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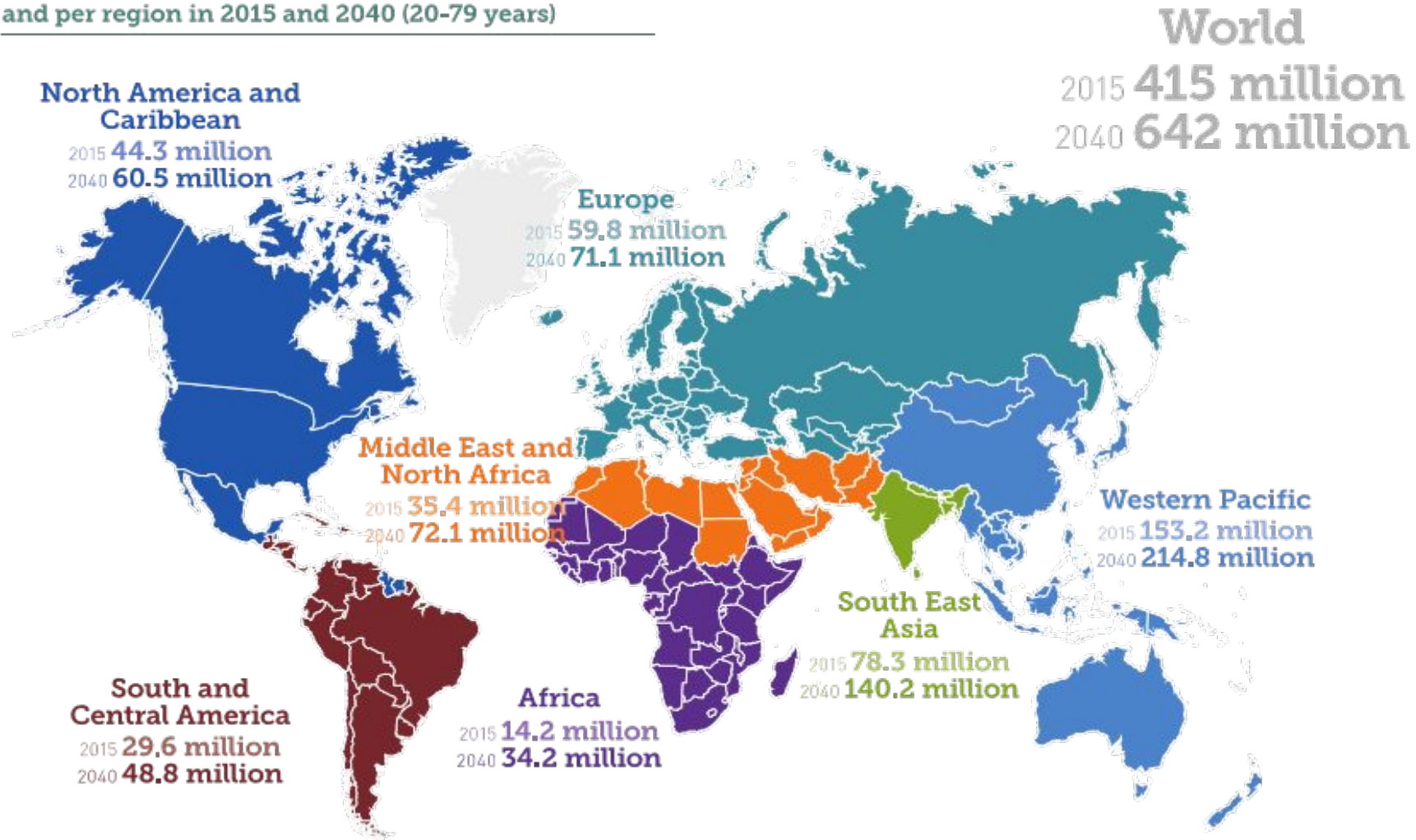
# Arteriopatia carotidea e renale del diabete: fattori di rischio e biomarcatori

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# Diabete nel Mondo

Estimated number of people with diabetes worldwide and per region in 2015 and 2040 (20-79 years)

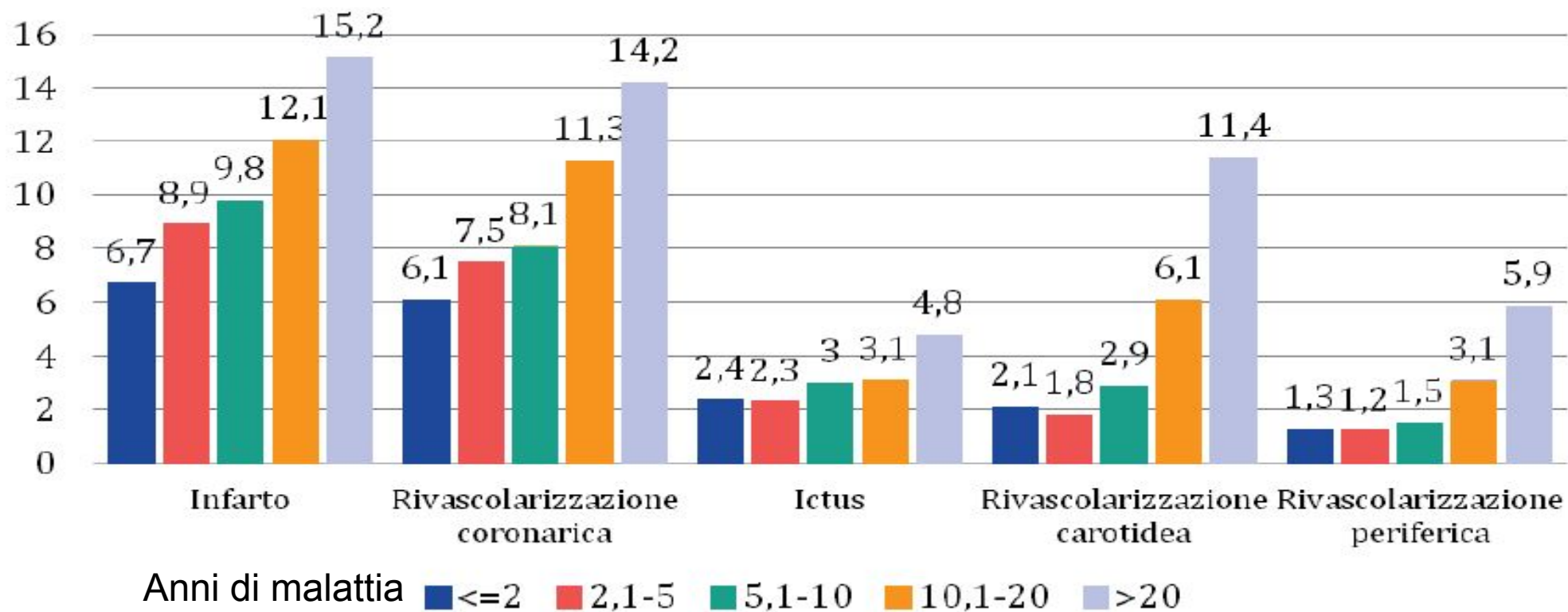
Va inoltre considerato che il **46%** dei casi di diabete non viene diagnosticato





# CVD e diabete: prevalenza delle complicanze cardiovascolari

Studio RIACE: 15773 pazienti diabetici in 19 centri diabetologici



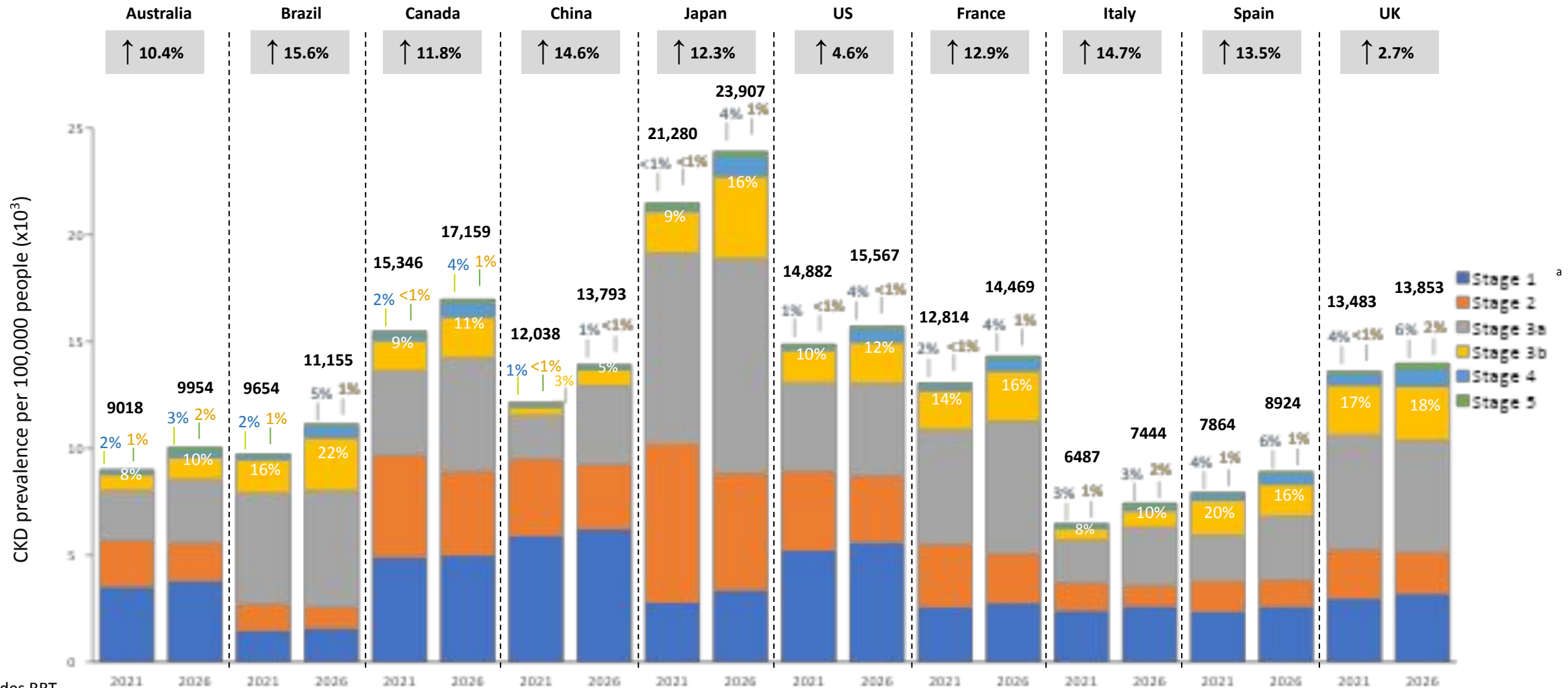
**Fra i pazienti seguiti presso i centri di diabetologia, uno su 10 (11,1%) ha avuto un infarto, uno su 10 (10%) ha avuto un intervento di riperfusione o rivascolarizzazione coronarica**

# CVD e DM2: prevalenza delle complicanze cardiovascolari

	UK register	Survey internazionale
	Coorte di 148.803 pazienti con DM2 (Database dei GP)	57 studi con 4.549.481 pazienti con DM2 (46% europei)
<b>eCVD</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>32.2 %</b>
MI	8.2 %	10 %
Angina	9.8 %	14.6 %
Stroke/TIA	9.9 %	7.6 %
Atherosclerosis	-	29.1%
PAD	18%	-
HF	5.8 %	14.9%

# MALATTIA RENALE CKD NEI PAZIENTI CON DIABETE MELLITO

Projected prevalence of CKD per 100,000 people between 2021 and 2026



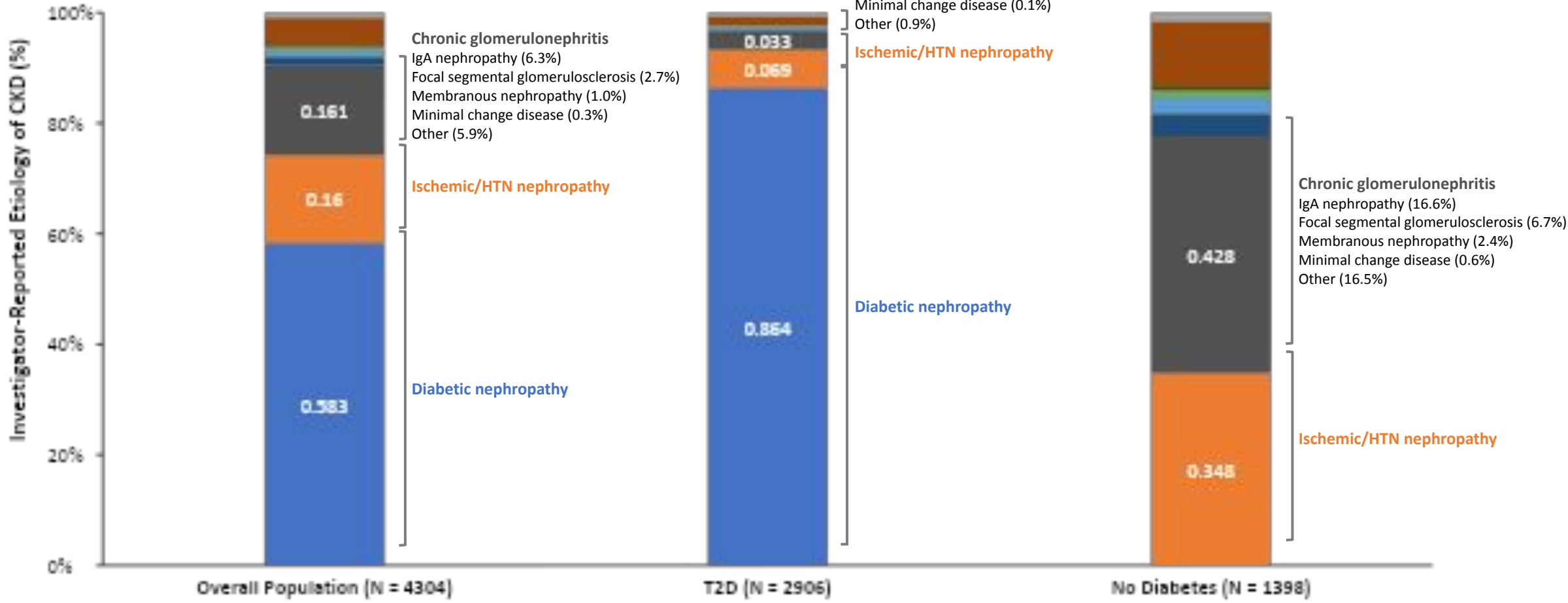
<sup>a</sup>Includes RRT.

CKD = chronic kidney disease; RRT = renal replacement therapy; UK = United Kingdom; US = United States.

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# ETIOLOGY OF CKD

- Diabetic Nephropathy
- Ischemic/HTN Nephropathy
- Chronic Glomerulonephritis
- Chronic Pyelonephritis
- Obstructive Nephropathy
- Other

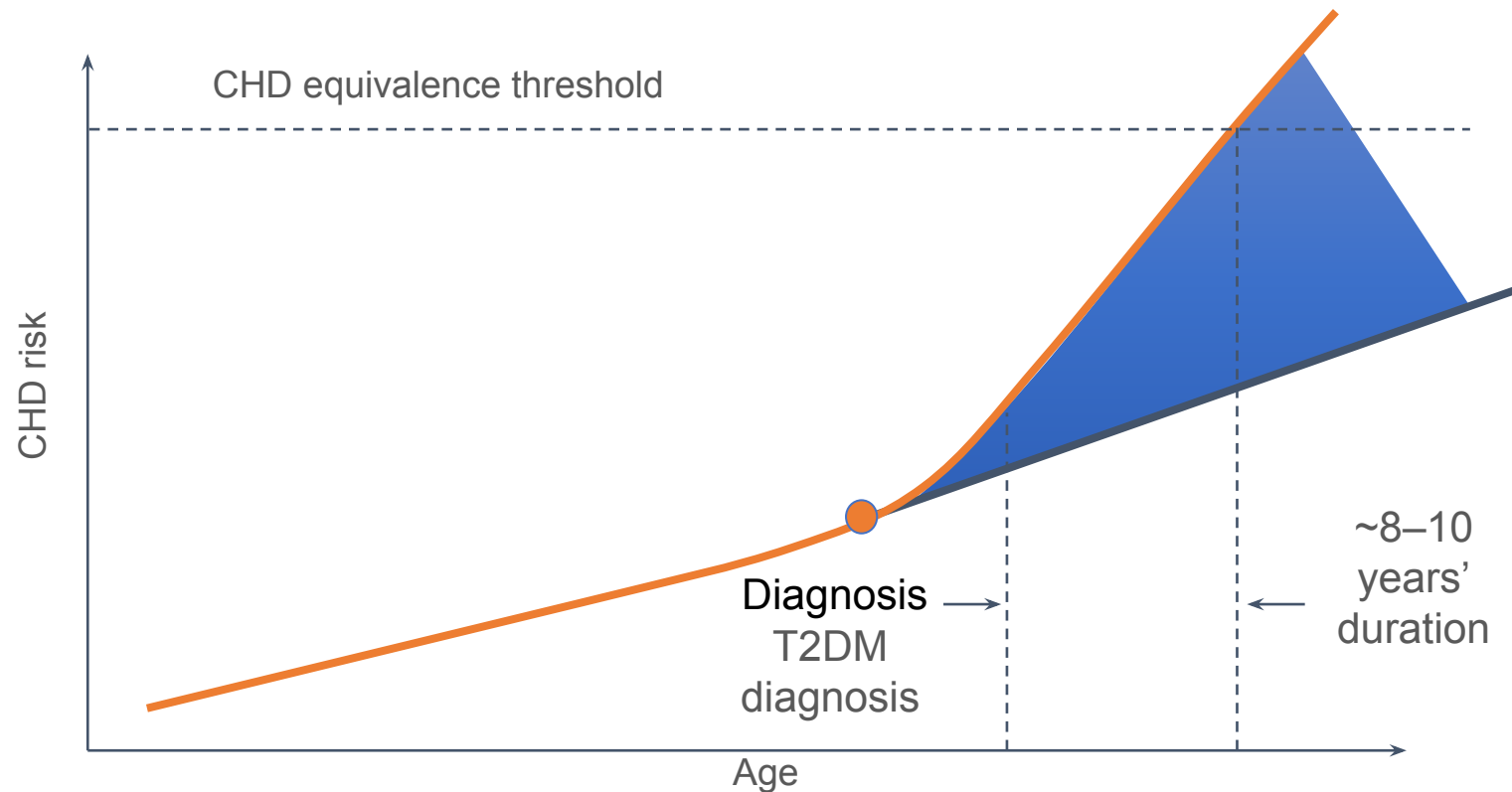


HTN = hypertensive; IgA = immunoglobulin A; T2D = type 2 diabetes.

Wheeler DC et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant*. 2020;35:1700–1711.

# T2DM INCREASES CVD RISK OVER TIME

INITIALLY CVD RISK IS LARGELY DETERMINED BY CONVENTIONAL CVD RISK FACTORS; GLUCOSE ELEVATIONS INTO THE DIABETIC RANGE INCREASE RISK GRADUALLY OVER TIME (COLORED AREA), APPROACHING CHD RISK EQUIVALENCE AFTER A DURATION OF ~10 YEARS

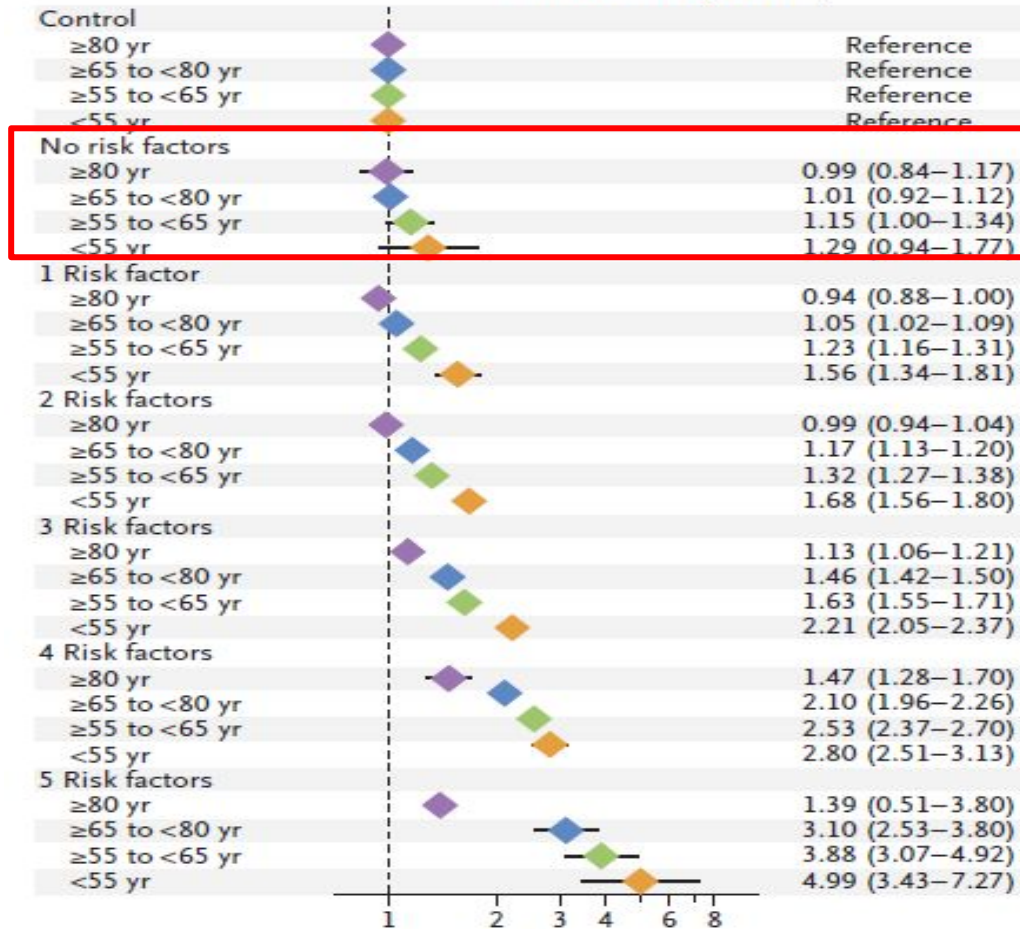


# CVD e DM2: eccesso di mortalità/MI e fattori di rischio

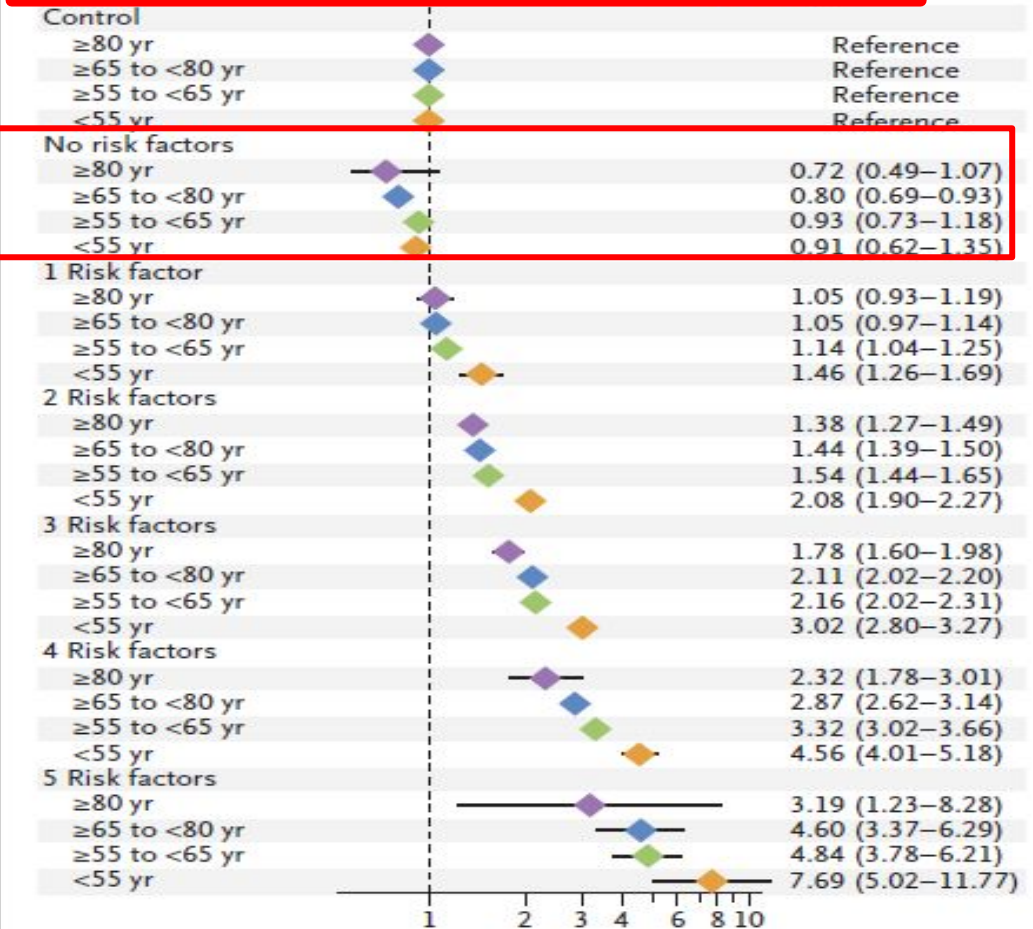
Swedish National Disease Register 271.174 pazienti con DM2 confrontati con 1.355.870 controlli

**FDR: HbA1c, LDL colesterolo, albuminuria, fumo e pressione arteriosa**

**A** Excess Mortality in Relation to Range of Risk-Factor Control  
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)

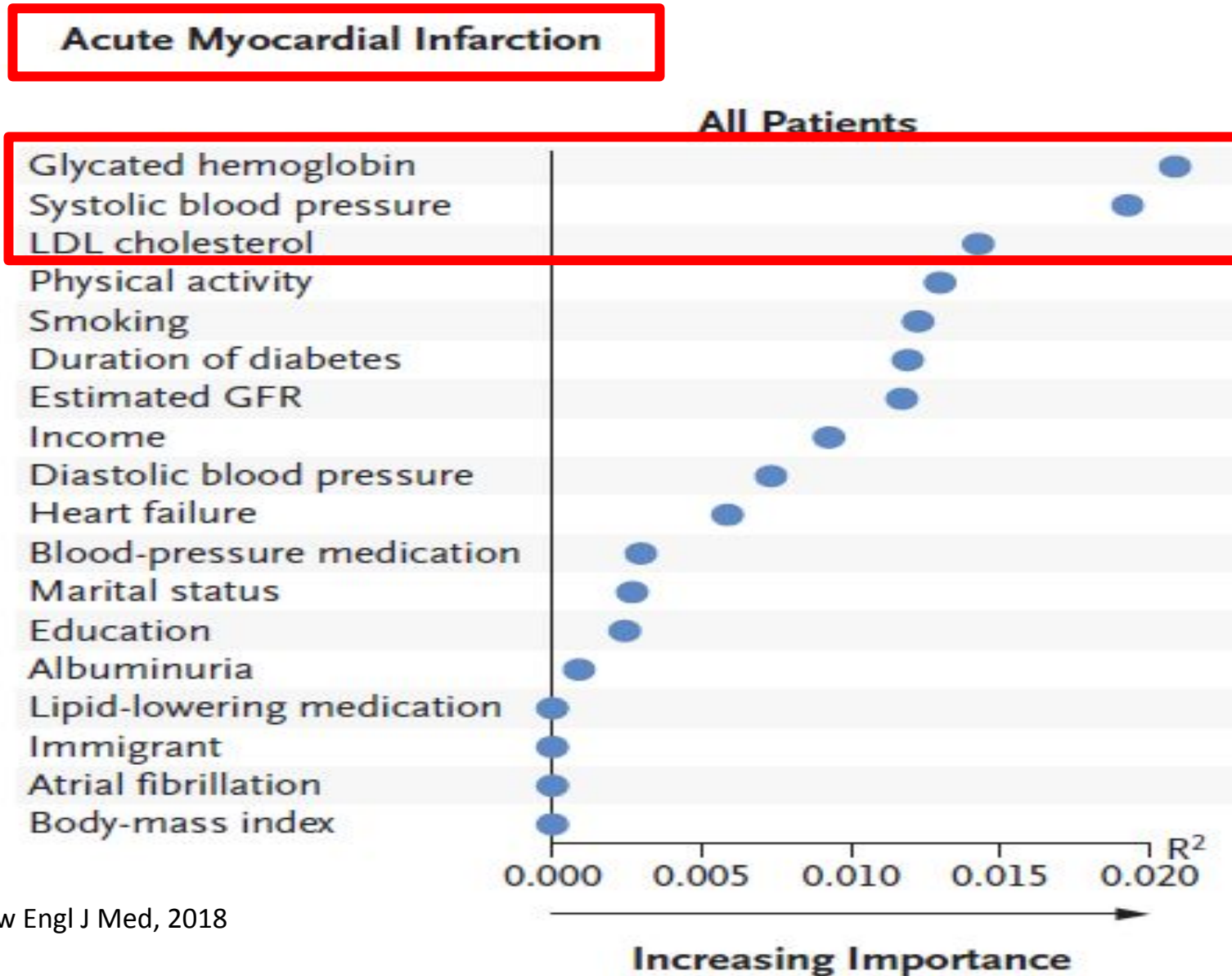


**B** Excess Acute Myocardial Infarction in Relation to Range of Risk-Factor Control  
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)



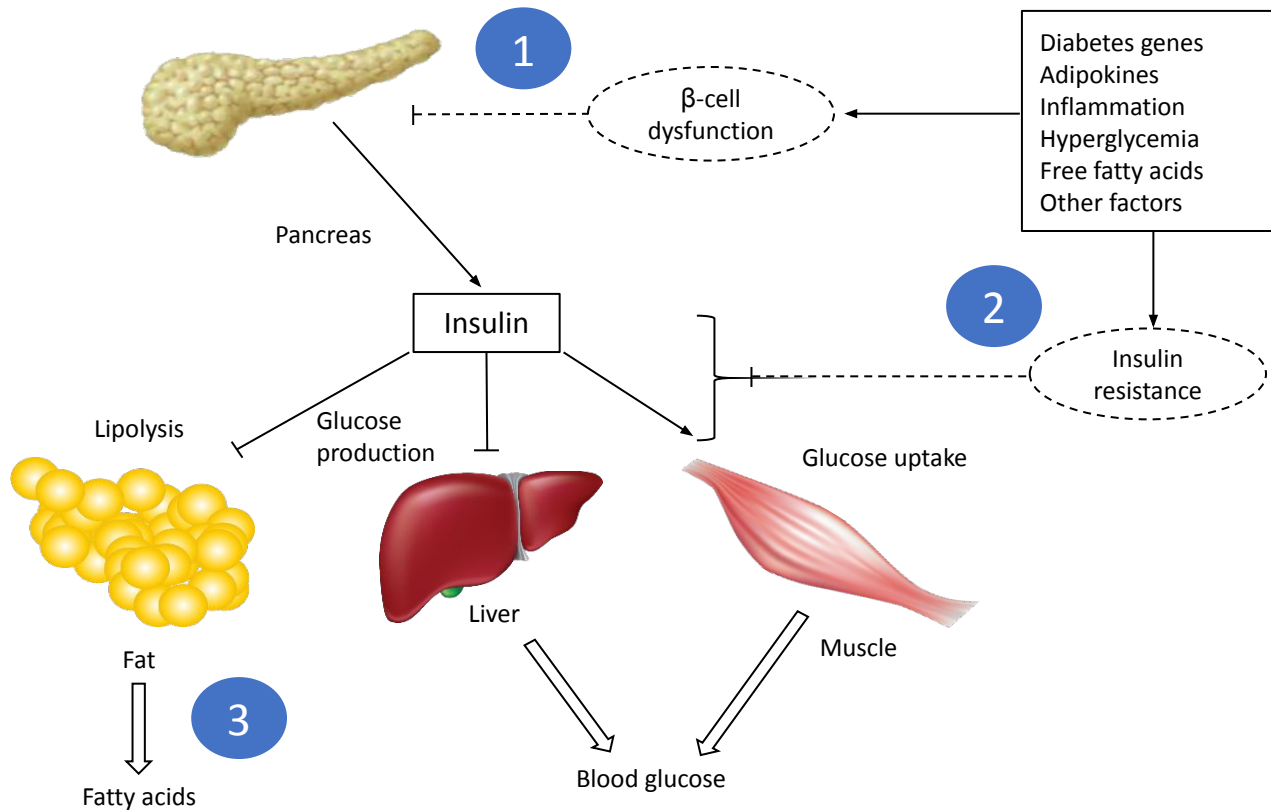


# CVD e DM2: importanza relativa di ciascun fattore di rischio



# PATOGENESI DIABETE MELLITO II

LIFESTYLE AND GENETIC FACTORS ARE KEY TRIGGERING PATHOGENIC ELEMENTS<sup>1</sup>



1 In impaired glucose tolerance or T2DM,  $\beta$ -cell response (insulin secretion adjusting to changes in insulin action) is inadequate<sup>1</sup>

2 Insulin resistance (reduced effect of insulin in target tissues) leads to:

- Hyperglycemia, due to reduced glucose disposal in muscle and accelerated hepatic glucose production<sup>1</sup>
- Increased circulating fatty acids (released from fat tissue)<sup>1,2</sup>

3 Increased free fatty acid release leads to diabetic dyslipidemia<sup>2</sup>

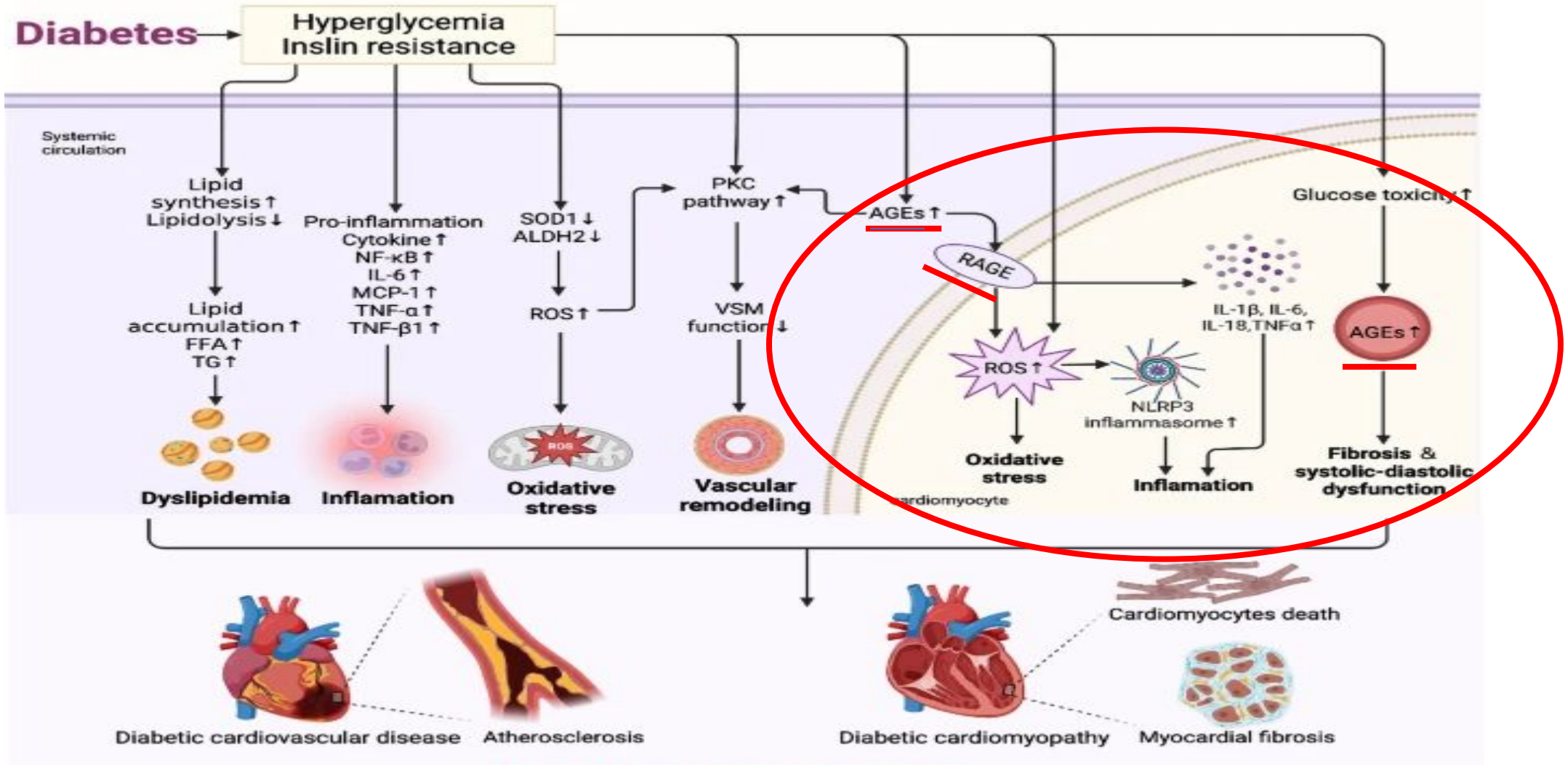
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T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus

Adapted from Stumvoll et al.<sup>1</sup>

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# PATOGENESI DANNO VASCOLARE NEL DM



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## ECCESSO DI DANNO

## DIFETTO DI RIPARAZIONE

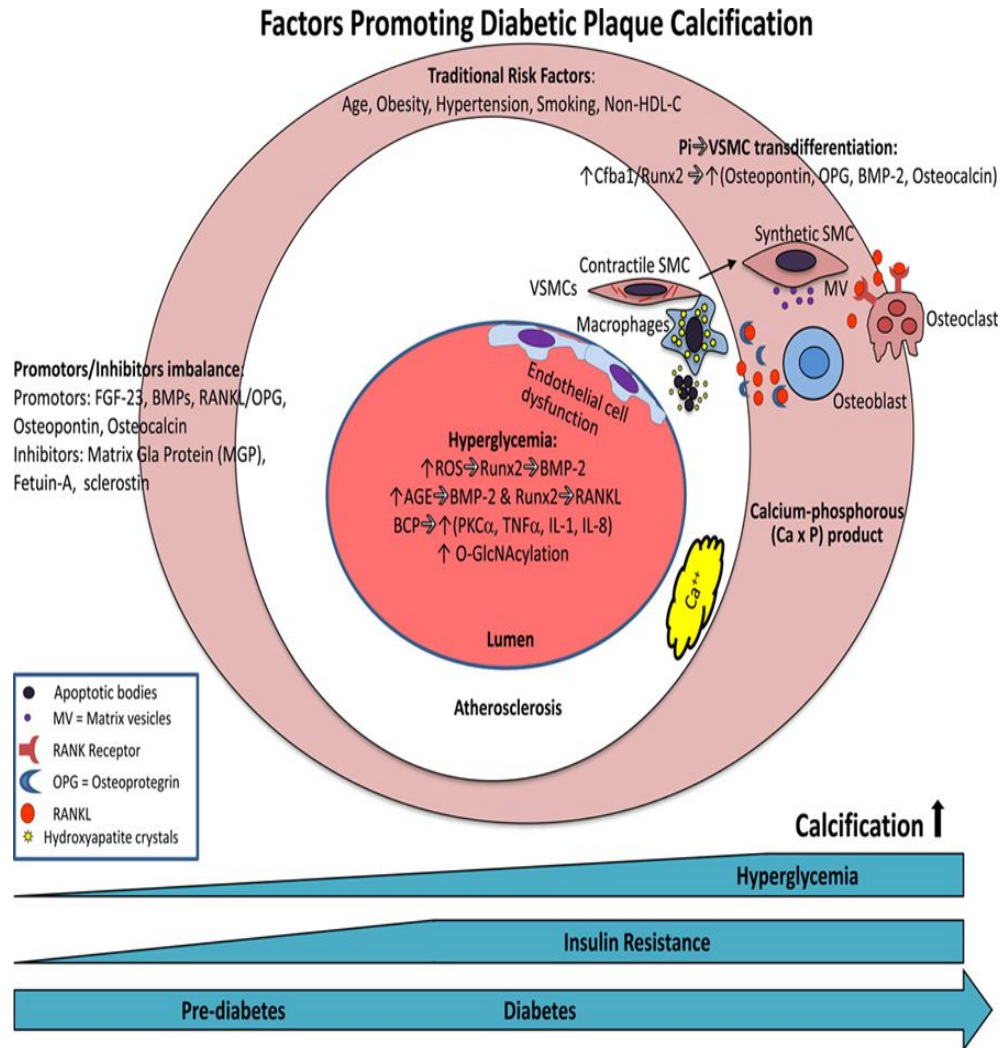
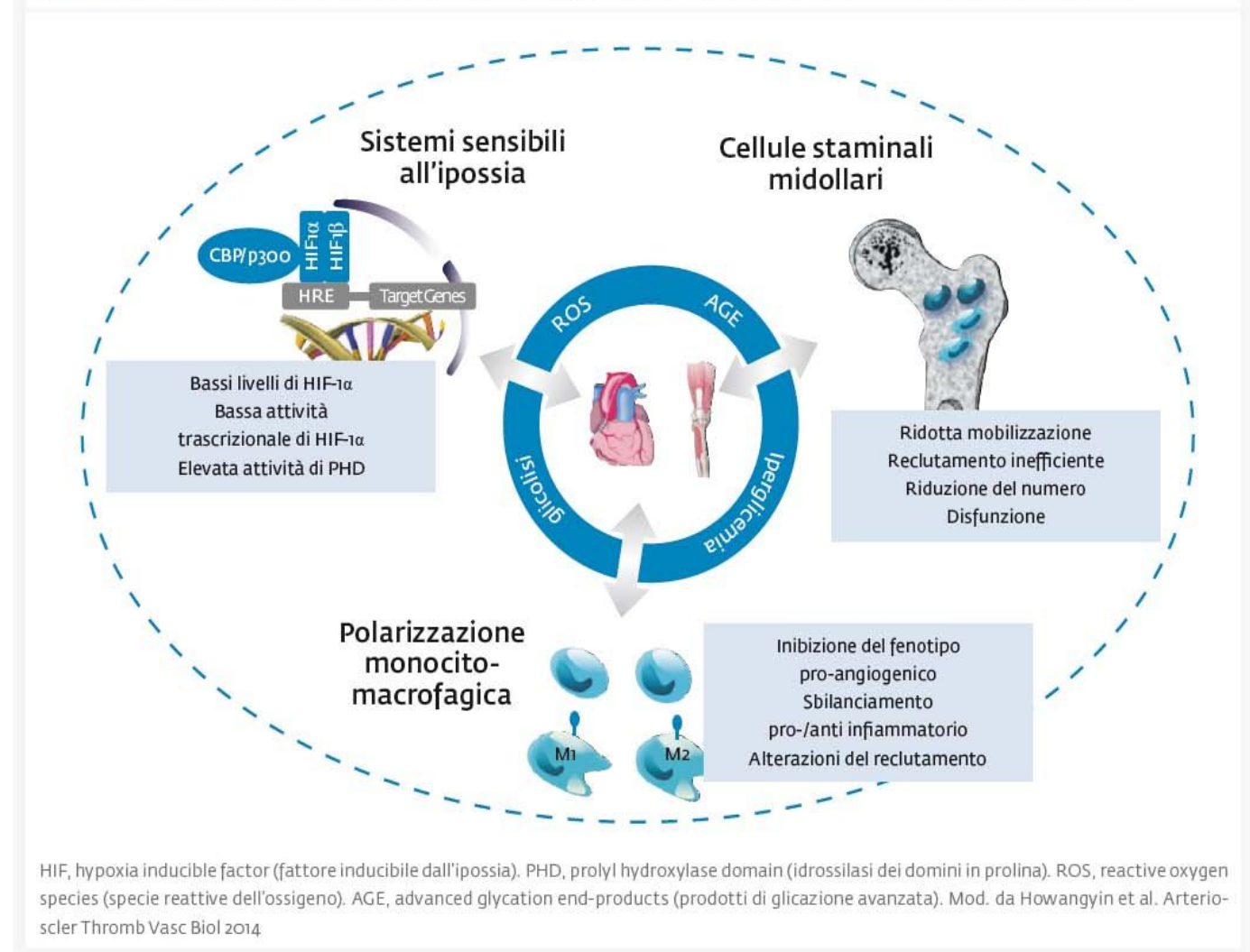
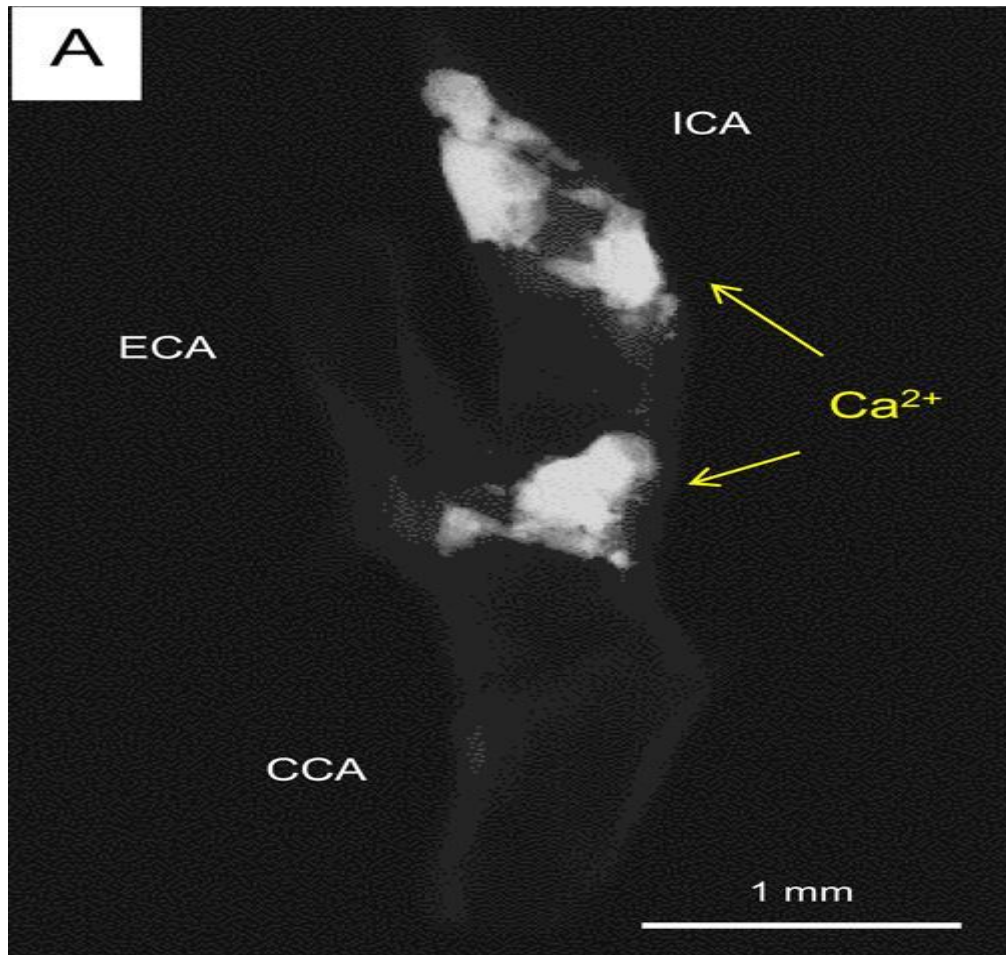


Figura 1 • I meccanismi che contribuiscono al difetto di riparazione endoteliale ed angiogenesi nel diabete

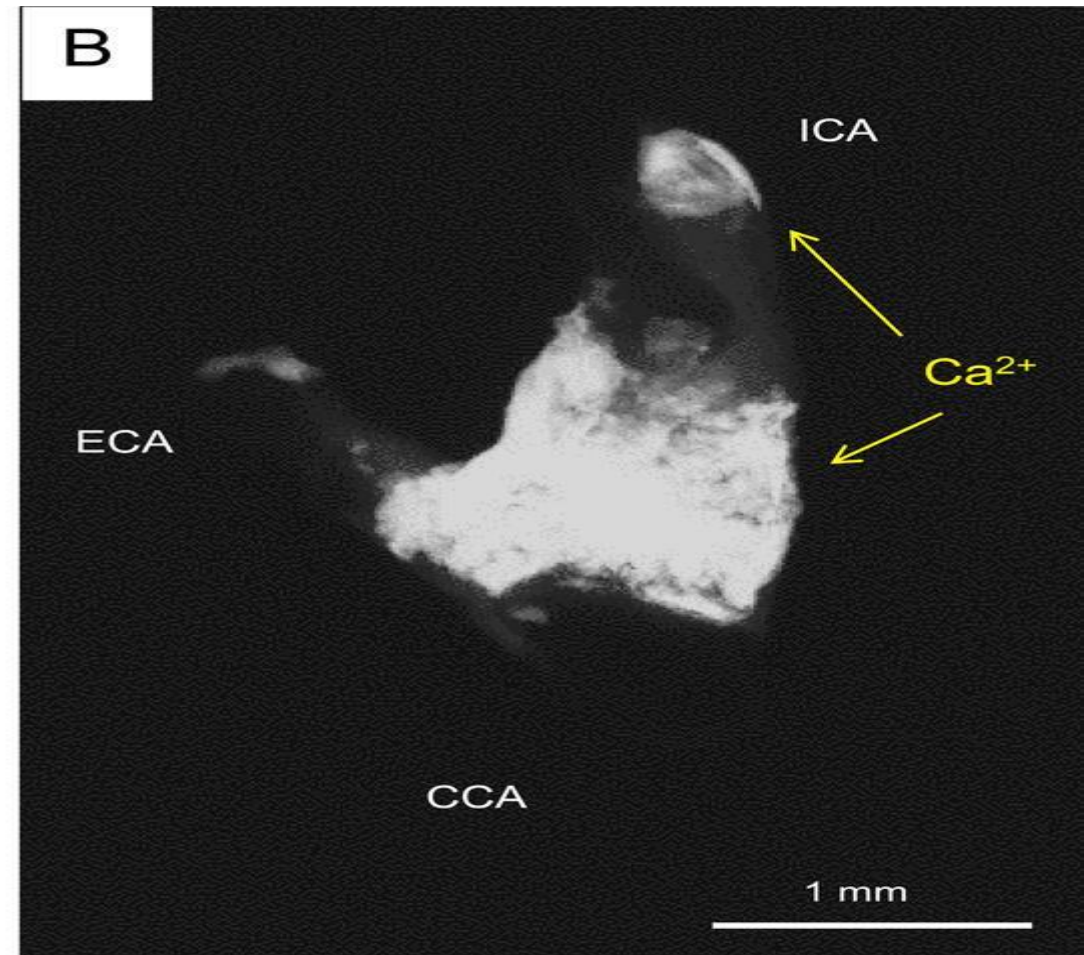




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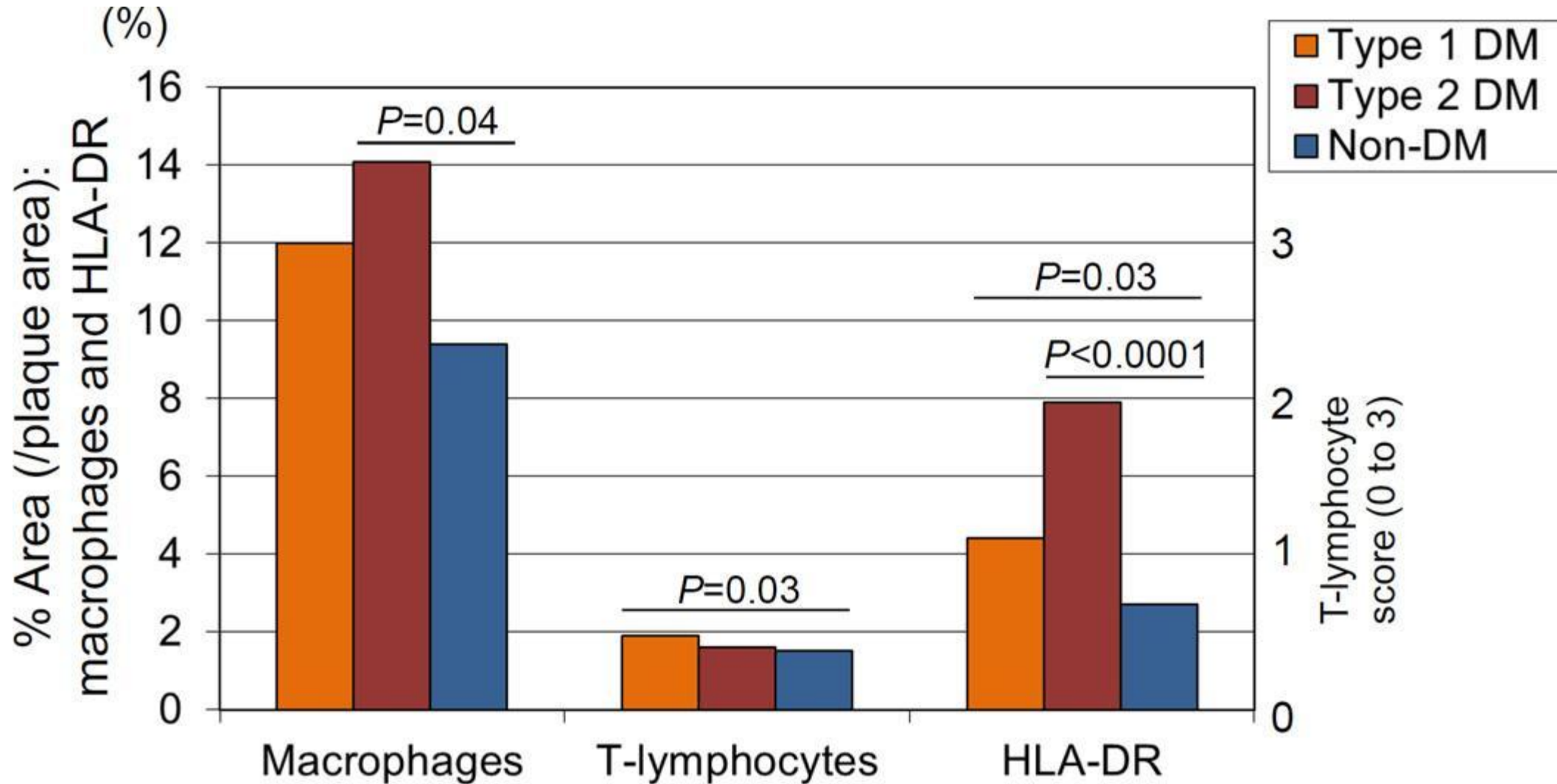


**PAZ non DM**  
**Area calcifica ICA 57,6 mm<sup>2</sup>**



**PAZ con DM**  
**Area calcifica ICA 196,1 mm<sup>2</sup>**

# PATOGENESI DANNO VASCOLARE NEL DM





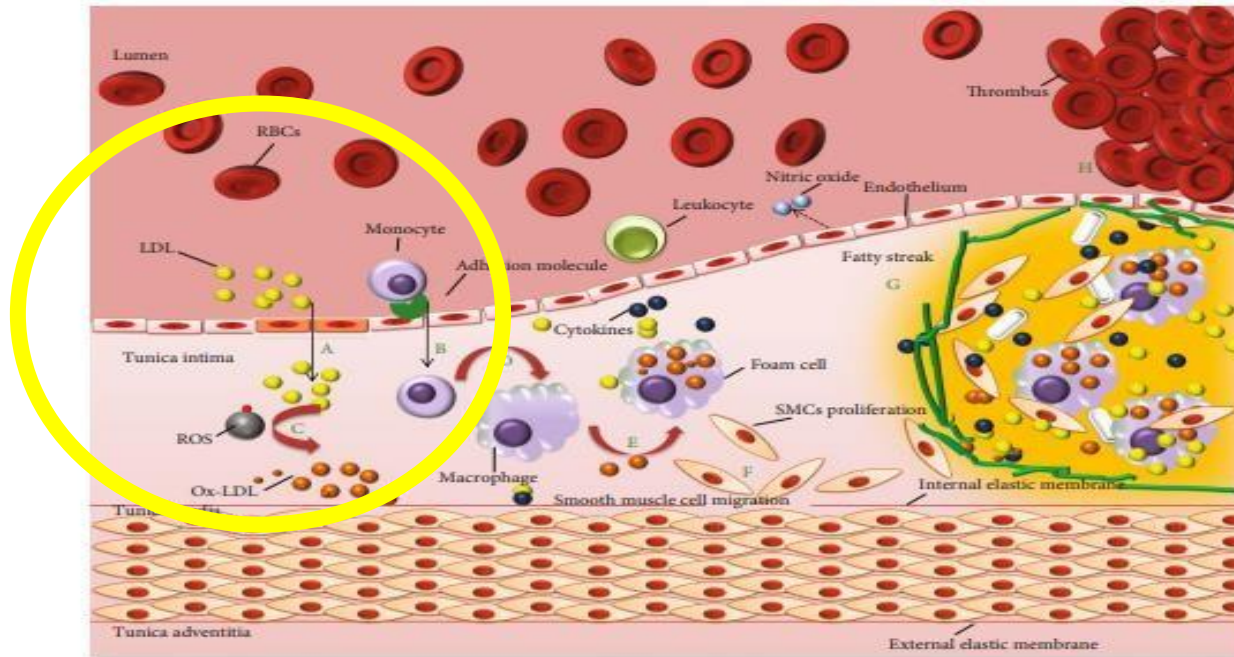
# ATEROSCLEROSI E DANNO ENDOTELIALE

## Imaging residual inflammatory cardiovascular risk

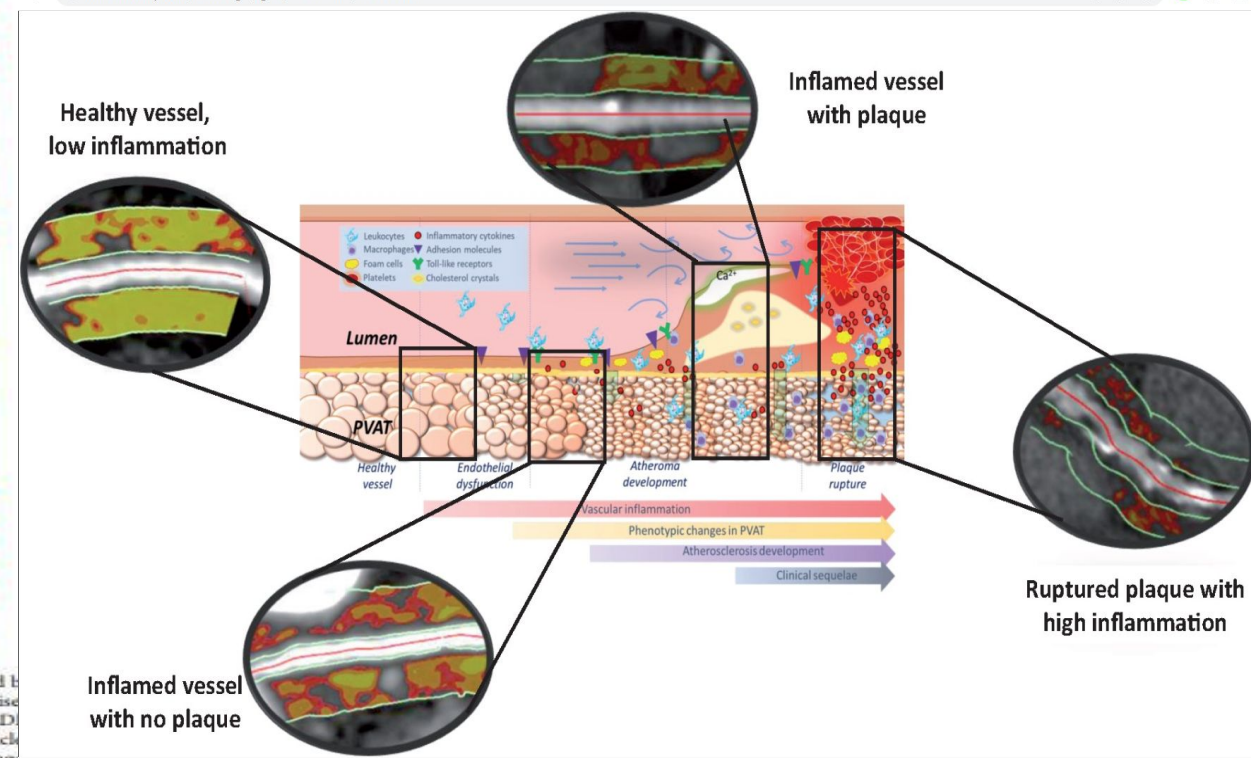
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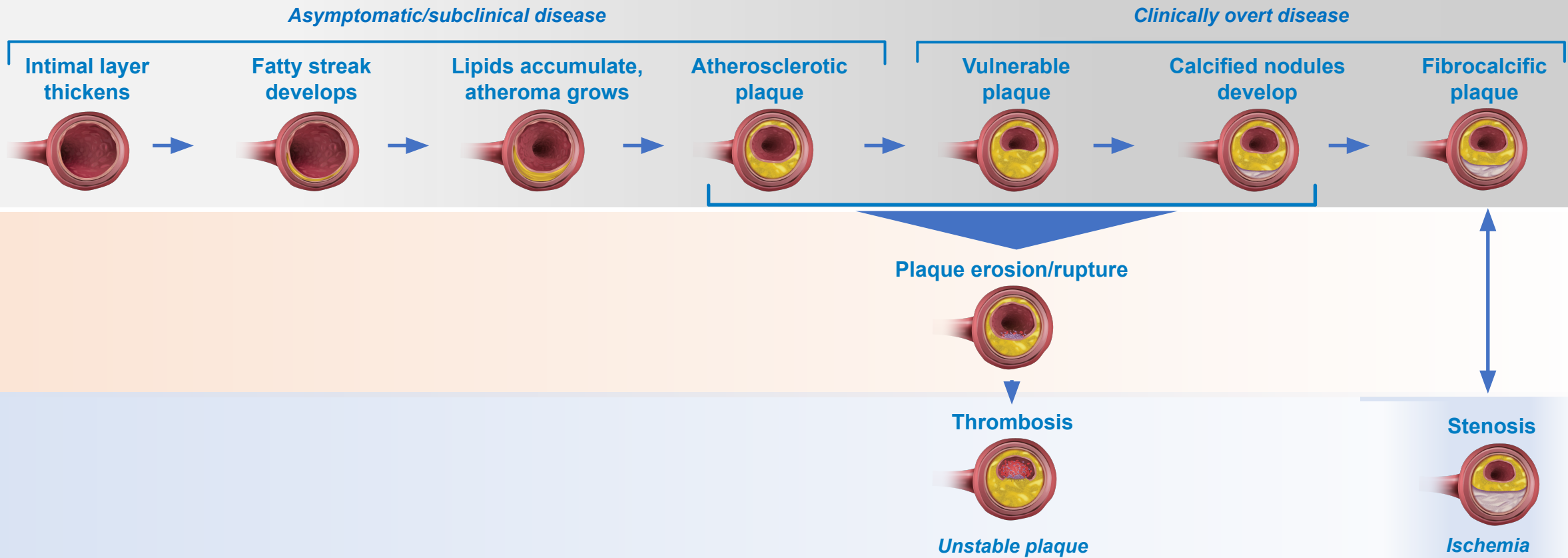
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**FIGURE 1:** Schematic network of atherosclerosis process. The LDL in the blood stream passes through the damaged endothelium (caused by hypertension, high cholesterol, smoking, and hyperglycemia) gaining entry into tunica intima. Damaged endothelial cells being compromised express adhesion molecules that capture the monocytes. Monocytes enter into the intima producing free radicals which oxidizes the LDL. Oxidized LDL attracts more white blood cells (monocytes) and more immune cells to the site, macrophages engulf Ox-LDL particles becoming over laden and turning into foam cells. Foam cells die releasing its content outside that again is engulfed by other macrophages eventually building a large lesion area. Progression into this, lesion turns into plaque gradually accumulating calcium slats, smooth muscle cells (from tunica media), collagen, and the foam cells. The plaque is stable under the endothelium until the endothelium just above gets compromised. The damaged endothelium could no longer produce inhibitors for blood clotting making it more vulnerable to enter into the vessel lumen. The clot attached to the vessel wall would make a thrombus that may break causing stroke or myocardial infarction.



# PROGRESSIONE DEL DANNO VASCOLARE



**Le placche possono rimanere asintomatiche o diventare sufficientemente ostruttive da causare sintomatologia clinica**

**Le placche possono diventare vulnerabili e rompersi, provocando una trombosi acuta**

CVD, cardiovascular disease.

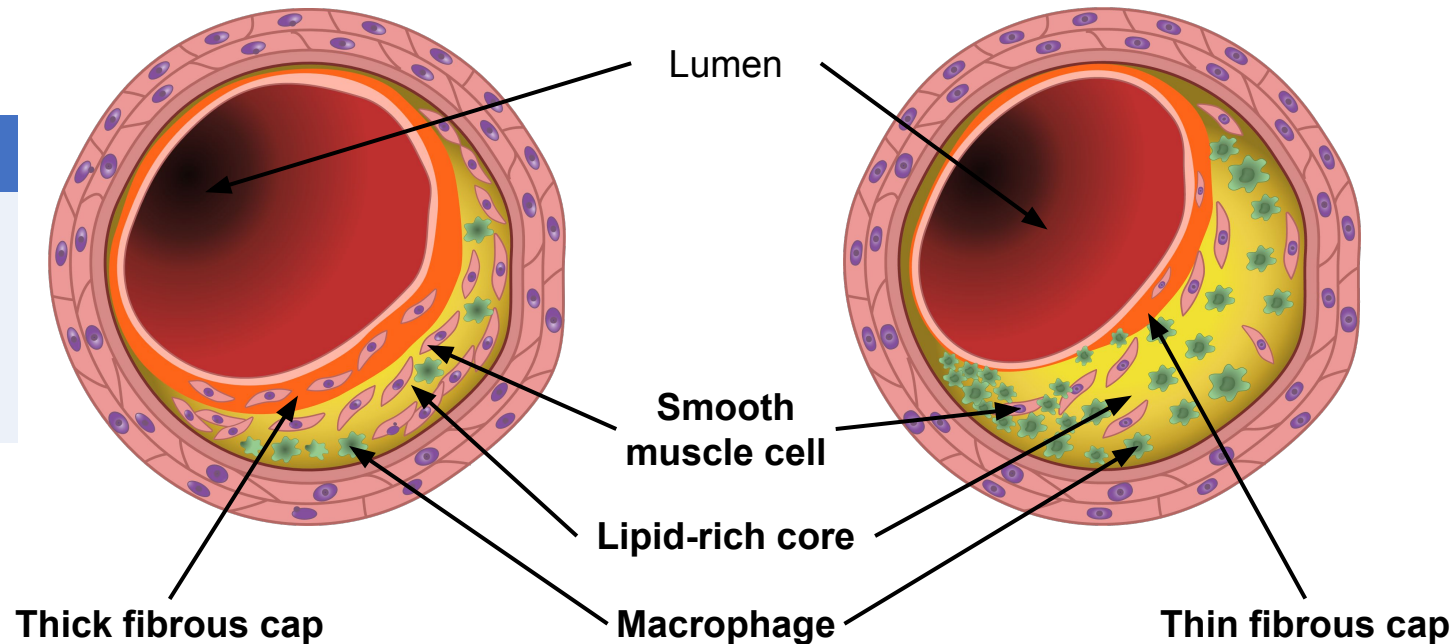
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# QUALI SONO LE CARATTERISTICHE PRINCIPALI DI UNA PLACCA VULNERABILE?

## Stable plaque<sup>1,2</sup>

- Small lipid core
- Thick fibrous cap
- ↑ Smooth muscle cells



## Vulnerable plaque<sup>1,2</sup>

- Large lipid core
- Thin fibrous cap
- ↑ Macrophages

Le caratteristiche della placca vulnerabile possono essere visualizzate utilizzando la tomografia a coerenza ottica (OCT)

sono caratterizzate da

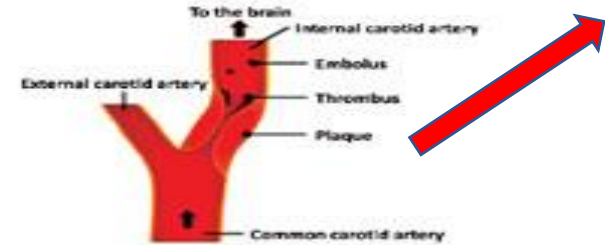
- un sottile cappuccio fibroso ( $< 65 \mu\text{m}$ ),
- un grande nucleo lipidico ( arco lipidico  $> 90^\circ$ )
- la presenza di cellule infiammatorie

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# LE PLACCHE SONO UGUALI IN TUTTI I DISTRETTI

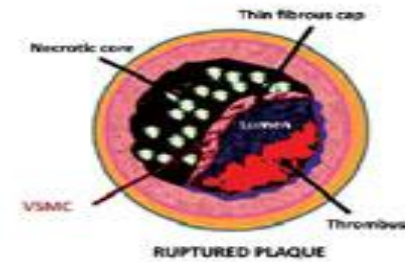
EVENTI EMBOLICI



## CAROTID PLAQUES

- Predominant risk factor: arterial hypertension
- Biomechanical regulation: regions of low shear stress, flow separation and departure from axially aligned, unidirectional flow are prone to development of plaques
- Histological analysis of vulnerable/rupture prone plaques: thin fibrous cover, big lipid core, high wall stress
- Plaque composition leads to embolic events

Atherosclerotic lesions differ in vascular beds

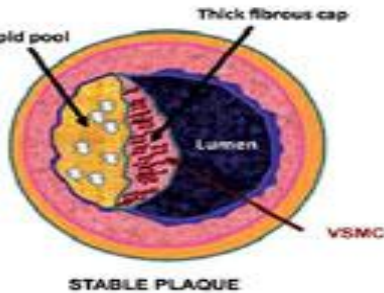


## CORONARY PLAQUES

- Predominant risk factor: hyperlipidaemia
- High vasa vasorum density: entry points for pro-inflammatory and pro-atherosclerotic components in the vessel wall
- Histological analysis: a large lipid core, low vascular smooth muscle cell (VSMC) content
- Plaque composition frequently leads to rupture and thrombotic occlusion

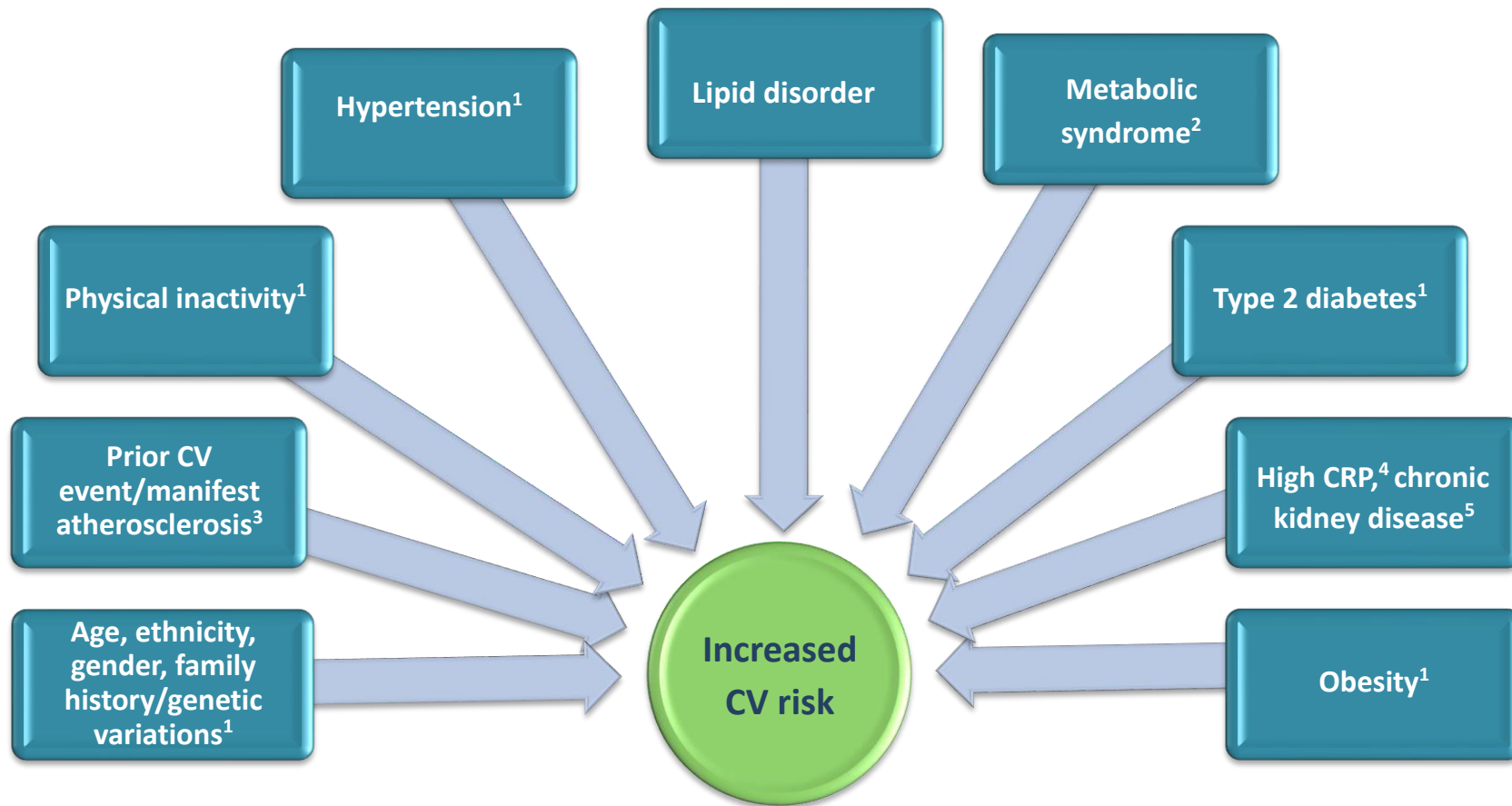
ROTTURA DI PLACCA E OCCLUSIONE

STENOSI E > RESTENOSI POST PTA



## PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL PLAQUES

- Predominant risk factors: smoking and diabetes
- Histological analysis: fibroproliferative plaques with small amounts of lipids, high vascular smooth muscle cell (VSMC) content
- Low density of vasa vasorum: less inflammatory cells, more stable plaques
- Plaque composition promotes restenosis after revascularization procedures



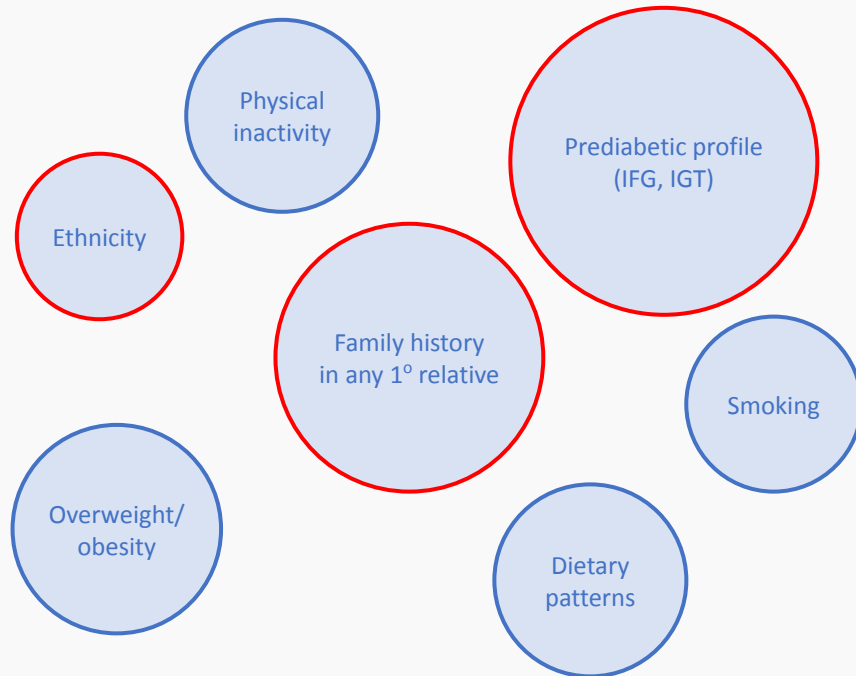
# MULTIPLE FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED CV RISK

CRP, C-reactive protein; CV, cardiovascular; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; TG, triglyceride.

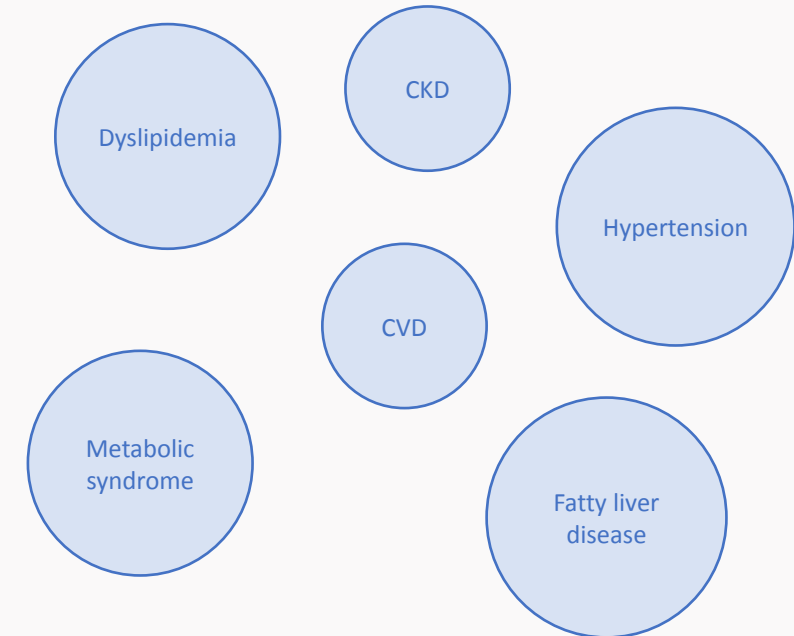
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# PROGRESSIONE DEL DANNO D'ORGANO DEL DM

## FATTORI DI RISCHIO



## COMMORBILITA'




CKD = chronic kidney disease; CVD = cardiovascular disease; IFG = impaired fasting glucose; IGT = impaired glucose tolerance; T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus.

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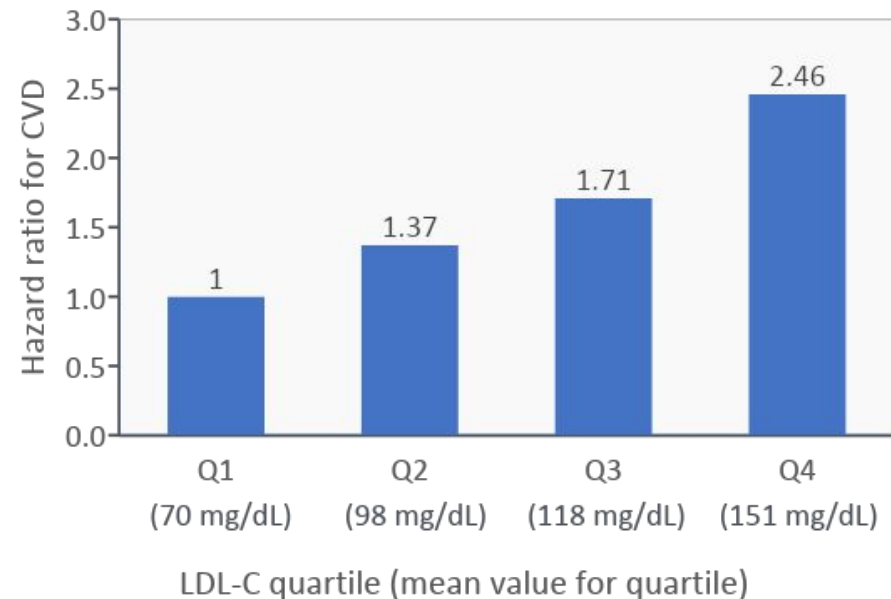
# LDL-C IS A RISK FACTOR AND INDEPENDENT PREDICTOR OF CVD IN PATIENTS WITH T2DM

LDL-C is the strongest independent predictor of CHD followed by HDL-C<sup>1</sup>



Variable	P value
LDL-C	< 0.0001
HDL-C	0.0001
HbA1c	0.0022
SBP	0.0065
Smoking	0.056

CVD risk appears to increase linearly from an LDL-C quartile average of 70 mg/dL<sup>2</sup>



The 1998 UK Prospective Diabetes Study evaluated risk factors for CHD in 2,693 white patients with T2DM and no evidence of atheroma-related disease for a median follow-up duration of 7.9 years.<sup>1</sup> The Strong Heart Study published in 2000 evaluated CVD risk in 4,549 Native Americans with DM aged 45–74 years (average follow-up 4.8 years).<sup>2</sup>

CHD = coronary heart disease; CVD = cardiovascular disease; HbA1c = glycated hemoglobin; HDL-C = high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; SBP = systolic blood pressure; UK = United Kingdom.

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# MORE INTENSIFICATION OF TREATMENT GOAL ACCORDING TO CV RISK

Treatment goal for LDL-C

3.0 mmol/L (116 mg/dL)

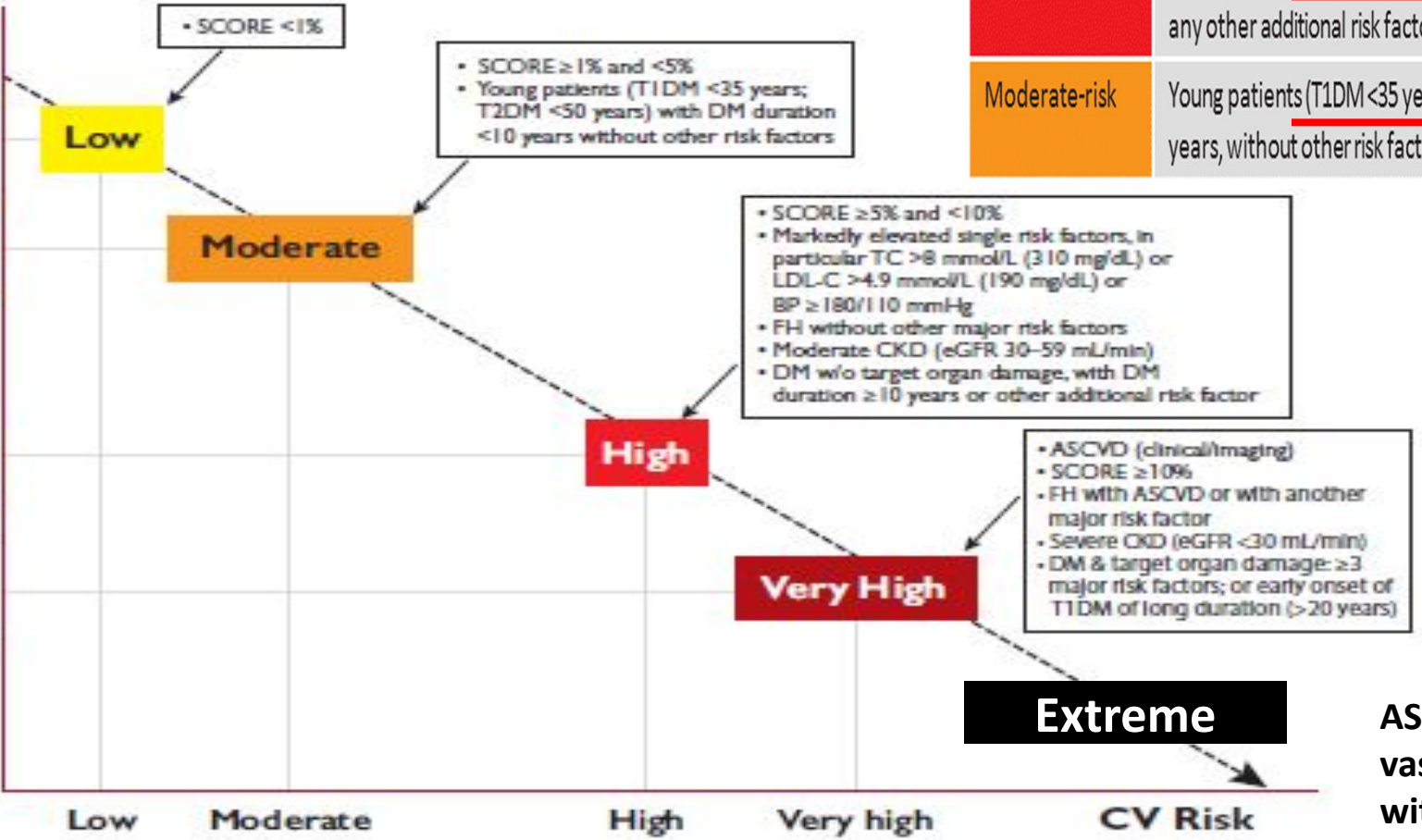
2.6 mmol/L (100 mg/dL)

1.8 mmol/L (70 mg/dL)

1.4 mmol/L (55 mg/dL)

< 40mg/dl (1.03 mmol/L)

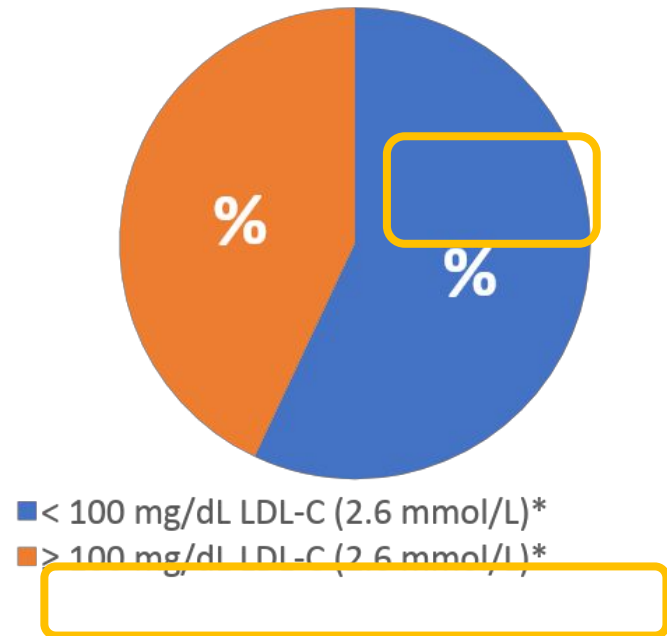
& ≥50% reduction from baseline



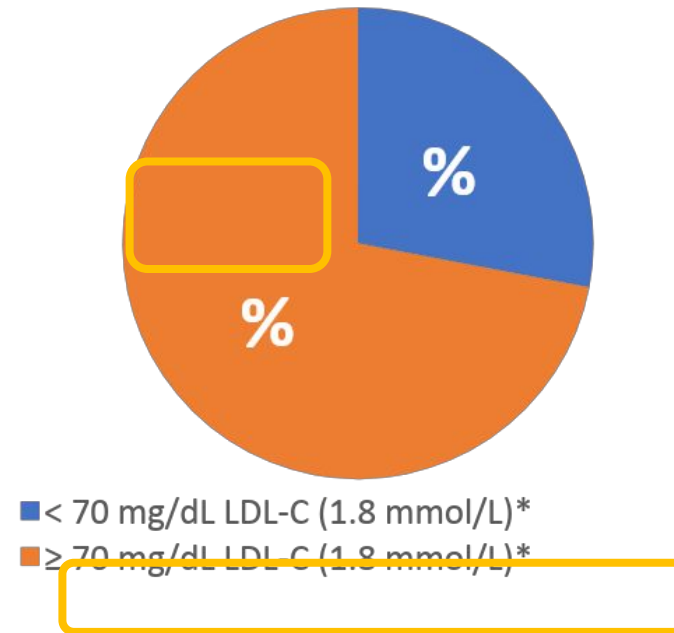
<b>Very high-risk</b>	Patients with <u>DM and established CVD</u> or other target organ damage <sup>a</sup> or three or more major risk factors <sup>b</sup> or early onset T1DM of long duration (>20 years)
<b>High-risk</b>	Patients with <u>DM duration ≥ 10 years</u> without target organ damage plus any other additional risk factor
<b>Moderate-risk</b>	Young patients (T1DM < 35 years; T2DM < 50 years) with <u>DM duration &lt; 10 years</u> , without other risk factors

# A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF PATIENTS WITH DM MAY ALSO HAVE SUBOPTIMAL LDL-C LEVELS

## PATIENTS WITH DM



## PATIENTS WITH DM AND CVD



Data: 3,355 adults with a diagnosis of diabetes from a health care professional who participated in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES; 2007–2010).

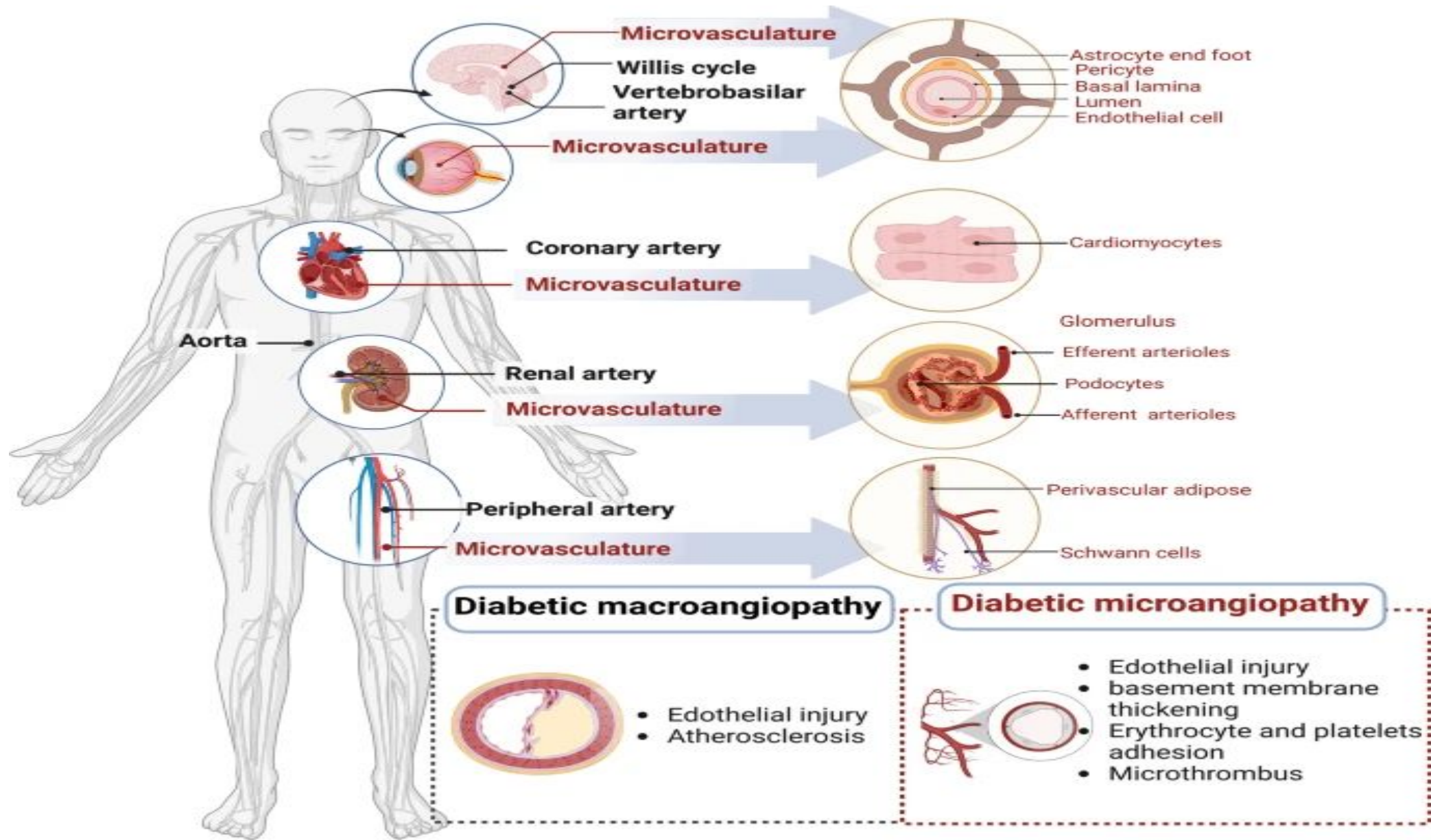
\*LDL-C targets as defined by the American Diabetes Association; similar targets are defined by ESC<sup>2</sup>.

CVD = cardiovascular disease; DM = diabetes mellitus; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

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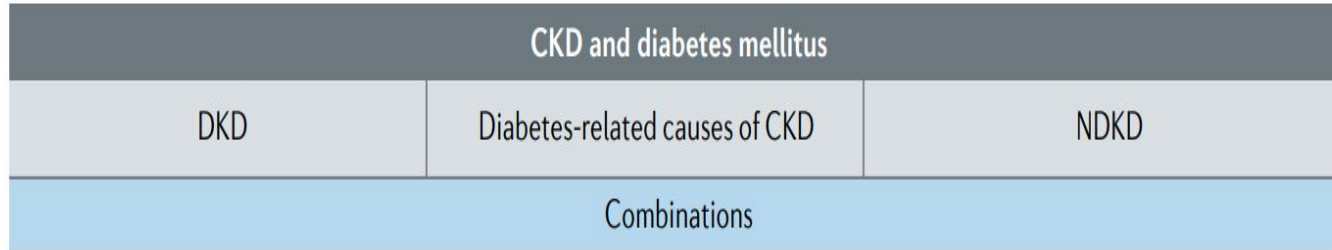
# DANNO D'ORGANO E COMPLICANZE CRONICHE DEL DM





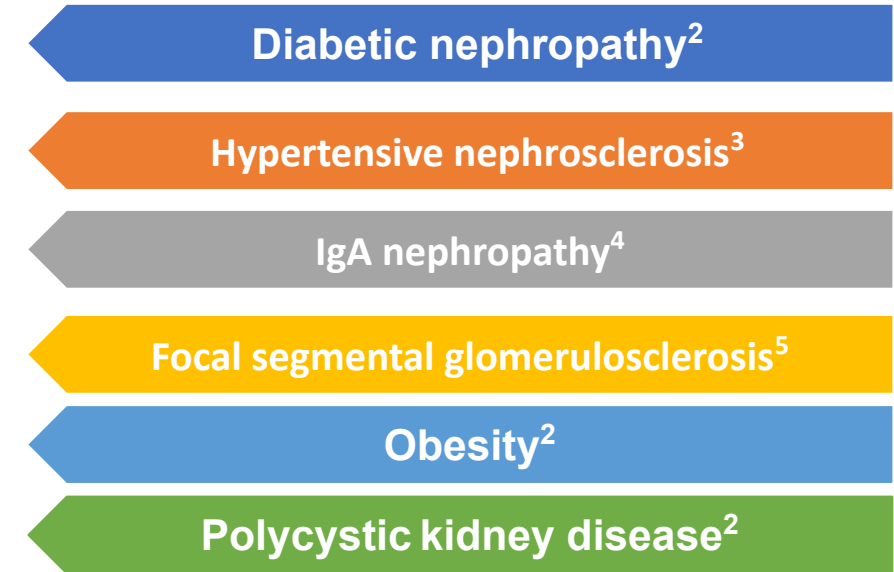
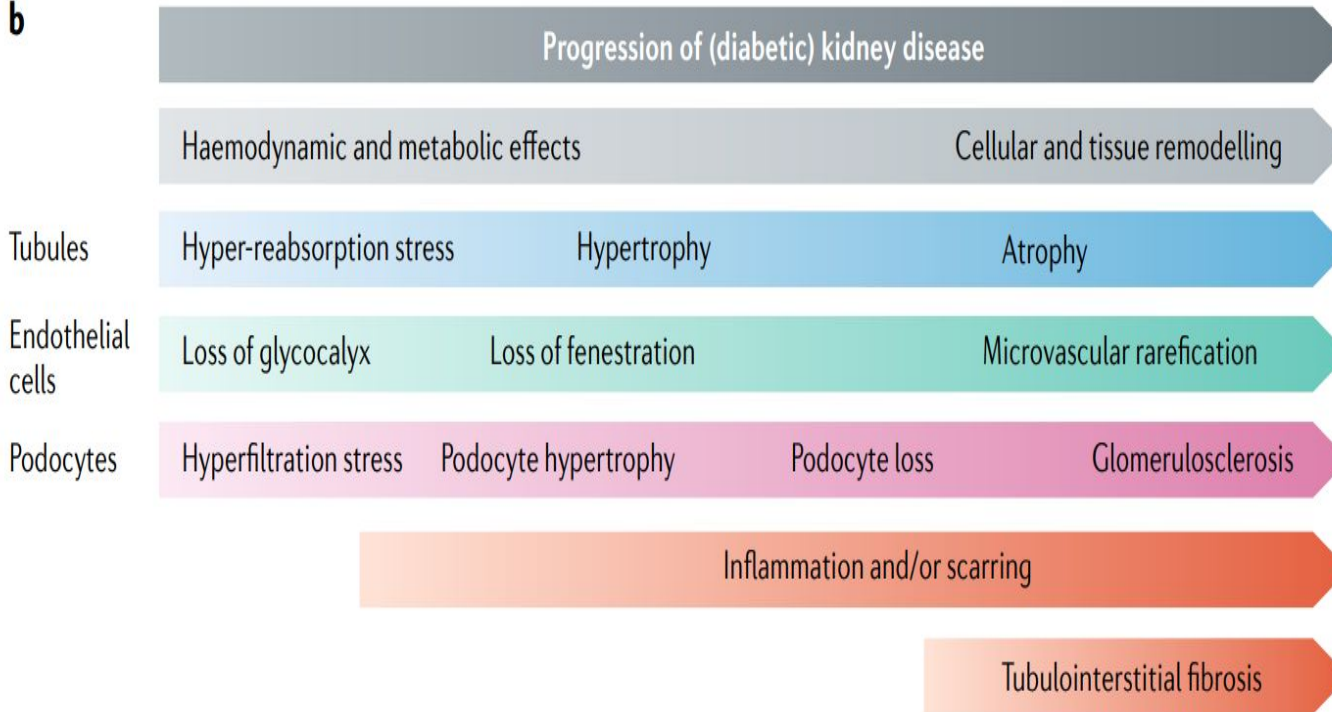
# DIABETE E PROGRESSIONE DEL DANNO RENALE

**a**



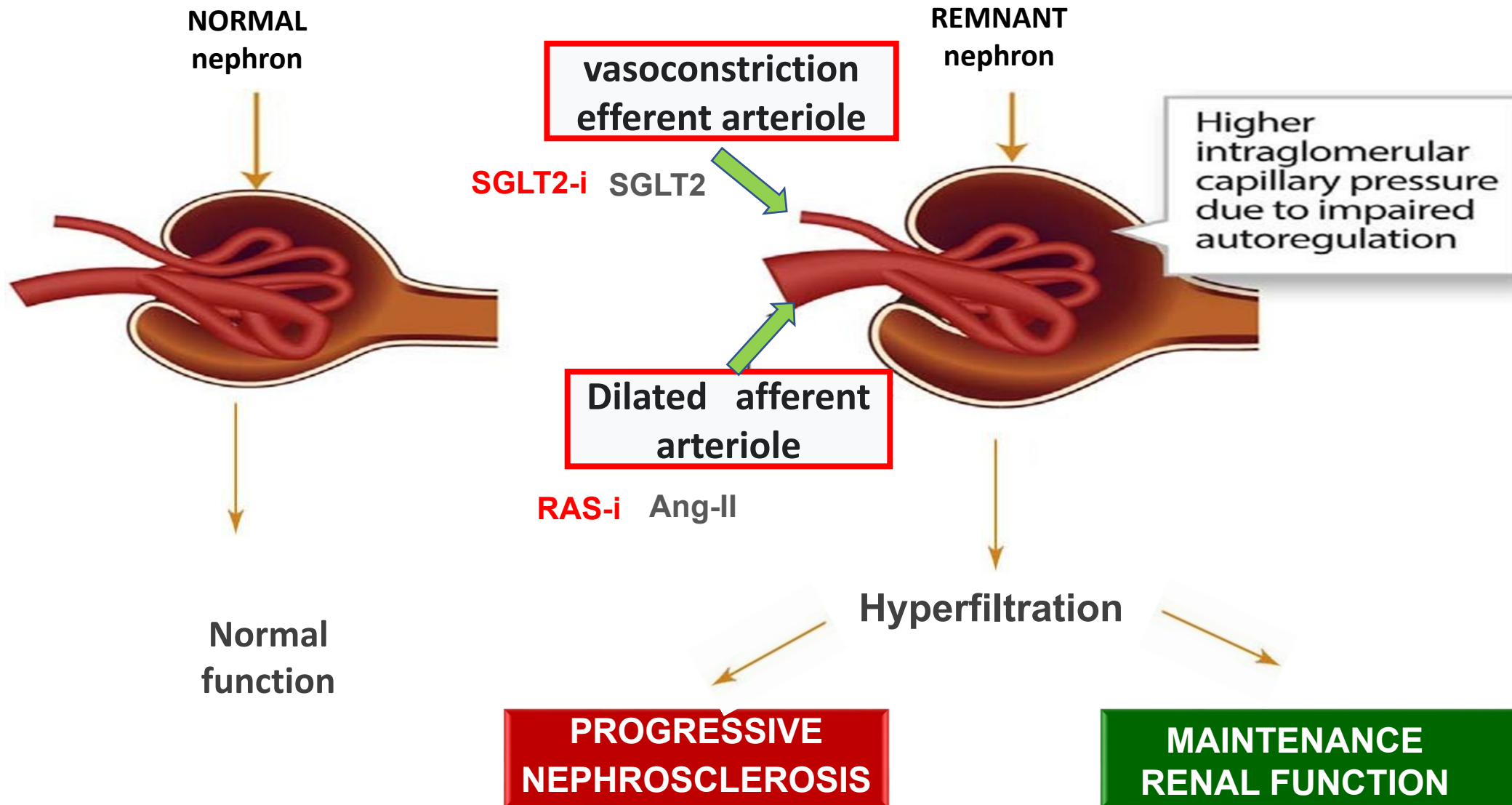
Diabetes and hypertension are responsible for **more than half** of all cases of CKD<sup>1</sup>

**b**

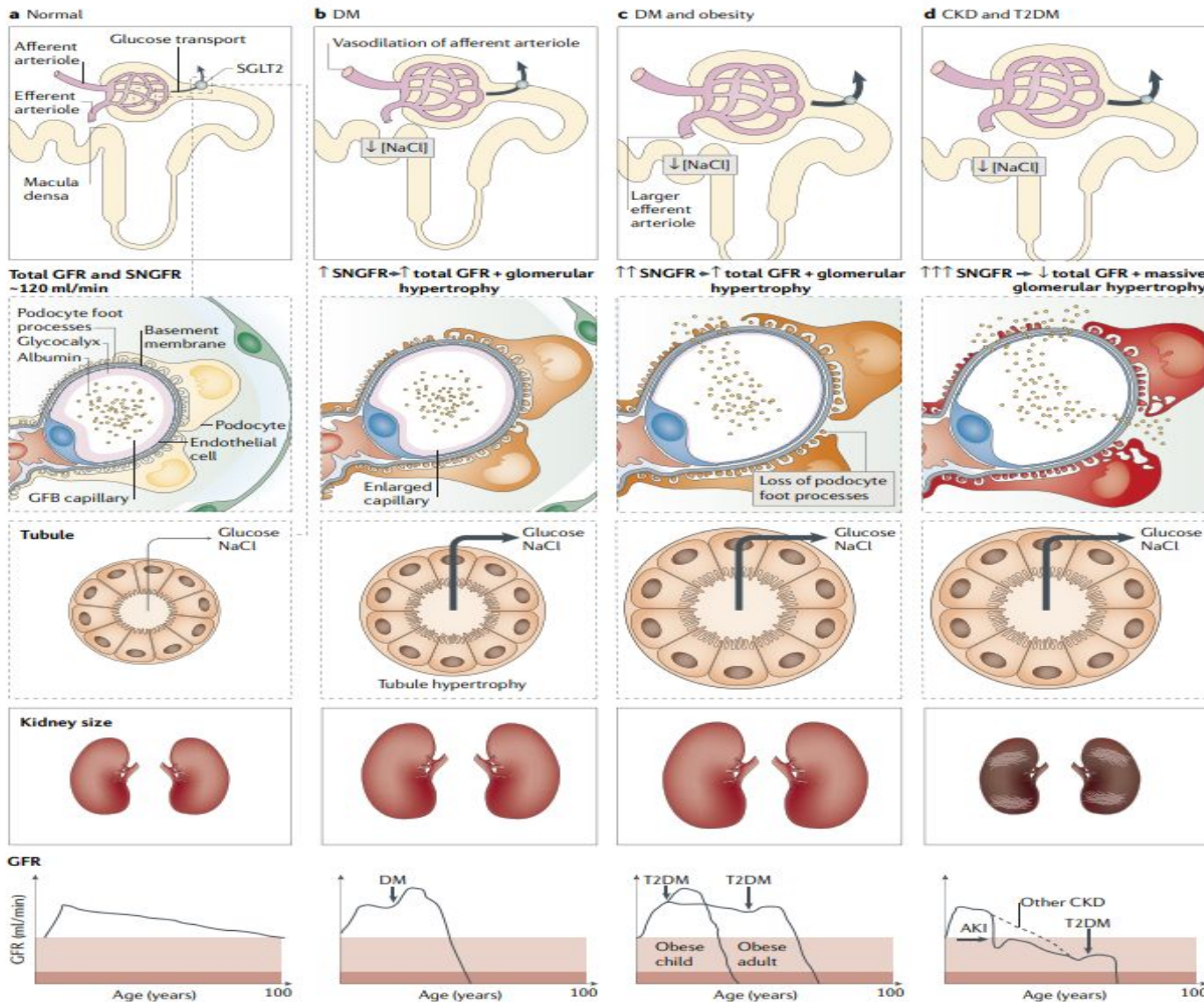


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# HYPERFILTRATION: THE TWO SIDES OF THE COIN... MICROANGIOPATHY ..... SCLEROSIS

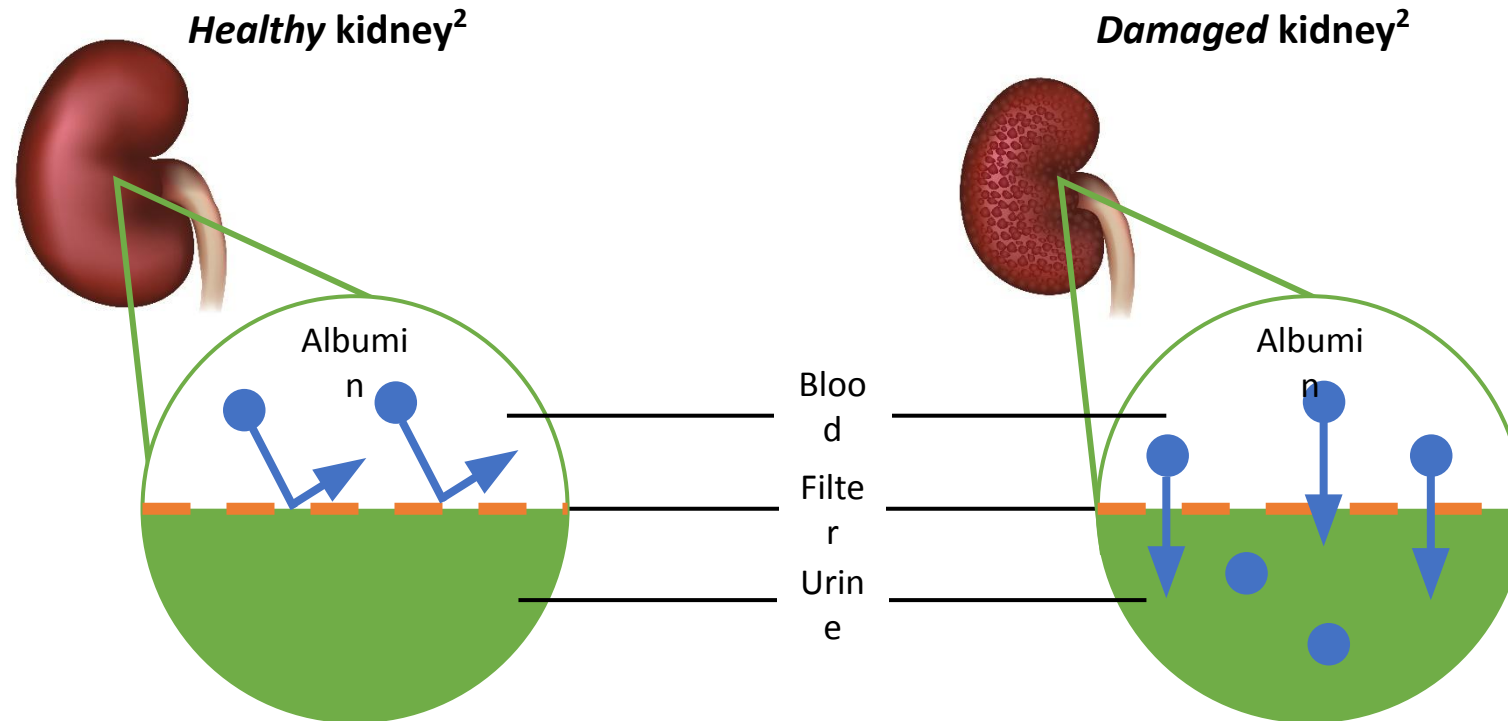


# PATOGENESI DEL DANNO RENALE NEL DM



- Kidney hypertrophy
- Tubuloglomerular feedback
- Glomerular hyperfiltration
- Glomerular hypertension
- Inflammation Local expression of cytokines, adhesion molecules
- Podocyte injury and loss
- Nephron loss and CKD

# DAMAGE TO THE GLOMERULAR FILTRATION BARRIER LEADS TO DEVELOPMENT OF ALBUMINURIA

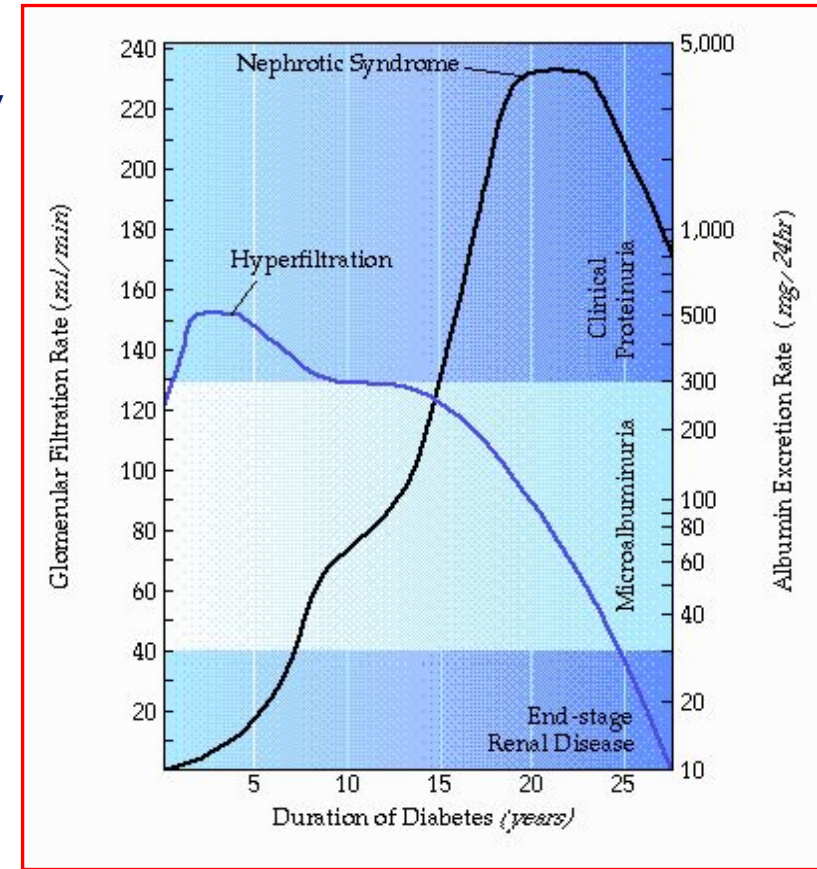
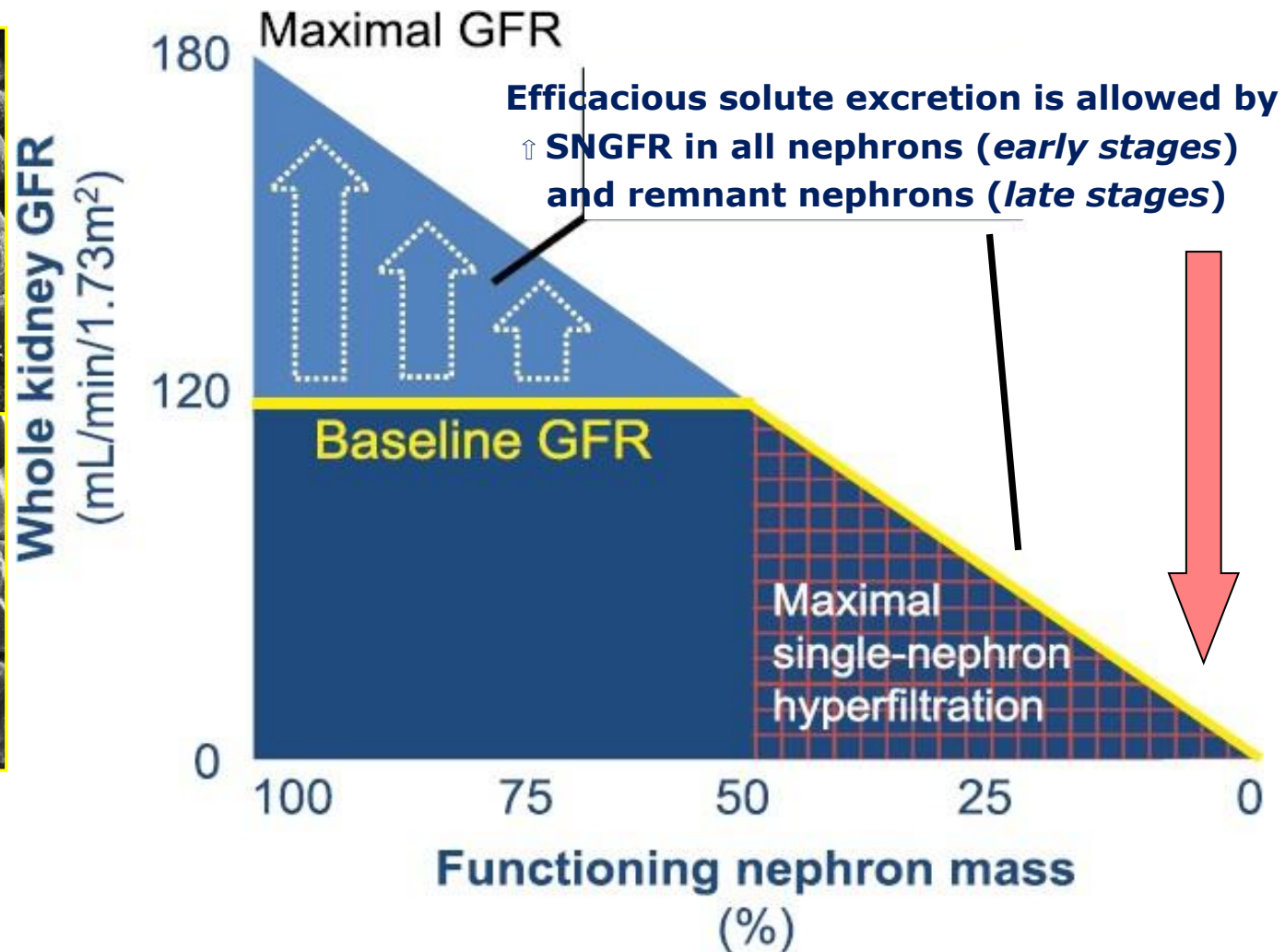
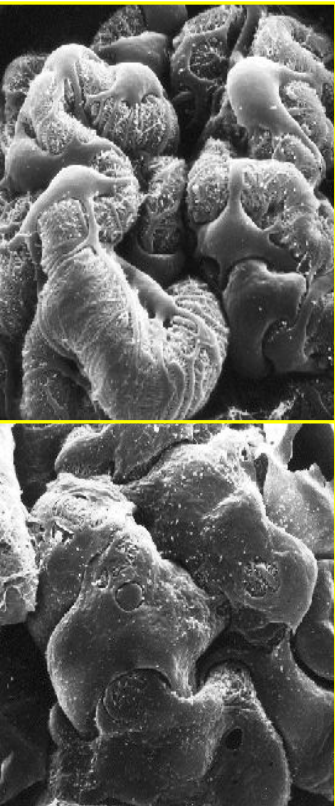


**PROTEINURIA PLAYS A CRUCIAL PATHOGENIC ROLE IN THE LOSS OF KIDNEY FUNCTION AND ALSO SERVES AS A MARKER OF KIDNEY DAMAGE<sup>3</sup>**

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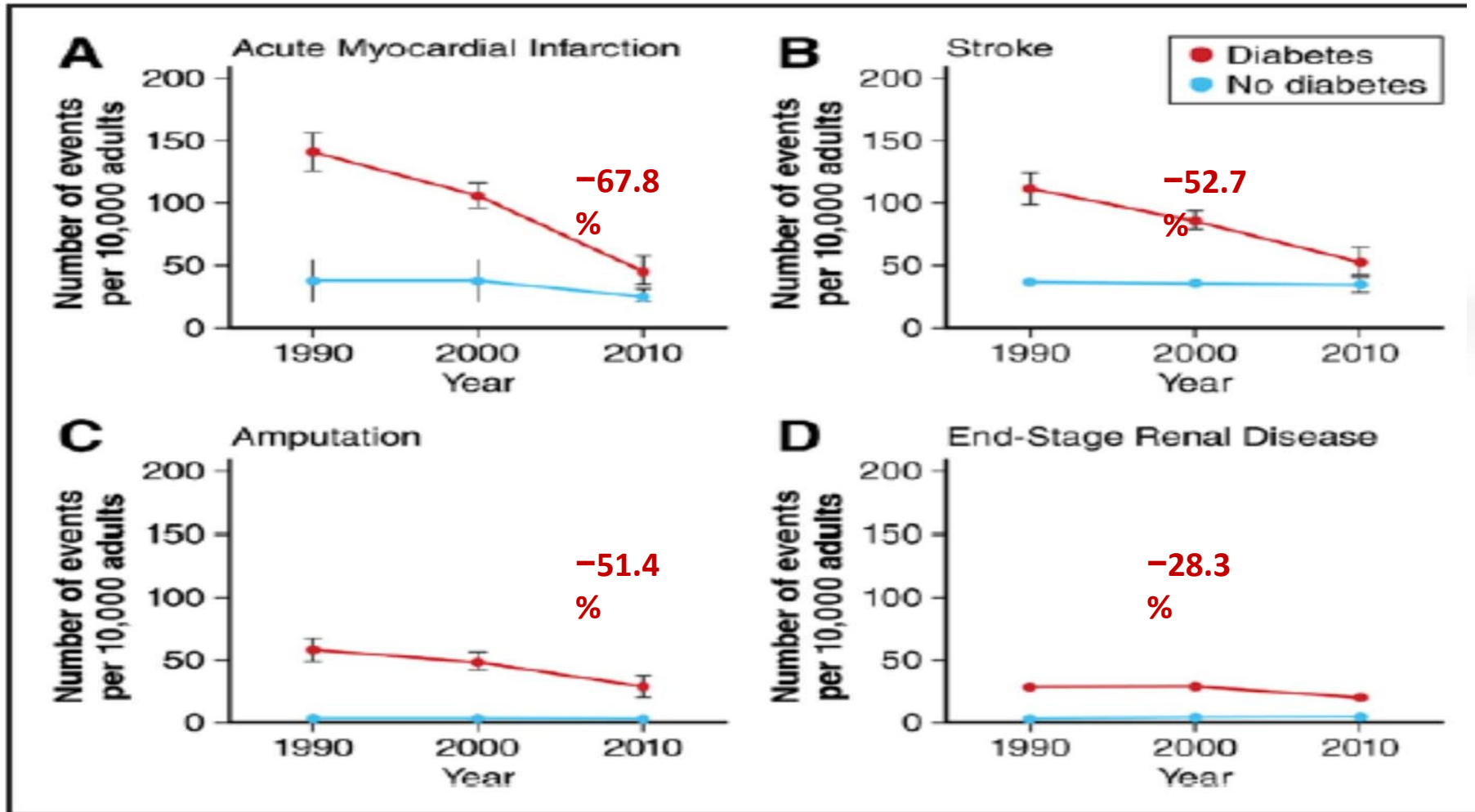
# PROGRESSIONE DEL DANNO RENALE NEL DM



# PROGNOSIS OF DIABETIC CKD

## Changes in Diabetes-Related Complications in the United States, 1990–2010

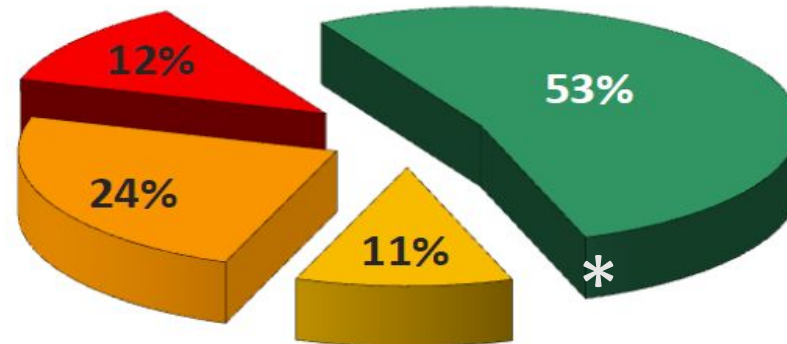
Data from the National Health Interview Survey, the National Hospital Discharge Survey, the U.S. Renal Data System, and the U.S. National Vital Statistics System



# Kidney dysfunction and related cardiovascular risk factors among patients with type 2 diabetes

Large cohort of patients (120.903) with type 2 diabetes mellitus attending 236 Italian Diabetes Clinics in 2009

- Alb- and low eGFR-    ■ Alb- and low eGFR+
- Alb+ and low eGFR-    ■ Alb+ and low eGFR+



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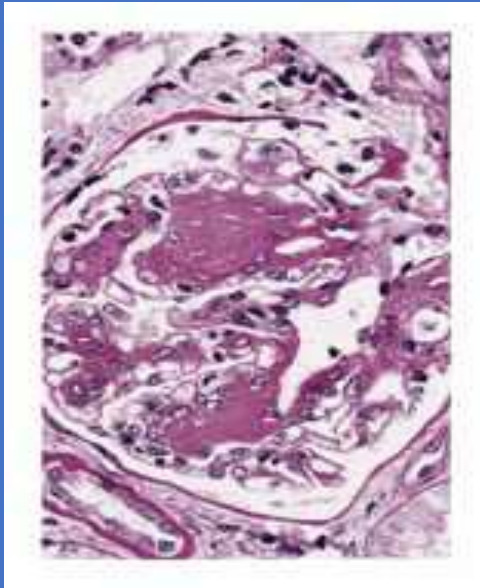
De Cosmo (RIACE) for AMD-Annals Study Group, NDT 2014

**Background.** Kidney dysfunction is a strong predictor of end-stage renal disease and cardiovascular (CV) events. The main goal was to study the clinical correlates of diabetic kidney disease in a large cohort of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) attending 236 Diabetes Clinics in Italy.  
**Methods.** Clinical data of 120 903 patients were extracted from electronic medical records by means of an *ad hoc-developed* software. Estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) and increased urinary albumin excretion were considered. Factors associated with the presence of albuminuria only, GFR < 60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> only or both conditions were evaluated through multivariate analysis.

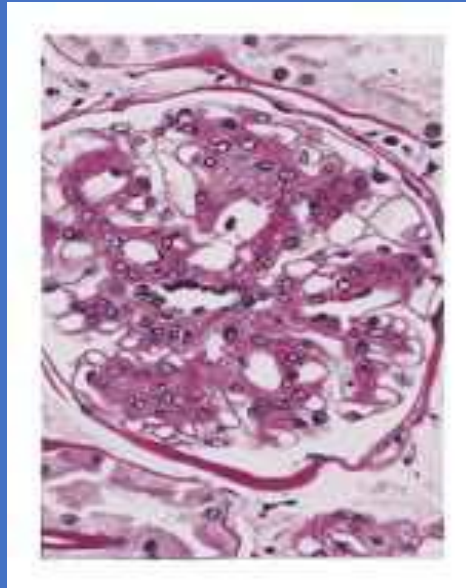
**LA MALATTIA RENALE NELLE PERSONE CON DIABETE SI PRESENTA  
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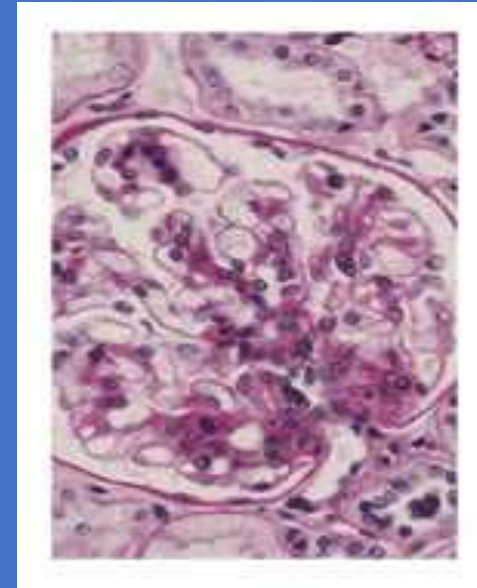
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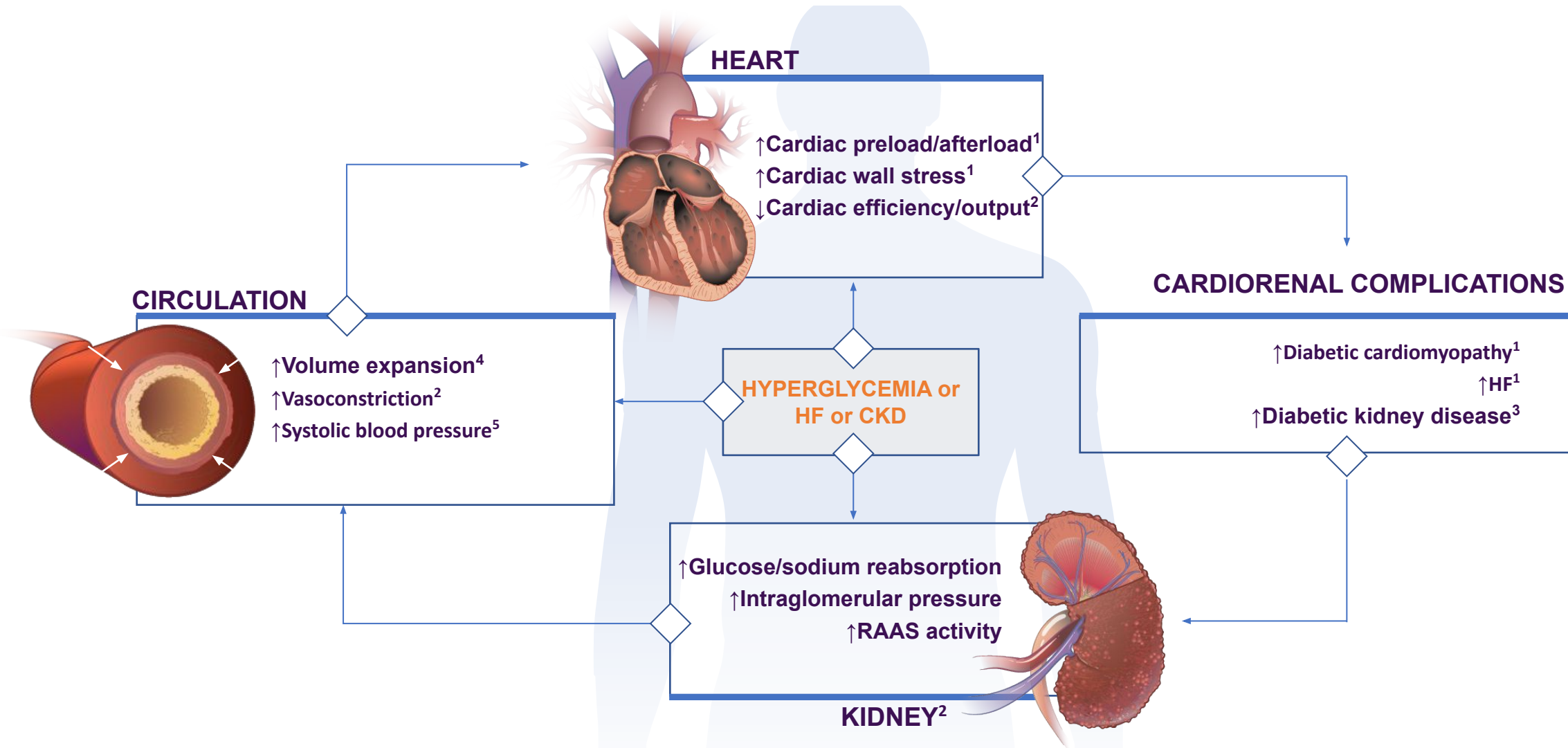
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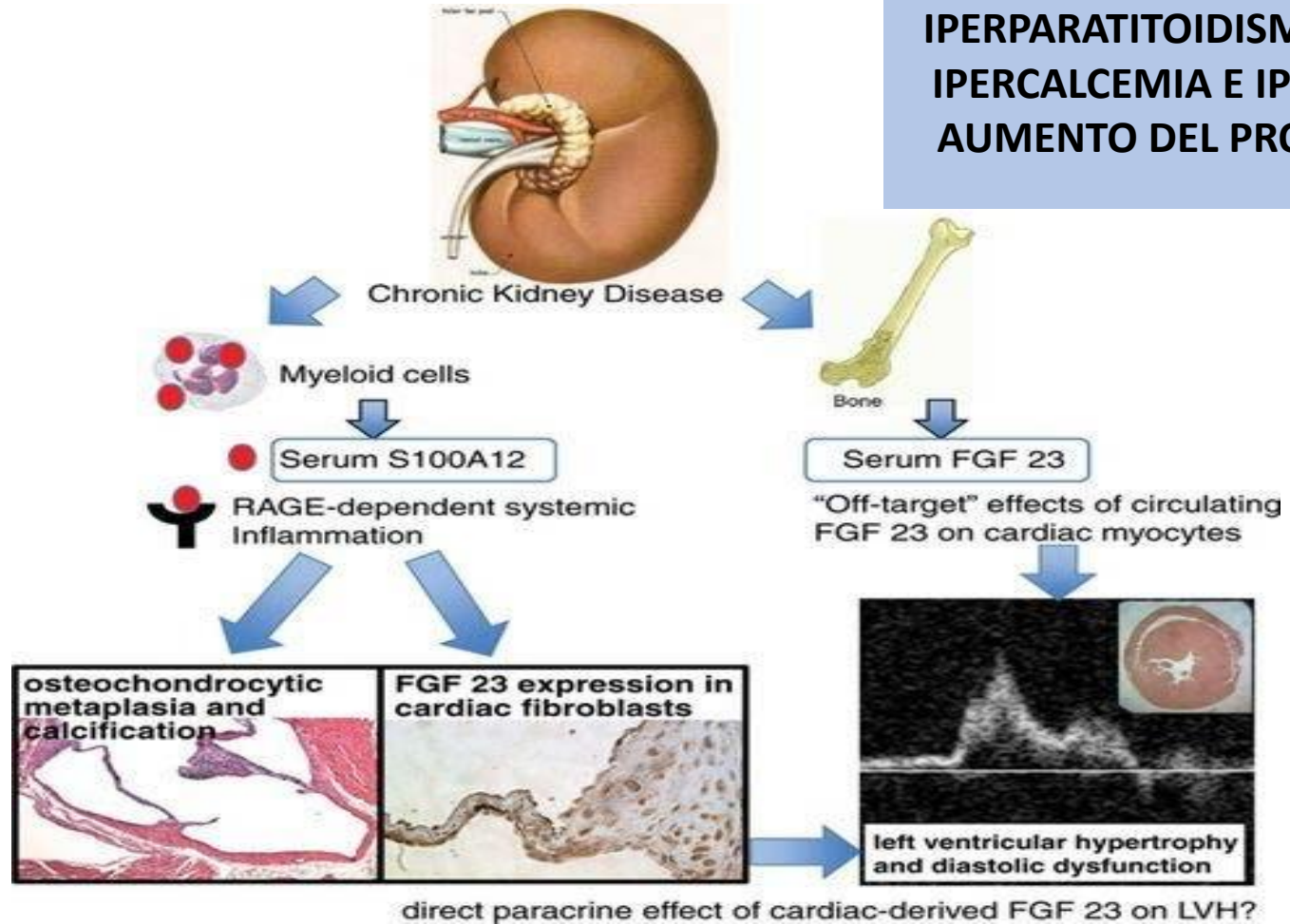
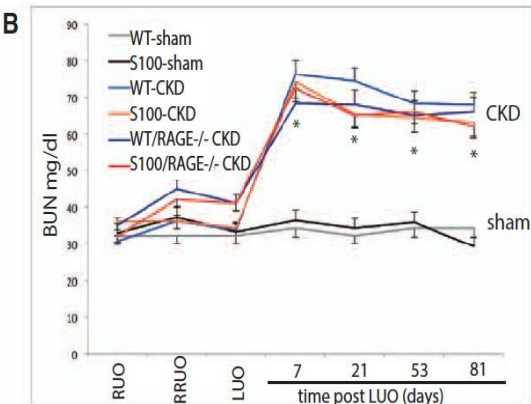
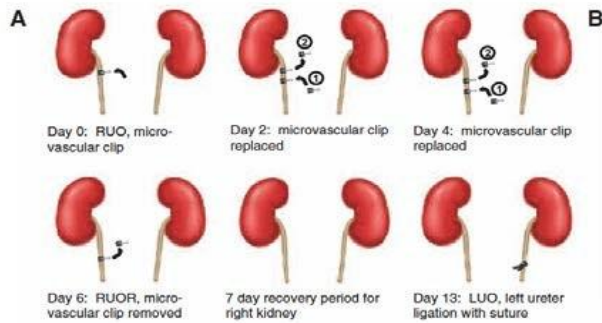


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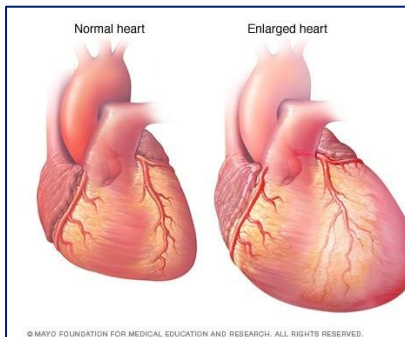
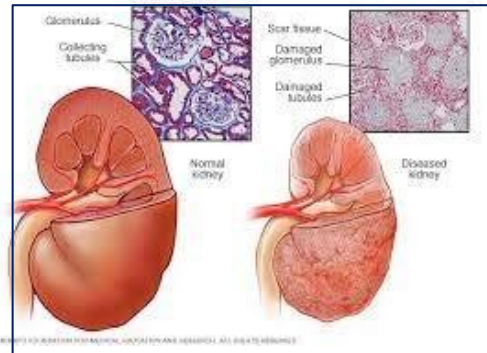
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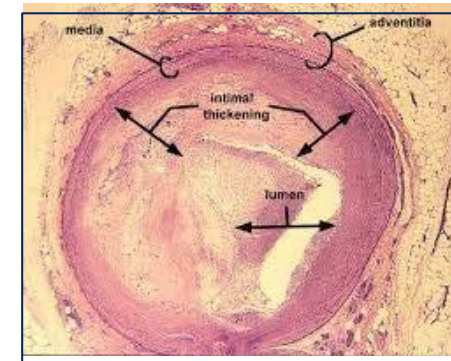


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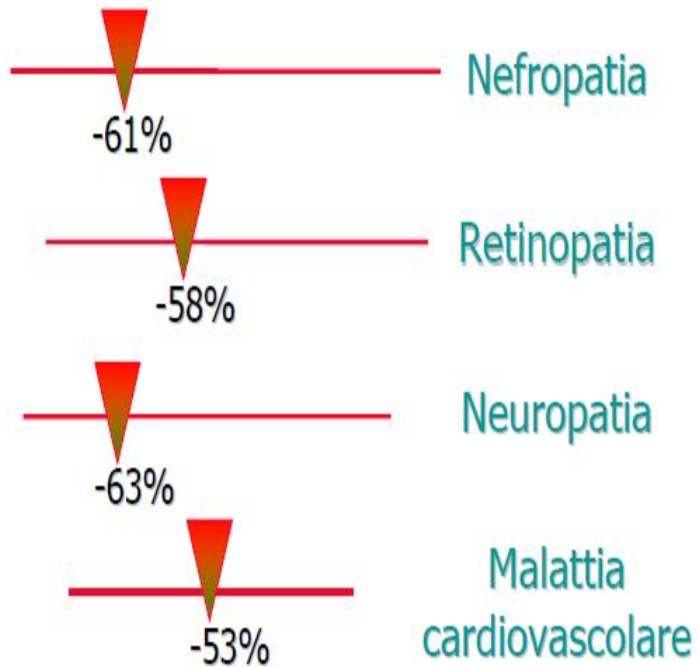
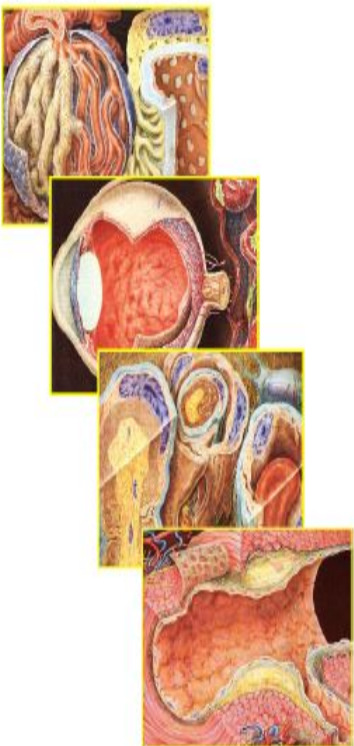
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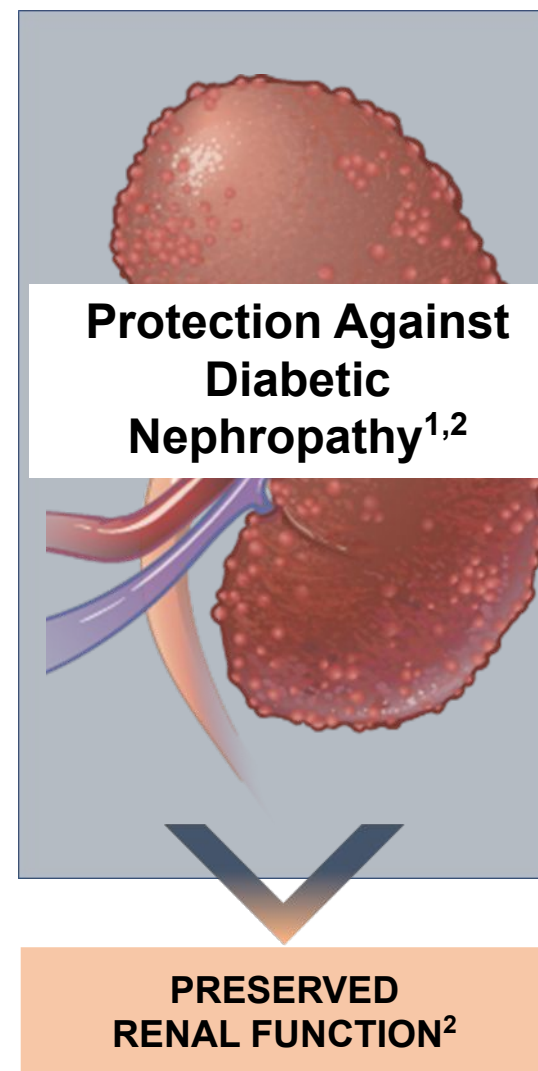


# INTERVENTO MULTIFATTORIALE COMPLICANZE DEL DIABETE

A favore della terapia intensiva: glicemia, pressione arteriosa, lipidi, aspirina

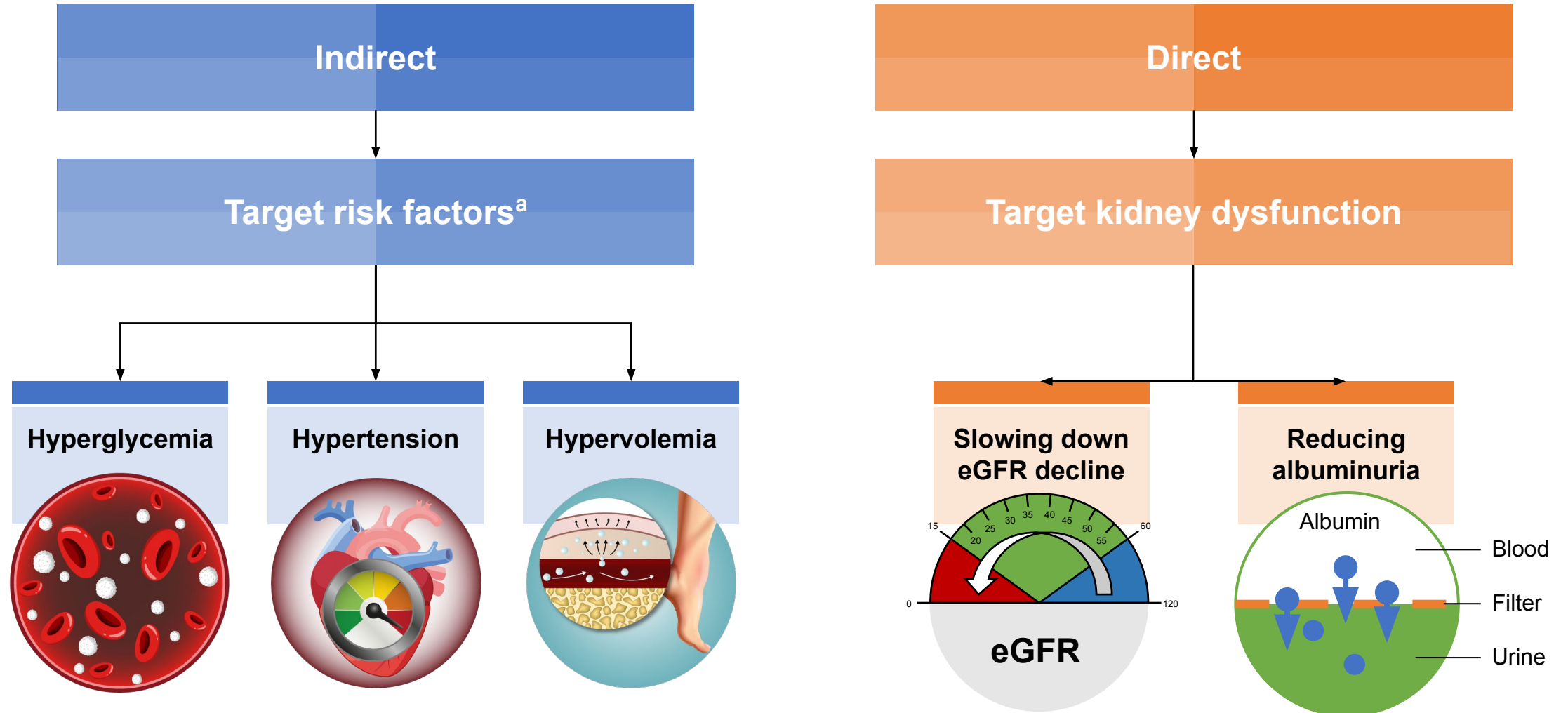


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# EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF CKD INCLUDES BOTH DIRECT AND INDIRECT APPROACHES



<sup>a</sup>This is not an exhaustive list of treatable risk factors.

CKD = chronic kidney disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate.

Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes. *Kidney Int.* 2020;98:S1–S115.

# According to the 2012 KDIGO CKD guideline, there are certain lifestyle modifications that are recommended for those with CKD

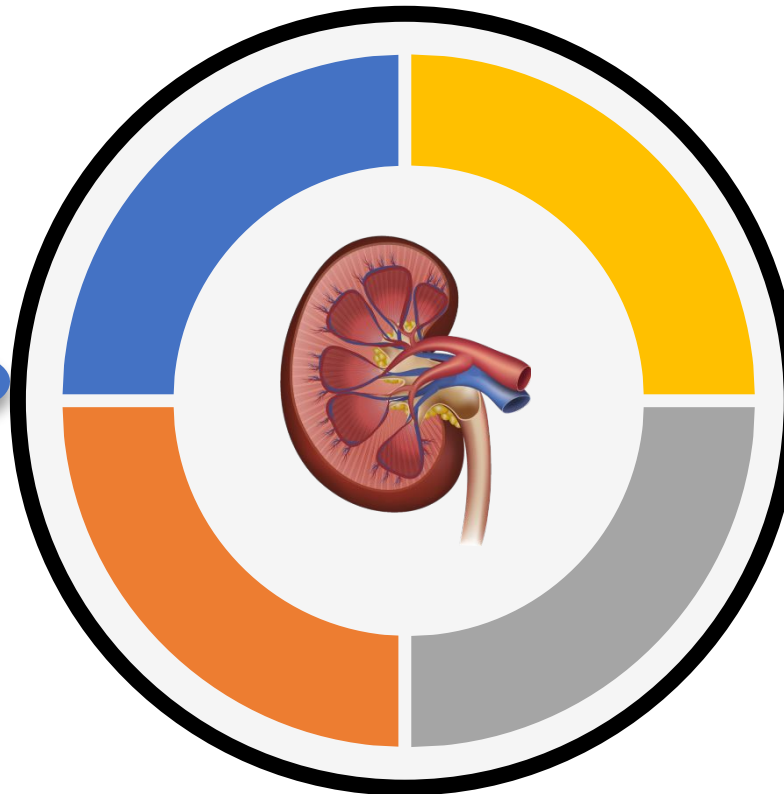
KDIGO recommend the following lifestyle modifications for those with CKD:

## Protein intake

- Lower protein intake to 0.8 g/kg/day in adults with diabetes or without diabetes and eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> with appropriate education
- Avoid high protein intake (>1.3 g/kg/day) in adults with CKD at risk of progression

## Salt intake

Lower salt intake to less than 90 mmol (<2 g) per day of sodium (corresponding to 5 g of sodium chloride) in adults, unless contraindicated



## Lifestyle

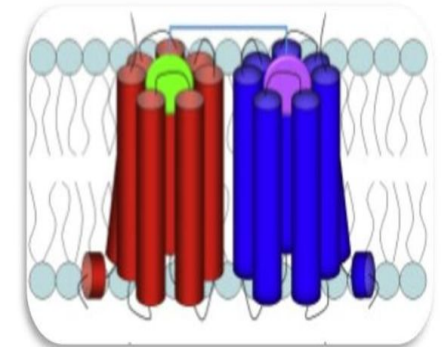
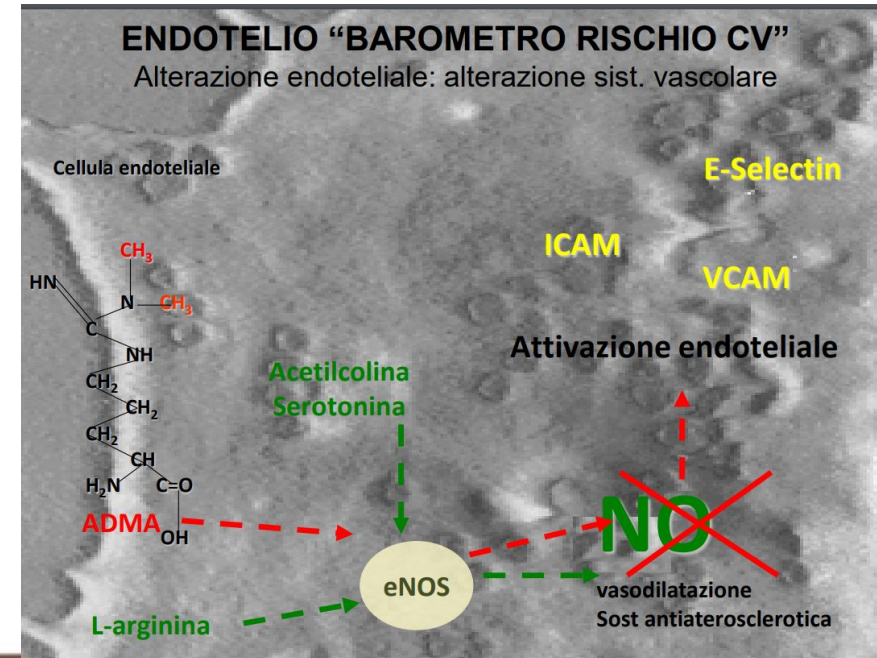
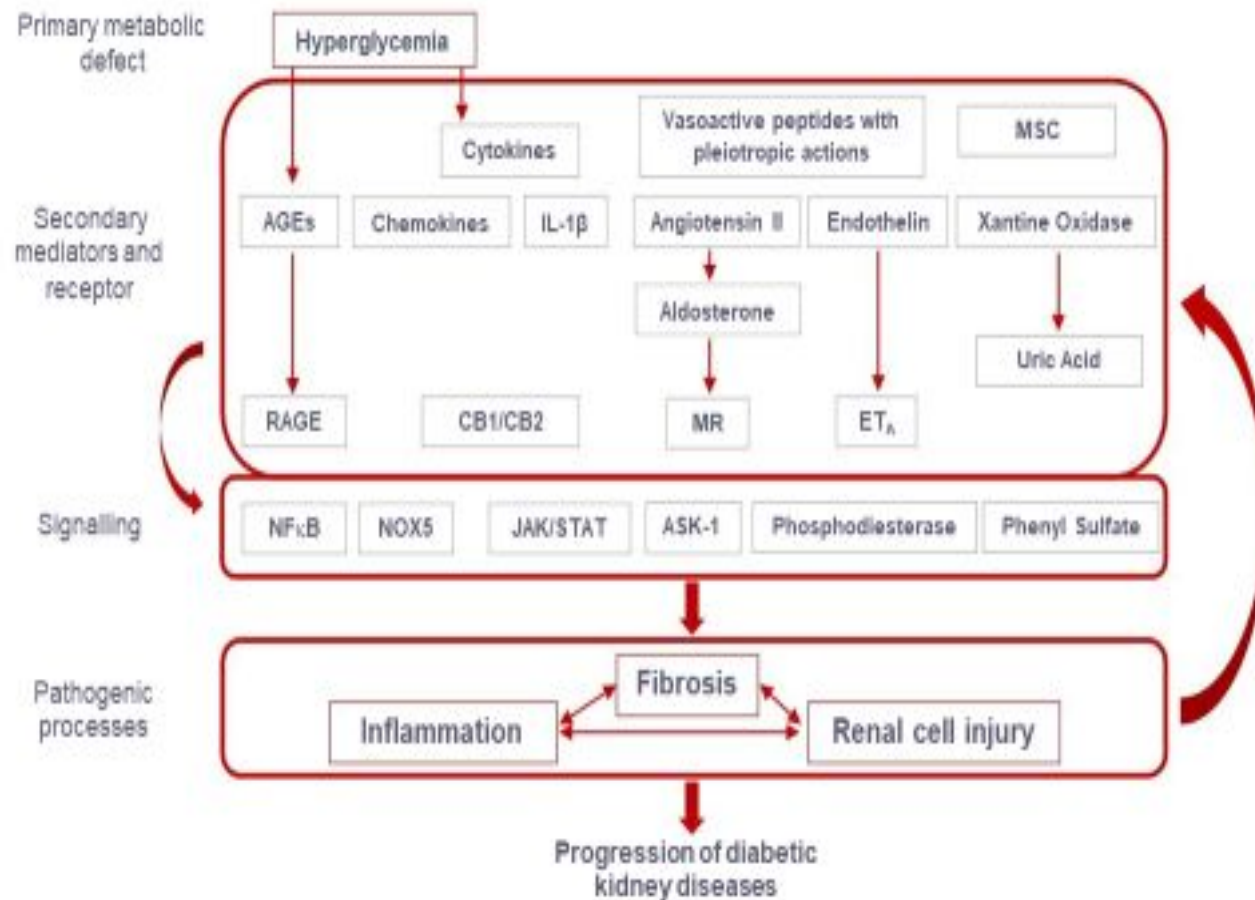
Should be encouraged to undertake physical activity compatible with cardiovascular health and tolerance (aiming for at least 30 minutes 5 times per week), achieve a healthy weight (BMI 20–25, according to country-specific demographics) and stop smoking

## Additional dietary advice

Should receive dietary advice and information in the context of an education program, tailored to severity of CKD and the need to intervene on salt, phosphate, potassium, and protein intake where indicated

# RAGE AS POTENTIAL THERAPEUTIC TARGET?

## OVERVIEW: Future experimental therapy in DN



# Conclusions

## Phenotype

Old, obese, G2-4  
(db/db/5/6 nephrectomy)

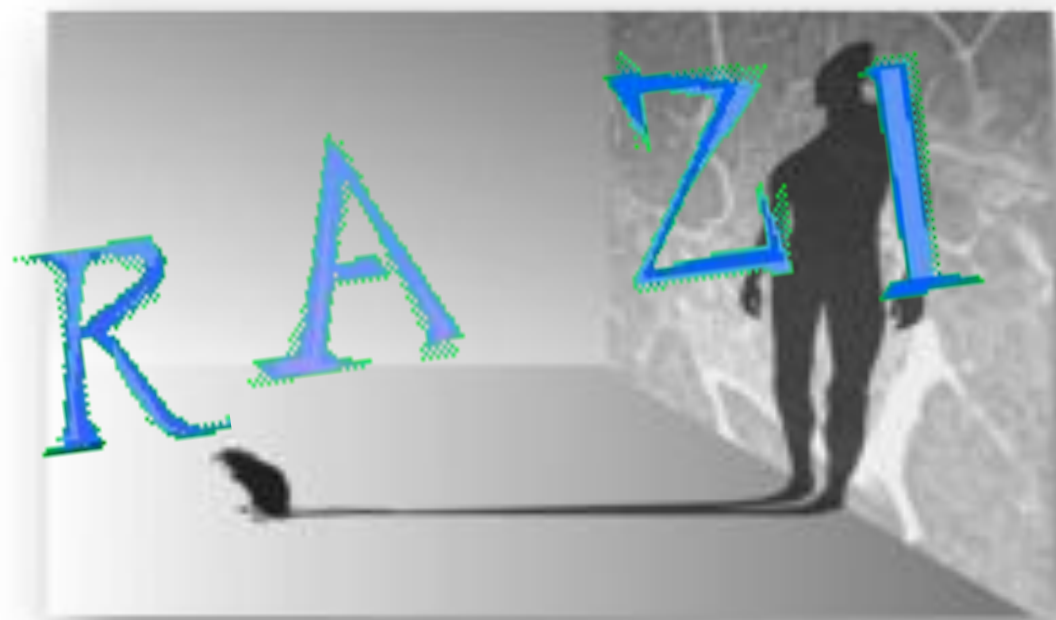
## Animal Model

DM2  
Transcriptional profile

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## Outcomes

Pre-specified  
outcomes ACR and  
eGFR



**Secondary  
prevention**  
Established DN

## Inclusion Criteria

Baseline BG, AER,  
eGFR

**On top of  
standard TXT**  
Anti-DM, RASi,  
SGLT2i