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# **Potenziare la medicina generale per migliorare l'Active Ageing**

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# La Malattia di Gaucher

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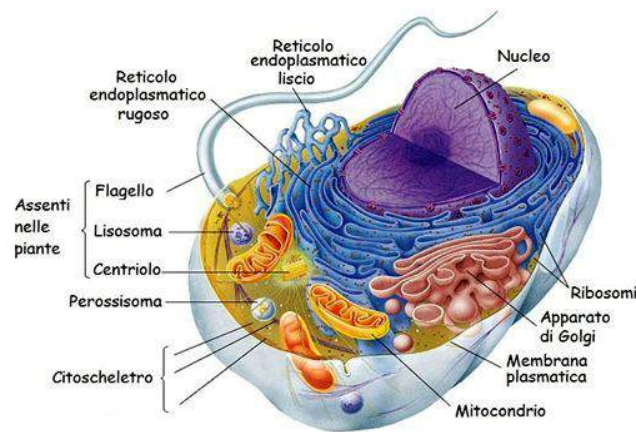
# Lysosomal Storage Disorders (LSDs)

- LSDs are a heterogeneous group of inherited diseases resulting from the deficiency in one or more enzymes or transporters that normally reside within the lysosomes
- They are characterized by progressive accumulation of uncleaved lipids, glycoproteins and/or glycosaminoglycans in the lysosomes
- The consequences are organ damages and several forms have severe liver and spleen enlargement

# Malattie da accumulo lisosomiale

Prevalenza stimata di circa 1:8000 nati vivi

**Classe di malattie metaboliche causate da mutazioni codificanti per proteine fondamentali per la funzione lisosomiale**



Schultz ML, Trends in Neurosciences, 2011,34,8, 401-410.

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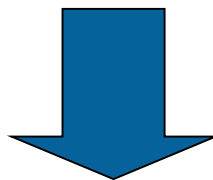
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Attualmente si conoscono più di 45 malattie lisosomiali

**Monogeniche, ereditarietà autosomica recessiva  
o X-linked**

**Patogenesi, da difetto genetico per:**

- uno o più enzimi lisosomiali specifici
- proteine di attivazione
- proteine di membrana



**Attività enzimatica deficitaria**

# Malattie da accumulo lisosomiale

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**Accumulo progressivo del relativo substrato**

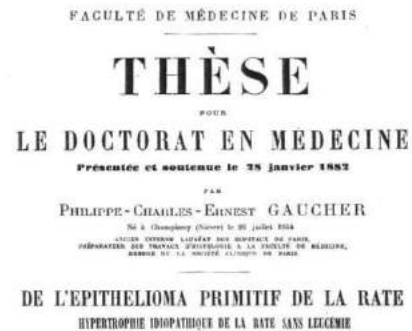


**Interferenza sulla normale attività cellulare**



**Morte cellulare**

Meikle PJ, JAMA, 1999, 281(3), 249-254.



- It is the most common inherited lysosomal storage disease
- Gaucher Disease is caused by inherited deficiency in acid beta-glucosidase (glucocerebrosidase, GBA)
- Leads to glucocerebroside accumulation in lysosomes of macrophages
- Glycolipid laden cells (Gaucher cells) infiltrate organs to cause multisystem disease

*Beutler & Grabowski 2001. In: Scriver et al eds The metabolic and Molecular Bases of Inherited Disease. 8th Ed NY: Mc Graw-Hill: 3635-3668*



# Gaucher Disease: Clinical Types

Clinical Features	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
Age at onset	Childhood/ Adulthood	Infancy	Childhood
Splenomegaly	+ → +++	++	+ → +++
Hepatomegaly	+ → +++	++	+ → +++
Skeletal disease/ bony crises	- → +++	--	++ → +++
Primary CNS disease	Absent	+++	+ → +++ (1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> decade)
Lifespan	6 to 80+ years	~2 years	2 to 60 years
Ethnicity/	Panethnic Ashkenazi Jewish	Panethnic	Panethnic Norrbottnian
Frequency	1/60000 ~ 1/500 to 1/1,000 (AJ)	< 1/100,000	< 1/50,000

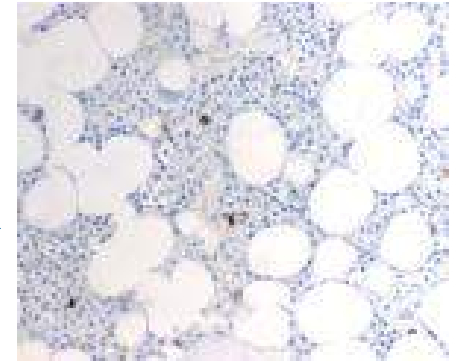
# Organs Involvement

Enzyme deficiency

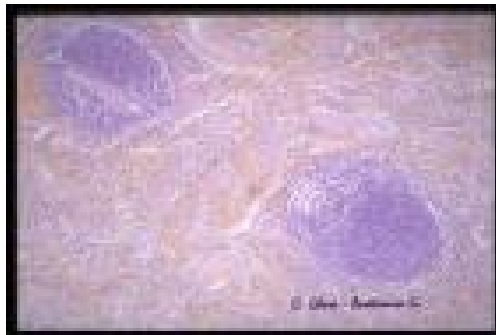
Macrophages



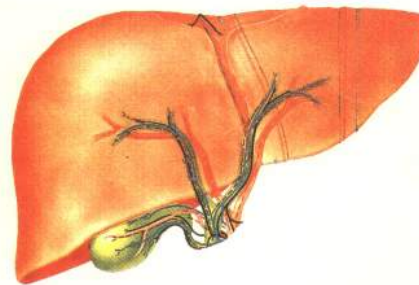
Lungs  
(Alveolar macrophages)



Bone marrow



Spleen



Liver (Kupffer cells)



Bones

# Patologia multidisciplinare



**Chirurgo**



**Ematologo**



**Reumatologo**

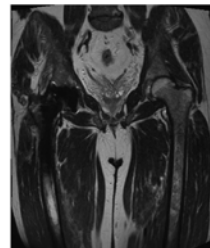


**Ortopedico**



**Medico di famiglia**

**Internista**



**Radiologo**



**Ginecologo**



# Splenomegaly

- Present in more than 90% of GD patients at diagnosis
- Defined as spleen greater than 0.2% of total body weight in Kg
- Because of high incidence of GD in Ashkenazim, GD should be considered in any individual of Ashkenazi origin presenting with mild, moderate or severe splenomegaly
- However... the absence of splenomegaly does not exclude GD

*Kaplan et al 2006 Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med;160(6):603-8*

*Pastores et al 2004 Semin Hematol;41(4 Suppl 5):4-14*

# Caso clinico, AP, 39 aa, M

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**Il paziente si reca in visita ambulatoriale per richiedere una prescrizione di farmaci antidolorifici**



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## In anamnesi familiare:

- padre e madre ipertesi
- madre portatrice di deficit di G6PD
- una sorella in buona salute
- non familiarità per talassemia

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## *In anamnesi patologica remota:*

- Diagnosi di G6PD in età infantile
- Verosimile ittero neonatale
- Cefalalgico

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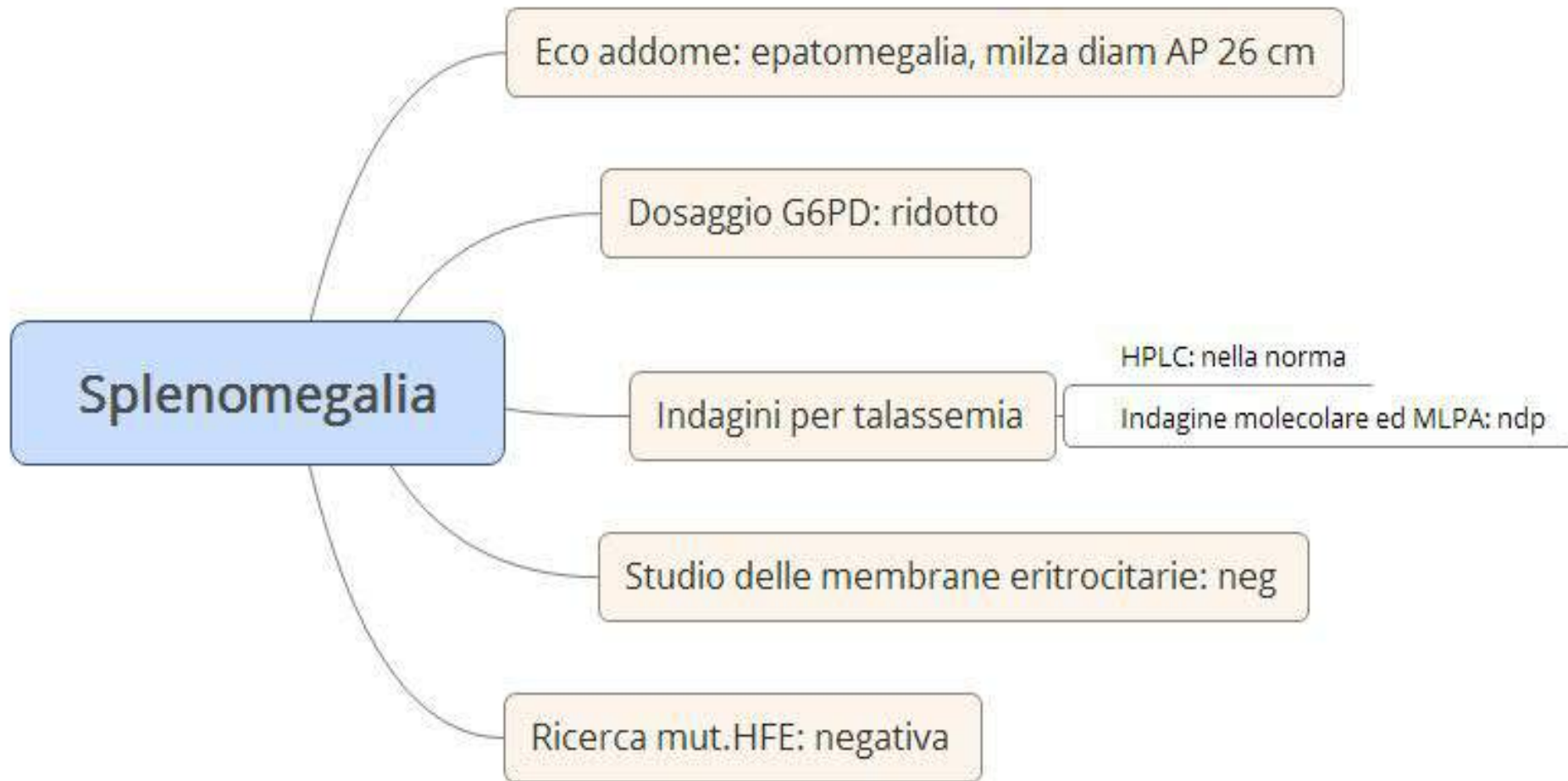
EO:

- fegato a 3-4 cm dall'arcata costale in IP
- Milza in FIS





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## EO:

- fegato a 3-4 cm dall'arcata costale in IP
- Milza in FIS

## EE:

- Hb 11.6 g/dl, MCV 79.8 fl, PLT 70000
- Ferro: 58 mcg/dl, transferrina 304 mg/dl, ferritina 799 ng/ml
- Gilbert: genotipo “nella norma”



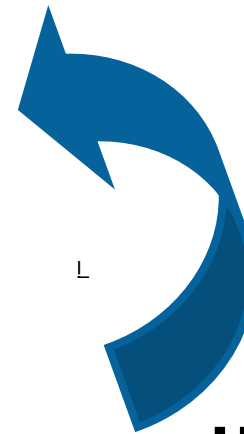


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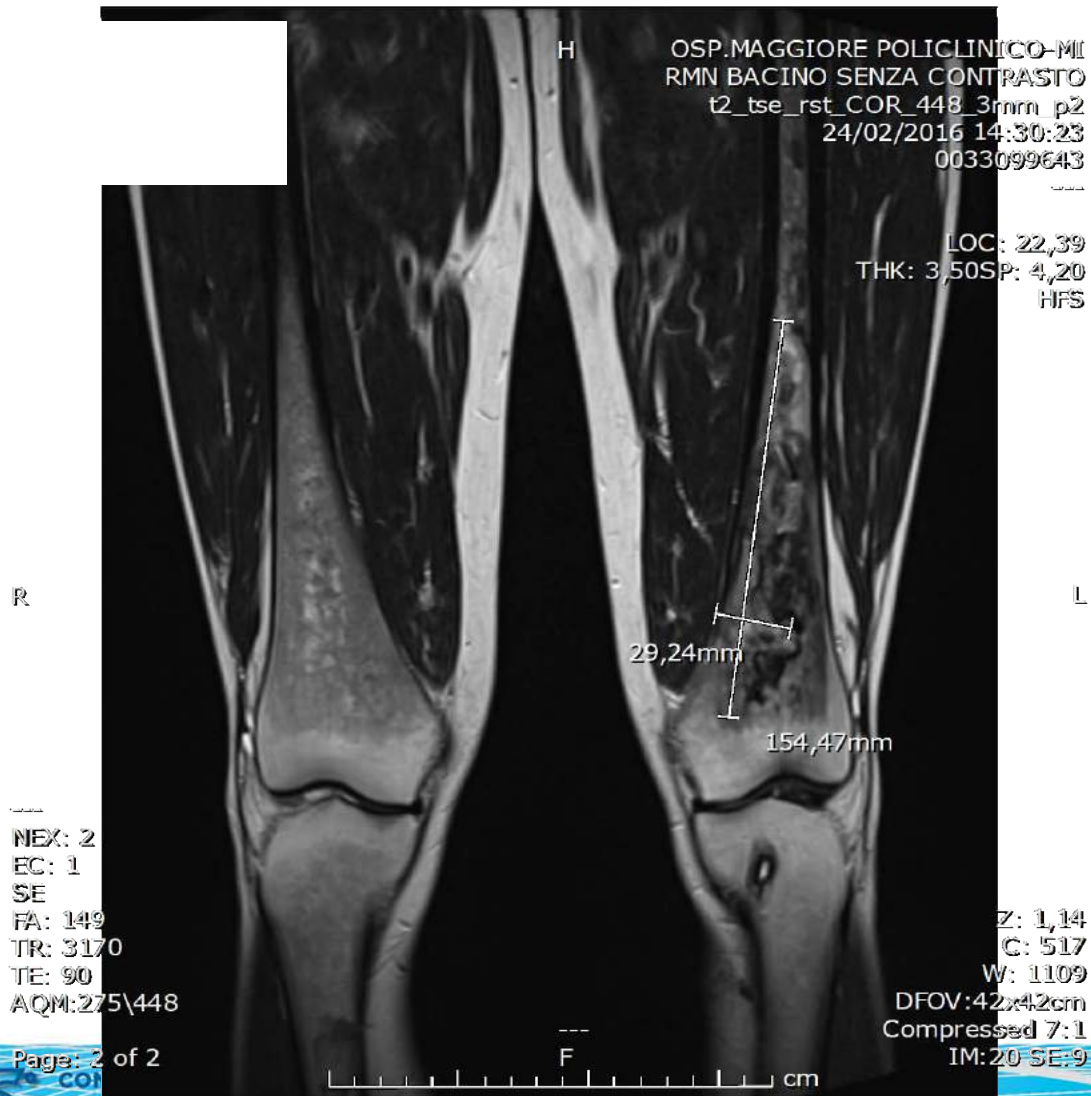
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# Key manifestations in adult Gaucher type 1

- **Splenomegaly:** abdominal discomfort, satiety
- **Thrombocytopenia:** tendency to bleed (+/- coagulation abnormalities)
- **Anaemia:** chronic fatigue
- **Leucopenia:** increased susceptibility to infections (+/- compromised neutrophil function)
- **Bone disease:** pain, acute bone crises, avascular necrosis, bone deformation, osteopenia, osteoporosis, fractures, joint collapse
- **Hepatomegaly:** often affecting liver function

# Presenting Signs

- Presenting signs and symptoms often related to the haematological manifestations of disease:
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Anaemia
  - Bleeding
- Other haematological signs may include
  - Hyperferritinemia
  - Vitamin B12 deficiency
  - MGUS
  - Coagulopathies
  - Increased risk of haematological malignancy

*Hughes et al 2007 Br J Haematol:138(6):676-86*

# Gaucher Disease Treatment Milestones

1985: Glucocerebrosidase gene (*GCB*) cloned<sup>1</sup> and mapped to chromosome 1q21<sup>1,2</sup>

First recombinant human glucocerebrosidase ERT (imiglucerase) approved in US in 1994 and in EU in 1997

2010: FDA, EMA approval of VPRIV

2014: Approval of Cerdelga in US for adults with GD1

2015: Approval of Cerdelga in EU for adults with GD1

2003: IND filed for GZ-112638 (Cerdelga)

1980

1990

2000

2010

2014

2015



1983: First patient with GD1 treated at NIH with glucocerebrosidase purified from human placenta



1991: First placental-derived glucocerebrosidase ERT approved in US and EU (alglucerase)



First recombinant human glucocerebrosidase ERT (imiglucerase) approved in US in 1994 and in EU in 1997

2003: First SRT approved (EU SmPC: Zavesca may be used only in the treatment of patients for whom enzyme replacement therapy is unsuitable)

1. Sorge et al. *PNAS*.1985;82:7289-7293.
2. Ginns et al. *PNAS* 1985;82:7101-7105.



More than two decades later...

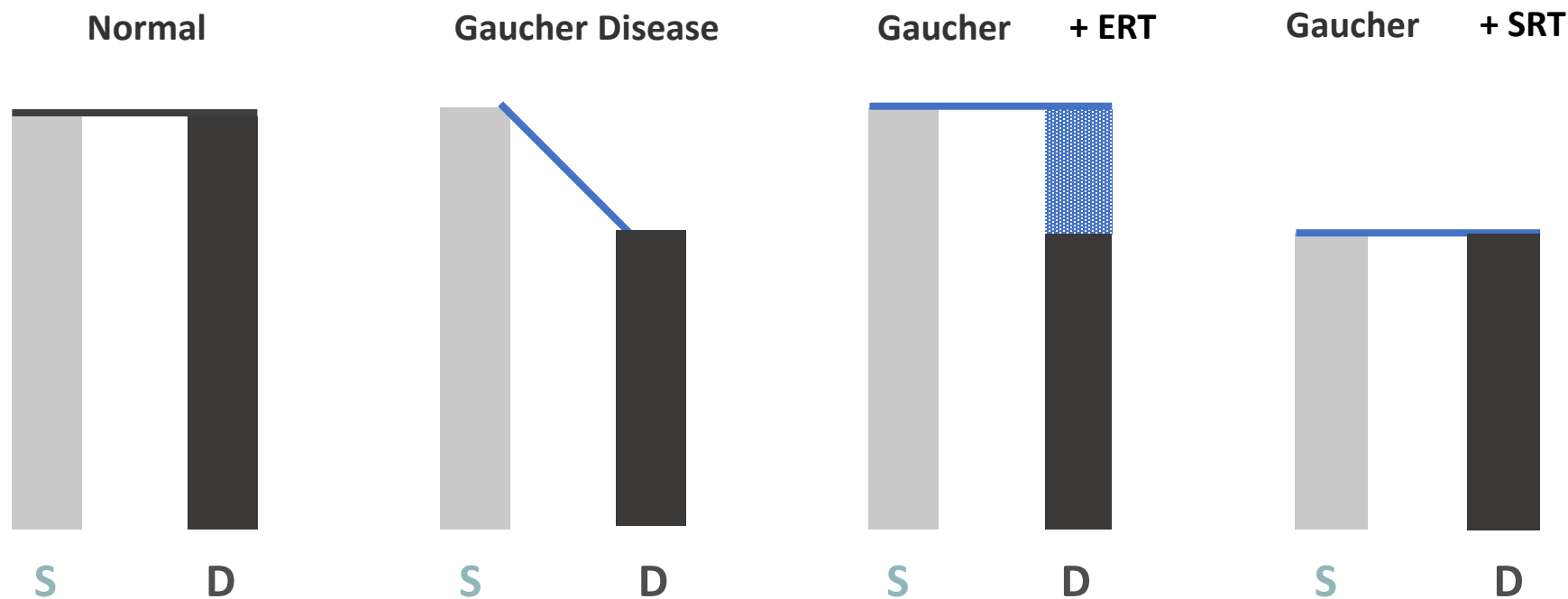
GD1=Gaucher disease type 1; IND=Investigational New Drug; ERT=enzyme replacement therapy; SRT=substrate reduction therapy



# Gaucher Disease Treatment

## Two Approaches: ERT and Substrate Reduction

Restoring a balance between substrate synthesis and degradation



**Synthesis (S) & Degradation (D) of glucosylceramide**

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