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**LA PRATICA CLINICA NELLE  
NEOPLASIE NEUROENDOCRINE**

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## Approccio diagnostico-terapeutico al paziente con NET pancreatico: il ruolo dell'endocrinologo

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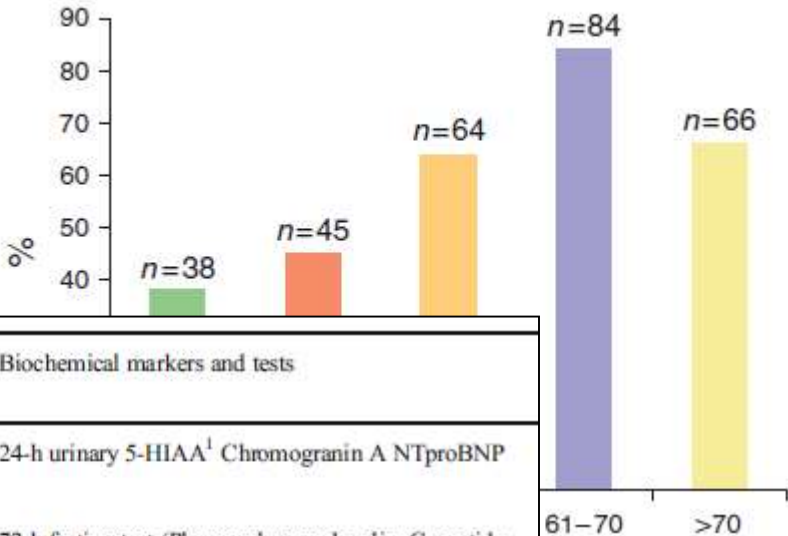
Adult Cancers  
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# Clinicopathological Features of Pancreatic Endocrine Tumors: A Prospective Multicenter Study in Italy of 297 Sporadic Cases

Mean age 58.6±14.7 anni  
F= 51.2 %, M= 48.8%

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Non functioning

Functioning

232 (75.4%)

| Clinical syndrome                       | Main location of primary tumor (rare sites of origin)     | Biochemical markers and tests  |
|---|---|--|
| Carcinoid-Syndrome                      | jejunum / ileum (pancreas, lung, rectum)                  | 24-h urinary 5-HIAA <sup>1</sup> Chromogranin A NTproBNP   |
| Insulinoma                              | pancreas  | 72-h fasting test (Plasma glucose, Insulin, C-peptide, Pro-Insulin, B-hydroxybutyrate and absence of sulfonylurea and metabolites) |
| Gastrinoma (Zollinger-Ellison-Syndrome) | duodenum (70%) pancreas (25%); other sites (5%)           | Fasting serum gastrin <sup>2</sup> , gastric pH Secretin-stimulation Test <sup>3</sup>   |
| Rare functional GEP-NENs                |   |  |
| VIPoma (Werner Morrison Syndrome; WDHA) | pancreas (> 90%), adrenal gland and periganglionic (<10%) | Plasma-VIP   |
| Glucagonoma                             | pancreas  | Serum-Glucagon   |
| GHRH secreting NET                      | pancreas (30%), lung (54%) jejunum (7%) other (13%)       | hGH <sup>5</sup> , IGF-1, glucose suppression test   |
| Ectopic ACTH syndrome                   | Pancreas (ileum)  | Dexamethasone suppression test, 24-h-urinary cortisol, midnight salivary cortisol  |
| PTHrp secreting NET                     | pancreas  | Serum-Calcium, PTHrp <sup>6</sup> (iPTH <sup>7</sup> ), 1,25OH2 Vitamin D3   |
| Calcitonin secreting p-NET <sup>8</sup> | pancreas  | Serum-Calcitonin   |

| Name  | Biologically active peptide(s) secreted | Incidence (new cases/10 <sup>6</sup> population/year) | Tumor location   | Malignant % | Associated with MEN-1, % | Main symptoms/signs  |
|---|---|---|--|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| <i>A. Most common functional PET syndromes</i>              |   |   |  |             |                          |  |
| Insulinoma  | insulin                                 | 1–3   | pancreas (>99%)  | <10         | 4–5                      | hypoglycemic symptoms (100%)   |
| Zollinger-Ellison syndrome                                  | gastrin                                 | 0.5–2   | duodenum (70%);<br>pancreas (25%);<br>other sites (5%)                 | 60–90       | 20–25                    | pain (79–100%);<br>diarrhea (30–75%);<br>esophageal symptoms (31–56%)        |
| <i>B. Established rare functional PET syndromes (RFTs)</i>  |   |   |  |             |                          |  |
| VIPoma (Verner-Morrison syndrome, pancreatic cholera, WDHA) | vasoactive intestinal peptide           | 0.05–0.2  | pancreas (90%, adult);<br>other (10%, neural, adrenal, periganglionic) | 40–70       | 6                        | diarrhea (90–100%);<br>hypokalemic (80–100%);<br>dehydration (83%)           |
| Glucagonoma   | glucagon                                | 0.01–0.1  | pancreas (100%)  | 50–80       | 1–20                     | rash (67–90%);<br>glucose intolerance (38–87%);<br>weight loss (66–96%)      |
| Somatostatinoma   | somatostatin                            | rare  | pancreas (55%);<br>duodenum/jejunum (44%)                              | >70         | 45                       | diabetes mellitus (63–90%);<br>cholelithiasis (65–90%);<br>diarrhea (35–90%) |

**Carcinoid syndrome** 19% of patients diagnosed with NETs (Lancet Oncol. 2017 Apr;18(4):525-534)

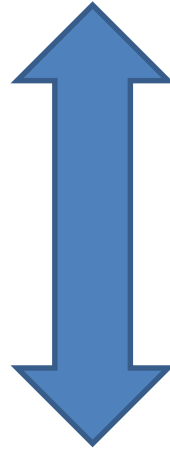
**Ectopic ACTH syndrome** 1% to 5% in patients with SCLC; 3% in patients with thoracic or gastroenteropancreatic carcinoids

**High impact on both morbidity and mortality**

**Ectopic GHRH secretion**  
98 cases so far reported

Quale ?

Panel ormonale



Quando ?

**Quadro clinico**





IGF-1  
GH post OGTT

**Ectopic GH secretion  
(acromegaly)**



ACTH/cortisol  
Cortisol post Dexamethasone

**Ectopic ACTH secretion  
(Cushing's syndrome)**

### **Carcinoid syndrome**

flushing, diarrhea, unspecific abdominal pain, broncho constriction, tricuspid and pulmonic valve regurgitation

24-h urinary 5-HIAA1

### **Insulinoma**

Symptoms of hypoglycemia and rapid improvement after application of glucose (Whipples' triad)

Glycemia, Insulin, C peptide  
72-h fasting test

### **Gastrinoma**

severe peptic ulcer disease, gastroesophageal reflux, diarrhea

Gastrin  
Secretin stimulation test

# False positives/false negatives

## Carcinoid syndrome

24-h urinary 5-HIAA1

### False positives:

plums, pineapples, bananas, eggplants, tomatoes, avocados and walnuts  
phenacetin, reserpine, cisplatin, fluorouracil, and melphalan

### False negatives:

monoamine oxidase inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants, chlorpromazine, heparin, isoniazid, levodopa and methyldopa

Sensitivity 70%, Specificity 100% [HPLC]



- Not to be used for screening purposes
- To be evaluated in the presence of symptomatic NEN
- Useful in monitoring response to therapy/evolution of the disease

## Gastrinoma

Gastrin diagnostic if 10 times higher than normal levels (40% of patients)

Exclude: PPI, chronic atrophic gastritis

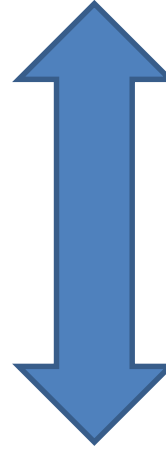
Secretin test: >120 pg/ml  
(sensitivity 94%, specificity 100%)



Not to be used for screening purposes

**Quale ?**

**Panel ormonale**



**Perchè ?**

**L'identificazione e il trattamento delle sindromi ormonali impatta significativamente su morbidità e mortalità nei pazienti con NET**





**Coagulopathies**

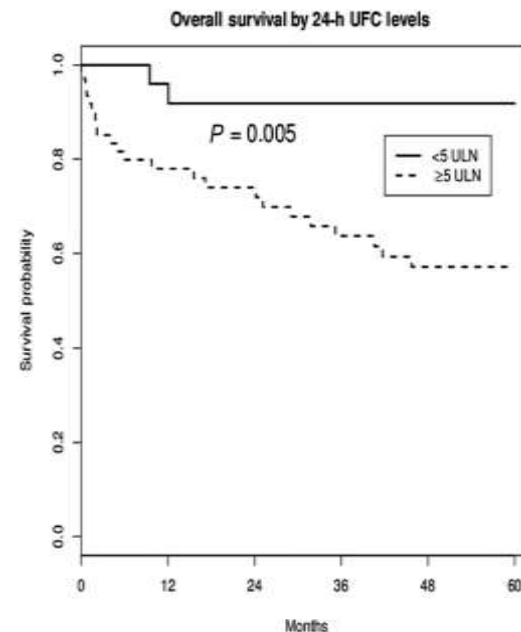
**Diabetes**

**Infections**

**Hypokaliemia**

**EAS appears to shorten survival in patients with unresectable carcinoid tumors**

Kamp K et al . Eur J Endocrinol 2016;174(3):271-80



Severity of hypercortisolism at diagnosis also appears to have a negative impact on prognosis

Davi et al, 2017 Eur J Endocrinol 453-461

In most series, ACTH-secreting thymic carcinoids, pancreatic carcinoids, and MTCs tend to present with more aggressive disease and distant metastases, and consequently have poorer overall survival

Isidori et al 2009 JCEM; Ilias et al. 2005 JCEM; Davi et al 2017 EJE

Follow-up

«personalized» treatment

counseling

Genetic testing

Costs?

Patients to be screened?

Predictors?

When ?



Which gene ?

## Incidence of PAN NET

**MEN1 40-80%**

Gastrinoma (40%), NF (20-50%), insulinoma (10%)  
Primary hyperparathyroidism, pituitary adenomas

multiple micro/macroadenomas

**VHL 10-17%**

Mainly NF (>90%)  
Pheochromocytoma, CNS haemangioblastomas, Renal Cell Carcinoma

Multiple cysts, solid tumors (10%)

**NF1 >10%**

neurofibromas, café-au-lait spots, Lisch nodules, freckles, and optic glioma

PAN-NET

# Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia type 1

1-18% (among patients with primary hyperparathyroidism)

16-38% (among patients with gastrinomas)

Less than 3% (among patients with pituitary tumours)

The disorder affects all age groups with no differences between male and female

Age at diagnosis is significantly lower in MEN1+ pts

Clinical and biochemical manifestations of the disorder in more than 98% of patients by the fifth decade

Primary hyperparathyroidism has a 100 % of penetrance by age 50 years

pNET in MEN1+ patients are more frequently multicentric neoplasia

# When to suspect a MEN1... ...and to perform a genetic screening

**Member(s) of a family with and identified MEN1 mutation**

**Member(s) of a family with familial pituitary adenoma and/or primary hyperPTH**

Pr  
m  
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da successive valutazioni (4). L'analisi mutazionale del gene *MEN1* deve essere effettuata in: 1) un probando con diagnosi clinica di MEN1 (almeno due delle tre manifestazioni classiche di MEN1 (iperparatiroidismo primario, adenoma ipofisario, NET duodeno-pancreatico); 2) familiari di primo grado asintomatici di soggetti portatori di una mutazione nota del gene *MEN1*; 3) familiari di primo grado di un portatore di mutazione del gene *MEN1*, con diagnosi di MEN1 familiare; 4) pazienti con sospetto di MEN1 o MEN1 atipica (soggetti con iperparatiroidismo primario che insorge prima dell'età di 30 anni; soggetti con coinvolgimento paratiroideo multiplo e NET duodeno-pancreatici, singoli o multipli, che insorgono a qualunque età; soggetti con due o più tumori MEN1-correlati che non rientrano nella classica triade paratiroidi, ipofisi, duodeno-pancreas) (4) (livello di evidenza 4). L'analisi mutazionale del gene *MEN1* nei

**Patients with multiple pancreatic micro/macroleions**

**Patients with at least 2 MEN1-related tumors different from PIT-NET, GEP-NET or PHPT (e.g. adrenal adenomas, meningiomas, carcinoids, Pheo...)**

# Genetic analysis and clinical outcome

| Characteristics   | Group I (n=43)<br>Clinical MEN1<br>diagnosis | Group II (n=30)<br>Genetic MEN1<br>diagnosis | Total (n=74)*         |
|---|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Sex</b>  |  |  |                       |
| M/ F (%)  | 22/21 (51/49)                                | 12/18 (40/60)                                | 35/39 (47/53)         |
| <b>Mean age at diagnosis</b> yrs $\pm$ SD<br>(range) <sup>†</sup>     | 34 $\pm$ 14 (11-64)                          | 30 $\pm$ 14 (16-67)                          | 32 $\pm$ 13 (10-64)   |
| <b>Median year of diagnosis</b>                                       | 1994   | 2002   | 1998                  |
| <b>Mean age at end follow-up</b> yrs $\pm$ SD<br>(range) <sup>‡</sup> | 47 $\pm$ 14 (26-77)                          | 36 $\pm$ 14 (16-67)                          | 42 $\pm$ 15 (16-77)   |
| <b>Median follow-up</b> yrs (IQR;range) <sup>§</sup>                  | 11 (4.0-17.0; 0-31)                          | 3 (2.0-6.0; 0-13)                            | 5.5 (2.25-12.0; 0-31) |
| <b>Death</b>  |  |  |                       |
| Death/ alive  | 10/33  | 0/30   | 10/64                 |
| Death MEN1 related  |  |  |                       |
| Yes   | 5  |  | 5                     |
| No  | 0  |  | 0                     |
| Unknown   | 5  |  | 5                     |
| Mean age death $\pm$ SD (range)                                       | 52 $\pm$ 16 (26-72)                          | Not applicable                               | 52 $\pm$ 16 (26-72)   |

...Patients who were diagnosed genetically had a better outcome than those diagnosed clinically...

...malignancy and death only occurred in the clinically diagnosed group...



# MEN1: phenotype/genotype

...No correlation has been observed between genotype and MEN1 phenotype. We suggest that the knowledge of structure and location of a specific mutation has not been useful in clinical practice for the follow-up of affected patients and asymptomatic gene carriers...

*Wautot et al. , 2002 Hum Mutat*

...(100 pazienti) NFPT was more common in the frameshift/nonsense or 1657insC mutation carriers, whereas gastrinoma was more common in the in-frame/missense or 1466del12 mutation carriers...

*Vierimaa et al., 2007 EJE*

... (1336 mutazioni) comparison of the clinical features in patients and their families with the same mutations reveals an absence of phenotype-genotype correlations....

*Lemos & Thakker, 2008 Hum Mutat*

# MEN1: follow-up

**TABLE 2.** Suggested biochemical and radiological screening in individuals at high risk of developing MEN1

| Tumor                          | Age to begin (yr) | Biochemical test (plasma or serum) annually   | Imaging test (time interval)                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Parathyroid                    | 8                 | Calcium, PTH  | None   |
| Pancreatic NET                 |                   |   |  |
| Gastrinoma                     | 20                | Gastrin ( $\pm$ gastric pH)   | None   |
| Insulinoma                     | 5                 | Fasting glucose, insulin  | None   |
| Other pancreatic NET           | <10               | Chromogranin-A; pancreatic polypeptide, glucagon, VIP   | MRI, CT, or EUS (annually)                   |
| Anterior pituitary             | 5                 | Prolactin, IGF-I  | MRI (every 3 yr)                             |
| Adrenal                        | <10               | None unless symptoms or signs of functioning tumor and/or tumor >1 cm are identified on imaging | MRI or CT (annually with pancreatic imaging) |
| Thymic and bronchial carcinoid | 15                | None  | CT or MRI (every 1–2 yr)                     |

EUS, Endoscopic ultrasound. [Adapted from P. J. Newey and R. V. Thakker: Role of multiple endocrine neoplasia type 1 mutational analysis in clinical practice. *Endocr Pract* 17(Suppl 3):8–17, 2011 (21), with permission. © American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. And from R. V. Thakker: Multiple endocrine neoplasia type 1 (MEN1). *Translational Endocrinology and Metabolism*, Vol 2. (edited by R. P. Robertson and R. V. Thakker), The Endocrine Society, Chevy Chase, MD, 2011, pp 13–44 (5), with permission.]

Two retrospective analyses of chromogranin A, pancreatic polypeptide, and glucagon to screen for emergence of tumor in MEN1 found that singly or in combination, these tests were not effective in early diagnosis of tumors

de Laat JM J Clin Endocrinol Metab . 2013 ;98:4143; Qiu W Clin Endocrinol (Oxf) 2016 ;85:400



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