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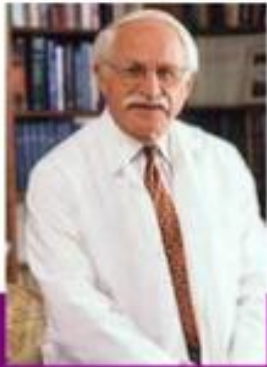


# La prevenzione della sarcopenia nelle residenze per anziani

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Irwin Rosenberg (1989)

Sarcopenia : the observed age-related decline in muscle mass

Age-related loss of muscle mass

Age-related loss of muscle strength

Low muscle mass in old age

Since 1989

Loss of muscle mass

Loss of muscle strength

Low muscle strength in old age

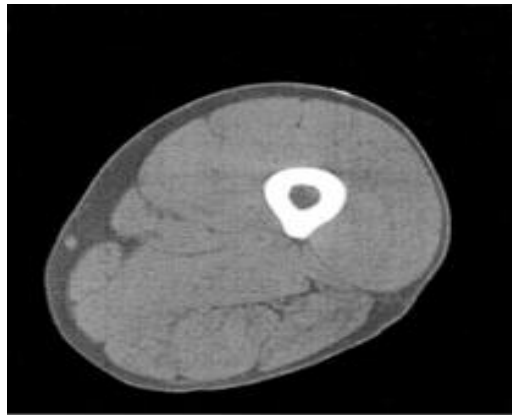
Low muscle mass, muscle strength and function in old age

# Sarcopenia an old concept

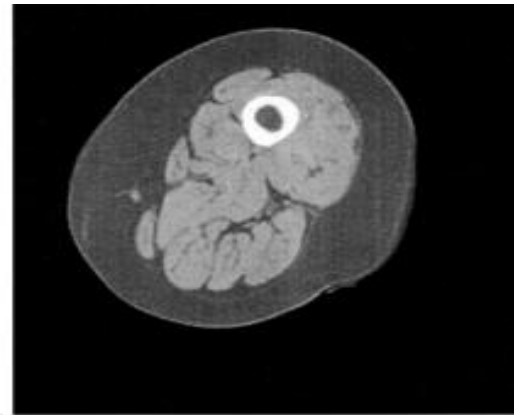
- Ippocrate (460-370 A.C.) così descrive la cachessia: *“La carne si consuma e si trasforma in acqua... le spalle, le clavicole, il torace e le cosce si squagliano. Questa malattia è fatale”*

# Sarcopenia

- Massa muscolare più ridotta del previsto in un soggetto di età, sesso, e razza specificati.
- Perdita età associata della massa muscolare e della forza muscolare



Giovane, attivo



Anziano, Sedentario

# Geriatricians: The Super Specialists

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## Table 1. The Modern Giants of Geriatrics

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1. Frailty
  2. Sarcopenia
  3. Anorexia of aging
  4. Mild cognitive impairment
  5. Delirium
  6. Falls
  7. Depression
  8. Dementia
  9. Polypharmacy
  10. Fatigue
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## Geriatric Syndromes: Clinical, Research, and Policy Implications of a Core Geriatric Concept

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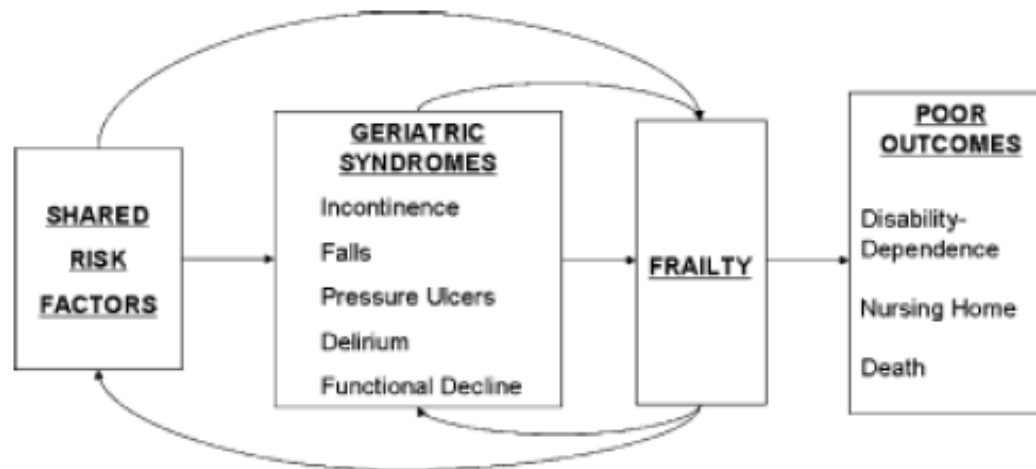
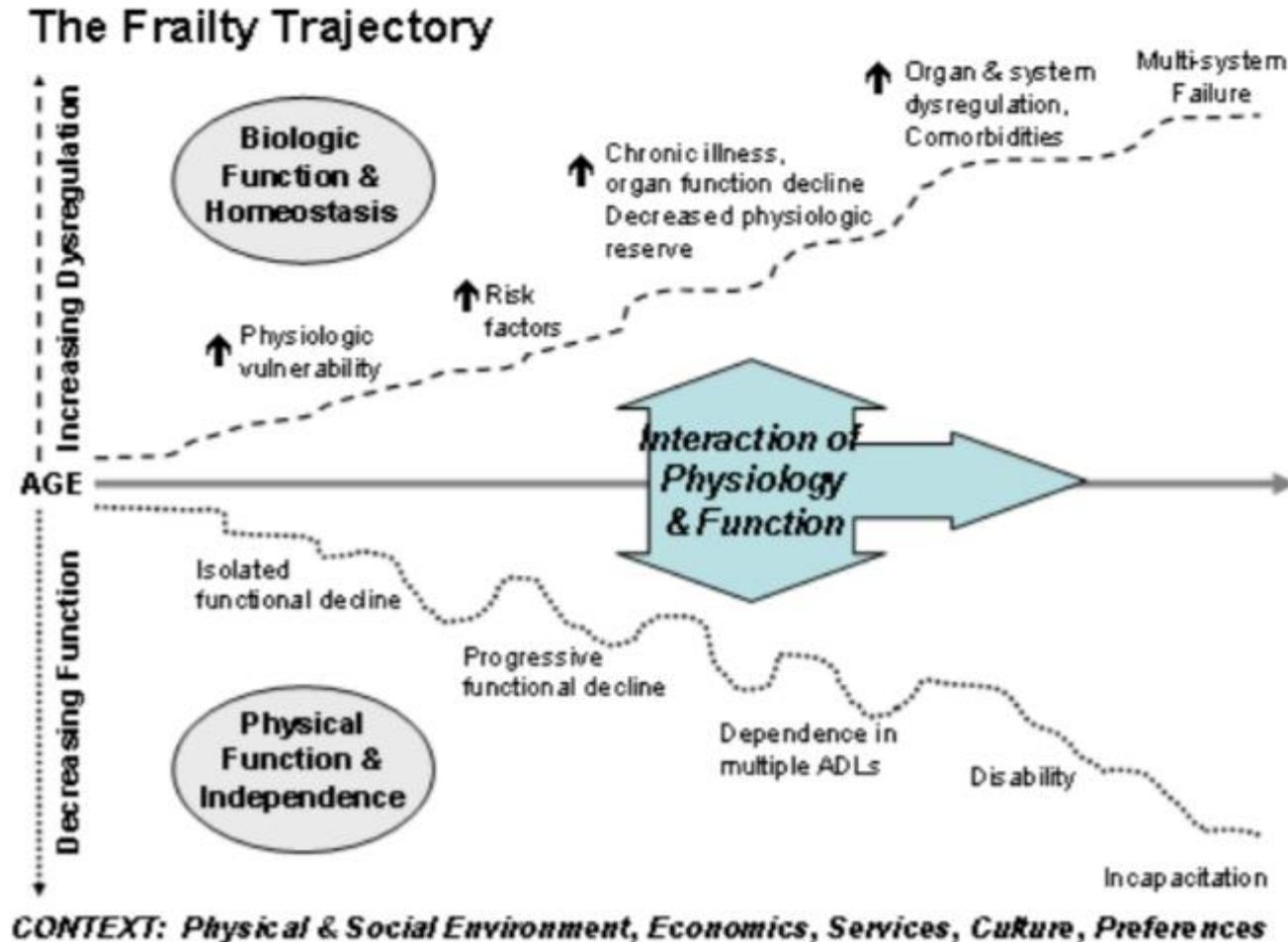
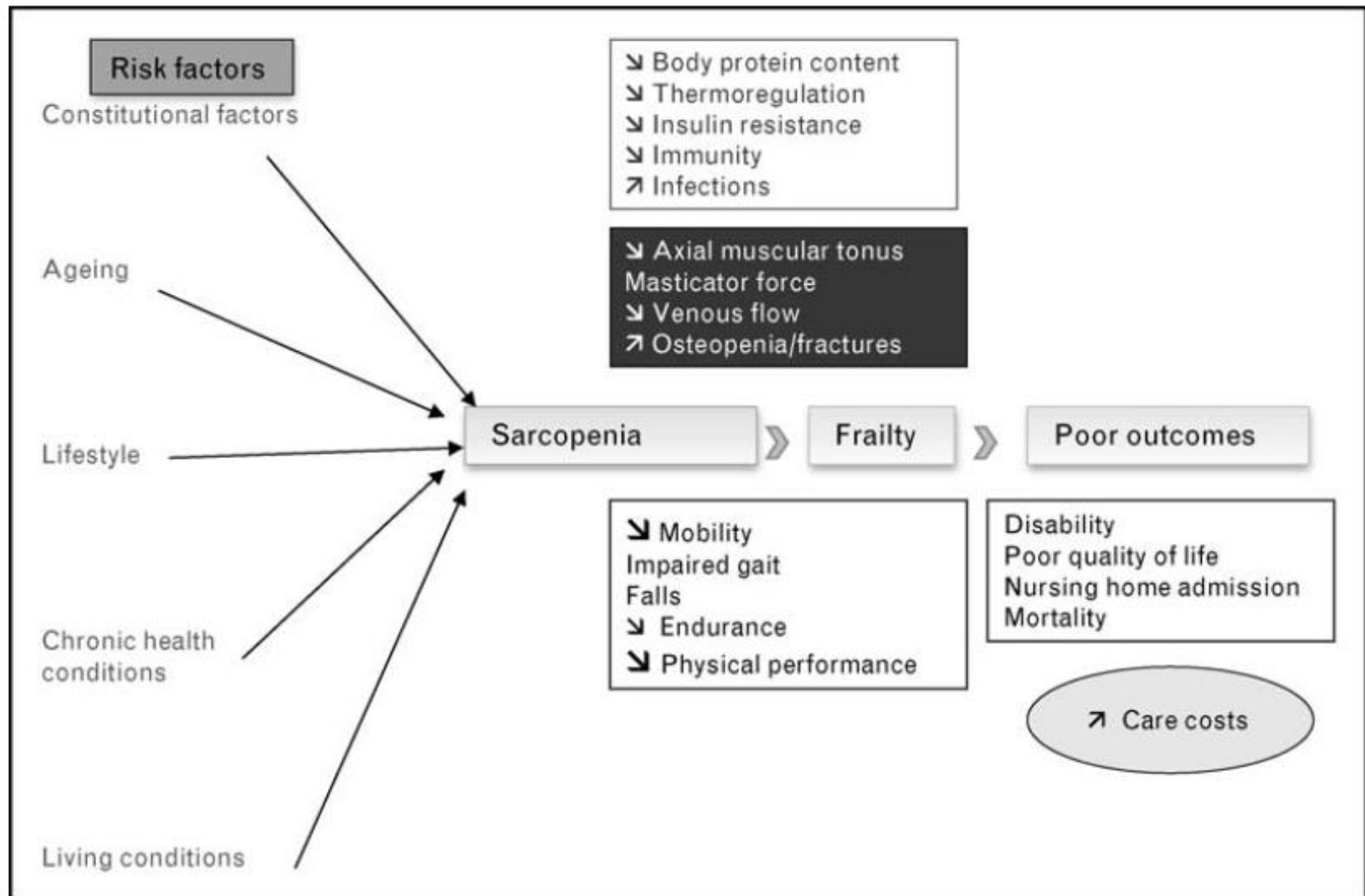


Figure 2. A unifying conceptual model demonstrates that shared risk factors may lead to geriatric syndromes, which may in turn lead to frailty, with feedback mechanisms enhancing the presence of shared risk factors and geriatric syndromes. Such self-sustaining pathways may result in poor outcomes involving disability dependence, nursing home placement, and ultimately death, thus holding important implications for elucidating pathophysiological mechanisms and designing effective intervention strategies.

# The frailty trajectory



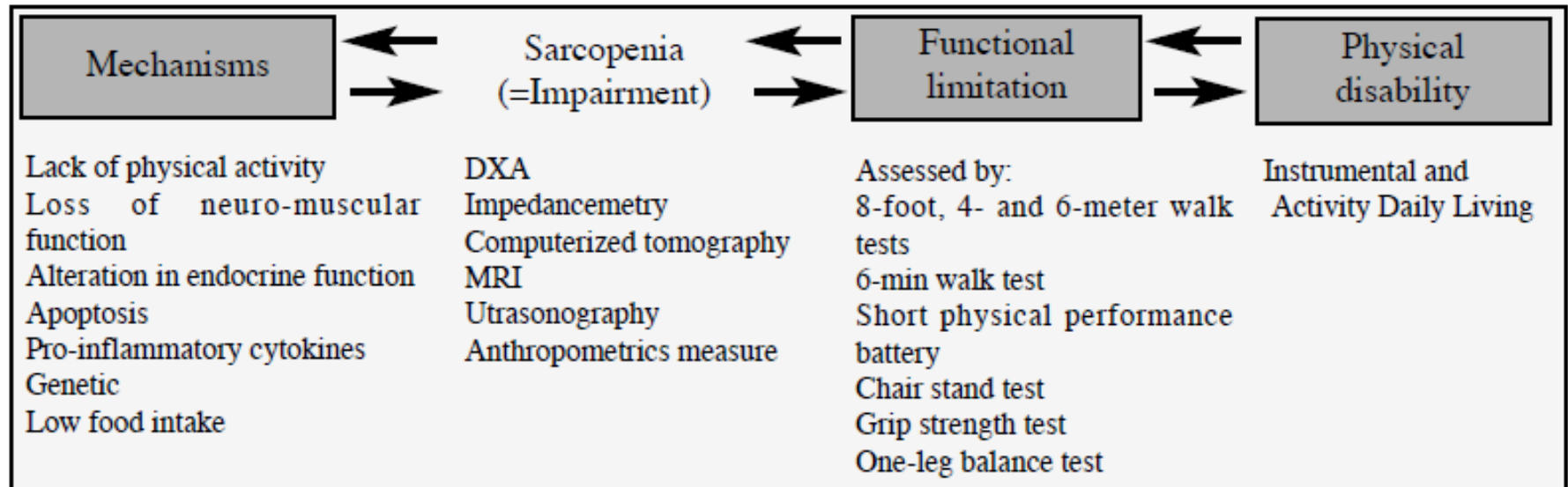
# Understanding sarcopenia as a geriatric syndrome





# From sarcopenia to disability

## Sarcopenia and the disability process



# A life course model of sarcopenia

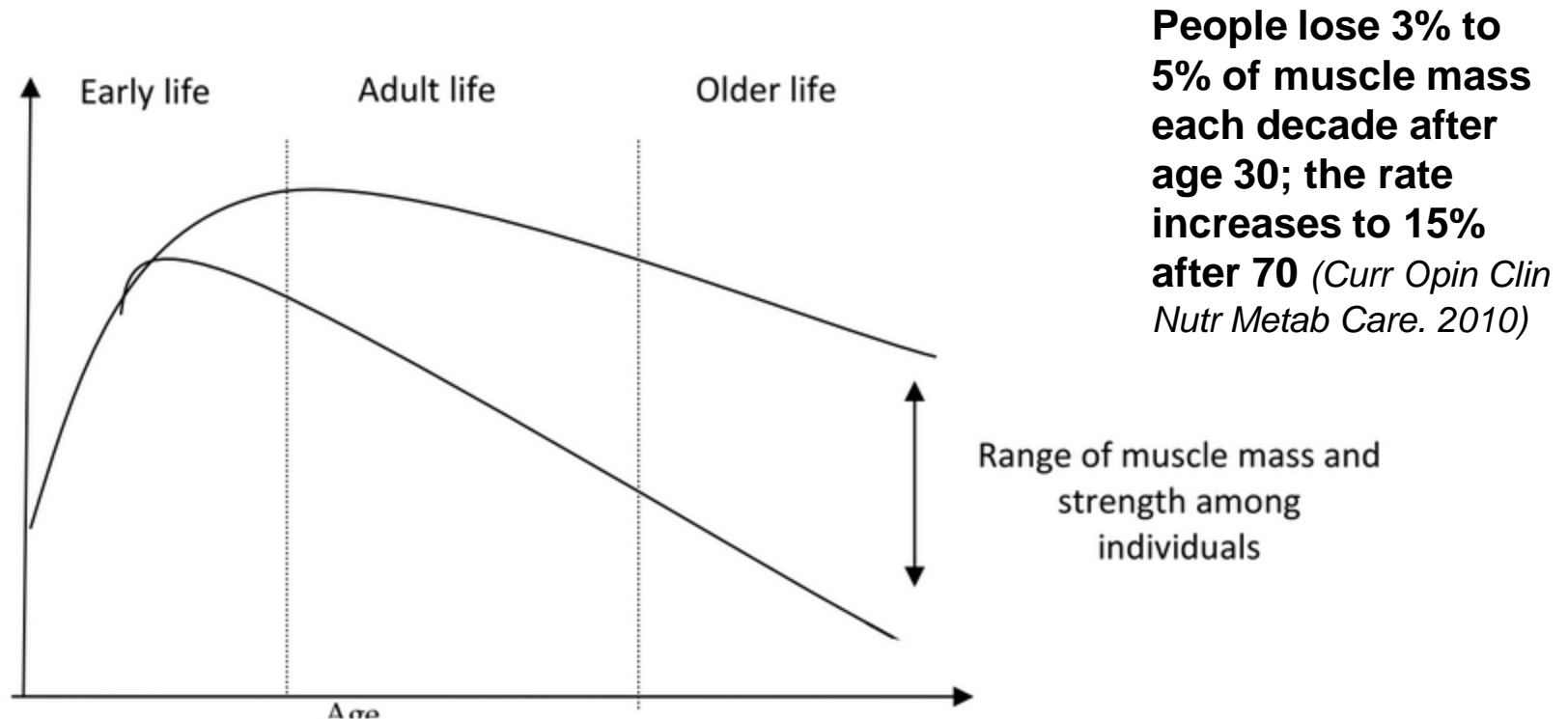


Fig. 1. A life course model of sarcopenia.

# EWGSOP working definition of sarcopenia

Sarcopenia is a syndrome characterized by progressive and generalized loss of skeletal muscle mass and strength with a risk of adverse outcomes such as physical disability, poor quality of life and death.

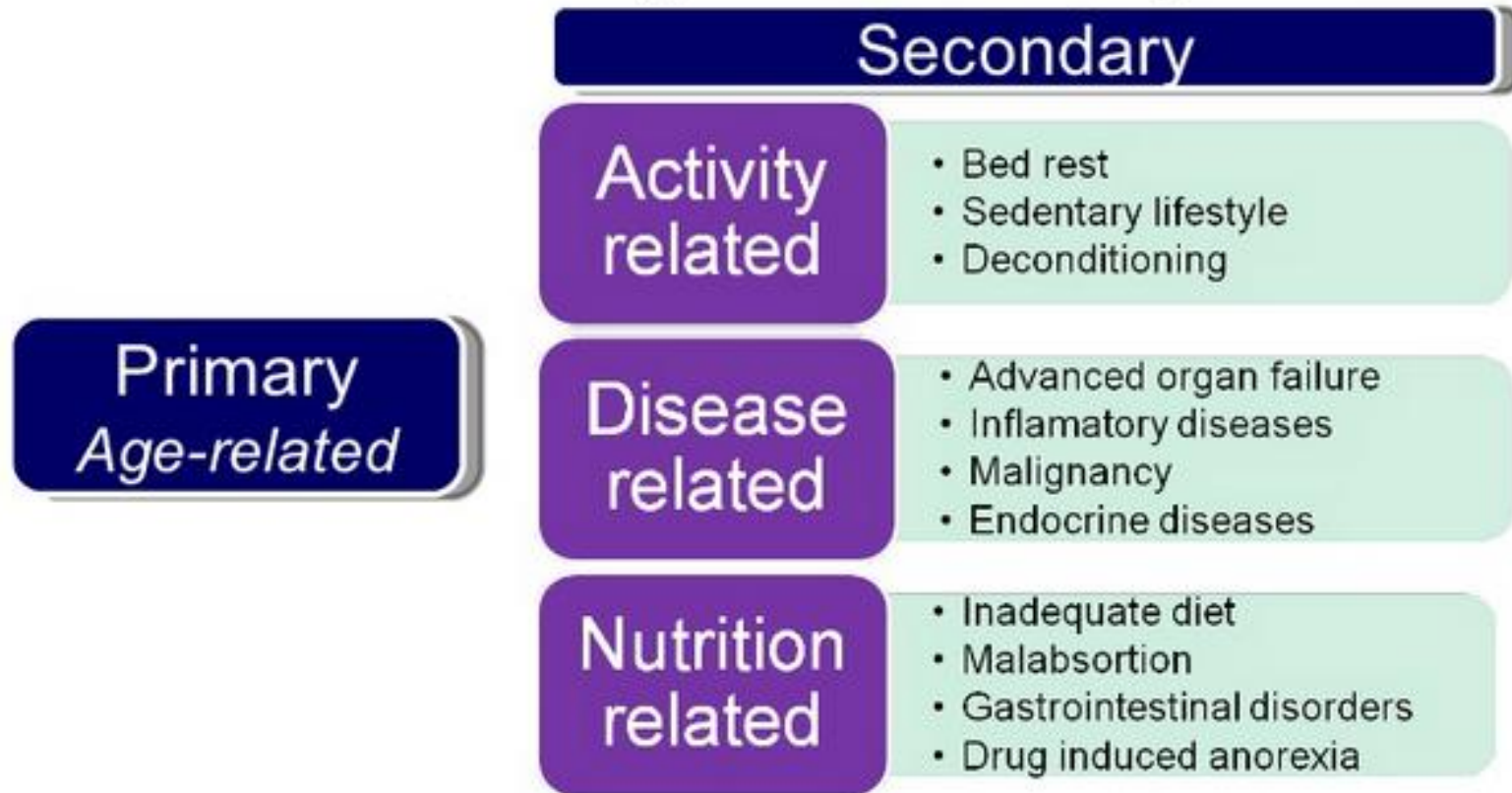
## CRITERIA FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF SARCOPENIA



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## EWGSOP Categories of sarcopenia



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# Sarcopenia: definition

- Definition:

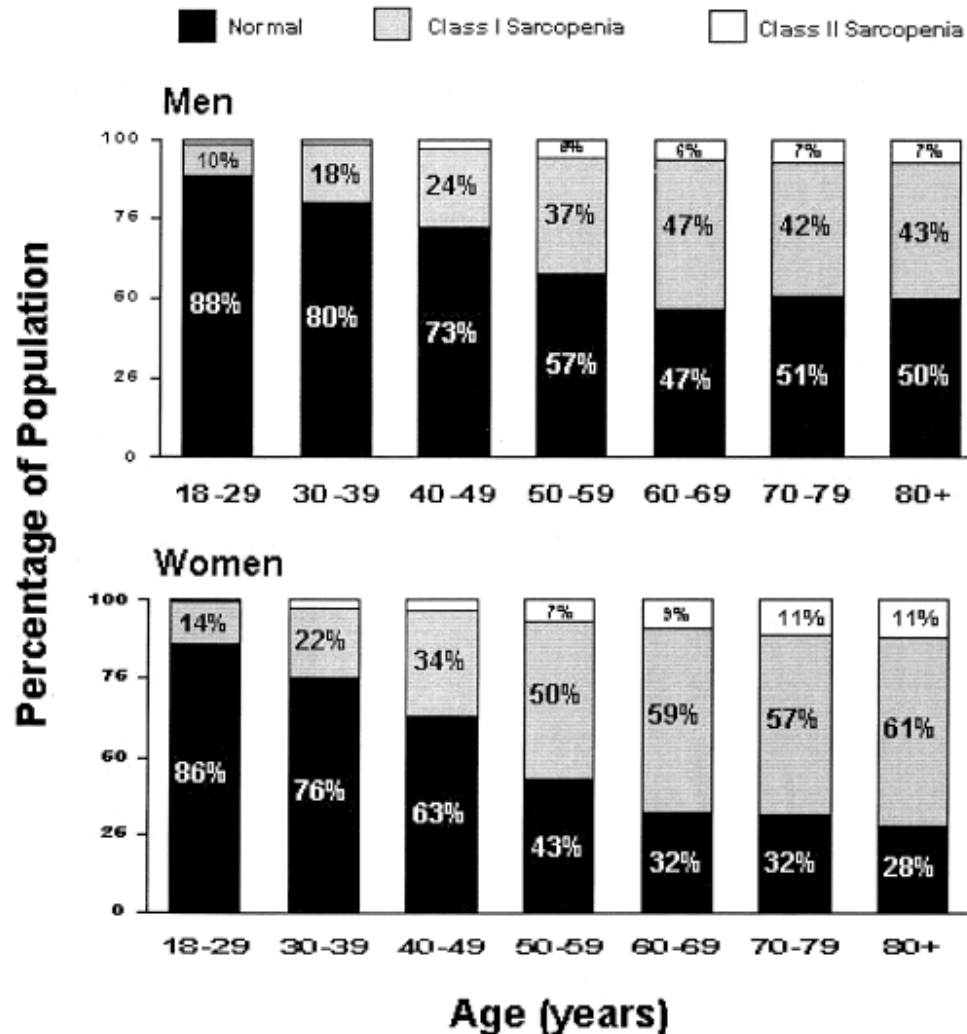
EWGSOP conceptual stages of sarcopenia

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Stage	Muscle mass	Muscle strength	Performance
Presarcopenia	↓		
Sarcopenia	↓	↓	Or ↓
Severe sarcopenia	↓	↓	↓

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# Prevalenza della sarcopenia



## Translational Article

### Special Issue on Muscle Function and Sarcopenia

# Prevalence and Risk Factors of Sarcopenia Among Nursing Home Older Residents

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## Prevalence and risk factors of sarcopenia among adults living in nursing homes



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Prevalence  
Residential care  
Nursing home  
Risk factors

**Keywords:** Prevalence; Residential care; Nursing home; Risk factors  
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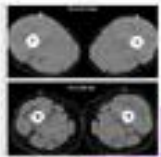
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# EWGSOP working definition of sarcopenia

## Suggested measures to diagnose sarcopenia



### MUSCLE MASS

- BIA
- DEXA
  
- CT
- MRI



### MUSCLE STRENGTH

- Handgrip strength
  
- Knee flexion-extension
- PEF



### PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE

- SPPB
- Gait speed
- Get up&Go
  
- Stair climbing

**Table 2** The Red Flag method

	Red flags
Clinician's observation	General weakness of the subject Visual identification of loss of muscle mass Low walking speed
Subject's presenting features	Loss of weight Loss of muscle strength, in arms or in legs General weakness Fatigue Falls Mobility impairment Loss of energy Difficulties in physical activities or activities of daily living
Clinician's assessment	Nutrition Body weight Physical activity

**Table 1** Applicability of the existing tools for the assessment of muscle mass, muscle strength and physical performance in research and clinical settings

	Applicable in research settings	Applicable in specialist clinical settings	Applicable in primary care settings
Assessment of muscle mass			
<i>DXA</i>	+++	+++	+
<i>Anthropometric measurements</i>	+	++	++
<i>CT-scan</i>	+++	++	+
<i>MRI</i>	+++	++	+
<i>BIA</i>	++	++	+
Assessment of muscle strength			
<i>Handgrip strength</i>	+++	+++	+++
<i>Lower limb muscle strength</i>	+++	++	+
<i>Repeated chair stands test</i>	+	+	++
Assessment of physical performance			
<i>Gait speed</i>	+++	+++	+++
<i>Timed Up and Go test</i>	++	+	+
<i>Balance test</i>	+	+	+
<i>6-min walk test</i>	++	+	+
<i>400 m walk test</i>	++	+	+
<i>Stair climb test</i>	++	+	+
<i>SPPB test</i>	+++	++	+

*SPPB* Short Physical Performance Battery

Nb. The group has chosen to attribute to each tool +++ (best recommended tool) or ++ (best alternative tool) or + (less recommended tool) based on the availability and the costs of the tool, the required time for the examination and the availability of robust cut-off points

## SPPB ( SHOTR PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE BATTERY )

La scala SPPB è una breve batteria di Test nata per valutare la funzionalità degli arti inferiori. Questa batteria è costituita da 3 sezioni diverse:

1. valutazione dell'equilibrio in 3 prove :
  - a) il mantenimento della posizione a piedi uniti per 10"
  - b) la posizione di semi-tandem per 10" ( alluce di lato al calcagno )
  - c) la posizione tandem sempre per 10" (alluce dietro al tallone)

il punteggio di questa sezione varia da un minimo di 0 se il paziente non riesce a mantenere la posizione a piedi uniti per almeno 10" ad un massimo di 4 se riesce a compiere tutte e tre le prove

2. la seconda delle prove è diretta a valutare il cammino ( gait ) su 4 metri lineari ed a seconda del tempo della performance il punteggio della sezione varia da 0 se incapace, ad 1 punto se la performance ha una durata maggiore di 8,7 secondi, ad un massimo di 4 se riesce ad assolvere il compito in meno di 4,8 secondi
3. la terza sezione della batteria indaga la capacità di eseguire, per 5 volte consecutive, il sit to stand da una sedia senza utilizzare gli arti superiori che a tale proposito devono essere incrociati davanti al petto. Anche in questo caso il punteggio varia da 0 se incapace oppure la performance ha una durata maggiore di 60 secondi, ad un massimo di 4 se tale performance è svolta a meno di 11,2 secondi

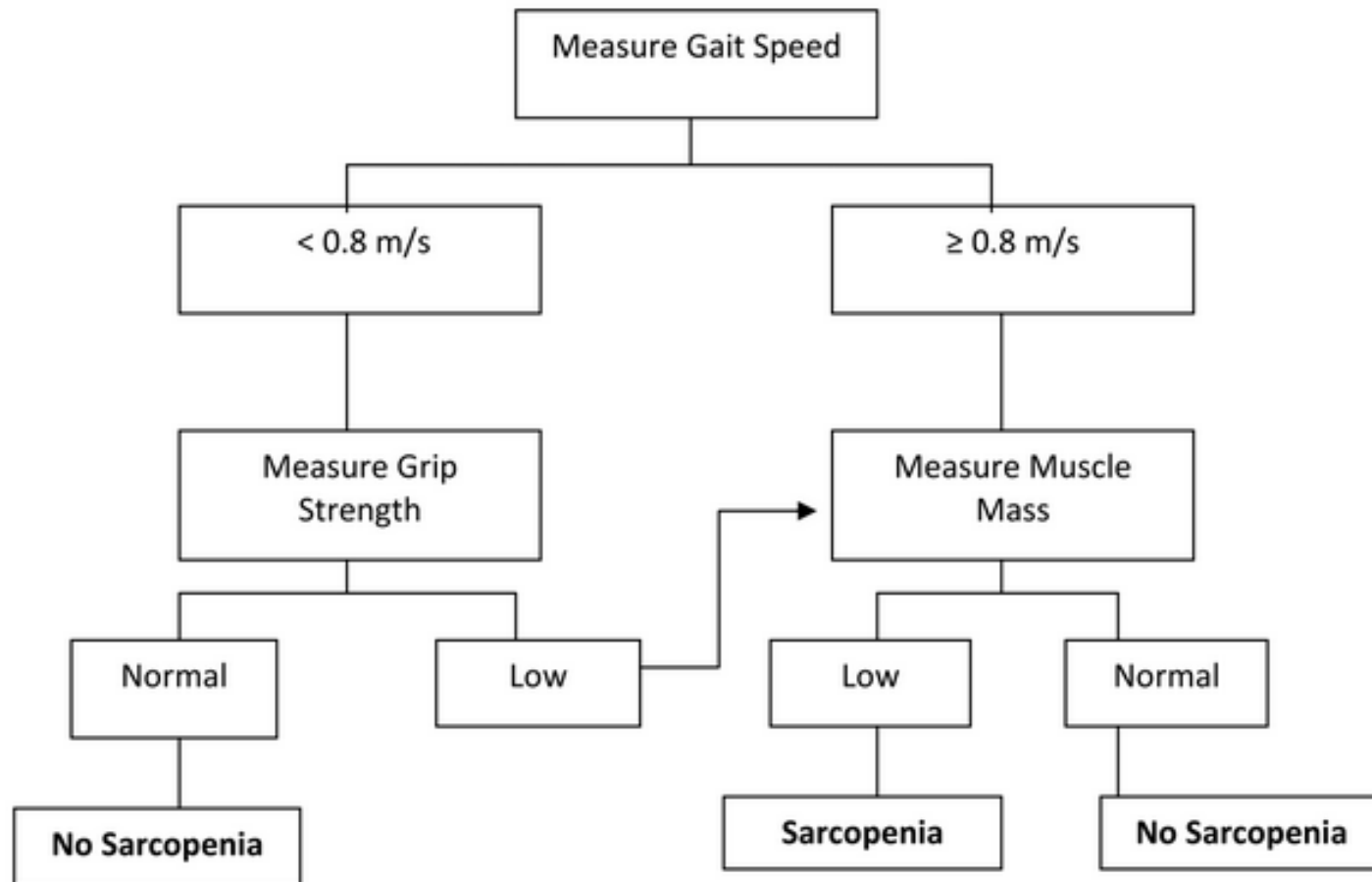
Il punteggio totale della scala ha quindi un range da 0 a 12

## SPPB ( SHORT PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE BATTERY )

	0	1	2	3	4
<b>EQUILIBRIO</b>					
<b>prova</b>	piedi paralleli	semitandem 0-9"	tandem 0-2"	tandem 3-9"	tandem 10"
<b>CAMMINO</b>					
<b>tempo 4 mt</b>	incapace	> 7,5"	5,4-7,4"	4,1-5,3"	< 4,1"
<b>SIT to STAND</b>					
<b>tempo</b>	incapace	> 16,6"	13,7-16,6"	11,2-13,6"	< 11,2"

Punteggio totale SPPB      / 12

# EWGSOP suggested algorithm for screening and case finding of sarcopenia



Source: Report of the EWGSOP. Sarcopenia: European consensus on definition and diagnosis. Age and Ageing, 2010; 39: 412-423.

# Conseguenze della sarcopenia

## **Rischio per l'impairment funzionale e la disabilità**

- 2 volte più alto in soggetti sarcopenici di sesso maschile
- 3 volte più alto in soggetti sarcopenici di sesso femminile

*Janssen I et al, J Am Geriatr Soc 2002; 50: 889 – 896*

## **Aumentato rischio di outcome negativi (mortalità e disabilità) in corso di ricovero ospedaliero**

*Cerri AP, Bellelli G et al Clin Nutr. 2015;34:745-51*

## **Ridotta forza muscolare scheletrica predice la mortalità da tutte le cause**

*Metter EJ et al, J Gerontol Series A 2002; 57: B359 - 365*

## **Costi diretti stimati in termini di spesa sanitaria negli USA: 18.5 miliardi**

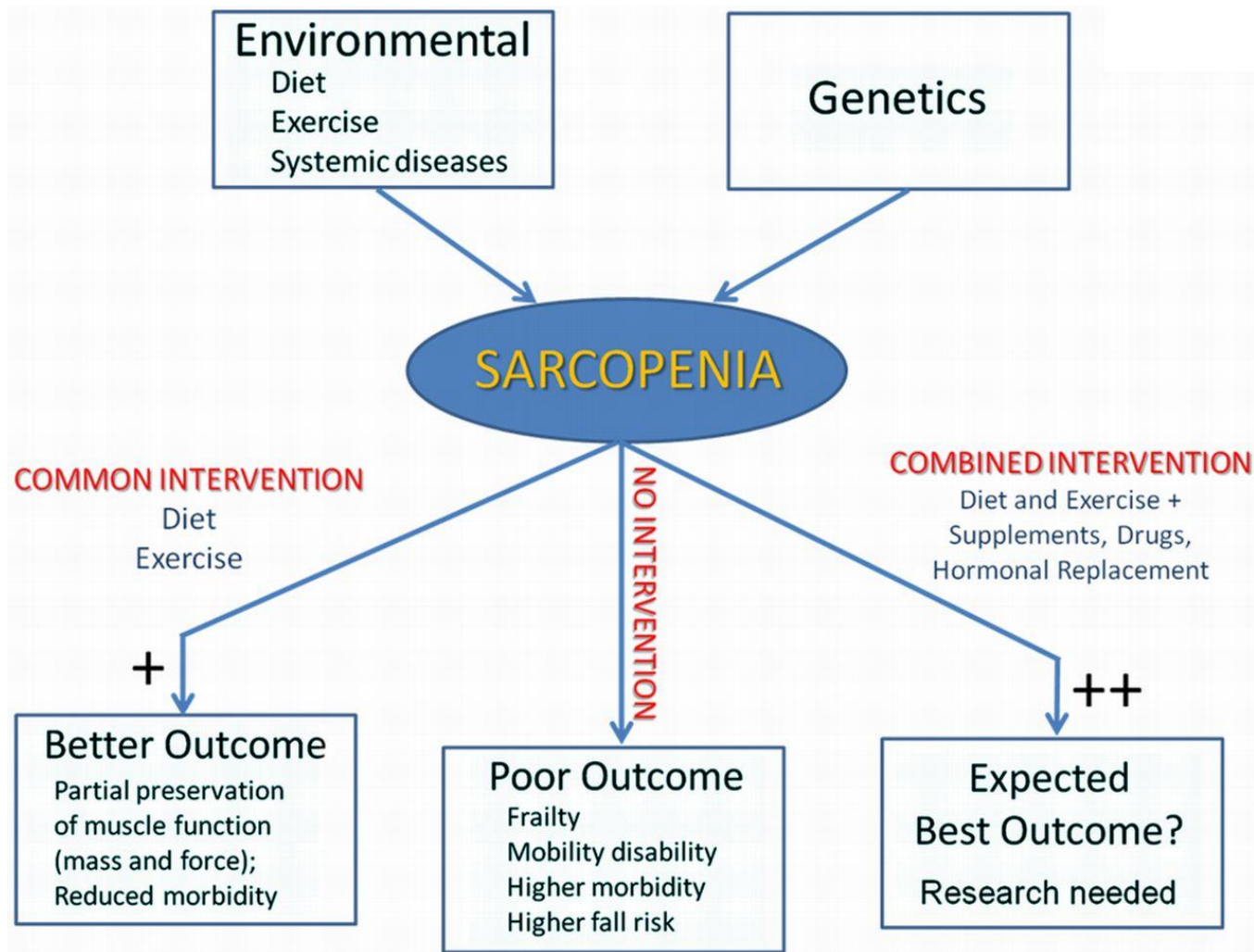
*Janssen I et al, J Am Geriatr Soc 2004; 52: 80 - 85*

# Sarcopenia and psychogeriatric syndromes

- In cross sectional studies sarcopenia is more frequent in AD, then in MCI and in controls (23.3%, 12.5%, 8.6%) (*Sugimoto T, Curr Alzheimer Res. 2016*); in severe dementia about 70% of patients have sarcopenia (*Sarabia Cobo CM; JARCP 2012*)
- In cross sectional studies sarcopenia is associated with depressive symptoms (OR 2.2) and cognitive impairment (OR 3) (*Hsu GH; Geriatr Gerontol Int 2014*); about 60% of sarcopenic subjects present disability and cognitive impairment (*Tolea MI, Clinical Interventions in Aging 2015*)
- In longitudinal studies sarcopenia is a predictor of cognitive decline (OR 2.2) (*Moon JO; JNHA 2015*)
- Loss of weight, motoric dysfunction, eating behavior are early sign of cognitive impairment (*Joi T, JAMDA 2015*)



# Model illustrating the known influences on the development of sarcopenia and the consequences of treating and not treating.



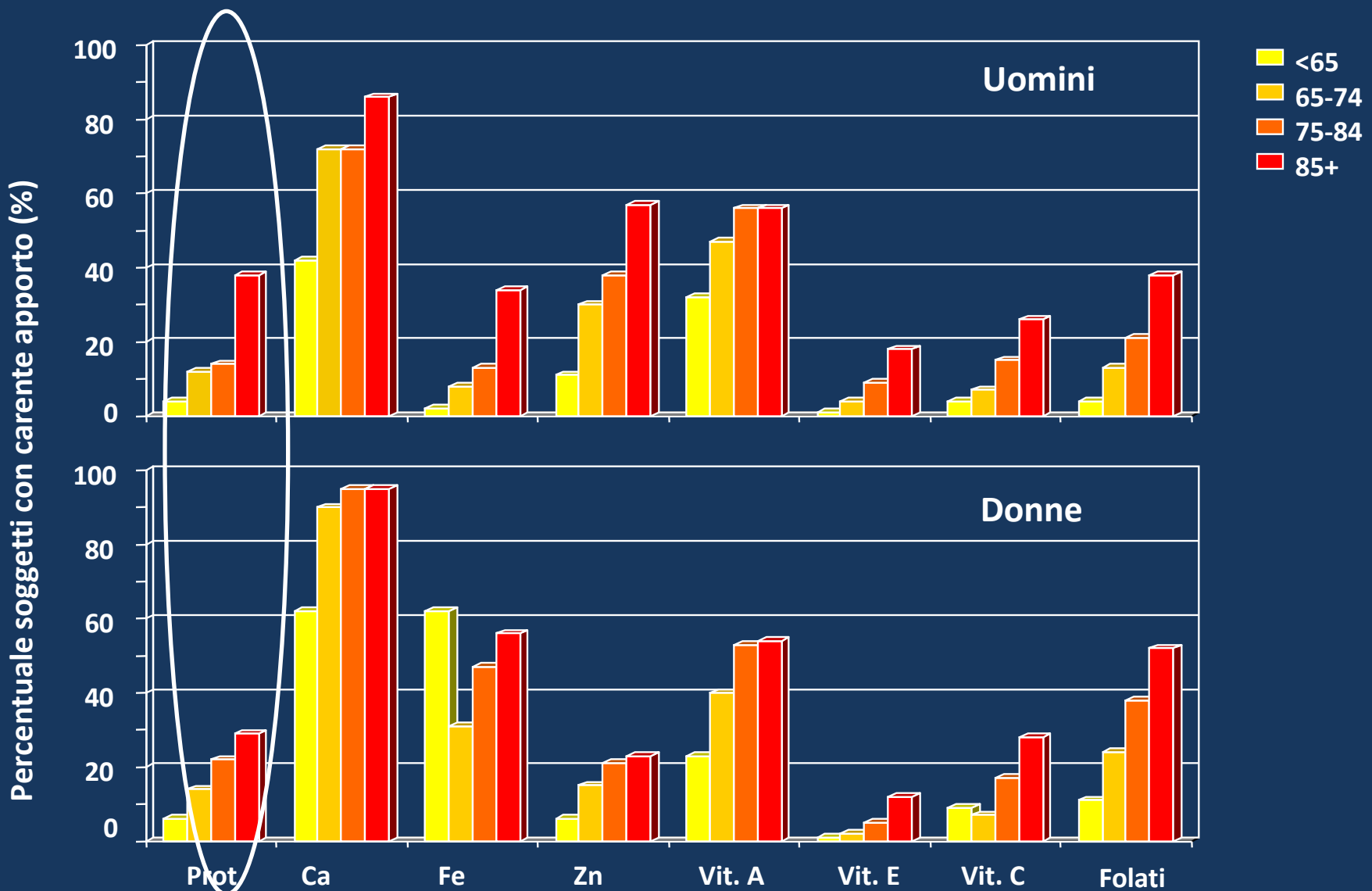
Marco Brotto, and Eduardo L. Abreu J Pharmacol Exp Ther  
2012;343:540-546

# Risk factors for sarcopenia

Factors	Ageing process	Chronic health conditions
Constitutional Female sex Low birth weight Genetic susceptibility	Increased muscle turnover ↑ Catabolic stimuli ↑ Protein degradation Low-grade inflammation ↓ Anabolic stimuli ↓ Protein synthesis  Reduced number of muscle cells ↑ Myostatin (↓ recruitment) ↑ Apoptosis	Cognitive impairment Mood disturbances Diabetes mellitus Heart failure Liver failure Renal failure Respiratory failure Osteoarthritis Chronic pain  Obesity  Catabolic effects of drugs
Lifestyle Malnutrition Low protein intake Alcohol abuse Smoking Physical inactivity	Hormonal deregulation ↓ Testosterone, DHEA production ↓ Oestrogen production ↓ 1-25 (OH) <sub>2</sub> vitamin D ↑ Thyroid function ↓ Growth hormone, IGF-1 ↑ Insulin resistance	
Living conditions Starvation Bed rest, immobility, deconditioning Weightlessness	Changes in neuromuscular system ↓ CNS input (loss of α-motor neurons) Neuromuscular disjunction ↓ Ciliary neurotrophic factor (CNTF) ↓ Motor unit firing rate  Mitochondrial dysfunction ↓ Peripheral vascular flow	Cancer? Chronic inflammatory disease?

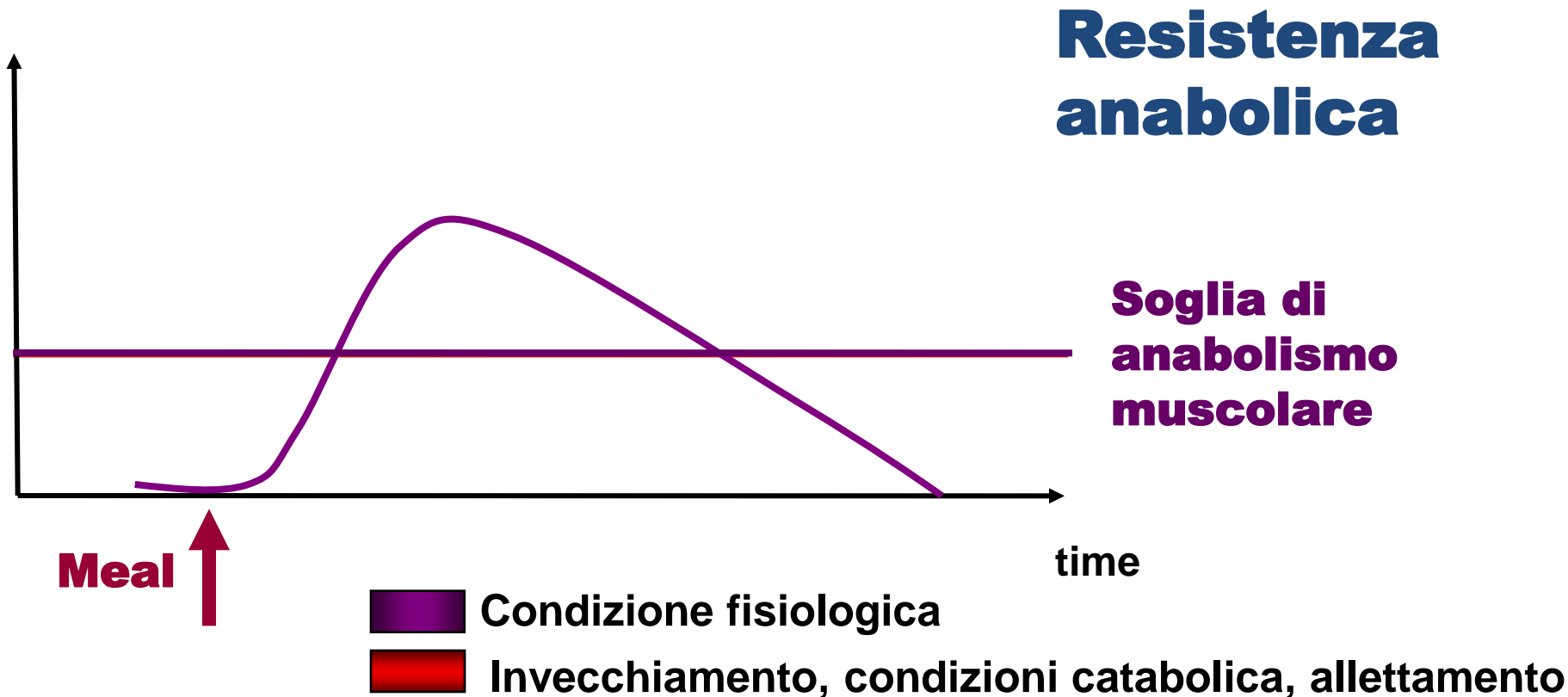
CNS, central nervous system; DHEA, dehydroepiandrosterone; IGF-1, insulin-like growth factor-1.

# Percentuale di soggetti con un carente apporto rispetto ai LARN



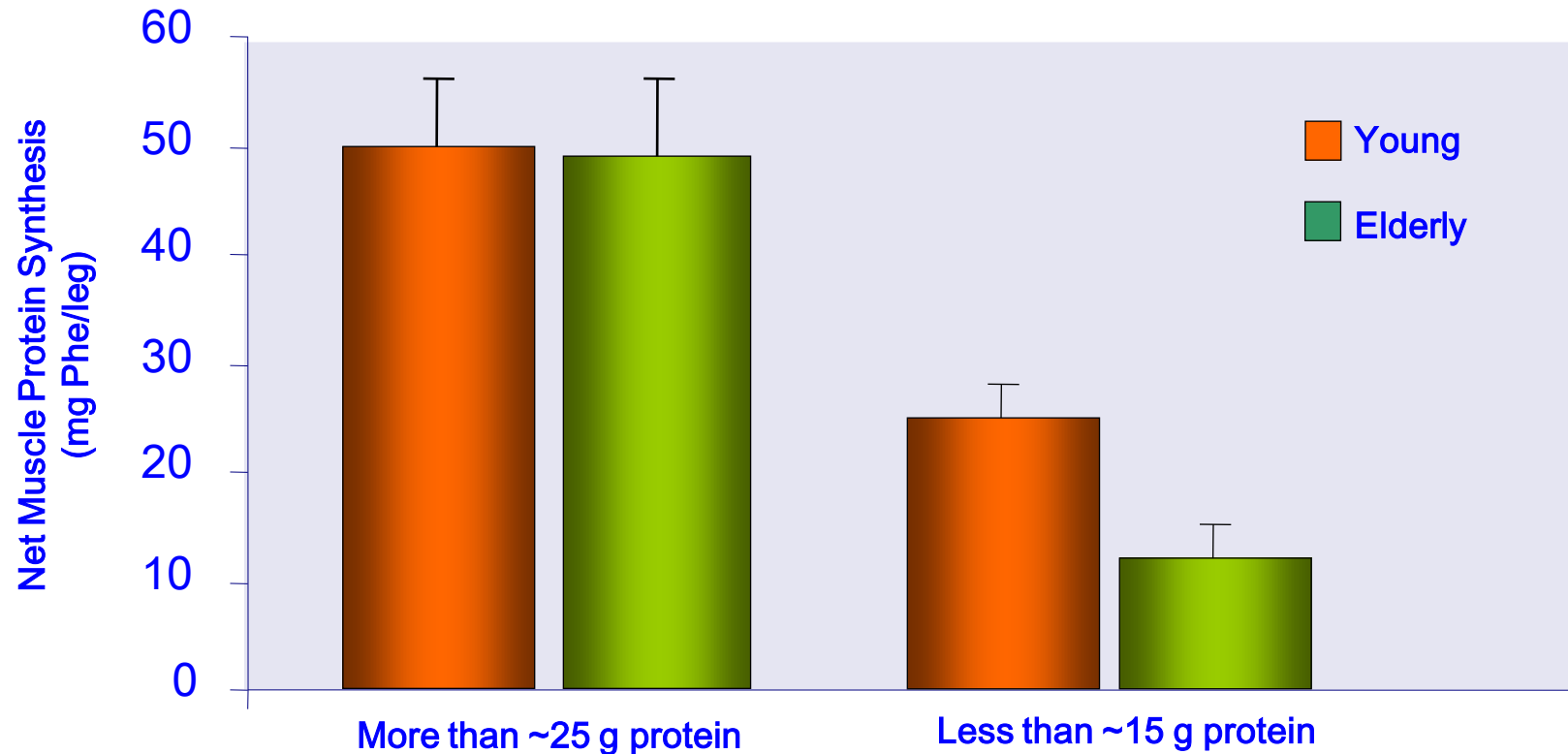
# Resistenza anabolica muscolare

Stimolatori dell'anabolismo



# Aging is associated with diminished accretion of muscle proteins after the ingestion of a small bolus of essential amino acids<sup>1-3</sup>

*Christos S Katsanos, Hisamine Kobayashi, Melinda Sheffield-Moore, Asle Aarmland, and Robert R Wolfe*





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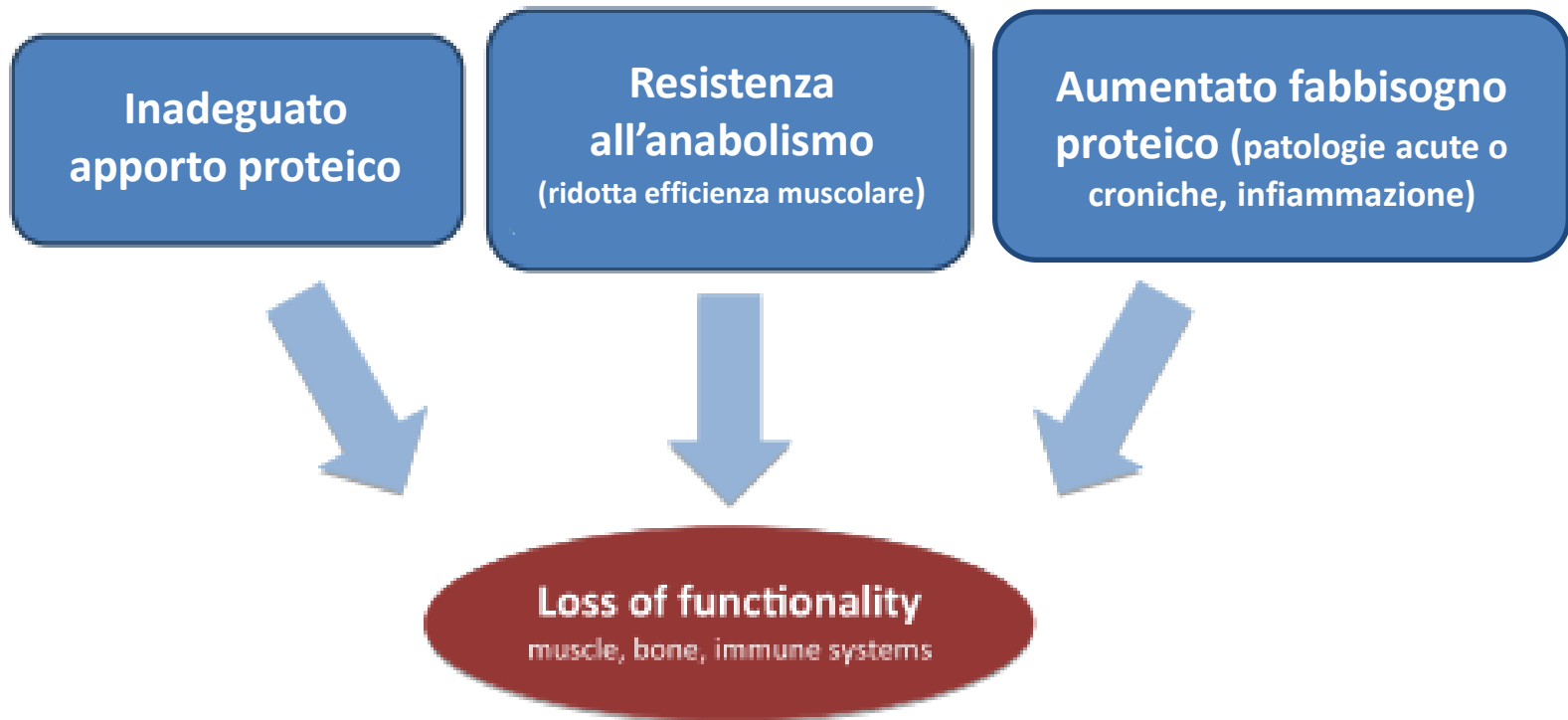
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### PROT-AGE recommendations for dietary protein intake in *healthy* older adults

- To maintain and regain muscle, older people need more dietary protein than do younger people; older people should consume an average daily intake in the range of 1.0 to 1.2 g/kg BW/d.
- The per-meal anabolic threshold of dietary protein/amino acid intake is higher in older individuals (ie, 25 to 30 g protein per meal, containing about 2.5 to 2.8 g leucine) in comparison with young adults.
- Protein source, timing of intake, and amino acid supplementation may be considered when making recommendations for dietary protein intake by older adults.
- More research studies with better methodologies are desired to fine tune protein needs in older adults.

### Fabbisogni proteici nell'anziano :

1,0-1,2 g / Kg / die

25-30 g di proteine per pasto

2,8 g di leucina per pasto

Timing di assunzione

Fonte proteica

Fino a 1,2 -1,5 g / Kg / die  
durante malattie acute o  
croniche

# Sarcopenia and vitamin D

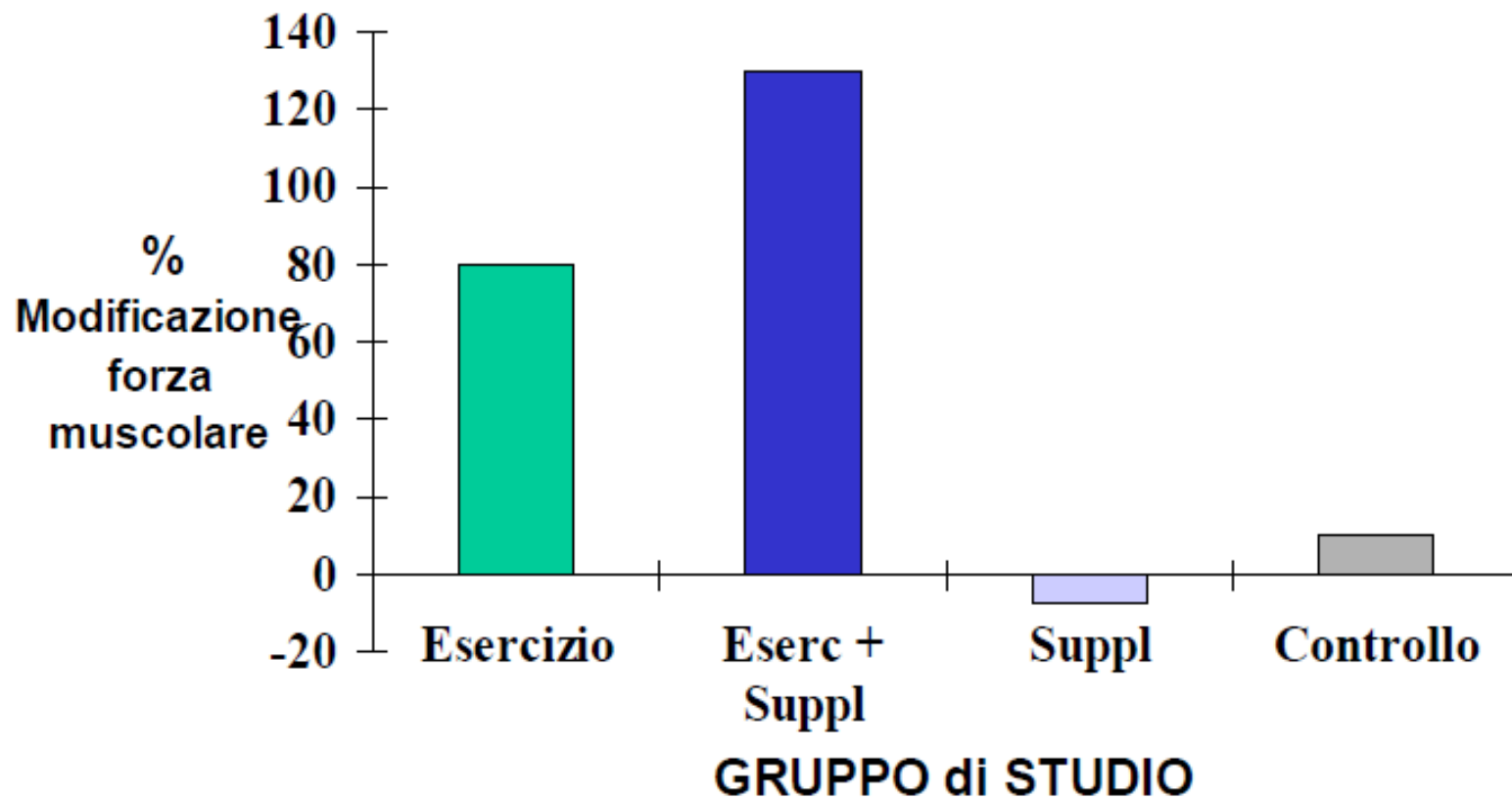
- High prevalence of vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency (25OHD<75nmol/L): 30 to 90 % of elderly
  - decreased skin production, dietary deficiency, increased covering of the skin, use of sunscreen, decreased sun exposure, metabolic alterations
- Low vitamin D levels are associated with:
  - reduced muscle mass and strength
  - gait impairments
  - decreased balance
  - increased risk of falls
- Those with low vitamin D levels are at greater risk of long term decline in physical performance when 25OHD levels are <50nmol/l, and especially when <25 nmol/l



# Approccio nutrizionale per ottimizzare l'azione anabolizzante delle proteine.

- Adeguato apporto proteico, in grado di soddisfare i bisogni specifici per l'età
- Incrementare la biodisponibilità degli aminoacidi (digeribilità, distribuzione della quota proteica, proteine a digestione rapida)
- Utilizzo di specifici substrati (leucina, vitamina D)

# Esercizio fisico e supplementazione nutrizionale



Fiatarone et al, NEJM 1994

TABLE 4: Effect of nutrients or dietary supplementations on metabolic correlates of sarcopenia.

Nutrients or dietary supplementations	Recommendations	Specific effect
Proteins: average daily intake	It is recommended that the total protein intake should be 1–1.2 g/kg/day [16]	
Proteins: timing of intake	It is recommended to have 30 grams of protein of high biological value for each meal [25]	The elderly, compared with younger subjects, would require a larger amount of protein to obtain the same maximization of protein synthesis
Proteins: fast and slow	It is recommended to have whey protein ingestion because whey protein ingestion results in greater postprandial protein retention than does casein ingestion [31]	The greater anabolic properties of whey than of casein are mainly attributed to the faster digestion and absorption kinetics of whey, which results in a greater increase in postprandial plasma amino acid availability and thereby further stimulates muscle protein synthesis. Moreover, whey has a considerably higher leucine content
Proteins: animal and vegetal sources	When the total protein intake is adequate, the source of protein consumed (vegetal or animal) does not influence muscle strength and size [36]	Increases in muscle strength and size were not influenced by the predominant source of protein consumed by older men with adequate total protein intake
Branched chain amino acids (BCAAs),	It is recommended to have an adequate daily leucine supplementation (3 g/day)	A high proportion of leucine is required for optimal stimulation of the rate of muscle protein synthesis by essential amino acids in the elderly

Beta-hydroxy-methylbutyrate (HMB)	It is recommended to have a daily intake of beta-hydroxy butyrate (HMB-b, 2 g/day) because it can attenuate the loss of muscle mass and increase muscle mass and strength [50]	Beta-hydroxy-beta-methylbutyrate is a product of leucine metabolism that has been shown to slow protein breakdown in muscle tissue
Creatine	It is recommended to have an adequate creatine supplementation because it could represent an intriguing intervention to counteract sarcopenia and in particular fatigue associated with sarcopenia; the timing of creatine ingestion (i.e., 0.03–0.5 g/kg before and after the sessions of resistance training) can be more relevant than the amount of creatine [73, 76]	The ingestion of an adequate creatine supplementation determines the increase in muscle phosphocreatine (PCr) and the energy provided for the phosphorylation of adenosine diphosphate (ADP) to adenosine triphosphate (ATP) during and after intense exercise largely depends on the amount of PCr stored in the muscle
Vitamin D	It is recommended to have a dietary vitamin D supplementation (800–1000 UI ergo-calciferol/day) in vitamin D deficient sarcopenic subjects [127]	Dietary vitamin D supplementation determines an increase of the expression of the receptors VDR (vitamin D receptor) in skeletal muscle
Antioxidants. vitamin E, vitamin C, carotenoids, and resveratrol	It is recommended to have a diet with high intake of fruits, vegetables whole grains, which is rich in antioxidant, and lower consumption of red meat and saturated fats, because it is associated with a reduced risk of inflammation correlated to oxidative damage [83]	Adherence to the diet rich in antioxidants is associated with lower circulating IL-6
Long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids (LCn-3PUFA)	It is recommended to have dietary long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids (1.86 g eicosapentaenoic acid and 1.50 g docosahexaenoic acid/day) supplementation [131]	Long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids (LCn-3PUFA) supplementation improves insulin-mediated glucose metabolism in insulin-resistant states and increases the activation (phosphorylation) of anabolic signaling proteins in muscle during administration of insulin and amino acids and increases the nonoxidative whole-body disposal of amino acids, an index of increased whole-body protein synthesis

## Protein intake and exercise for optimal muscle function with aging: Recommendations from the ESPEN Expert Group



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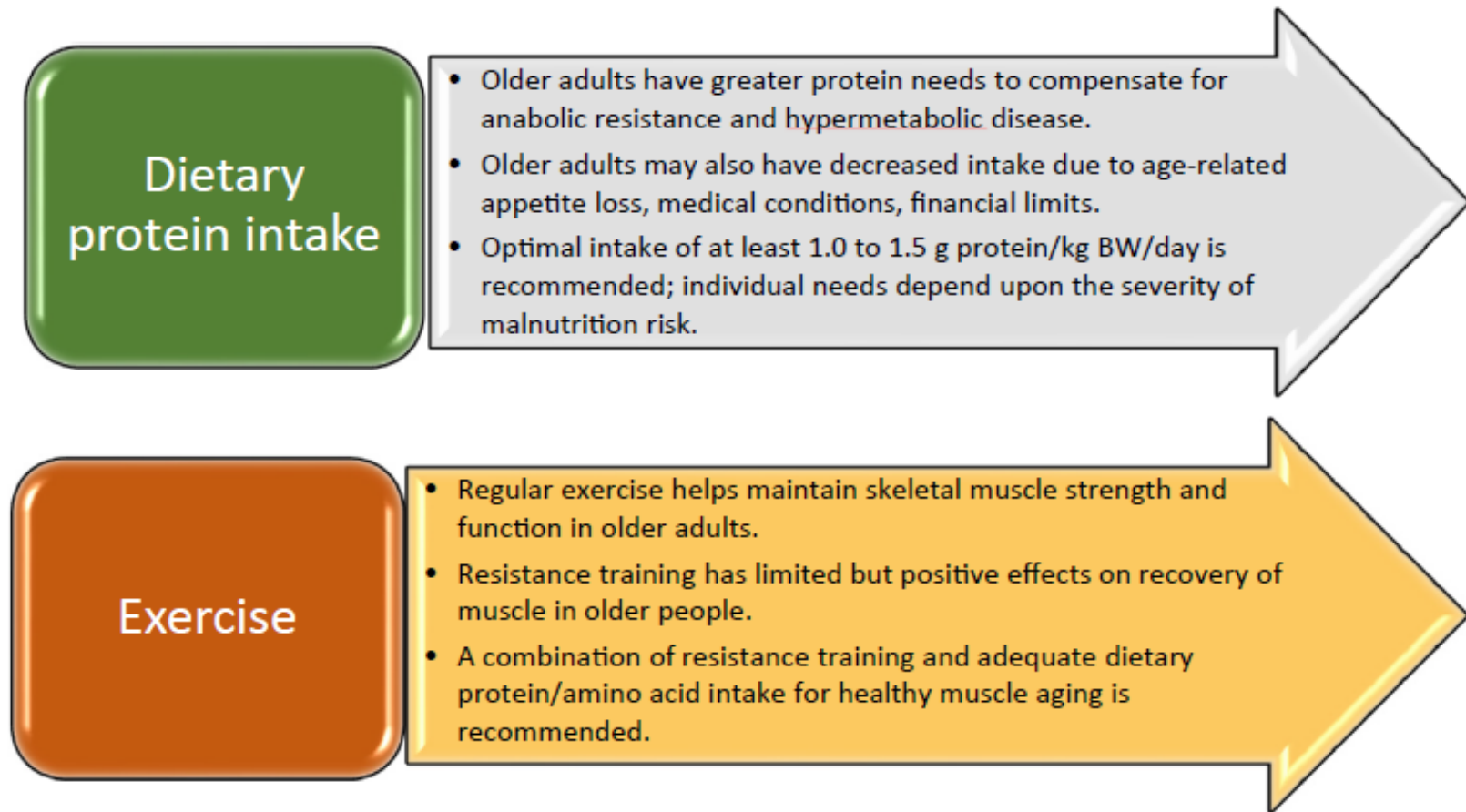
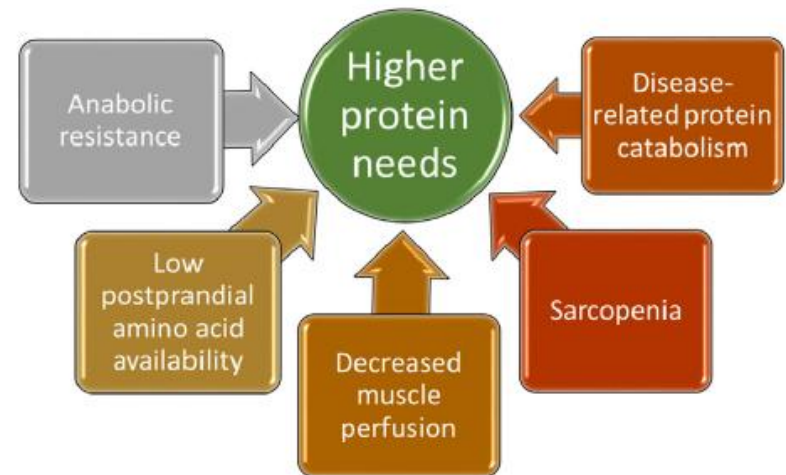
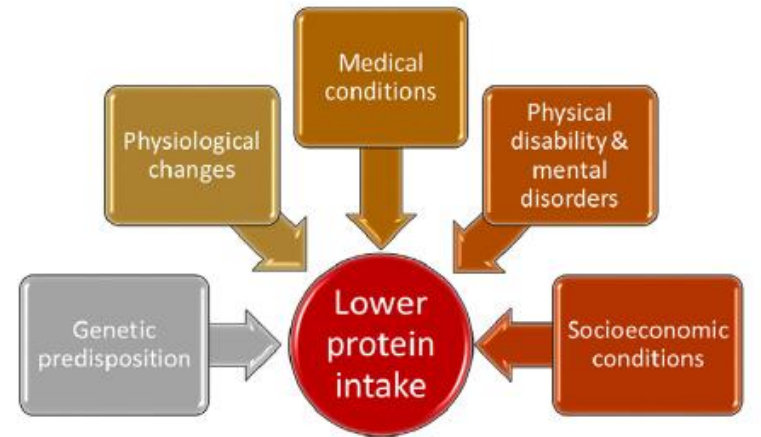


Fig. 3. Recommendations for maintaining healthy muscle with aging.

# Quando utilizzare gli integratori?

- Nelle situazioni in cui l'apporto alimentare è insoddisfacente
- Nelle situazioni in cui la richiesta proteica è aumentata (recupero da malattie acute, riparazione di ferite, riabilitazione)



# Conclusioni

- La sarcopenia è una sindrome geriatrica frequente caratterizzata da una serie di outcomes negativi.
- Una valutazione clinica attenta e l'uso di semplici strumenti di valutazione permette di identificare le condizioni di (pre)sarcopenia e di intervenire
- Modificazioni dello stile di vita (soprattutto incremento dell'attività fisica) e della dieta sono in grado di ridurre l'impatto della sarcopenia sullo stato funzionale e la progressione verso la disabilità
- L'uso di specifici supplementi può essere utile nel recupero della massa muscolare del soggetto anziano in condizioni di scarso o inadeguato apporto nutrizionale o di aumentata richiesta.



# ALIMENTAZIONE: PIACERE E NUTRIMENTO

