

PROBLEMI NUTRIZIONALI DEL PRETERMINE

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CORSO DI FORMAZIONE
PROMOZIONE DELL'ALLATTAMENTO AL SENO



Very Low Birth Weight



I Prematuri non sono tutti uguali...



...670 gr



...1820 gr

PRETERMINE LBW

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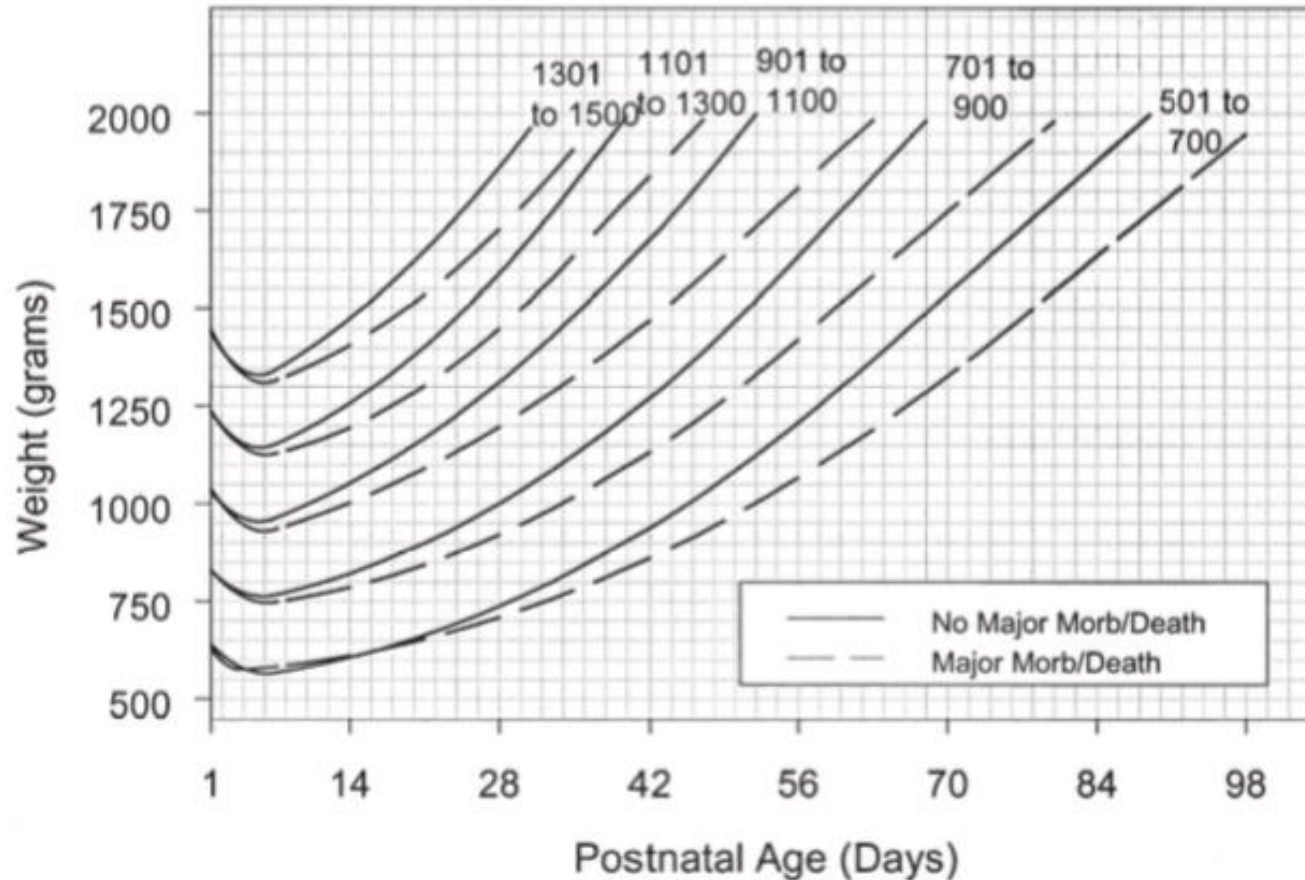
SGA

AGA

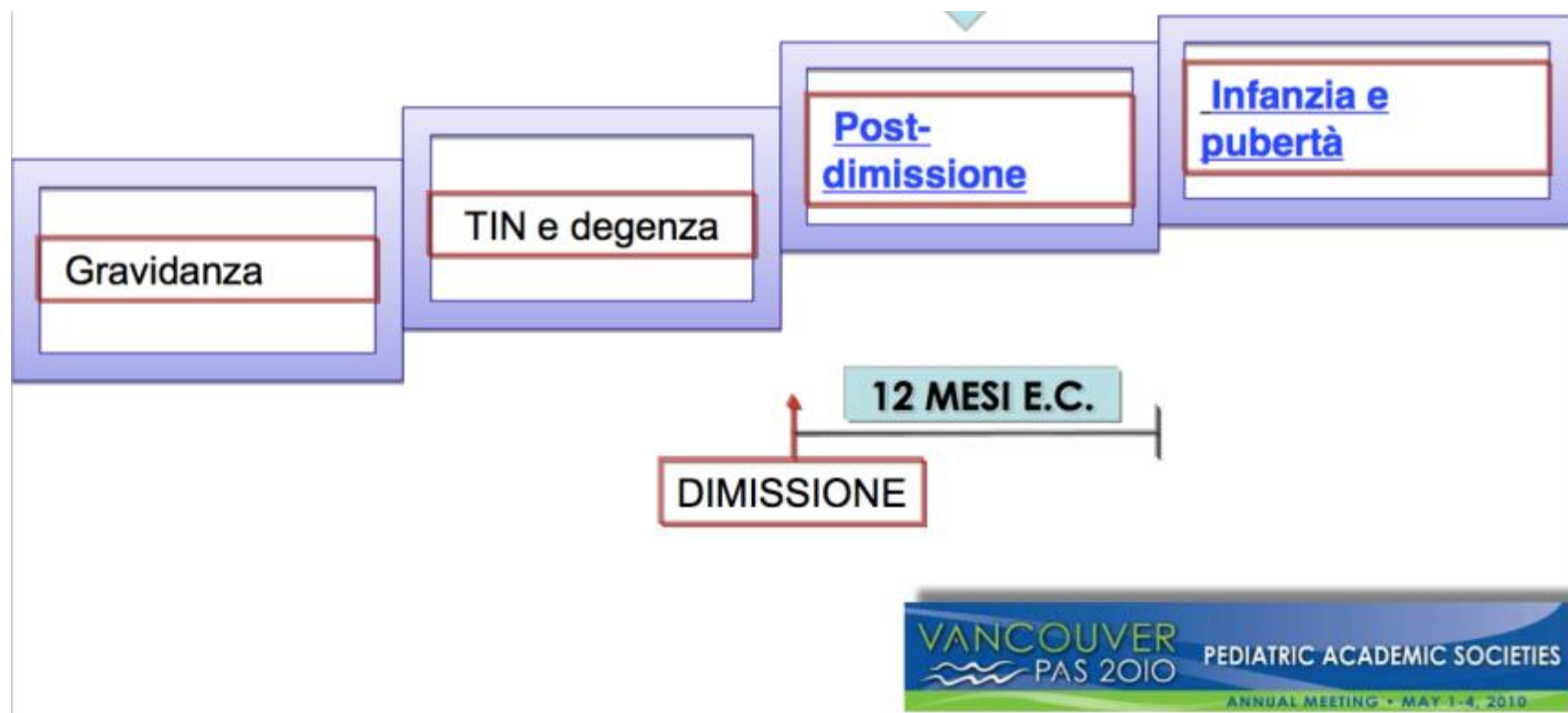
VLBW

ELBW

I Pretermine con co-morbidità crescono meno



...la nutrizione fetale, neonatale e nelle epoche successive
puo' condizionare crescita e sviluppo somatico
(e neurocognitivo?) nell'eta' evolutiva?



Preterm Birth and Body Composition at Term Equivalent Age: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

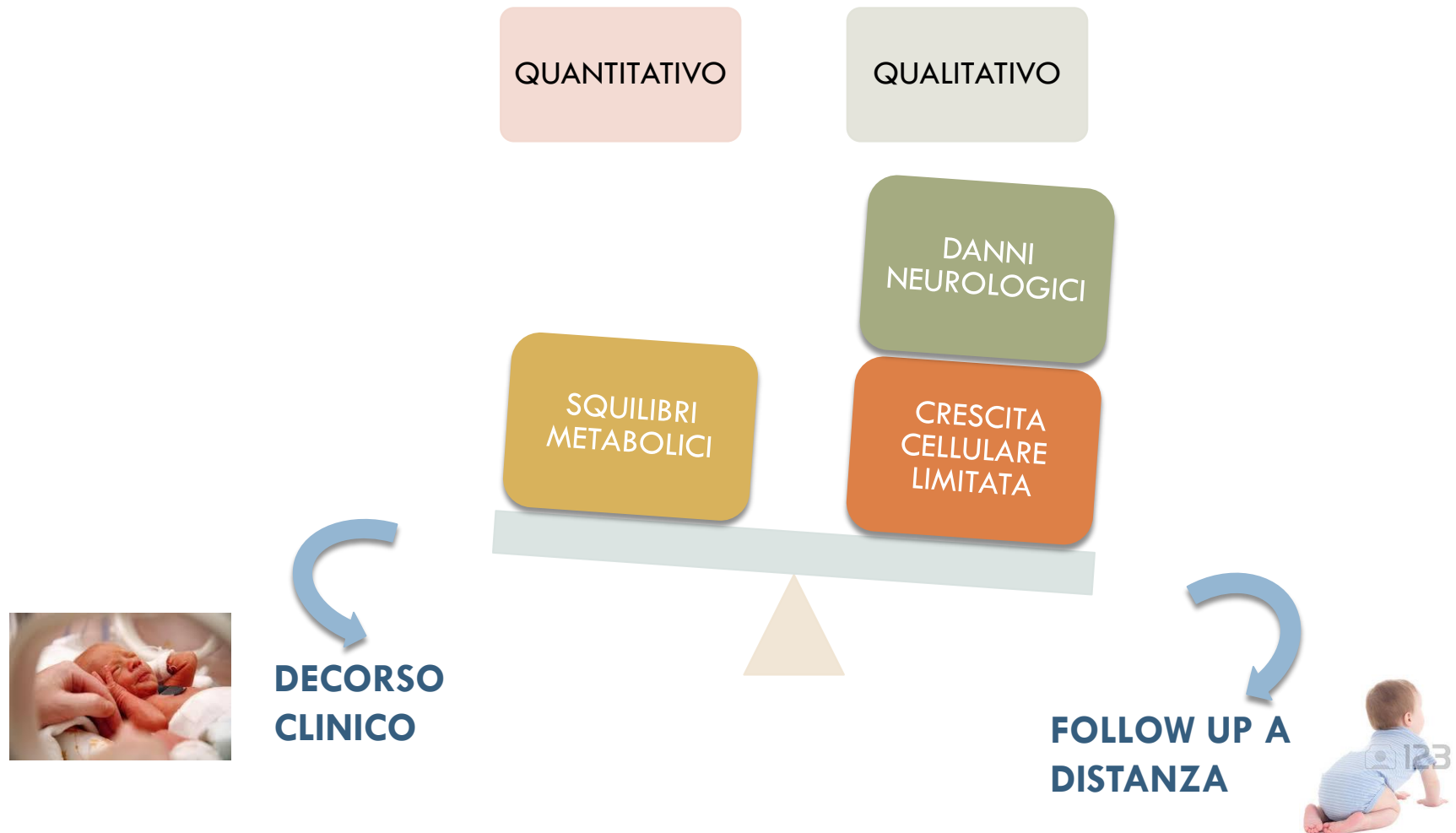
E' una “malnutrizione” non solo quantitativa ma anche qualitativa

Preterm infant have a different body composition at term corrected age compared with infants born at term:

1. similar fat mass
2. a significant relative deficit in lean tissue

Incremento percentuale e relativo dell'adiposità durante la degenza ospedaliera e dalla dimissione all'età di 12 mesi e.c.

Carenze Nutrizionali



Nutrition and the Developing Brain: Nutrient Priorities and Measurement

- Periodo caratterizzato da una serie di rapide trasformazioni di processi neurologici (formazione di sinapsi, la mielinizzazione, aumento cellule gliali)
- I possibili deficit proteico-energetici riducono il contenuto neuronale di DNA e RNA → riduzione di cellule neuronali, una ridotta sintesi proteica e una ipomielinizzazione → le dimensioni cerebrali si riducono → anomalie di sviluppo cognitive/motorie, attività verbali e visive particolarmente a rischio

Postnatal Growth in VLBW Infants: Significant Association with Neurodevelopmental Outcome

219 VLBW

94 SGA

125 AGA

Table II. Postnatal growth pattern and neurodevelopmental outcome at age 2

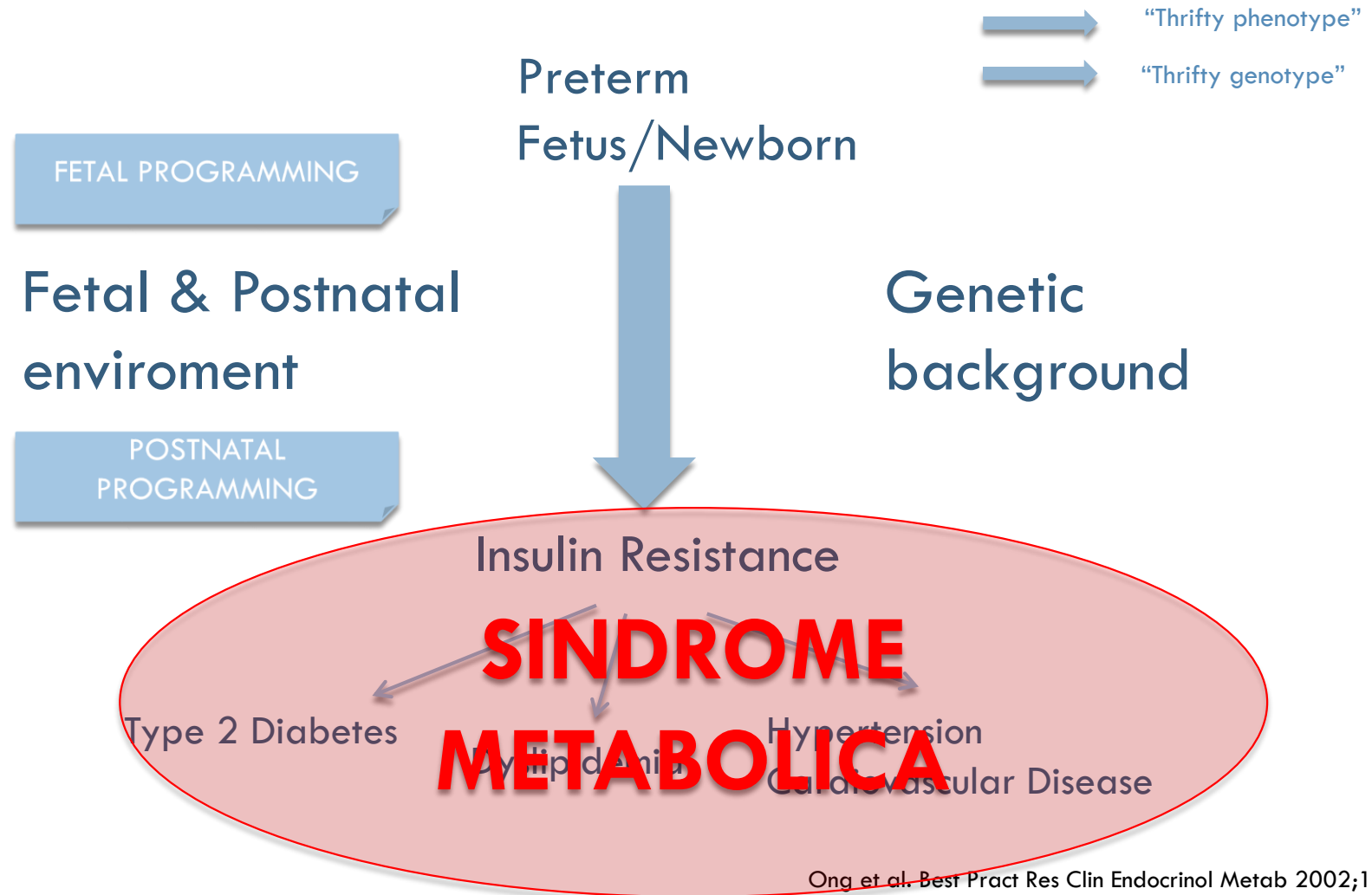
Weight at birth Weight at age 2 Group		Weight				P value*
		<10 th P	<10 th P	>10 th P	>10 th P	
		<10 th P	>10 th P	<10 th P	>10 th P	
		1 N = 52	2 N = 41	3 N = 35	4 N = 86	
MDI	Mean (SD)	94.7 (16.6)	98.2 (15.1)	94.9 (22.9)	101.7 (14.7)	3-4 ^a
<84	n (%)	12 (23.1)	7 (18.9)	10 (28.6)	9 (10.5)	NS
<68	n (%)	2 (3.9)	0 (0)	6 (17.1)	0 (0)	3-4 ^{c†}
PDI	Mean (SD)	89.9 (17.4)	101.8 (14.5)	81.9 (25.3)	95.1 (15.6)	1-2 ^c , 1-3 ^a , 2-3 ^c , 3-4 ^c
<84	n (%)	14 (26.9)	4 (9.8)	16 (45.7)	12 (14.5)	1-2 ^a , 1-3 ^a , 2-3 ^c , 3-4 ^c
<68	n (%)	5 (9.8)	1 (2.8)	12 (34.3)	3 (3.6)	1-3 ^a , 2-3 ^c , 3-4 ^c
CP						
Mild/moderate	n (%)	13 (25.0)	5 (12.5)	6 (17.1)	12 (14.1)	NS
Severe	n (%)	2 (3.8)	1 (2.5)	7 (20.0)	1 (1.2)	1-3 ^b , 2-3 ^b , 3-4 ^b

*Significance, adjusted for covariables (gestational age, socioeconomic status, sex, cohort, multiple birth status, PDA, BPD, IVH grade III or IV), is expressed as follows ^a $P \leq .05$, ^b $P \leq .01$, ^c $P \leq .001$. The numbers indicate the groups for which level of significance is given. Adjustment performed for continuous outcome variable (MDI, PDI) using ANCOVA, for dichotomous outcome variables logistic regression. Results of ANCOVA include also adjustment for moderate or severe CP.

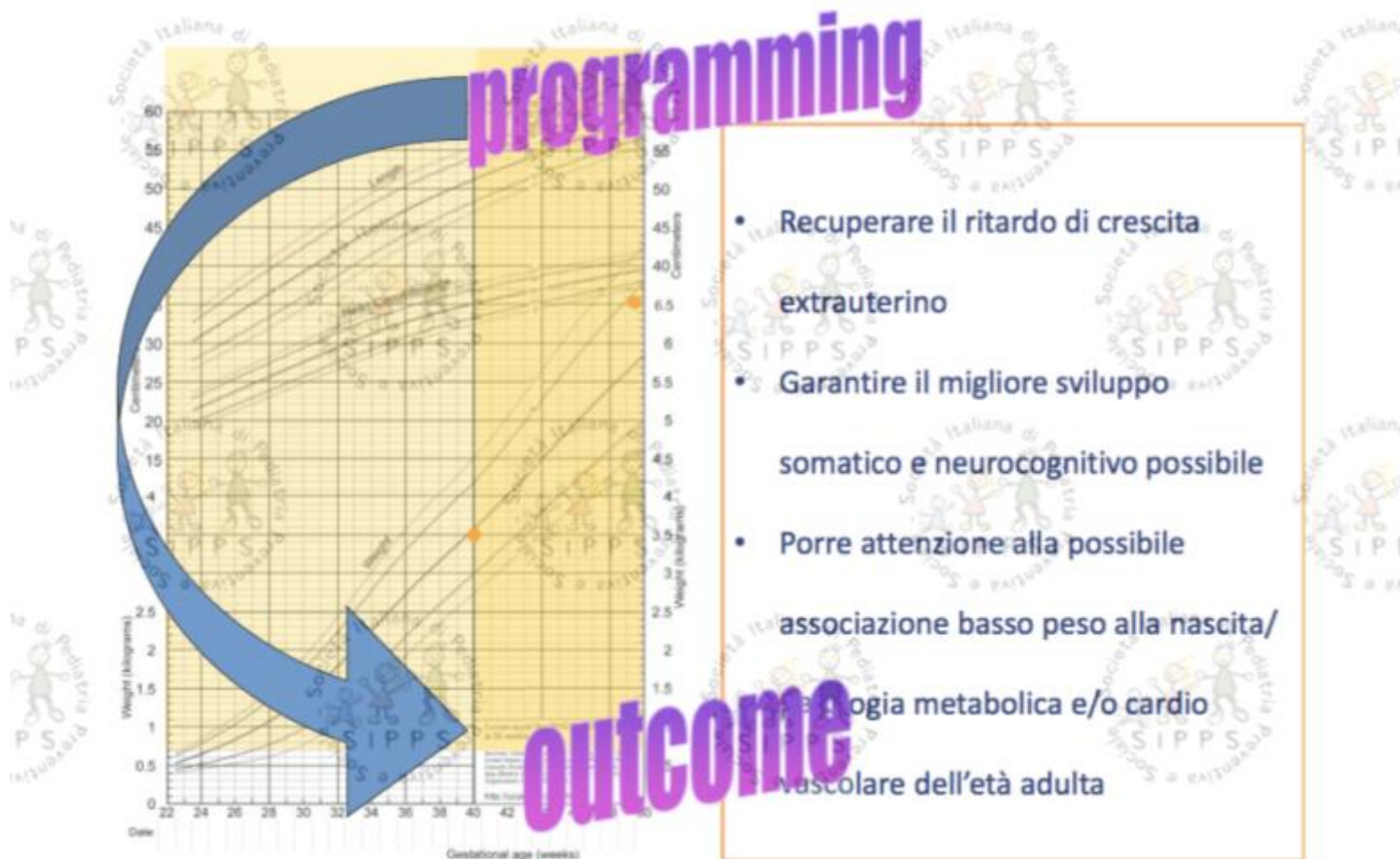
†P value χ^2 without adjustment due to small number of outcome variable.

...diventare SGA, anche nel corso dei primi 2 anni di vita
peggiora significativamente l'outcome neurologico...

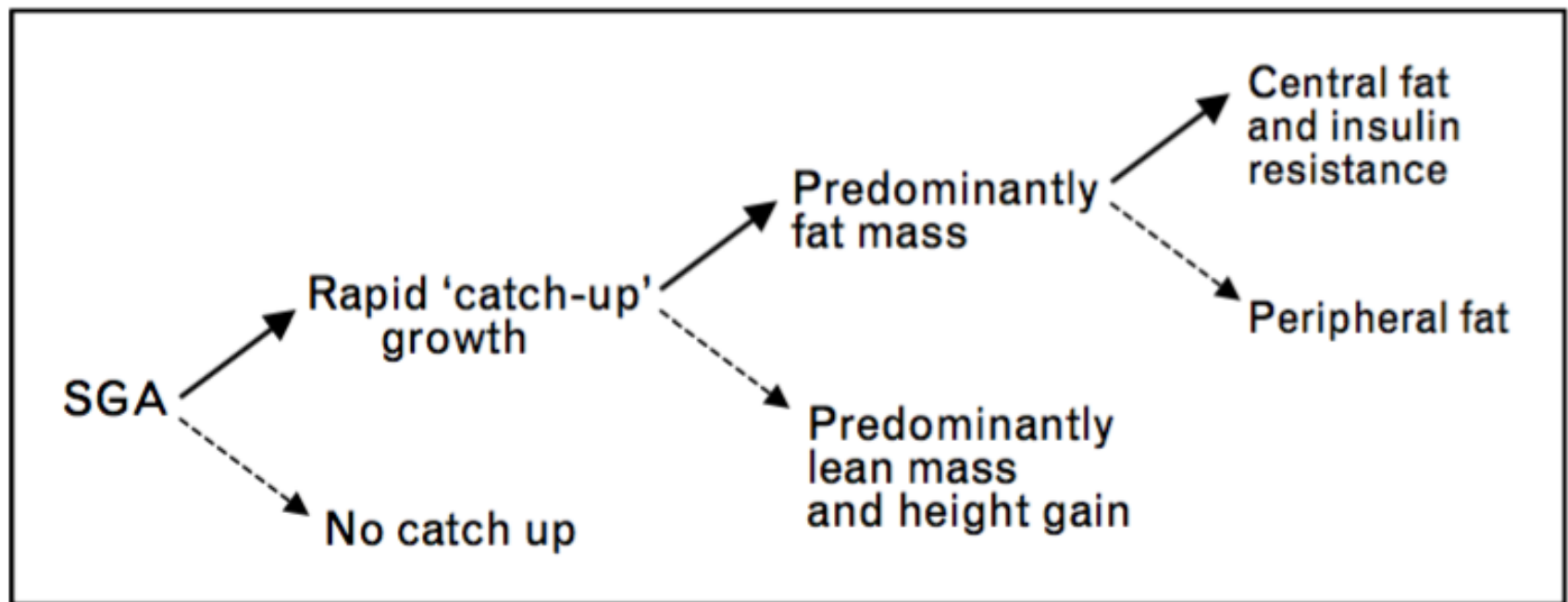
Hypotheses linking low birthweight to adulthood disease



Obiettivi nutrizionali nel primo anno di vita



Catch-up growth in small for gestational age babies: good or bad?



... not too slow, not too fast ...

...anche se

- ...la resistenza insulinica è stata dimostrata anche nei pretermine che non mostrano un catch-up growth
- ...l'ipotesi quindi di limitare il catch-up growth nella fase post-natale non solo può compromettere lo sviluppo neurologico a distanza di questi bambini, ma probabilmente non li preserva dallo sviluppo della sindrome metabolica

Remains serious problems in prematurely born neonates

...verso casa con



SCARSE RISERVE DI
NUTRIENTI

MINERALIZZAZIONE
OSSEA INSUFFICIENTE

DEFICIT ENERGETICO
IMPORTANTE



Protein/Energy Intake

Table 1. Nutritional needs by weeks of gestation

	Nutritional needs per kg/day GA, weeks					
	<28	28–31	32–33	34–36	37–38	39–41
Fetal growth						
Weight gain, g	20	17.5	15	13	11	10
Lean body mass gain, g	17.8	14.4	12.1	10.5	7.2	6.6
Protein gain, g	2.1	2	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.2
Requirements						
Energy, kcal/kg	125	125	130	127	115	110
Proteins, g/kg	4	3.9	3.5	3.1	2.5	1.5
Protein/energy ratio, g/100 kcal	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.4
Calcium, mg/kg	120–140	120–140	120–140	120–140	70–120	55–120
Phosphorus, mg/kg	60–90	60–90	60–90	60–90	35–75	30–75

Nutritional Status at Hospital Discharge

□ Approccio individualizzato alla nutrizione

It is clear that the nutritional status of preterm infants at the time of discharge is heterogeneous and that it varies according to gestational age, postnatal age, in utero growth, nutritional management during hospitalization, associated morbidities and likely genetic factors. Therefore, it is unlikely that a standardized nutritional practice may cover the need of all preterm infants after hospital discharge and an individualized approach would best meet this goal. However, common features might be identified and should be known by physicians in order to adapt their prescription and guidelines given to parents.

Nutritional Status at Hospital Discharge

□ Follow up

In its recent position statement, the ESPGHAN Committee on Nutrition concluded that infants discharged home with a normal weight for post-conceptual age are not at increased risk of long-term growth failure and could be fed similarly to term infants of similar gestational age. By contrast, those with a subnormal weight for post-conceptual age are at increased risk of long-term growth failure and require particular attention and follow-up [23].

Current Practices for Feeding after Hospital Discharge

- Latte materno (*)
- Formule postdischarge

Il latte Materno: “ the perfect nutrient” anche nel pretermine

IQ, Brain Size,
White Matter
Development

positive
correlation



8 studi su ex pretermine
Follow-up fino all'adolescenza (13-19 a.)

Fortified Breast Milk?

(*) Secondo una meta analisi del 2013 l'utilizzo di latte materno fortificato dopo la dimissione non si associa ad una migliore crescita ponderale o ad un miglior outcome cognitivo rispetto al latte materno non fortificato

Formule PDF

Caratteristiche generali simili alla starting formula ma “rinforzata” in proteine (1.9-2.1 /100 ml), calcio-fosforo, ferro, LCPUFA, minerali, vit A ecc... per ottemperare alle maggiori richieste del pretermine

Post Discharge Formula: Razionale

- Miglior accrescimento staturo-ponderale
- Aumento di peso e lunghezza > nei maschi
- Vantaggiosa in particolari pazienti (BPD, SGA, ...)
- Aumento contenuto minerale osseo e massa magra
- Miglior sviluppo neurologico ?

rispetto alle starting e follow on formule per neonati e
lattanti a termine

Post Discharge Formula: quando impiegare

- ❑ Mancanza latte materno
- ❑ Dimissione molto prima rispetto alla data presunta del parto
- ❑ Caduta sotto il 3° o il 5° percentile della curva di crescita di riferimento
- ❑ Comorbidità che richiedono elevati apporti nutrizionali

Post Discharge Formula: fino a quando

Non conoscendo il reale potenziale di crescita di questi neonati, sembra opportuno continuare con una formula “post-discharge” fino a quando non si raggiunga una dieta bilanciata nei suoi nutrienti piu’ importanti e/o non venga recuperato il deficit auxologico postnatale

long-chain fatty acids than standard term formula should be provided until the pre-term infant reaches 40 weeks’ post-conceptual age but possibly until 52 weeks’ post-conceptual age [23, 24].

Post Discharge Formula: quali benefici

□ Lapillone 2014

provide evidence that nutrient-dense formula after discharge does not promote central adiposity in preterm infants [27] and may be beneficial in increasing immediate weight gain and mineralization.

Results with regard to outcomes other than growth or body composition showed no significant effect of feeding either a post-discharge formula or a preterm formula after discharge on development (tables 1, 2). Furthermore, there is no data allowing studying the effect of feeding an enriched formula after discharge on later blood pressure or insulin resistance [25].

Post Discharge Formula: quali benefici

□ Cochrane Dicembre 2016:

Main results

We included 16 eligible trials with a total of 1251 infant participants. Trials were of variable methodological quality, with lack of allocation concealment and incomplete follow-up identified as major potential sources of bias. Trials (N = 11) that compared feeding infants with 'postdischarge formula' (energy density about 74 kcal/100 mL) versus standard term formula (about 67 kcal/100 mL) did not find consistent evidence of effects on growth parameters up to 12 to 18 months post term. GRADE assessments indicated that evidence was of moderate quality, and that inconsistency within pooled estimates was the main quality issue.

Trials (N = 5) that compared feeding with 'preterm formula' (about 80 kcal/100 mL) versus term formula found evidence of higher rates of growth throughout infancy (weighted mean differences at 12 to 18 months post term: about 500 g in weight, 5 to 10 mm in length, 5 mm in head circumference). GRADE assessments indicated that evidence was of moderate quality, and that imprecision of estimates was the main quality issue.

Few trials assessed neurodevelopmental outcomes, and these trials did not detect differences in developmental indices at 18 months post term. Data on growth or development through later childhood have not been provided.

Authors' conclusions

Recommendations to prescribe 'postdischarge formula' for preterm infants after hospital discharge are not supported by available evidence. Limited evidence suggests that feeding 'preterm formula' (which is generally available only for in-hospital use) to preterm infants after hospital discharge may increase growth rates up to 18 months post term.

DHA e Pretermine

Funzione strutturale: costituzione delle membrane cellulari

Funzione metabolica: immunità'/infiammazione, aggregazione piastrinica, pressione arteriosa, attività cardiaca

Reference	DHA, mg/kg/day	Effects on DHA status
Current DHA intake, see [14]	14–30	Decline in DHA status
[19]	32	Decline in DHA status (PPL)
[21]	45 ^a	RBC DHA at expected term <6% ^d
[21]	54 ^b	RBC DHA at expected term = 6.5–9% ^d
[19]	59 ^c	Increase in DHA status by 12% (PPL)

^a Human milk from Danish mothers likely consuming fish.

^b Human milk supplemented with a DHA supplement.

^c Mother's milk of women receiving 3 g of tuna oil per day.

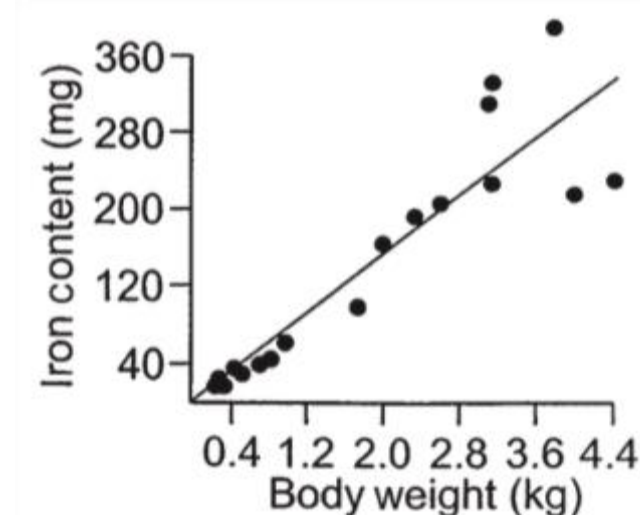
^d Values observed for RBC DHA in term infants at birth is ~8%.

Ferro e Pretermine

term infant receive a supplement of iron after discharge from hospital [36, 37]. The AAP recommends that all preterm infants should have an iron intake of at least 2 mg/kg/day through 12 months of age, which is the amount of iron supplied by iron-fortified formulas. Preterm infants fed human milk should receive an iron supplement of 2 mg/kg/day by 1 month of age, and this should be continued until the infant is weaned to iron-fortified formula or begins eating complementary foods that supply the 2 mg/kg of iron. An exception to this practice would include infants who have re-

Cio' determina
un'anemia a 4-8
settimane di eta' piu'
evidente quanto minori
sono l'eta' gestazionale
ed il peso alla nascita

...iron requirements for fetal growth rise steadily
in proportion to the weight of the fetus...



Apporto Calcio/ Fosforo e Vit D

- Feeding post-discharge preterm infants formulas or breast milk with higher concentrations of calcium and phosphorus than those found in formulas for term infants results in improved bone mineralization
- Regard to vitamin D intake, there is no evidence that the preterm infant after discharge should receive higher doses than term infants

Raccomandazioni nutrizione pretermine I

- **Close monitoring of growth** (weight-, length- and head circumference-for-age, indexes of body proportionality) and feed intake (i.e. at expected term and every 2–4 weeks after discharge) using appropriate growth curves
- **Selective biological indexes** (e.g. BUN, ferritin, 25(OH) vitamin D) may be useful in order to assess selective nutrient deficiencies but should be determined on an individual basis.

Indicatori di crescita e stato nutrizionale del neonato pretermine dopo la dimissione

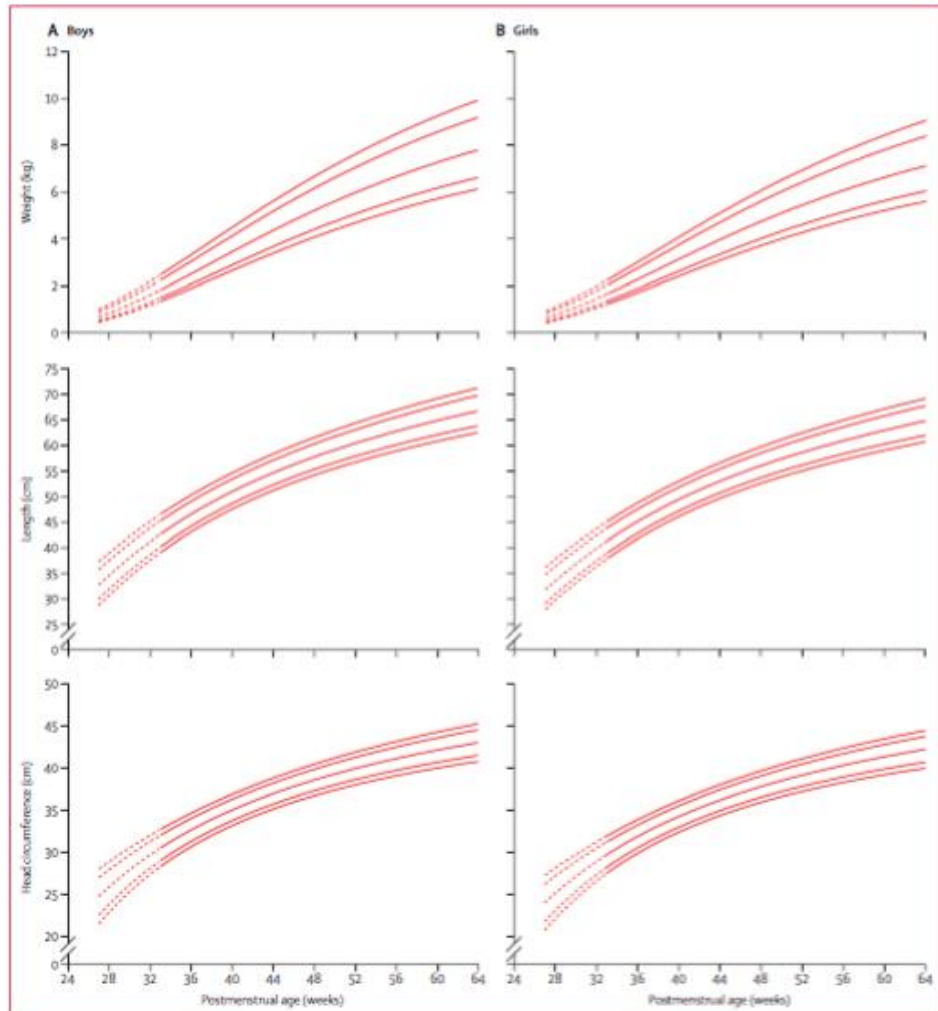
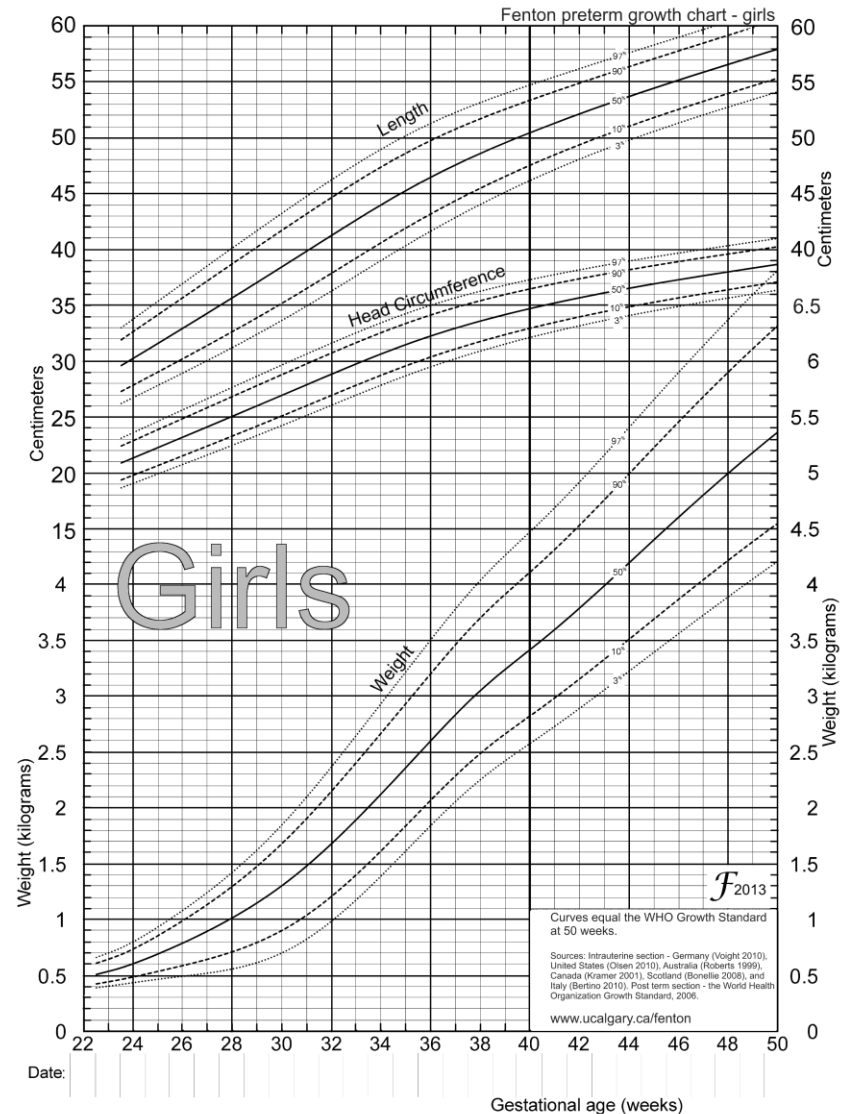


Figure 5: Third, tenth, 50th, 90th, and 97th centiles for weight, length, and head circumference over time in preterm babies
 Data were calculated with fractional polynomial powers in a multilevel framework to account for repeated measures. Adjustment for gestational age at birth (27–32 weeks' gestation vs 33–36 weeks' gestation) and interaction between sex and age did not modify the overall fit. Dashed lines represent periods with a small sample size for boys and extrapolated values for girls.



Raccomandazioni nutrizione pretermine II

- The **individualized approach** should be based on growth, quality of growth, personal history and selective nutrient deficiencies. As a rule of thumb, however, infants that are born small (i.e. $<1,000$ g) and/or that are discharge small ($<2,000$ g) most certainly will require some kind of post-discharge nutritional intervention.
- To avoid creating nutritional deficits after discharge, preterm infants should at least receive the **nutrient intake of their respective corrected age** until their reach full term (i.e. 39–41 weeks)

Raccomandazioni nutrizione pretermine III

- The use of a human milk fortifier or formula powder or concentrate in the case of the human milk-fed infant or enriched formulas (i.e. preterm formula, post-discharge formulas) in case of formula feeding may be an effective strategy in addressing early discharge nutrient deficits and poor growth.
- **A post-discharge nutritional intervention is more effective in promoting growth if performed early** (i.e. before expected term). As a rule of thumb, it should be undertaken until indexes of growth are >-2 SD. However, the strategy should be limited to the period of poor feeding or poor growth and should be discontinued as soon as possible after expected term to avoid overfeeding.

Raccomandazioni nutrizione pretermine IV

- **The recommendations for DHA, AA and EPA supply** for preterm infants should be continued until they reach full term. Thereafter, recommendations for term infants should be applied.
- **Screening for iron deficiency** is warranted. Iron supplementation should be continued after discharge for hospital, at least until 6–12 months of age depending on diet.
- Further studies are needed before routine supplementation with other vitamins or micronutrients is implemented.

Key Points Nutrizionali

- Promuovere allattamento al seno
- Arginare il Postnatal Growth Failure”
- Ottimizzare gli apporti e correggere prontamente eventuali deficit nutrizionali quando vengono identificati
- Evitare una sovra-alimentazione
- Valutare le ricadute sullo sviluppo somatico e neuro-comportamentale



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