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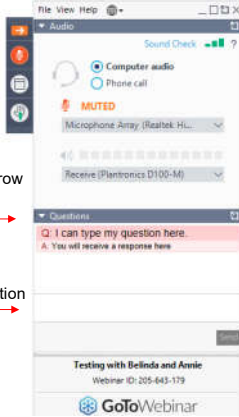
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We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and the relationship of Aboriginal people to country and respect the cultural authority of the elders in each community

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Introduction to Presenter



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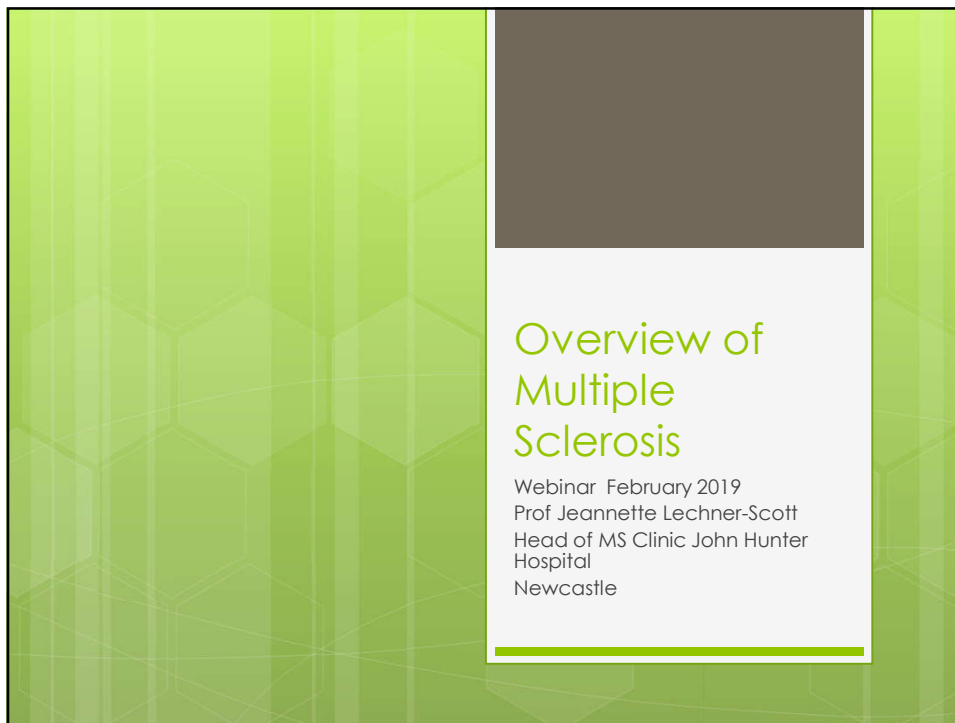


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Overview of Multiple Sclerosis

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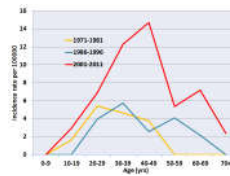
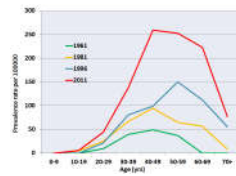
Overview

- Pathophysiology
- Epidemiology
- Clinical course
- Therapeutic option
 - Disease modifying therapies
 - Symptomatic therapies
 - Life style changes

Increasing prevalence and incidence of MS in young women

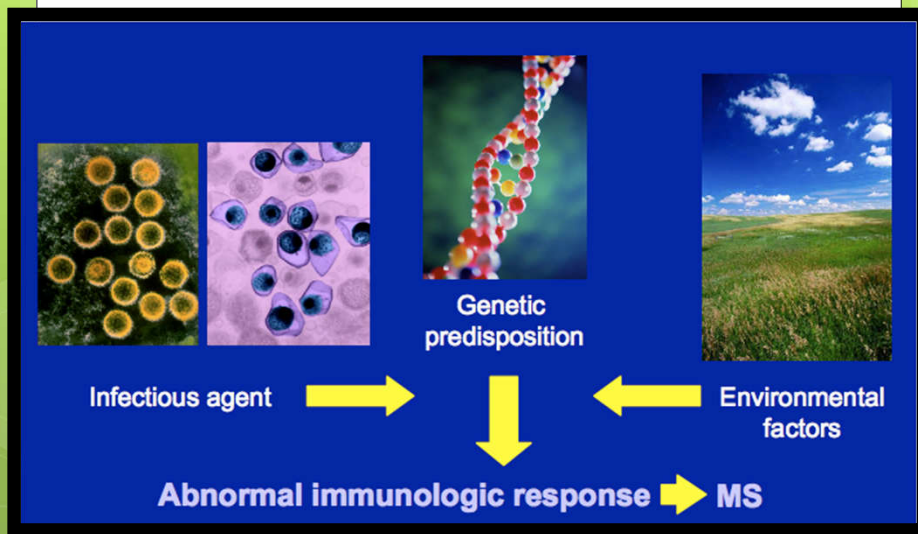
Year	Census population	Prevalence	Sex ratio (F:M)
1961	117,426	18.5 (13.7-25.0)	1.18
1981	138,719	35.1 (29.0-41.4)	1.07
1996	133,301	65.9 (46.5-73.2)	2.53
2011	144,535	124.2 (104.7-146.3)	3.10

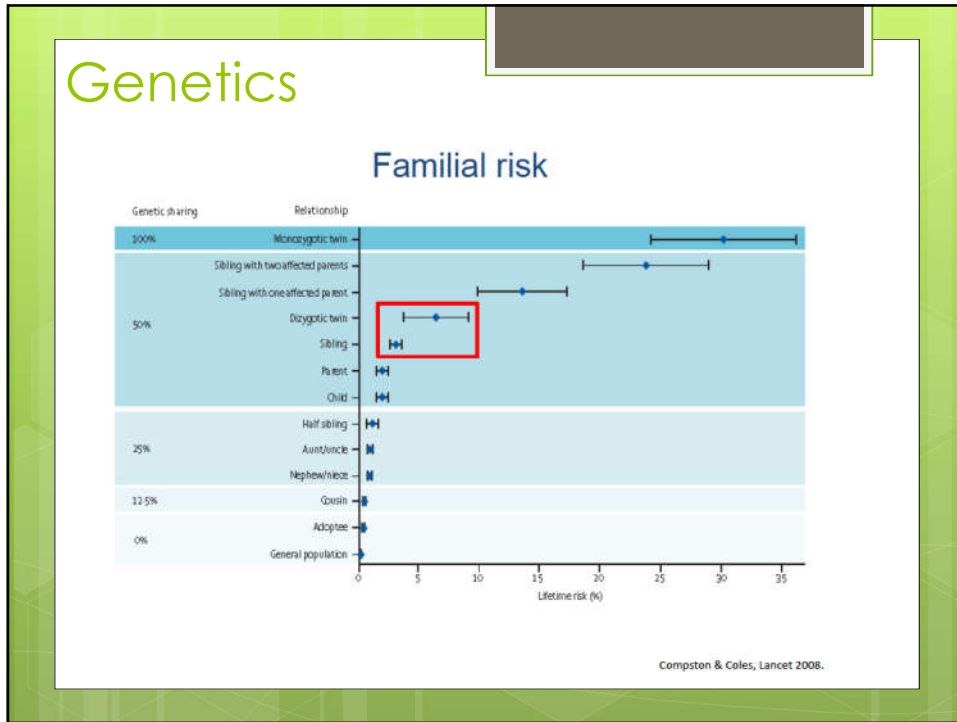
Year	Incidence	Sex ratio (F:M)
1975-1981	2.54 (1.55-3.57)	1.13
1986-1996	2.44 (1.68-3.47)	2.21
2000-2011	6.70 (3.39-6.02)	3.10



Ribbons K. et al. *Mult Scler.* 2017 Jul;23(8):1063-1071

Etiology





Genetics

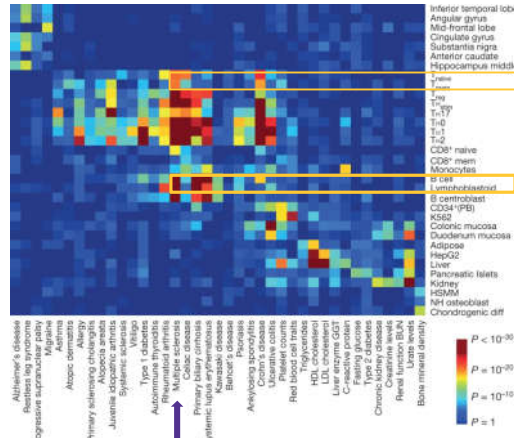
Chromosome 6 p21.3

Antigen presentation to CD8+ T cells

Antigen presentation to CD4+ T cells

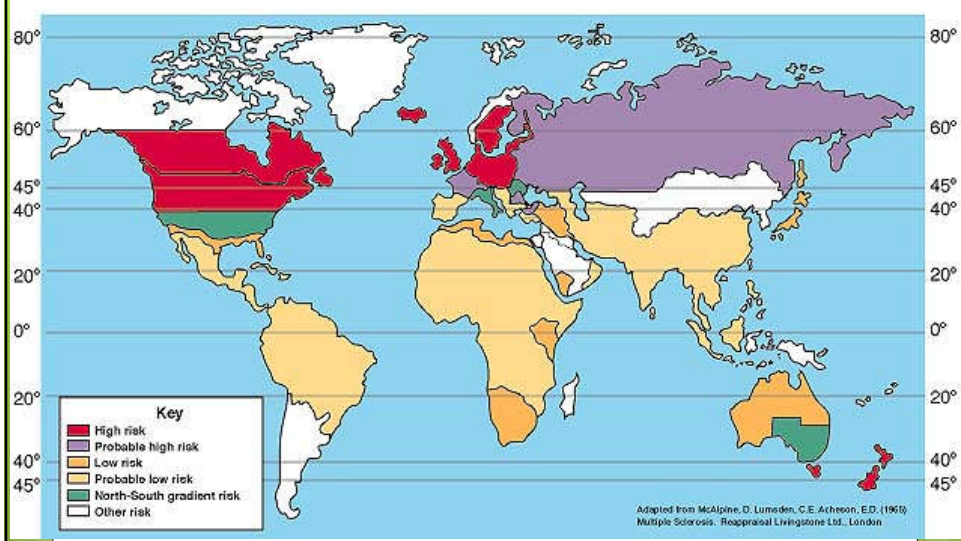
- HLA-DRB1*1501 main susceptibility factor
- HLA-DRB1*0801 increases risk
- HLA-DRB1*1401 decreases risk

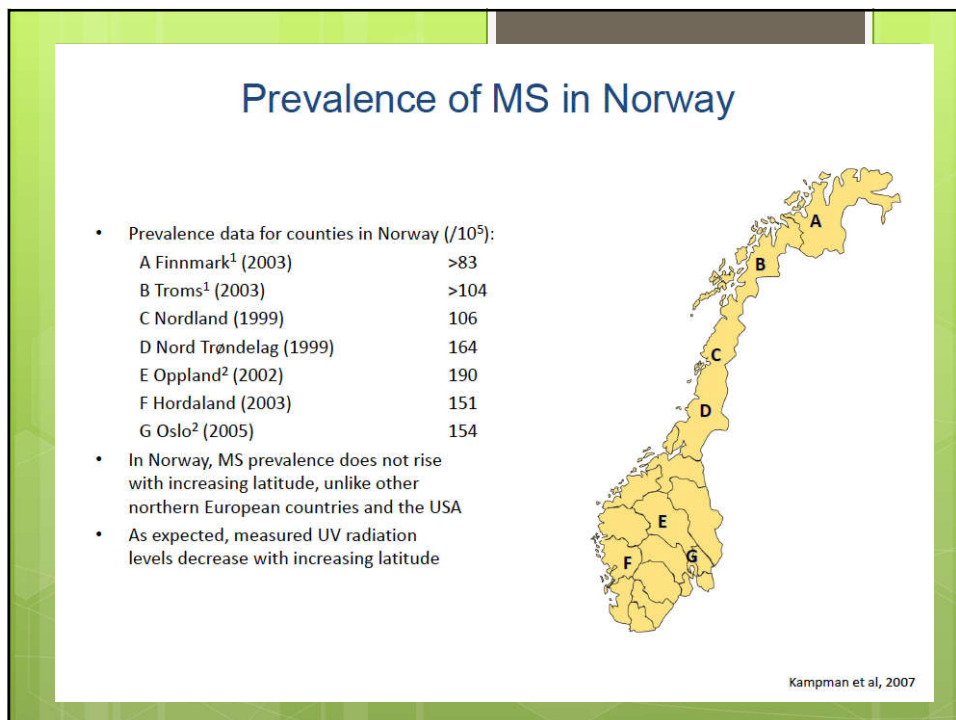
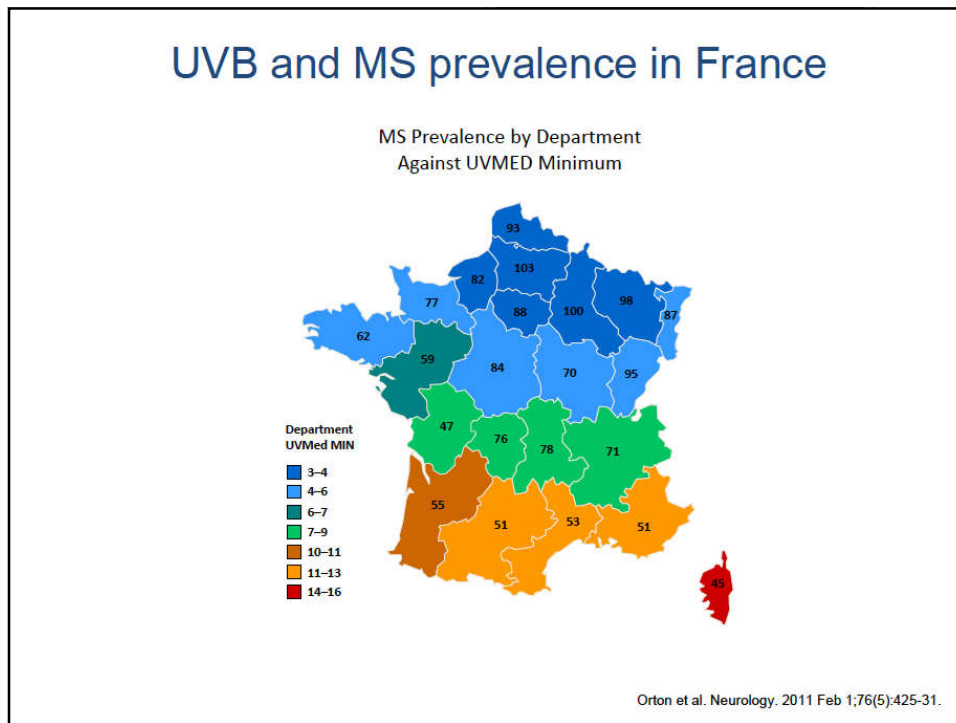
Genes affected by autoimmune disease



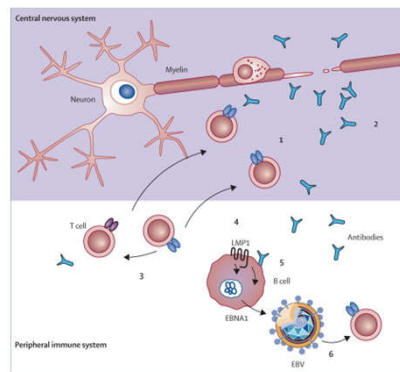
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World Distribution of Multiple Sclerosis





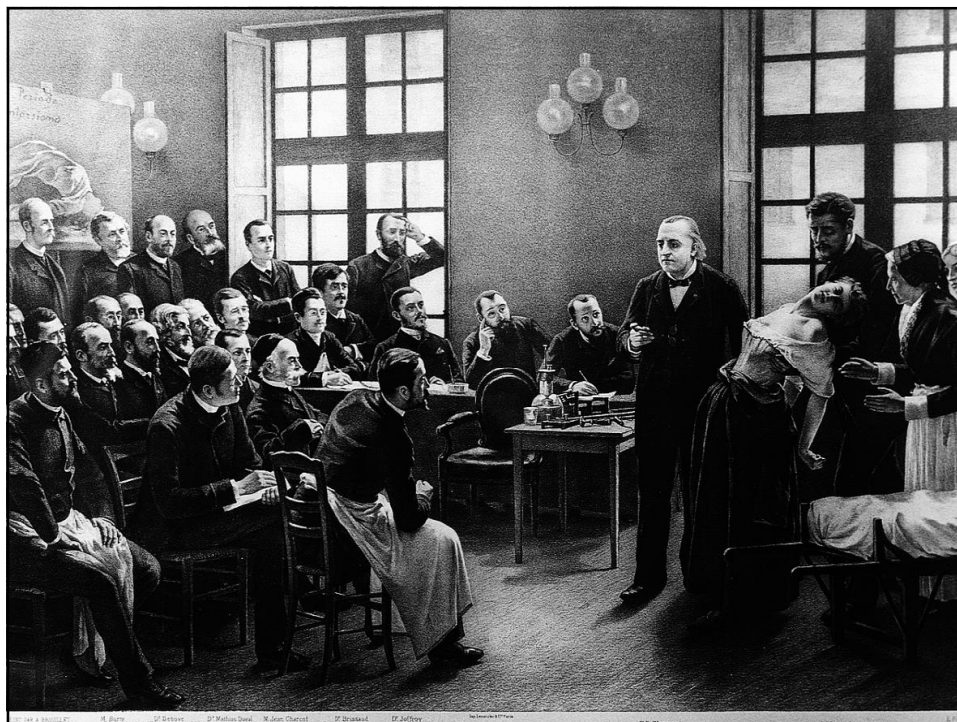
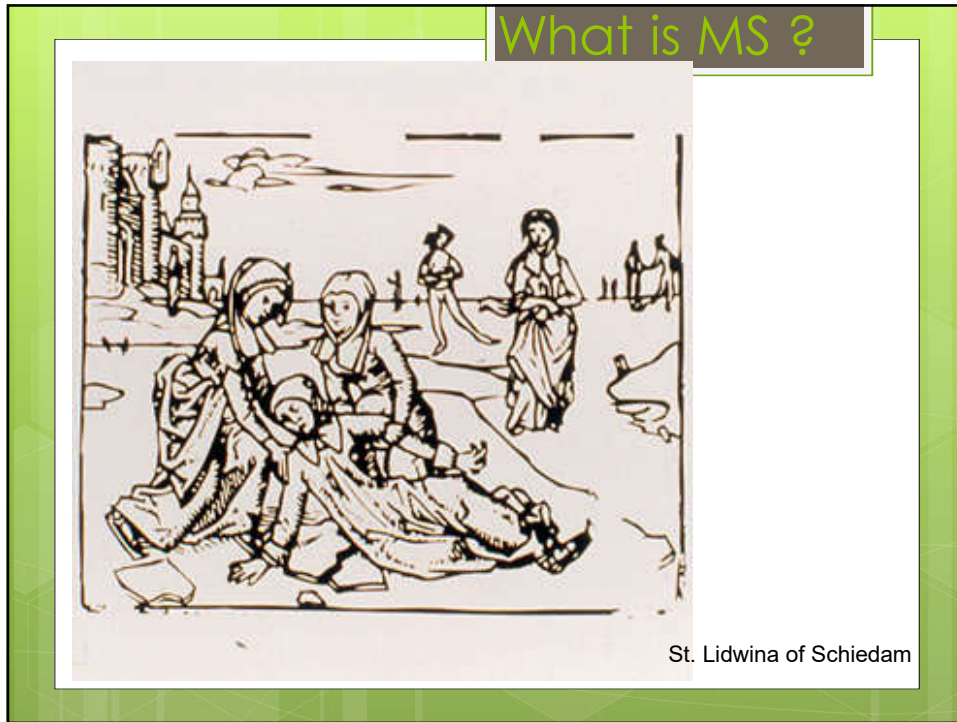
Infectious agent as cause of Autoimmune disease

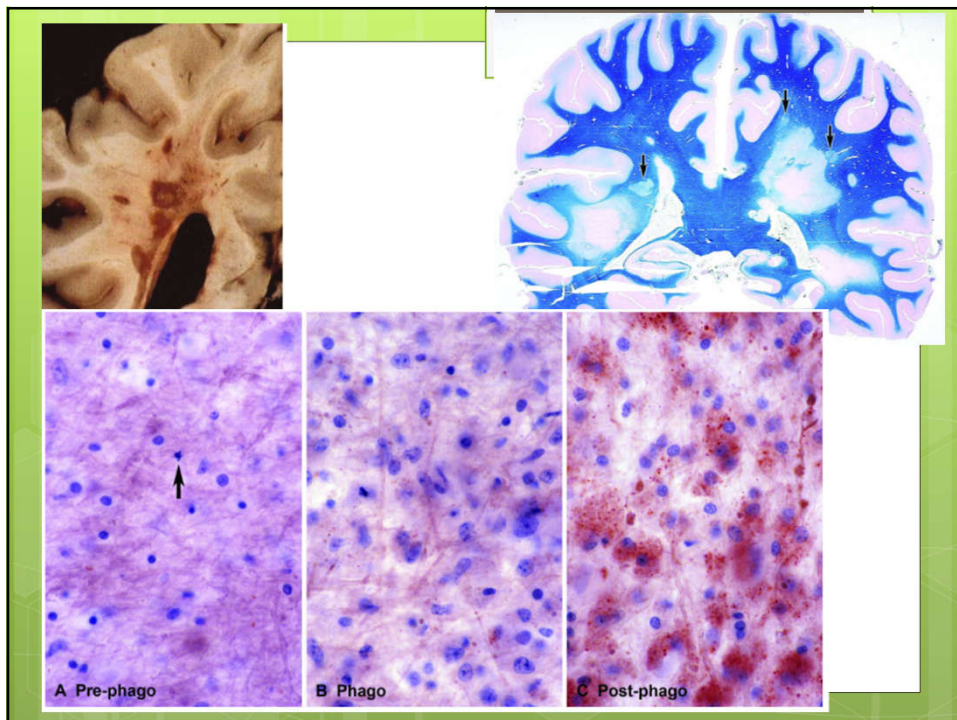


Giovannoni, Lancet 2006

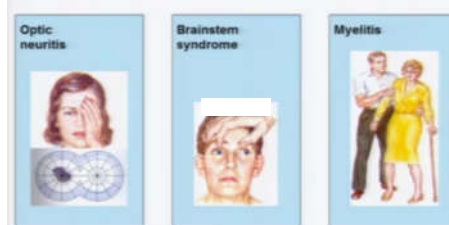
Question 1 Which one is true?

- a) MS is an infectious disease
- b) Children of PwMS have a 50% chance to get MS
- c) MS is increasing in prevalence and incidence
- d) Sun exposure can trigger MS
- e) MS protects from other autoimmune diseases





What are the first symptoms of MS? Clinically isolated syndromes (CIS) or First demyelinating events (FDE)



40%

20%

30%

10% presents with OTHER symptoms:

- Paroxysmal (stiffness, limb spasm)
 - Bladder
 - Cognitive
 - Pseudo-radiculopathy or Trigeminal neuralgia
- Episodic Fatigue
 - LHermittes (shock-like sensation when neck is flexed)
 - Sexual dysfunction

CLINICAL SYMPTOMS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS)

- Fatigue
- Visual disturbances
 - Blurred vision, diplopia, nystagmus, red-green color dissociation
- Motor
 - Spasticity, paresis, dysarthria, spasms, ataxia, muscle weakness
- Sensory changes
 - Paraesthesia, neuralgia
- Cognitive deficits
 - Memory loss
- Bladder / bowel urgency and incontinence

Deficit reported	Presenting	During course
visual/oculomotor	49	100
paresis	42	88
paraesthesia	41	87
incoordination	23	82
urinary/bowel	10	63
cerebral	4	39

Uhthoff's phenomenon

- Reversible and usually predictable decrements in physical (running walking reading etc) and cognitive (memory, thinking speed)
- Due to increased ambient body temperature and exercise
- Nerve conduction slowing and perhaps conduction block due to small ($\sim 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) increases in core temp

Pseudo-relapse – Uhthoff's phenomenon

- Reversible worsening of symptoms associated with increased body core temperature:
 - Fever
 - Vigorous exercise
 - Hot water baths / showers
 - Environmental heating

Question 2

Which statement is correct?

- a) MS is a disease of modern society.
- b) The symptoms depend on where the lesions are.
- c) Bladder symptoms are unlikely to be due to MS.
- d) A sudden onset of blindness is the most common presentation of optic neuritis.
- e) Fatigue is not a characteristic symptom of relapse.





What is MS?

DIS

Non-enhancing lesions

Enhancing lesion

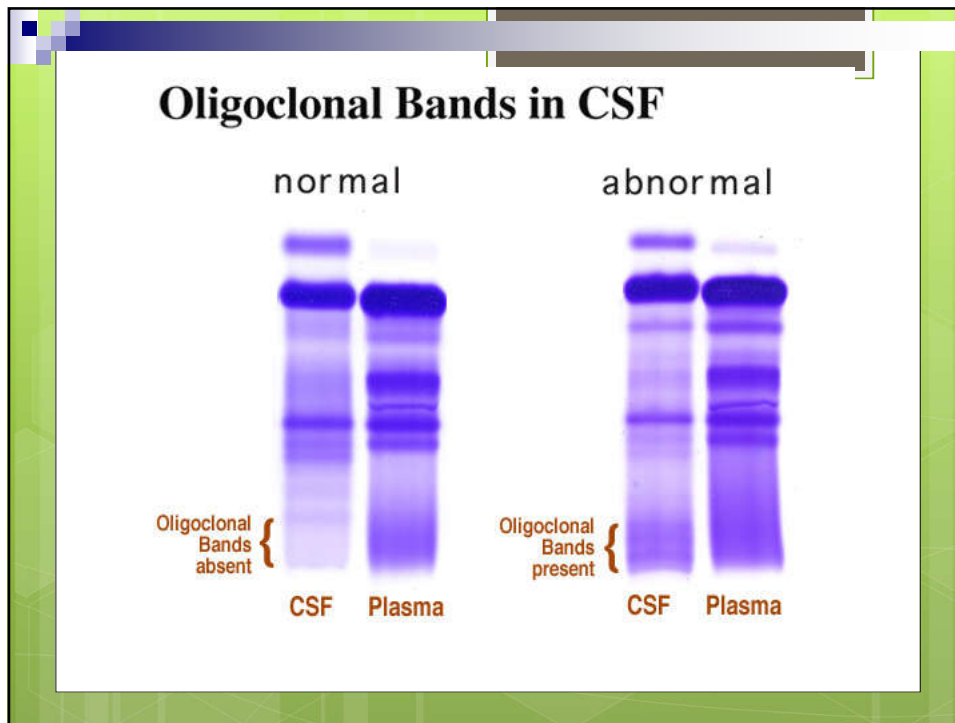
Baseline scan

Follow-up scan

DIT

<http://www.owndoc.com/dutch-radiology-lyme-coverup.htm>

This slide illustrates the concept of 'Disease Involvement' (DIS) and 'Disease In Time' (DIT) in Multiple Sclerosis. It features four axial brain MRI scans. The top-left scan shows 'Non-enhancing lesions' with red arrows. The top-right scan shows an 'Enhancing lesion' with a red arrow. The bottom-left scan is a 'Baseline scan' with a yellow arrow pointing to a lesion. The bottom-right scan is a 'Follow-up scan' with red arrows pointing to new lesions. The text 'DIS' is centered below the left column of scans, and 'DIT' is centered below the right column. A URL is provided at the bottom.



Visual Evoked Potentials (VEP)

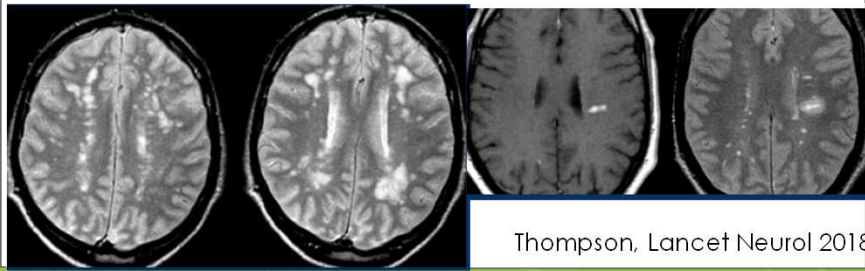
- Stimulus presented to eyes
- Record electrical response from occipital lobe visual cortex
- Delay in response implies **demyelination** in the visual pathways
- Positive in 30% of patients after CIS, 50% after 2 attacks



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2017 MS diagnostic criteria

Number of lesions with objective clinical evidence		Additional data needed for a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis
≥2 clinical attacks	≥2	None*
≥2 clinical attacks	1 (as well as clear-cut historical evidence of a previous attack involving a lesion in a distinct anatomical location†)	None*
≥2 clinical attacks	1	Dissemination in space demonstrated by an additional clinical attack implicating a different CNS site or by MRI‡
1 clinical attack	≥2	Dissemination in time demonstrated by an additional clinical attack or by MRI§ OR demonstration of CSF-specific oligoclonal bands¶
1 clinical attack	1	Dissemination in space demonstrated by an additional clinical attack implicating a different CNS site or by MRI‡ AND Dissemination in time demonstrated by an additional clinical attack or by MRI§ OR demonstration of CSF-specific oligoclonal bands¶



Thompson, Lancet Neurol 2018

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2017 MS diagnostic criteria

Panel 6: 2017 McDonald criteria for diagnosis of multiple sclerosis in patients with a disease course characterised by progression from onset (primary progressive multiple sclerosis)

Primary progressive multiple sclerosis can be diagnosed in patients with:

- 1 year of disability progression (retrospectively or prospectively determined) independent of clinical relapse

Plus two of the following criteria:

- One or more T2-hyperintense lesions* characteristic of multiple sclerosis in one or more of the following brain regions: periventricular, cortical or juxtacortical, or infratentorial
- Two or more T2-hyperintense lesions* in the spinal cord
- Presence of CSF-specific oligoclonal bands

*Unlike the 2010 McDonald criteria, no distinction between symptomatic and asymptomatic MRI lesions is required.

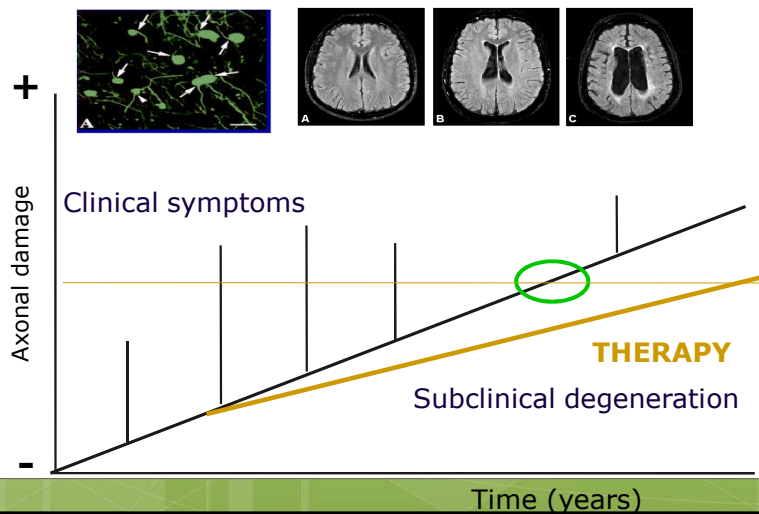
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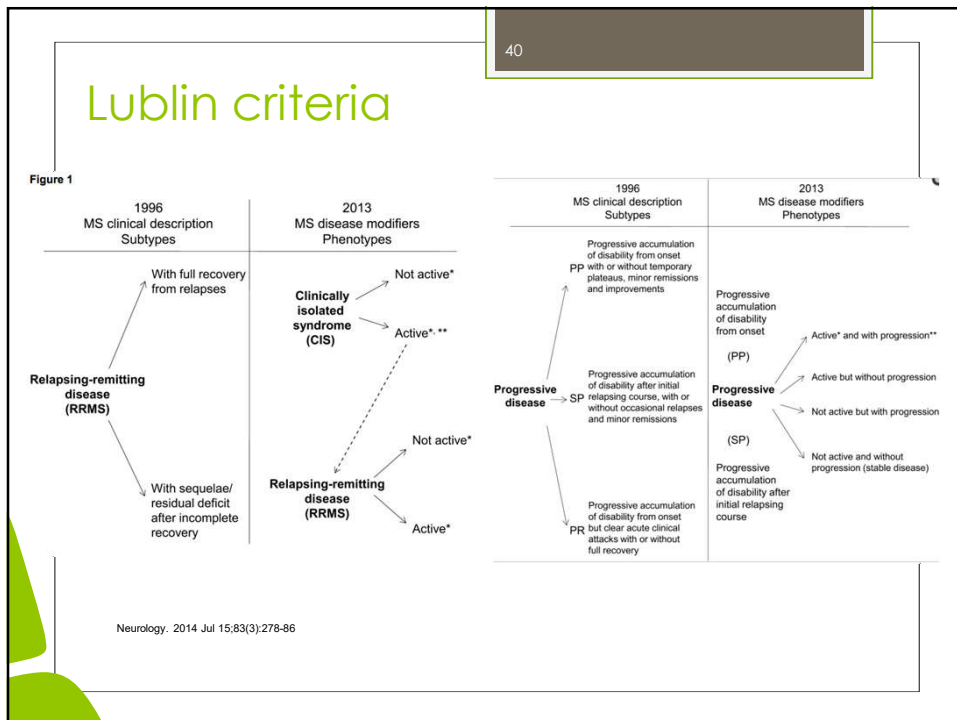
Question 3

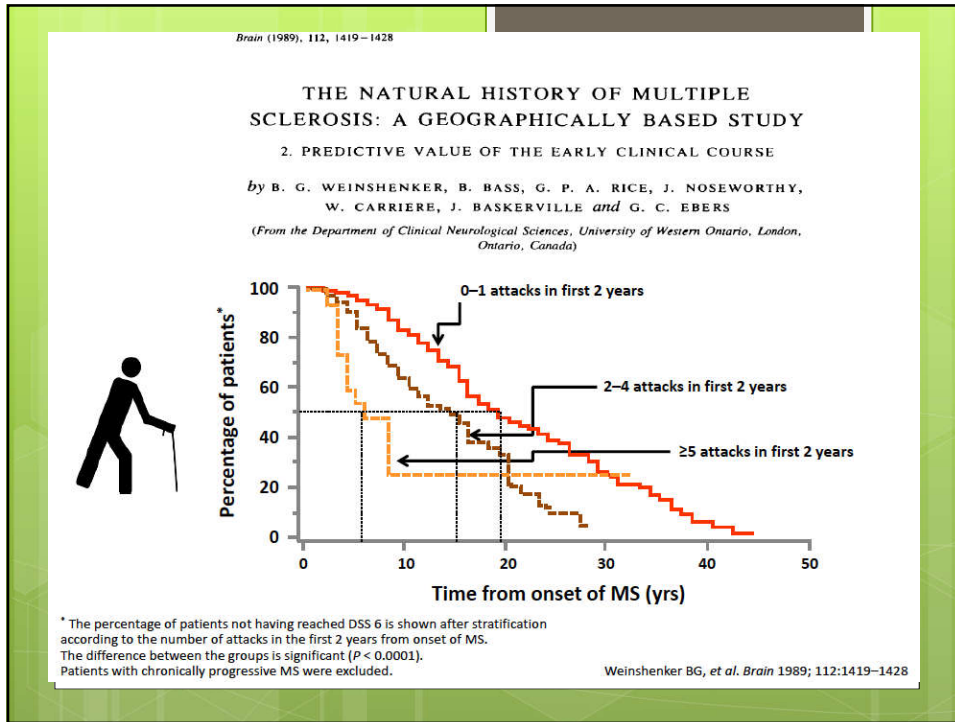
Which statement is not correct?

- a) MRI is the major diagnostic tool for MS.
- b) A lumbar puncture can confirm the diagnosis.
- c) Evoked potentials can confirm dissemination in space.
- d) You need to wait at least 6 months before the diagnosis of MS is confirmed.
- e) Giving contrast for an MRI can help with dissemination in time.

Disease course





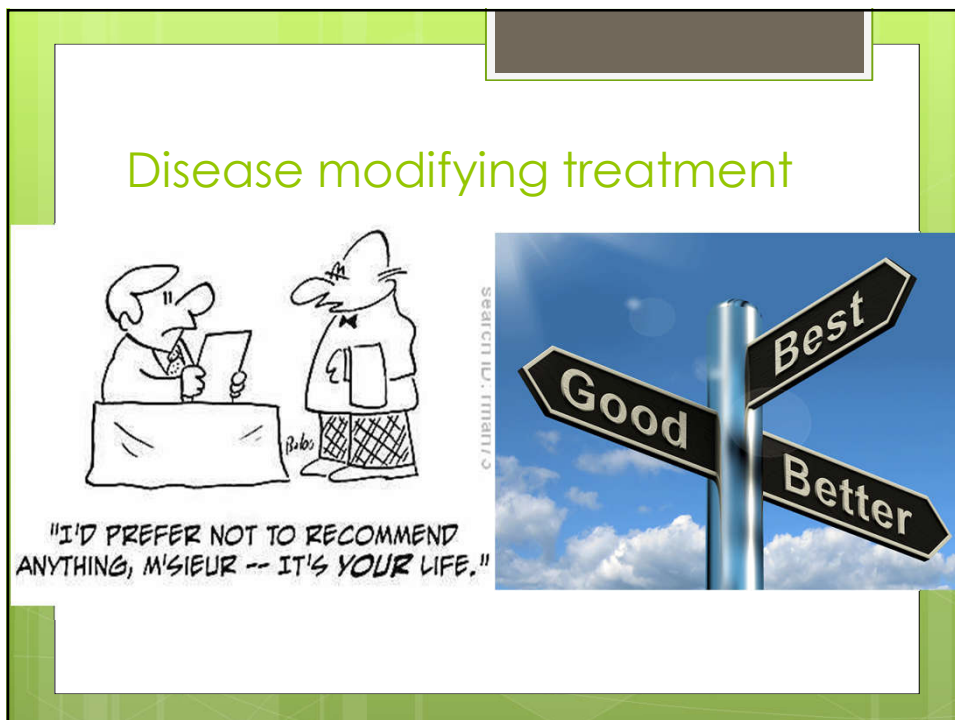
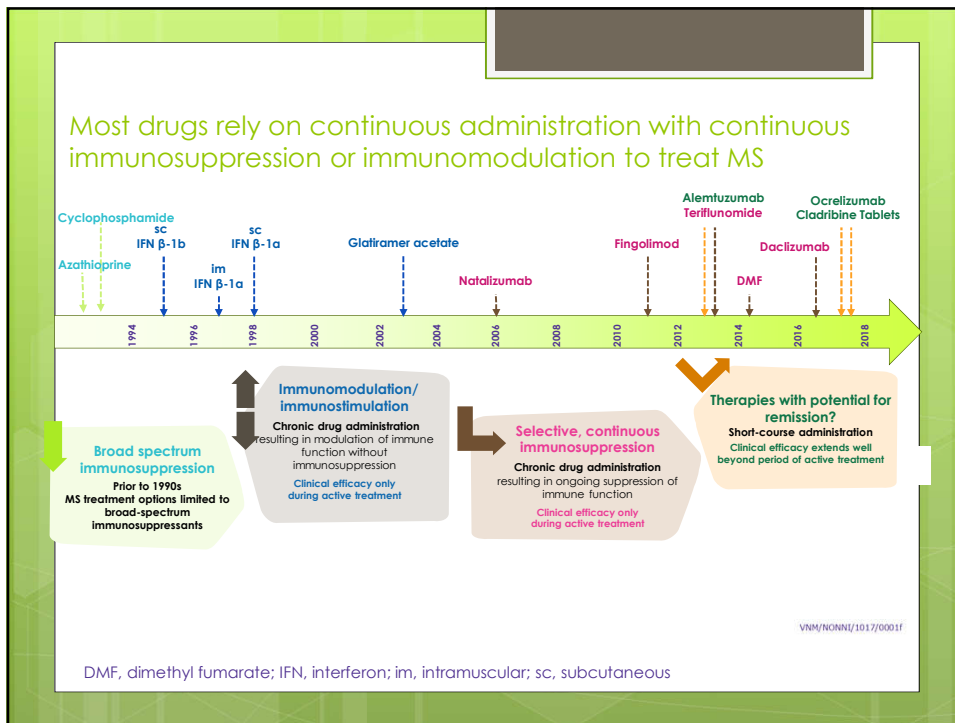


Predictors of progression

Predictor	Cox proportional hazard model	
	HR	p
At baseline		
Clinical		
EDSS	1.32	0.023
Number of relapses before baseline	0.94	0.37
MRI		
Number of T2 lesions	1.01	<0.001
T1 lesion volume	1.19	<0.001
T2 lesion volume	1.03	<0.001
Brain parenchymal fraction	0.90	0.047
GM fraction	0.99	0.058
WM fraction	0.99	0.031
Thalamic fraction	0.73	<0.001
Corpus callosum fraction	0.52	0.004
At 12 months		
Clinical		
Number of new relapses before 12 months (0, 1, or >1)	1.31	0.027
EDSS	1.64	<0.001
EDSS change	2.13	<0.001
MRI		
Number of new or enlarging T2 lesions	1.03	0.005
T1 lesion volume absolute change	1.53	0.055
T2 lesion volume absolute change	1.04	0.54
Whole brain volume % change	0.87	0.16
GM volume % change	0.97	0.33
WM volume % change	1.02	0.59
Thalamus volume % change	1.00	0.93
Corpus callosum volume % change	0.91	<0.001

- Disability at baseline
- Brain atrophy
- Number of new lesions

Uher, Mult Scl January 2017



Brain health

Time matters in multiple sclerosis

Gavin Giovannoni
Helmut Butzkueven
Suhayl Dhib-Jalbut
Jeremy Hobart
Isela Kobelt
George Pepper
Lidia Pia Sormani
Joseph Thalheim
Christoph Traboulsee
Vollmer

What can be done?



EARLY DIAGNOSIS



EARLY ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE THERAPY



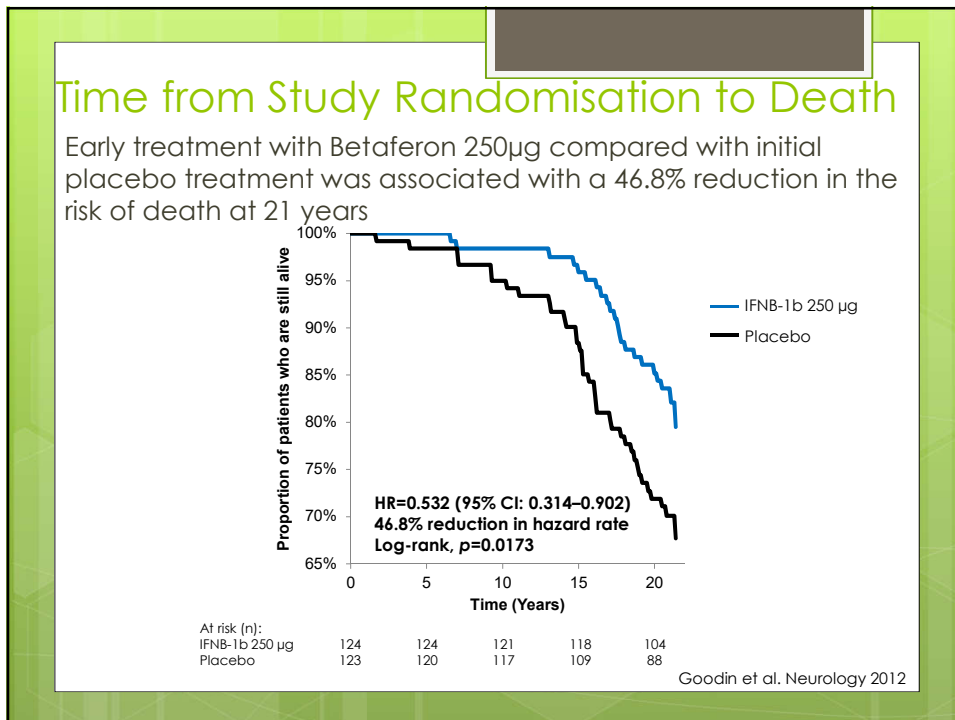
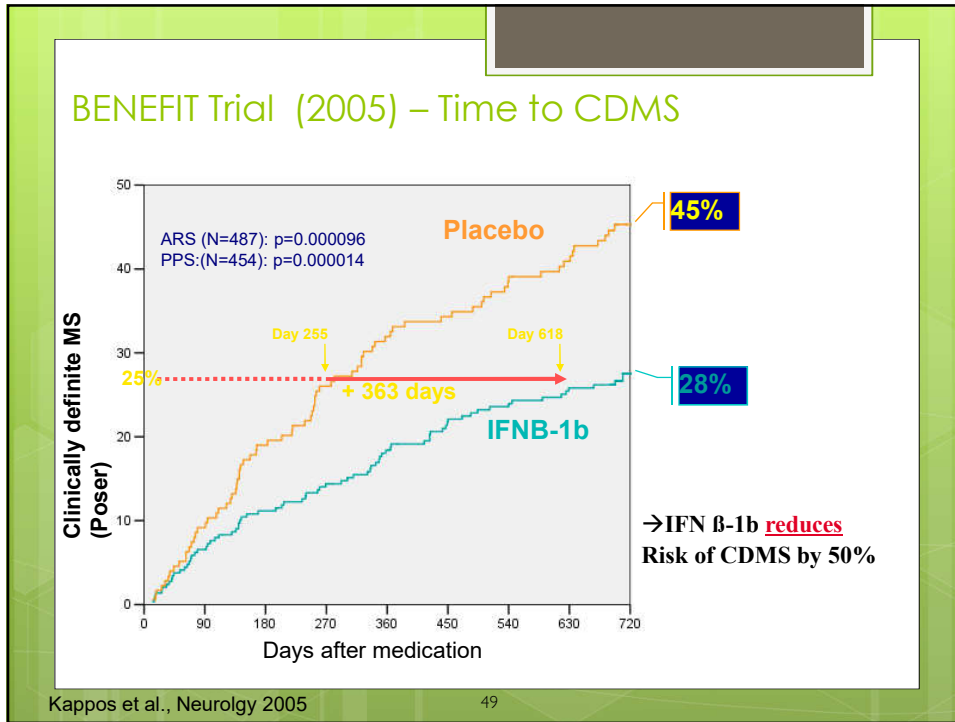
Injectables

- Betaferon
- Rebif
- Avonex
- Copaxone od/ 2nd daily
- Plegridy



Not actual size





Oral medication

Gilenya vs Aubagio vs Tecfidera TRx @ Launch

Legend:
— Gilenya
— Gilenya-adjusted
— Aubagio
— Tecfidera

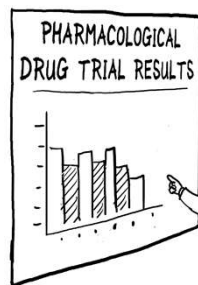
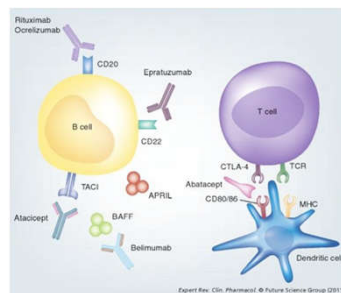
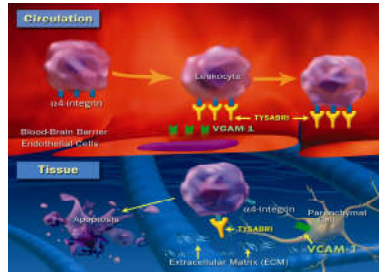
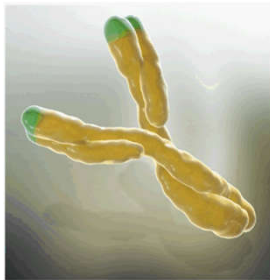
Cladribine

- Month one
 - Oral tbl weight adjusted for 5d
- Month two
 - Oral tbl weight adjusted

- Long lasting effect for minimum of 4 y
- Well tolerated
- Crosses BBB
- Irreversible effect

Infusions

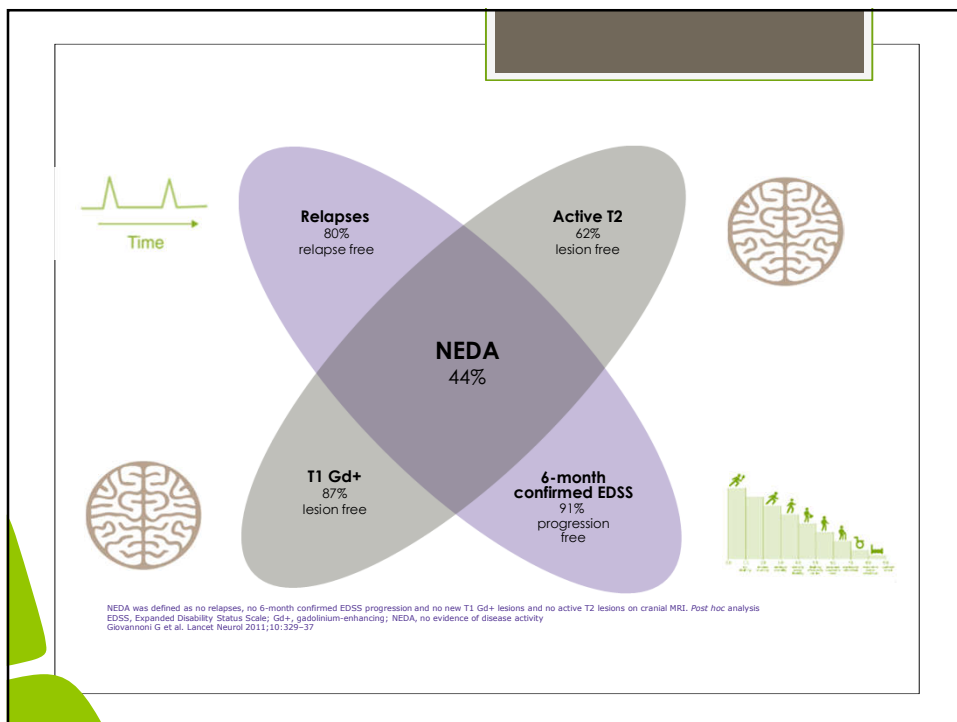
- Natalizumab
- Alemtuzumab
- Ocrelizumab

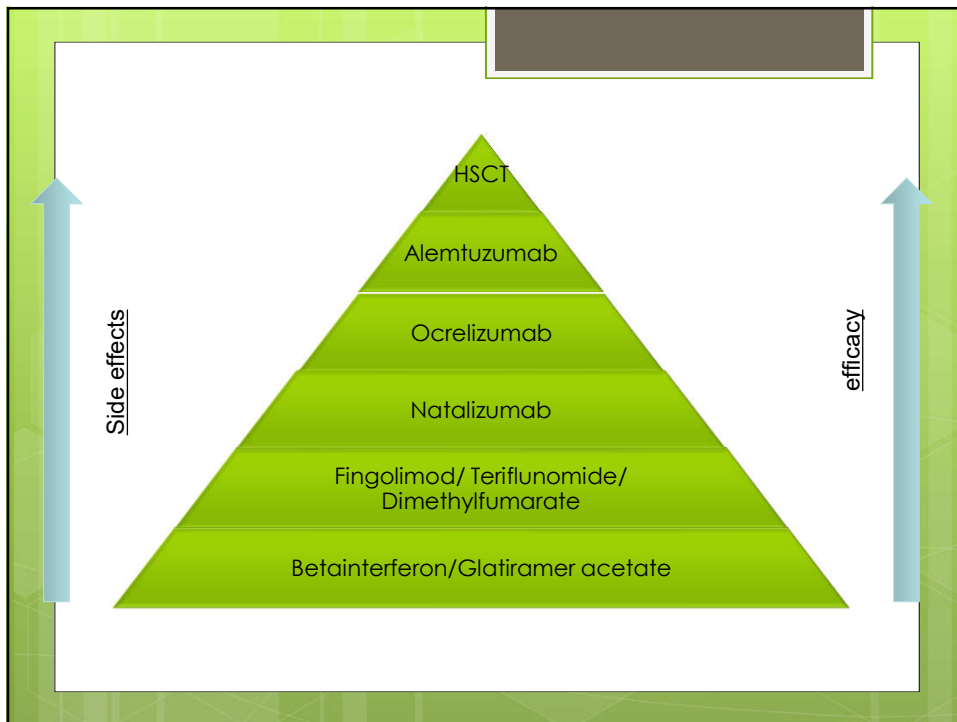
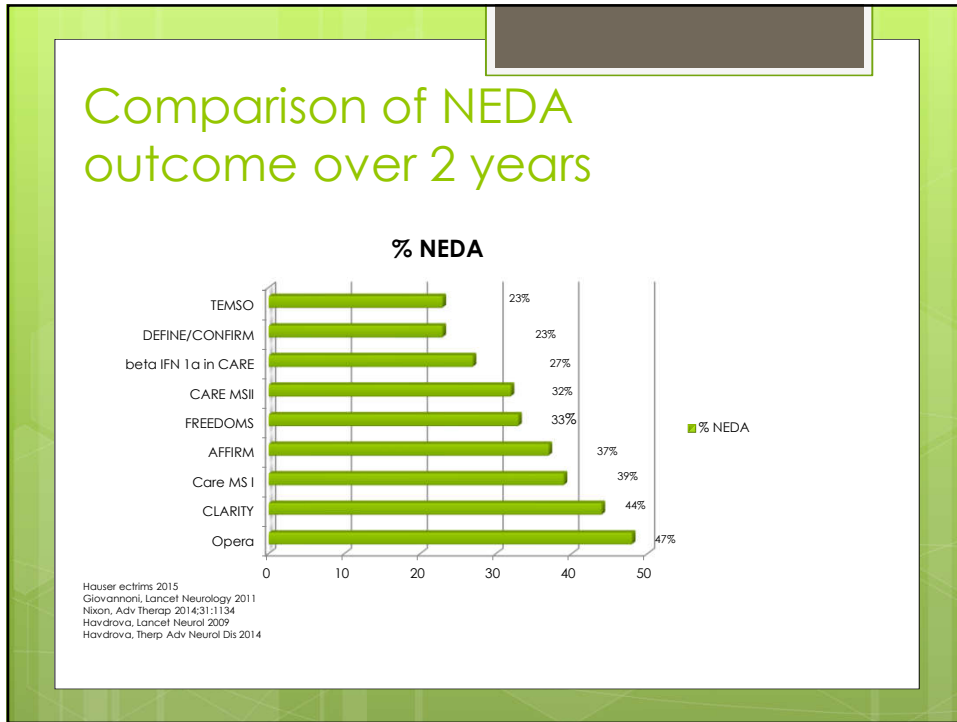


OUR TRIALS SHOW THAT THE NEW DRUG PERFORMS NO BETTER THAN PLACEBO

MAYBE WE SHOULD INVEST IN PLACEBOS

CHRIS MADDEN







Use Your Fat Stem Cells for Treatment

Harvest → Separate → Activate → Return

- 1** A small amount of fat - 200cc is taken from your waist area.
- 2** Stem Cells are separated from fat cells.
- 3** Your Stem Cells are activated with natural proteins.
- 4** The activated Stem Cells are returned back to you through an IV.

Question 4

Which statement is correct?

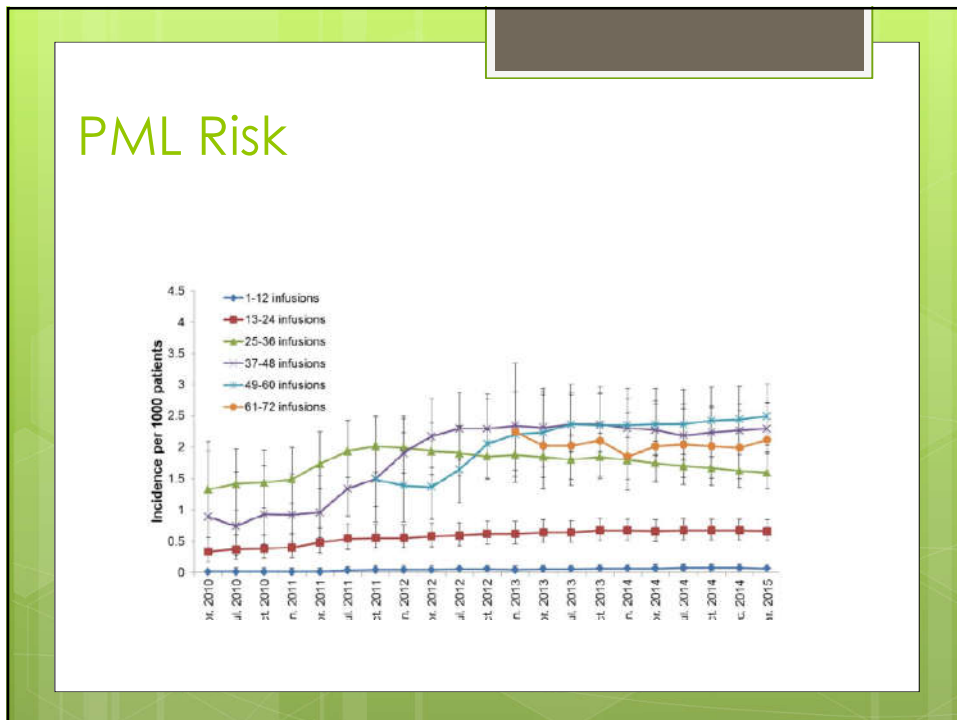
- a) Stem cell therapy is effective in all MS types.
- b) Treatment decisions need to be made for each patient individually according to their risk and benefit ratio.
- c) You should always start with injectables first.
- d) Infusions are the safest therapy.

Infusion related side-effects

- Cytokine release syndrome
 - Rash
 - Headache
 - Transient worsening of neurological deficit
 - Chest tightness

SEPSIS KILLS

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Serious side effects with Alemtuzumab

Identified Risk	Rate in Alemtuzumab-Treated Patients	Notes
I TP	~1% (1 fatality prior to implementation of monitoring program) ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onset generally occurred 14-36 mo after first exposure¹ Most cases responded to first-line medical therapy¹
Nephropathies	0.3% (anti-GBM n=2) ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally occurred within 39 mo after last administration¹ Responded to timely medical treatment and did not develop permanent kidney failure²
Thyroid disorders (Hypo-/hyper-)	~36% ^a (serious, 1%) ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onset occurred 6-61 mo after first Alemtuzumab exposure; peaked in year 3 and declined thereafter³ Most mild to moderate, most managed with conventional medical therapy, however, some patients required surgical intervention¹ Higher incidence in patients with history of thyroid disorders¹
IARs	>90% (serious, 3%) ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurred within 24 h of Alemtuzumab administration¹ Most mild to moderate; rarely led to treatment discontinuation¹ May be caused by cytokine release following mAb-mediated cell lysis¹
Infections	71% (serious, 2.7%) ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidence highest during first mo after infusion; rate decreased over time² More common with Alemtuzumab; mostly mild to moderate¹ Generally of typical duration; resolved following conventional medical treatment¹

^aThrough 48 mo after first exposure.

I TP, immune thrombocytopenia; GBM, glomerular basement membrane; mAb, monoclonal antibody.

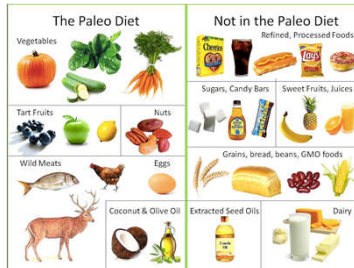
1. Alemtuzumab Summary of Product Characteristics. Oxford, UK: Genzyme Therapeutics, Ltd; 2013; 2. Wynn D, et al. Presented at: European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis; 2013; Copenhagen; P507; 3. Coles AJ, et al. *Neurology*. 2012;78:1069-1078.

Life style recommendations

- Baseline
 - FBC, UEC, LFT
 - HSV, HIV, VZV, CMV, Hepatitis, EBV, Quantiferon Gold, JCV-Ab, Measles, Mumps
 - MRI
 - ECG and OCT for Fingolimod
 - TSH, TPO for Alemtuzumab
 - Urine analysis for Alemtuzumab and Dimethylfumarate
- Follow up
 - 3 month post start OCT for Fingolimod (cave new medication)
 - Monthly FBC, UEC, LFT, TSH, TPO and urine analysis for Alemtuzumab (for 5 years after last infusion) and Teriflunomide
 - 6 monthly JCV-Ab
 - Yearly MRI
 - If JCV positive 6 monthly
 - Yearly dermatology review +/- PAP smear

Life style recommendations Diet

- Roy Swank 1948
 - Low polysaturated fats
- Terry Wahl
 - Raw foods, berry, fruits Paleo diet
 - Rich in nutrients for mitochondria
 - animal-based omega-3 fats, creatine, and coenzymeQ10, while your myelin needs vitamins B1, B9, B12, omega-3, and iodine
- Vitamin D



Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2012 Dec 12 <http://www.msra.org.au/prevanz>
 Jagannath VA, Filippini G, Di Pietrantonj C, Asokan GV, Robak EW, Whamond L, Robinson SA.
 Vitamin D for the management of multiple sclerosis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. 2018(9).

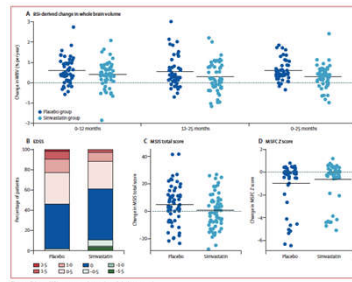
Life style recommendations Diet

- 63% of PwMS in Australia take supplements
- 41% of PwMS in Germany are on modified diets
- Evidence of impact on disease outcome is limited
- Proven benefit on weight reduction and well being

[PLoS One](#). 2016; 11(10): e0165246
[ASN Neuro](#). 2015 Feb 18;7(1)

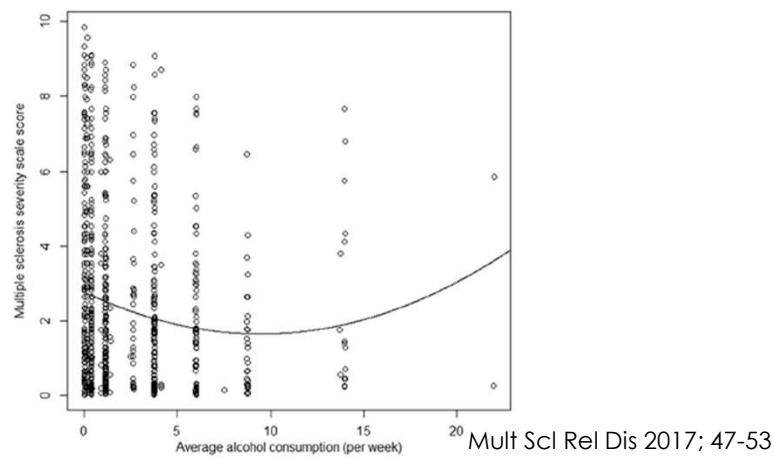
Life style recommendations

- High cholesterol associated with progression of disease.
- Simvastation 80mg associated with reduction in brain atrophy rate but not relapses or lesion load
- Positive effect on cognitive function



Chataway J [Lancet](#). 2014 Jun 28;383(9936):2213-21
 Gafson AR [Sci Rep](#). 2018; 8: 17026.
 Chan D [Lancet Neurol](#). 2017 Aug;16(8):591-600

Life style recommendations Alcohol



Life style recommendations

Predictors of median 10-year EDSS change, n=2,466

Predictor	Unadjusted models		*Adjusted model	
	β coefficient (95% CI)	p-value	β coefficient (95% CI)	p-value
Gender				
Female	Reference	-	Reference	-
Male	0.00 (-0.20, 0.20)	0.999	0.14 (-0.02, 0.31)	0.089
Age at onset (10 year units)	0.00 (-0.10, 0.10)	0.999	0.41 (0.32, 0.50)	5.8x10 ⁻¹⁸
Disease duration at baseline (5 year units)	0.16 (0.10, 0.23)	9.7x10 ⁻⁷	0.36 (0.29, 0.43)	1.8x10 ⁻²²
Post-baseline relapses (ARR in first 10 years of follow-up)	1.11 (0.87, 1.35)	4.1x10 ⁻¹³	1.14 (0.91, 1.37)	1.9x10 ⁻²²
Cumulative exposure to IFNβ/GA therapy	-0.73 (-1.03, -0.43)	1.8x10 ⁻⁶	-0.86 (-1.13, -0.58)	1.3x10 ⁻⁹
Number of pregnancies during follow-up				
Male	Excluded	-	Excluded	-
0	Reference	-	Reference	-
≥1	-0.50 (-2.18, 1.18)	0.560	-0.36 (-0.62, -0.09)	0.009

Quantile median regression analysis.

*Adjusted modelling included adjustments for first DMT identity, baseline EDSS score and country.

EDSS Expanded disability status scale; CI Confidence Interval; DMT Disease Modifying Therapy; ARR Annualised Relapse Rate

Jokubaitis et al., Annals of Neurology, May 2016

DMTs before pregnancy

- MSBase 893 pregnancies

Hughes et al.

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Table 4. Factors predictive of relapse occurring in the first 3 months of the postpartum period. CI: confidence interval.

Variable	Unadjusted odds ratio (95% CI), p value	Adjusted odds ratio ^a (95% CI), p value
Age at onset of MS	1.00 (0.97, 1.04), 0.873	1.01 (0.96, 1.08), 0.594
Duration of MS at conception	1.00 (0.96, 1.04), 0.934	1.04 (0.98, 1.11), 0.199
ARR in 2 years pre-conception	13.39 (8.83, 20.32), <0.001	14.12 (9.09, 21.93), <0.001
ARR during pregnancy	1.71 (1.25, 2.34), 0.001	^b
EDSS at conception		
<2.0	1.00	1.00
≥2.0	2.99 (1.75, 5.12), <0.001	1.10 (0.52, 2.33), 0.813
DMT use 2 years pre-conception		
No	1.00	1.00
Yes	0.55 (0.36, 0.84), 0.006	0.55 (0.32, 0.96), 0.034

^aHosmer and Lemeshow Goodness of Fit Test = 1.000.

^bWhen ARR during pregnancy was included, the Hosmer and Lemeshow Goodness of Fit Test demonstrated a poor fit, and this covariate was therefore omitted from the model shown.

Hughes S et al. Mult Scler 20,739-746.

Will my MS affect pregnancy outcome?

- Babies born from MS mothers are slightly smaller for gestational age by weight
- There is no difference in Apgar scores in babies of MS mothers
- There may be a slightly increased rate of operative deliveries in MS patients
- There is no increase in birth defects, perinatal mortality, or other adverse fetal outcomes.

Hellwig et al. *Acta Neurol Scand* 2008, 118 (1):24-28; Chen et al., *Mult Scler*. 2009; 15(5):606-612; Hellwig, *J Neurol* 2009, 256(5):830-831

Breastfeeding

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 - Spasticity
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 - Cannabis
 - Botox
 - Intrathecal Baclofen
 - Bladder
 - Post void bladder scan
 - Oxybutinin/ Solifenacin
 - Botox
 - Fatigue
 - Physical exercise
 - Sleep regulation
 - Amantadine/Modafinil
 - Cognition
 - Treat depression/anxiety
 - Mental exercise



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Question 5 Which statement is correct?

- a) If I have Alemtuzumab, I don't need to see my doctor any more.
- b) Natalizumab has the highest risk of PML infection.
- c) To prevent my MS from getting worse I need to go on a vegan diet.
- d) Once diagnosed with MS you should not have any babies.



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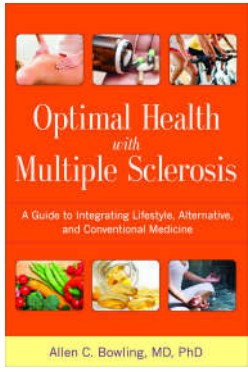
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