

Piastrinopenie

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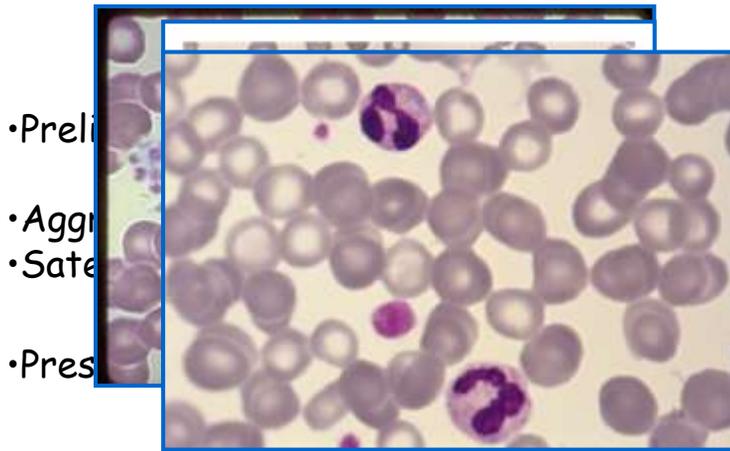


Piastrinopenia o Trombocitopenia **Definizione**

Condizioni caratterizzate da un numero di piastrine inferiori a 150.000/mmc

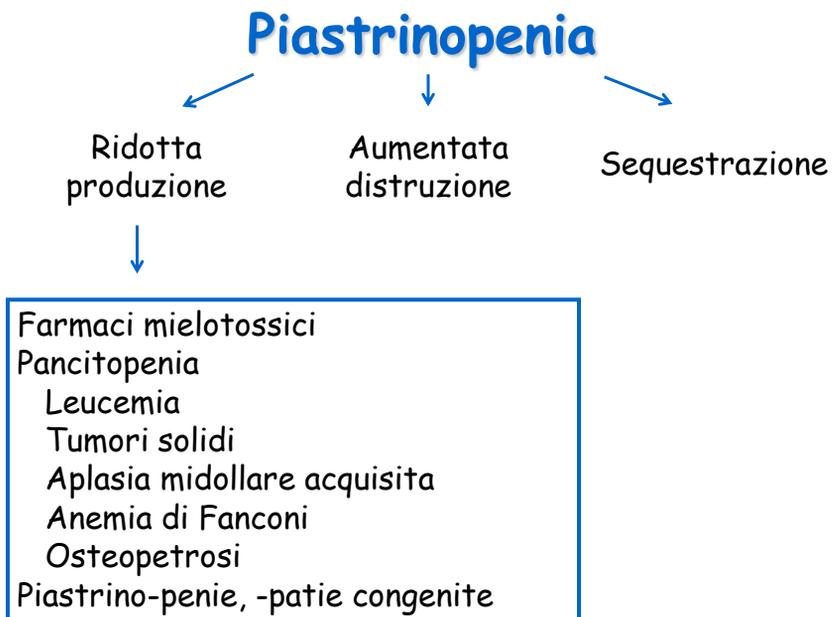
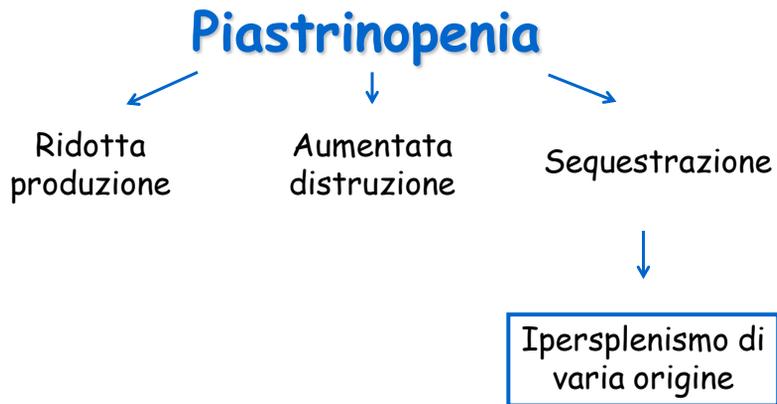
Le manifestazioni emorragiche non compaiono di solito per valori superiori a 50.000/mmc, anche se tale limite è variabile da soggetto a soggetto

Pseudo trombocitopenia



Piastrinopenia





Piastrinopenie, -patie congenite

Depongono per piastrinopenia congenita

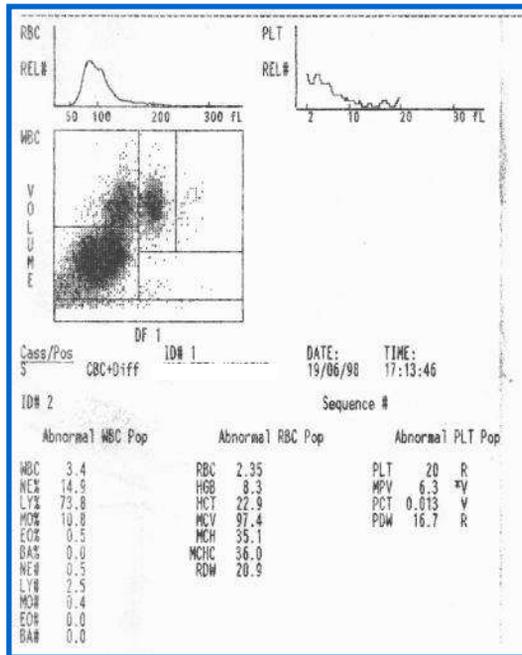
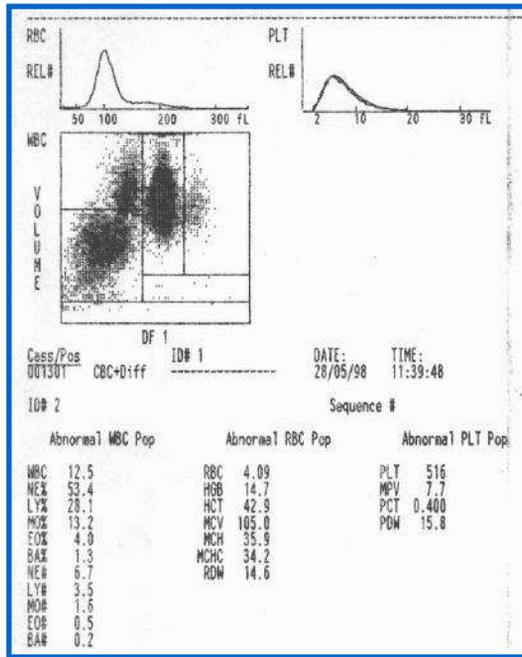
- **Familiarità** (frequente trasmissione AD) per piastrinopenia, patologia renale, sordità, cataratta, dismorfismi, sindromi mielodisplastiche
- Sintomi emorragici assenti o poco presenti
- Piastrinopenia presente in tutti gli emocromi precedenti
- **Trombocitopenia isolata** con conte normali di GR e GB

Non depongono per piastrinopenia congenita

- Febbre, infezioni ricorrenti, perdita di peso, astenia, dolore osseo o articolare, rash cutaneo (patologia neoplastica, aplasia midollare, patologia immune sistemica)
- Assunzione di farmaci
- **Disponibilità di precedente conteggio piastrinico nella norma**
- **Alterazioni della serie rossa e/o bianca**

MPV Mean platelet volume

- E' la media del volume piastrinico
- Il valore normale è compreso tra 7.0 e 11.0 fl
- Permette di classificare le piastrinopenie in base alle dimensioni delle piastrine



Platelet diameters in inherited thrombocytopenias: analysis of 376 patients with all known disorders

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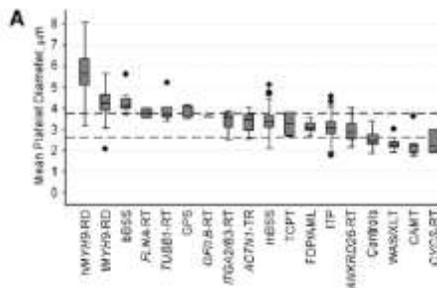
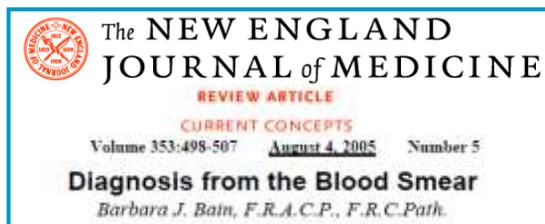


Table 5. Classification of ITs according to MPDs and the percentage of large platelets

ITs	MPD (µm)	Large platelets (%)
With giant platelets	>4	PDLCR >50%
		HWYH9-RD
		mBSS
		IMYH9-RD
With large platelets	>3.2	PDLCR >20%
		TUBB1-RT
		GPS
		FLNA-RT
		GFI16-RT
		mBSS
		ITGA2B3-RT
		ACTN1-RT
With normal or slightly increased platelet size	>2.6	And/or PDLCR >5%
		FDP-AML
		TCPT
		XLTT
		ANKRD26-RT
		CTRUS
		VWDP
With normal or slightly decreased platelet size	<2.6	And/or SDCR >5%
		TAR
		CAMT
		CYCS-RT
		XLT/WAS

Lo striscio

- **Allestimento curato** del vetrino al momento del prelievo
- Lettura da parte di personale con **specifiche competenze** (medico o biologo con esperienza di ematologia)
- **Disponibilità di tempo**



Lo striscio

Indicazioni cliniche

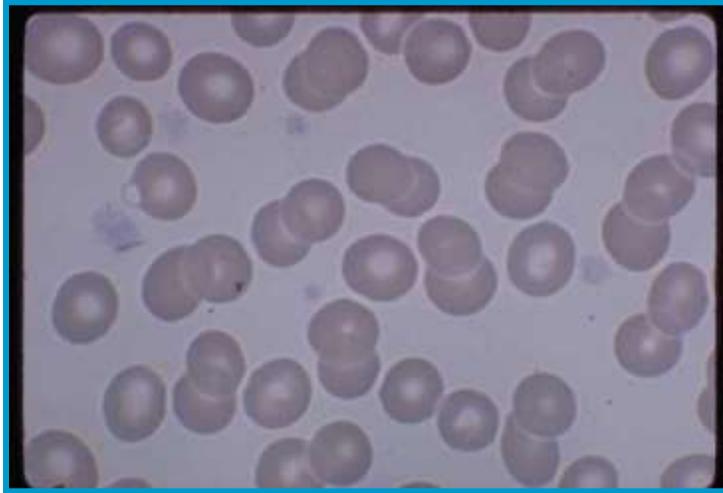
Caratteristiche che suggeriscono

- Anemia
- Ittero
- Emoglobinopatie
- **Trombocitopenia**
- Leucemie/linfomi
- C.I.D.
- Malattie infettive riconoscibili al vetrino
- Mononucleosi e altre malattie virali

Indicazioni di laboratorio

Morfologia piastrinica

Piastrine piccole	S. Wiskott Aldrich
Piastrine grandi	Porpora trombocitopenica idiopatica
Piastrine giganti	S. di May-Hegglin, S. Bernard Soulier,
Piastrine grigie	S. delle piastrine grigie (deficit α granuli)

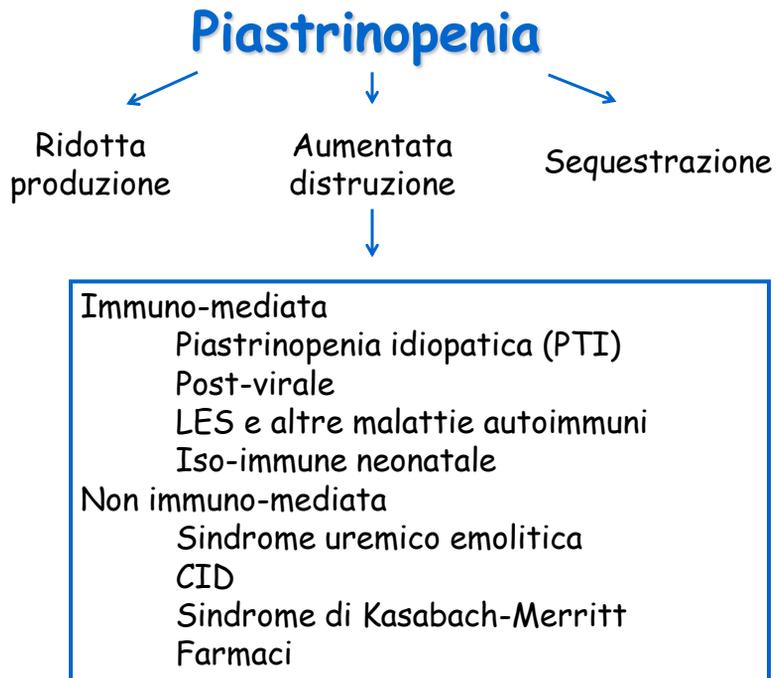


Piastrinopenie, -patie congenite

Sebbene rare, tutte queste forma vanno sospettate e riconosciute, al fine del corretto inquadramento diagnostico

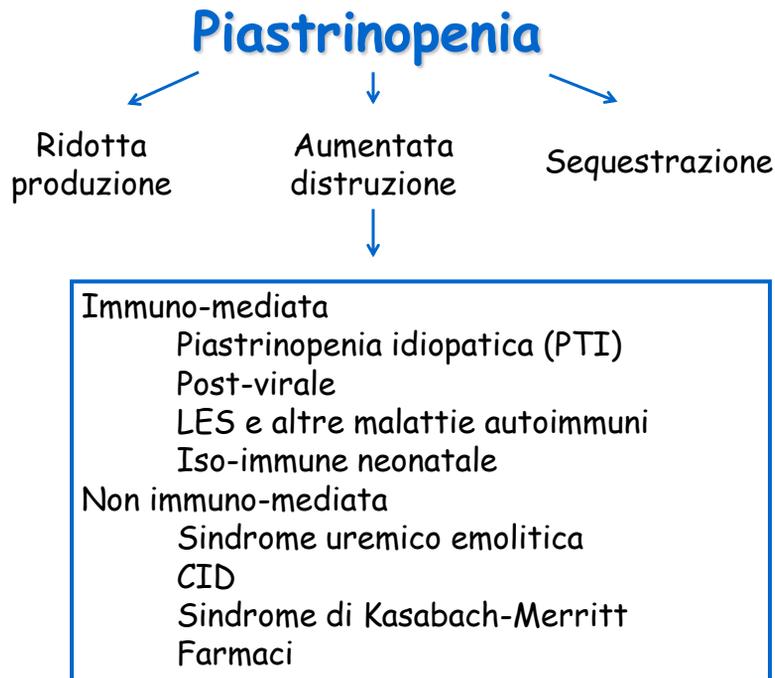
La diagnosi consente di

- fornire le informazioni corrette al paziente, al fine di evitare lunghi ed invasivi esami diagnostici e, soprattutto, terapie incongrue
- fornire informazioni sul possibile esito a lungo termine e dare consigli su come affrontare eventuali situazioni che richiedono una ottimale funzione piastrinica (interventi chirurgici)
- offrire una consulenza genetica per il soggetto e tutta la famiglia
- identificare altri soggetti familiari affetti



Sindrome di Kasabach Merrit





Trombocito-Penia immune (ITP)

Patogenesi

Autoimmunitaria: ↓ vita media delle piastrine (poche ore invece dei normali 9-13 giorni)

Incidenza

4-10 casi/100.000 bambini

Esordio

Brusco, con comparsa di manifestazioni emorragiche, talvolta post-infettiva o post-vaccinale

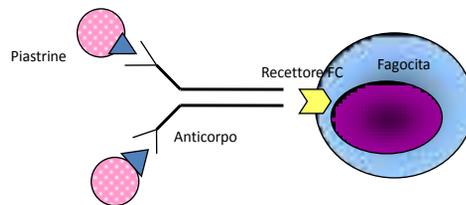
Presentazione clinica

Emorragie cutanee (ecchimosi, petecchie)

Emorragie mucose (epistassi, gengivorragia)

Assenza di altri sintomi e/o segni

Trombocitopenia Immune



Accelerata distruzione piastrinica immuno-mediata

Trombocitopenia immune (ITP)

Esami di laboratorio

Piastrinopenia (PLT 5.000-50.000/mmc) isolata

Esclusione di una **pseudotrombocitopenia**

Anticorpi anti piastrine

Diagnosi

Si basa sul reperto di **numerosi megacariociti** nell'aspirato midollare e sull'**esclusione di cause note** di trombocitopenia (infezioni, LES etc)

Trombocitopenia Immune

- Nuove definizioni
- E' sempre necessario eseguire l'aspirato midollare?
- Indicazioni al trattamento delle ITP
- Quali farmaci utilizzare
- Strategie di seconda linea
- Helicobacter pylori
- Qualità di vita

Nuove definizioni



The panel decided to avoid the term "idiopathic," preferring "immune," to emphasize the immune-mediated mechanism of the disease and to choose "primary" (as opposed to idiopathic) to indicate the absence of any obvious initiating and/or underlying cause. The term "purpura" was felt inappropriate, because bleeding symptoms are absent or minimal in a large proportion of cases.^{17,18}



Immune



ThrombocytoPenia

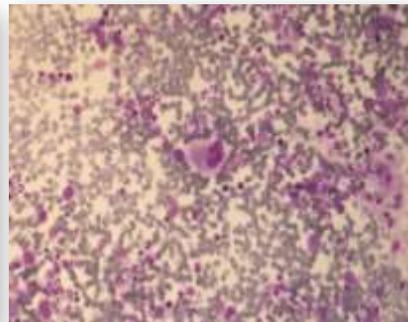


Purpura

Nuove definizioni

Primary ITP	Primary ITP is an autoimmune disorder characterized by isolated thrombocytopenia (absolute blood platelet count $< 100 \times 10^9/L$) in the absence of other causes or disorders that may be associated with thrombocytopenia. The	Eziologia
Secondary ITP	All forms of immune-mediated thrombocytopenia except primary ITP*	Primitiva (assenza di cause apparenti) Secondaria
Phase of the disease	Newly diagnosed ITP: within 3 months from diagnosis Persistent ITP: between 3 to 12 months from diagnosis. Includes patients not reaching spontaneous remission or not maintaining complete response of therapy Chronic ITP: lasting for more than 12 months	Fase della malattia
Severe ITP	Presence of bleeding symptoms of proportion sufficient to mandate treatment, or occurrence of new bleeding symptoms requiring additional therapeutic intervention with a different platelet-enhancing agent or an increased dose	Manifestazioni cliniche
		Severa (persistenza di sanguinamento)

Aspirato midollare: sempre necessario ?



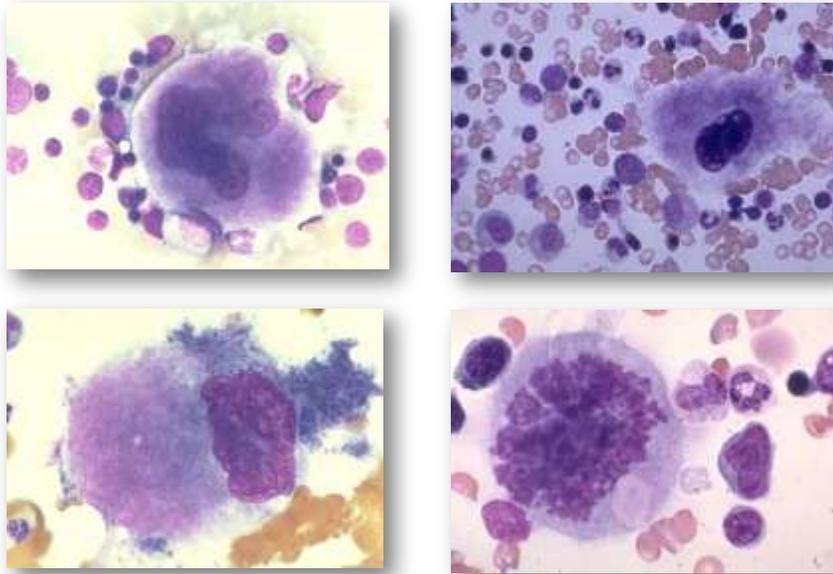
Piastrinopenia

Ridotta
produzione

Aumentata
distruzione



Assenza metaplasia,
infiltrazione estrinseca



Linee guida: ITP acuta

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decision making and problem solving

Hemostasis & Thrombosis

Acute childhood idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura: AIEOP consensus guidelines for diagnosis and treatment

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Bone marrow aspiration: this is not unanimously recommended (strength of recommendation 5.5 – D) in all cases at diagnosis. It is appropriate before starting glucocorticoid treatment for the first time (strength of recommendation 8.9 – B).

Linee guida: ITP cronica

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<p>Management of Chronic Childhood Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura: AIEOP Consensus Guidelines</p>	<p>Domenico De Matta^a Giovanni Carlo Del Vecchio^a Giovanna Ruzza^a Ariella De Santis^a Ugo Ramminghio^a Lucia Natarangelo^a Monizio Jurkovic^b Angelo Claudio Molinari^a Marco Zecca^a Bruno Hoblit^c Paola Giordano^a and the AIEOP-ITP Study Group</p>	<p>Table 6. Indications for bone marrow aspiration or its repetition in chronic childhood ITP</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missed execution according to acute ITP guidelines, and most importantly if missed execution is before steroid treatment - Absence of significantly increased platelet counts after first-line treatment with IVIGs - Appearance or presence of leukopenia, leukocytosis, abnormal white cell count suggestive of myelolymphoproliferative disease - Abnormal leukocytes or myeloid precursors in peripheral blood smears - Appearance of hyporegenerative anemia - Evidence of unexplained macrocytosis - Anisopoikilocytosis and/or erythroid precursors in peripheral blood smears, suggesting myelodysplasia - Incidence of splenomegaly, hepatomegaly or lymphadenomegaly - Onset of thrombocytopenia at a neonatal age or in the first months of life - Every other reason indicating decreased megakaryocytopoiesis

Diagnosi differenziale

Depongono per ITP

- Esordio acuto dei sintomi
- Recente infezione virale o vaccinazione con virus vivo attenuato
- **Trombocitopenia isolata** con conte normali di GR e GB
- Disponibilità di precedente conteggio piastrinico nella norma

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- Familiarità per piastrinopenia, patologia renale, sordità, cataratta, dismorfismi, sindromi mielodisplastiche (piastrinopatia congenita)
- Segni e sintomi di immunodeficienza
- **Alterazioni della serie rossa e/o bianca**

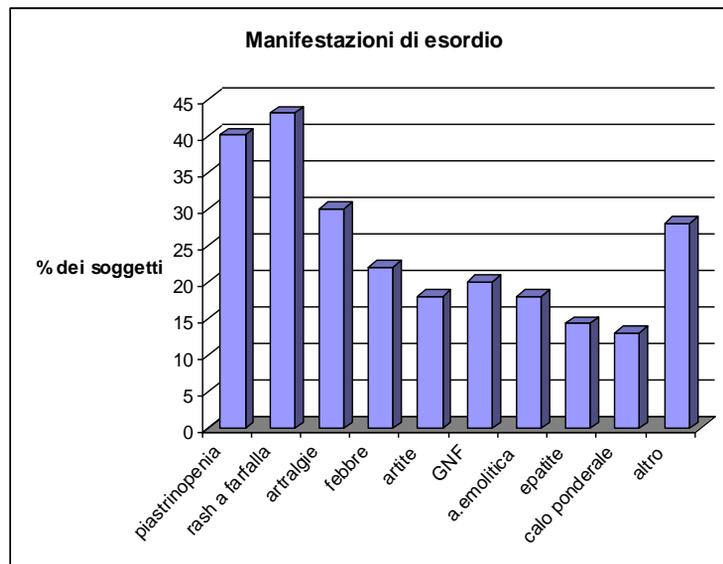
Diagnosi ITP secondaria

Nel 14% dei bambini diagnosticati come ITP, è stata trovata un'altra causa di piastrinopenia

- Trombocitopenie familiari
- Lupus Eritematoso Sistemico
- Ipersplenismo
- Trombocitopenia neonatale alloimmune
- Wiskott Aldrich Syndrome
- Infezione
- Sindrome da Immuno Deficienza Comune Variabile

Bryant & Watts 2011

LES – Sintomi all'esordio



CVID – Sintomi all’esordio

Pz con ID in terapia sostitutiva - Catania

N. pazienti	17
M/F	12/5
Età	4-35 anni
Diagnosi	
CVID	9
XLA	5
Iper IgM	2
OMA	1
Terapia con Ig e.v.	5–30 g/4 sett
Efficacia (infezioni gravi)	Ottima
Efficacia (funzionalità polmonare)	Buona-ottima
Compliance	Ottima
Qualità di vita	Buona

3/9 pazienti sono stati diagnosticati e trattati come ITP per 9-24 mesi prima di ottenere la diagnosi definitiva di CVID

ITP: quando trattare?

- Entità della **trombocitopenia**
- Gravità delle **manifestazioni emorragiche**
- Presenza di **altre manifestazioni**
- Presenza di **altri fattori di rischio** emorragico
- **Qualità di vita**

Emorragie cutanee

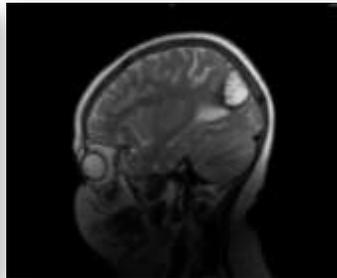
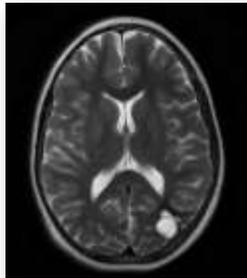
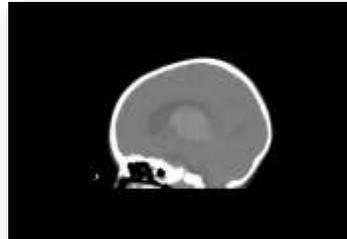


Emorragie mucose



Emorragie interne: ICH

ITP
acuta



ITP
cronica

Gravità delle manifestazioni cliniche

Tipo A	Silente	Nessuna manifestazione emorragica
	Lieve	Ecchimosi e petecchie Epistassi occasionali Nessuna limitazione delle attività quotidiane
Tipo B	Moderata	Manifestazioni cutanee più gravi ed estese Emorragie mucose Epistassi prolungate e/o frequenti
Tipo C	Grave	Emorragie (epistassi, melena, e/o menorragia, ICH) che richiedono ricovero Qualità di vita scadente

Le linee guida

British Journal of Haematology 2003; 128: 574-596

Guideline

GUIDELINES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT OF IDIOPATHIC THROMBOCYTOPENIC PURPURA IN ADULTS, CHILDREN AND IN PREGNANCY

UK, 2003

1. La decisione se trattare o meno deve essere guidata dal dato clinico e non dalla conta piastrinica
2. E' opportuno trattare solo i bambini sintomatici (diatesi emorragica mucosa)
3. Il trattamento è finalizzato solo alla prevenzione delle emorragie gravi e potenzialmente fatali
4. L'efficacia della terapia è valutata in termini di incremento del valore piastrinico

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The initial treatment turned out to be appropriate for 428 cases (72.2%), of uncertain appropriateness in 71 (11.9%), and inappropriate in 95 cases (15.9%). The total level of implementation was 84.1%. **Conclusions:** A high rate of guideline implementation was observed during the study period. The guidelines should be reviewed taking into account more recent evidence.

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Si tratta di meno?

bjh review

A review of the management of childhood immune thrombocytopenia: how can we provide an evidence-based approach?

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*61% treatment rates in 1995, 38% treatment in 2003.
**Lower treatment rates in the period 1999–2003.

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USA	Kime <i>et al</i> (2013)	2 (2008–2010)	2314	72%	ICH 0.6%
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Estrema variabilità nei diversi paesi

E' aumentata l'incidenza della ICH ?

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Uguale incidenza di emorragia intracranica (0-3%)

E' aumentato il numero di pazienti cronici?

Does treatment of newly diagnosed idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura reduce morbidity?

Iris Treutiger, Jukka Rajantie, Bernhard Zeller, Jan-Inge Henter, Göran Elinder, Steen Rosthøj, for the NOPHO ITP Study Group

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	More than two-thirds treated, %	One- to two-thirds treated, %	Less than one-third treated, %
Initial treatment rates	89	57	14
Day 15 platelet count $> 20 \times 10^9/l$	67	67	52
Day 15 platelet count $> 150 \times 10^9/l$	38	29	29
Chronic ITP	27	22	25
Disease-related events in 6 months	23	22	19

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Letter to the Editor

FATIGUE AS MARKER OF THROMBOCYTOPENIA IN CHILDHOOD IDIOPATHIC THROMBOCYTOPENIC PURPURA

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□ Patients with ITP are said to be normal apart from bleeding. Review of clinic notes for 27 children seen January–October, 2008 showed that 6 (22%) had a history of fatigue which resolved with improvement of platelet counts. While preliminary, our experience suggests that fatigue can be striking in children with ITP.

22% astenia in
concomitanza con
abbassamento PLTS

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Health-related lifestyle in adults and children with primary immune thrombocytopenia (ITP)

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Table 1. Health-related lifestyle survey summary results.

Question	Positive response %				
	Total N = 790	Adults N = 696		Children N = 94	
		Male N = 199	Female N = 497	Male N = 51	Female N = 43
Have you ever been unable to go to work or school because of tiredness and fatigue??	12.5	10.8	14.3	6.1	10.0

Qualità di vita: la prospettiva dei pazienti



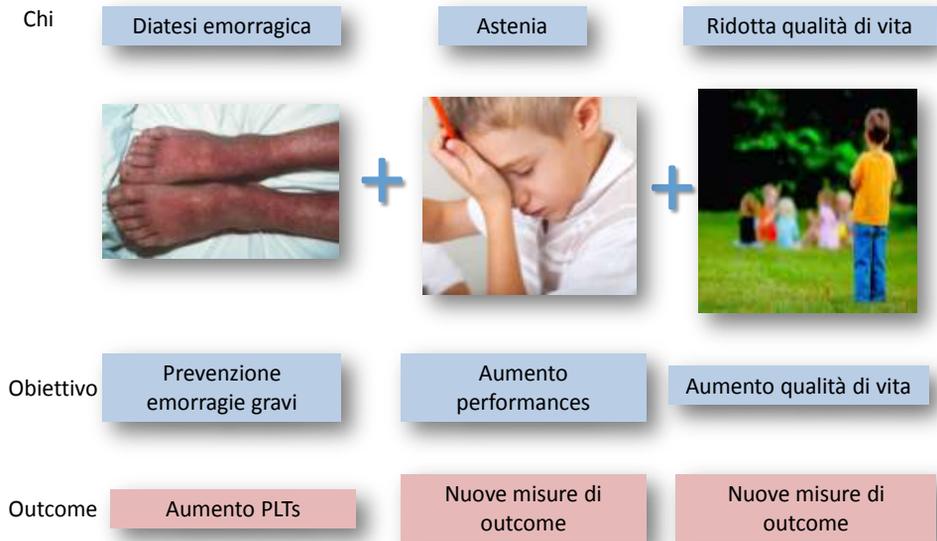
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Do you try to hide your bruise?†	307	32	33.5	30.0	34.6
Are people ever suspicious that the bruise are a result of physical violence?†	57	16	2.1	3.4	10.0
I get bothered because I cannot do the activities I like?†	750	231	49	49	40
I get bothered because I cannot do the activities I like?†	31.8	33.1	30.9	23.9	32.3

Il nuovo approccio alla terapia



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ITP-QoL Questionnaire for Children with Immune Thrombocytopenia: Italian Version validation's

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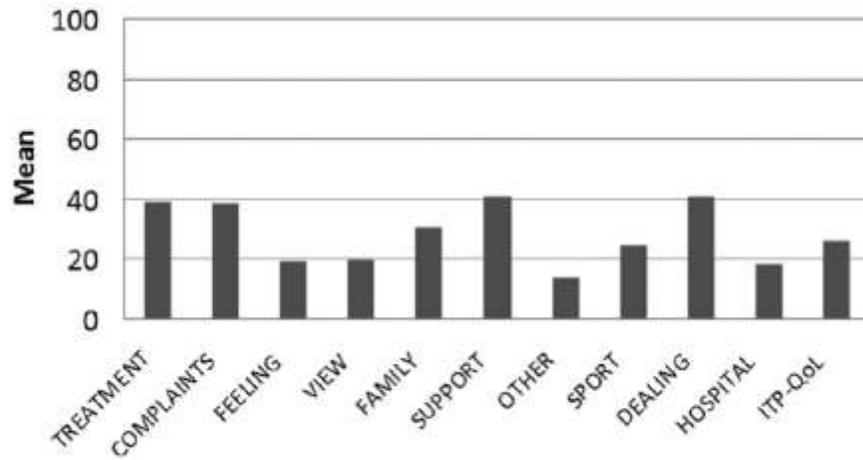


FIGURE 1 HRQoL profile in Italian children aged 8-16 years with ITP (ITP-QoL).

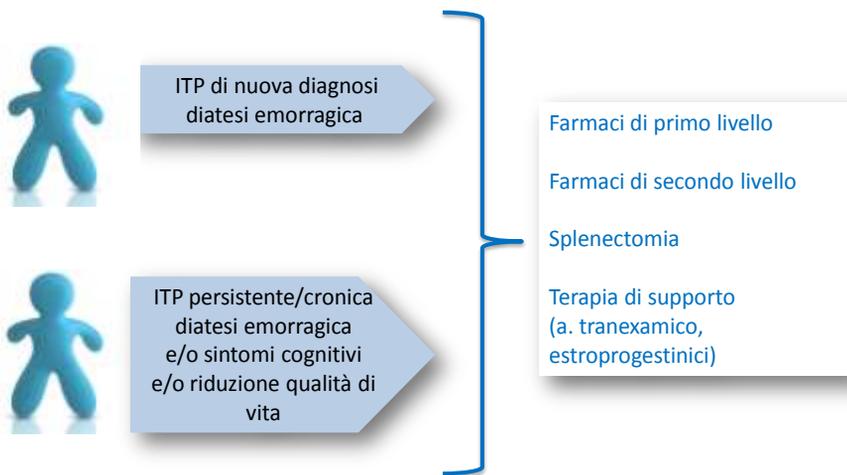
Terapie disponibili per la ITP

Tutti i trattamenti che vengono utilizzati routinariamente sono capaci di incrementare, più rapidamente rispetto all'osservazione, la conta piastrinica, e sono utili per trattare o prevenire le manifestazioni emorragiche. Tuttavia, tutti hanno effetti collaterali significativi e **nessuna cura eziologicamente la ITP o ne aumenta la probabilità di guarigione**

ITP – Opzioni terapeutiche

Terapia	Efficacia	Rapidità di azione	Facilità di impiego	Effetti indesiderati	Costo
Vigile attesa	++	+	?	?	++
Prednisone x os 2 mg/kg/d 2-3 sett	++++	++	++++	++++	+
Metilprednisolone e.v 15-30 mg/kg 2-3 gg	+++	+++	+	+ / ++	++
Ig ev 0.8-2 gr	++++	++++	+	++	+++
Splenectomia	++	++++	-	++	+++

Nuovi scenari terapeutici



ITP cronica

- Pazienti **refrattari** alle terapie convenzionali
- Pazienti **dependenti** dalle terapie convenzionali
- Pazienti con **qualità di vita scadente** (limitazioni motorie, sociali, effetti collaterali, ospedalizzazione etc)

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Management of Chronic Childhood Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura: AIEOP Consensus Guidelines

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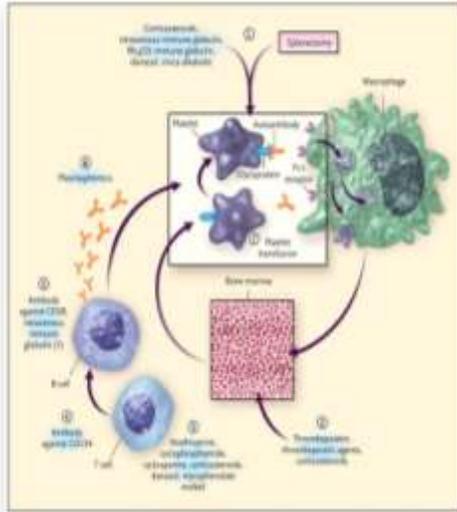
Table 7. Therapeutic strategies in chronic childhood ITP

Strategy	Drugs and recommended doses
A Emergency ^a	IVIGs, 0.8 g/kg IV methylprednisolone, 15–30 mg/kg/day for 3 days IV anti-D IGs, 50 µg/kg
B Maintenance	observation/suggestions IV anti-D IGs every 3–5 weeks IVIGs every 3–4 weeks
C Remission	splenectomy

^a In well-selected cases, it is possible to combine treatments and add platelet transfusion.

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Le opzioni terapeutiche



Farmaci di primo livello

- IVIG ev
- Steroidi per os/ev
- Ig anti D

Farmaci di secondo livello

- Terapia combinata (IVIG + steroidi)
- Rituximab
- Agonisti del recettore della TPO
- Immunosoppressori

Splenectomia

Terapia combinata

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Efficacy of combined intravenous immunoglobulins and steroids in children with primary immune thrombocytopenia and persistent bleeding symptoms

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Terapia combinata: risultati

Background. The aim of this study was to investigate the effect of the combined administration of intravenous immunoglobulins and steroids as a second-line therapy in 34 children with primary immune thrombocytopenia and persistent, symptomatic bleeding.

Materials and methods. Combined therapy (intravenous immunoglobulins 0.4 g/kg daily on days 1 and 2, and methylprednisolone 20 mg/kg daily on days 1-3) was administered to 12 patients with newly diagnosed ITP who did not respond to the administration of a single therapy (either intravenous immunoglobulins or steroids) and to 22 children with persistent and chronic disease who required frequent administrations (i.e. more frequently than every 30 days) of either immunoglobulins or steroids (at the same standard dosages) in order to control active bleeding.

Results. A response (i.e. platelet count $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$ and remission of active bleeding) was observed in 8/12 (67%) patients with newly diagnosed ITP. The clinical presentation of responders and non-responders did not differ appreciably. Patients in the chronic/persistent phase of disease had a significantly longer median period of remission from symptoms compared with the previous longest period of remission ($p=0.016$). The treatment was well tolerated.

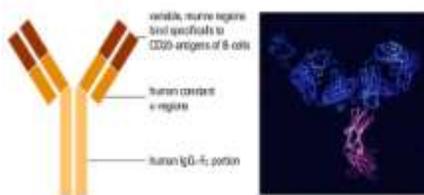
Discussion. Our data suggest that the combined approach described is a well-tolerated therapeutic option for children with primary immune thrombocytopenia and persistent bleeding symptoms that can be used in both emergency and/or maintenance settings.

IVIG 0,4g/kg giorno 1 e 2
m-PDN 20 mg/kg giorno 1, 2, 3

12 pz con ITP di nuova diagnosi
Risposta in 8/12 (67%)

22 pz con ITP
persistente/cronica
Periodo di remissione
significativamente > 30 giorni

Rituximab



Il rituximab (anticorpo monoclonale anti CD20) è un anticorpo monoclonale chimerico, umano e murino

Il dominio Fab del rituximab si lega all'antigene transmembranico CD20 normalmente espresso sui linfociti pre-B e sui linfociti B maturi.

Il legame con il CD20 determina lisi cellulare ed induce l'apoptosi dei linfociti B con conseguente blocco della produzione di autoanticorpi



Rituximab – Studio cooperativo AIEOP



Efficacia

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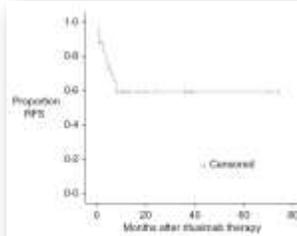


Fig 1. Overall response. Progression free survival (PFS) after rituximab therapy. Y-axis shows the number of months from the first rituximab infusion. X-axis shows the progression of PFS.

Effetti collaterali

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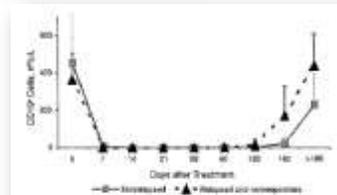


Figure 2. B-cell levels in patients with B-cell lymphoma (nonrelapsed) and in nonrelapsed and relapsed patients. X-axis shows time from the rituximab infusion. CD19+ cell count data are presented as the mean \pm SD.

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Rituximab for Children with Immune Thrombocytopenia: A Systematic Review

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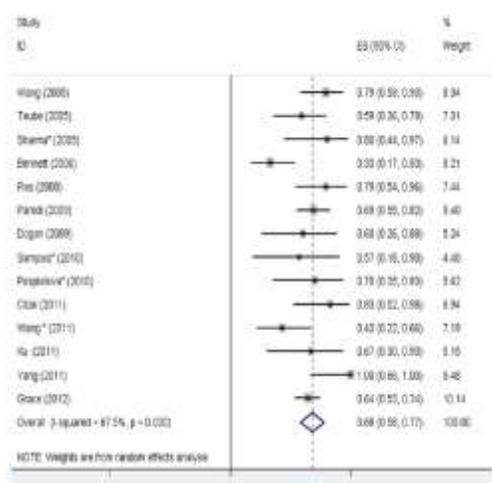
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Rituximab – casistica review

Study	Country	Primary ITP, n	secondary ITP, n	Age, y	Splenectomized, n	ITP duration, mo	Platelet Count before rituximab treatment, $\times 10^9/L$	Previous treatment	Study design	Design of rituximab, mg/m ² /week	Cases, n
Tsai (2005) [16]	Serbia	22	None	13.02-16.2 ^a	2	46.24-200	9.0-27	RI, S, A, H, D, Sp	Care center	①	7
Wang (2005) [11]	USA	24	None	12.1-2-16	4	23.9-100	<38	Sp, IPI, S, A, H, D, Sp, AL, RCB	Care center	①	4
Bennett (2006) [18]	USA	36	6-25 associated	11.2-24-16.3	7	69-121	1-27	RI, S, Sp, A, H, D	Care center	①	4
Sallez-Roussel (2007) [19]	France	None	11-20 associated	7.7-6.7-10	6	1-102-4.3	NR	RI, C, A, Az, Cyt, Sp, VIT, Dm	Care center	①	1-4
Rie (2008) [20]	USA	19	None	11.0-9-16.6	NR						
Dogan (2008) [21]	Turkey	18	None	5.5-13	0						
Sharma (2009) [22]	Canada	None	6-542 associated	14.9-16	0						
Pandit (2009) [23]	Italy	49	None	10.7-0.2-17.3	0						
Rie (2009) [24]	USA	None	4-1475 associated	18.0-118	3						
Chak (2011) [25]	Turkey	13	None	6.14-14 ^a	NR	38.04-90	0-2-28	S, VIT	Care center	①	4
Hu (2011) [26]	China	9	None	6.0-1.3	2	18.9-20	14.0-21	S, Sp	Care center	①	4
Yang (2011) [27]	China	9	None	8	NR	13-22	10-26	S, VIT, VCB, C, A	Care center	①	4
Geck (2012) [28]	USA/Canada	61	NR ^a	7.5-20.4-13 ^a	NR	NR	14-40 ^a	S, VIT	Longitudinal, rituximab cohort	NR	NR
Sharma (2012) [29]	India	18	None	8.14-18	6	NR	<18	S, C, A, Cyt, VCB, IPI, Sp	Care center	①	4
Rie (2009) [20]	South Korea	11	None	6.5-6.5-16.4	1	NR	13.7-1-48	RI, S, Sp	Care center	①	4
Popalovic (2010) [31]	Czech Republic	18	None	4-9	NR	NR	NR	S, VIT, AL, antiD	Care center	①	1-4
Semada (2010) [32]	Peru	7	None	4-9	1	27.14-72	NR	S, VIT	Care center	NR	NR
Wang (2011) [33]	China	21	None	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Care center	①-③	1-4

323 pazienti in età pediatrica

Rituximab – efficacia review



Complete Response
(PLTs > 100 x10⁹/L)
39%

Response
(PLTs > 30 x 10⁹/L)
68%

Durata mediana risposta
12.8 mesi

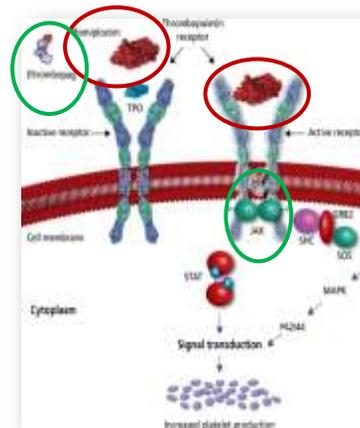
Agonisti del recettore della TPO

ROMIPILOSTIM

- Agonista peptidico del recettore della TPO (4 catene)
- Non omologie con TPO endogeno, non immunogenico
- Compete con la TPO endogena
- **Somministrato s.c. 1 v/sett**

ELTROMBOPAG

- Agonista del recettore della TPO non peptidico
- Non omologie con TPO endogeno, non immunogenico
- Lega il dominio transmembrana (non compete con TPO)
- **Somministrato per os con T/2 di 24-40 ore**
- **Interferenza con cationi polivalenti (calcio, alluminio...)**



Agonisti TPO - Efficacia

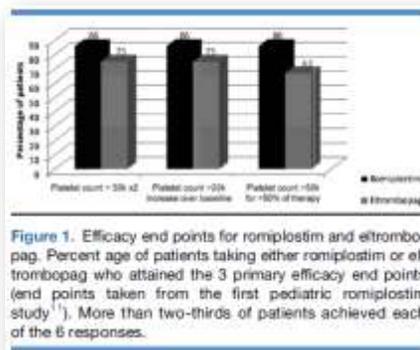


Figure 1. Efficacy end points for romiplostim and eltrombopag. Percent age of patients taking either romiplostim or eltrombopag who attained the 3 primary efficacy end points (end points taken from the first pediatric romiplostim study¹). More than two-thirds of patients achieved each of the 6 responses.

Conclusion Retrospective analysis of off-study use of TPO agents in children with mainly chronic ITP showed increases in platelet counts in more than 4 of 5 children. The long-term use of TPO agents, up to 53 months, without tachyphylaxis supports their efficacy. These agents appear safe, effective, and tolerable in children with chronic ITP. (*J Pediatr* 2014;165:600-5).

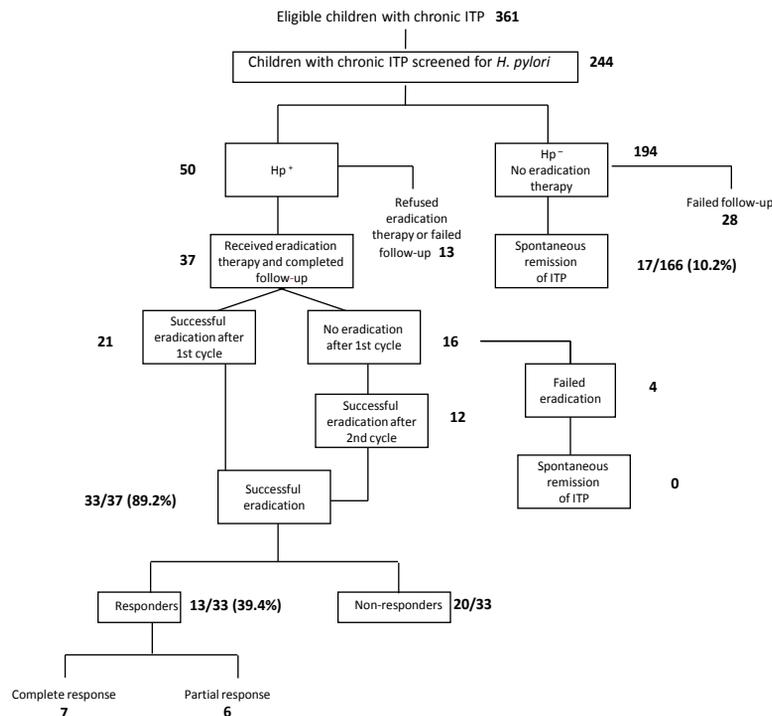
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The 2011 American Society of Hematology (ASH) guidelines (Neunert *et al*, 2011) do not recommend investigating for *H. pylori*, due to lack of evidence base. However, diagnosing and treating *H. pylori* is easy, has few adverse effects (if any) and, if responsive, may allow children to avoid other prolonged therapy. Further analysis is warranted.

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Splenectomy in Children With Chronic ITP: Long-Term Efficacy and Relation Between its Outcome and Responses to Previous Treatments



TABLE I. Patient Characteristics

Mean age at diagnosis (years)	8 ± 3.9
Mean age at splenectomy (years)	11.3 ± 4.2
Mean duration of follow-up (months)	47 ± 36
Number of subjects with platelet count constantly above 50 × 10 ⁹ /L after splenectomy	68 (75%)
Number of subjects with improvement of social and sport activity after splenectomy	79 (88%)

Infections

There were 10 infectious episodes (0.028 patient/year) during the follow-up. One 10-year-old boy, splenectomized 6 years earlier, died 2 hr after admission for profound asthenia and fever of undetermined etiology. No difference in infection incidence was observed between patients who did or did not receive antibiotic prophylaxis.

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C'è indicazione alla trasfusione di piastrine?

Le trasfusioni i piastrine hanno scarso beneficio visto che gli allergeni piastrinica sono presenti in tutte le piastrine.

In caso di rischio emorragico per la vita si infondono 2 - 4 U/m² ogni 6-8 ore o 0,5 – 1 U/m² per ora

Conclusioni

Al momento non sono disponibili linee guida che definiscano la priorità di una opzione terapeutica rispetto alle altre

Ciascun farmaco presenta un profilo di efficacia e sicurezza unico, in alcuni casi non ancora completamente definito

Numerose sono le variabili che devono essere prese in considerazione al fine di identificare il trattamento più idoneo per ciascun paziente

Take-home message

Qualunque decisione terapeutica deve essere condivisa con i piccoli pazienti e con le loro famiglie, con l'obiettivo di migliorarne globalmente la qualità della vita