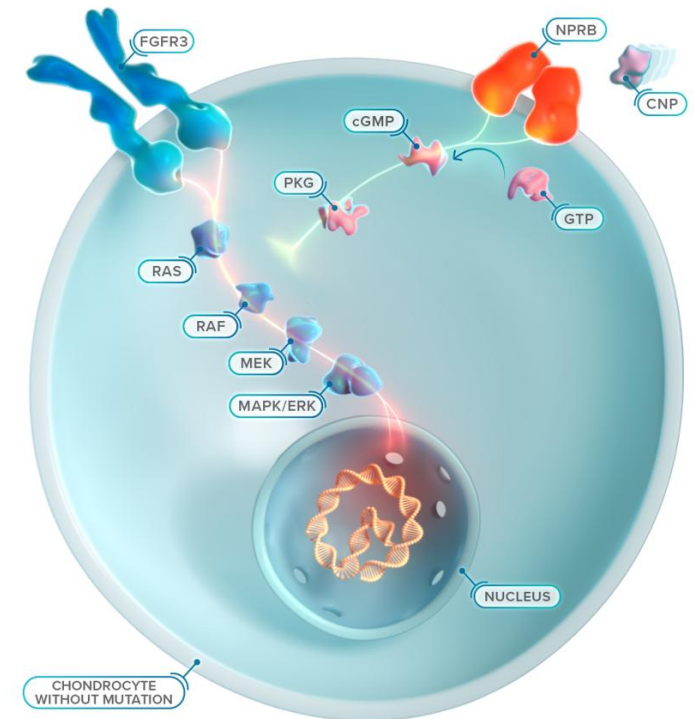
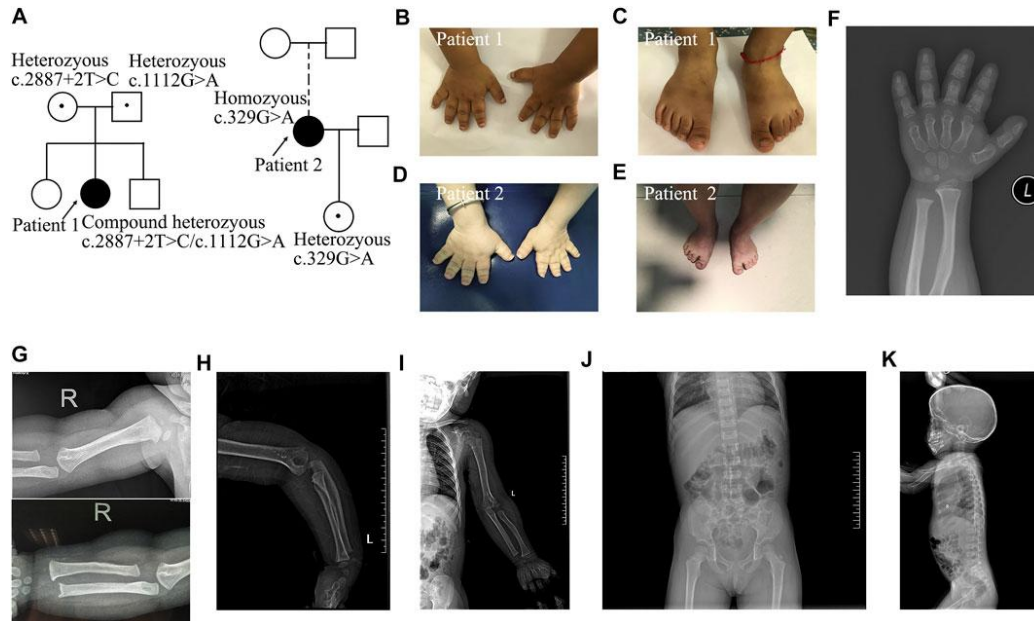
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Fibroblast growth factor signalling

CNP-NPR2 pathway

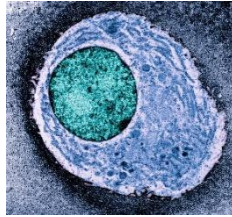


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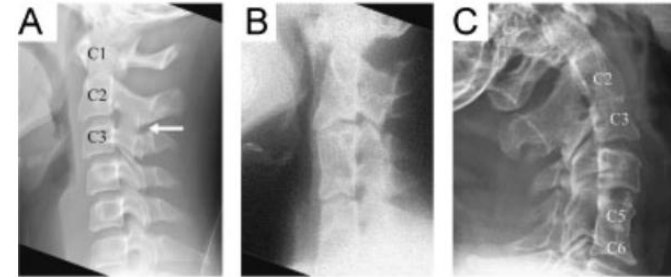
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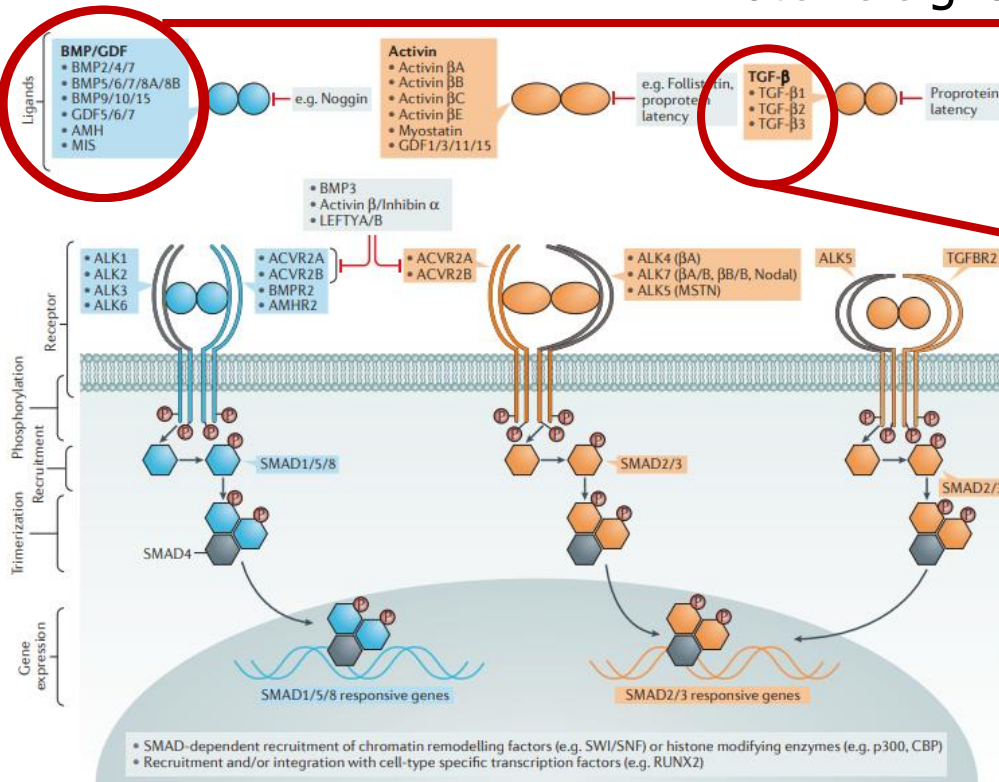
Fibroblast growth factor signalling

CNP-NPR2 pathway

Bone Morphogenetic Proteins signalling



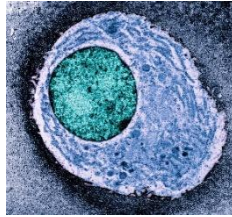
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Paracrine factors

Short disarmonic stature



Fibroblast growth factor signalling

CNP-NPR2 pathway

Bone Morphogenetic Protein signalling

WNT signalling

PTHrP-IHH pathway

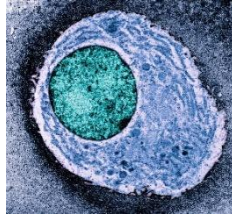


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Defects in cartilage extracellular matrix



Difetti Collagene II

Most severe (often lethal perinatally)

- Achondrogenesis type II
- Hypochondrogenesis
- Platyspondylic dysplasia, Torrance type

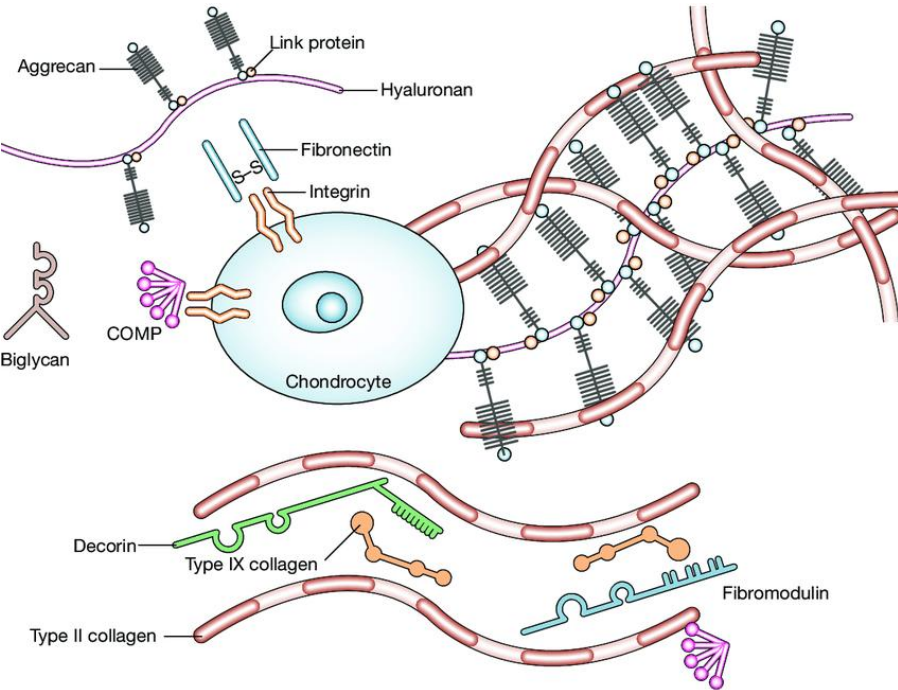
Severe/moderately severe (neonatal presentation)

- Kniest dysplasia
- Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenita (SEDC)
- Spondyloepimetaphyseal dysplasia (SEMD), Strudwick type

Intermediate (neonatal/childhood/adolescent presentation)

- Spondyloperiphyseal dysplasia
- Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia with metatarsal shortening
- Stickler syndrome type 1

Mild (adolescent/adult presentation). Mild spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia (SED) with premature arthrosis



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RASopatie

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Displasie scheletriche

Collagene

- Il 47% dei pazienti con CM1 presenta varianti in almeno uno dei quattro geni del collagene significativi (COL7A1, COL5A2, COL6A5, COL1A2), e il 26% presenta varianti nel gene COL6A5.
- I geni del collagene contribuiscono significativamente alla eziologia della CM1

I pazienti con disturbi ereditari del tessuto connettivo presentano caratteristiche cliniche distintive rispetto ai pazienti con CM1 isolata.

Prevalenza femminile (rapporto 8:1 rispetto a 3:1)

Maggiore incidenza di sintomi del tronco encefalico inferiore, formazione di panno retroodontoido e ipoplasia dell'orofaringe.

La presentazione clinica è complicata da instabilità craniocervicale, ipermobilità occipito-atlanto-assiale e "cranial settling" (abbassamento cranico).

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Collagene



s. Ehlers-Danlos

s. Stickler

s. Marfan

s. Loyes Dietz

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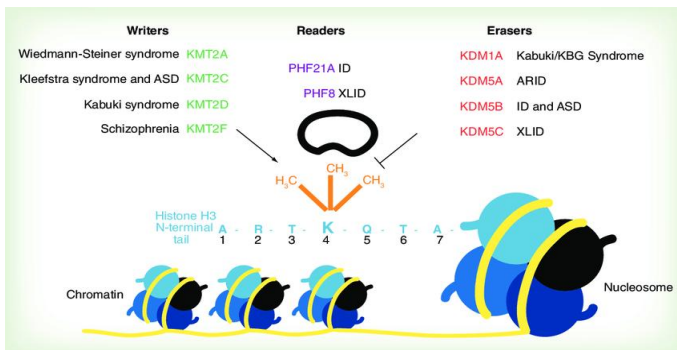
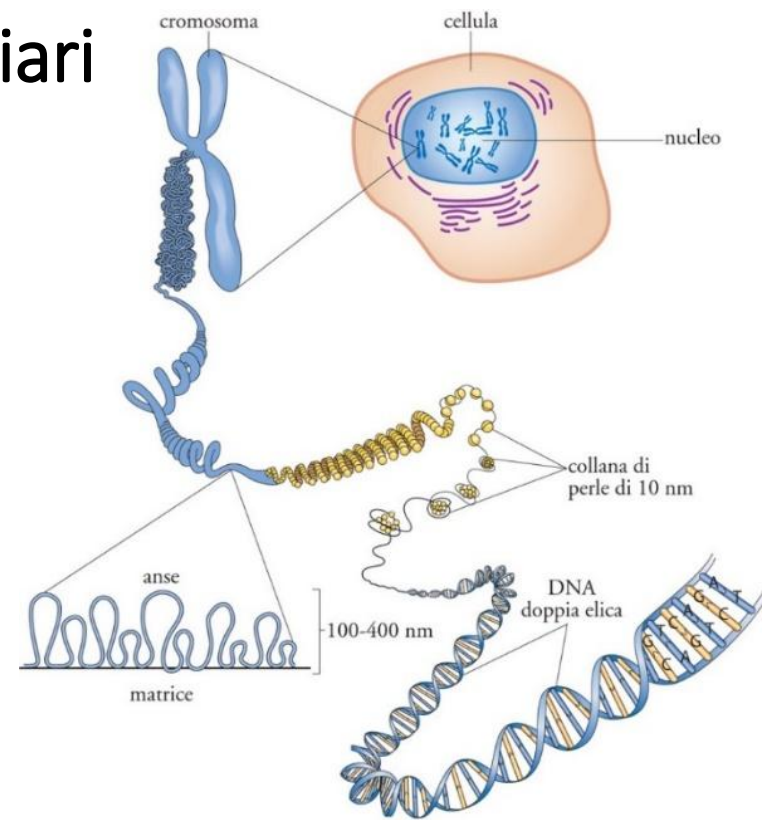
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Displasie scheletriche

Collagene

Cromatinopatie



S. KBG



S. Kabuki

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Displasie scheletriche

Collagene

Cromatinopatie

Cromosomopatie

Chromosomal rearrangements

del16p11.2

del2p15

dupXp22.31

del5q14.3 (MEF2C haploinsufficiency)

Potocki-Lupski syndrome

6/35

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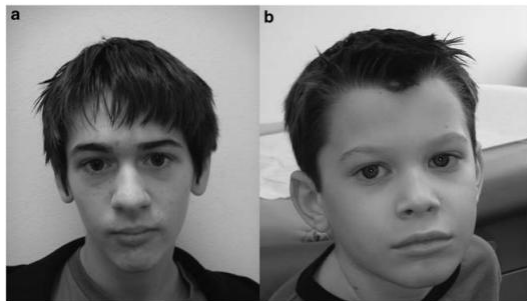
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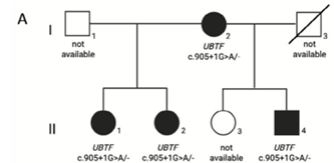
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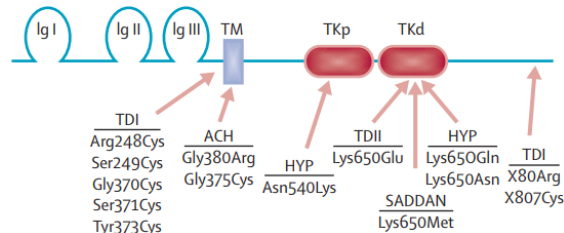


UBTF Haploinsufficiency-Related Disorder: Report of a New Case Series and Definition of the Facial Gestalt

Perché ?



Mutazioni dei geni FGFR



La scienza non conosce la categoria di FINE e di SENSO

«Noi sentiamo che, persino nell'ipotesi che tutte le possibili domande scientifiche abbiano avuto risposta, i nostri problemi vitali non sono ancora neppure sfiorati»

L. Wittgenstein

Salmo 139 , 13-16

*Sei tu che hai creato le mie viscere
mi hai tessuto nel grembo di mia
madre,*

*Ti lodo, perché mi hai fatto come un
prodigio, sono stupende le tue opere,
Tu mi conosci fino in fondo.*

*Non ti erano nascoste le mie ossa
quando venivo formato nel segreto
intessuto nelle profondità della terra.
Ancora embrione mi hanno visto i tuoi
occhi e tutto era scritto nel tuo libro*

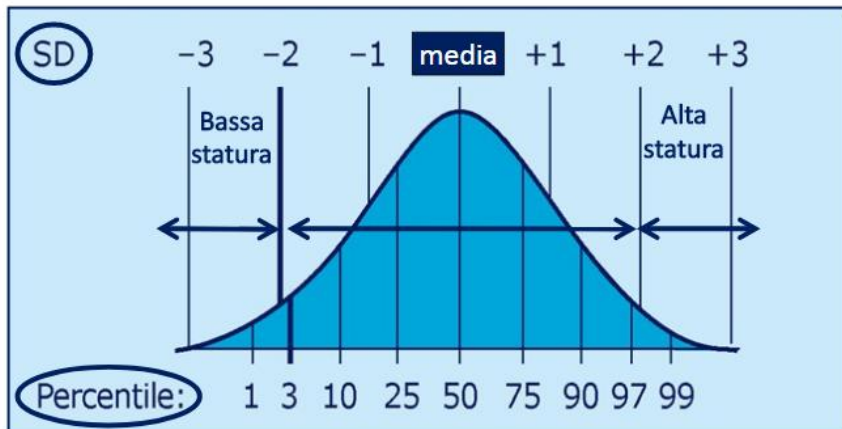


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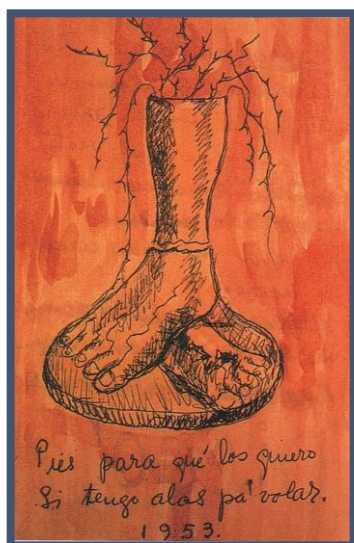
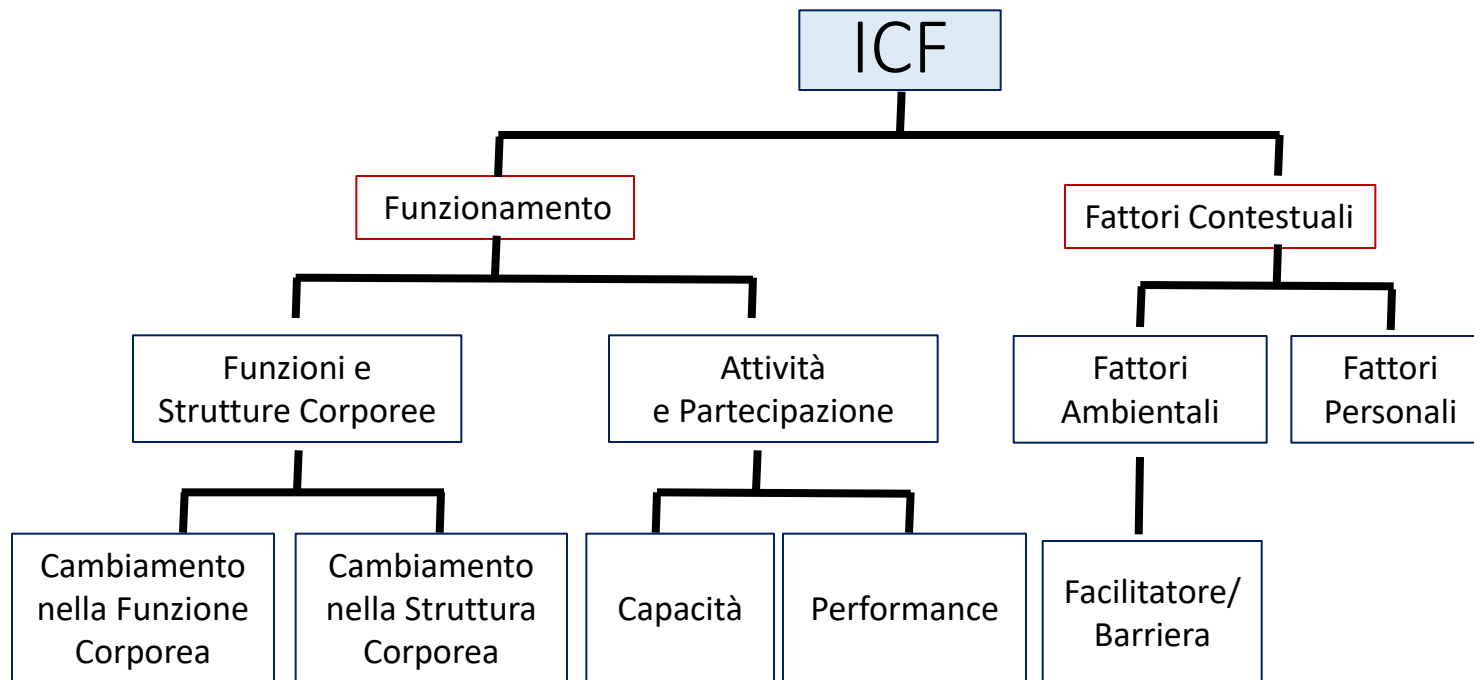
Allah che vi plasma come vuole negli uteri

Perché ?

Passando vide un uomo cieco dalla nascita e i suoi discepoli lo interrogarono: «Rabbì, chi ha peccato, lui o i suoi genitori, perché egli nascesse cieco?».



«Non è vero che le eccezioni confermano la regola; non è vero che distruggono ogni regola. E' vero che la regola è data da tutto ciò che avviene: casi normali ed eccezionali».
Vito Mancuso – Etica dei giorni difficili

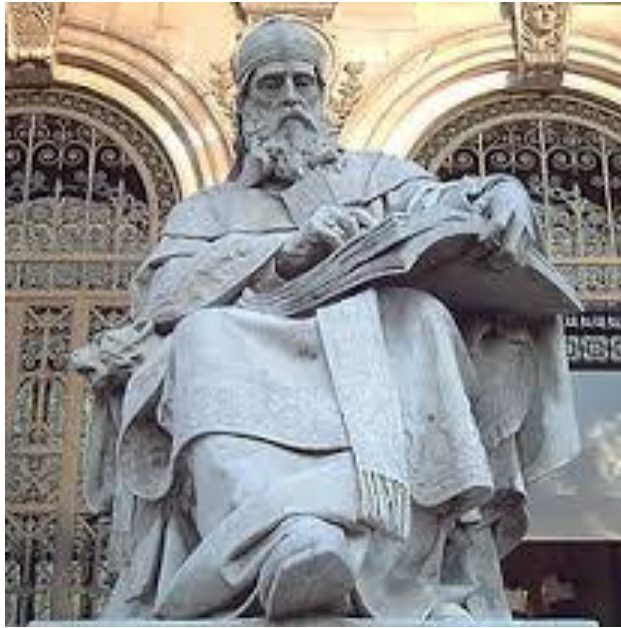


Definizione:

I **fattori ambientali** costituiscono gli **atteggiamenti** l'ambiente fisico e sociale in cui le persone vivono e conducono la loro esistenza.
di vita.

Le **limitazioni dell'attività** sono le difficoltà che un individuo può incontrare nello svolgere delle attività.

Le **restrizioni alla partecipazione** sono i problemi che un individuo può sperimentare nel coinvolgimento nelle situazioni di vita.



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Stato motivazionale positivo basato su senso di energia positivo diretto verso il raggiungimento di un obiettivo

The Power of Hope

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS TRADITIONALLY A TIME FOR HOPEfulness as the new year begins. With the promise of a new administration in Washington, there is a renewed sense of optimism for health care reform and hope for better health care for all in the United States. In this Editorial, we start today by reflecting on the essence of personal health care that is based on the depth of the relationship between patient and physician so eloquently described

Often a patient comes to a physician with a sense of disquiet and dis-ease, not knowing what to expect but hoping to be restored, while fearing the worst. Anxiety is distracting to a patient and makes it difficult for him or her to listen to what a physician has said or is saying. Worse still is despair, when a patient gives up hope completely and shuts down emotionally. How can a physician reassure a patient who is so distressed and ensure that the patient leaves with the expectation that something can be done and is hopeful about his or her condition? To illustrate the importance of this reassurance, Engel¹¹ described the course of a patient in an emergency department who had a first myocardial in-

Non si può vivere senza speranza e non si può sperare senza orientare la propria vita secondo un progetto di pienezza. La speranza è propriamente una virtù, ovvero una disposizione dell'animo che serve ad aiutare gli altri a trovare il senso della vita anche nelle situazioni estreme. La speranza può cambiare il corso di una malattia, aiutando il paziente a vincerla, poiché può essere considerata un catalizzatore della guarigione.



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..... La nostra attitudine si***

