

# Ruolo dell'emoglobina glicata nel monitoraggio del paziente diabetico

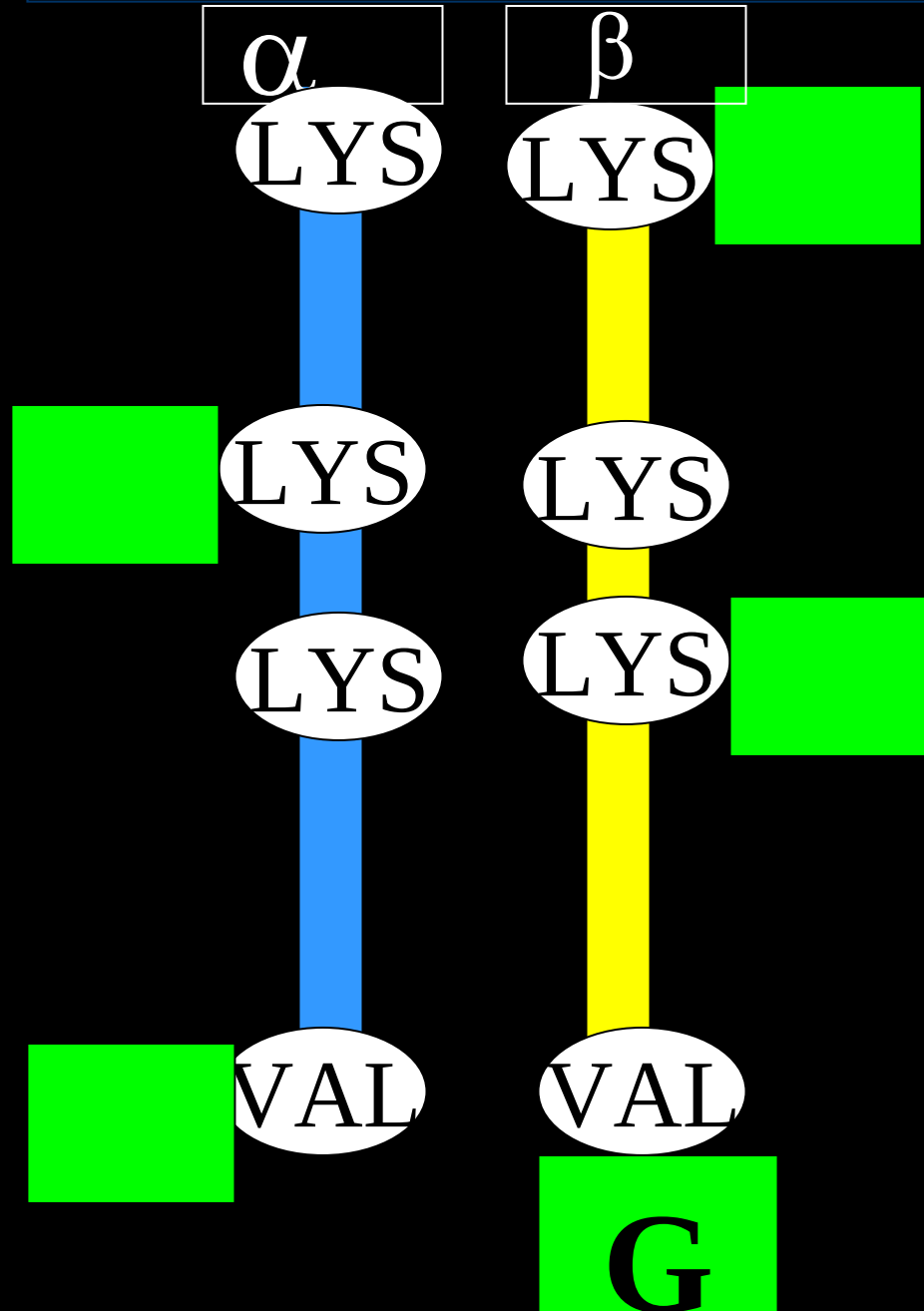


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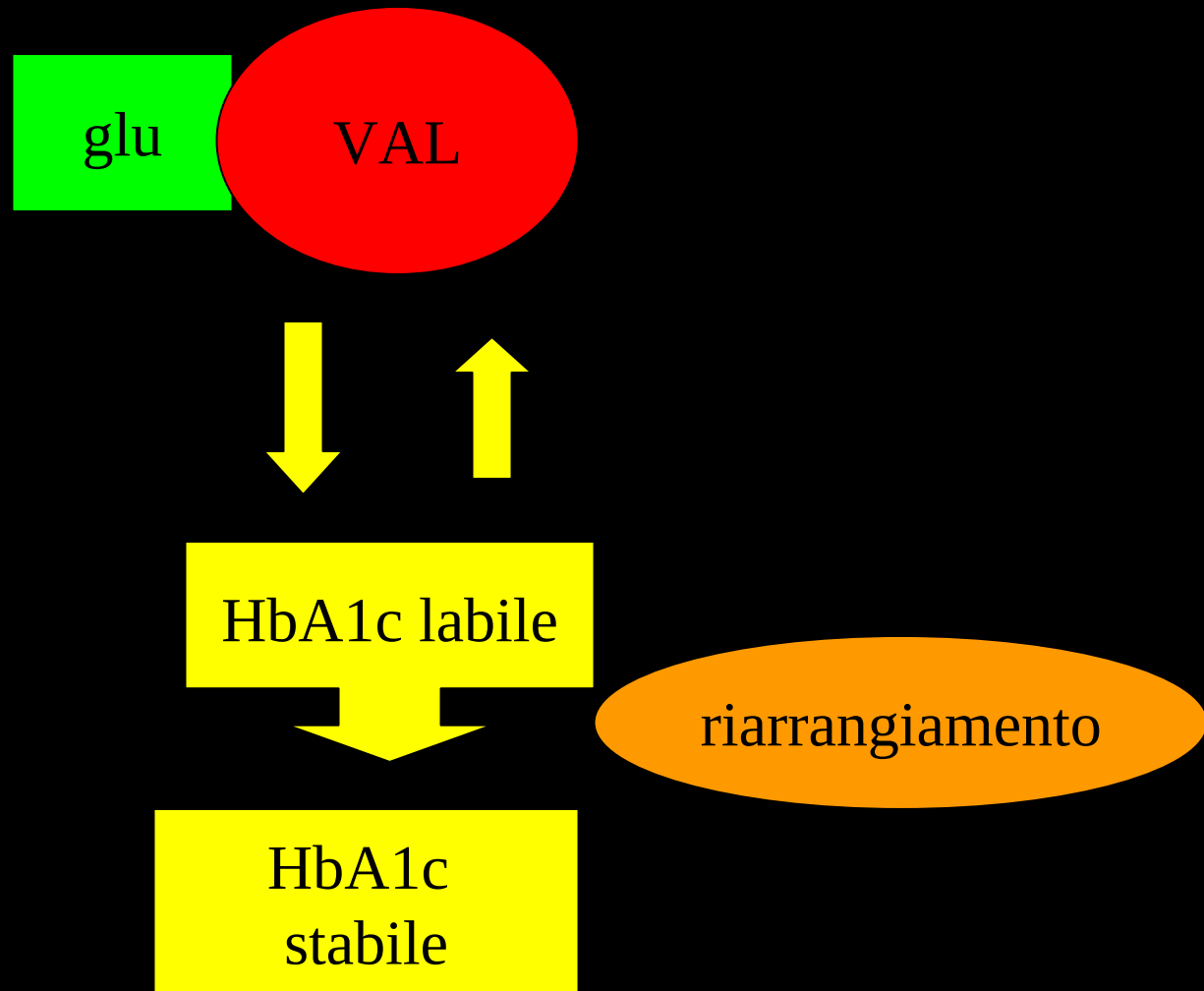
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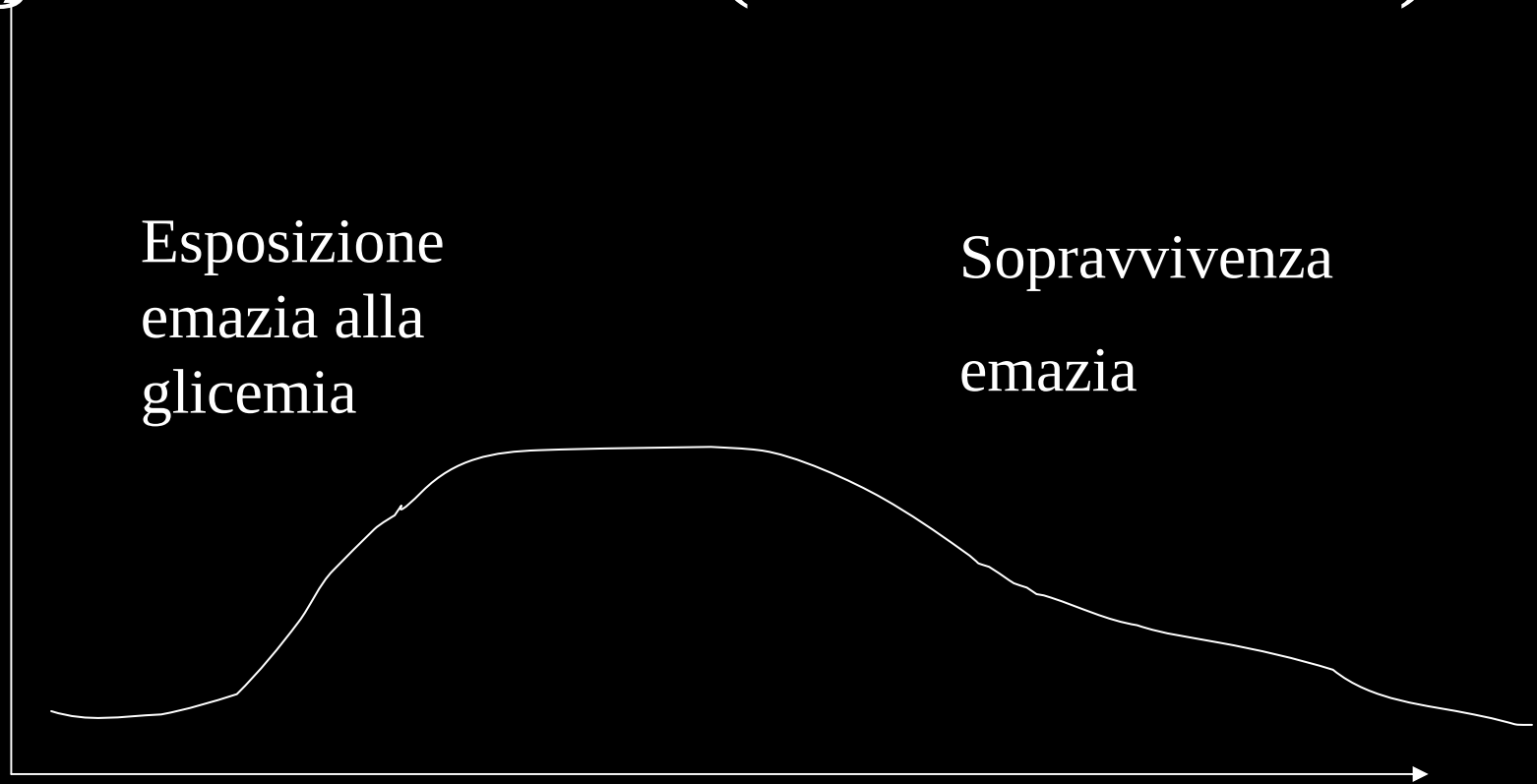
# Emoglobina glicata:cos'è



# Emoglobina glicata: la reazione



La concentrazione HbA1c dipende dall'esposizione dell'emoglobina al glucosio ematico (durata ed entità)



.. E quindi dall'emivita emazie

eritroblasto

Emazia  
vecchia

Glicazione 0

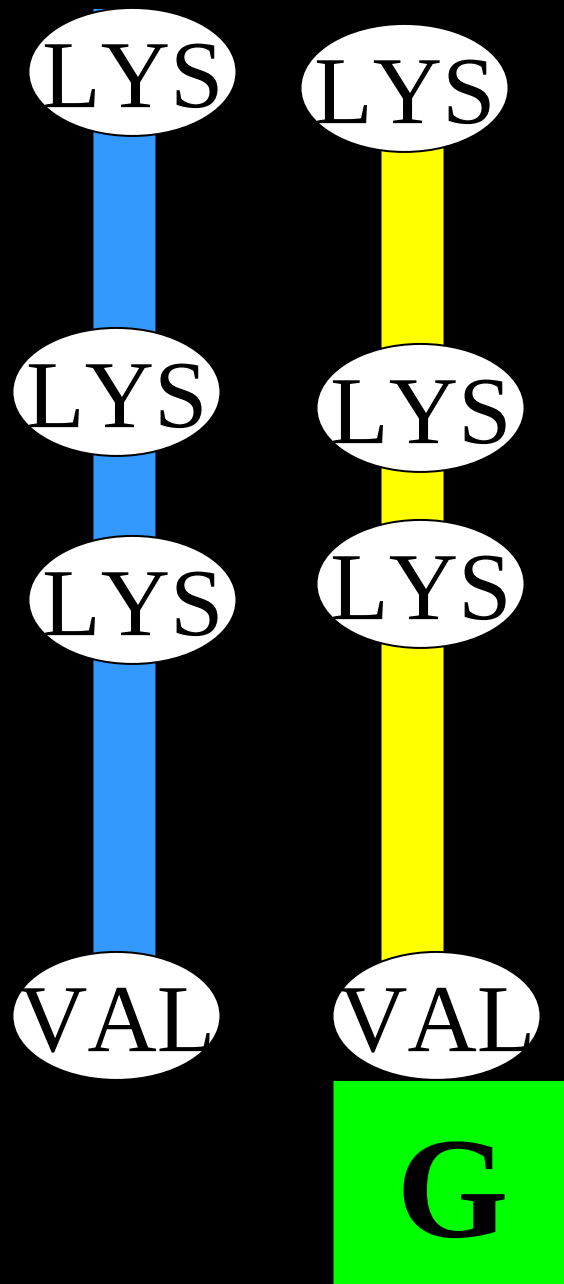
Glicazione  
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Tutte le cause che comportano una riduzione dell'emivita delle emazie possono determinare una sottostima del valore di HbA1c

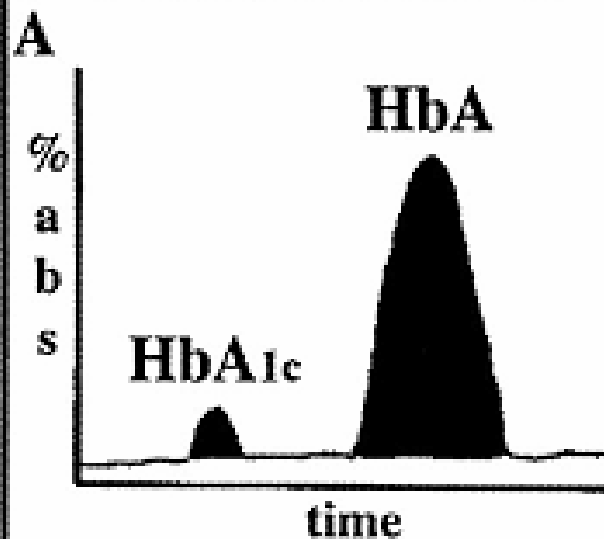


# Interferenze con il dosaggio dell'emoglobina glicata

- Riduzione emivita emazie
- Varianti emoglobiniche
- Vitamina E e vitamina C
- Ipertrigliceridemia, iperbilirubinemia
- Uricemia
- Alcoolismo cronico
- Dipendenza da oppiacei



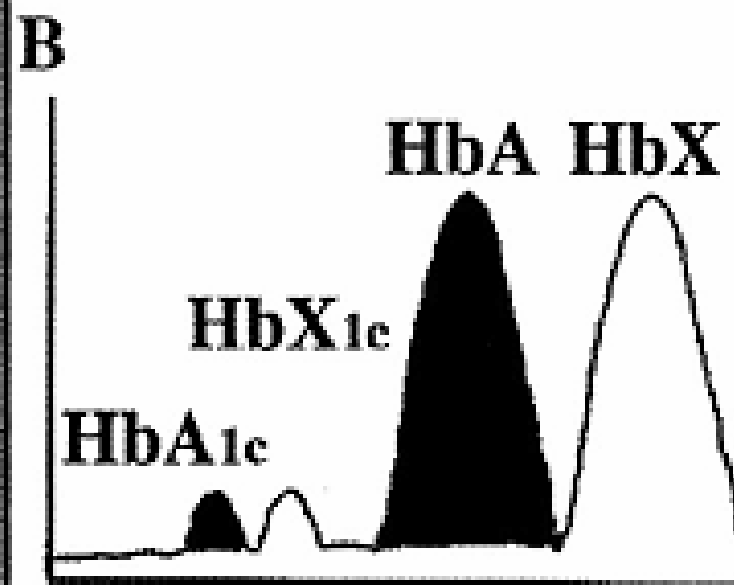




**Separation of HbA  
from HbA1c**

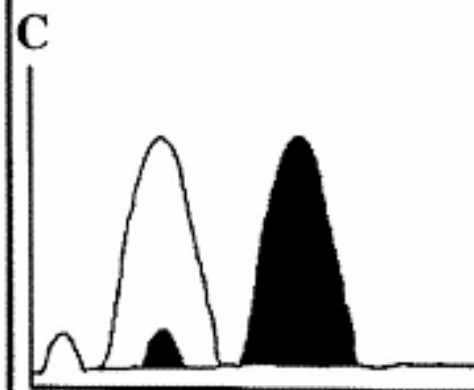
$$100 \times \frac{\text{HbA1c}}{\text{HbA} + \text{HbA1c}}$$

*Normal estimation  
of %HbA1c*

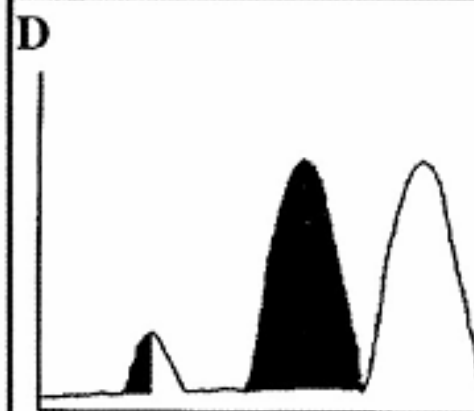


**Separation of HbA  
from HbX and HbA1c  
from HbX1c**

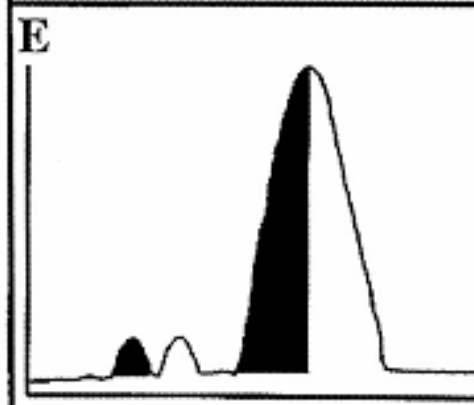
*Normal estimation  
of %HbA1c*



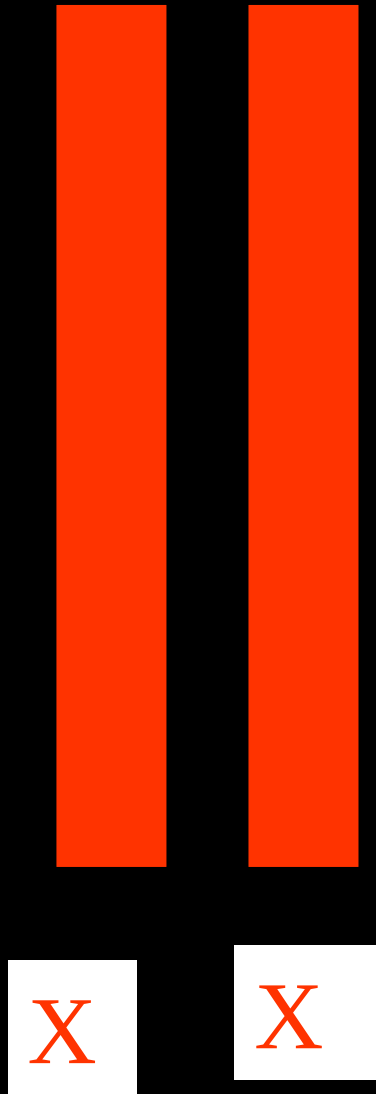
**HbX elutes with  
HbA1c**  
*Gross overestimation  
of %HbA1c*



**HbX1c elutes with  
HbA1c while HbA is  
separable from HbX**  
*Overestimation of  
%HbA1c*



**HbX1c separates  
from HbA1c while  
HbX co-elutes with  
HbA**  
*Underestimation of  
%HbA1c*



HbCC

HbSC

HbSS

~~HbA1c~~

urea



**Ac.  
isocianico**

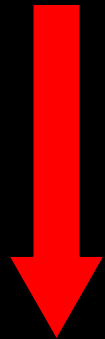


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Emoglobina  
carbamilata

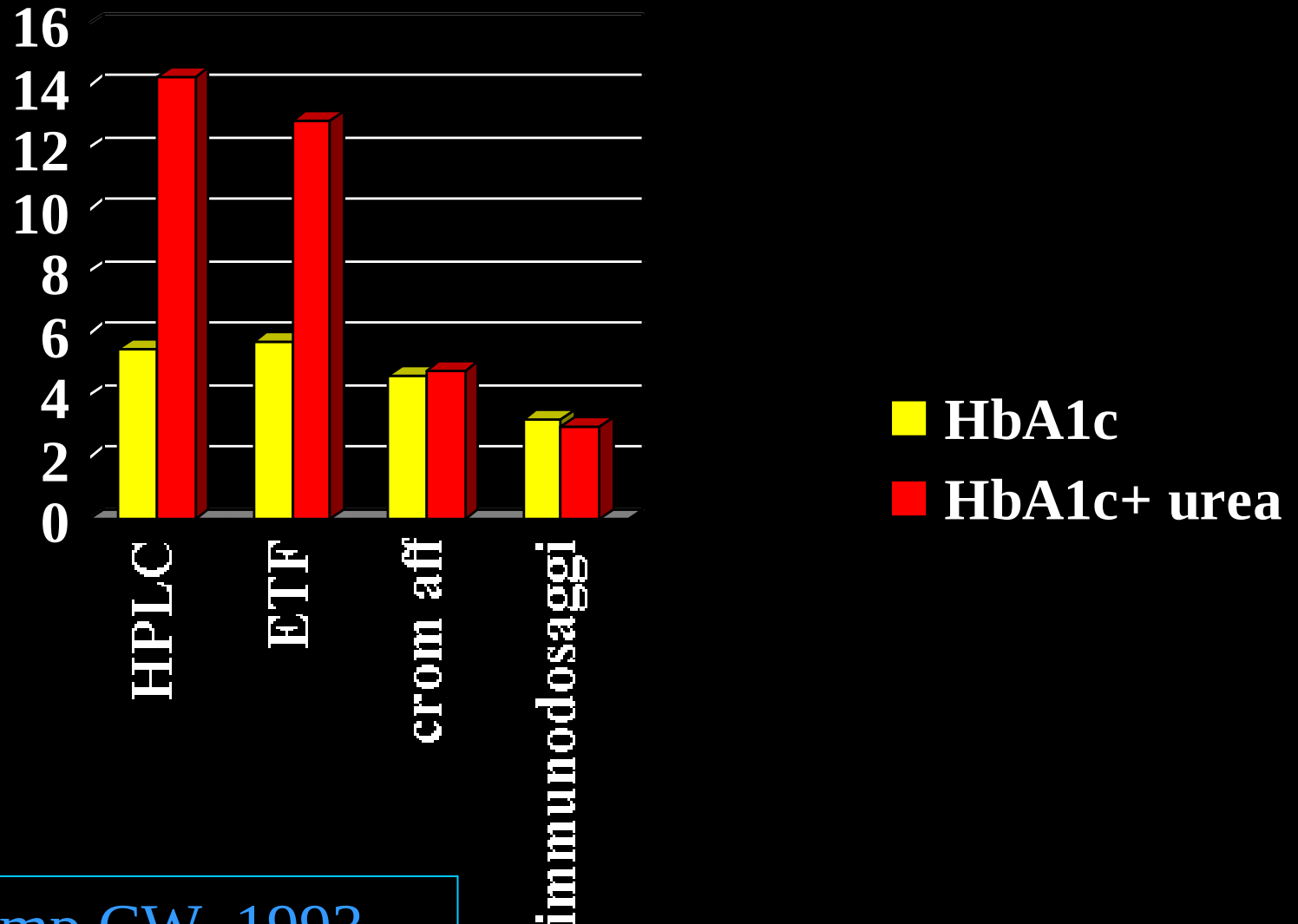
1 mmol/L urea



0.063% di Hb carbamilata

Weykamp CW, 1993

# Effetto della presenza di emoglobina carbamilata sul dosaggio di HbA1c in metodi diversi



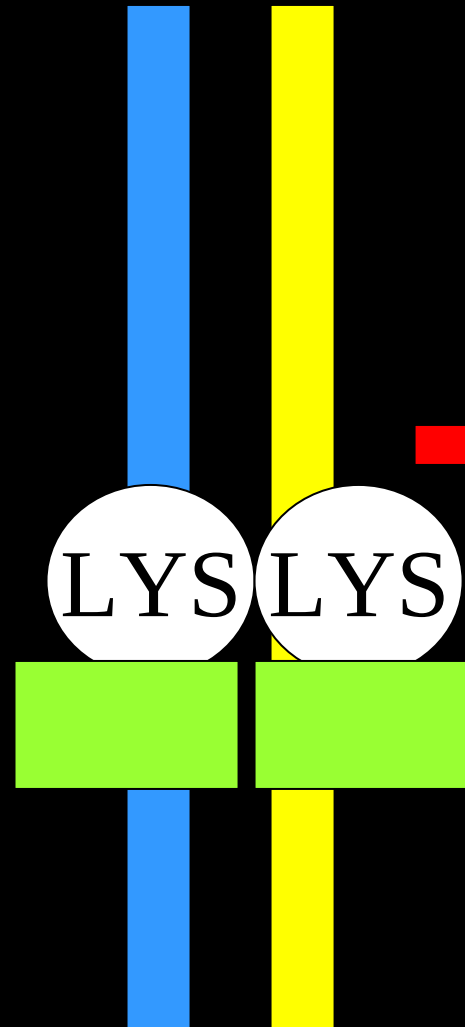
# Terapia con ASA



Ac.  
acetilsalicilico



Ac. acetico

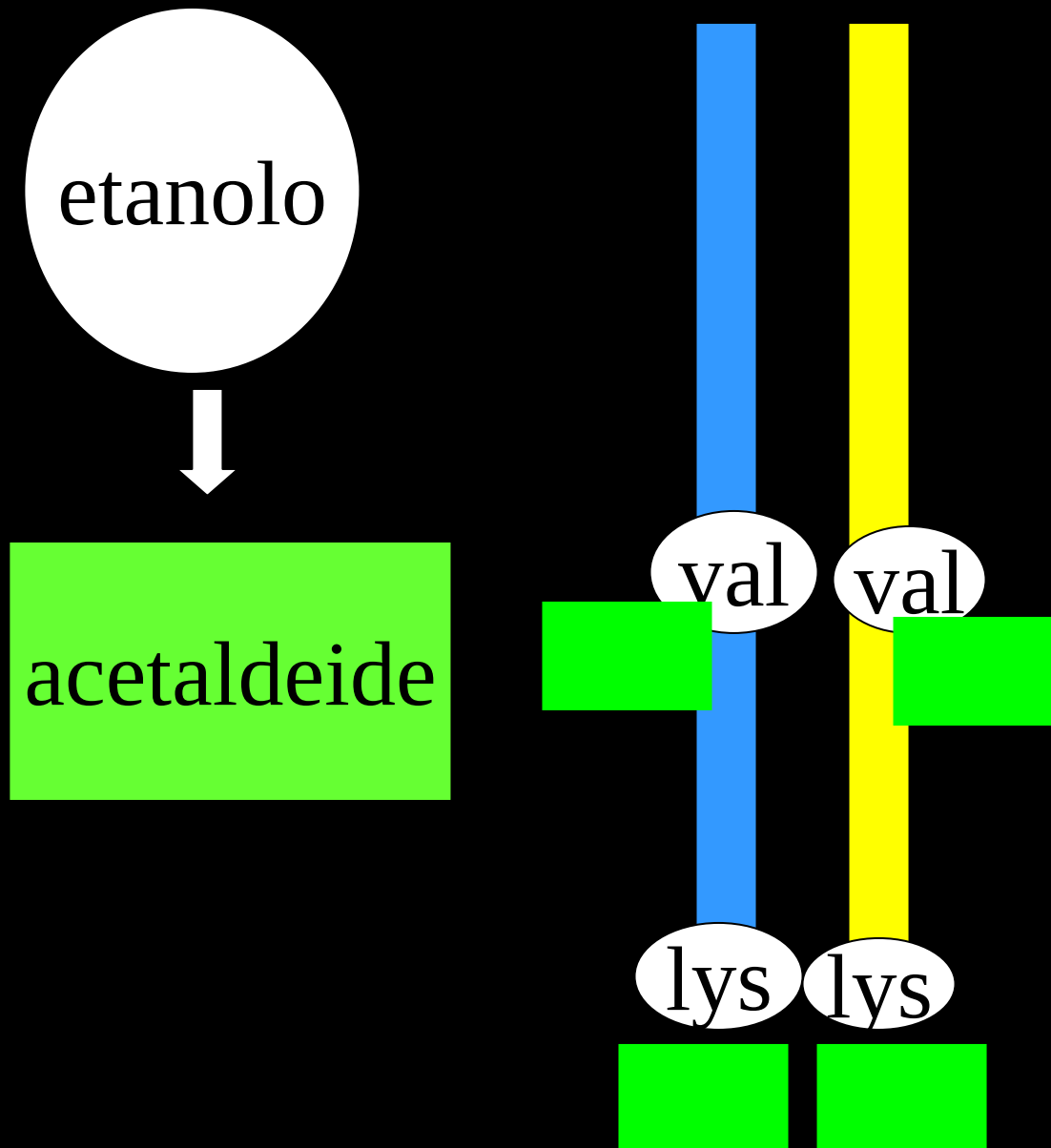


Emoglobina  
acetilata

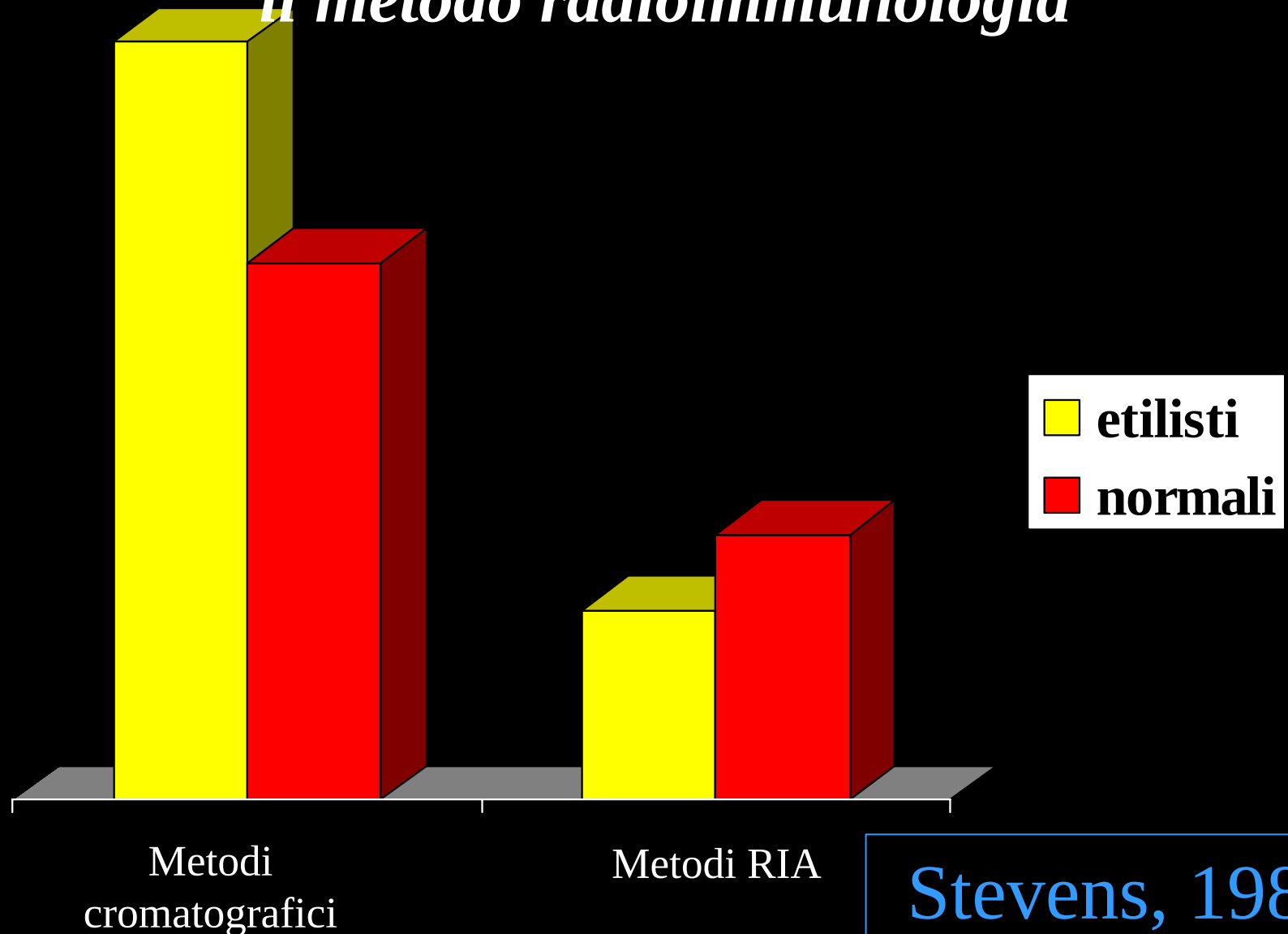
L'uso cronico di piccole dosi (200-300 mg/d) di ASA non causa incrementi significativi dell'HbA1c, così come l'utilizzo di dosi elevate (2g/d) per un breve periodo.



# Etilismo cronico



# *Livelli di gliccoemoglobina in etilisti cronici e normali determinata con la cromatografia e con il metodo radioimmunologia*



# Vitamina C ed E

*La vitamina C ed E possono inibire  
con meccanismo di tipo competitivo  
la glicosilazione dell'emoglobina*

Davies, 1992

Ceriello, 1991

# Alternative al dosaggio HbA1c

- Albumina glicata: risente delle 2 settimane precedenti
  - 17% corrisponde a 6% di Hba1c
  - 19.8%                      7% di Hba1c

# Utilizzo clinico dell'emoglobina glicata



L'HbA1c ci indica la glicemia  
media delle ultime 8-10  
settimane

| preceding<br>days | contribution<br>% |                       |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 30                | 50                |                       |
| 60                | 25                |                       |
| 90                | 15                |                       |
| 120               | 10                | (NCCLS, C44-P, 10/99) |

Esiste una stretta correlazione tra  
l'HbA1c e la glicemia media  
degli ultimi 3 mesi

**Table 9—** Correlation between A1C level and mean plasma glucose levels on multiple testing over 2–3 months

| A1C (%) | Mean plasma glucose |        |
|---------|---------------------|--------|
|         | mg/dl               | mmol/l |
| 6       | 135                 | 7.5    |
| 7       | 170                 | 9.5    |
| 8       | 205                 | 11.5   |
| 9       | 240                 | 13.5   |
| 10      | 275                 | 15.5   |
| 11      | 310                 | 17.5   |
| 12      | 345                 | 19.5   |

These estimates are based on DCCT data (34). An updated version of this table, based on final results of the ADAG Trial, will be available at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) after publication of the study's findings in 2008.



## Article

# Relationship between glycated haemoglobin levels and mean glucose levels over time

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(2) Department of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA

**CONCLUSIONS AND INTERPRETATION:** HbA(1c) correlates closely with a complete measure of average glycaemia over the preceding 8-12 weeks. The translation of HbA(1c) to an average glucose level for reporting and management purposes is feasible.

# European Association for the Study of Diabetes 43rd Annual Meeting HbA1c Out, Average Glucose In? ADAG Results Support New Reference Method for Chronic Glycemia

from **Heartwire** — a professional news service of **WebMD**

**Shelley Wood**

September 19, 2007 (**Amsterdam, the Netherlands**) - Results of the **HbA1<sub>c</sub>-derived Average Glucose** (ADAG) trial show that an estimated average glucose (eAG), calculated using HbA1<sub>c</sub> measurements, correlates very closely with glucose measurements obtained by repeated measurements over three months. The findings support the use of a new method for reporting chronic glycemia values that experts say will make more sense to patients and will help standardize reporting methods globally.

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## **Consensus Statement on the Worldwide Standardization of the Hemoglobin A1C Measurement**

**The American Diabetes Association,  
European Association for the Study  
of Diabetes, International Federation  
of Clinical Chemistry and  
Laboratory Medicine, and the  
International Diabetes Federation**

**Consensus Committee\***





❑ 1: [N Engl J Med](#). 1976 Aug 19;295(8):417-20.

## **Correlation of glucose regulation and hemoglobin A1c in diabetes mellitus.**

[Koenig RJ](#), [Peterson CM](#), [Jones RL](#), [Saudek C](#), [Lehrman M](#), [Cerami A](#).

We studied the increased levels of hemoglobins A1a+Ib and A1c in five hospitalized diabetic patients to determine whether changes in diabetic control would cause parallel changes in the levels of these hemoglobins. Before control of diabetes the mean fasting blood sugar for all patients was 343 mg per deciliter (range, 280 to 450), and hemoglobin A1c concentration 9.8 per cent (range, 6.8 to 12.1). During optimal diabetic control the blood sugar concentration was 84 mg per deciliter (range, 70 to 100), and hemoglobin A1c concentration 5.8 per cent (range, 4.2 to 7.6). Hemoglobin A1c concentration appears to reflect the mean blood sugar concentration best over previous weeks to months. The periodic monitoring of hemoglobin A1c levels provides a useful way of documenting the degree of control of glucose metabolism in diabetic patients and provides a means whereby the relation of carbohydrate control to the development of sequelae can be assessed.



# DCCT Research Group.

## N Engl J Med 1993;329:977-86



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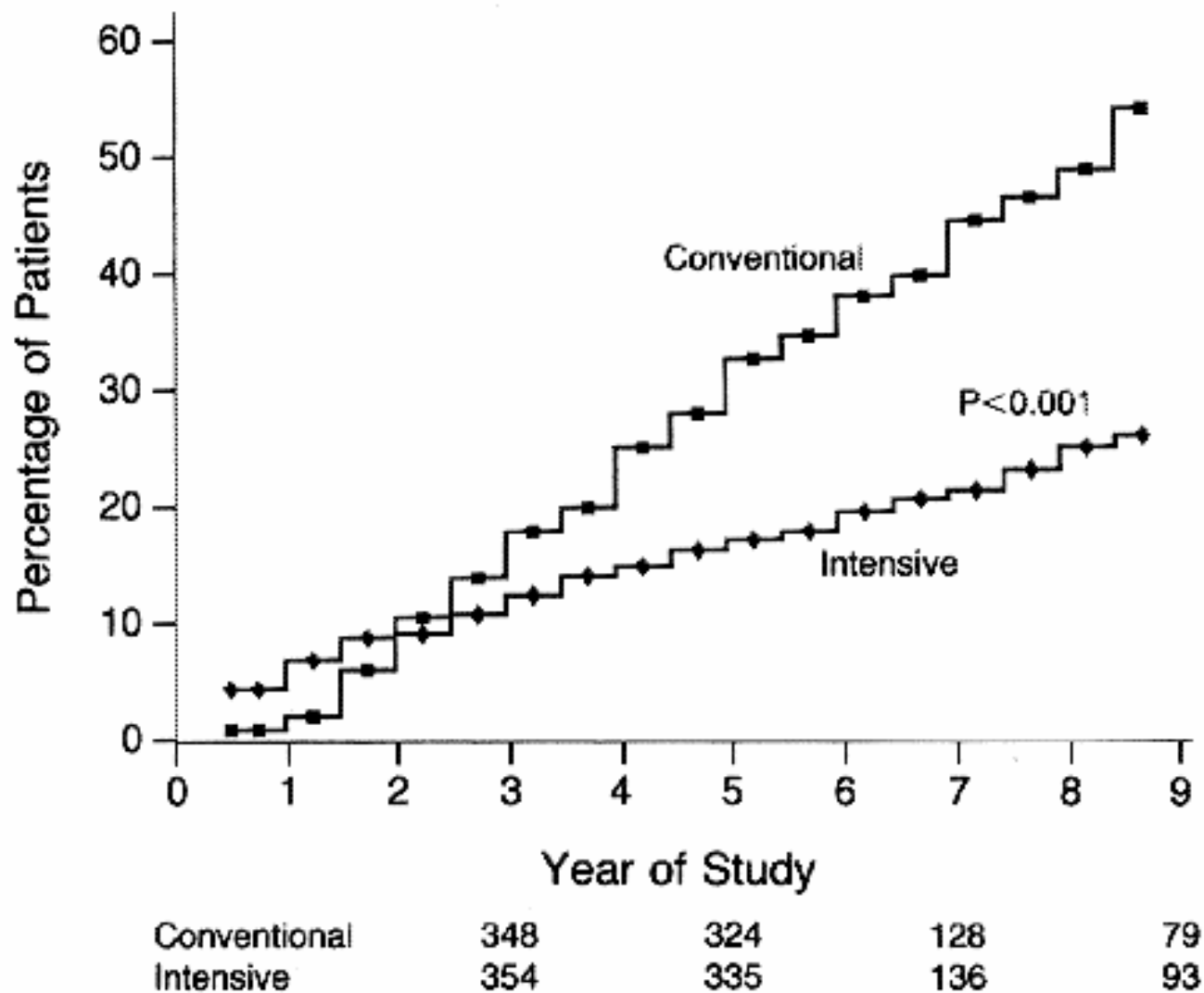
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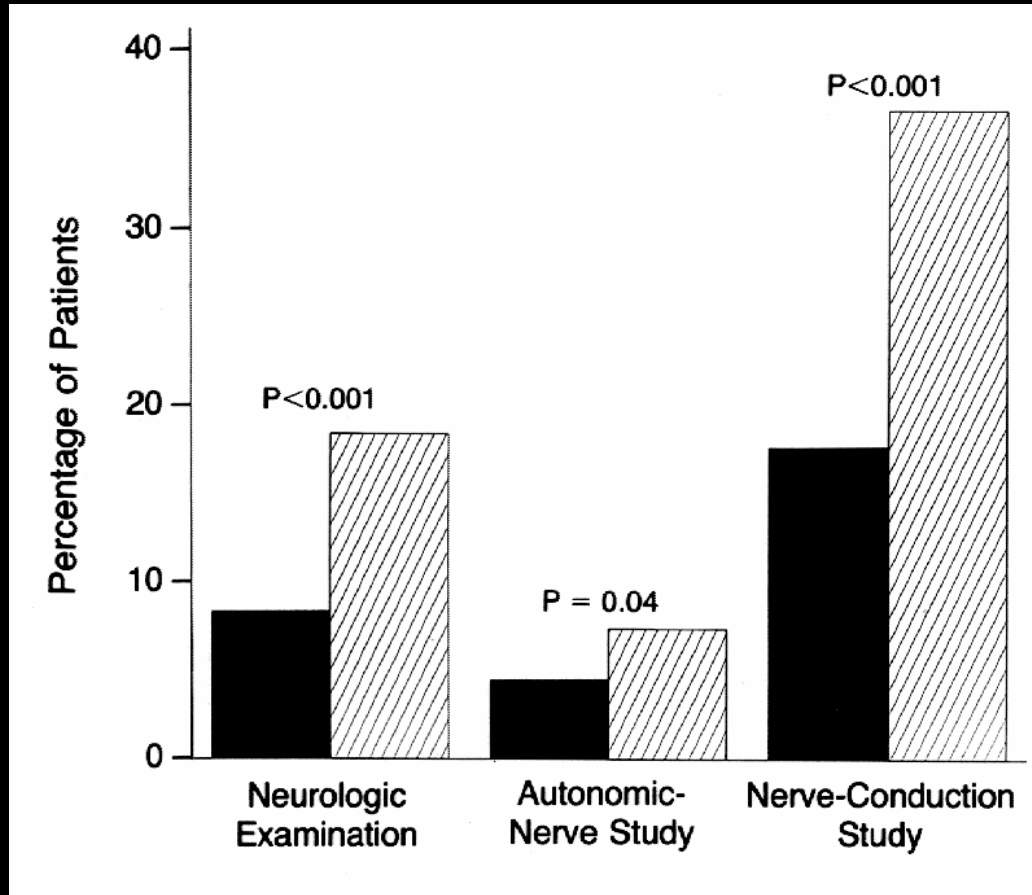
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# Riduzione delle anomalie neurologiche nei pazienti trattati con terapia intensiva



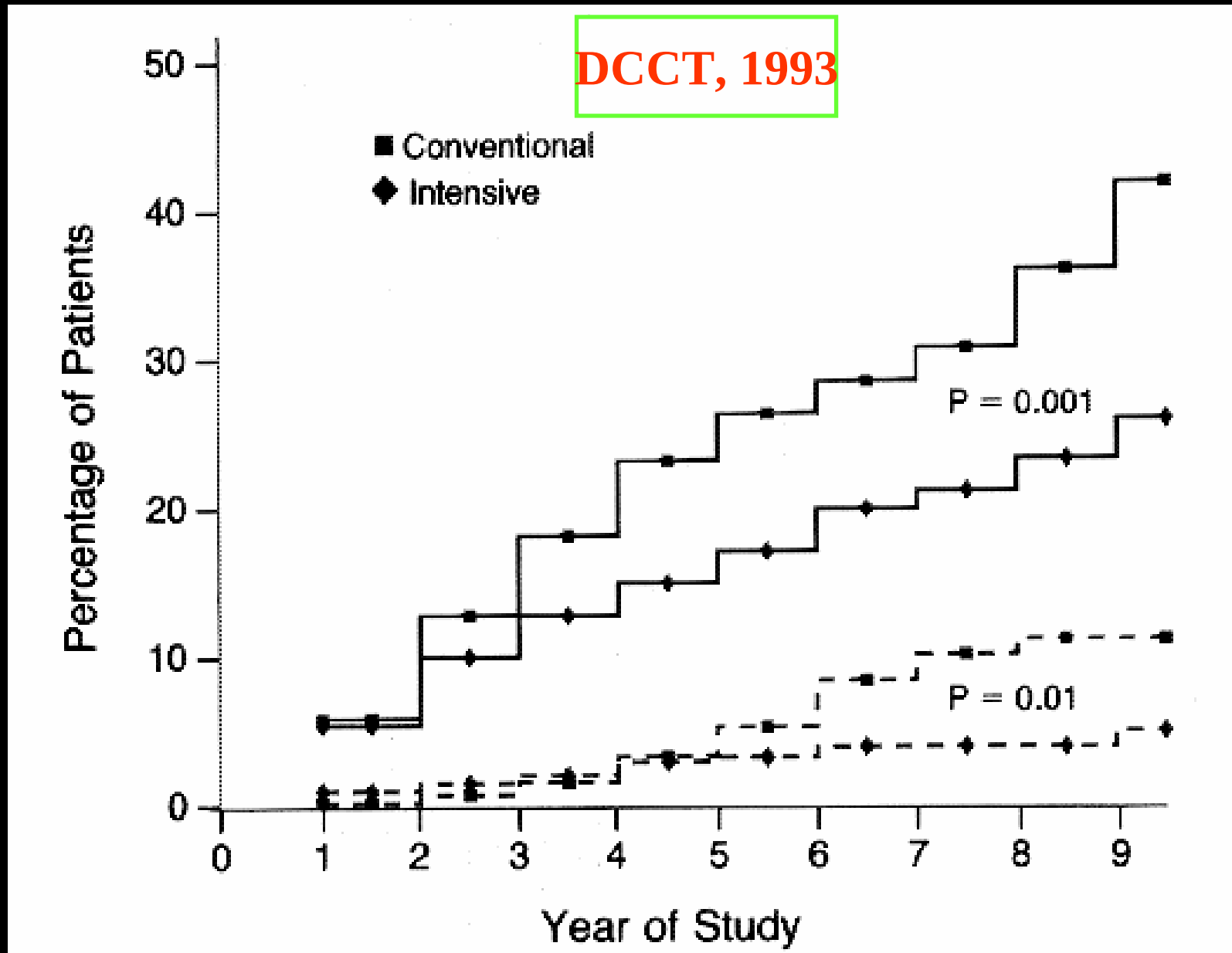
**Pz in terapia  
convenzionale**

**Pz in terapia  
intensiva**

**DCCT, 1993**

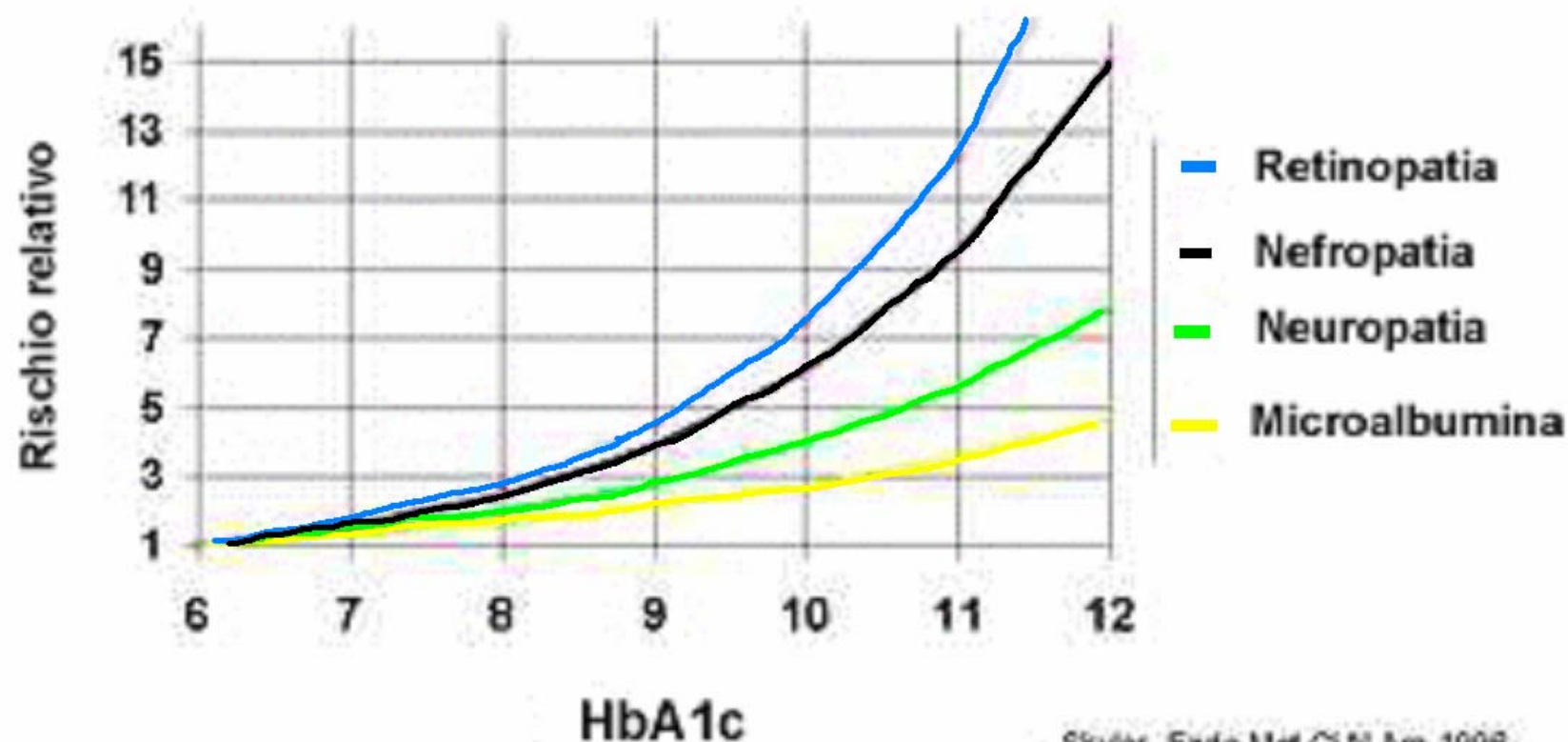


# Riduzione del rischio di albuminuria (54%) e microalbuminuria (39%) nei pazienti trattati in maniera intensiva



# RISCHIO RELATIVO DI PROGRESSIONE PER LE COMPLICANZE DEL DIABETE IN FUNZIONE DEI LIVELI DI HbA1c

Sulla base dei dati DCCT



Skyler, Endo Met Clin Am 1998

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### Article

# Intensive blood-glucose control with sulphonylureas or insulin compared with conventional treatment and risk of complications in patients with type 2 diabetes (UKPDS 33)

UK Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS) Group<sup>1, \*</sup>

Available online 20 October 1998.

## Abstract

**Background** Improved blood-glucose control decreases the progression of diabetic microvascular disease, but the effect on macrovascular complications is unknown. There is concern that sulphonylureas may increase cardiovascular mortality in patients with type 2 diabetes and that high

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# Good Glycaemic Control Reduces Incidence of Complications

| Complications<br>of diabetes mellitus | Risk reduction by decrease in A1C (%) |     |                     |     |                    |     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
|                                       | DCCT <sup>1,2</sup>                   |     | Ohkubo <sup>3</sup> |     | UKPDS <sup>4</sup> |     |
|                                       | (9%<br>→                              | 7%) | (9%<br>→            | 7%) | (8%<br>→           | 7%) |
| Retinopathy                           | -63%                                  |     | -69%                |     | -21%               |     |
| Nephropathy                           | -54%                                  |     | -70%                |     | -34%               |     |
| Neuropathy                            | -60%                                  |     | —                   |     | —                  |     |
| Macrovascular<br>disease              | -41%*                                 |     | —                   |     | -16%*              |     |

\*Not statistically significant.

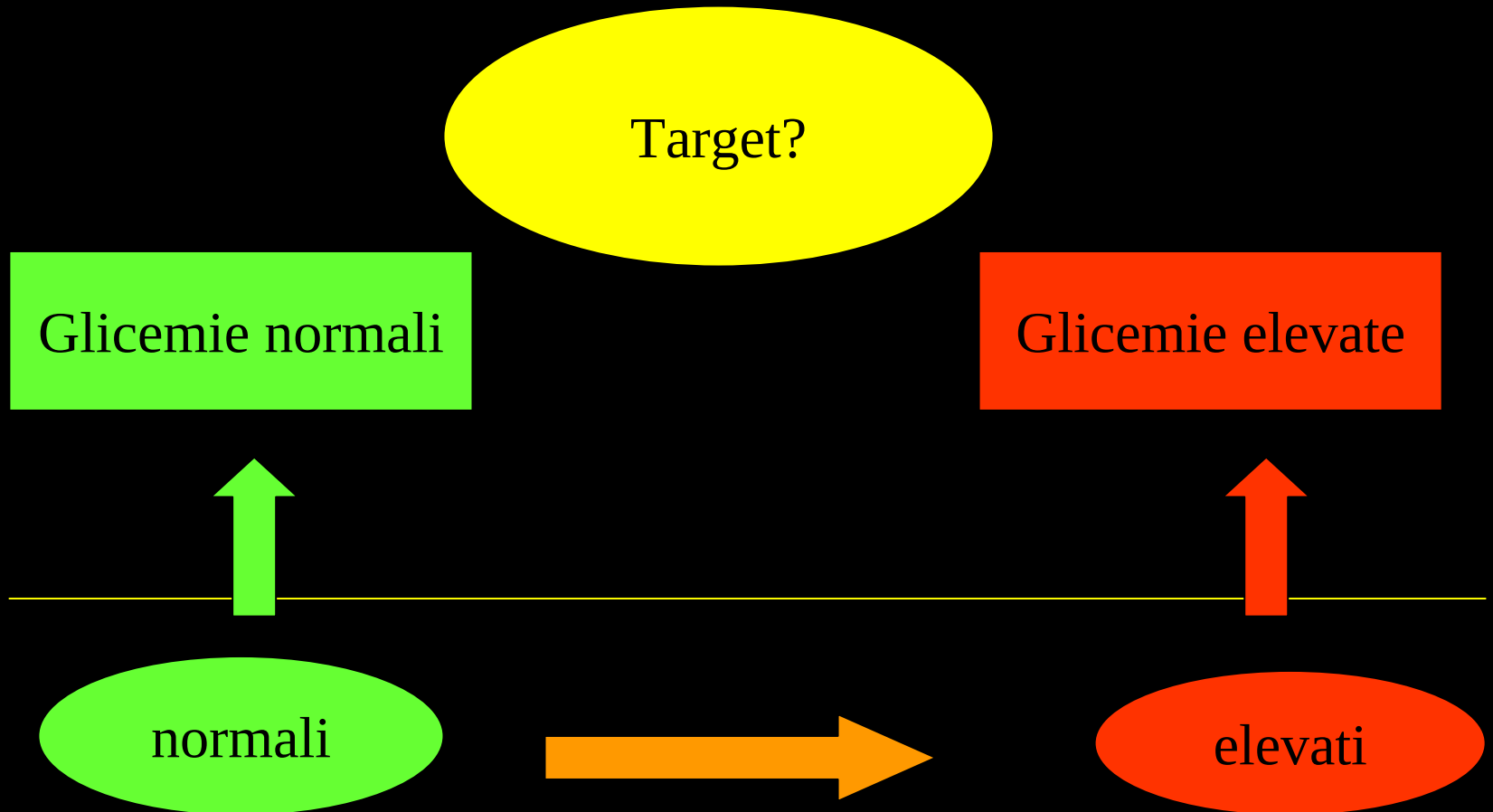
DCCT, Diabetes Control and Complications Trial; UKPDS, United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study.

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2. DCCT Research Group. *Diabetes*. 1995;44:968-983.

3. Ohkubo Y et al. *Diabetes Res Clin Pract*. 1995;28:103-117.

# Valori di HbA1c nei pz diabetici



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- Lowering A1C to an average of 7% has clearly been shown to reduce microvascular and neuropathic complications of diabetes and, possibly, macrovascular disease.

Therefore, the A1C goal for nonpregnant adults in general is <7%. (A)

- Epidemiologic studies have suggested an incremental (albeit, in absolute terms, a small) benefit to lowering A1C from 7% into the normal range. Therefore, **the A1C goal for selected individual patients is as close to normal (<6%) as possible without significant hypoglycemia. (B)**



- Less stringent A1C goals may be appropriate for patients with a history of severe hypoglycemia, patients with limited life expectancies, children, individuals with comorbid conditions, and those with longstanding diabetes and minimal or stable microvascular complications. (E)

# Glycemic Control and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: The Optimal Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> Targets. A Guidance Statement from the American College of Physicians

Amir Qaseem, MD, PhD, MHA; Sandeep Vijan, MD, MS; Vincenza Snow, MD; J. Thomas Cross, MD, MPH; Kevin B. Weiss, MD, MPH; and Douglas K. Owens, MD, MS, for the Clinical Efficacy Assessment Subcommittee of the American College of Physicians\*

This guidance statement is derived from other organizations' guidelines and is based on an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the available guidelines. We used the Appraisal of Guidelines, Research and Evaluation in Europe (AGREE) appraisal instrument to evaluate the guidelines from various organizations. On the basis of the review of the available guidelines, we recommend:

Statement 1: To prevent microvascular complications of diabetes, the goal for glycemic control should be as low as is feasible without undue risk for adverse events or an unacceptable burden on patients. Treatment goals should be based on a discussion of the benefits and harms of specific levels of glycemic control with the

patient. A hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> level less than 7% based on individualized assessment is a reasonable goal for many but not all patients.

Statement 2: The goal for hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> level should be based on individualized assessment of risk for complications from diabetes, comorbidity, life expectancy, and patient preferences.

Statement 3: We recommend further research to assess the optimal level of glycemic control, particularly in the presence of comorbid conditions.

*Ann Intern Med.* 2007;147:417-422.

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# Con che frequenza fare l'HbA1c ?



- Perform the A1C test at least **two times a year** in patients who are meeting treatment goals (and who have stable glycemic control). (E)
- Perform the A1C **test quarterly** in patients whose therapy has changed or who are not meeting glycemic goals. (E)

For any individual patient, the frequency of A1C testing **should be dependent on the clinical** situation, the treatment regimen used, and the judgment of the clinician.

# HbA1c come indicatore di rischio di patologie cardiovascolari ?



# Meta-Analysis: Glycosylated Hemoglobin and Cardiovascular Disease in Diabetes Mellitus

Elizabeth Selvin, MPH; Spyridon Marinopoulos, MD, MBA; Gail Berkenblit, MD, PhD; Tejal Raml, MPH; Frederick L. Brancati, MD, MHS; Neil R. Powe, MD, MPH, MBA; and Sherita Hill Golden, MD, MHS

# Il rischio cardiovascolare aumenta nei pazienti diabetici con l'aumentare dell'HbA1c

- Associazione simile nei pazienti con diabete 1 e 2
- Indipendente dagli altri fattori di rischio per malattie cardiovascolari
- Ipotesi: il glucosio potrebbe reagire con diverse proteine causando alterazioni strutturali.
- Possibile ruolo dei prodotti finali di glicazione avanzata (AGE's) nel determinare alterazioni endoteliali, formazione di placche e aterosclerosi
- Il processo sarebbe graduale e avverrebbe dopo decenni di esposizione a elevate concentrazioni di glucosio



L'associazione tra Hba1c e rischio cardiovascolare potrebbe estendersi anche al di sotto della soglia diagnostica per il diabete

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## ARTICLE

### Association of Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> with Cardiovascular Disease and Mortality in Adults: The European Prospective Investigation into Cancer in Norfolk

► Kay-Tee Khaw, MBBChir FRCP; Nicholas Wareham, MBBS, FRCP; Sheila Bingham, PhD; Robert Luben, BSc; Ailsa Welch, BSc; and Nicholas Day, PhD

21 September 2004 | Volume 141 Issue 6 | Pages 413-420

**Background:** Increasing evidence suggests a continuous relationship between blood glucose concentrations and cardiovascular risk, even below diagnostic threshold levels for diabetes.

**Objective:** To examine the relationship between hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub>, cardiovascular disease, and total mortality.

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Nei soggetti non diabetici con glicemia normale, **un incremento dell'1% nei livelli di HbA1c sarebbe associato ad un aumento del 28% del rischio di morte per cause cardiovascolari, indipendentemente dall'età, dalla pressione, dai livelli di colesterolo, dal fumo**

**Everyone should watch glycosated hemoglobin and blood sugar levels, not just diabetics, research says.**

[Levenson D.](#)

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# L'HbA1c nello screening e nella diagnosi di diabete?



## **B. Diagnosis of diabetes**

### **Recommendations**

- The fasting plasma glucose (FPG) test is the preferred test to diagnose diabetes in children and nonpregnant adults. (E)
- Use of the A1C for the diagnosis of diabetes is not recommended at this time. (E)

# S HbA<sub>1c</sub> or glucose for diabetes diagnosis?

**Author:** Kilpatrick, Eric S.<sup>1</sup>

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## Commentary

## Will glycosylated haemoglobin replace the oral glucose-tolerance test?

Murray Stewart <sup>a</sup>

FPG

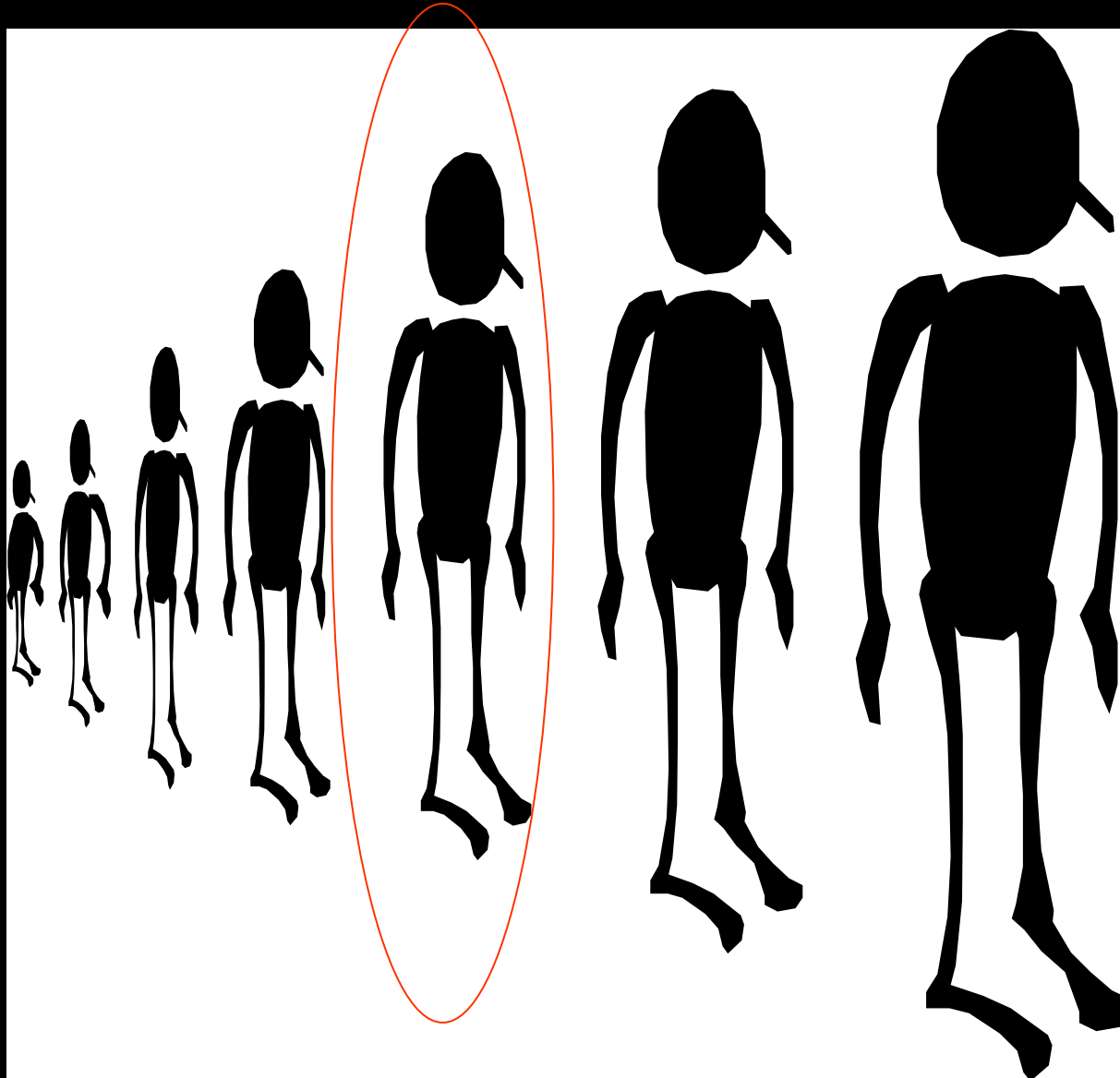
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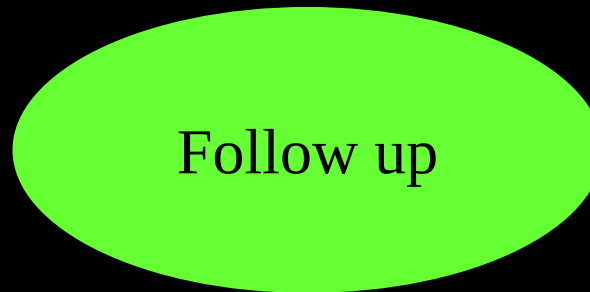
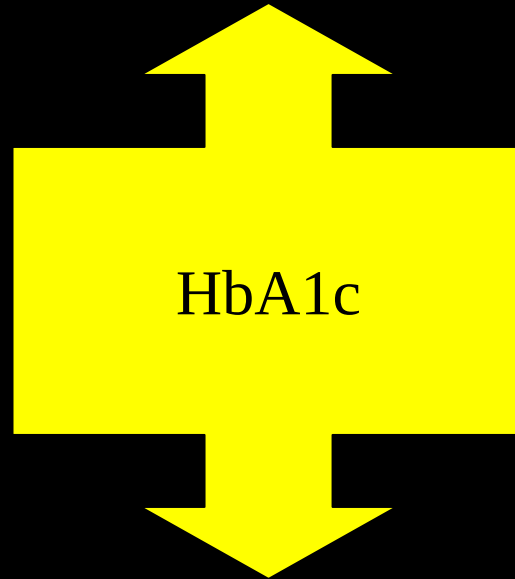


Diabete?  
Prediabete?



FPG

OGTT



## Abstract

# **A combination of HbA1c, fasting glucose and BMI is effective in screening for individuals at risk of future type 2 diabetes: OGTT is not needed**

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- L'HbA1c correla con la glicemia alla 2 ora in OGTT ma non con la FPG
- Nella determinazione dell'HbA1c a valori bassi gioca un ruolo importante la glicemia postprandiale, più che la glicemia a digiuno
- Analoga situazione per la glicemia del pomeriggio e della sera

Negli stadi prediabetici FPG e HbA1c insieme potrebbero riflettere meglio, integrandosi, i valori della glicemia sia basale che postprandiale

## **HbA<sub>1c</sub> predicts the likelihood of having impaired glucose tolerance in high-risk patients with normal fasting plasma glucose**

Tarekegn Geberhiwot, Angela Haddon and Mourad Labib

*Ann Clin Biochem* 2005; 42: 165-168

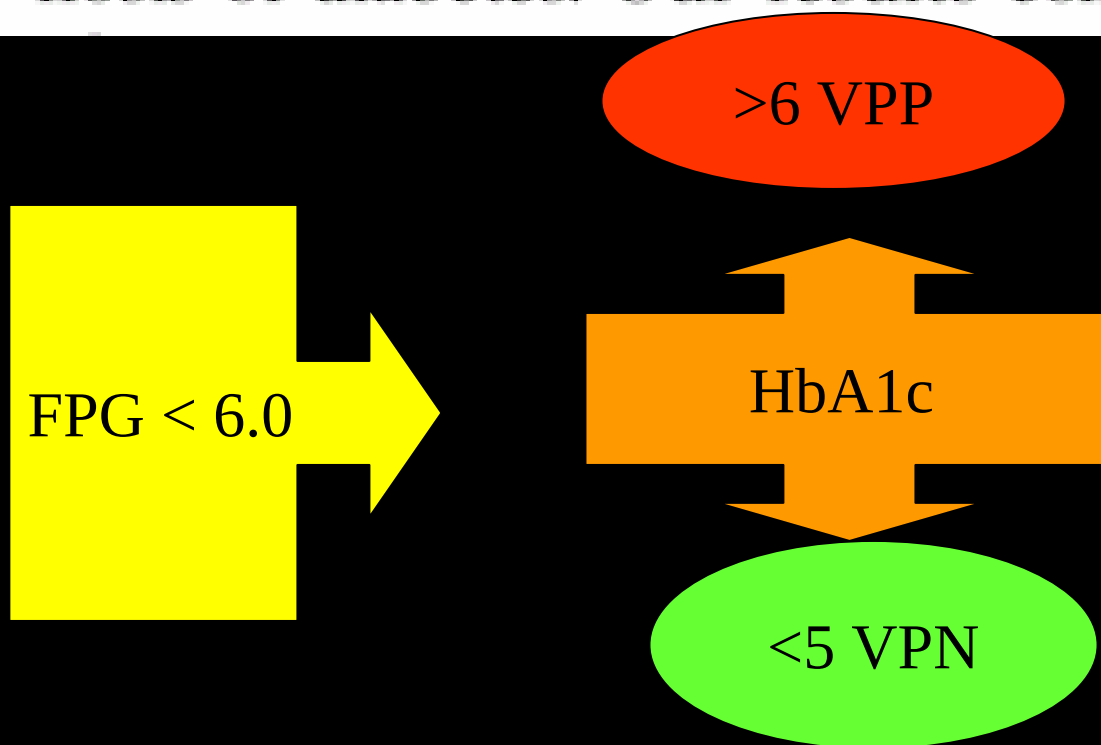
### **Introduction**

Pre-diabetes, classified as impaired fasting glucose (IFG) and impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), is a risk category for diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD). There is evidence that pre-diabetes shares many of the metabolic abnormalities seen in type 2 diabetes and that diagnosing IGT at an early stage may have the potential to modify the clinical course of diabetes and its complications.<sup>1</sup>

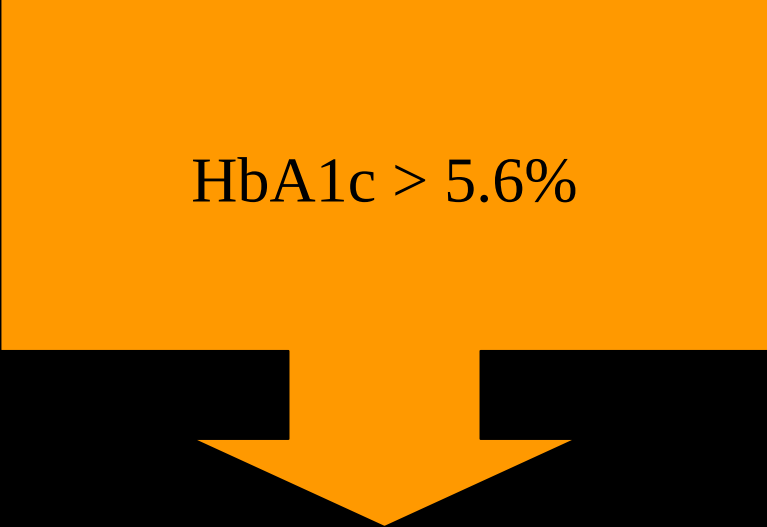
The 75 g oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) using the World Health Organization (WHO) criteria is considered to be the gold standard in the diagnosis of glucose intolerance and diabetes.<sup>2</sup> However, this test is

glucose  $\leq 6.0$  mmol/L should have yearly assessments.<sup>3,4</sup> In our clinical practice, we have observed that a significant proportion of patients with FPG concentrations  $\leq 6.0$  mmol/L have IGT. We have therefore sought an alternative screening method for selecting patients with FPG  $\leq 6.0$  mmol/L who may benefit from having their pre-diabetes state identified using the OGTT. Although the use of glycated haemoglobin (HbA<sub>1c</sub>) as a screening test for diabetes has been debated,<sup>5</sup> we hypothesized that in patients with FPG  $\leq 6.0$  mmol/L but who have risk factors for diabetes, the measurement of HbA<sub>1c</sub> may be useful in selecting patients for an OGTT.

HbA<sub>1c</sub> analysis is a relatively simple test which gives a more comprehensive measure of total glycaemic exposure than FPG and, hence, it may be a better predictor of abnormal glucose tolerance. Although the use of HbA<sub>1c</sub> as a diagnostic test in the general population remains controversial,<sup>6</sup> in populations who are at high risk, it has been shown to correlate well with the diagnosis of diabetes. Our results confirm that the use of



HbA1c > 5.6%



75% dei pazienti avevano IGT o diabete



# Uso clinico dell'HbA1c

- Nel monitoraggio del paziente diabetico
- Come fattore di rischio per CVD ?
- Nello screening del diabete e prediabete ?

# Sono però necessari

- ulteriori studi
- prestazioni analitiche adeguate

