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“Il ruolo della Vit. D nell’anziano”

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Convegno “La vitamina D nel soggetto sano e malato” Ferrara 21/5/2016

“ ...Una vitamina è una sostanza che rende malati se non la si assume

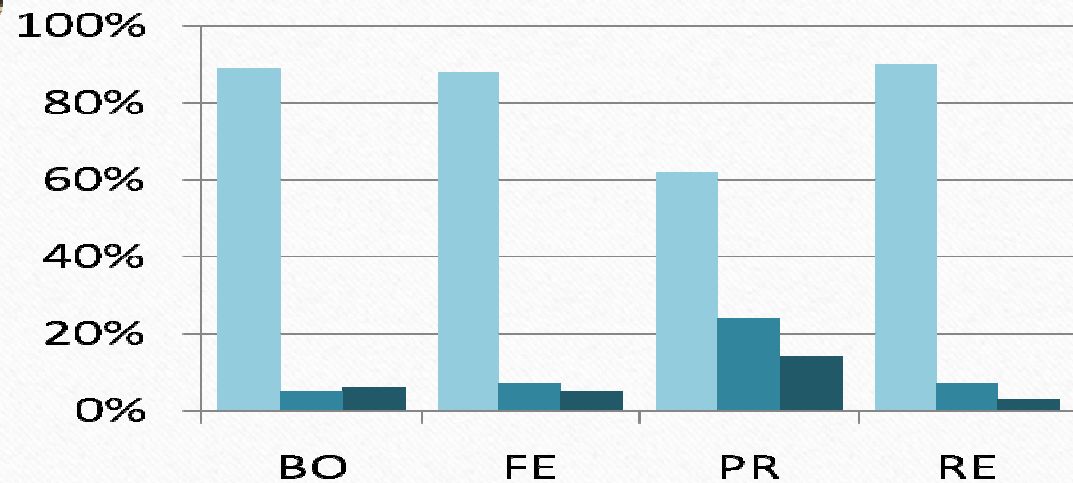
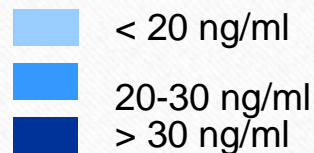
Le scoperte consistono nel vedere ciò che tutti hanno visto e nel pensare ciò che nessuno ha pensato...”

Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

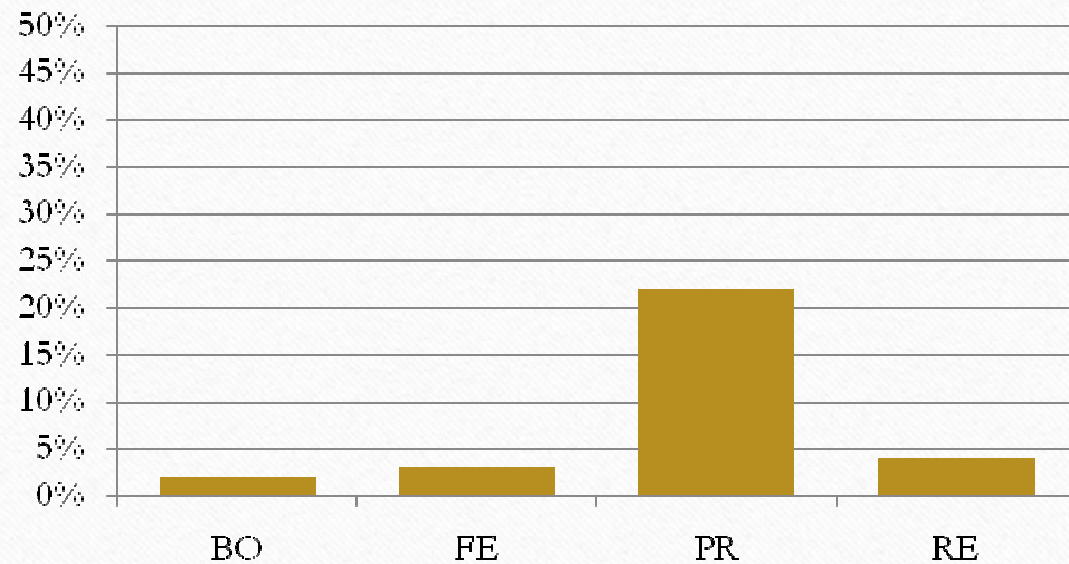
(premio Nobel 1937 per la scoperta della vitamina C)

| |  BO |  FE |  PR |  RE | ALL (974 cases, age 85,8 ± 5.6) | p |
|----------------|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|------|
| 25-OH2-(ng/ml) | 13,0 ± 8,5 | 10,4 ± 9,2 | 19,1 ± 9,43 | 8,7 ± 7,9 | 12,2 ± 9,4 | ,000 |
| PTH (pg/ml) | 94,6 ± 61,2 | 94,7 ± 68,24 | 80,4 ± 31,0 | 144 ± 108 | 106 ± 80 | ,000 |
| Hyper-PTH (%) | 52% | 51% | 60% | 75% | 60% | |

Vitamin D status



Vitamin D supplementation



La Vitamina D nell'anziano

Apparato
Osteoarticolare
e fratture

Funzioni
Cognitive

Apparato
Neuromuscolare
e cadute

Muscolo e
performance
fisica

Mortalità

La Vit. D e la prevenzione delle fratture nell'anziano

L'apparato osteoarticolare

Vitamin D and vitamin D analogues for preventing fractures in post-menopausal women and older men (Review)

Avenell A, Mak JCS, O'Connell D



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There is high quality evidence that vitamin D alone, in the formats and doses tested, is unlikely to be effective in preventing hip fracture (11 trials, 27,693 participants; risk ratio (RR) 1.12, 95% confidence intervals (CI) 0.98 to 1.29) or any new fracture (15 trials, 28,271 participants; RR 1.03, 95% CI 0.96 to 1.11).

There is high quality evidence that vitamin D plus calcium results in a small reduction in hip fracture risk (nine trials, 49,853 participants; RR 0.84, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.74 to 0.96; P value 0.01). In low-risk populations (residents in the community: with an estimated eight hip fractures per 1000 per year), this equates to one fewer hip fracture per 1000 older adults per year (95% CI 0 to 2). In high risk populations (residents in institutions: with an estimated 54 hip fractures per 1000 per year), this equates to nine fewer hip fractures per 1000 older adults per year (95% CI 2 to 14).

There is high quality evidence that vitamin D plus calcium is associated with a statistically significant reduction in incidence of new non-vertebral fractures. However, there is only moderate quality evidence of an absence of a statistically significant preventive effect on clinical vertebral fractures. There is high quality evidence that vitamin D plus calcium reduces the risk of any type of fracture (10 trials, 20,976 participants; RR 0.95, 95% CI 0.90 to 0.99).

Authors' conclusions

Vitamin D alone is unlikely to prevent fractures in the doses and formulations tested so far in older people. Supplements of vitamin D and calcium may prevent hip or any type of fracture. There was a small but significant increase in gastrointestinal symptoms and renal disease associated with vitamin D and calcium. This review found that there was no increased risk of death from taking calcium and vitamin D.

La Vit. D e la prevenzione delle cadute nell'anziano

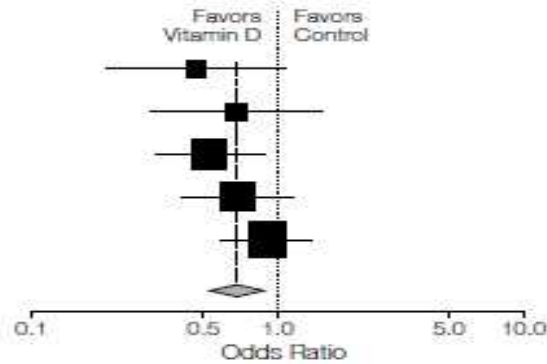
L'efficienza neuromuscolare

Effect of Vitamin D on Falls

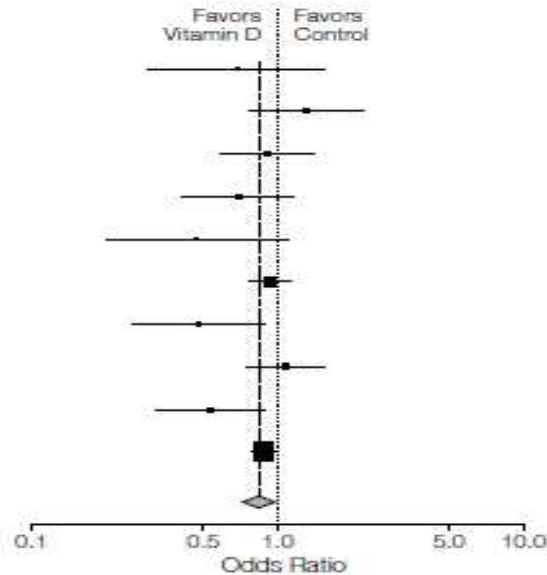
A Meta-analysis

Heike A. Bischoff-Ferrari

| Source | Odds Ratio (95% CI) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| er et al, ¹¹ 2000 | 0.47 (0.20-1.10) |
| hoff et al, ¹² 2003 | 0.68 (0.30-1.54) |
| agher et al, ¹⁷ 2001 | 0.53 (0.32-0.88) |
| as et al, ¹⁸ 2004 | 0.69 (0.41-1.16) |
| afmans et al, ¹⁹ 1996 | 0.91 (0.59-1.40) |
| ooled (Uncorrected) | 0.69 (0.53-0.88) |



| Source | Length of Follow-up, mo | Odds Ratio (95% CI) |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| hoff et al, ¹² 2003 | 3 | 0.68 (0.30-1.54) |
| am et al, ²³ 2003 | 6 | 1.31 (0.77-2.23) |
| afmans et al, ¹⁹ 1996 | 7 | 0.91 (0.59-1.40) |
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| idi et al, ²² 2003 | 12 | 0.93 (0.76-1.14) |
| wood et al, ²⁴ 2004 | 12 | 0.48 (0.26-0.89) |
| puy et al, ²¹ 2004 | 24 | 1.08 (0.75-1.55) |
| agher et al, ¹⁷ 2001 | 36 | 0.53 (0.32-0.88) |
| en et al, ²⁰ 2002 | 42 | 0.88 (0.79-0.98) |
| ooled (Uncorrected) | | 0.84 (0.73-0.98) |



Conclusions Vitamin D supplementation appears to reduce the risk of falls in ambulatory or institutionalized older individuals with stable health by more than 50%. Further studies examining the effect of alternative types of vitamin D and the role of calcium supplementation, and effects in men should be considered.

Falls in older people: assessing risk and prevention

Vitamin D. There is evidence^[1] that vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency are common among older people and that, when present, they impair muscle strength and possibly neuromuscular function, via CNS-mediated pathways. In addition, the use of combined calcium and vitamin D3 supplementation has been found to reduce fracture rates in older people in residential/nursing homes and sheltered accommodation. Although there is emerging evidence^[1] that correction of vitamin D deficiency or insufficiency may reduce the propensity for falling, there is uncertainty about the relative contribution to fracture reduction via this mechanism (as opposed to bone mass) and about the dose and route of administration required. No firm recommendation can therefore currently be made on its use for this indication.^[2] [2004, amended 2013]

American Geriatrics Society Consensus Statement: Vitamin D for Prevention of Falls and their Consequences in Older Adults 20

- Vitamin D supplements of at least 800 IU per day should be provided to older persons with proven vitamin D deficiency. [A]
- Vitamin D supplements of at least 800 IU per day should be considered for people with suspected vitamin D deficiency or who are otherwise at increased risk for falls. [B]

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La Vit. D e la
performance fisica
nell'anziano

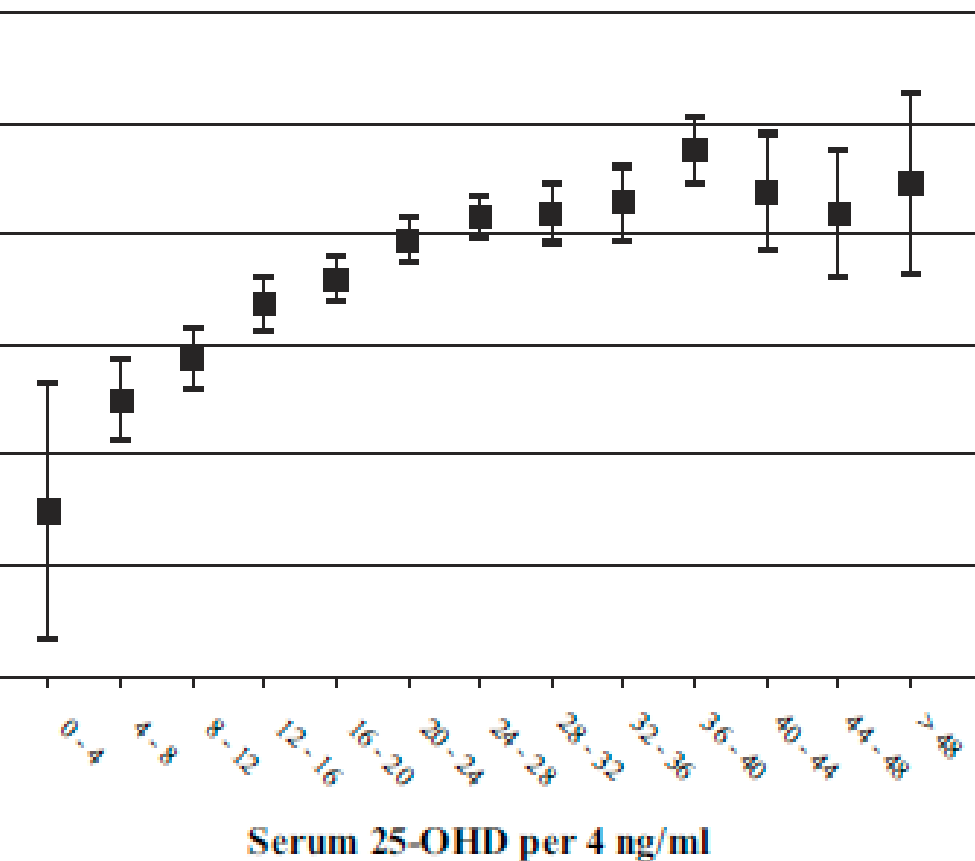
Il muscolo

Longitudinal Aging Study Amsterdam
 Studio prospettico 3 anni
 3107 soggetti 55-85 anni

Vitamin D Status Predicts Physical Performance and Decline in Older Persons

J Clin Endocrinol Metab 92: 2058–2065, 2007

Ilse S. Wich



Performance fisica derivata dalla
 somma di 3 test

- walking test
- chair stands
- tandem stand

TABLE 3. Results of logistic regression analyses: OR for decline in physical performance after 3 yr according to baseline categories of baseline serum 25-OHD (n = 979)

| 25-OHD category | Decline in physical performance |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <10 ng/ml (n = 89) | 2.21 [1.00–4.87] [†] |
| 10–20 ng/ml (n = 347) | 2.01 [1.06–3.81] [†] |
| 20–30 ng/ml (n = 348) | 1.56 [0.82–2.97] |
| ≥30 ng/ml (n = 195) | 1.0 (reference group) |

- **Conclusions:** Serum 25-OH concentrations below 20 ng/ml are associated with poorer physical performance and a greater decline in physical performance in older men and women. Because almost 50% of the population had serum 25-OH below 20 ng/ml, public health strategies should be aimed at this group.

1,25 vitamin D

10. Conclusion

Consistent **relationships exist between vitamin D status and muscle function**, especially in the elderly frail patient. There is evidence that **hypovitaminosis D is associated with a decline in muscle function. Vitamin D supplementation has beneficial effects on muscle strength, balance, and gait** in diverse settings including adolescents, the elderly, and CKD patients. However, the effects of vitamin D on the prevention of falls are still a matter of debate due to conflicting interpretation of data.....A low vitamin D status is consistently associated with frailty. Considering that vitamin D supplementation is safe and inexpensive, it is **worthy to recommend vitaminD supplementation in patients at risk for falls, such as elderly patients, nursing home residents, frail patients with gait and balance and visual impairments, and patients with chronic diseases.** These patients are most likely to have low levels of vitamin D and muscle loss/dysfunction, thus **justifying supplementation independent of a putative effect on the prevention of falls.**

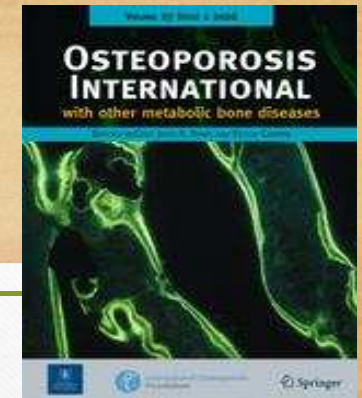
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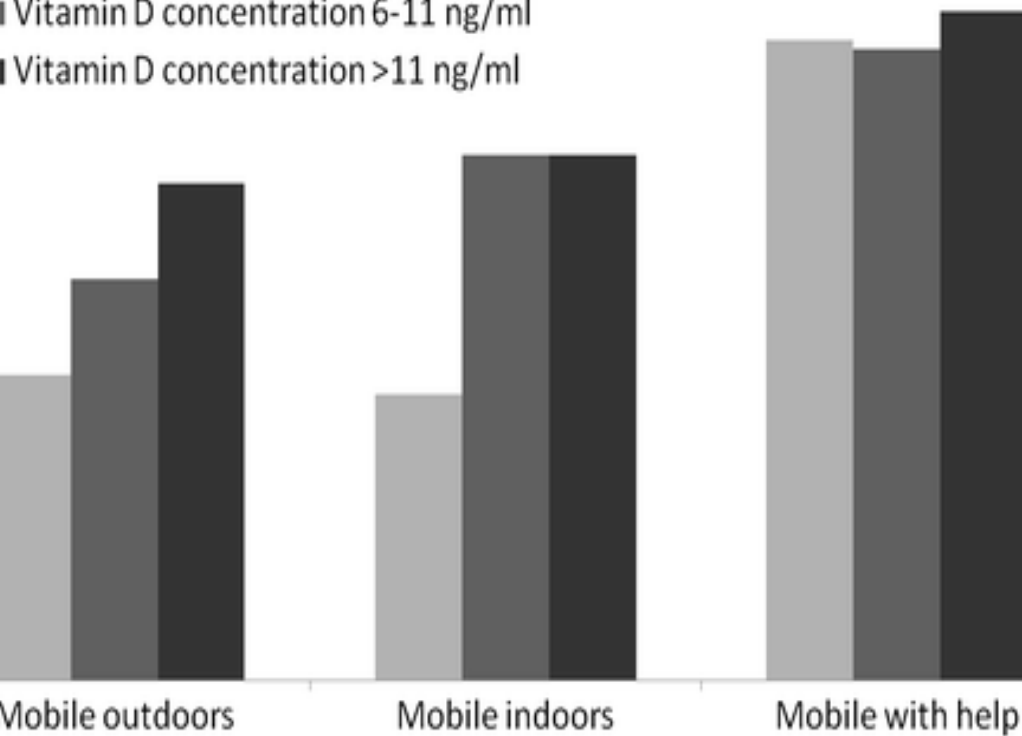
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Modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors affecting walking recovery after hip fracture

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Vitamin D concentration < 6 ng/ml
Vitamin D concentration 6-11 ng/ml
Vitamin D concentration >11 ng/ml



Walking recovery at sixth month according to the pre-fracture mobility and 25-hydroxyvitamin D tertiles

.... However, patients with 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels higher than 11 ng/ml had a higher probability to recover prefracture walking ability. These findings are in accordance with other studies that found 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels at the time of fracture higher than 9 ng/ml were associated with better lower extremity task performance and a reduced likelihood of falling during the year following a hip fracture. 25-hydroxyvitamin D deficiency appears to be an important modifiable component of the global assessment that influences walking recovery, especially in patients with higher pre-fracture performance.

Vit. D,
iperparatitoidismo secondario
e mortalità

High Parathyroid Hormone Is Associated with Increased Mortality Independent of 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D Status, Bone Mass, and Renal Function in the Frail Very Old: A Cohort Study

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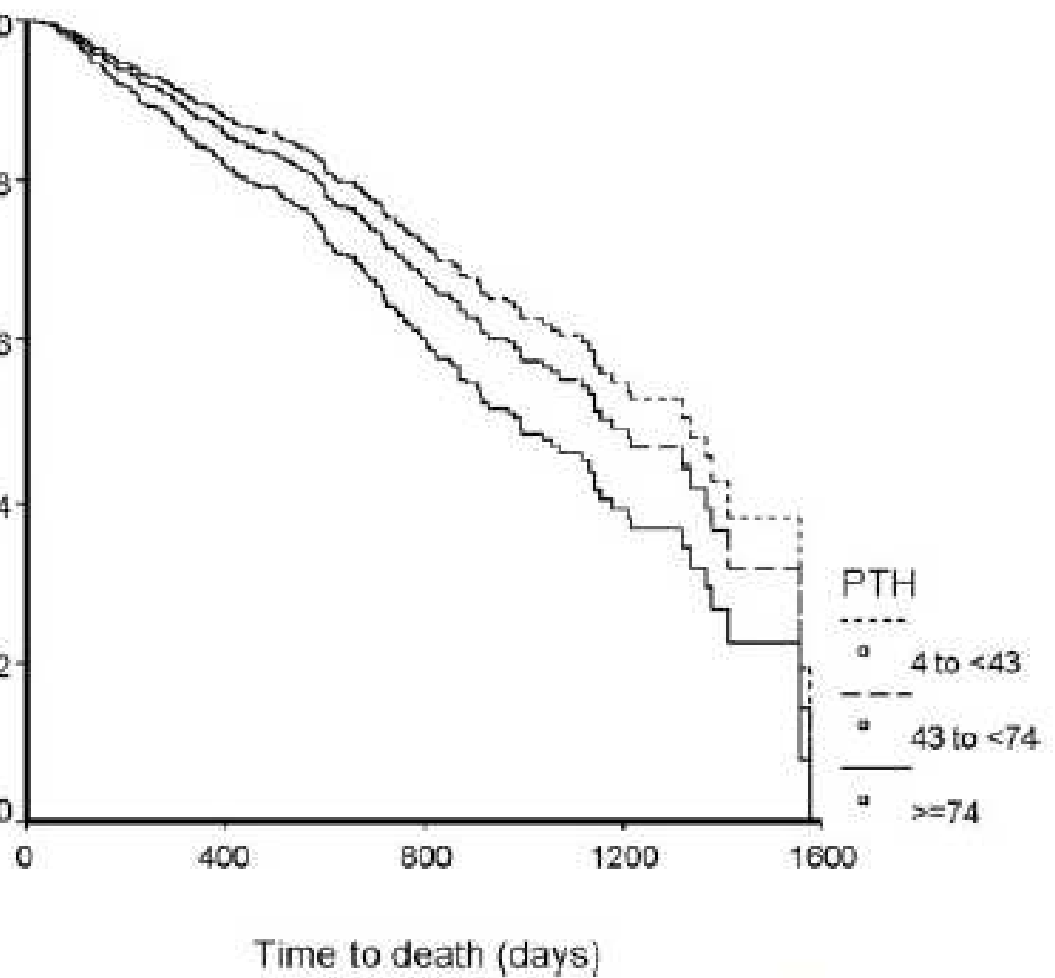


FIG. 1. Survival curve by tertiles of PTH.

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Our findings support the hypothesis that like some reports in primary hyperparathyroidism, secondary hyperparathyroidism is associated with increased mortality, especially cardiovascular mortality. Because this effect appears independent of vitamin D status, renal function, bone mass, and comorbidities, its mechanisms require further investigation.

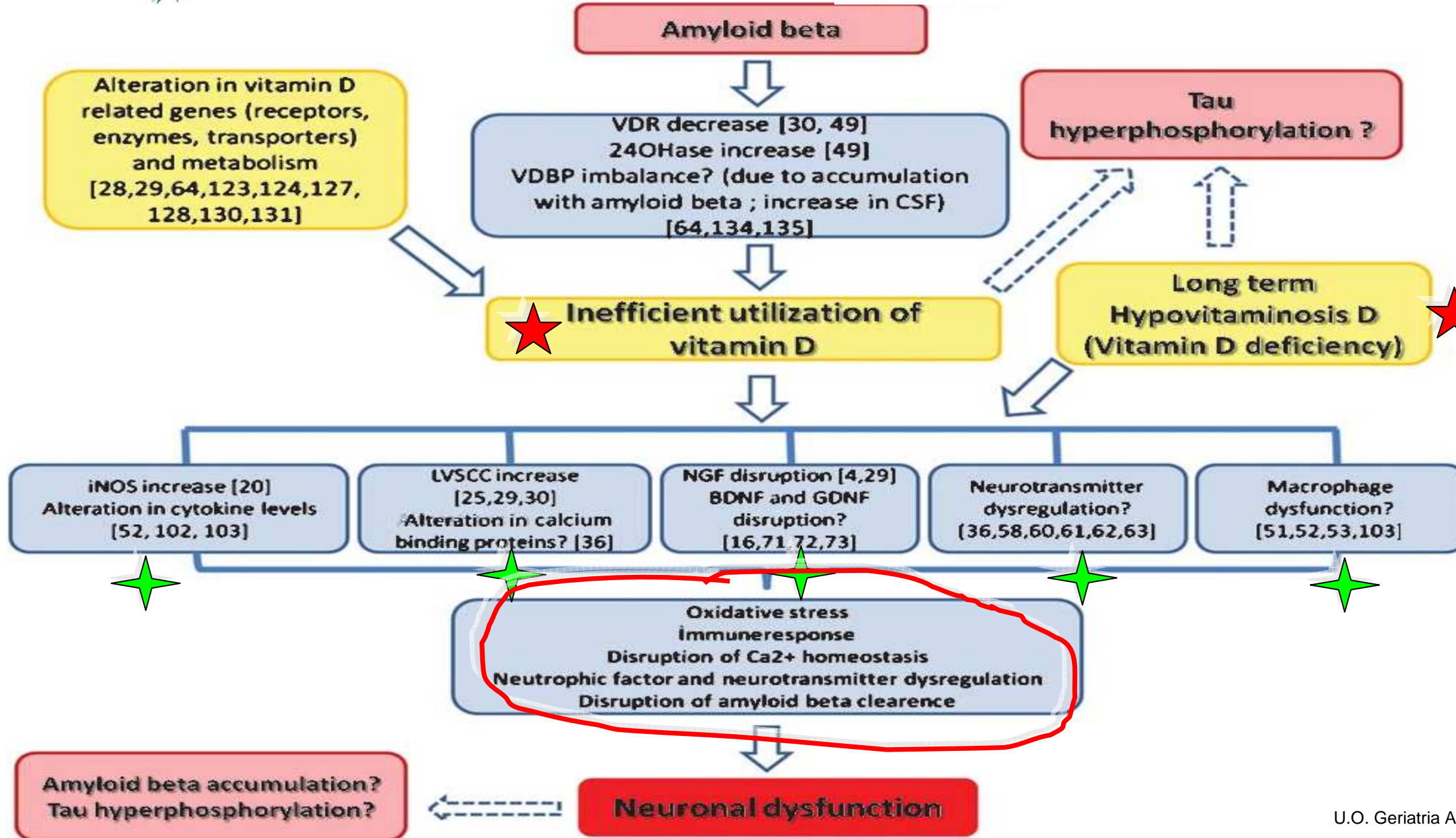
Vitamina D e processi cognitivi

Una **D**-menza ?

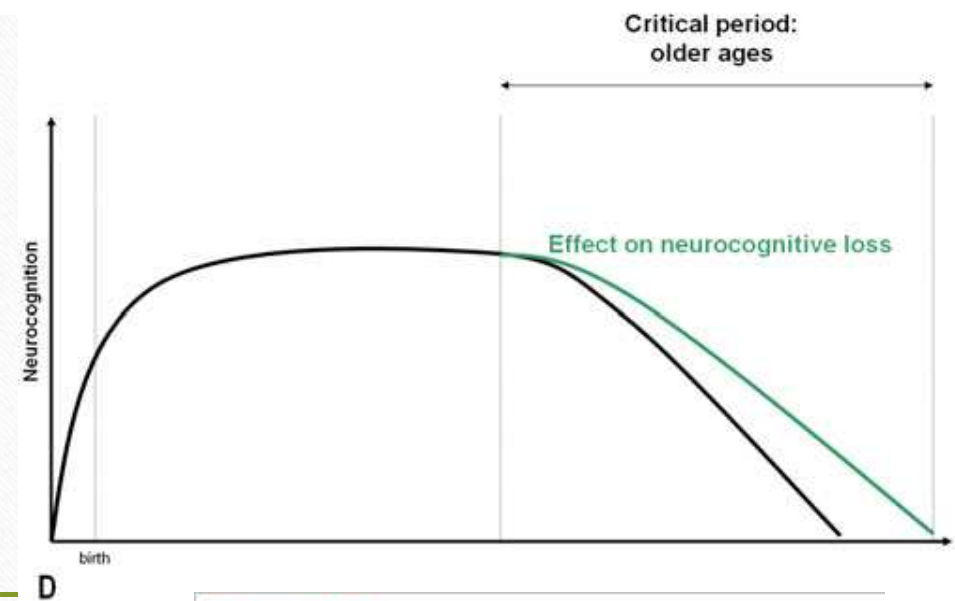
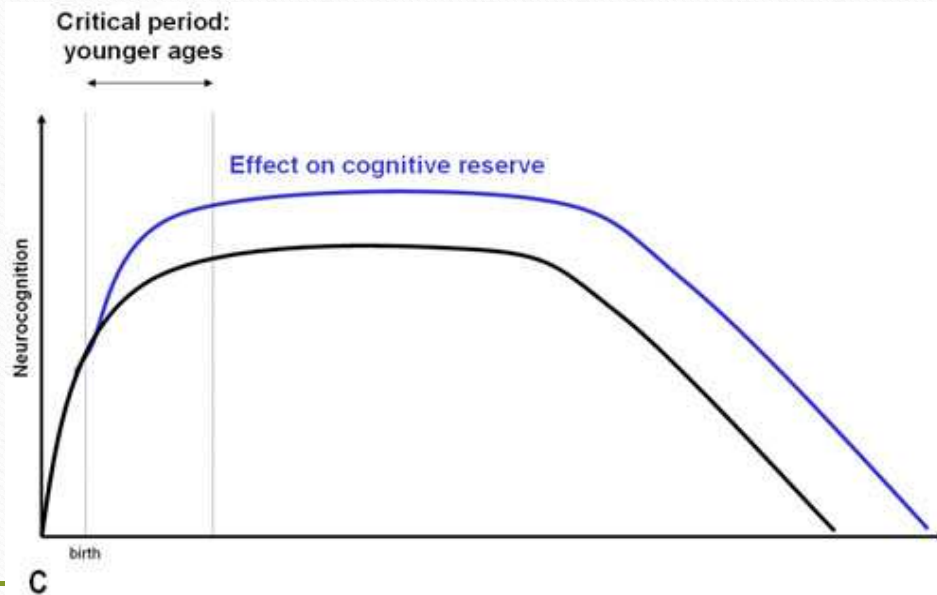
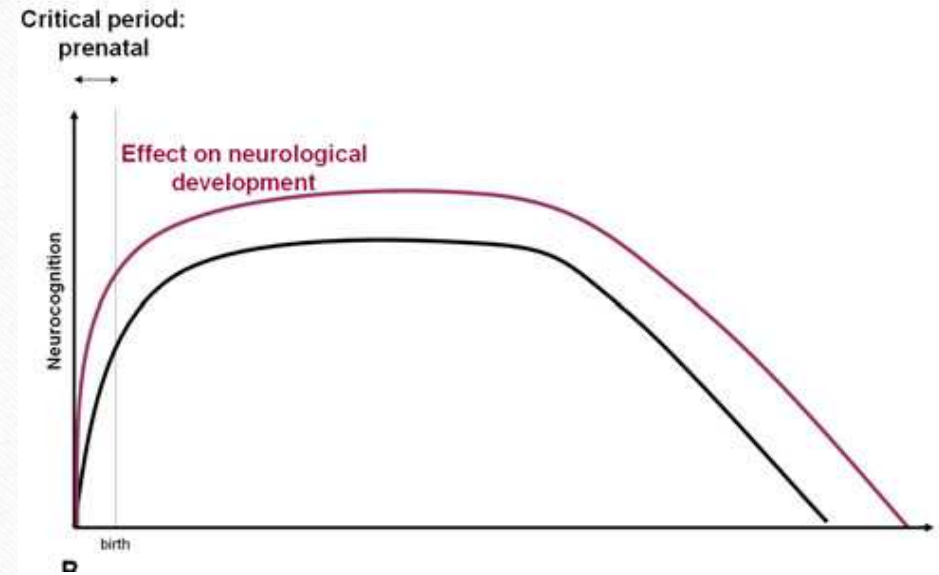
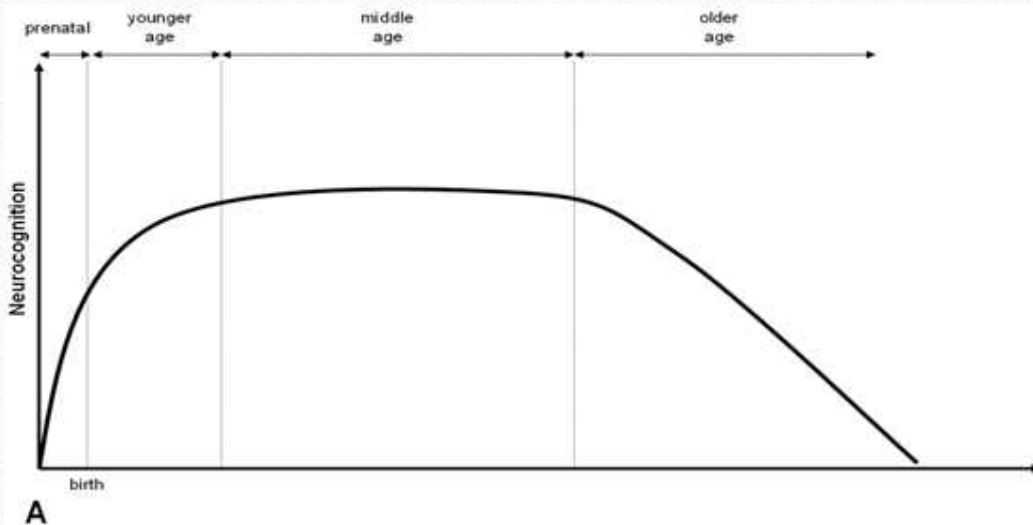
Le evidenze neurobiologiche

VITAMINA D → ORMONE NEUROSTEROIDE

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|---|--|
| Sviluppo sinaptico, migrazione e crescita neurale | Segnale intraneuronale del calcio |
| Neurotrasmissione, eccitatoria e inibitoria | Attività antiossidante |
| Prevezione eccessiva proliferazione cellulare | Controllo espressione di geni coinvolti nella struttura e metabolismo cellulare |
| Induzione differenziazione cellulare, specie cellule immunologiche | Regolazione del glutatione |
| Espressione del NGF | Protezione tossicità glutamatergica |
| Regolazione citochine infiammatorie | Stimolazione fagocitosi beta-amiloide da macrofagi |





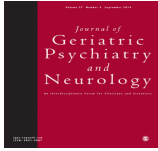



VIT. D E SVILUPPO/DEGRADO DEI SISTEMI COGNITIVI: L'IPOTESI DEL "PERIODO CRITICO"



Vitamina D e processi cognitivi

I dati osservazionali e le linee di indirizzo

LE EVIDENZE: GLI STUDI DI POPOLAZIONE 1

| Autore | Casistica | Titolo | Anno | Fonte |
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| Wu et al. | Cross-sectional 1.080 | Vitamin D Is Associated With Cognitive Function in Elders Receiving Home Health Services | 2009 |  |
| Lee | Cross-sectional 3.369 | Association between 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels and cognitive performance in middle-aged and older European men | 2009 |  |
| Shenkin et al. | Population-based study 7.998 | Serum 25-Hydroxyvitamin D Concentration and Cognitive Impairment | 2009 |  |
| Lin | Cross-sectional 1.604 | 25-Hydroxyvitamin D levels and cognitive performance and decline in elderly men | 2010 |  |
| Wu et al. | Cross-sectional 5.596 | Dietary intake of vitamin D and cognition in older women | 2010 |  |
| Wu et al. | Cross-sectional 318 | 25-Hydroxyvitamin D, dementia, and cerebrovascular pathology in elders receiving home services | 2010 |  |

LE EVIDENZE: GLI STUDI DI POPOLAZIONE 2

| Autore | Casistica | Titolo | Anno | Fonte |
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| Wewellyn | Prospective population based study 858 pt. | Vitamin D and Risk of Cognitive Decline in Elderly Persons | 2010 | ARCHIVES OF INTERNAL MEDICINE |
| vanweiler | Cross-sectional 752 | Association of vitamin D deficiency with cognitive impairment in older women | 2010 | AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY |
| Balioni | Meta-analysis > 50.000 | Vitamin D, cognition, and dementia | 2012 | AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY |
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| J. Littlejohns | Prospective population-based study 1.658 | Vitamin D and the risk of dementia and Alzheimer disease | 2014 | AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY |
| Knekt | Prospective population-based study 5010 | Serum 25-Hydroxyvitamin D Concentration and Risk of Dementia | Nov. 2014 | EPIDEMIOLOGY |

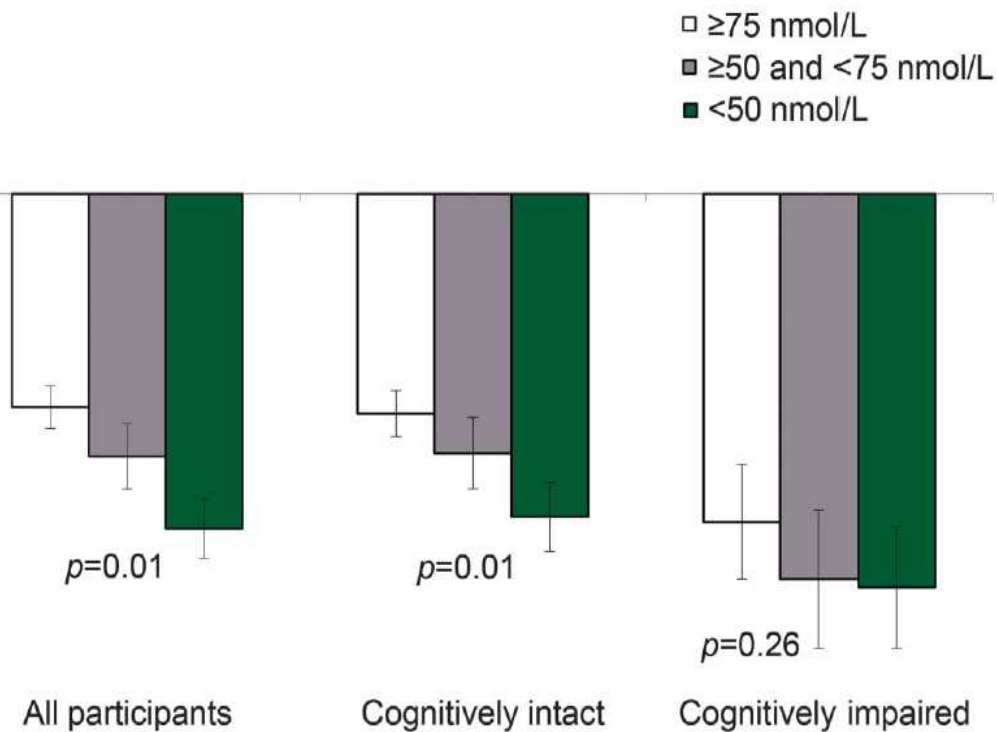


Vitamin D deficiency predicts cognitive decline in older men and women

The Pro.V.A. Study

Toffanello E.D., Crepaldi G., Manzato E., Sergi G. et al.

Changes in MMSE scores over the follow-up according to 25OHD levels



Objective: To test the hypothesis that hypovitaminosis D is associated with a higher risk of cognitive decline over a 4.4-year follow-up in a large sample of older adults.

Methods: This research was part of the *Progetto Veneto Anziani* (Pro.V.A.), an Italian population-based cohort study of 1,927 elderly subjects. Serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25OHD) levels were measured at the baseline. Global cognitive function was measured with the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE); scores lower than 24 were indicative of cognitive dysfunction, and a decline of 3 or more points on the MMSE over the follow-up was considered as clinically significant. Analyses were adjusted for relevant confounders, including health and performance status.

Results: Participants with 25OHD deficiency (<50 nmol/L) or insufficiency (50–75 nmol/L) were more likely to have declining MMSE scores during the follow-up than those who were vitamin D sufficient (≥75 nmol/L). Among participants cognitively intact (baseline MMSE scores ≥24 without diagnosis of dementia), the multivariate adjusted relative risk (95% confidence interval [CI]) of the onset of cognitive dysfunction was 1.36 (95% CI: 1.04–1.80; $p = 0.02$) for those with vitamin D deficiency and 1.29 (95% CI: 1.00–1.76; $p = 0.05$) for those with vitamin D insufficiency by comparison with individuals with normal 25OHD levels.

Conclusion: The results of our study support an independent association between low vitamin D levels and cognitive decline in elderly individuals. In cognitively intact elderly subjects, vitamin D levels below 75 nmol/L are already predictive of global cognitive dysfunction at 4.4 years.

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“ ...Conclusioni: I risultati confermano che
**la carenza di vit.D è associata a un rischio sostanzialmente
aumentato di demenza per tutte le cause e per AD.**
Ciò si aggiunge al dibattito in corso
circa il ruolo della vit. D in alterazioni organiche non scheletriche...”

Take Home Messages

- Una situazione di **carenza** di livelli di vit: D (< 20 nmol/l) nell'anziano è particolarmente frequente, specie oltre gli 80 aa. e in condizioni di fragilità o disabilità ($> 80\%$).
- La supplementazione di vitamina D in associazione al calcio nei soggetti carenti è correlata ad una **riduzione del rischio di frattura** nell'anziano (prevenzione primaria)
- La supplementazione di Calcio e Vitamina D (insieme alla terapia antirassorbitiva/anabolica) è indicata in tutti i casi di **prevenzione secondaria** delle fratture da fragilità nell'anziano
- La **performance fisica** nell'anziano in termini di efficienza muscolare appare in stretta relazione con i livelli corporei di vitamina D
- Esistono dati contrastanti in merito all'effetto della carenza di Vit. D di incrementare in assoluto (di per se) **il rischio di caduta** nell'anziano; probabilmente tale effetto è più consistente nelle **popolazioni di anziani a rischio** (pazienti più anziani, soggetti con instabilità posturale, soggetti sarcopenici, pazienti istituzionalizzati, pazienti affetti da patologie croniche) in cui la supplementazione di vitamina D appare raccomandabile
- Esistono evidenze osservazionali che mettono **in relazione la riduzione delle performances cognitive nei pazienti anziani con una situazione di deficit dei livelli di vitamina D**; ciò depone a favore di una condotta nutrizionale o terapeutica che prevenga tale situazione di carenza nei pazienti anziani con iniziali sintomi di una diminuita efficienza delle funzioni cognitive