

## OSTETRICIA e GINECOLOGIA 2017

### “RICONOSCERE I RISCHI ASSOCIATI ALL’OBESITA”



Ferrara 19 maggio 2017



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Menopausa e B.M.I. stima del rischio e  
prevenzione. Ruolo della MHT.  
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**Overweight: BMI = 25-29.9 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

**Obesity: BMI  $\geq$  30 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>**



**World-wide, the prevalence of obesity has more than **doubled since 1980****

**In 2008, 1.5 billion adults were overweight: including both developed and developing countries.**

**Of these, more 200 million men and nearly 300 million women are obese** 

**The Healthy Survey for England 2011 showed that:**

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**Overweight/Obesity is a major risk factor for:**

**Diabetes, hypertension, cardio and cerebro-vascular pathologies, endometrial/breast/colon cancer, urinary incontinence, osteoarthritis.**

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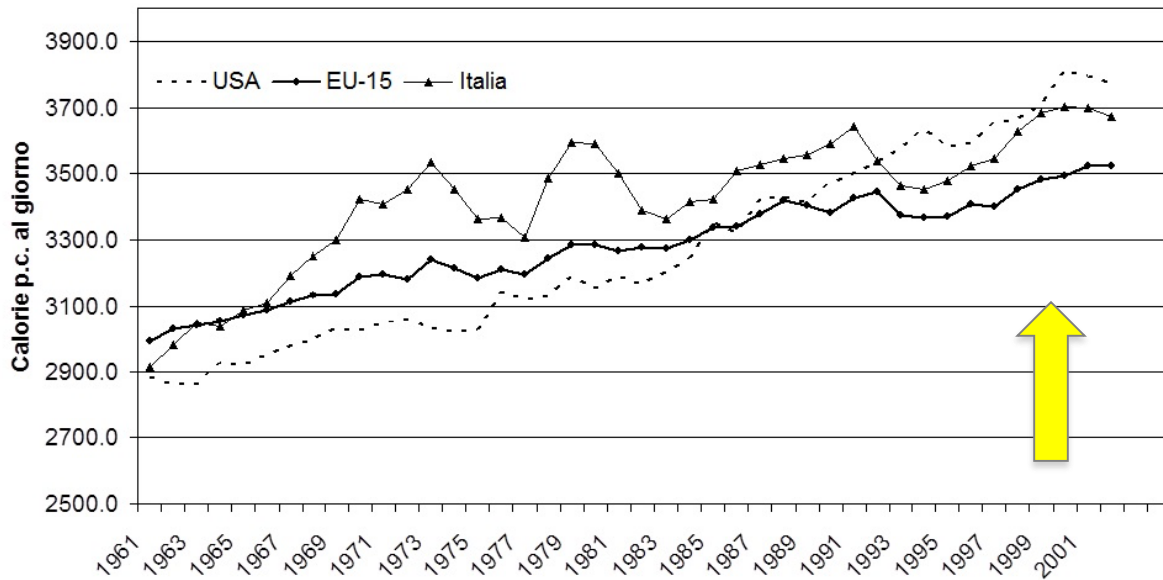


↻ **Aspecific Factors** ↻

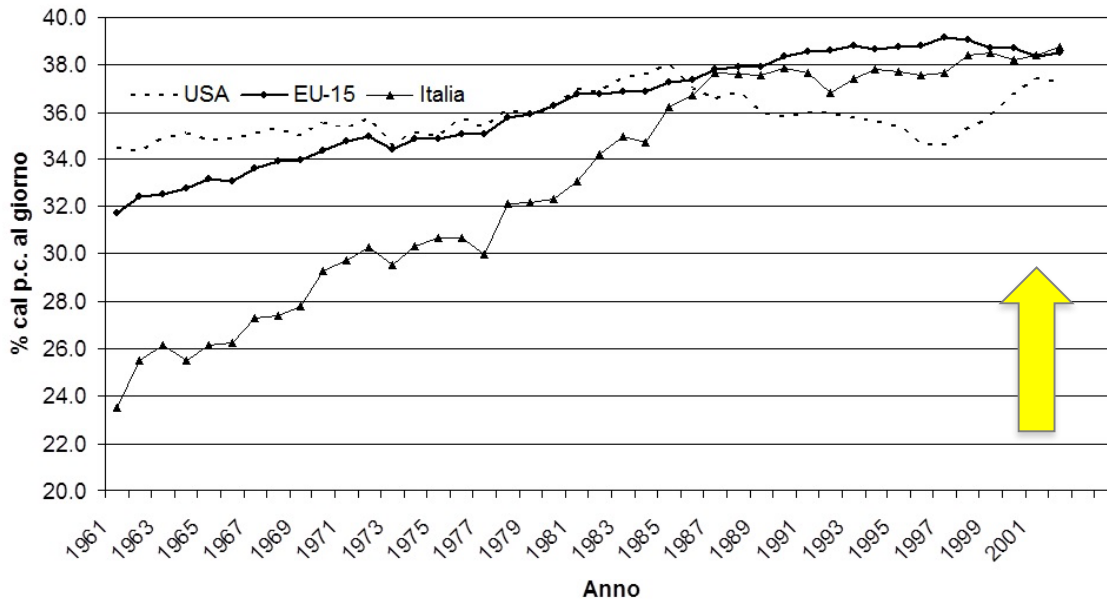
↻ **Age Related** ↻

↻ **Menopausal Related** ↻

Calorie totali



% calorie da grassi



## Aspecific Factors



Attenti alle calorie vuote...

	<b>Formaggio</b> (esempio 50 grammi di stracchino a fine pasto)	<b>150</b>
	<b>Bibite gassate zuccherate</b> (esempio cola da 330 ml)	<b>129</b>
	<b>Birra</b> (esempio una birra da 330 ml a 4.5 gradi alcolici)	<b>100</b>
	<b>Biscotti farciti</b> (esempio due biscotti da 20 grammi)	<b>100</b>
	<b>Olio</b> (esempio un cucchiaino da 10 grammi)	<b>90</b>
	<b>Vino</b> (esempio un bicchiere da 125 ml a 12 gradi alcolici)	<b>84</b>
	<b>Dolci</b> (esempio un cioccolatino da 15 grammi)	<b>80</b>
	<b>Snack</b> (esempio 5 salatini da 16 grammi)	<b>79</b>
	<b>Arachidi</b> (esempio una porzione da 10 grammi)	<b>60</b>
	<b>Zucchero</b> (esempio due cucchiaini per 10 grammi)	<b>39</b>



**Weight Gain is one of the major health concern among mid-life women**  
It is age-related and is influenced by demographic, social and behavioural factors. Furthermore, it is associated with poorer education and urbanization. Finally, high parity, family history of obesity, and marriage at earlier age may negatively influence the weight gain in perimenopause.

**Age Related**



**Obese phenotype (16% of women)**

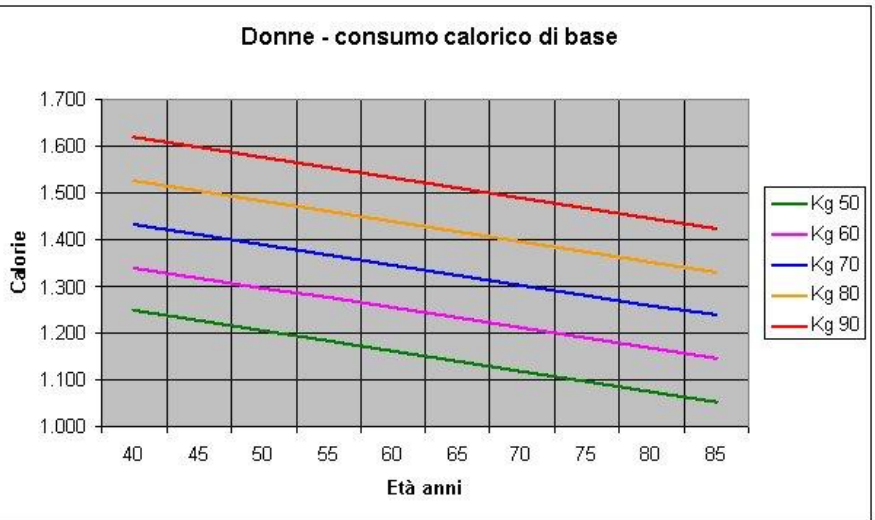
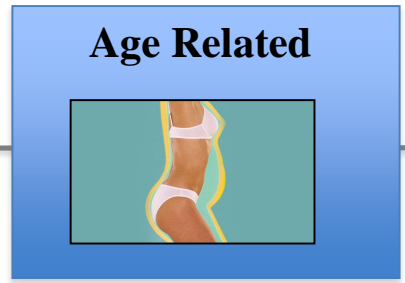
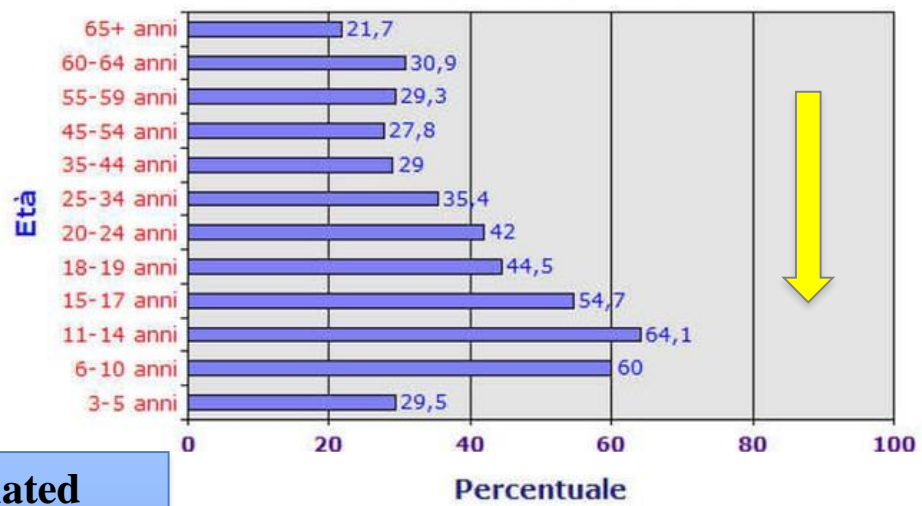
**SWAN 1 (age 45-55 years):**  
Body weight increase in 3 years= 2.5 Kg

**SWAN 2:**  
6 years period around menopause= 6% increase of waist circumference, 10% increase in fat mass, 1% decrease of skeletal mass mass

**Healthy Women's Study:**  
Weight gain= 0.7 Kg/yr during the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> decades of life



PERSONE CHE PRATICANO SPORT IN ITALIA (Dati 2001)  
Fonte: Ministero della Salute




Fat oxidation, Free Energy Expenditure, Activity Energy Expenditure and Sleeping Expenditure **decline over the time in mid-life**

**The decline is 1.5 times greater in post-menopause**

**If there is no equivalent increase in Energy Intake, the BMI increase is inevitable**

**SEX AND MENOPAUSE**


**A NEW PHASE**  
Menopause marks the beginning of a new stage in a woman's life.



**THE HORMONAL** change that women experience around the age of 45 to 55 can disrupt their sex life considerably. Menopausal symptoms such as lack of sleep, anxiety, depression, and a dry vagina can all contribute to the loss of sexual desire. Many menopausal women can benefit sexually from hormone replacement therapy (HRT), since restoring levels of the hormone **estrogen** helps prevent degeneration of vaginal tissue and improves vaginal lubrication. Once hormonal balance is reestablished after menopause, women may find their sex lives improve because they no longer have to worry about contraception.

HRT

**Frequency and Sexual Pleasure**




**Age Related**



**The perimenopause/postmenopause are associated with a higher vulnerability to anxiety and depression**

**Menopausal Depression affects one's ability to consistently attain dietary goals. Thus significantly increase emotional eating and binge eating scores**  
Barbee KG J Holist Nurs 2015

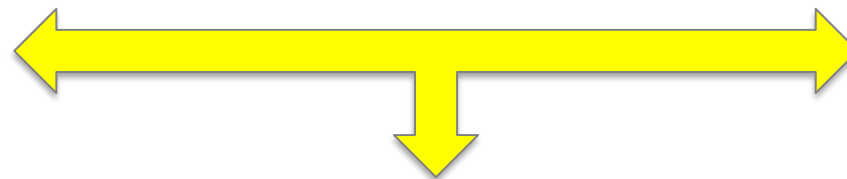
**Antidepressants drugs** (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors; serotonin/norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors; clozapine, imipramine, amitryptiline) are associated with weight gain and negative metabolic consequences (increased cellular cholesterol and fatty acid biosynthesis).

**Organic Factors**

The fall of estrogens and androgens may adversely affect the desire and the sexual response; atrophy of the vaginal epithelium and obliteration of the fornix and the vaginal folds lead to the shortening of the vagina. **Organic factors in the partner.**

**Psycho-Cultural Factors**

The **cessation of menstruation and the loss of fertility** have been perceived by women as a **definitive sign of aging**. **Empty Nest Syndrome**. Therefore, sex, that is perceived as a "juvenile" activity must be avoided.



**Disruption of circadian rhythms and timing of food intake (as seen with shift work and sleep deprivation) with skipping breakfast, increased daily frequency snacking, irregular meals, consumption of fast food and take-away food, consumption of large portion of food and eating until full**

## Popolazione di 65 anni e più



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21,7%  
rispetto a popolazione totale



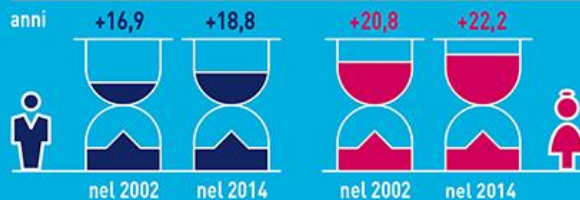
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32,6%  
rispetto a popolazione totale



## Speranza di vita a 65 anni



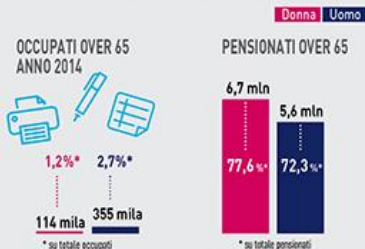
# #over65

## Stato civile

Donne e uomini over 65 per stato civile, valori percentuali all' 1.1.2015



## Lavoro e pensione



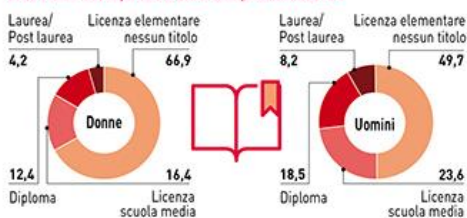
## Stili di vita e salute

Persone di 65-74 anni, valori percentuali anno 2014



## Istruzione

Donne e uomini over 65 per titolo di studio, valori percentuali anno 2014



## REDDITO PENSIONISTICO ANNUO LORDO OVER 65 ANNO 2013



## INDICE DI DIPENDENZA DEGLI ANZIANI



## Consumi culturali

Persone di 65-74 anni, valori percentuali anno 2014



## Differenze nei consumi fra under 35 e over 65





# Weight Gain is one of the major health concern among mid-life women particularly during the menopausal transition

The **Menopausal Transition** begins at age 47 and takes about 4 yrs.

*Recommendations of Stages of Reproductive Aging Workshop (STRAW), Park City, Utah USA, July 2001*

*Reprinted with permission from the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (Fertility and Sterility, 2001, Vol. 76, No. 5, page 875)<sup>1</sup>*

							Final Menstrual Period (FMP) ~ 51 yrs	
Stages:	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
Terminology:	Reproductive			Menopausal Transition		Postmenopause		
	Early	Peak	Late	Early	Late*	Early*	Late	
	//////			Perimenopause				
Duration of Stage:	variable			variable		a 1 yr	b 4 yrs	until demise
Menstrual Cycles:	variable to regular	regular		variable cycle length (>7 days different from normal)	≥2 skipped cycles and an interval of amenorrhea (≥60 days)	Amen x 12 mos	none	
Endocrine:	normal FSH			↑ FSH		↑ FSH		↑ FSH

\*Stages most likely to be characterized by vasomotor symptoms      ↑ = elevated



> 1.5 billion

## In 2030

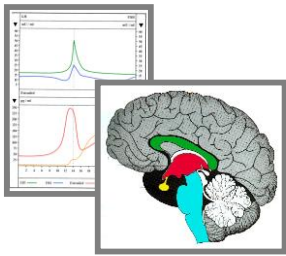


> 20% of female population



12.5 / 60 millions

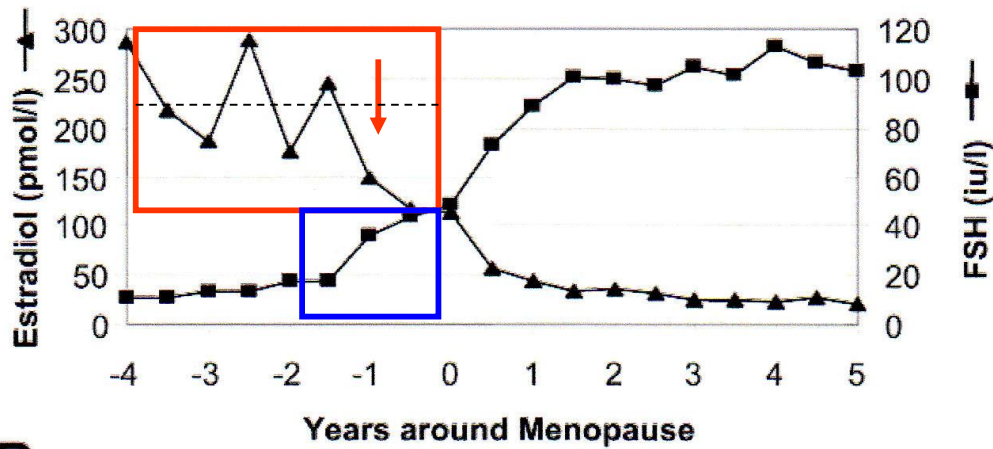
Menopausal Related



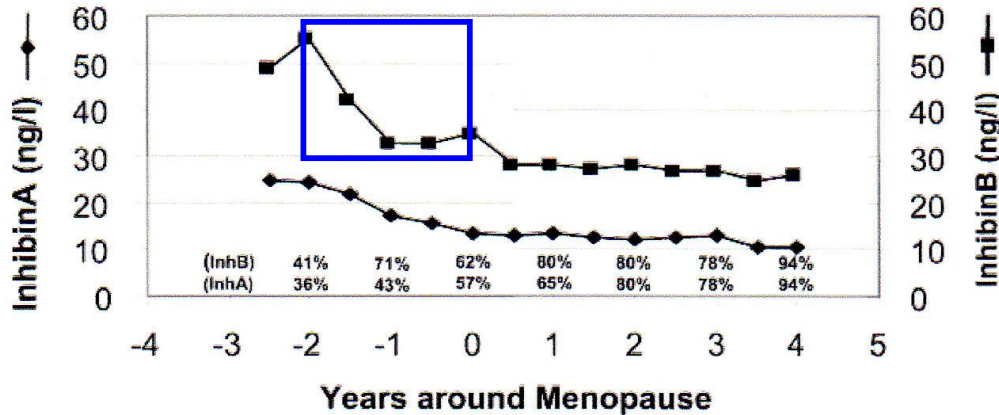
# Menopausal Transition

$E_2$  levels result elevated, in perimenopausal women, also in the premenstrual portion of the cycle

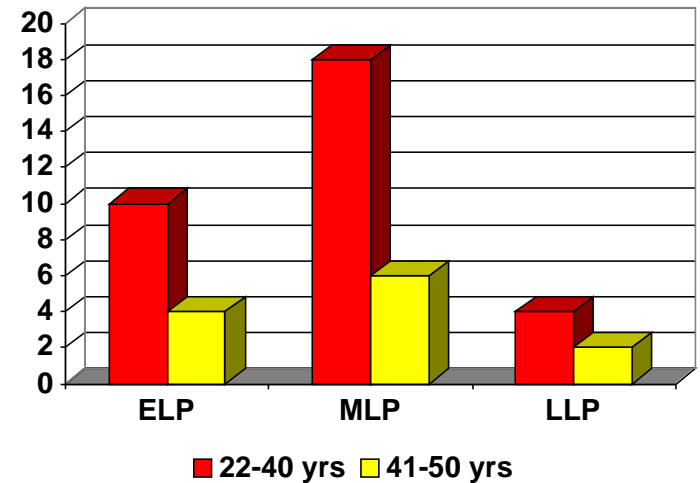
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**B**

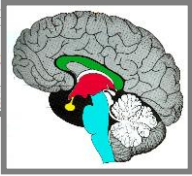
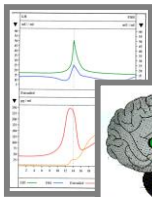


Progesterone (ng/ml)



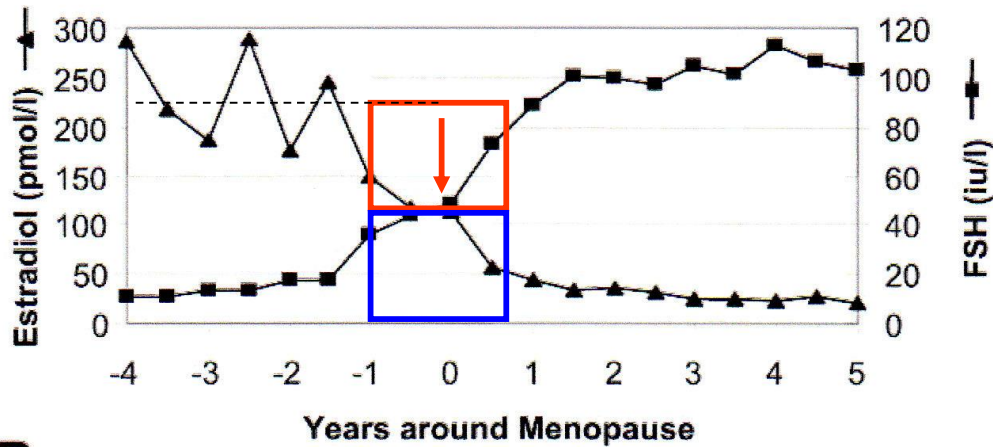
The loss of the luteal phase increase is associated with the **reduction of Energy Expenditure**

The fall in INH-B reflects the attainment of a critically low number of ovarian follicles

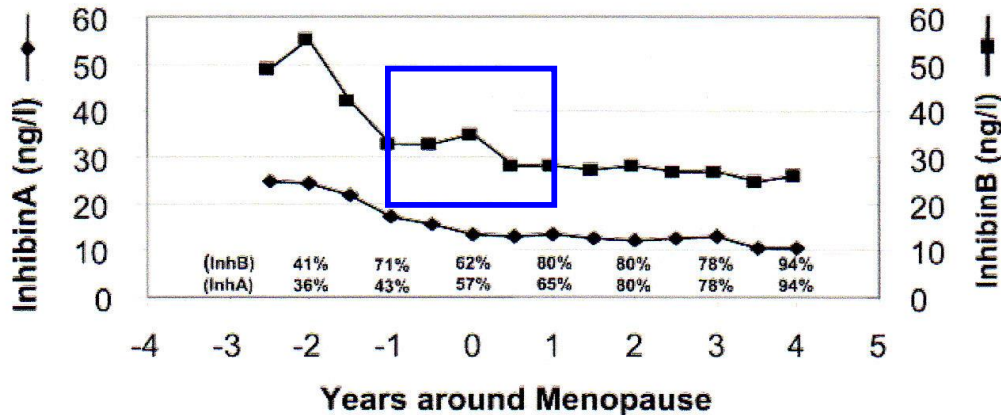


# Menopausal Transition

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**B**

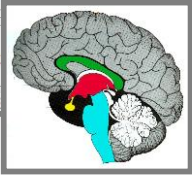
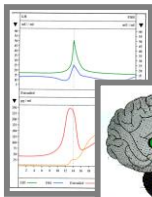


Due to the loss of negative feedback from Inhibin, **serum FSH increases from pre- to post-menopause**

While FSH receptors were originally thought to be restricted to the gonads, **FSH receptors were found in visceral fat**

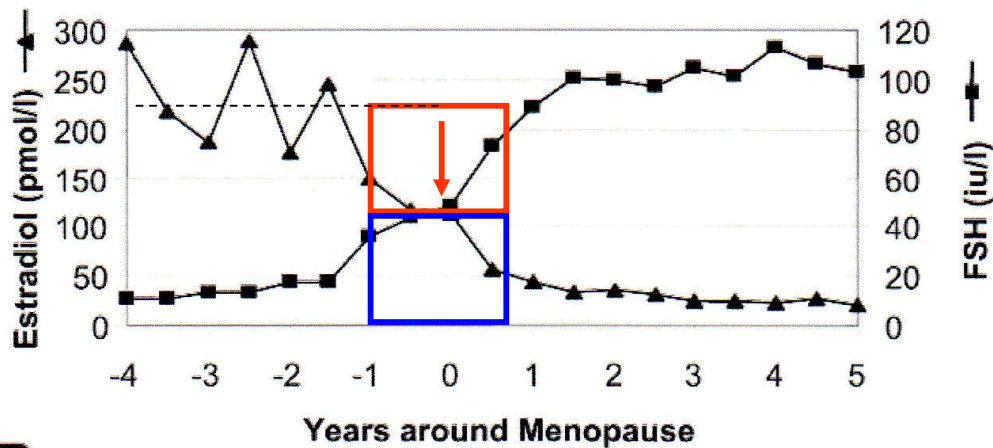
In vitro administration of FSH in mice resulted in redistribution of visceral fat mass, and **increase in adipocytes lipid droplets and adipocytes lipid synthesis**

In addition, FSH may **increase serum levels of C-reactive protein and tissue plasminogen activator favoring an adverse inflammatory profile**

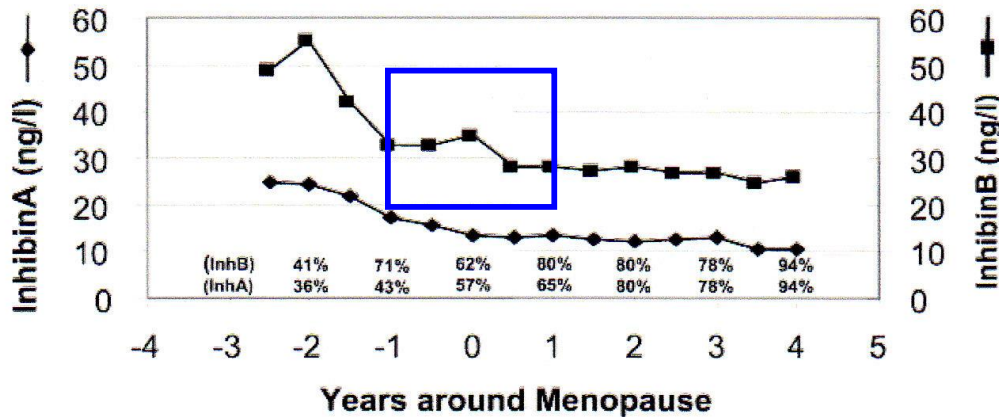


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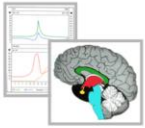
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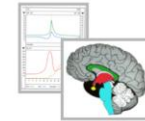
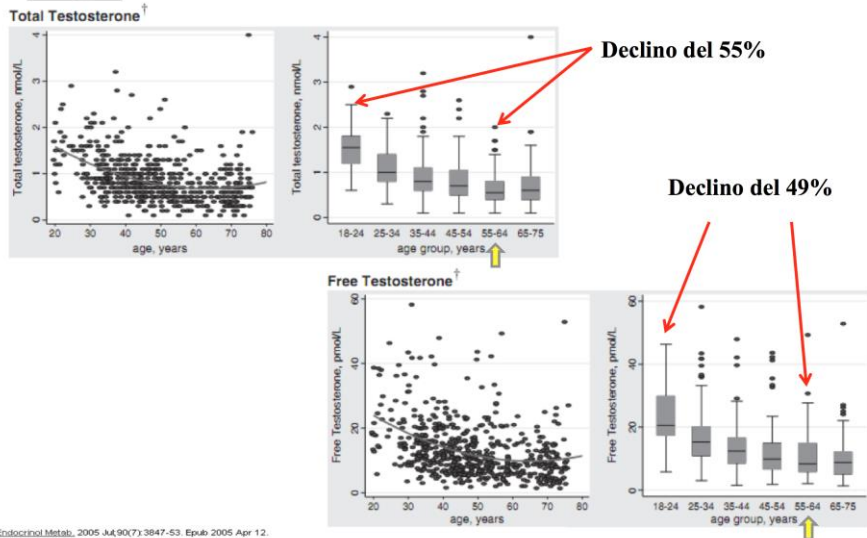
The increase of visceral fat tissue is correlated with low  $E_2$ . These changes have been related with the changes of adipose tissue metabolism.

In the reproductive phase Estradiol increase adipose lipoprotein lipase activity favouring lipolysis. It may be due to an induction of lipolytic enzyme hormone-sensitive lipase or to an increased lipolytic effect of epinephrine.

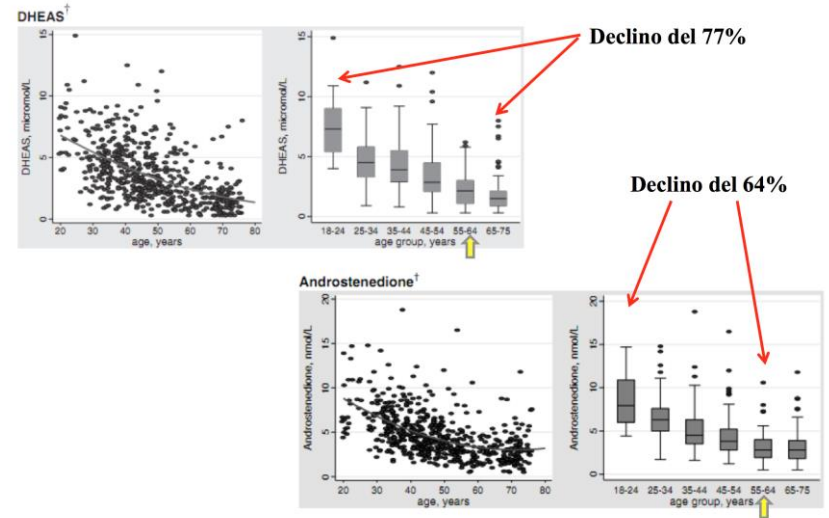
The estrogens attenuate the lipolytic response through up-regulation of the antilipolytic  $\alpha$ -2-adrenergic receptors only in subcutaneous and not visceral fat depot. The effect disappears after menopause.



## Changes in the androgen levels during age



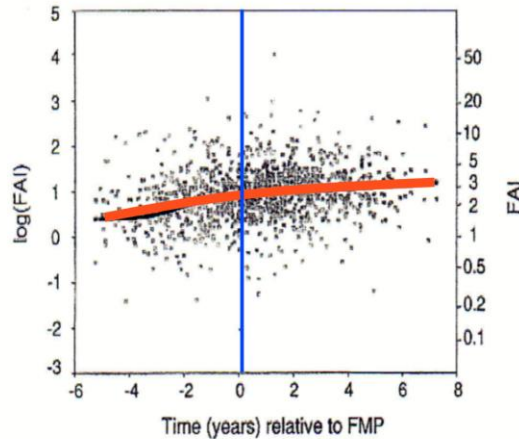
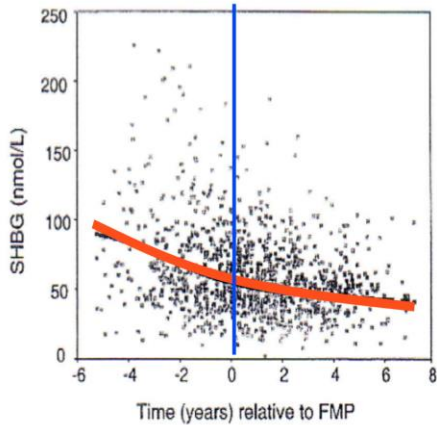
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J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2005; 94(9):3847-53. Epub 2005 Apr 12.

**Androgen levels in adult females: changes with age, menopause, and oophorectomy.**

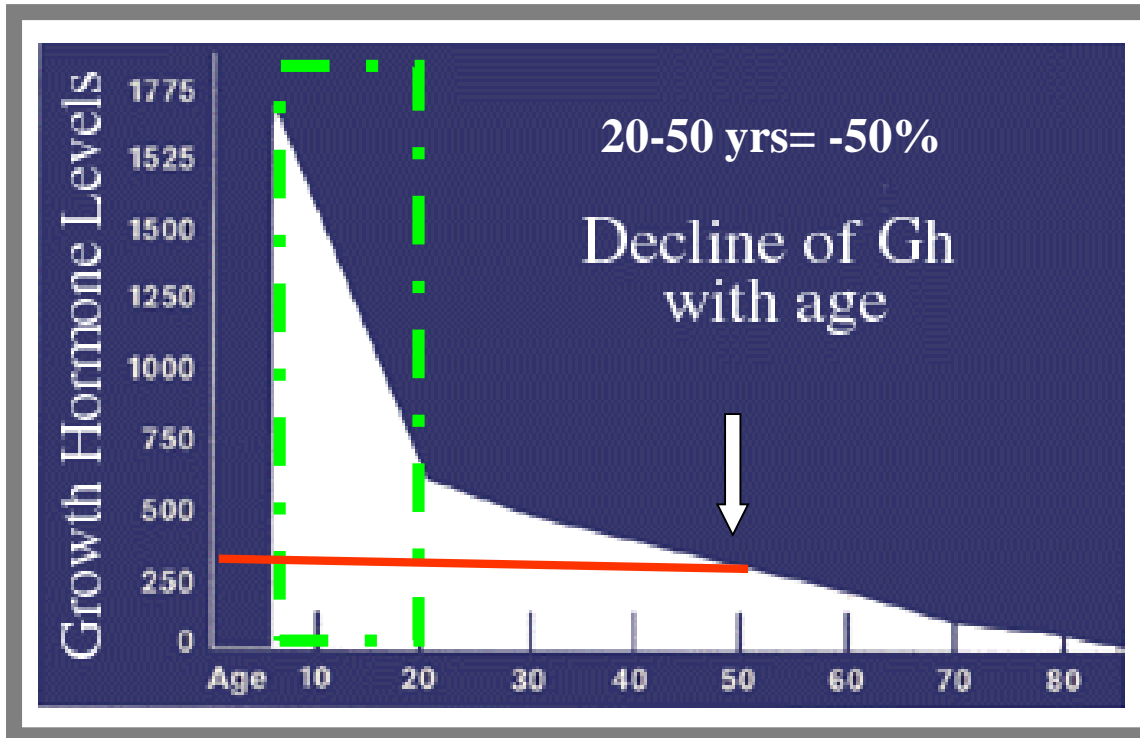
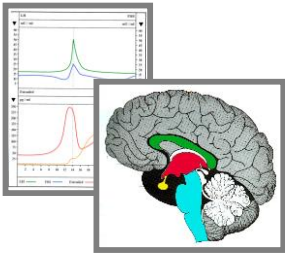
Carson SL, Bell R, Donath S, Montalto JO, Davis SR



The possible **insurgence** of **large increase of Visceral Fat** (often associated with **hirsutism** and **alopecia**) may be related to the **increased FAI**

# GH and Age

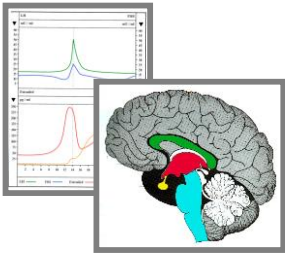
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The **anabolic effect of GH** can **directly** result in stimulated muscle development and strenght, a loss of fat, and an increase in bone mass

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# GH and Age

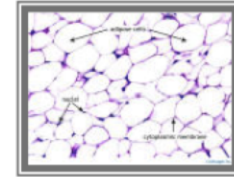


**GH** → **IGF-1**

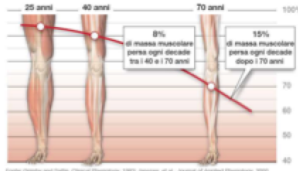
• **Stimola crescita muscolare e scheletrica**

• **Regola lipolisi**

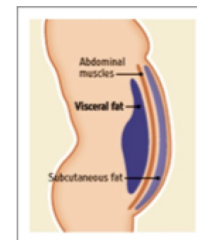
• **Promuove uptake di aminoacidi**



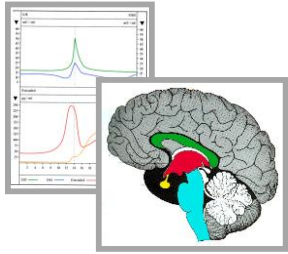
**GH reduction = 20-50% decrease in muscle mass**



**and Increase of body fat**

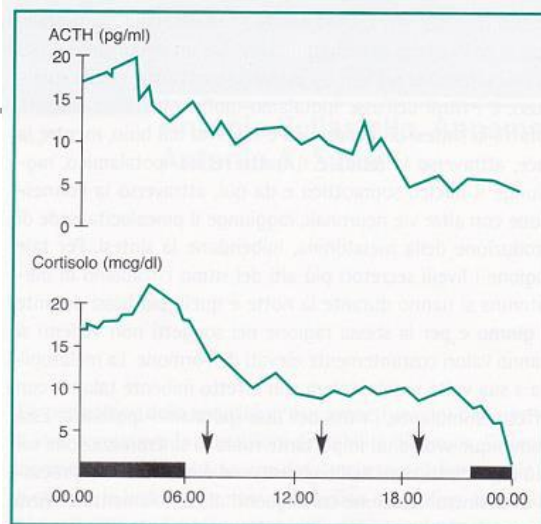
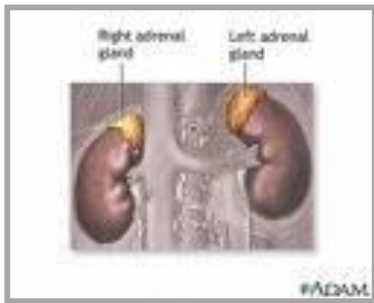


# Adrenal gland and Age

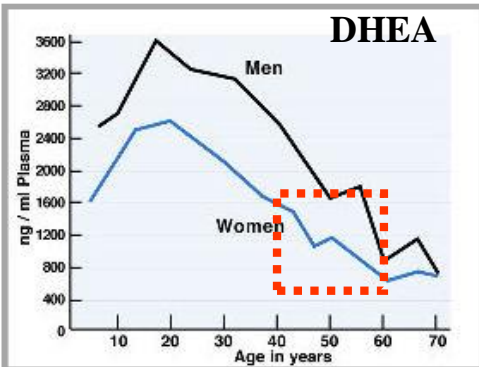
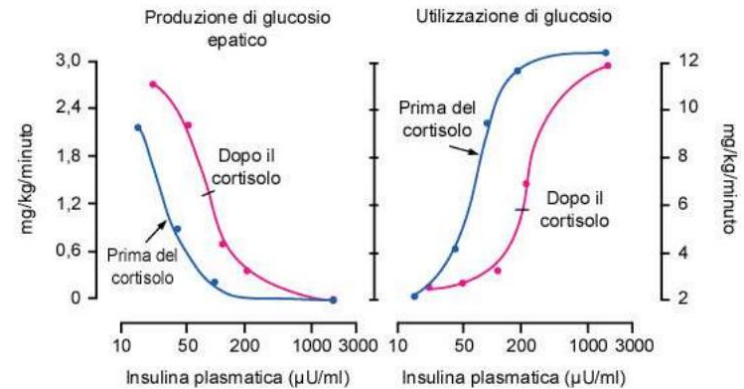


**ACTH and Cortisol** *unchange until advanced age.* Then, because a **higher nocturnal rhythmicity**, there is a progressive **increase of Central Fat Deposition, sleep disturbance and hypertension.**

The same amount of ACTH elicits a greater response of cortisol and a less response of DHEA and DHEA-S secretion

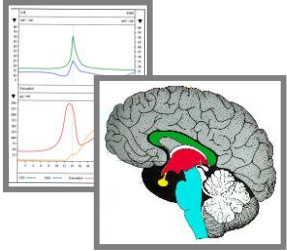


**Figura 1** Ritmo circadiano dell'ACTH e del cortisolo plasmatici. Le frecce indicano l'orario dei pasti, la banda nera il periodo di sonno. L'ora 00.00 corrisponde alle ore 24.00.



**DHEA:** decreases the number and volume of adipocytes. Furthermore, by increasing the protein utilization, favors a greater muscular mass





# Menopausal Transition

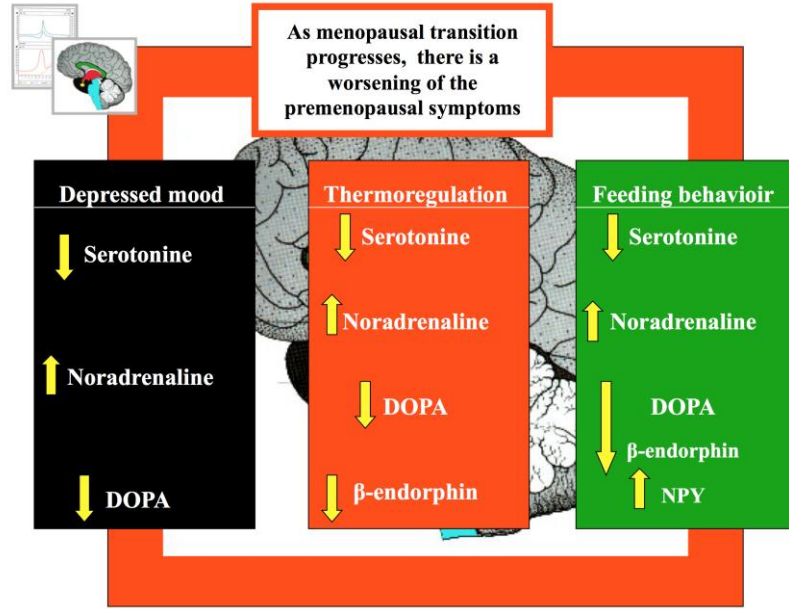
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**Prl:** no significant variations. Sometimes it is possible to observe a slight decrease



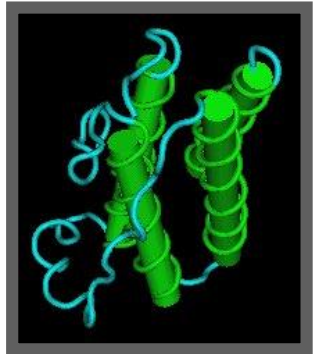
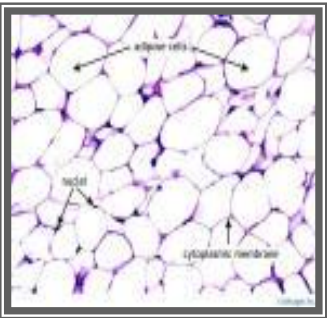
**Thyroid:** no significant variations in TSH values. With age there is an increase of thyroid disorders related to **autoimmune diseases**



**Control of appetite and maintenance of fat mass requires multiple complex interactions between brain, gut, and adipose tissue.**

Adipose tissue functions as an active paracrine gland and secretes multiple hormone-like substances as **Leptin**, **Adiponectin**, and **Resistin**, collectively known as **Adipokines**, that influence appetite and energy balance

**Ghrelin**, a peptide hormone secreted from the stomach, plays an important role in energy homeostasis



**Broadly speaking: estrogens and leptin reduce food intake, whereas androgens and ghrelin stimulate appetite**

Elevated circulating leptin and low levels of adiponectin have been linked to obesity, inflammation, insulin resistance, and CVD in postmenopausal women

**Aspecific Factors**

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**Age Related**

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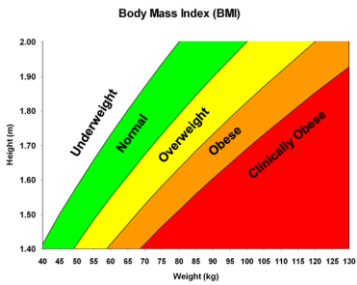
**Specific  
Menopausal  
Factors**



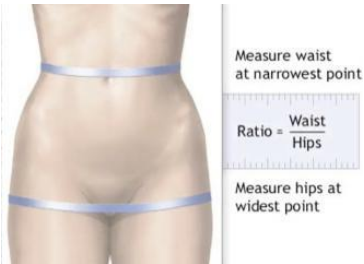
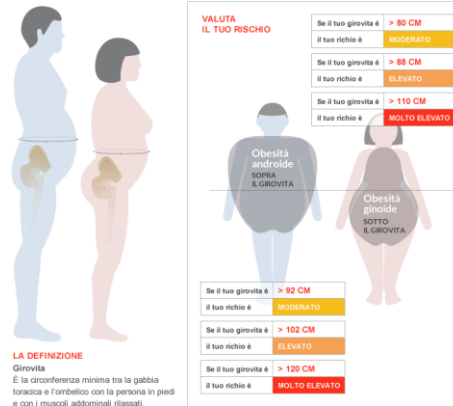
**Women have relatively greater Subcutaneous Adipose Tissue (SAT) prior to the final menstrual period (FMP) and relatively greater Visceral Adipose Tissue (VAT) after the FMP**

**During the menopausal transition, the visceral fat depot increases from 5-8% of total body fat during the premenopausal period to 15-20% of the total fat during the postmenopausal period**

**Furthermore, women with surgical menopause have 5 times increased odds (odds ratio= 5.07) of developing severe obesity if compared to premenopausal women of similar age**



While BMI ( $\text{Kg}/\text{m}^2$ ) is often used in both research and clinical setting, it is an **overall summary measure of body size** and thus **does not completely capture measures of fat distribution or body composition** which have independent predictive power for CVD and mortality



Waist-to-Hip Ratio (WHR) Norms				
Gender	Excellent	Good	Average	At Risk
Males	<0.85	0.85–0.89	0.90–0.95	≥0.95
Females	<0.75	0.75–0.79	0.80–0.86	≥0.86

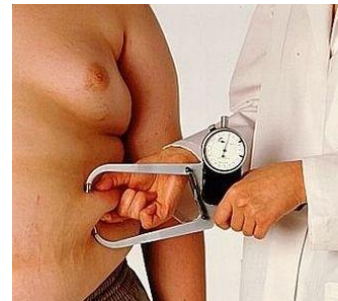


Figura 1 - Plicometria

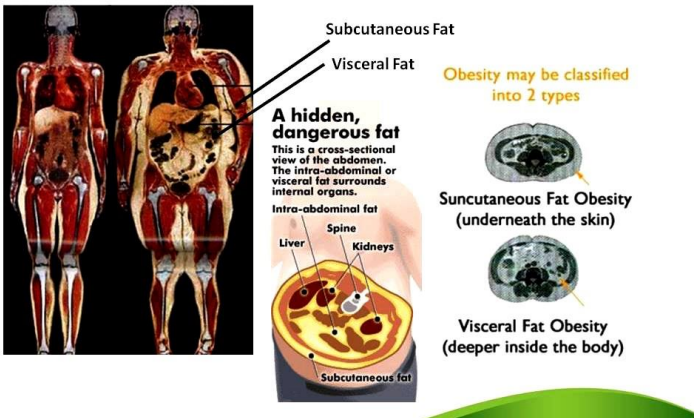
Inserimento Pliche

Tricipitale	13 mm	Ant. Coscia	21 mm
Bicipitale	12 mm	Post. Coscia	22 mm
Pettorale	15 mm	Int. Coscia	19 mm
Sottoscapolare	18 mm	S. Patellare Dx	18 mm
Addominale	19 mm	S. Patellare Sx	17 mm
Sovrallacci	20 mm	Poplitea	15 mm

Valutazione Bicompartimentale

FAT (Massa Grassa)	17.93 kg	31.5 %
FFM (Massa Magra)	39.07 kg	68.5 %

# Visceral Fats



Obesity may be classified into 2 types

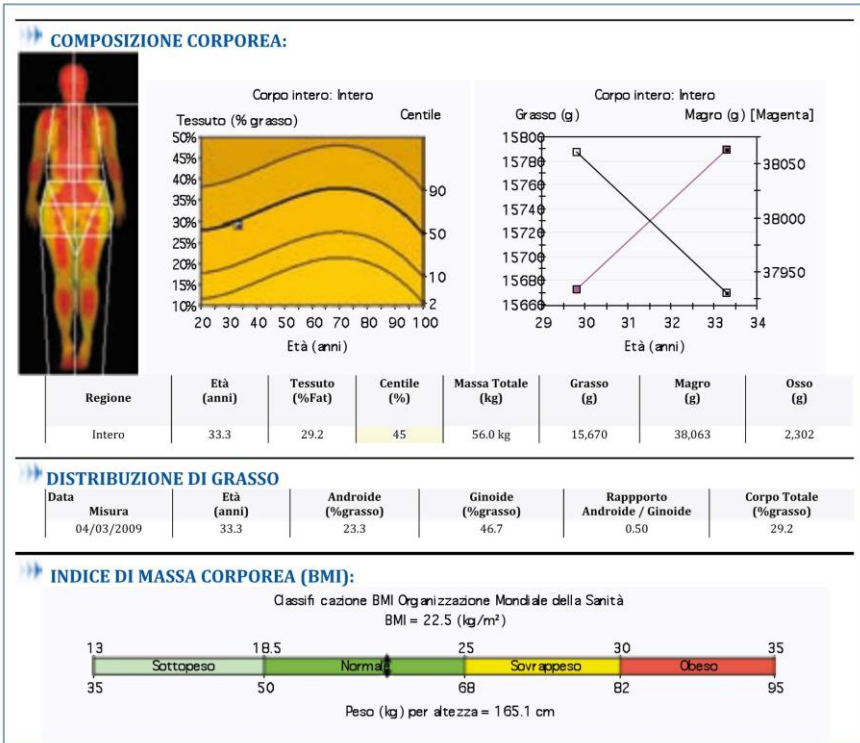


Subcutaneous Fat Obesity (underneath the skin)

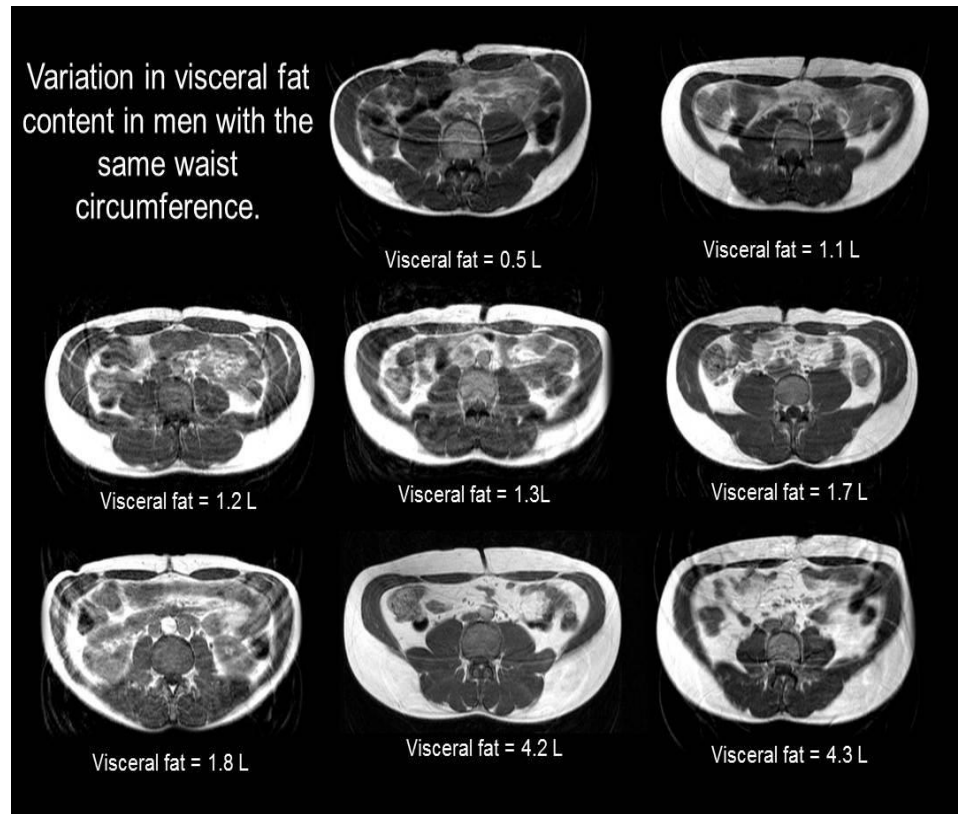


Visceral Fat Obesity (deeper inside the body)

Figura 1



**DEXA**



**RMN**

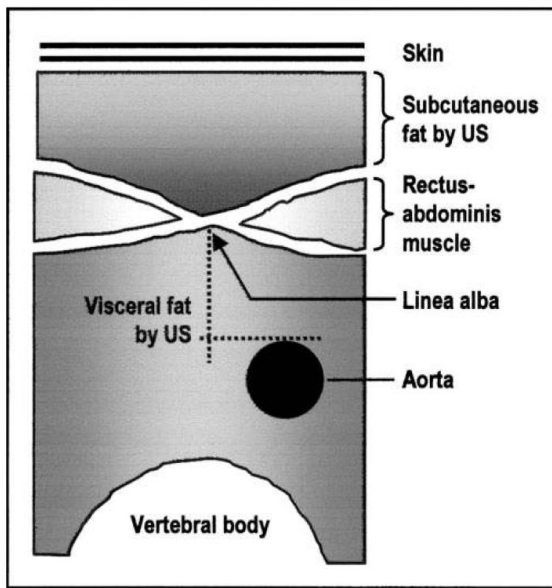


Figure 1: Illustration of abdominal adipose tissue and anatomical landmarks used for US measurements. (14).

Fig. 1. Both the distance and the thickness of the parameters for visceral fat were measured by ultrasonography: a the distance between the internal surface of the abdominal muscle and the splenic vein (arrow), b the distance between the internal surface of the abdominal muscle and the posterior wall of the aorta on the umbilicus (arrow), and c the thickness of the fat layer of the posterior right renal wall (arrowheads) (modified from Hirooka et al.<sup>15</sup>)

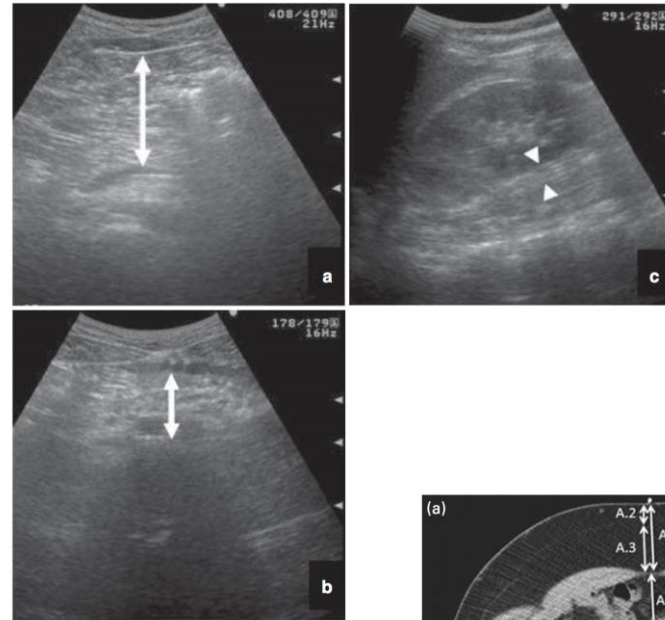


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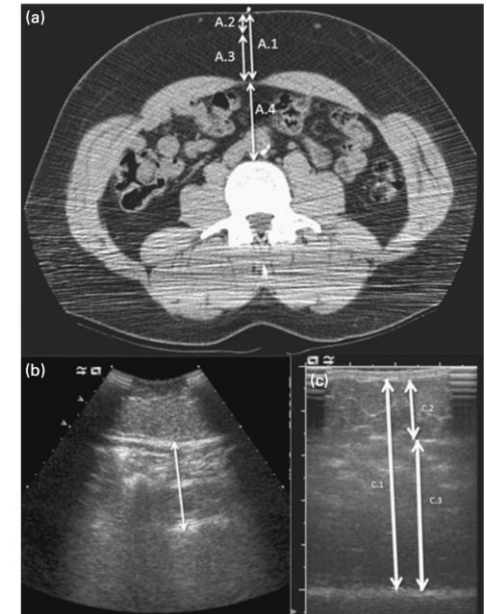
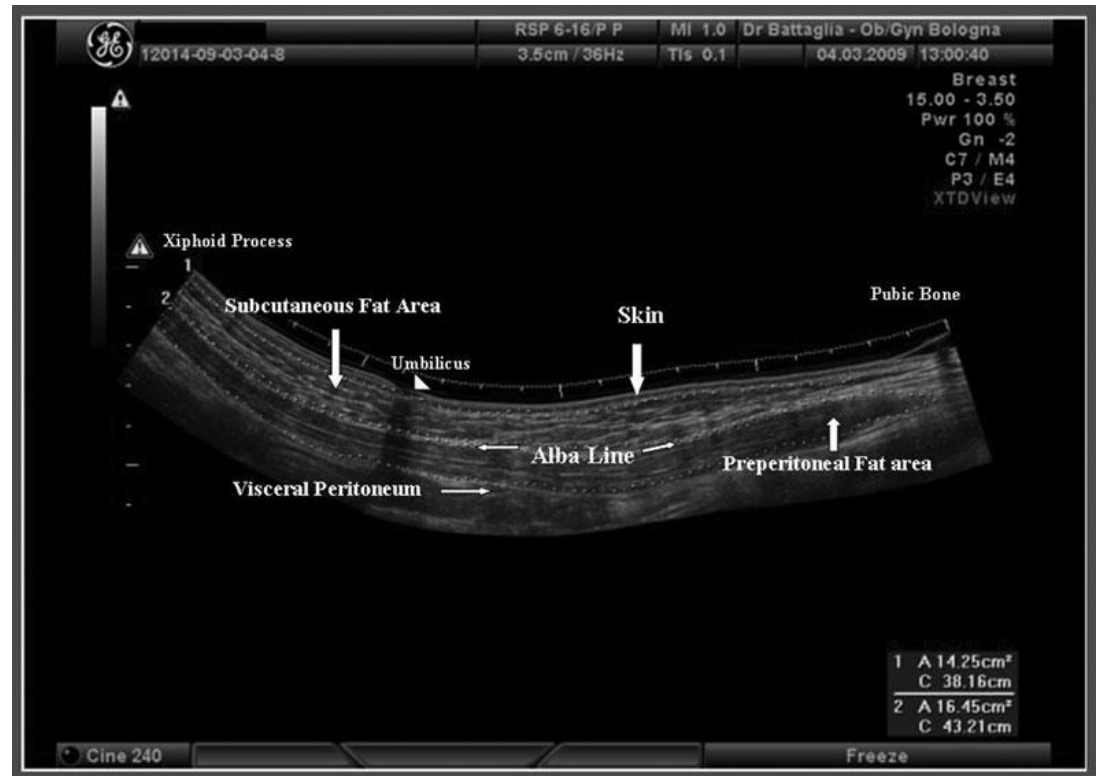
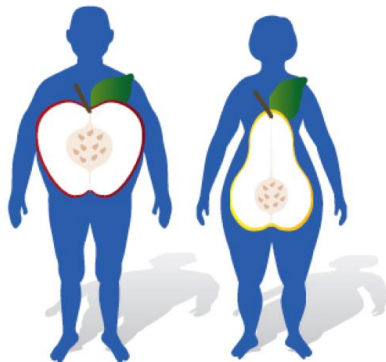


Fig. 1. Examples of the different computed tomography (CT) and ultrasound measurements. Panel (a) shows how measurements were made for the CT reference thicknesses; line A.1 shows the total subcutaneous thickness, line A.2 shows the superficial subcutaneous thickness, line A.3 shows the deep subcutaneous thickness and line A.4 shows the total visceral thickness. CT area calculations are defined in the Methods section. In panel (b), the line shows the total visceral thickness from ultrasound. In panel (c), line C.1 shows the total subcutaneous thickness, and lines C.2 and C.3 show the superficial and deep subcutaneous thicknesses, respectively.

# US extended (XTD) view option

Sonographic measurements of the subcutaneous and preperitoneal fat areas were performed using an RSP-16 linear array probe (Voluson 730 Expert Sonography System). The women were scanned in a supine position. The extended (XTD) view option, which takes ~15seconds to construct and enable viewing of a static two-dimensional image wider than the field of view of the transducer, was used to scan longitudinally, along the linea alba, the area between the xiphoid process and the pubic bone. The subcutaneous area was delineated between the inner edge of the skin and the outer edge of the linea alba (Figure 1). The preperitoneal area was measured between the inner edge of the linea alba and the outer edge of the visceral peritoneum (Figure 1). The preperitoneal/subcutaneous area ratio was calculated, with a value of one or more considered an index of visceral adiposity. In addition, the subcutaneous and preperitoneal fat tissue thickness was measured, as described by Merino-Ibarra et al. (16). Finally, mesenteric fat thickness was measured as suggested by Liu et al. (26). During the ultrasonographic fat measure-





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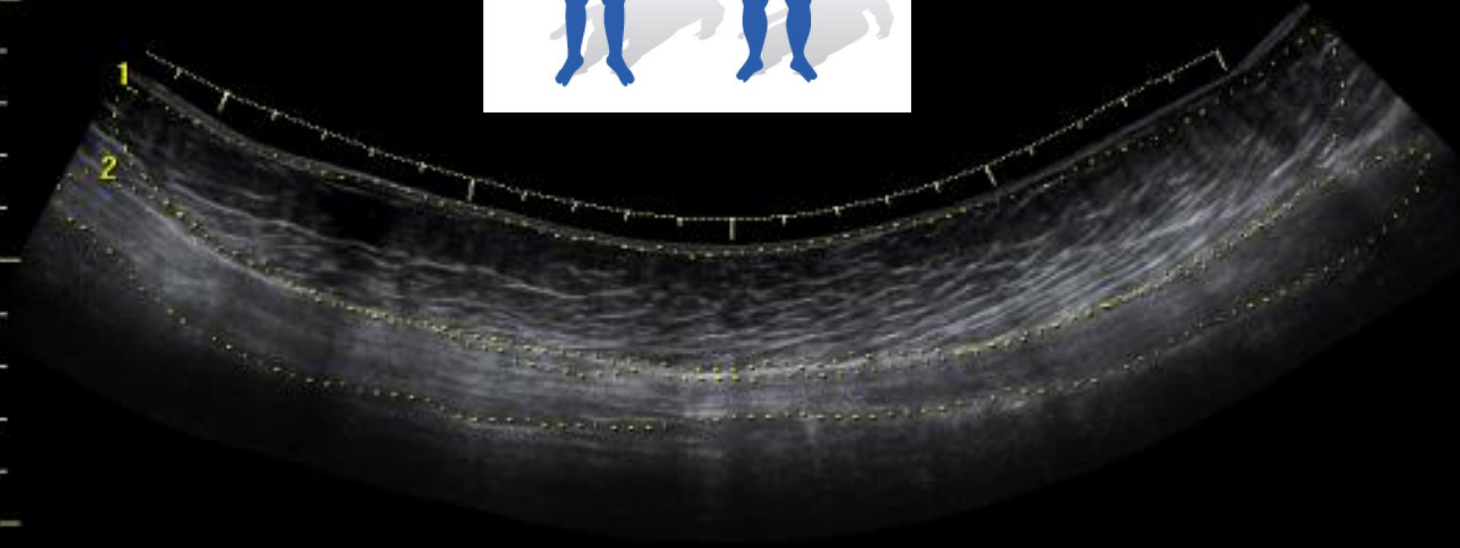
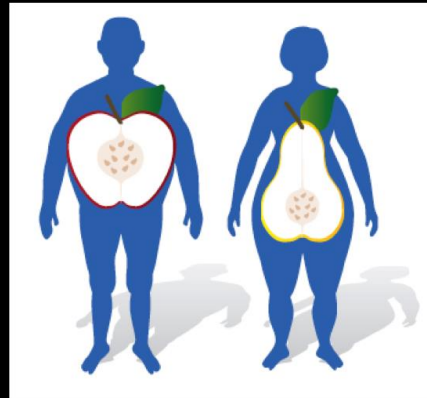
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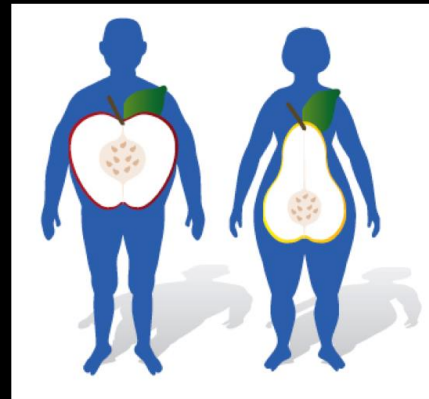
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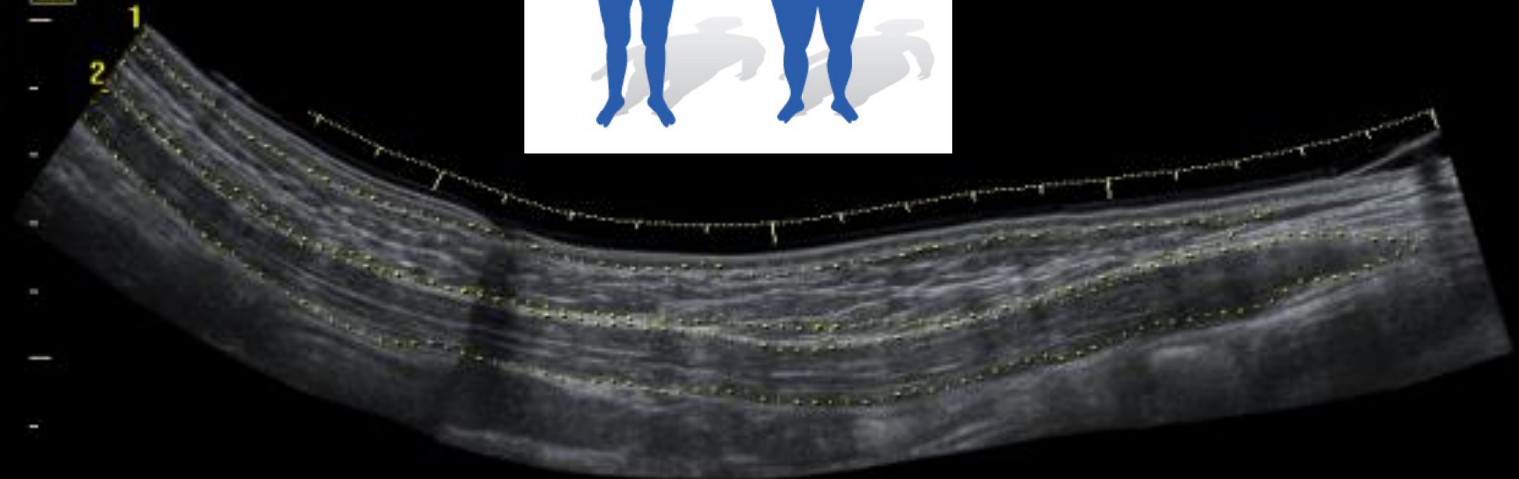
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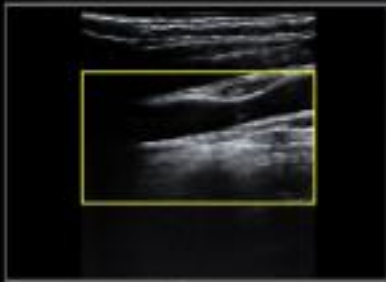
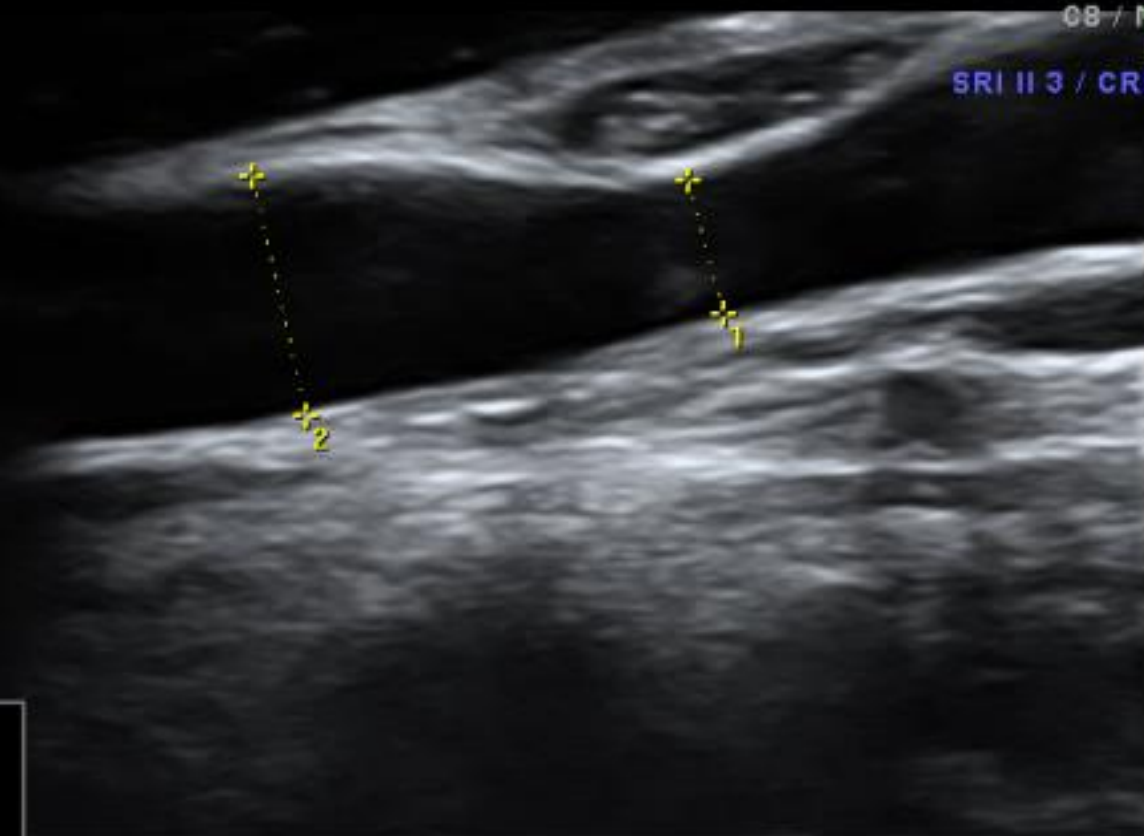
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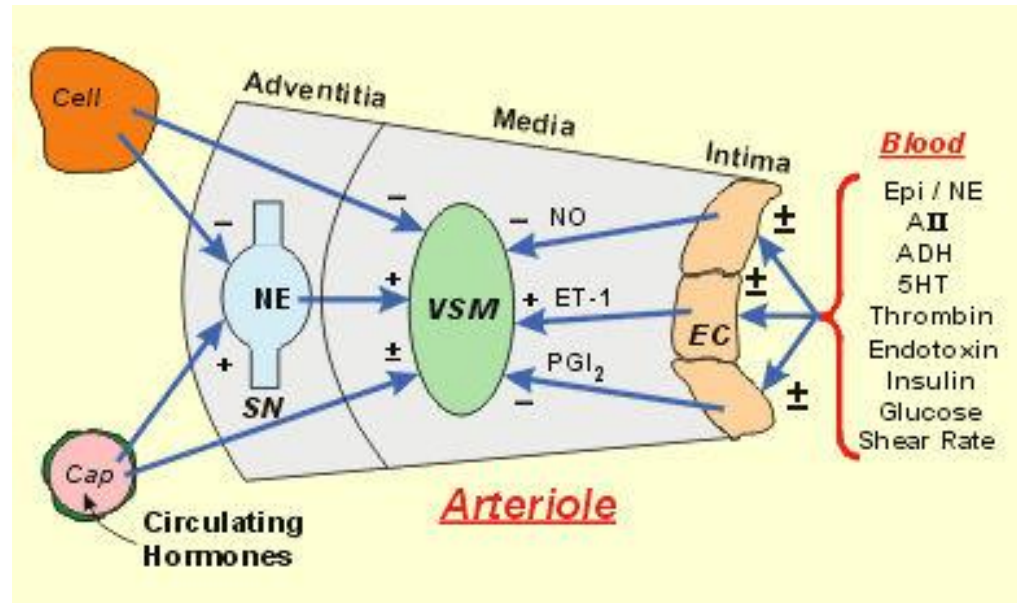
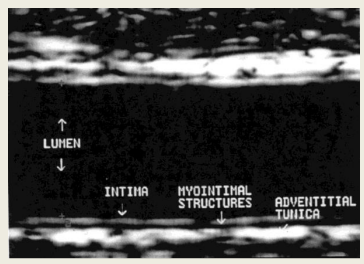


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# Endothelial dysfunction is present in the earliest stage of vascular diseases



**Dysfunctional endothelium can be identified by reduced vasodilation or vasoconstriction**

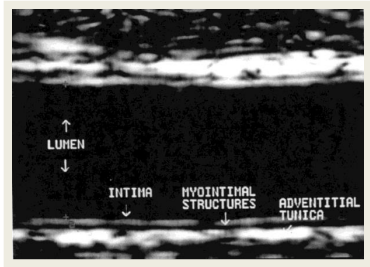
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- Bradykinin
- Hyperpolarizing Factor

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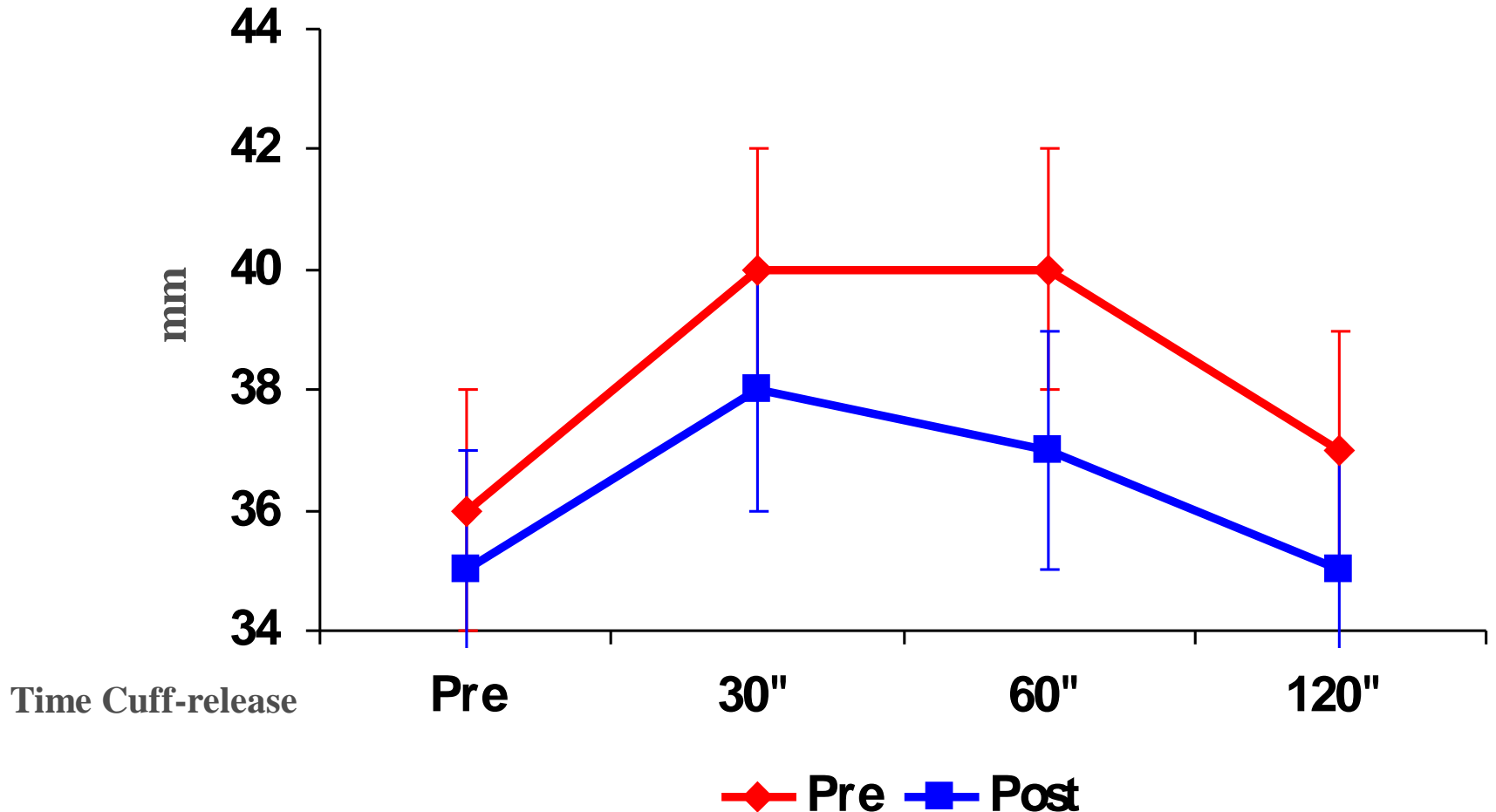
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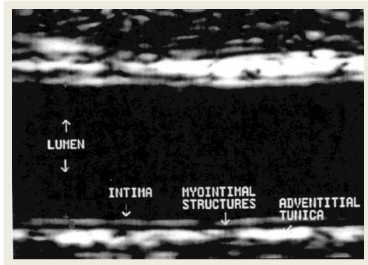
- Endothelin
- Thromboxane
- Angiotensin



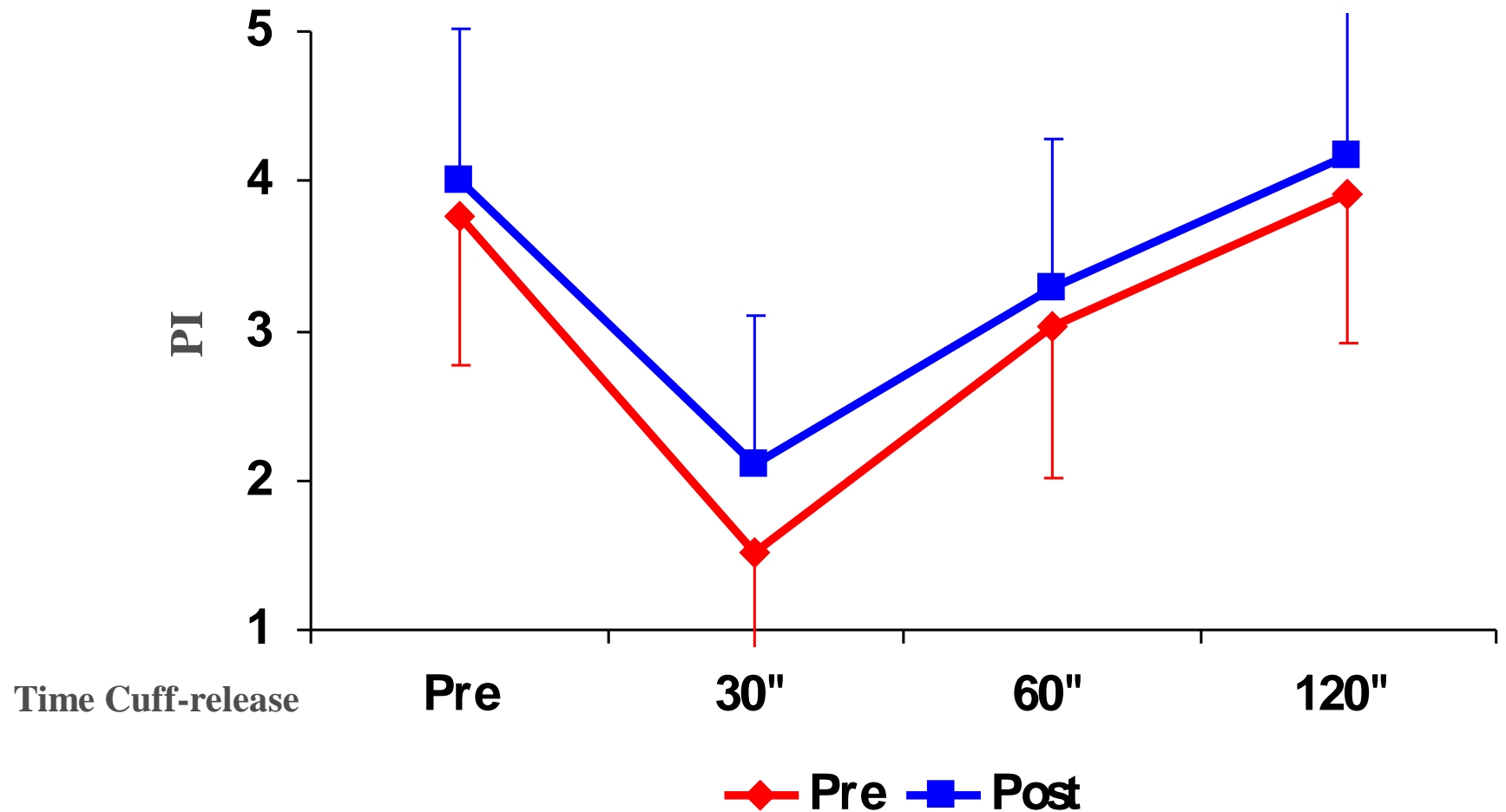
# Brachial Artery Flow-mediated Vasodilation

Normal flow-mediated vasodilation is approximately >10% using the upper-arm occlusion technique

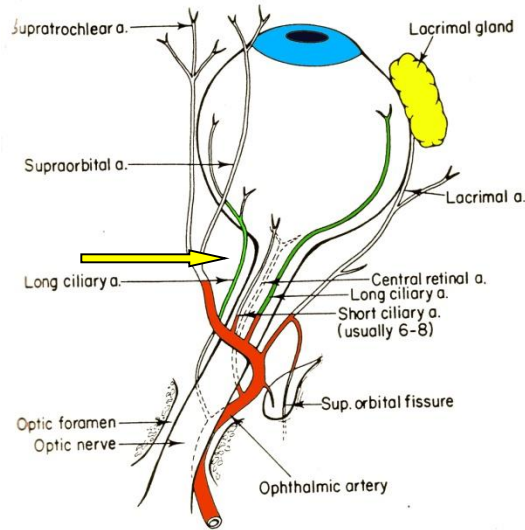
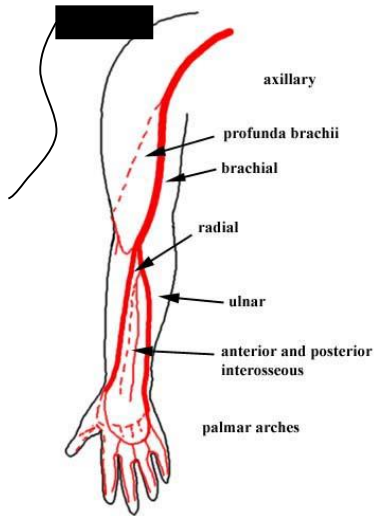
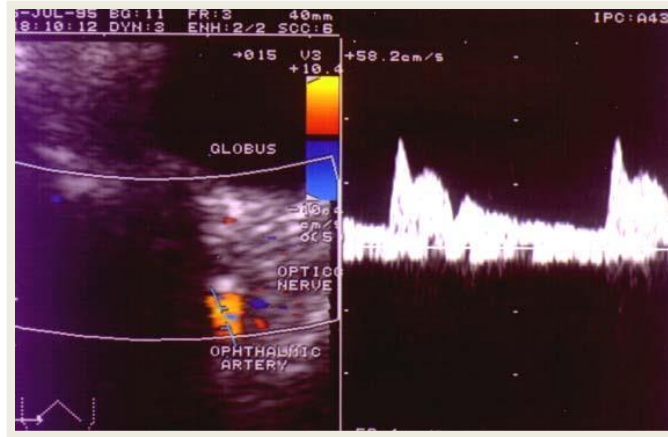
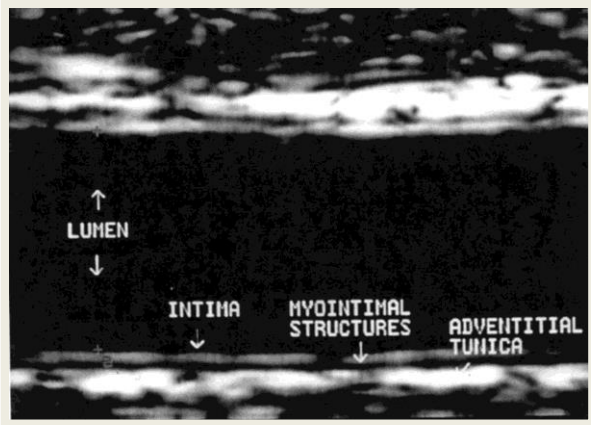


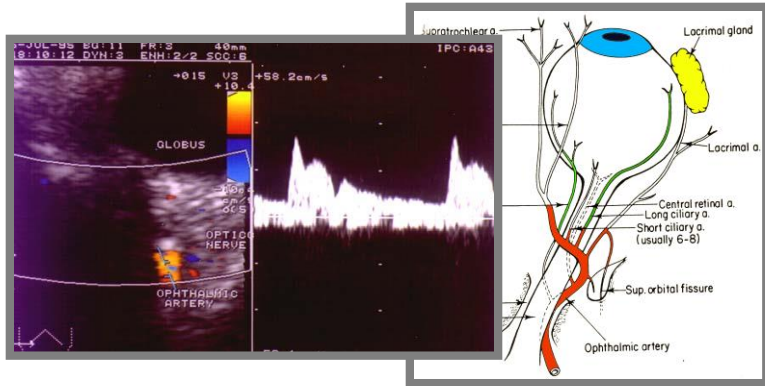


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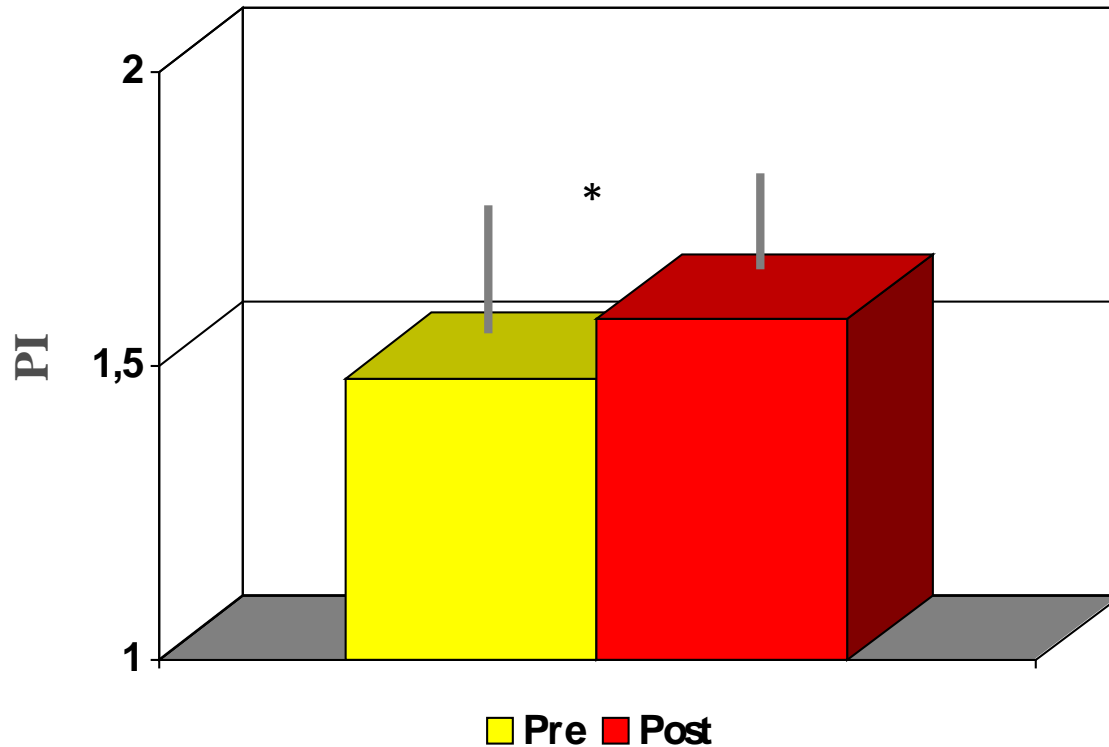


The decreased vascular compliance may be attributable to nonenzymatic glycation of elastin and collagen in the tunica



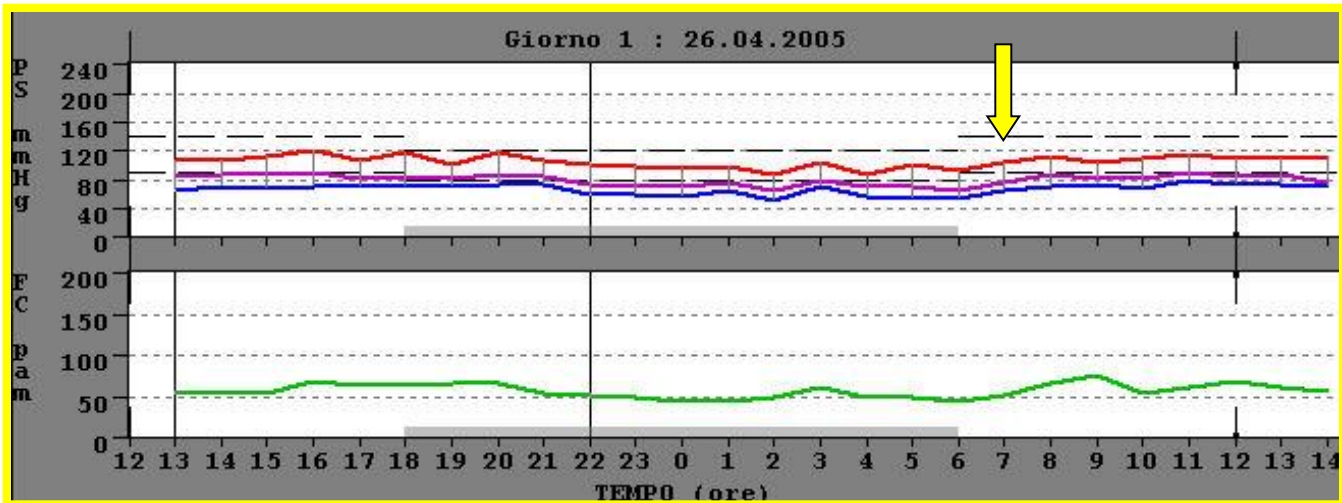


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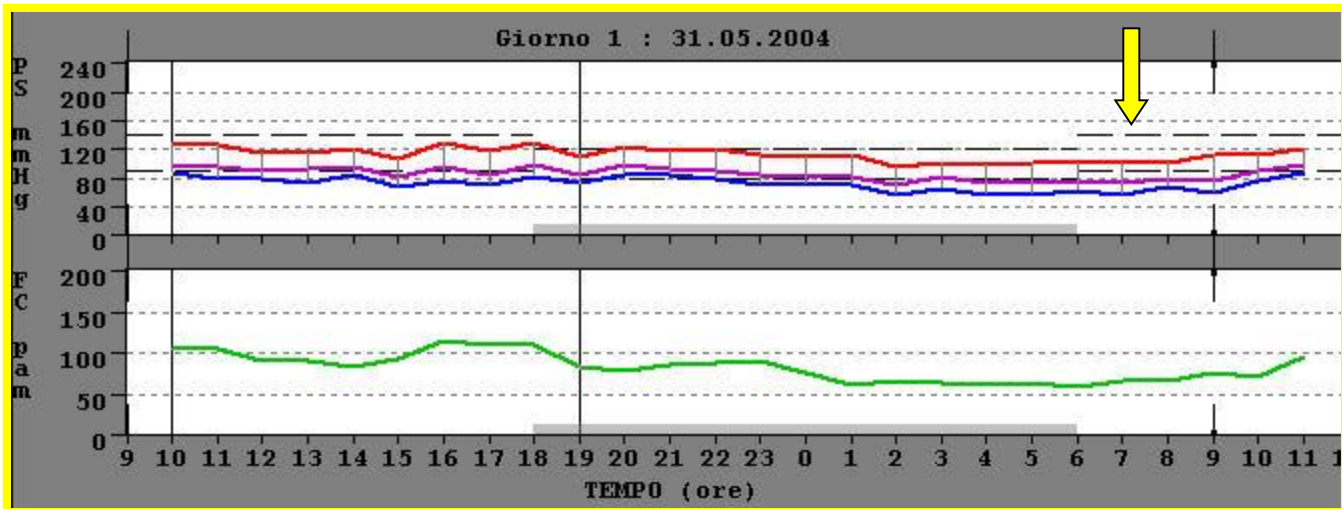




# Postmenopause **BMI= 19-25**



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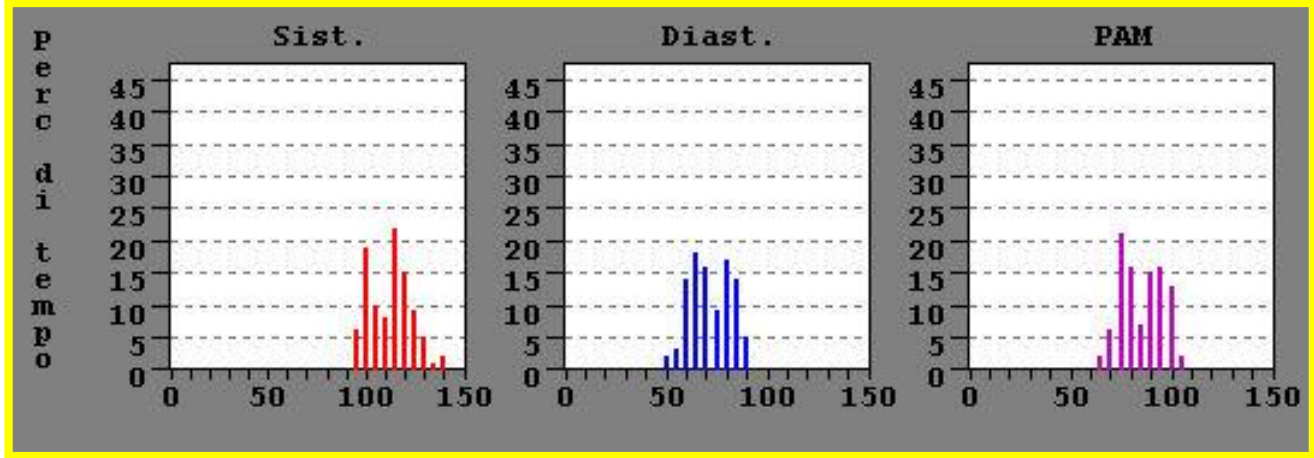




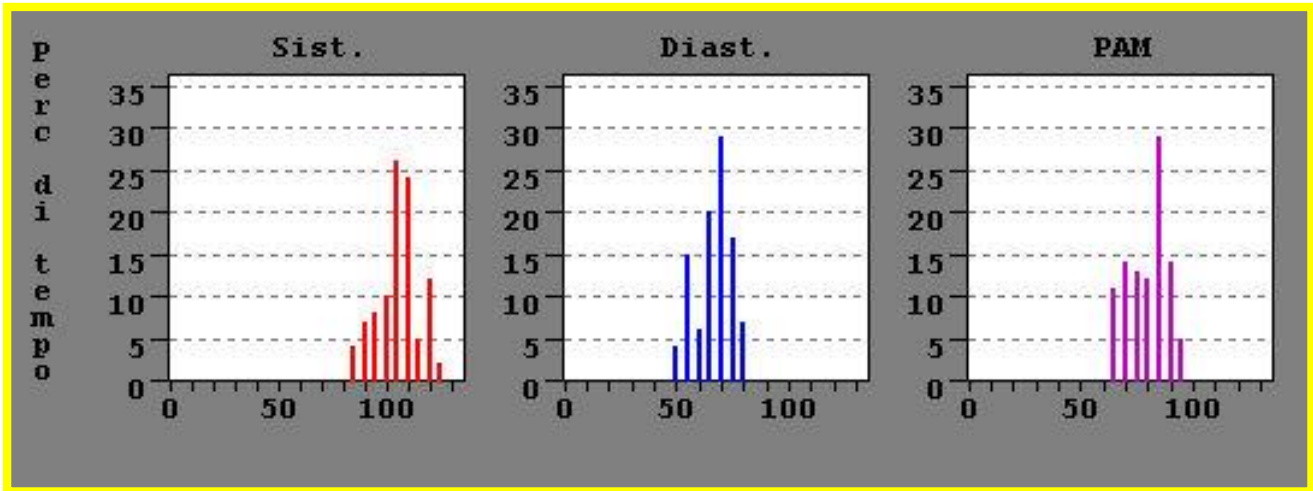


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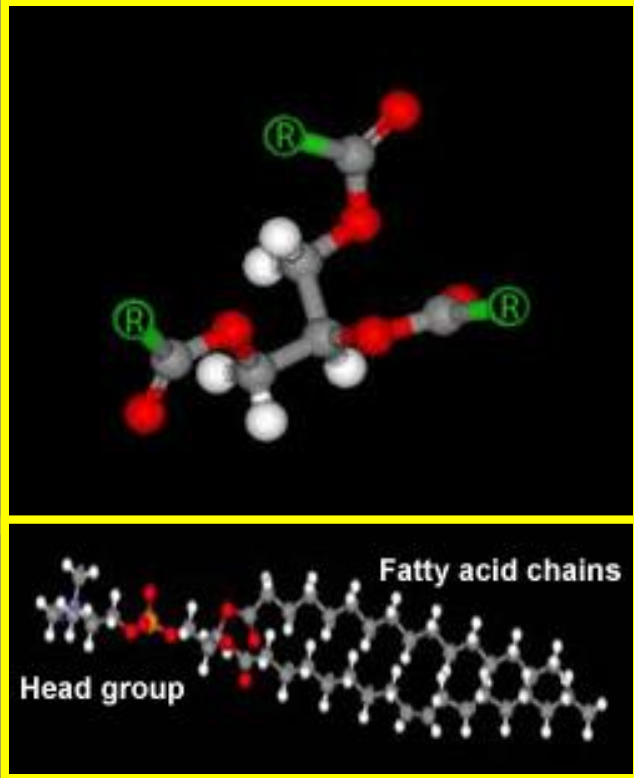
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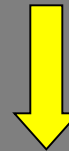
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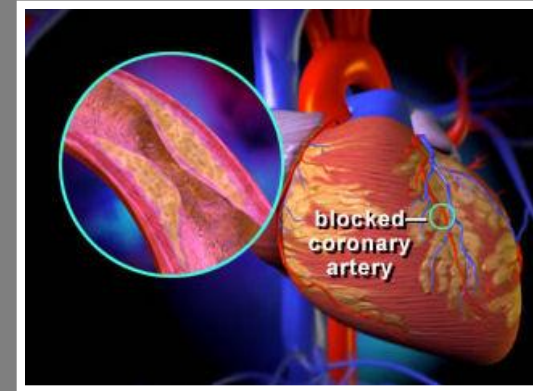


HDL/triglycerides

**3-7-fold Increased relative risk of CAD**

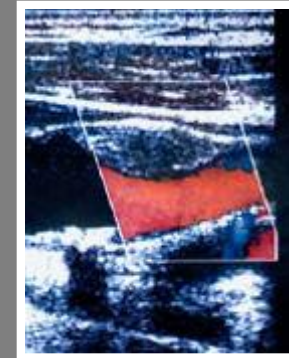
After 50ty ↑ % of women  
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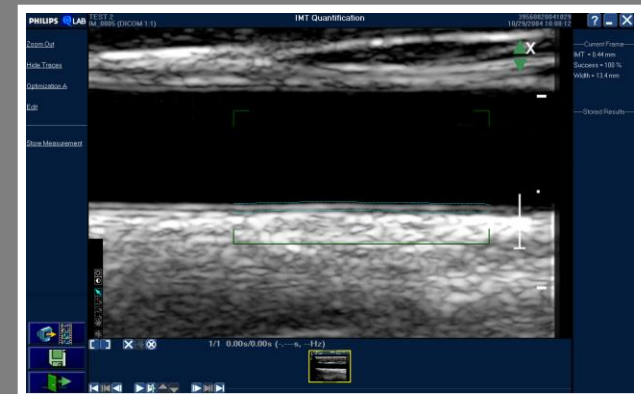
↑ % of plaque index of >3

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↑ % of the intima media  
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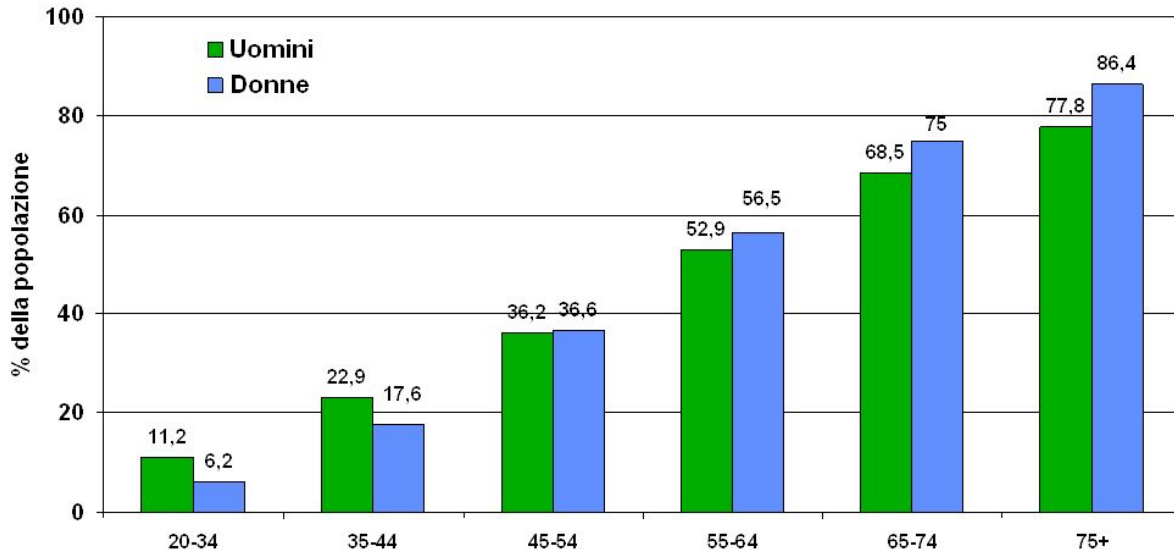
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# AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

## Prevalenza delle malattie cardiovascolari per età e per sesso

71,3 Milioni di americani adulti soffrono di una o più malattie cardiovascolari (circa il 40% di questi hanno un'età superiore ai 65 anni)



AHA: dati basati sulla popolazione americana stimata in circa 296 milioni di individui

Visceral Fats

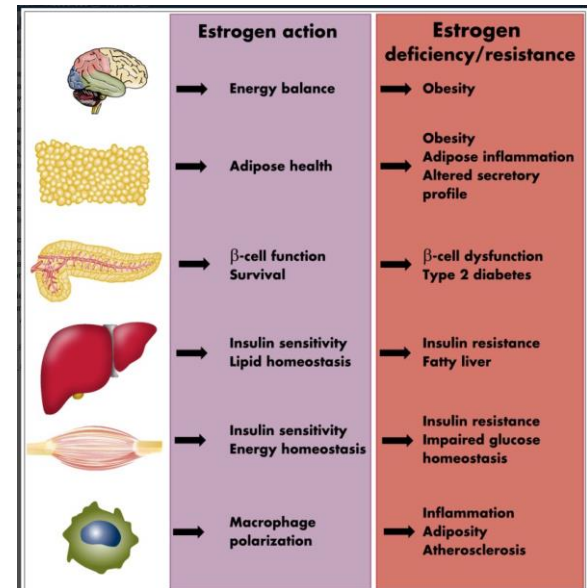
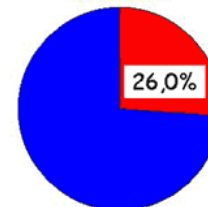


Figure 4. Summary of estrogen actions in glucose homeostasis and energy metabolism in physiology and menopause. Estrogen actions in the brain, adipose, pancreatic islets, skeletal muscle, liver, and macrophages synergize to promote glucose and lipid homeostasis. Estrogen deficiency or resistance in these tissues all contribute to metabolic dysfunction predisposing to the metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes, and obesity.

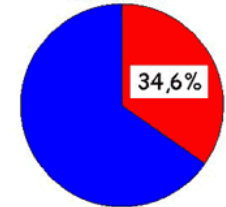
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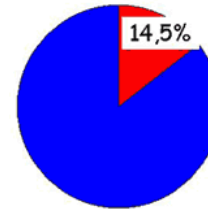


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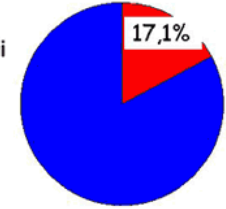
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14,5%



Eventi Cerebrovascolari

17,1%



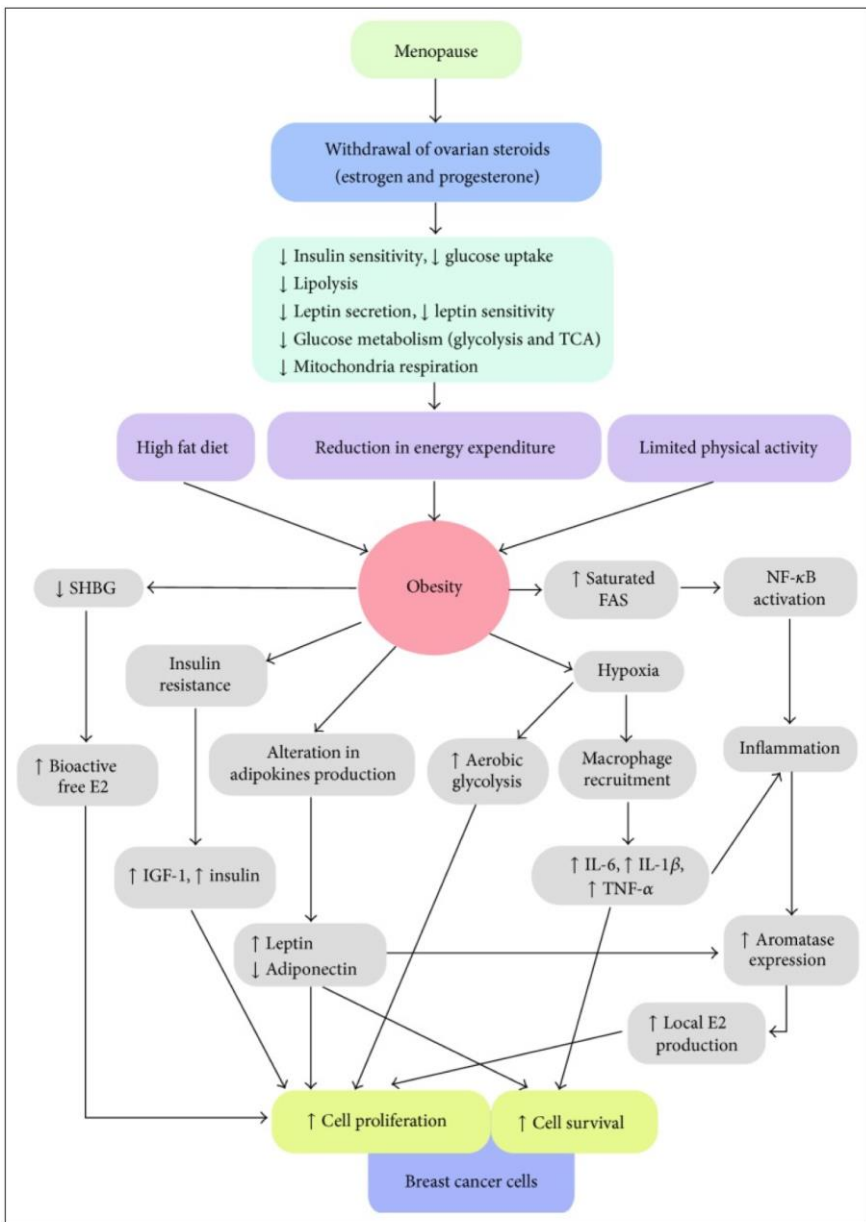
## REVIEW

# Adult Weight Gain and Adiposity-Related Cancers: A Dose-Response Meta-Analysis of Prospective Observational Studies

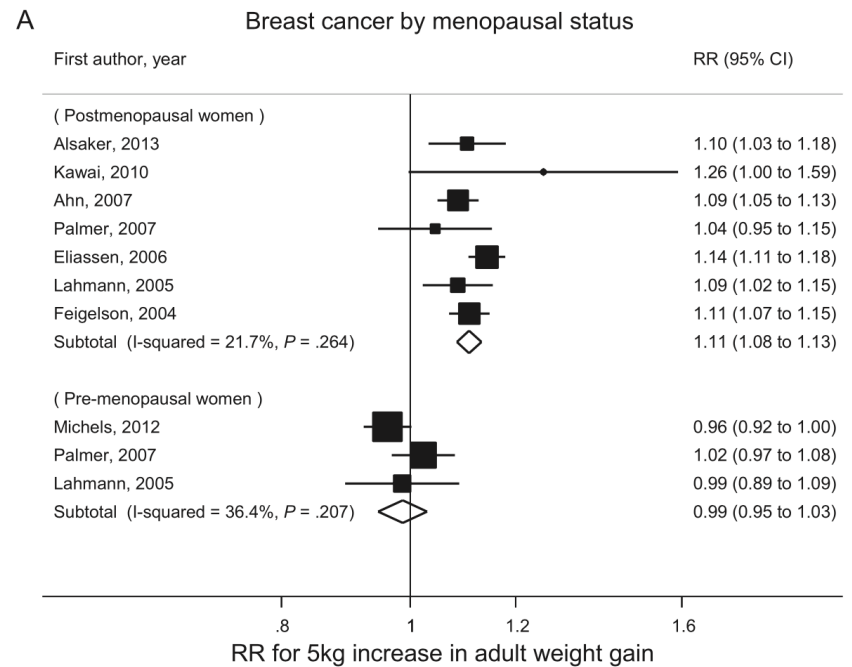
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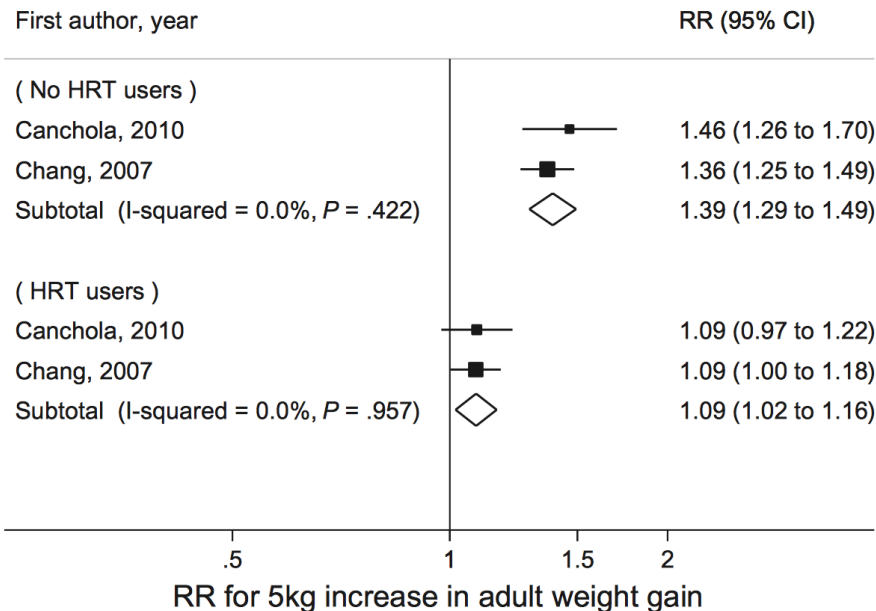
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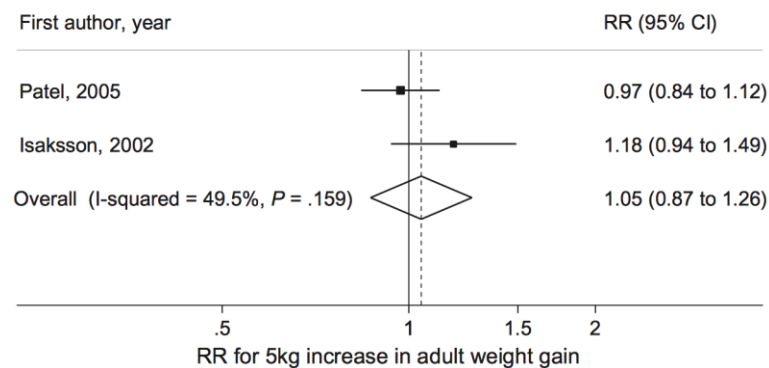
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 Diagram linking menopause and alterations in cellular metabolism with obesity and breast cancer. FAS: saturated fatty acid; TCA: tricarboxylic acid cycle; TNF $\alpha$ : tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$ ; IL-1: interleukin-1; IL-6, interleukin-6; SHBG: sex hormone binding globulin; E2: estradiol; IGF-1: insulin-like-growth-factor-1.



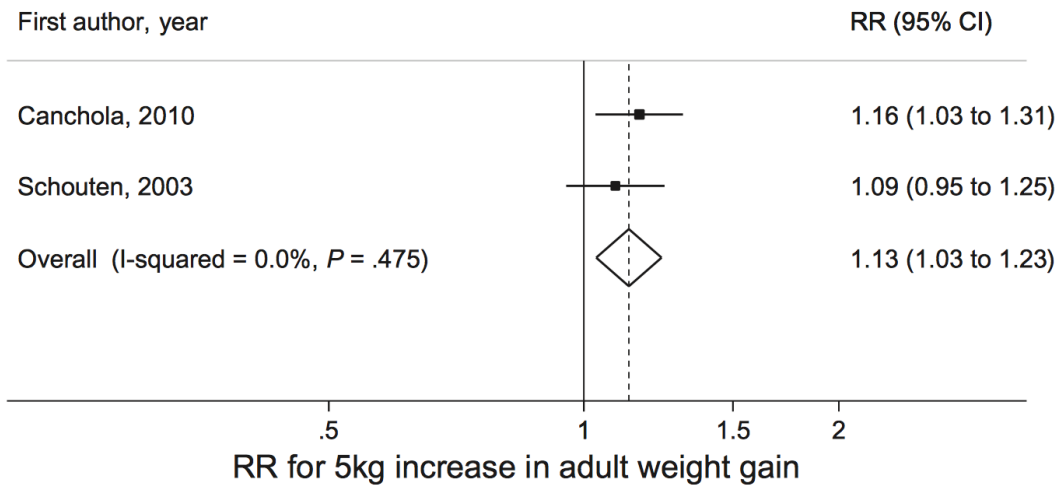
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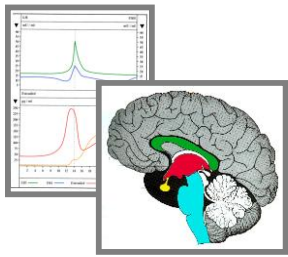


## Pancreatic cancer



## Postmenopausal ovarian cancer





## Menopausa e Terapia Ormonale Sostitutiva:

### Linee Guida



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## INDICAZIONI ALLA HRT-ERT

- Sintomi vasomotori
- Sintomi urogenitali da atrofia
- Prevenzione dell'osteoporosi e fratture correlate

## VANTAGGI ACCERTATI o BENEFICI DELLA HRT-ERT

Prevenzione dell'atrofia:

- Epiteli
- Pelle
- Tessuto connettivo
- Dischi intervertebrali
- Modificazioni del tono dell'umore
- Riduzione della libido
- Disturbi del sonno
- Riduzione del rischio del carcinoma del colon-retto
- Dolori muscoloscheletrici
- Incontinenza urinaria da urgenza

## POTENZIALI BENEFICI DELLA HRT-ERT

- Miglioramento di molti aspetti della sindrome metabolica
- Riduzione del rischio di diabete
- Riduzione del rischio di demenza di Alzheimer, se iniziata al momento della menopausa
- Riduzione del rischio di malattia coronarica, se iniziata al momento della menopausa



## PAPER

# Effects of hormone replacement therapy on weight, abdominal fat distribution, and lipid levels in Japanese postmenopausal women

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**OBJECTIVE:** To investigate the effects of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) on weight, abdominal fat distribution, and fasting lipid levels in Japanese postmenopausal women (PMW).

**DESIGN:** Prospective, 12-month-controlled clinical comparison of women with and without HRT.

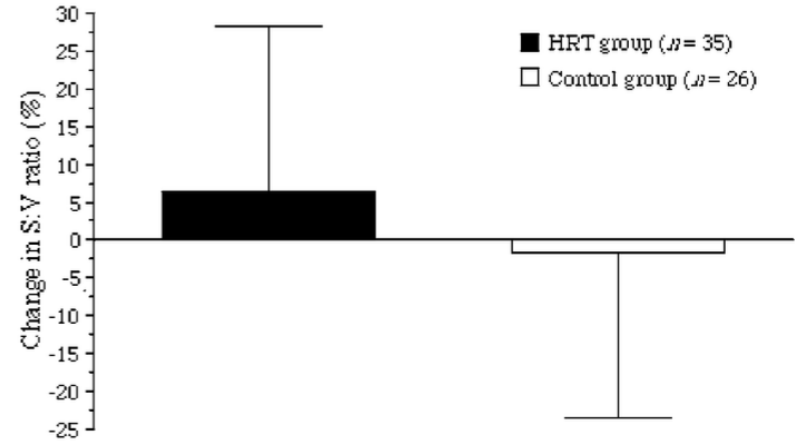
**SUBJECTS:** In all, 35 PMW with HRT (conjugated estrogens, 0.625 mg daily; medroxyprogesterone acetate, 2.5 mg daily; HRT group) and 26 PMW without HRT (control group).

**MEASUREMENTS:** Weight, abdominal fat distribution by computed tomographic measurements, lipid profiles, and sex hormones were determined at baseline and after 12 months of treatment or observation.

**RESULTS:** Weight did not change in any group. Visceral abdominal fat increased in controls, but not in the HRT group. Total and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol decreased, and triglyceride (TG) and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol increased in the HRT group; these did not change in the control group. When we divided women into those with android and gynoid types of abdominal fat distribution. Subjects with an android distribution showed reduced visceral fat with HRT, which also decreased the proportion of patients maintaining an android distribution. HRT did not alter abdominal fat distribution in subjects with a gynoid distribution. HRT increased serum TG in the android and the gynoid subgroups.

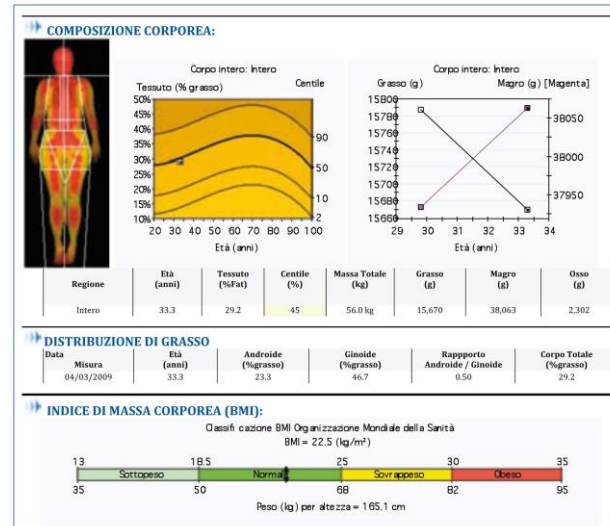
**CONCLUSION:** Improved distribution of abdominal fat and fasting lipid levels except for TG may represent beneficial effects of HRT with respect to cardiovascular disease, but caution is warranted concerning TG elevation from HRT performed in PMW.

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**Figure 1** Percent changes in subcutaneous-to-visceral (S:V) ratios for abdominal fat in PMW who received HRT, and in PMW who did not receive HRT (control group), during 1 y of treatment/observation. Closed and open columns indicate percent changes in the S:V ratio for abdominal fat in the HRT group and the control group, respectively. Data are expressed as means  $\pm$  s.d.

Figura 1



## Meta-analysis: effect of hormone-replacement therapy on components of the metabolic syndrome in postmenopausal women

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**Aim:** To quantify the effects of hormone-replacement therapy (HRT) on components of the metabolic syndrome in postmenopausal women.

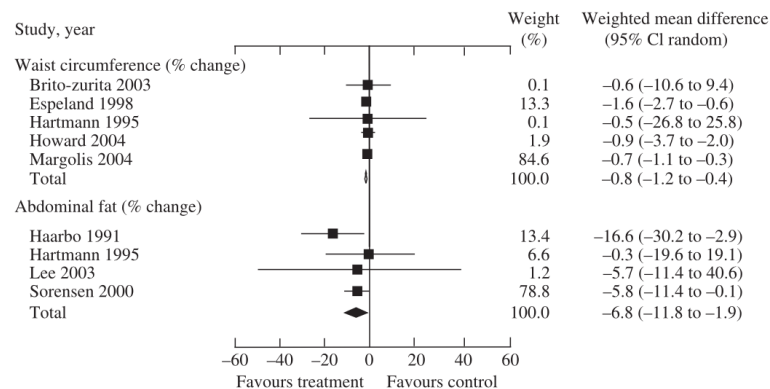
**Methods:** Comprehensive searches of electronic databases were performed from April 1966 to October 2004. We included randomized controlled trials that were of at least 8 weeks duration and evaluated the effect of HRT on metabolic, inflammatory or thrombotic components. Insulin resistance was calculated by homeostasis model assessment (HOMA-IR). Subgroup analysis evaluated the effects for transdermal and oral treatment and for diabetic and non-diabetic women.

**Results:** Pooled results of 107 trials showed that HRT reduced abdominal fat [−6.8% (CI, −11.8 to −1.9%)], HOMA-IR [−12.9% (CI, −17.1 to −8.6%)] and new-onset diabetes [relative risk 0.7 (CI, 0.6–0.9)] in women without diabetes. In women with diabetes, HRT reduced fasting glucose [−11.5% (CI, −18.0 to −5.1%)] and HOMA-IR [−35.8% (CI, −51.7 to −19.8%)]. HRT also reduced low-density lipoprotein/high-density lipoprotein cholesterol ratio [−15.7% (CI, −18.0 to −13.5%)], lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] [−25.0% (CI, −32.9 to −17.1%)], mean blood pressure [−1.7% (CI, −2.9 to −0.5%)], E-selectin [−17.3% (CI, −22.4 to −12.1%)], fibrinogen [−5.5% (CI, −7.8 to −3.2%)] and plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 [−25.1% (CI, −33.6 to −15.5%)]. Oral agents produced larger beneficial effects than transdermal agents, but increased C-reactive protein (CRP) [37.6% (CI, 17.4–61.3%)] and decreased protein S [−8.6% (CI, −13.1 to −4.1%)], while transdermal agents had no effect.

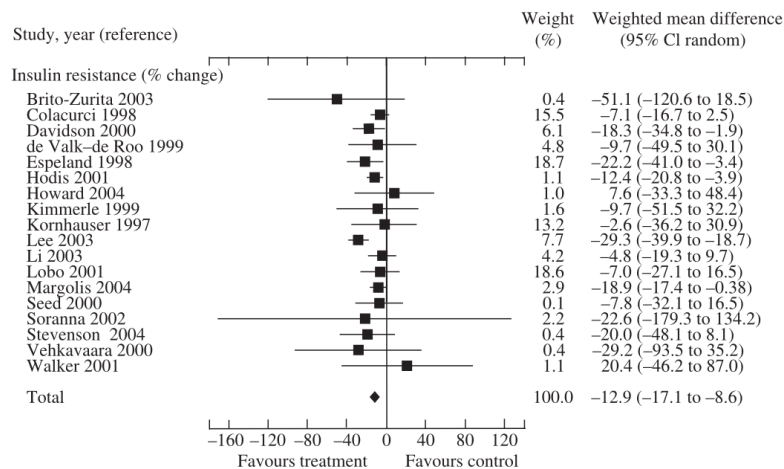
**Conclusions:** HRT reduces abdominal obesity, insulin resistance, new-onset diabetes, lipids, blood pressure, adhesion molecules and procoagulant factors in women without diabetes and reduced insulin resistance and fasting glucose in women with diabetes. Oral agents adversely affected CRP and protein S, while transdermal agents had no effects.

**Keywords:** hormone-replacement therapy, meta-analysis, metabolic syndrome, women

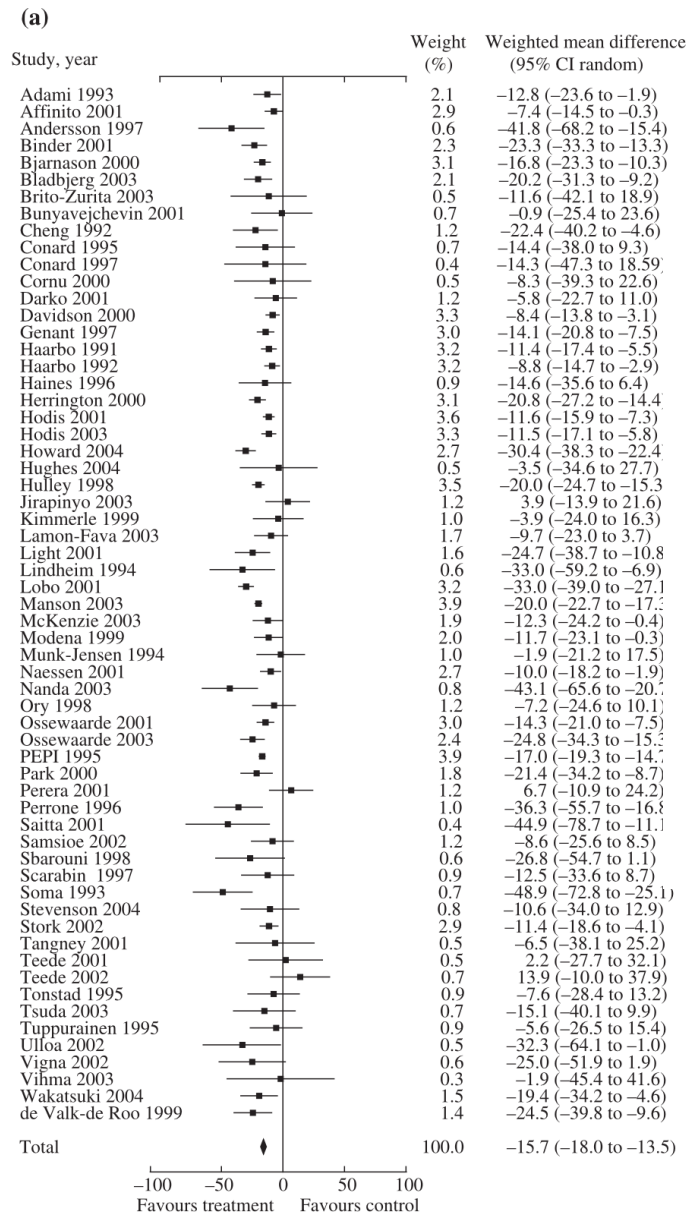
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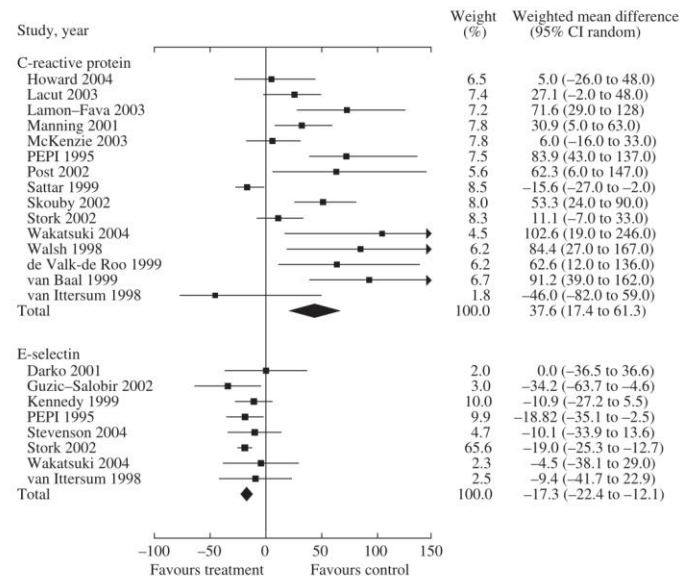
**Fig. 1** Effect of hormone-replacement therapy on abdominal obesity in women without diabetes. Waist circumference and abdominal fat (% change) values are given.



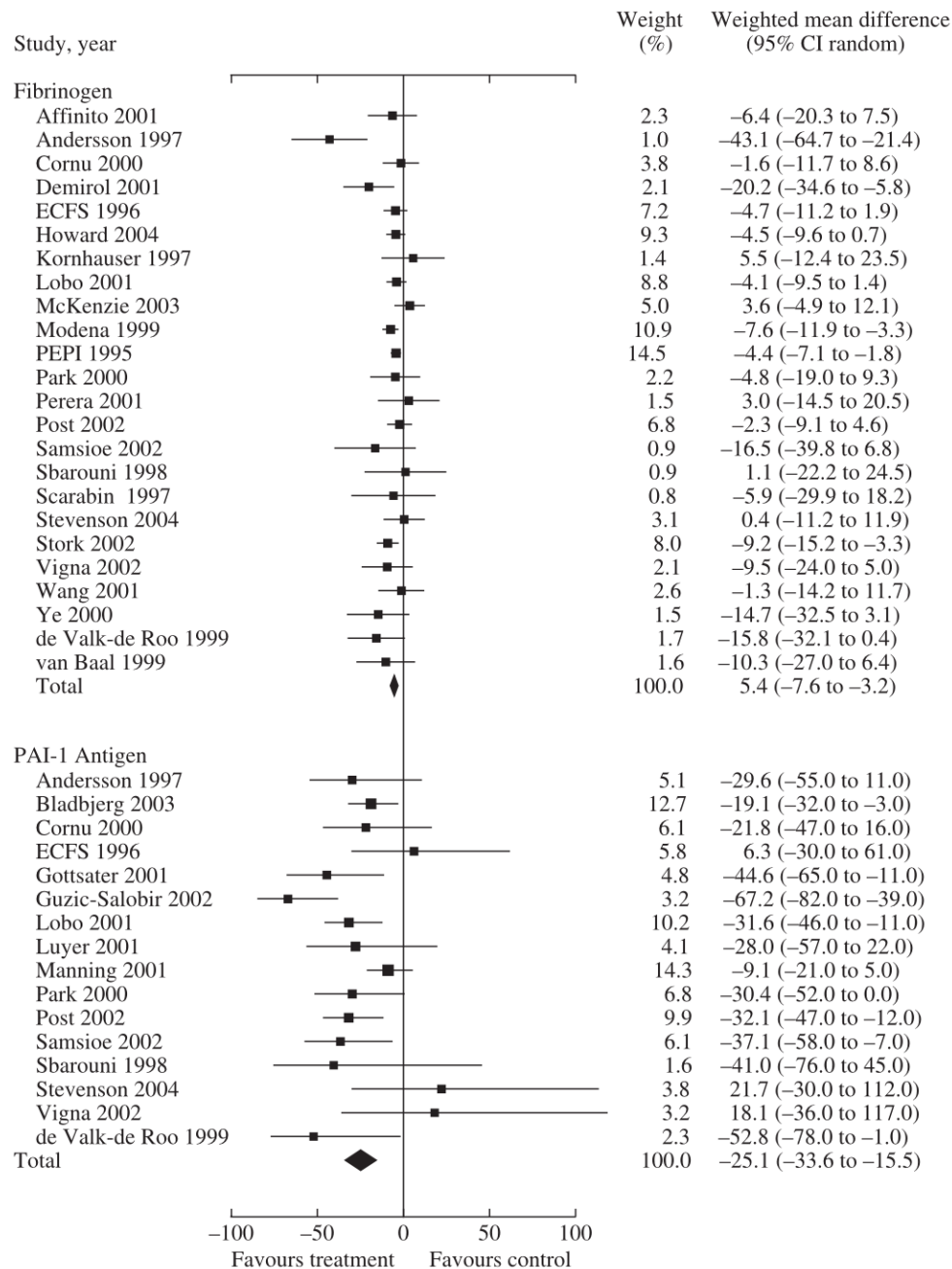
**Fig. 2** Effect of hormone-replacement therapy on calculated insulin resistance in women without diabetes (% change).



**Fig. 3** Effect of hormone-replacement therapy on lipids in women without diabetes: (a) low-density lipoprotein/high-density lipoprotein cholesterol ratio (% change); (b) triglyceride (% change).



**Fig. 4** Effect of hormone-replacement therapy on inflammatory components in women without diabetes. C-reactive protein and E-selectin (% change) values are given.



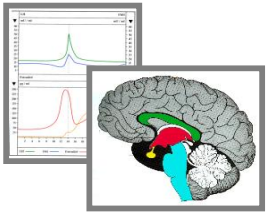
**Fig. 5** Effect of hormone-replacement therapy on procoagulant factors in women without diabetes. Fibrinogen and plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) (% change) are given.

# CONCLUSIONS

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**It would seem prudent to recommend lifestyle modifications (i.e. stop of smoking, caloric controlled diet, increase physical activity –specially aerobic-, decrease salt loading, and job or marital/familial stress) during menopausal transition and**

**postmenopause**

**HT, Orlistat, Sibutramine, Rimonabant, Metformin, Hata Yoga, Herbal Medicine, Acupuncture, Bariatric Surgery are second step treatments**

