

# Sovrappeso-obesità e infertilità femminile

## Approcci preventivi e terapeutici

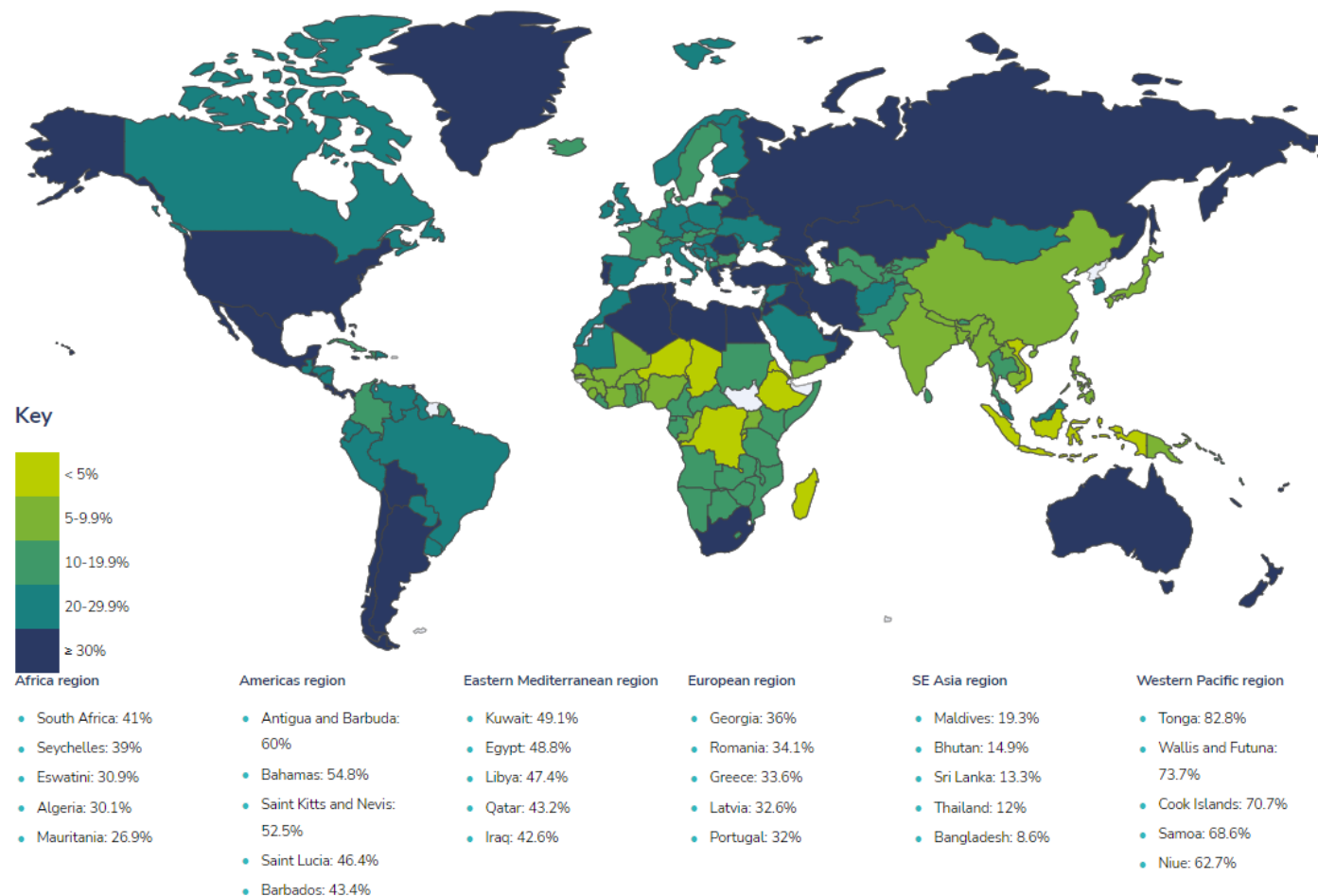
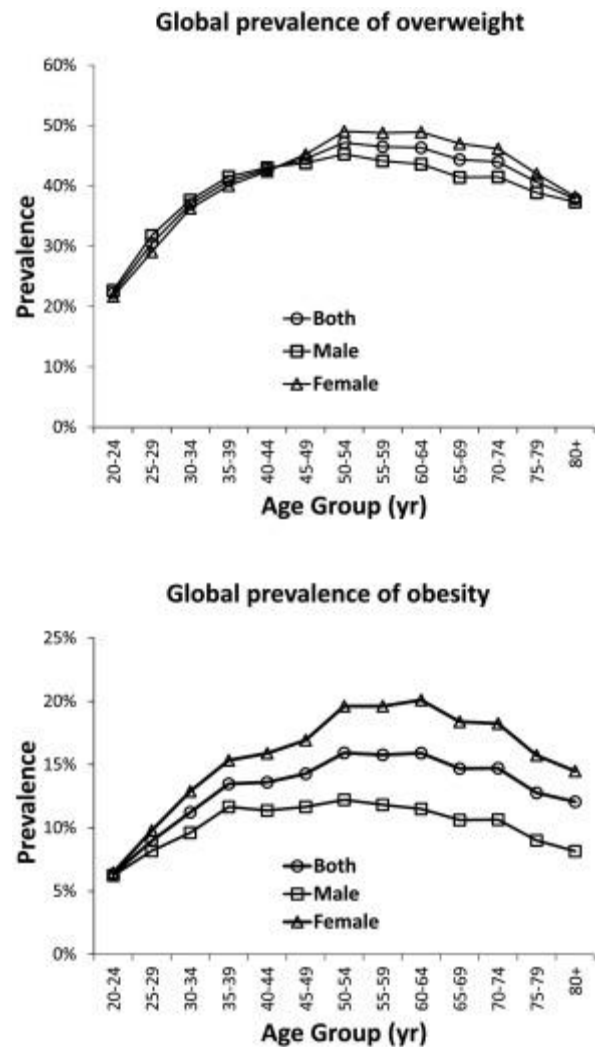
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## Women living with obesity. Newest available data



<https://data.worldobesity.org/>, 2023

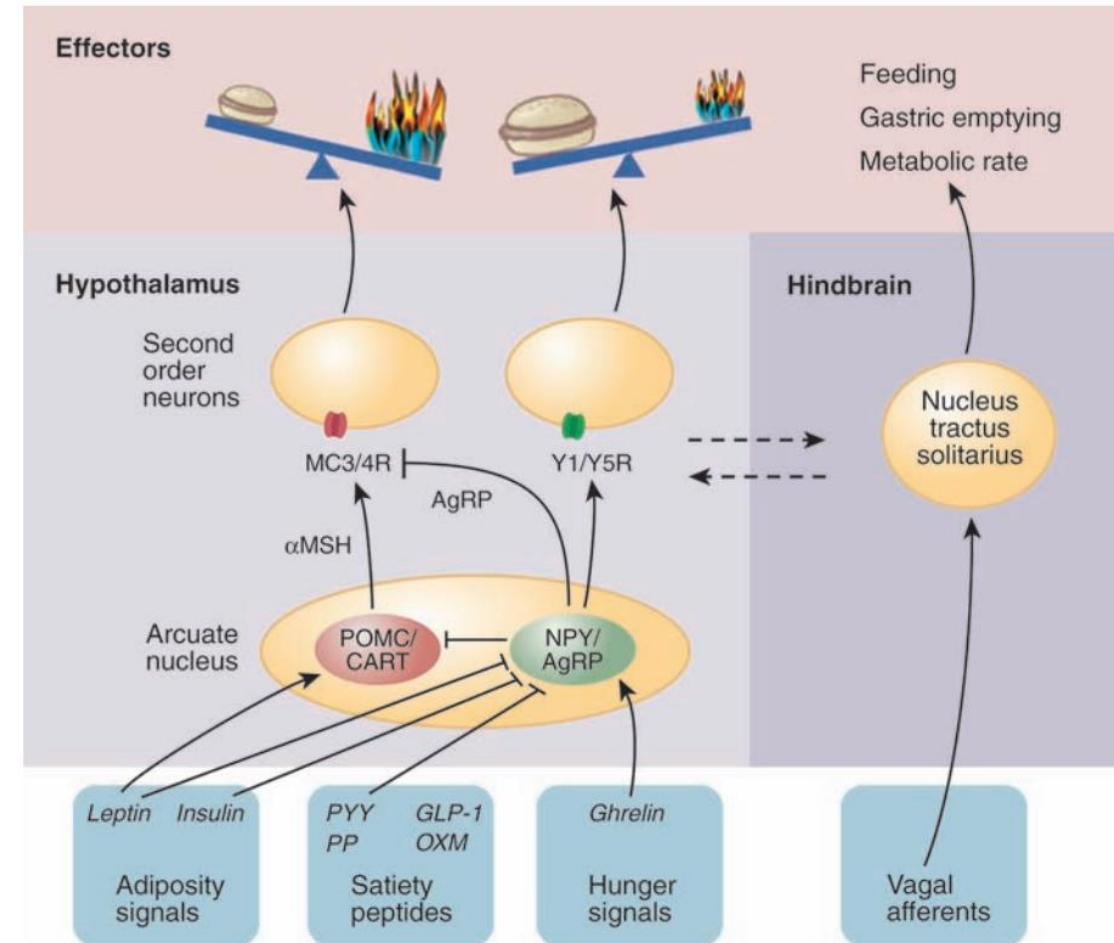
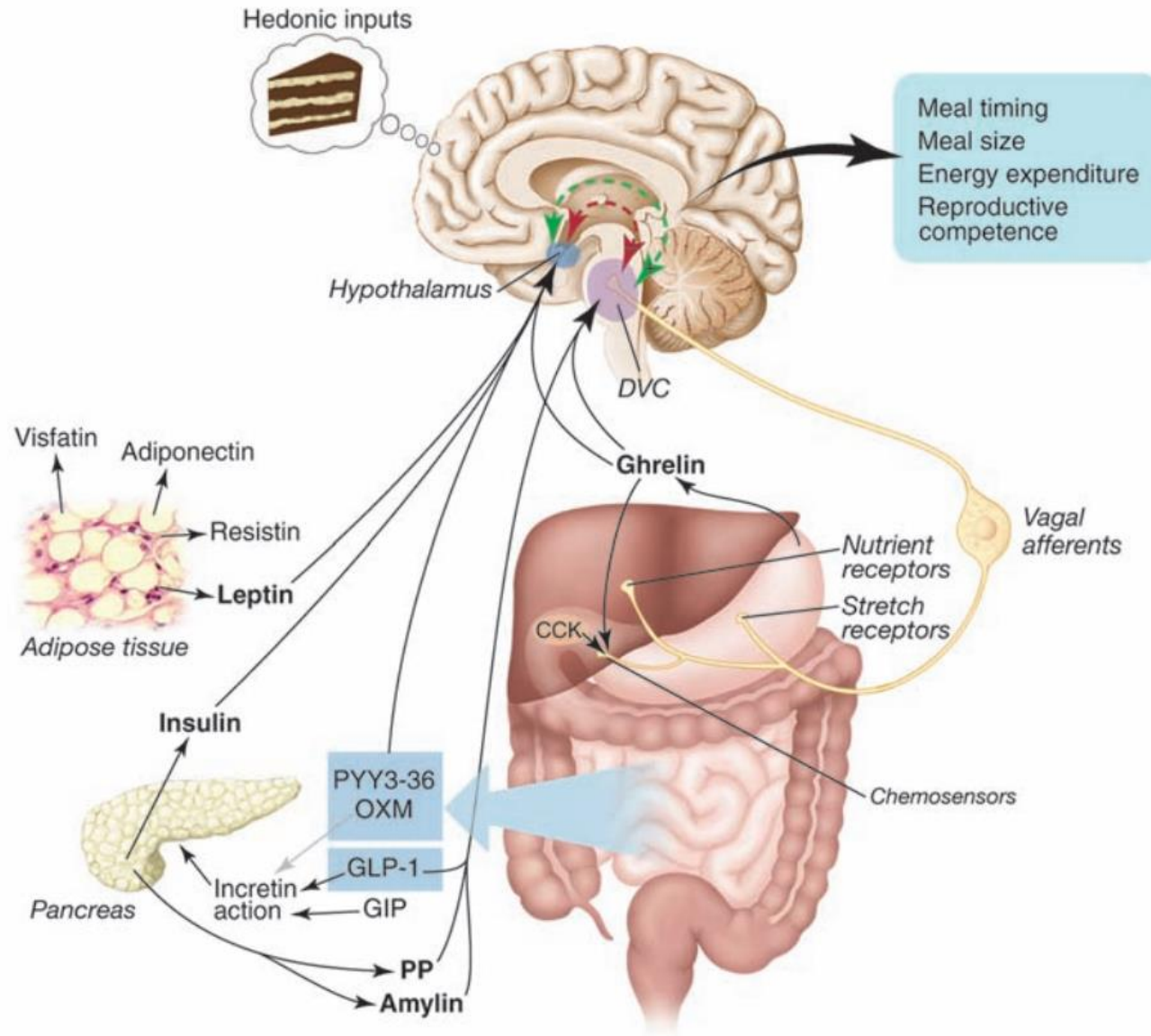
In Italia più di **25 milioni** di persone sono affette da obesità o sovrappeso. Il **46% degli adulti** (oltre 23 milioni) e il **26,3% dei bambini e adolescenti** tra i 3 e i 17 anni (2,2 milioni)

## **World Obesity Federation Position Statement**

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# Fisiopatologia dell'obesità

# La regolazione del peso corporeo



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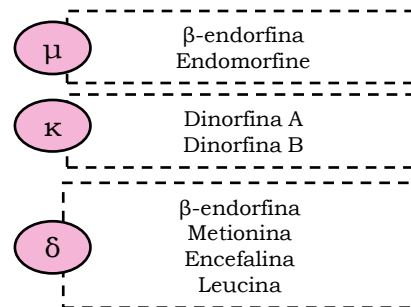
**Controllo volontario**



**Sistema omeostatico**

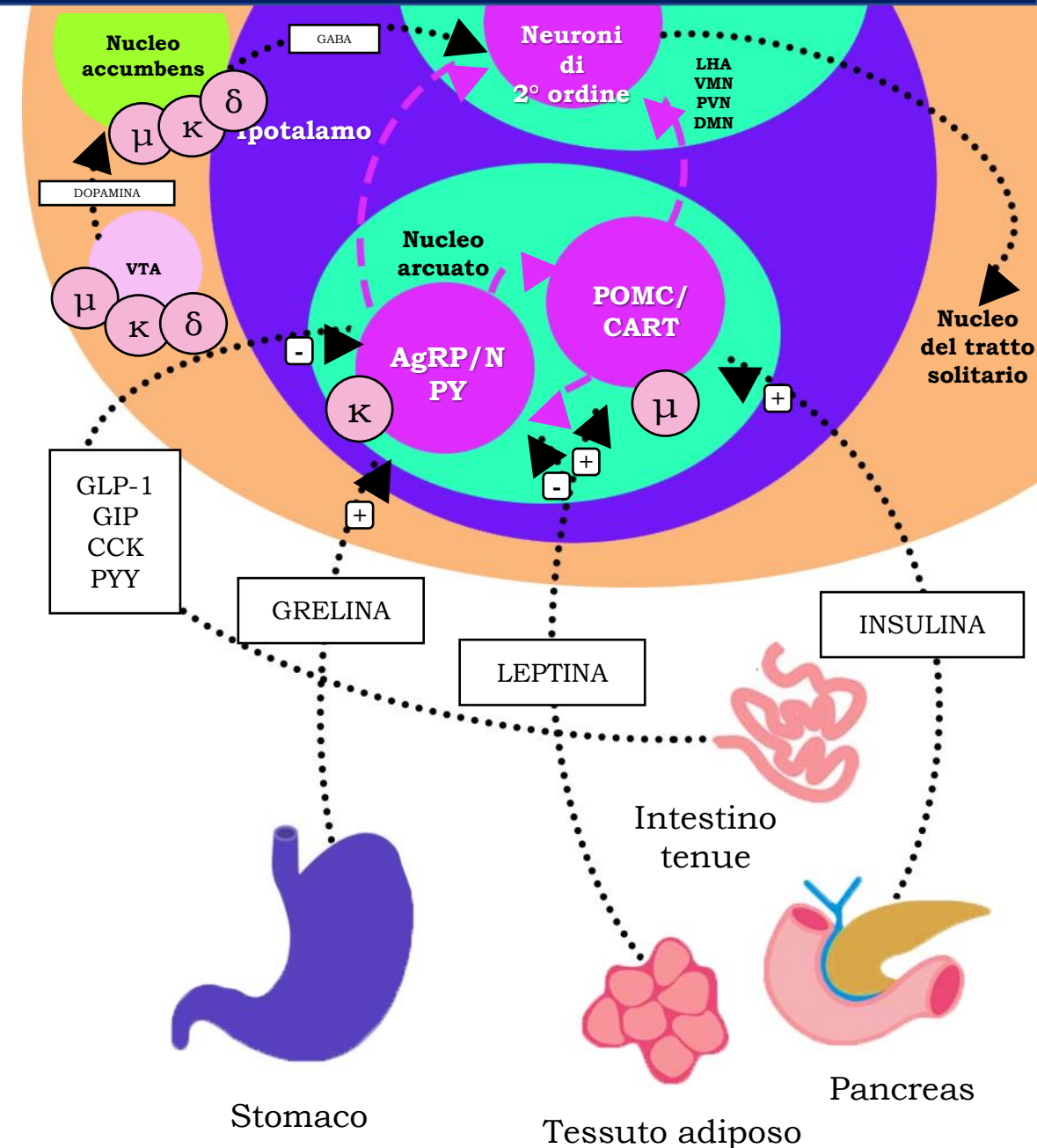


**Sistema edonico**



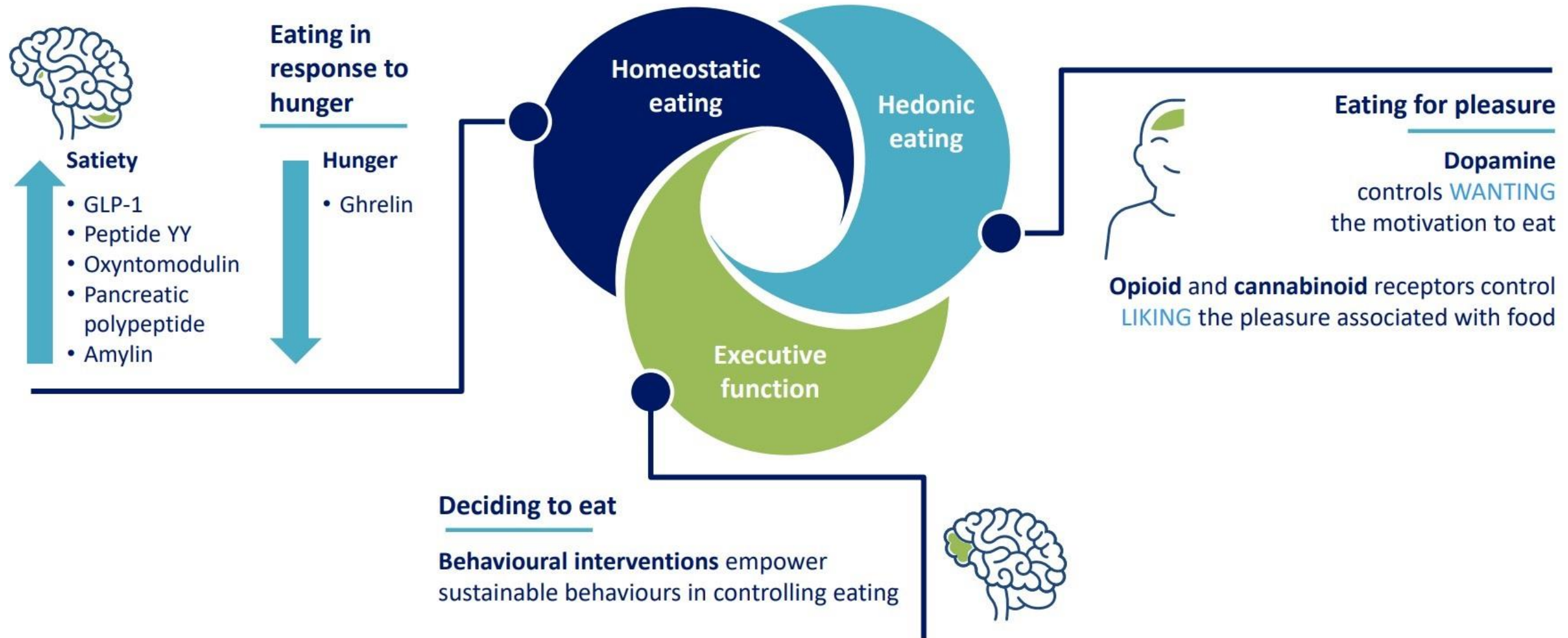
LHA = Area ipotalamica laterale  
VMN = Nucleo Ventromediale  
PVN = Nucleo Paraventricolare  
DMN = Nucleo Dorsomediale  
VTA = Area Tegmentale Ventrale  
(mesencefalo)

GLP-1 = Glucagon-like Peptide 1  
GIP = Gastric Inhibitory Polieptide  
CCK = Colecistochinina  
PYY = Peptide YY





# La regolazione del peso corporeo



# EOSS – Edmonton Obesity Staging System

## STAGE 0

- **NO** sign of obesity-related risk factors
- **NO** physical symptoms
- **NO** psychological symptoms
- **NO** functional limitations

Case Example:

Physically active female with a BMI of 32 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, no risk factors, no physical symptoms, no self-esteem issues, and no functional limitations.

*Class I, Stage 0 Obesity*

EOSS Score

WHO Obesity Classification

## STAGE 1

- Patient has obesity-related **SUBCLINICAL** risk factors (borderline hypertension, impaired fasting glucose, elevated liver enzymes, etc.) - *OR* -
- **MILD** physical symptoms - patient currently not requiring medical treatment for comorbidities (dyspnea on moderate exertion, occasional aches/pains, fatigue, etc.) - *OR* -
- **MILD** obesity-related psychological symptoms and/or mild impairment of well-being (quality of life not impacted)

Case Example:

38 year old female with a BMI of 59.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, borderline hypertension, mild lower back pain, and knee pain. Patient does not require any medical intervention.

*Class III, Stage 1 Obesity*

### WHO CLASSIFICATION OF WEIGHT STATUS (BMI kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Obese Class I ..... 30 - 34.9  
Obese Class II ..... 35 - 39.9  
Obese Class III ..... ≥40

### Stage 0 / Stage 1 Obesity

Patient **does not meet clinical criteria for admission** at this time.

Please refer to primary care for further preventative treatment options.

## STAGE 2

- Patient has **ESTABLISHED** obesity-related comorbidities requiring medical intervention (HTN, Type 2 Diabetes, sleep apnea, PCOS, osteoarthritis, reflux disease) - *OR* -
- **MODERATE** obesity-related psychological symptoms (depression, eating disorders, anxiety disorder) - *OR* -
- **MODERATE** functional limitations in daily activities (quality of life is beginning to be impacted)

Case Example:

32 year old male with a BMI of 36 kg/m<sup>2</sup> who has primary hypertension and obstructive sleep apnea.

*Class II, Stage 2 Obesity*

## STAGE 3

- Patient has **significant** obesity-related end-organ damage (myocardial infarction, heart failure, diabetic complications, incapacitating osteoarthritis) - *OR* -
- **SIGNIFICANT** obesity-related psychological symptoms (major depression, suicide ideation) - *OR* -
- **SIGNIFICANT** functional limitations (eg: unable to work or complete routine activities, reduced mobility)
- **SIGNIFICANT** impairment of well-being (quality of life is significantly impacted)

Case Example:

49 year old female with a BMI of 67 kg/m<sup>2</sup> diagnosed with sleep apnea, CV disease, GERD, and suffered from stroke. Patient's mobility is significantly limited due to osteoarthritis and gout.

*Class III, Stage 3 Obesity*

## STAGE 4

- **SEVERE** (potential end stage) from obesity-related comorbidities - *OR* -
- **SEVERELY** disabling psychological symptoms - *OR* -
- **SEVERE** functional limitations

Case Example:

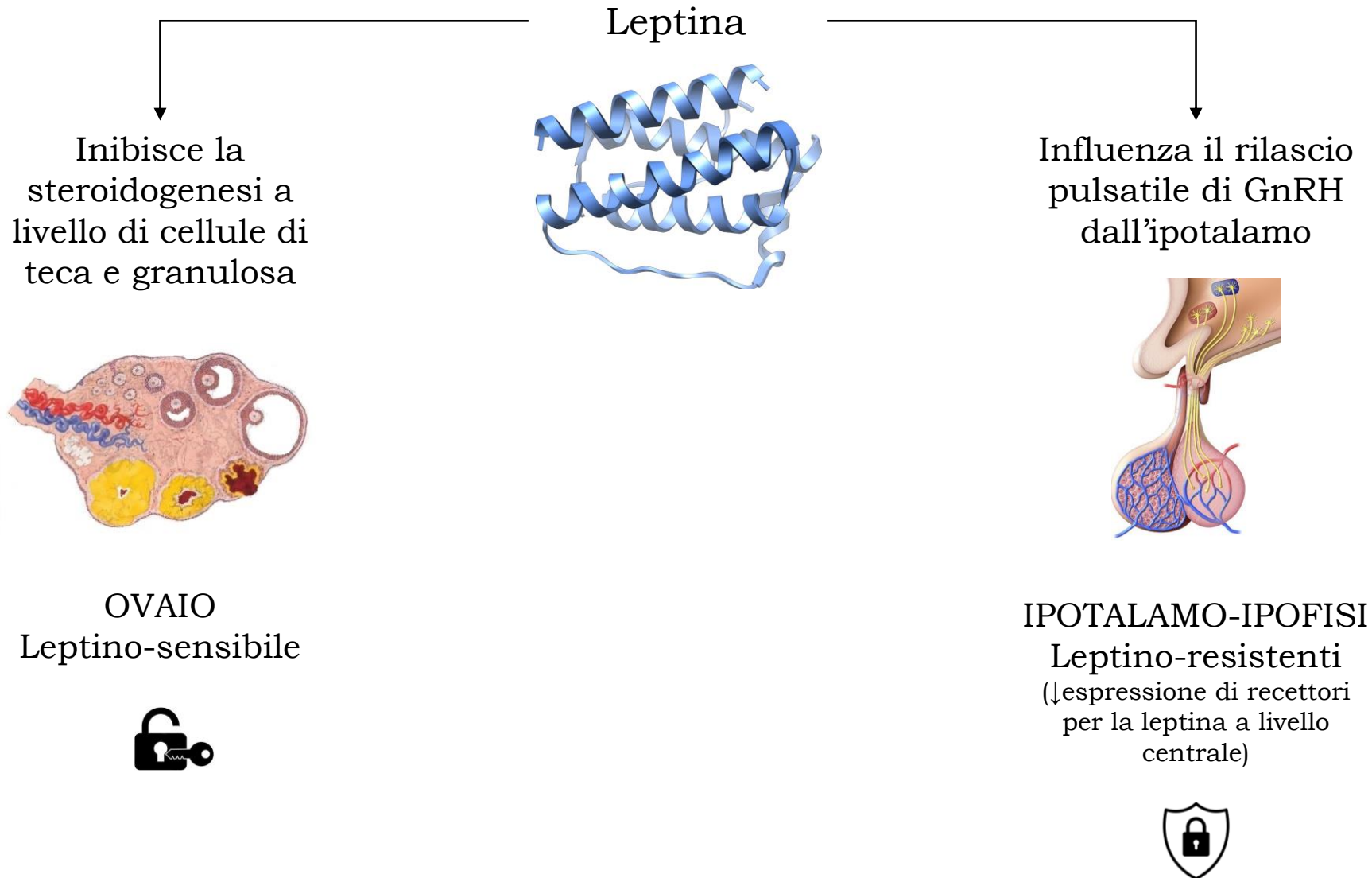
45 year old female with a BMI of 54 kg/m<sup>2</sup> who is in a wheel chair because of disabling arthritis, severe hyperpnea, and anxiety disorder.

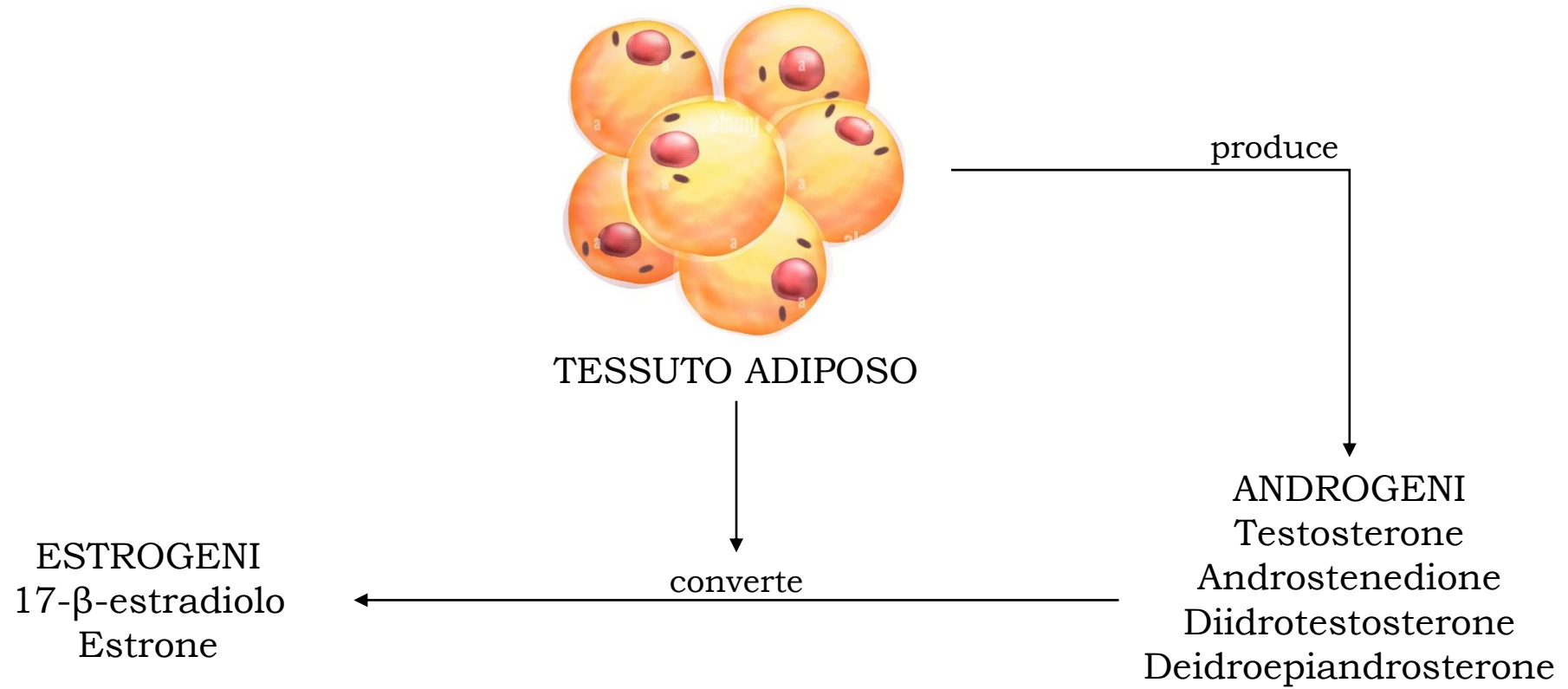
*Class III, Stage 4 Obesity*



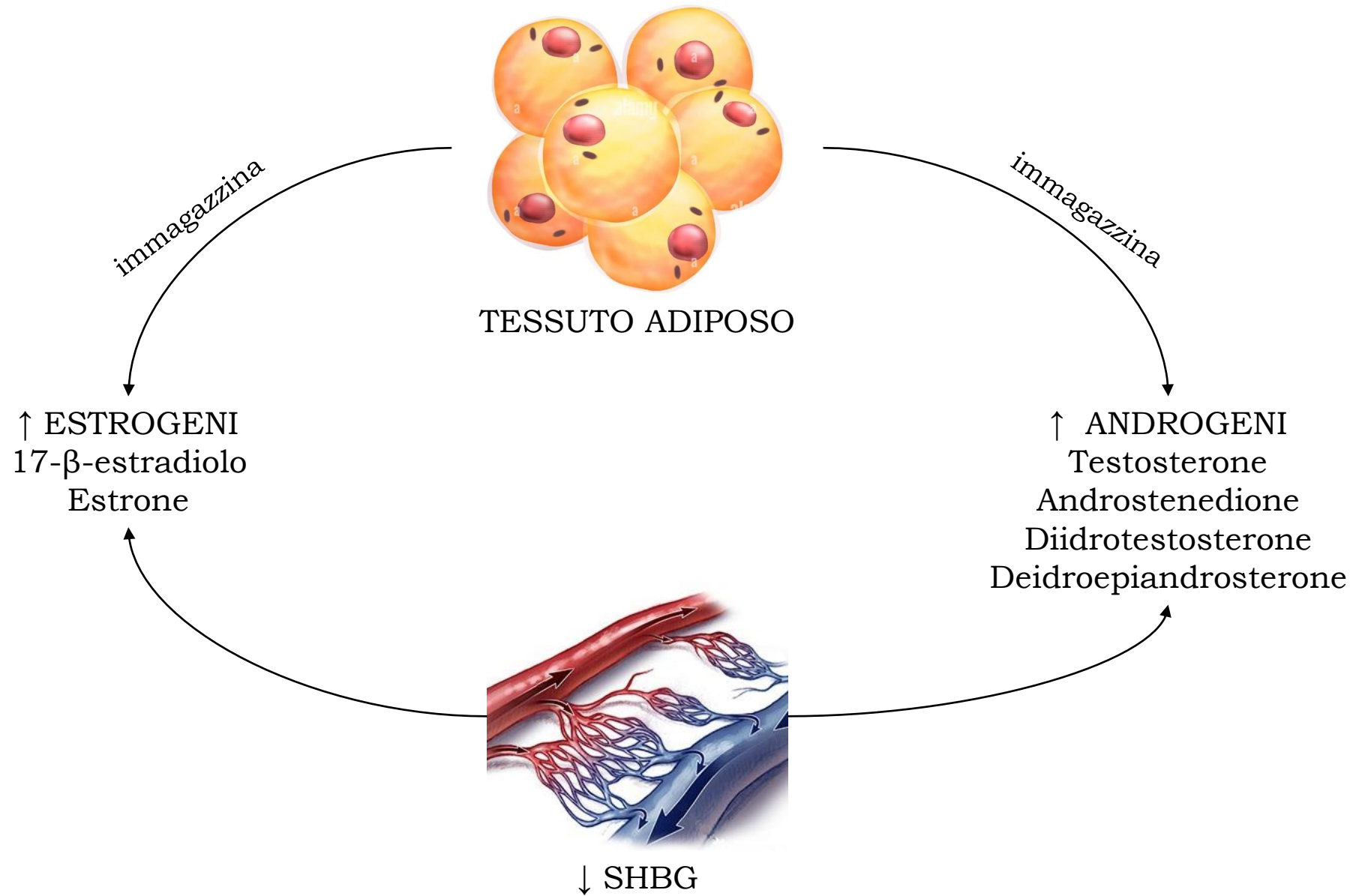
# Obesità e infertilità femminile

# Obesità e asse ipotalamo-ipofisi-ovaio

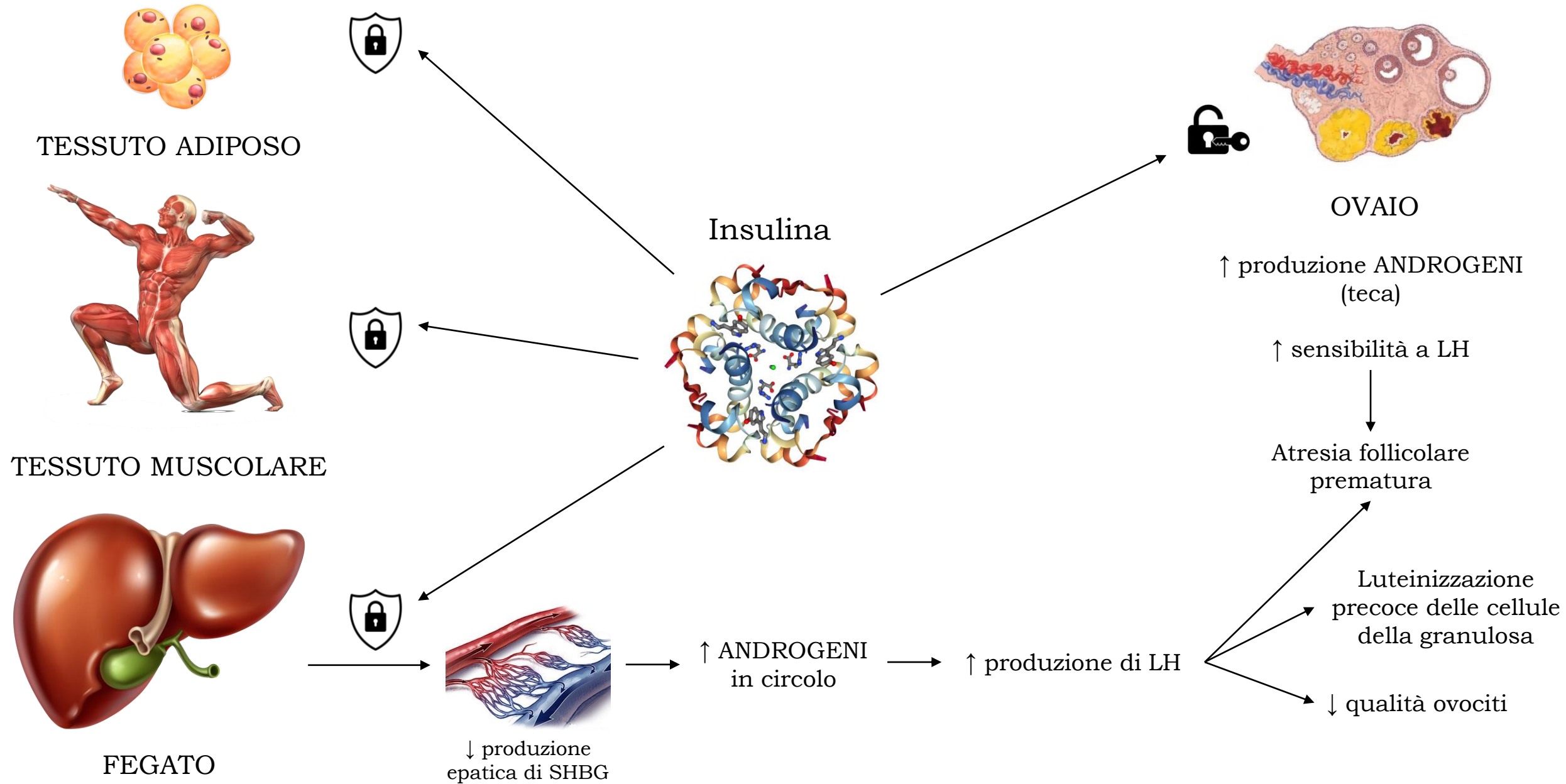




# Obesità e steroidi sessuali

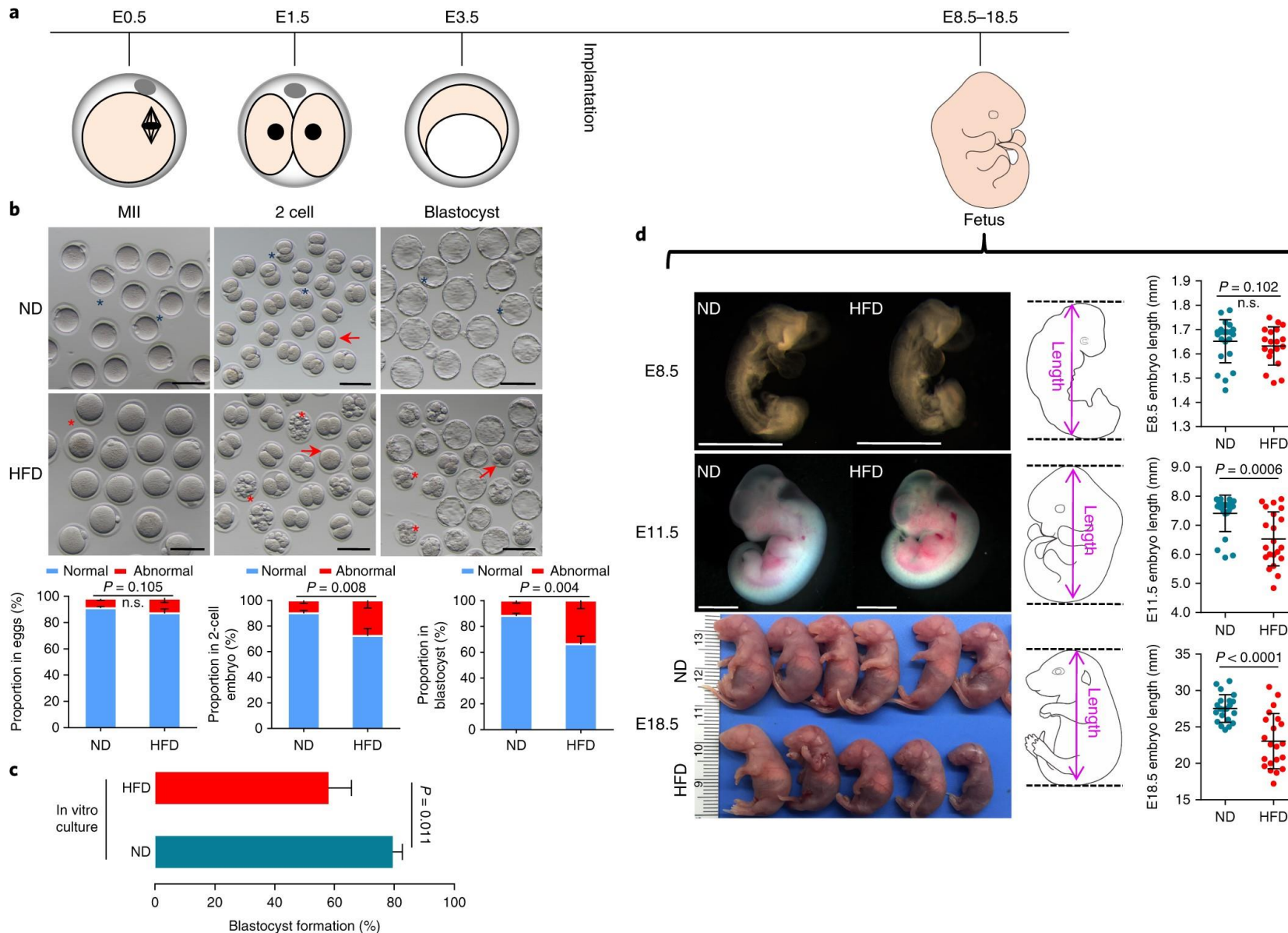


# Il ruolo dell'insulina





# Obesità e ovociti



Ovociti del modello animale obeso:

- Piccoli
- Ritardo nella maturazione meiotica
- Aumento dell'apoptosi follicolare
- Difetti di allineamento dei cromosomi

Embrioni con aneuploidia massiva

Aborti spontanei

Danno  
mitocondriale  
(mitocondri responsabili  
delle fasi di maturazione  
dell'ovocita, impianto,  
sviluppo dell'embrione)

Stress ossidativo

Lipotossicità

# Obesità e PMA

Necessarie maggiori dosi di gonadotropine per compensare la resistenza alle stesse indotta dall'obesità

Peggior qualità degli ovociti

## Live birth rate according to body mass index

Effect of BMI on live birth rates in 4,609 patients undergoing their first IVF cycle

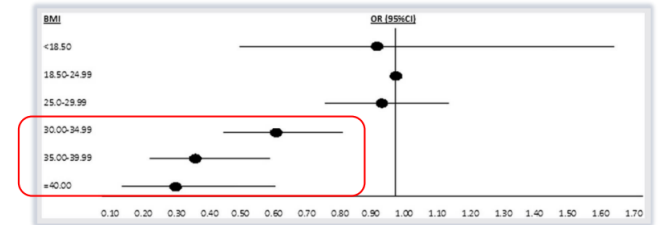


Compared with normal BMI, the adjusted odds of live birth are:

↓ 37% in class I obesity

↓ 61% in class II obesity

↓ 68% in class III obesity



Elevato tasso di abortività

Basso tasso di nati vivi

Regolazione alterata dei processi proliferativi e apoptotici endometriali

Ridotta recettività dell'endometrio (alterazione cascata MAP/ERK)

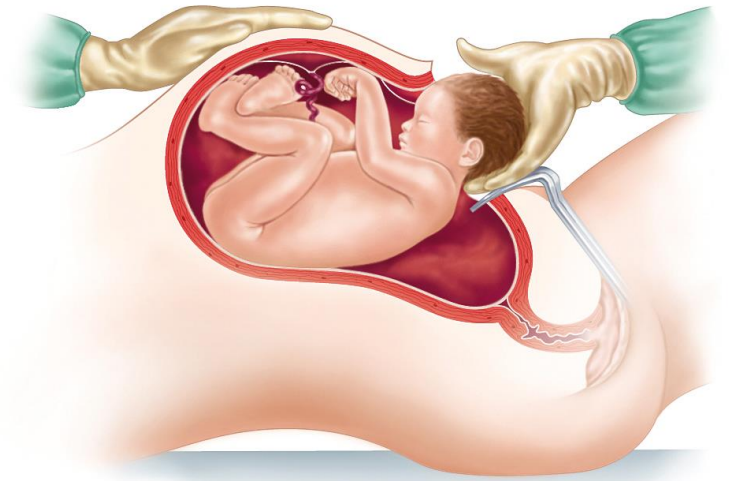
Each BMI unit > 29 reduces the chance of achieving a pregnancy within 12 months by about 4%

# Obesità e gravidanza



Ipertensione

Parto  
cesareo

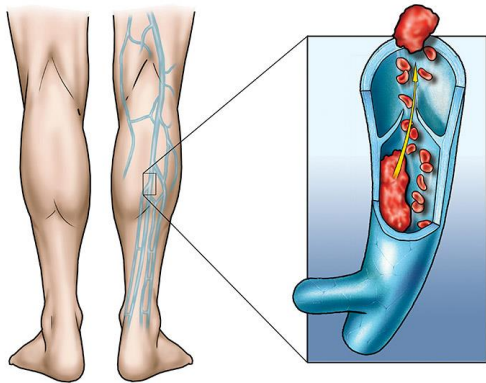


Infezione  
della ferita



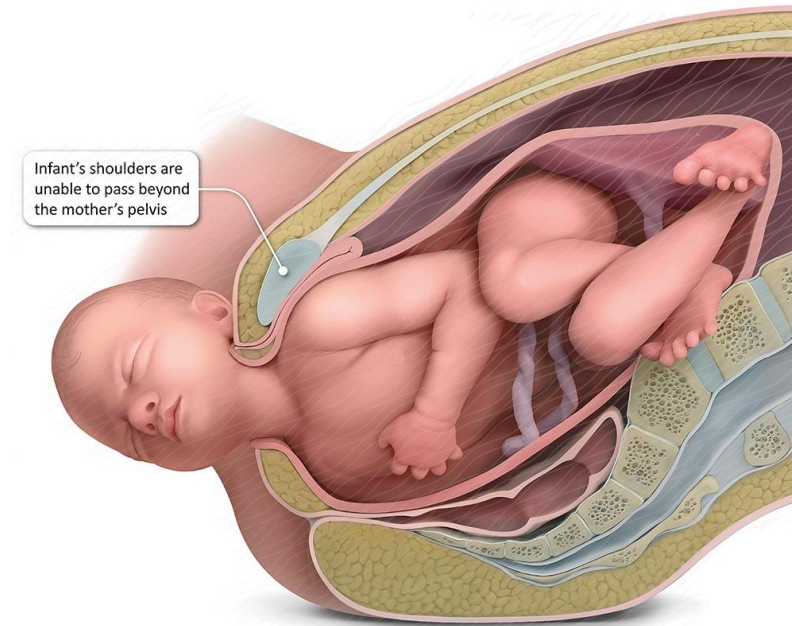
Diabete  
gestazionale

Macrosomia



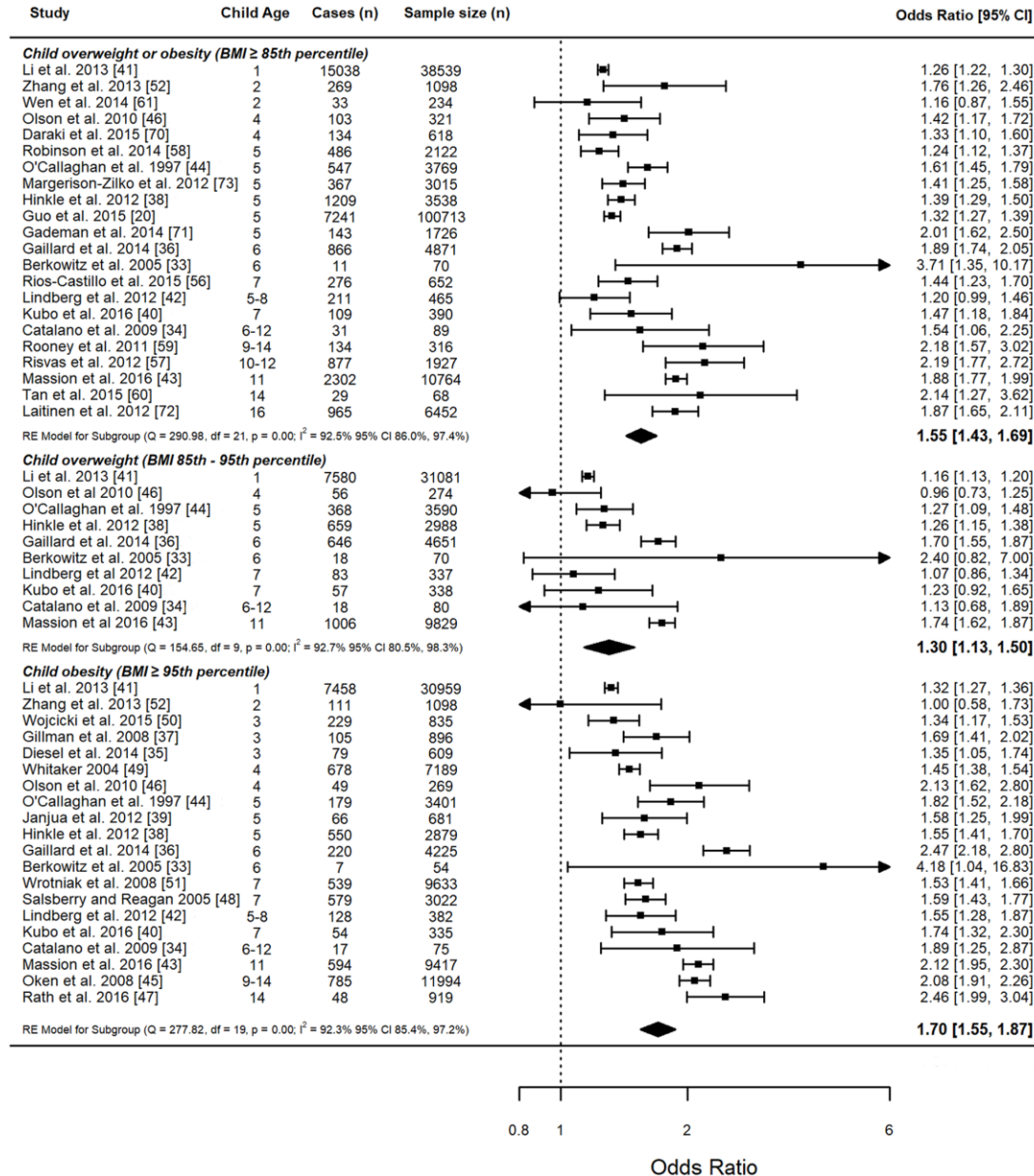
Tromboembolismo  
venoso

Distocia di spalla





# Correlazione fra BMI materno e obesità infantile

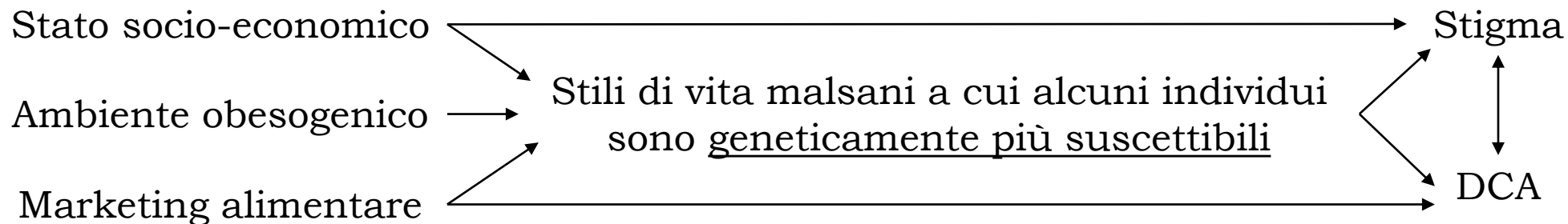


Rischio di obesità del nascituro aumentato del 264% per le madri affetti da obesità prima del concepimento.

È necessario sviluppare strategie che abbiano inizio prima del concepimento per interrompere il circuito dell'obesità intergenerazionale.



# Obesità intergenerazionale



## Food Insecurity. Il cibo sano inaccessibile



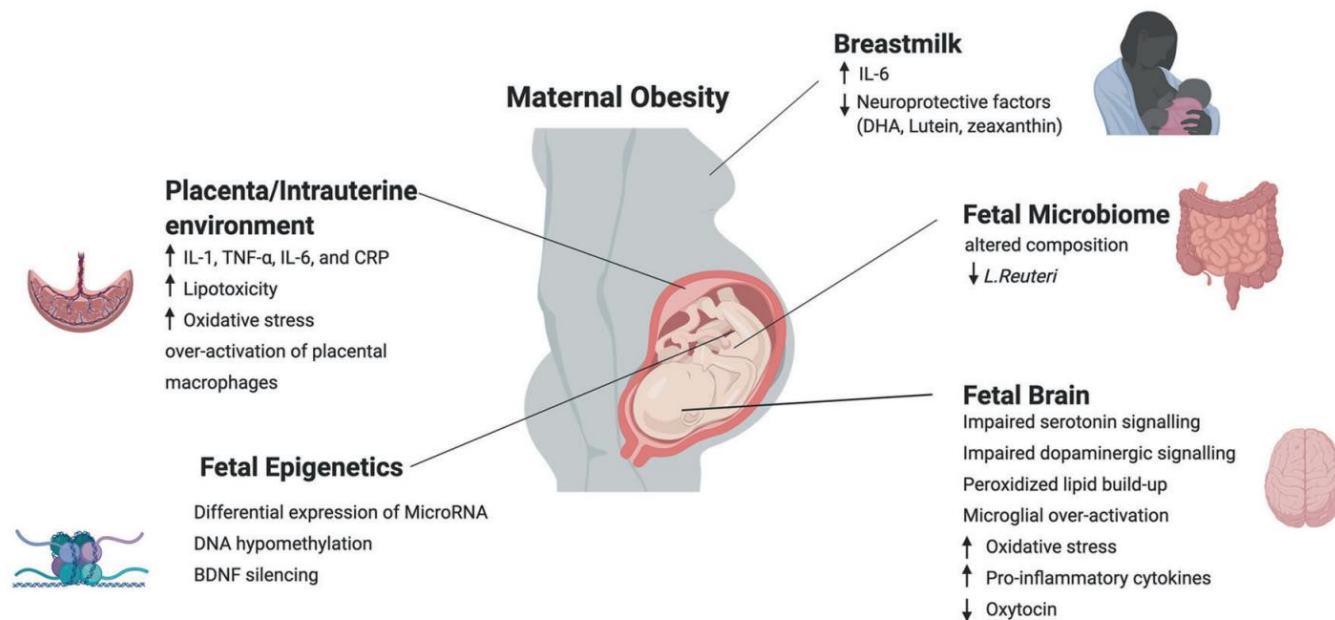
Denutrizione e obesità vengono solitamente visti come problemi separati. La FAO però suggerisce un approccio integrato a queste due forme di malnutrizione. Infatti, se è vero che nella maggior parte dei paesi con alta prevalenza di denutrizione la prevalenza di obesità è più bassa e viceversa, alcuni paesi registrano un'elevata prevalenza delle due contemporaneamente. La malnutrizione non è semplicemente il risultato di un ridotto accesso ad

un'alimentazione sufficiente e sana, ma deriva più in generale da un ridotto accesso a risorse e servizi, primi fra questi l'assistenza sanitaria, l'istruzione, l'acqua potabile e l'igiene.

<https://www.saluteinternazionale.info/2017/11/food-insecurity-il-cibo-sano-inaccessibile/>

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Tong L, Kalish BT. The impact of maternal obesity on childhood neurodevelopment. J Perinatol, 2021

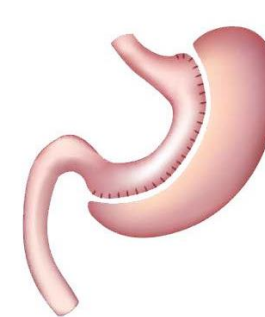
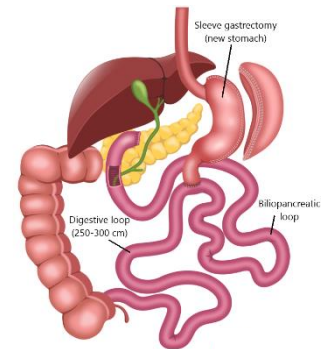
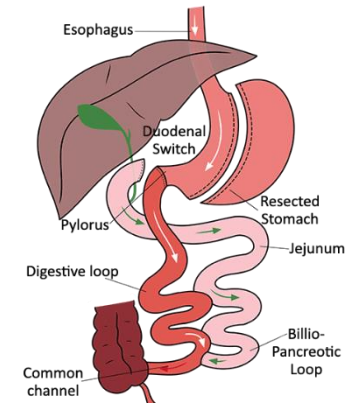




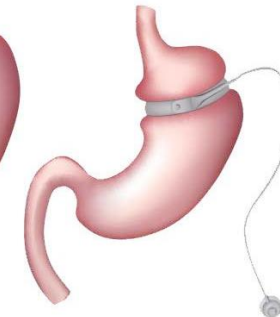


# Strategie terapeutische

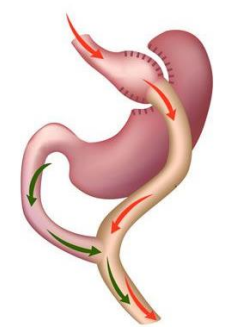
# Strategie terapeutiche



Gastric Sleeve



Lap-band



Gastric Bypass

## Trattamento dietetico-comportamentale

BMI  $\geq 25$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>



## Terapia farmacologica

- (Orlistat)
- Liraglutide
- Naltrexone/bupropione
- ...Semaglutide

BMI  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
con comorbidità

BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>

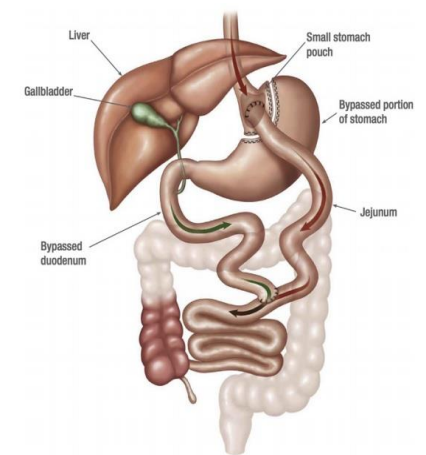
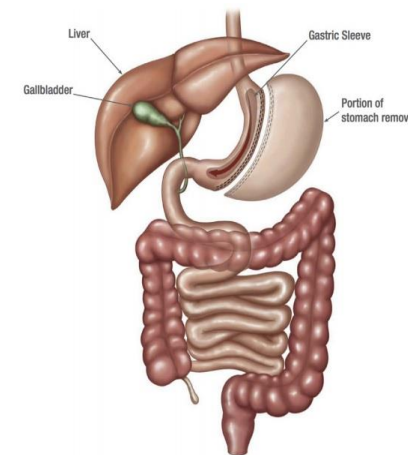


## Chirurgia bariatrica

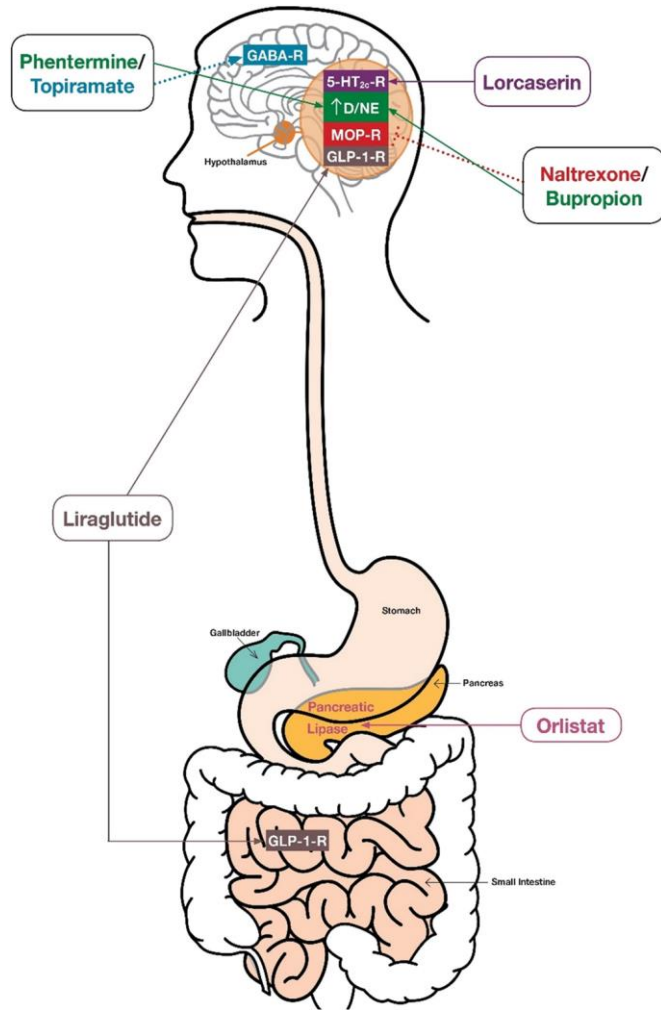
- Sleeve gastrectomy
- Bypass gastrico Roux-en-Y



BMI  $\geq 35$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
con comorbidità

BMI  $\geq 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>



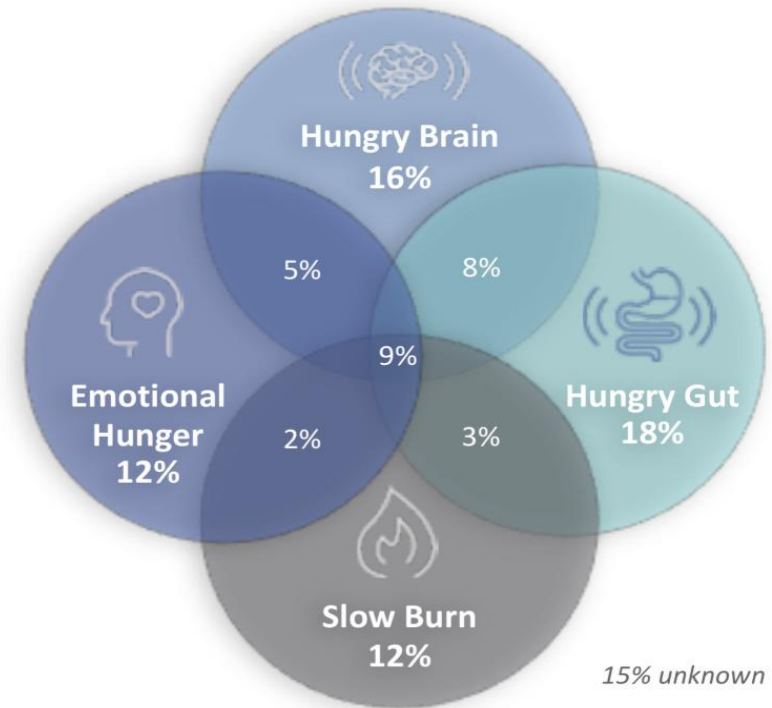
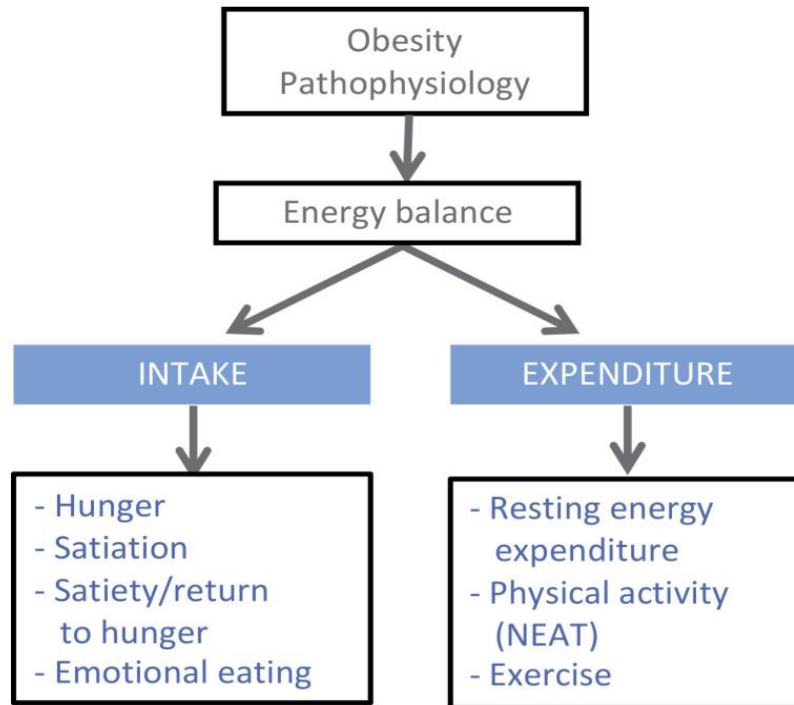
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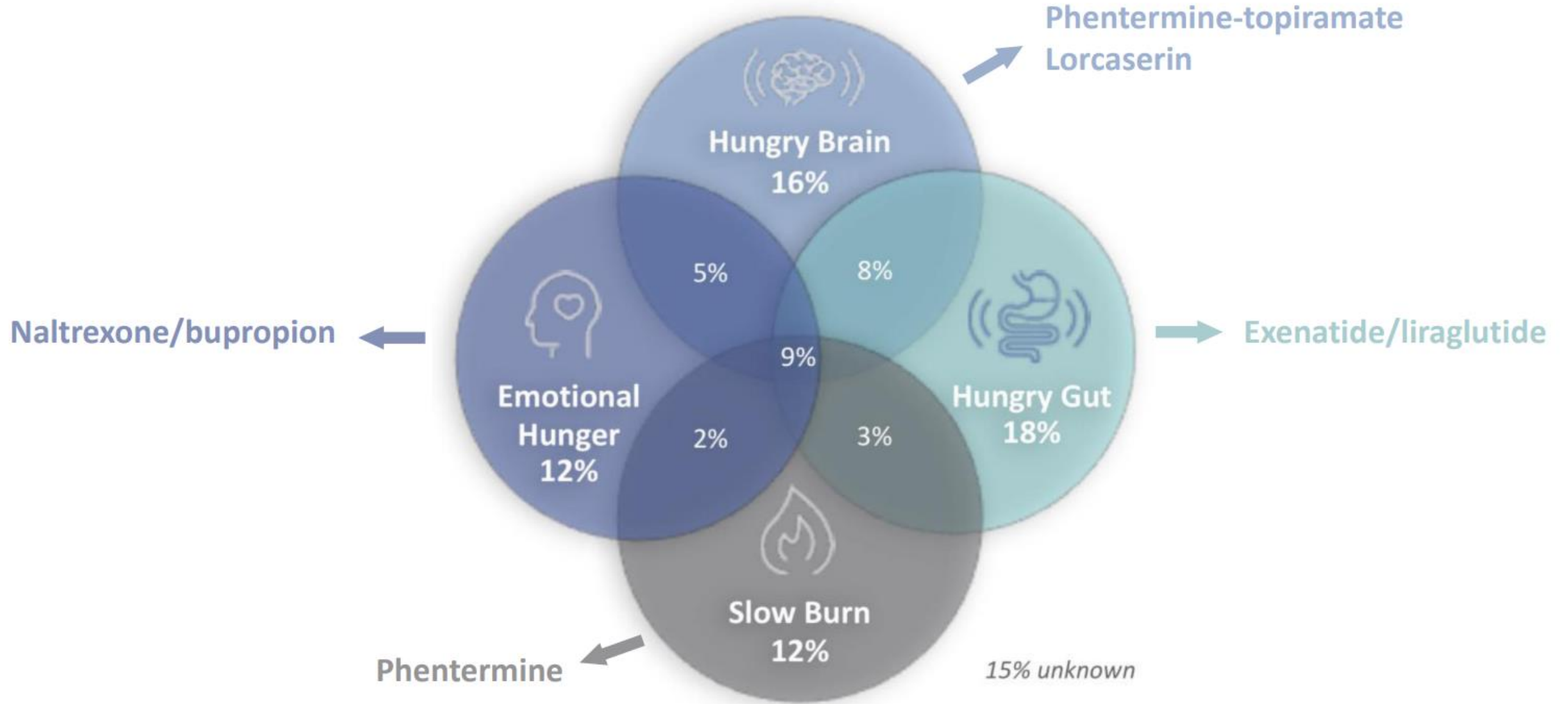
			Mode of action	Indications
<b>Orlistat</b> (Xenical®, Alli®)	✓	✓	Energy wastage	Adjunct to diet and physical activity for chronic weight management in a) obesity BMI ≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> b) overweight BMI ≥27 kg/m <sup>2</sup> with comorbidity
<b>Phentermine*</b> (Adipex-P®, Suprenza®)	✗	✓	Appetite suppression	
<b>Phentermine/topiramate</b> (Qsymia®)	✗	✓	Appetite suppression	
<b>Lorcaserin</b> (Belviq®, Belviq XR®)	✗	✓	Appetite suppression	
<b>Naltrexone/bupropion</b> (Mysimba®, Contrave®)	✓	✓	Appetite suppression	
<b>Liraglutide 3.0 mg</b> (Saxenda®)	✓	✓	Appetite suppression	
<b>Sibutramine</b> (Merida®)	✗	✗	Appetite suppression	n/a



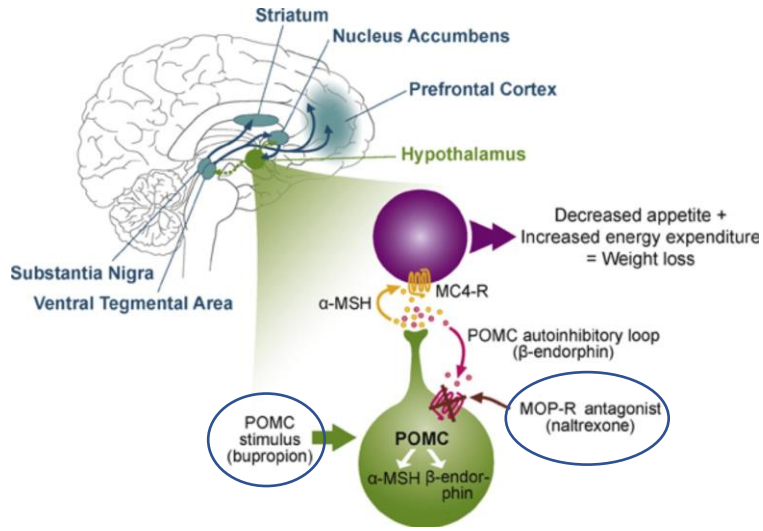
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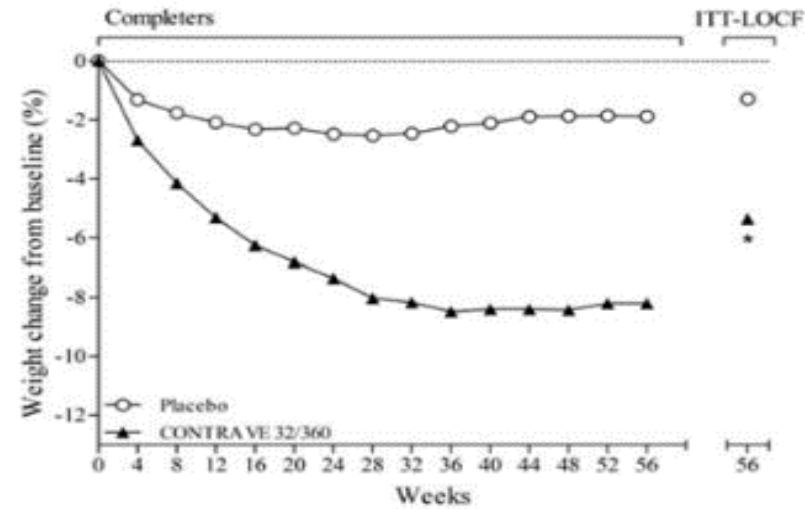
# Tailored therapy



# Naltrexone/Bupropione 8/90 mg, 2 cp BID

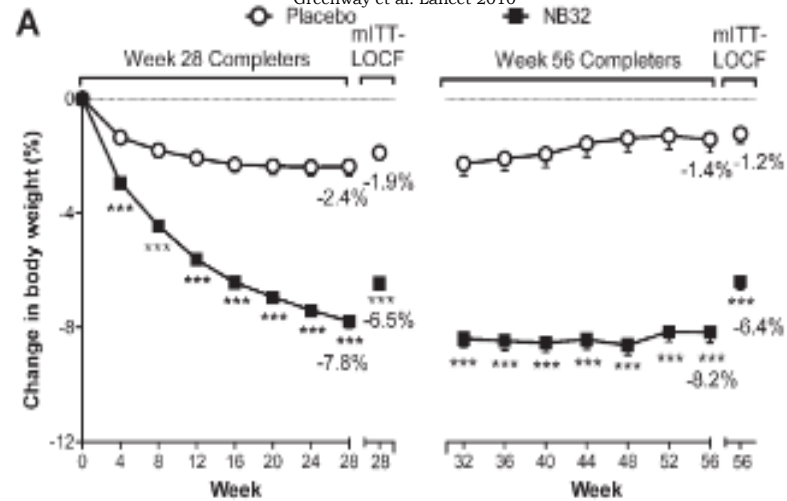


Vallis M. Sustained behaviour change in healthy eating to improve obesity outcomes:  
It is time to abandon willpower to appreciate wanting. Clin Obes. 2019



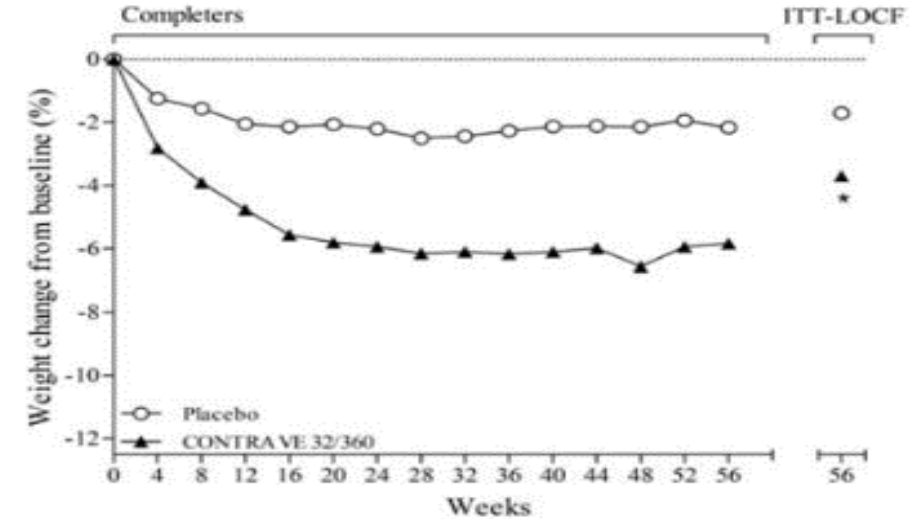
## COR-I Trial

Greenway et al. Lancet 2010



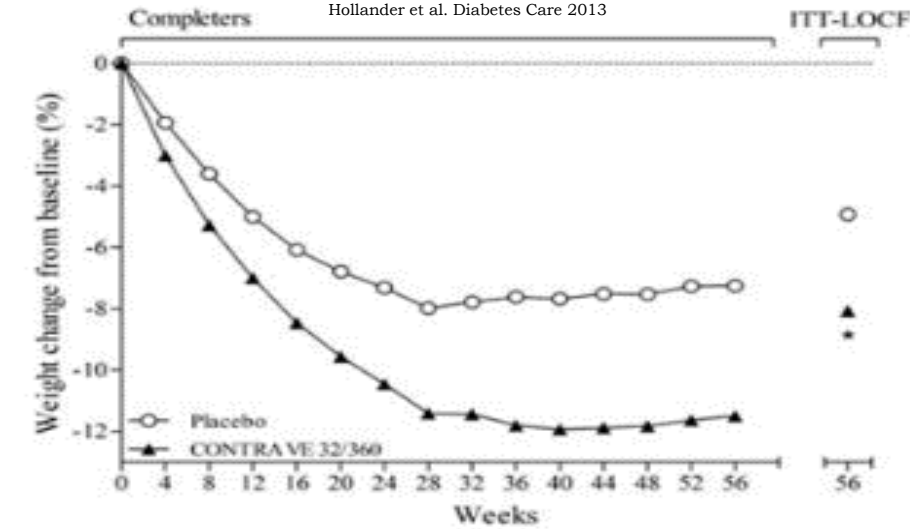
## COR-II Trial

Apovian et al. Obesity 2013



## COR-Diabetes Trial

Hollander et al. Diabetes Care 2013

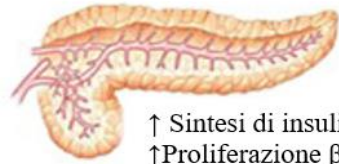


## COR-BMOD Trial

Wadden et al. Obesity 2011

# Liraglutide 3 mg, 1 iniezione SC/die

## FARMACODINAMICA



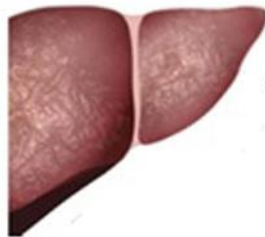
↑ Sintesi di insulina  
↑ Proliferazione  $\beta$ -cellule  
↓ Apoptosi  $\beta$ -cellule  
↓ Produzione di glucagone



↓ Senso di fame



Rallentamento dello  
svuotamento gastrico



↑ Sensibilità all'insulina  
↓ Produzione di glucosio

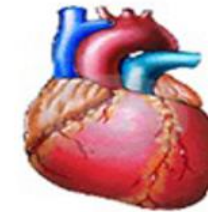


**LIRAGLUTIDE**

## EFFETTI AVVERSI



Nausea, vomito, diarrea, stipsi ecc.



↑ frequenza cardiaca



↑ lipasi e amilasi pancreatiche

# Liraglutide 3 mg, 1 iniezione SC/die



GLP-1 endogeno umano

$T_{1/2} = \sim 2$  mins

C-16 fatty acid  
(palmitoyl)



Liraglutide

Omologia del 97% rispetto a GLP-1 umano;  
Migliore farmacocinetica: si lega ad albumina e  
forma eptameri

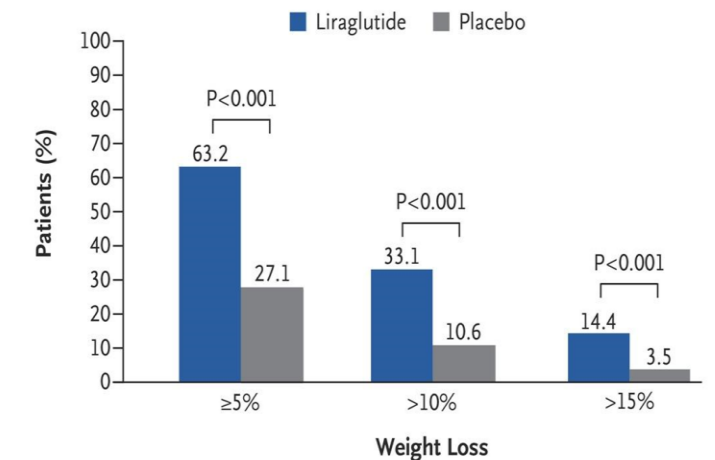
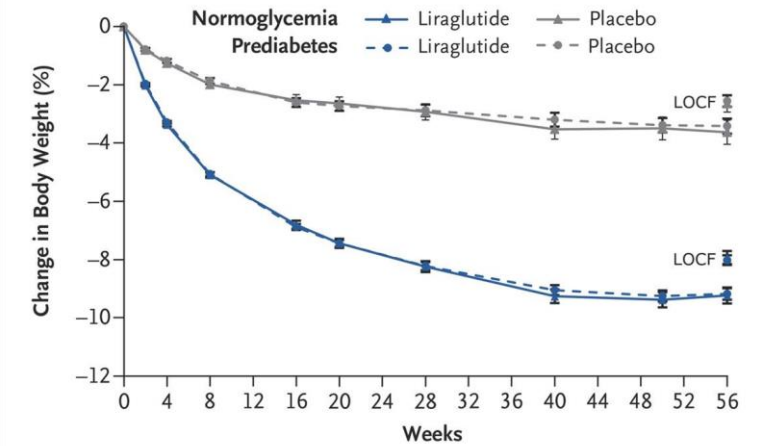
Si assorbe lentamente dal  
sottocute  
Resistente a DPP-4  
Lunga emivita

( $T_{1/2} = 13$  h)

GLP-1: glucagon-like peptide-1, DPP-4: dipeptidyl peptidase-4

## A Randomized, Controlled Trial of 3.0 mg of Liraglutide in Weight Management: SCALE study

Pi-Sunyer et al. NEJM 2015;373:11-22





Novità terapeutiche

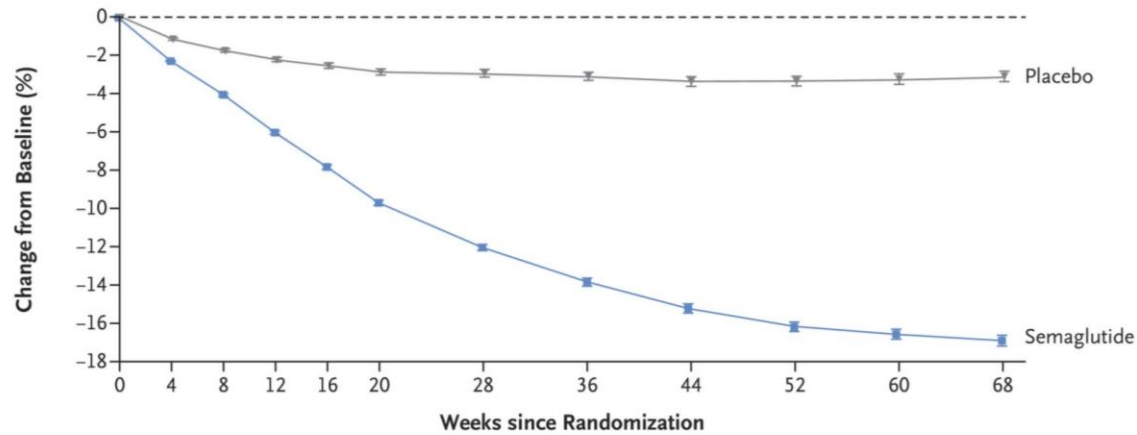
Stay tuned...

# Semaglutide 2,4 mg, 1 iniezione SC/settimana

## STEP-1: Once-Weekly Semaglutide in Adults with Overweight or Obesity

Wilding et al. N Engl J Med 2021

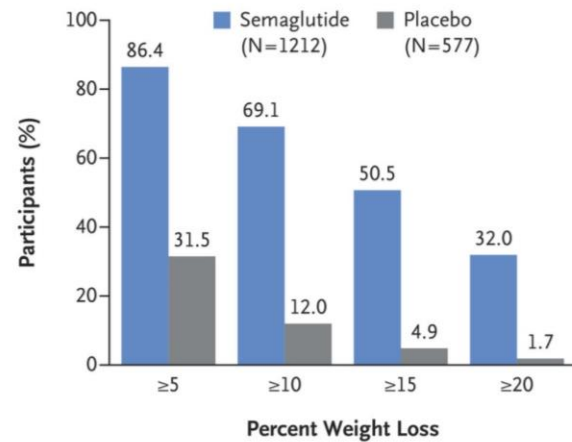
**B** Body Weight Change from Baseline by Week, Observed On-Treatment Data



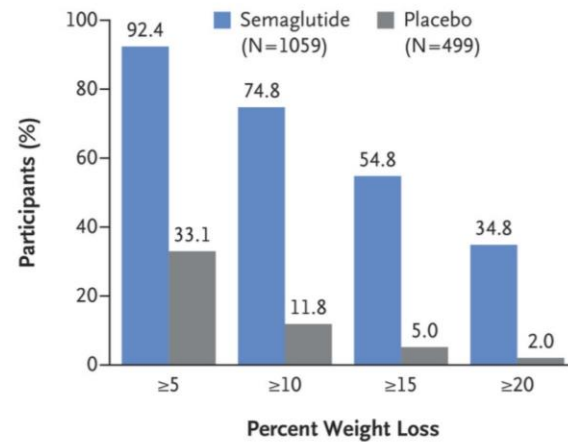
**No. at Risk**

Placebo	655	647	637	613	607	593	576	555	529	520	514	499
Semaglutide	1306	1283	1259	1225	1206	1193	1176	1166	1135	1115	1100	1059

**C** In-Trial Data at Wk 68

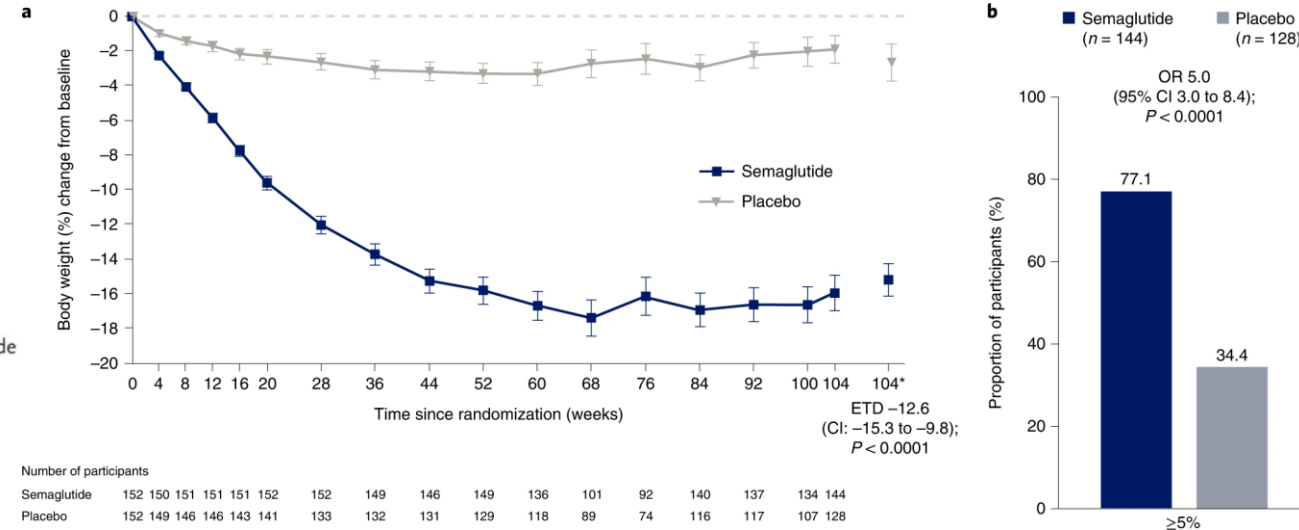


**D** On-Treatment Data at Wk 68



## STEP-5: Two-year effects of semaglutide in adults with overweight or obesity

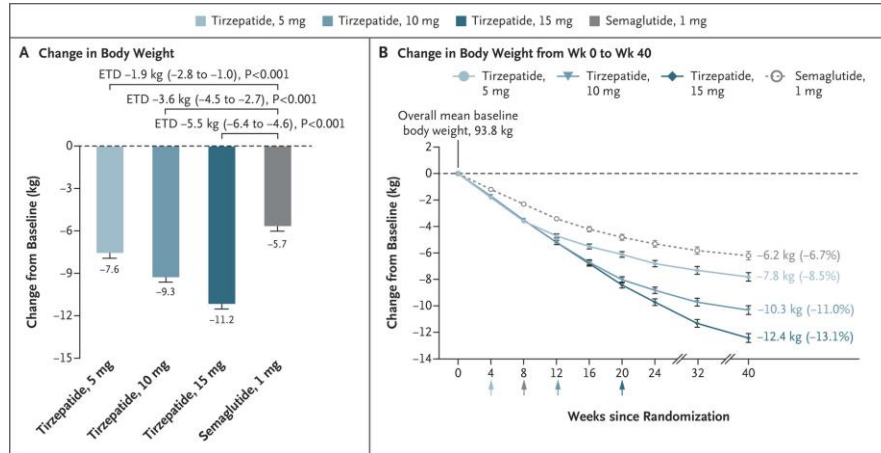
Garvey et al. Nature Medicine. 2022



# Tirzepatide 5 – 10 – 15 mg, 1 iniezione SC a settimana

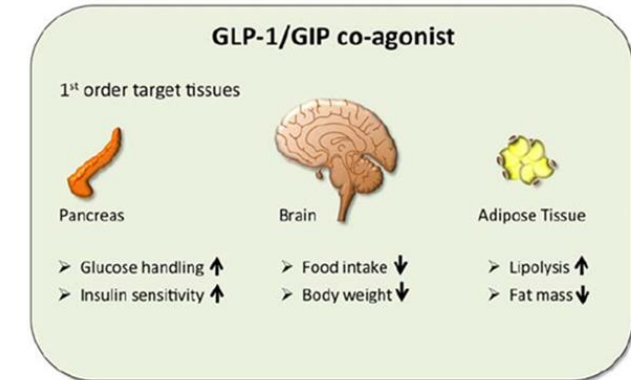
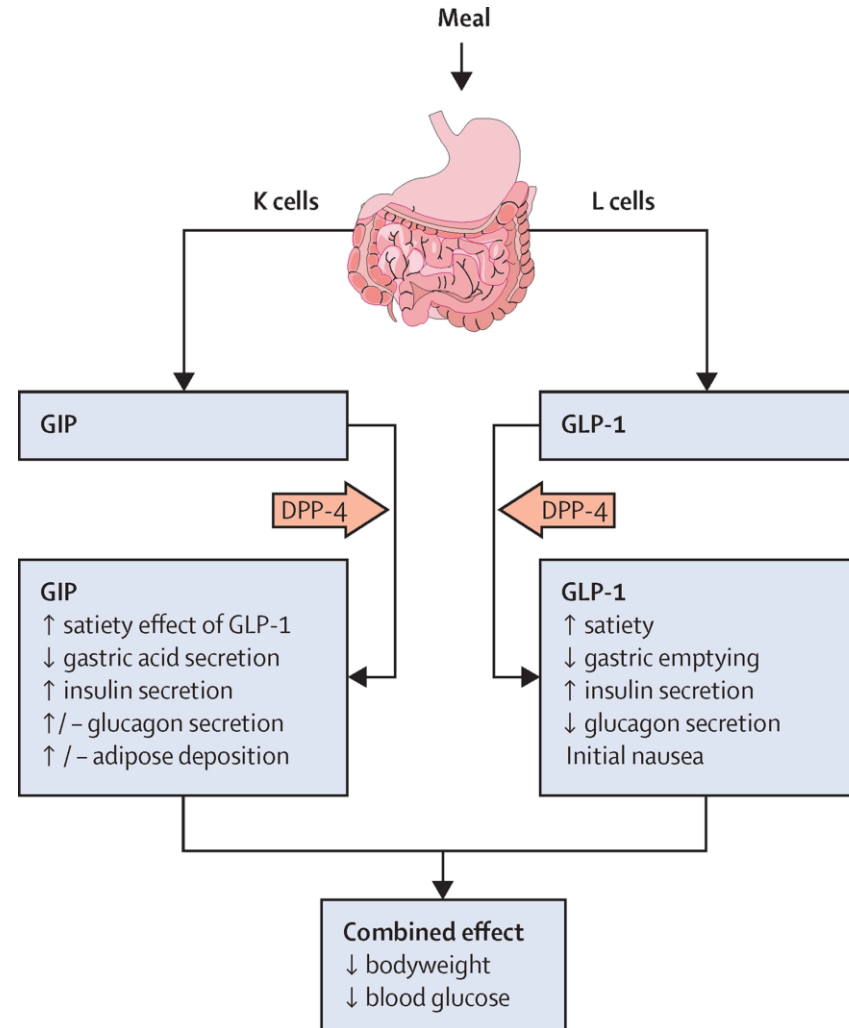
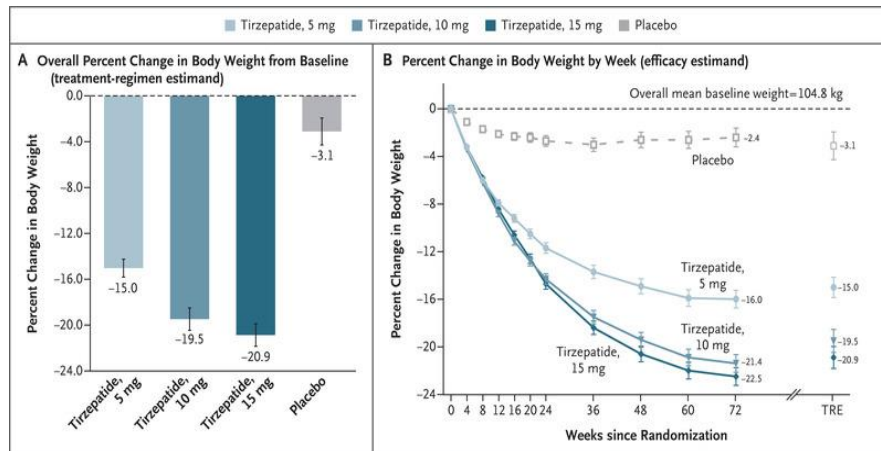
## SURPASS-2: Tirzepatide versus Semaglutide Once Weekly in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

Frias JP et al. NEJM 2021



## SURMOUNT-1: Tirzepatide Once Weekly for the Treatment of Obesity

Jastreboff AM et al. NEJM 2022



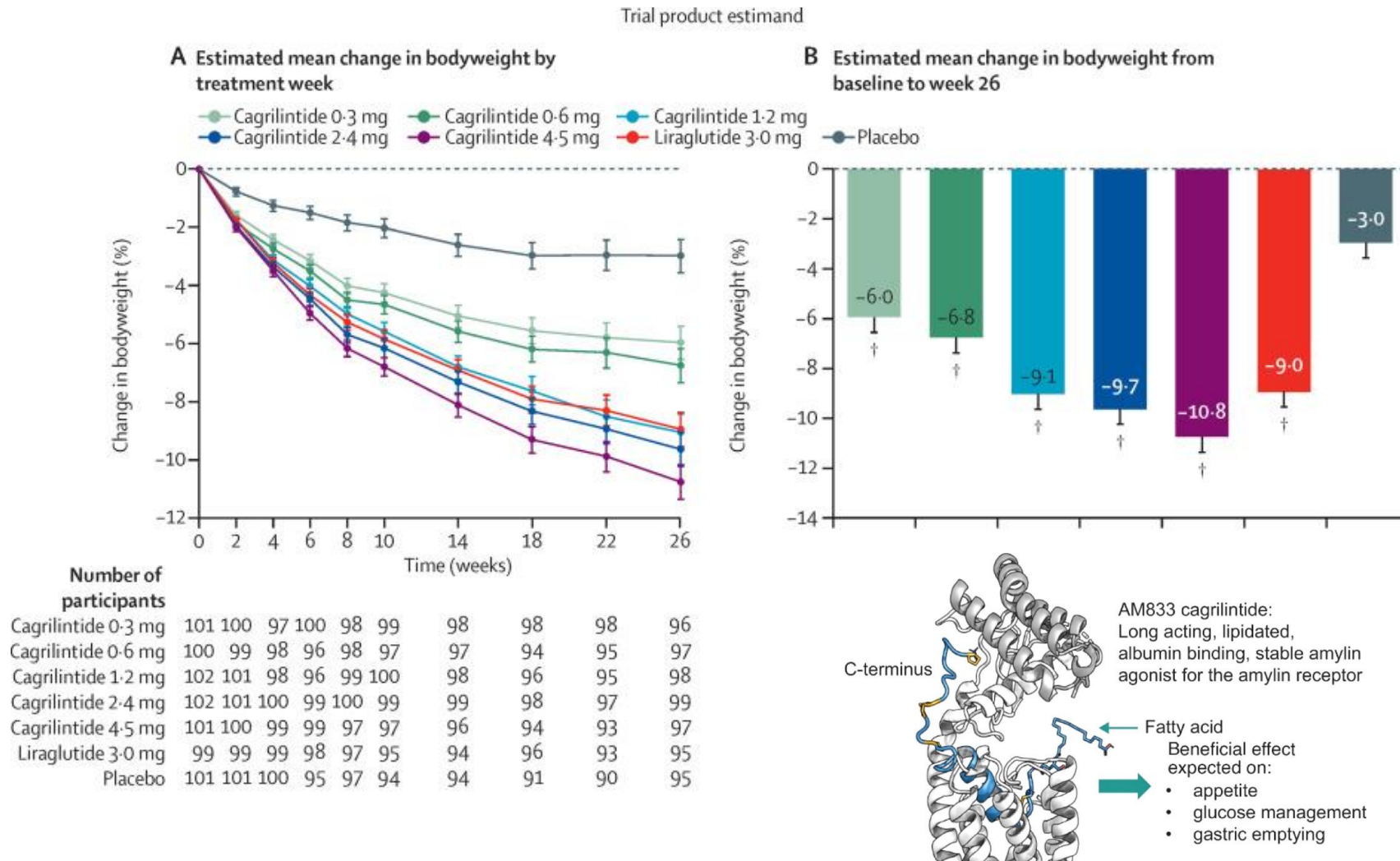
Kleinert M et al. Obesity 2017;25:1647

Bailey CJ. Tirzepatide: a new low for bodyweight and blood glucose. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2021

# Cagrilintide, 1 iniezione SC a settimana

## Once-weekly cagrilintide for weight management in people with overweight and obesity

Lau et al. Lancet. 2021



**Amilina:** peptide prodotto dalle cellule beta del pancreas e secreto insieme all'insulina.

- Ritarda lo svuotamento gastrico
- Sopprime la produzione post-prandiale di glucagone
- Induce sazietà post-prandiale

**Cagrilintide:** omologia dell'84% con l'amilina nativa, grazie a sostituzioni di aminoacidi è maggiormente stabile  
 $t_{1/2}$  di 180 ore.

# Take home messages

- L'obesità è una patologia complessa, multifattoriale, cronica, recidivante e progressiva
- Ha un notevole impatto sulla fertilità femminile e su tutte le fasi dal concepimento al parto
- La predisposizione all'obesità si trasmette di generazione in generazione, tramite fattori genetici, epigenetici e socio-culturali
- Le pazienti affette da sovrappeso e obesità vanno trattate precocemente e indirizzate a Centri per lo studio e il trattamento dell'obesità
- La terapia va personalizzata sulla base di strumenti oggettivi come l'EOSS e della fenotipizzazione della malattia
- La perdita di peso migliora le probabilità di concepimento e di ottenere una gravidanza e un parto con decorso favorevole



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