

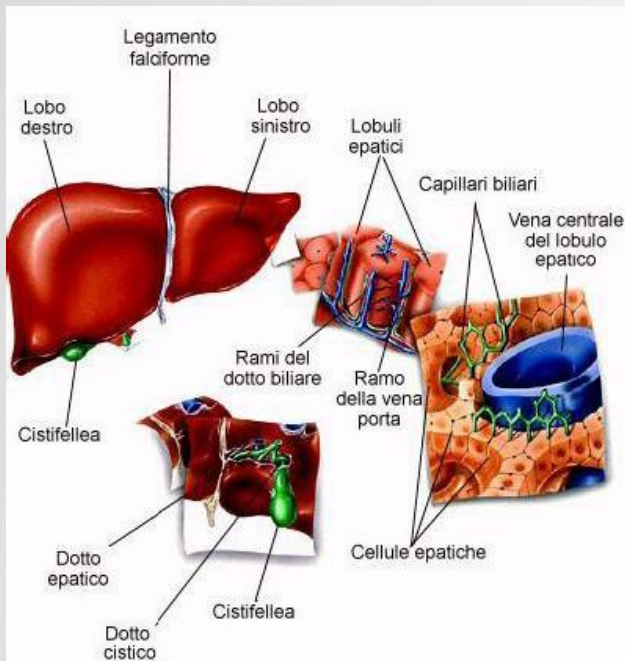
# INSUFFICIENZA EPATICA IN ICU

**Mercoledì 22 ottobre ore  
14.30  
(auletta 2° CR)**



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Il più grande organo dell'organismo  
(1-1,5 Kg)

-LOBO DESTRO

(lobo caudato e lobo quadrato)

-LOBO SINISTRO

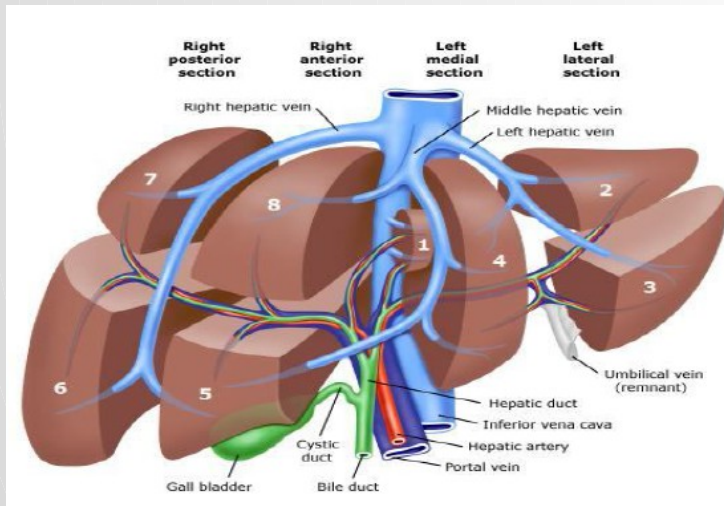
8 segmenti (ramificazioni biliari e vasi)

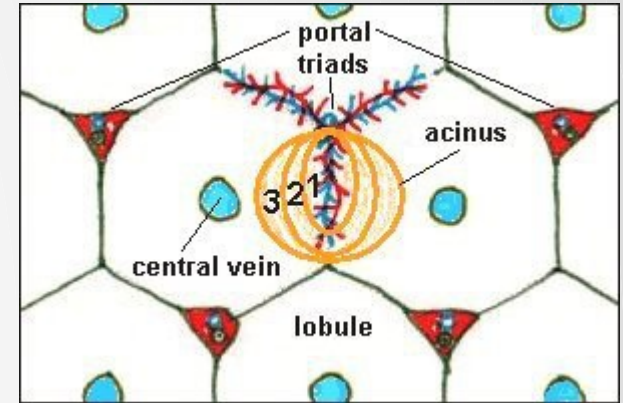
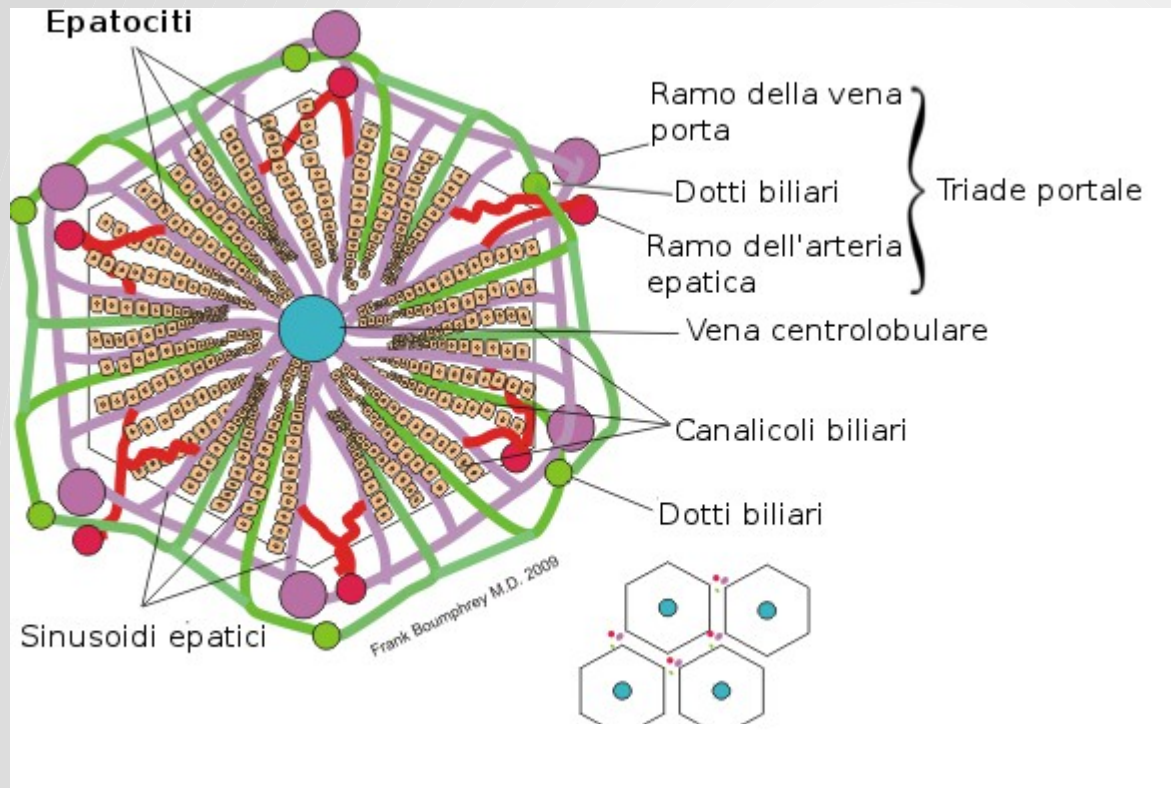
IN: **Arteria epatica** (dal tronco celiaco)

**Vena porta** (da mesenterica superiore e splenica)

OUT: 3 vv. epatiche (+ vv. epatiche minori)  
in VCI

**Dotto epatico dx e sx in epatico comune**  
che si unisce al **cistico** per formare **coledoco** (corre con il dotto pancreatico per andare nel duodeno)





Istologico: **LOBULO**

Funzionale: **ACINO**

(3 zone a seconda di gradienti funzionali, concentrazioni ematiche di ossigeno, nutrienti e ormoni)

1. *periportale*

2. *mediana*

3. *centrolobulare*

# Funzioni epatiche

- **Esocrine**: sintesi ed escrezione bile
- **Metabolismo glucidico**: gluconeogenesi (glicogeno)
- **Metabolismo lipidico**: sintesi, immagazzinamento, eliminazione.
- **Metabolismo proteico** (es. albumina)
- **Fattori della coagulazione** (fibrinogeno, protrombina, fatt V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII)
- **Metabolismo vitaminico** (deposito ed utilizzo)
- **Funzione detossificante**
- **Funzione immunitaria** (cellule di Kupffer)
- **Emodinamica**: 1/4 GC



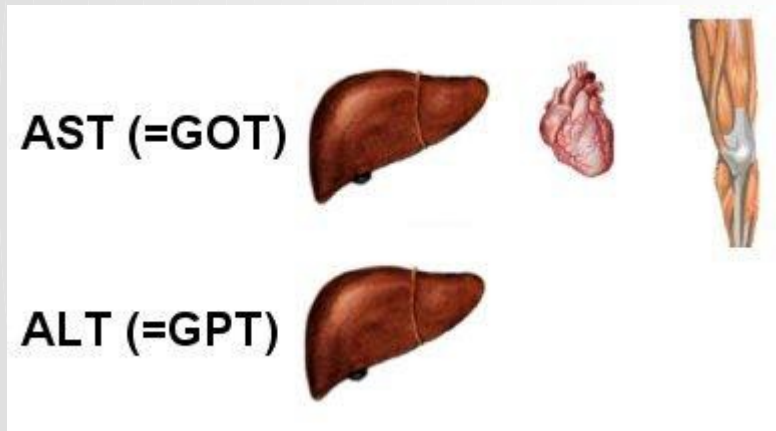
# VALUTAZIONE FUNZIONALE DEL FEGATO

## 1) INDICI DI NECROSI:

**TRANSAMINASI (AST E ALT)** enzimi citoplasmatici diffusi in molti tessuti che hanno quindi una bassa specificità.

Costituiscono un indice di danno cellulare. Possono essere maggiormente indicativi di danno epatico quando:

- i valori sono molto elevati (500-1000 U/l) e permangono tali per più di 24-48 ore;
- l'aumento maggiore è a carico delle ALT (> specificità);



### Rapporto AST/ALT

- >2 forme alcool correlate,
- <2 forme non alcool correlate, (<1 epatiti virali)

**LATTICO DEIDROGENASI (LDH)** 5 forme isoenzimatiche distribuite in diversi tessuti.

## **2) INDICI DI COLESTASI:**

### **FOSFATASI ALCALINA (ALP)**

è un enzima sintetizzato dal tessuto osseo, dall'intestino, dal rene e, in minor grado, dagli epatociti. L'elevazione della sua concentrazione sierica è indice di colestasi

### **GAMMA GLUTAMIL-TRANSPEPTIDASI (GGT)**

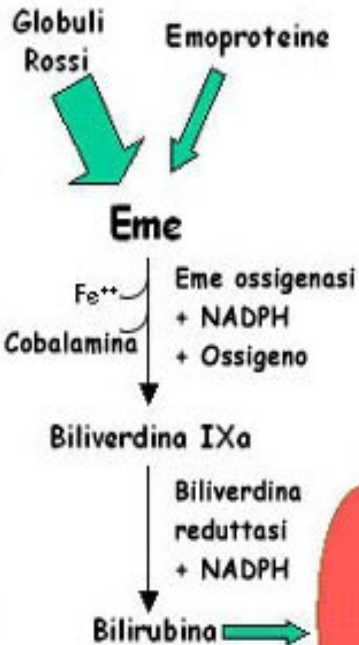
è una glicoproteina legata alla membrana plasmatica coinvolta nel metabolismo del glutatione. Parametro di stasi biliare influenzato soprattutto dall'assunzione di alcool e farmaci

### **BILIRUBINA TOTALE E FRAZIONATA**

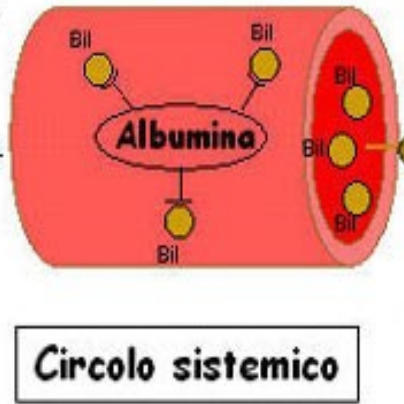
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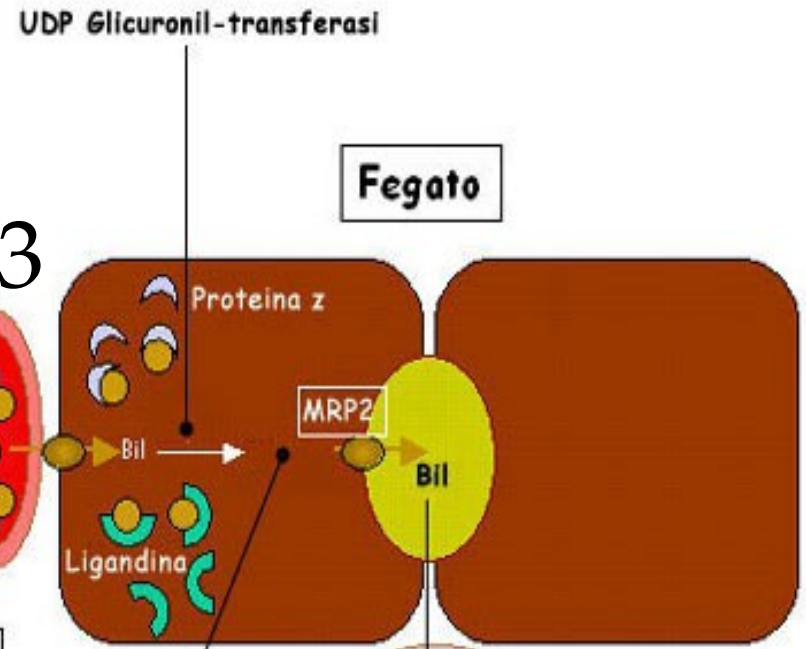
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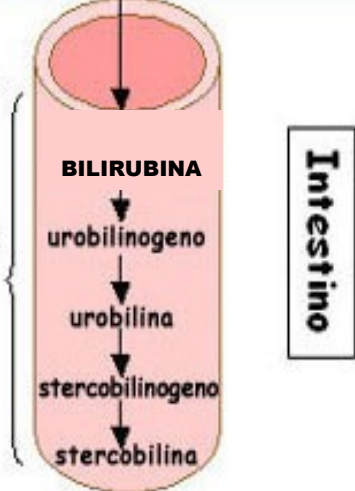
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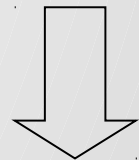
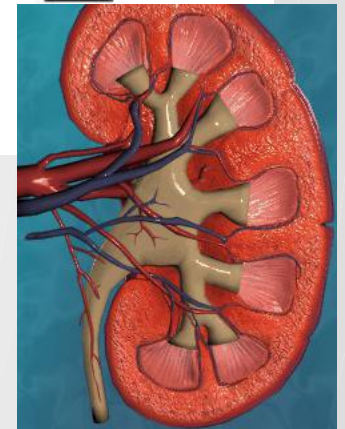
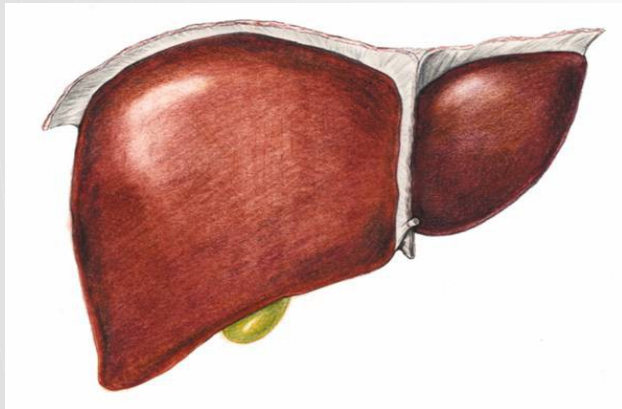
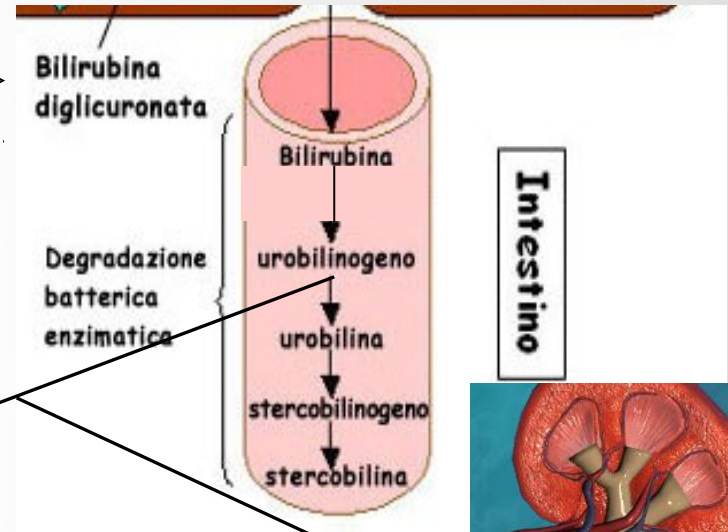
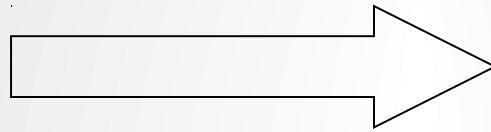
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**METABOLISMO DELLA BILIRUBINA**

# CIRCOLO ENTERO-EPATICO

BILE



URINE



# ITTERO

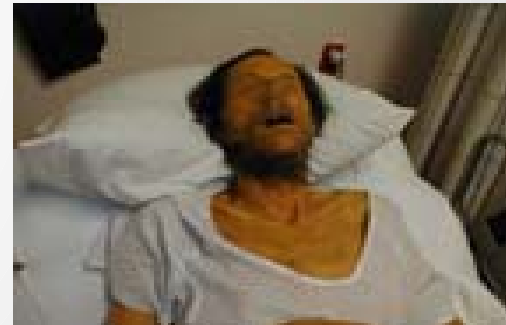
«Colorazione giallastra della cute e delle mucose visibili, conseguente all'aumento della bilirubina plasmatica oltre i 2 – 2,5 mg/dl».

- ✓ Ittero pre-epatico o emolitico
- ✓ Ittero epatocellulare
- ✓ Ittero ostruttivo

Subittero



Ittero



## Box 1. Etiologies of jaundice in the ICU

### Obstructive jaundice

Choledocholithiasis  
Cholangitis  
Cholangiocarcinoma  
Pancreatic duct stricture  
Pancreatic head mass

### Nonobstructive jaundice

Hemolysis  
Massive transfusion  
Hypotension/"shock liver"  
Disseminated intravascular coagulation  
Soft tissue trauma and hematoma resorption  
Sepsis  
Liver trauma/biloma  
Liver failure/MEOF  
Medications/hepatotoxins  
Viral hepatitis

### 3) INDICI DI INSUFFICIENZA EPATICA:

#### COAGULAZIONE E PIASTRINOPENIA con allungamento del PT

La **PROTEINEMIA TOTALE E FRAZIONATA** e l'elettroforesi sierica forniscono preziose informazioni sulla capacità sintetica dell'epatocita. I valori sierici delle proteine totali, dell'albumina sono ridotti in situazioni di grave scompenso epatico.

Le **COLINESTERASI** diminuiscono nel 30-50% nei casi di epatite acuta, e del 50-70% in casi di cirrosi e Ca con metastasi diffuse al fegato.

**AMMONIEMIA.** Deriva in parte dal metabolismo proteico, ma soprattutto, attraverso il circolo portale, dall'intestino, ove è elaborata dalla flora batterica durante la digestione delle proteine alimentari. Normalmente essa è trasformata nel fegato in urea, prodotto idrosolubile non tossico. Ogni qualvolta però vi sia un deficit a carico del metabolismo epatico la concentrazione di ammonio plasmatico aumenta. Si suppone abbia un ruolo preminente nella encefalopatia epatica.

# MALATTIE EPATICHE

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**ALF: Acute Liver Failure**



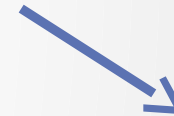
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functional alterations at the  
hepatocellular level

- **Miste**

# Acute Liver Failure: Summary of a Workshop

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The sudden loss of hepatic function in a person without preexisting liver disease defines ALF.<sup>1,2</sup> The most reliable signs of severe acute liver injury are the presence of coagulopathy (international normalized ratio [INR]  $\geq$  1.5) and any degree of hepatic encephalopathy, the length of illness being considered anything  $\leq$  24 weeks. |

**Table 2. West-Haven criteria for hepatic encephalopathy.**

| Stage | Level of consciousness                        | Intellect and behaviour                    | Neurological findings   | Electroencephalographic abnormalities                  |
|-------|---|--|---|--|
| 0     | Normal  | Normal                                     | Normal examination<br>If impaired psychometric testing, then minimal hepatic encephalopathy | None   |
| 1     | Mild lack of awareness<br>Personality changes | Impaired concentration,<br>mild confusion  | Apraxia, mild asterixis or tremor   | Triphasic waves with slow wave activity (5-6 cycles/s) |
| 2     | Lethargy                                      | Disorientation,<br>inappropriate behaviour | Obvious asterixis, dysarthria (slurred speech)  | Triphasic waves with slow wave activity (5 cycles/s)   |
| 3     | Somnolence                                    | Gross disorientation,<br>agressivity       | Muscular rigidity and clonus,<br>hyperreflexia, Babinski sign                               | Triphasic waves with slow wave activity (5 cycles/s)   |
| 4     | Coma<br>(awakening impossible)                | Coma                                       | Decerebrate posturing,<br>rigidity  | Delta activity, very slow wave activity (2-3 cycles/s) |

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# Hepatic failure: EPIDEMIOLOGY in ITALY

Non esiste un sistema di monitoraggio ALF!!!

**SEIEVA** (Sistema di sorveglianza delle epatiti acute; solo dati di mortalità)

**CNT** (Registro Centro Nazionale trapianti; no dati sui decessi né sulle guarigioni spontanee)

**ISTAT** (non attendibili per problemi di codifica)

# ALF: prognostic definition

## TIMING

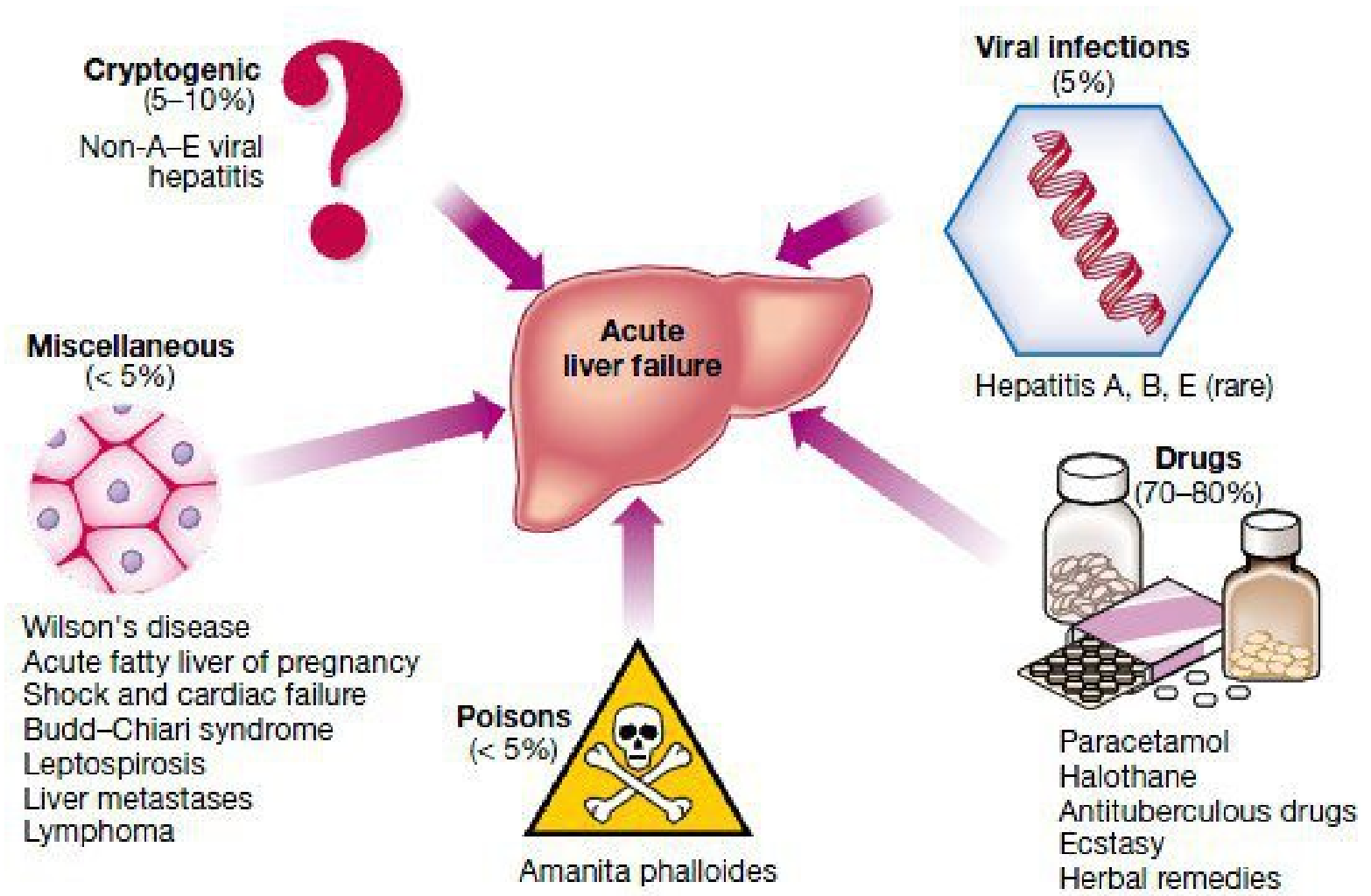
| Feature                           | Hyperacute | Acute  | Subacute |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------|----------|
| <i>Jaundice to encephalopathy</i> | 0-7        | 8-28   | 29-84    |
| <i>Cerebral oedema</i>            | Common     | Common | Rare     |
| <i>Renal failure</i>              | Early      | Late   | Late     |
| <i>Ascites</i>                    | Rare       | Rare   | Common   |
| <i>Coagulation disorder</i>       | Marked     | Marked | Modest   |
| <i>Prognosis</i>                  | Moderate   | Poor   | Poor     |

Schmidt, Hepatology- 2005

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# Causes of ALF



# Acquired Liver Injury in the Intensive Care Unit

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## Causes of Liver Injury in the ICU

- Hypoxic hepatitis
- Sepsis
- Drugs
- Parenteral Nutrition

### ***Hypoxic Hepatitis***

Hypoxic hepatitis (*i.e.*, ischemic hepatitis, hypoxic hepatopathy, shock liver, or hypoxic liver injury) can be defined as liver injury as a consequence of a cardiovascular insult followed by a sudden transient elevation of aminotransferases greater than 10-fold above baseline with no other identified cause of liver damage. Hypoxic hepatitis often is characterized by the triad of acute elevation in serum aminotransferases, rapid elevation in INR, and altered renal function. Hypoxic hepatitis results from inadequate oxygen delivery to the liver. This can be caused by inadequate oxygen in blood (hypoxemic hypoxia), inadequate blood flow (ischemic hypoxia), or lack of carrying capacity (anemic hypoxia)

# Sepsis

- **Hypoxic Hepatitis** —> impairment of hepatic perfusion



hepatocellular injury

- **Sepsis associated cholestasis** —> increased intestinal permeability (loss of tight gap junction) —> endotoxin translocation from intestinal lumen into portal circulation —> pro inflammatory cytokines



uptake bile acids, intracellular architecture, transporter systems, cellular junctions, reduce secretion of bile

## *Drugs*

Two primary mechanisms are responsible for drug-induced hepatotoxicity: direct drug toxicity (dose-dependent) and idiosyncratic drug reactions. Direct or indirect drug toxicity is dose dependent and reproducible, whereas idiosyncratic reactions, caused by hypersensitivity reactions from allergic or toxic factors, are dose independent, unpredictable, and not reproducible.

**Table 1.** Medications Frequently Prescribed in the Intensive Care Unit that Potentially May Cause Liver Injury\*

| Drugs                          | Pattern        | Mechanism                                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Antiinfectious agents</b>   |                |  |
| Ketoconazole                   | Hepatocellular | Idiosyncratic reaction                   |
| Tetracyclines                  | Hepatocellular | Microvesicular steatosis                 |
| Isoniazid                      | Hepatocellular | Idiosyncratic reaction (CYP3A4?)         |
| Rifampicin                     | Hepatocellular | Idiosyncratic reaction (CYP3A4?)         |
| Amoxicillin or clavulanate     | Cholestasis    | Toxic-allergic reaction                  |
| Macrolides (e.g. erythromycin) | Cholestasis    | —  |
| Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole  | Mixed          | Idiosyncratic reaction, role of CYP450?  |
| Nitrofurantoin                 | Mixed          | Idiosyncratic reaction                   |
| Clindamycin                    | Mixed          | Idiosyncratic reaction                   |
| <b>Antiepileptics</b>          |                |  |
| Phenytoin                      | Mixed          | Idiosyncratic reaction                   |
| Valproic acid                  | Hepatocellular | Anticonvulsant hypersensitivity syndrome |
| Carbamazepine                  | Mixed          | Idiosyncratic                            |
| Phenobarbital                  | Mixed          | Anticonvulsant hypersensitivity syndrome |
| <b>Acetaminophen</b>           |                |  |
| Acetaminophen ←                | Hepatocellular | Direct toxicity                          |
| <b>Others</b>                  |                |  |
| Amiodarone                     | Hepatocellular | Alcoholic hepatitis-like reactions       |
| Statins                        | Hepatocellular | Unknown                                  |
| Propofol                       | Hepatocellular |  |

\* Adapted from Lat *et al.*,<sup>20</sup> Navarro and Senior,<sup>21</sup> and Mindikoglu *et al.*<sup>24</sup>

CYP3A4 = cytochrome P450 3A4; CYP450 = cytochrome P450.

## *Parenteral Nutrition*

Although incompletely identified, the etiology of PN-induced hepatotoxicity may be related to hepatic bile acid transporter alterations, modifications of gene expression involved in apoptotic pathways, and/or alterations in detoxification processes.<sup>25</sup> |

(Grau et al study, 3000 pt)

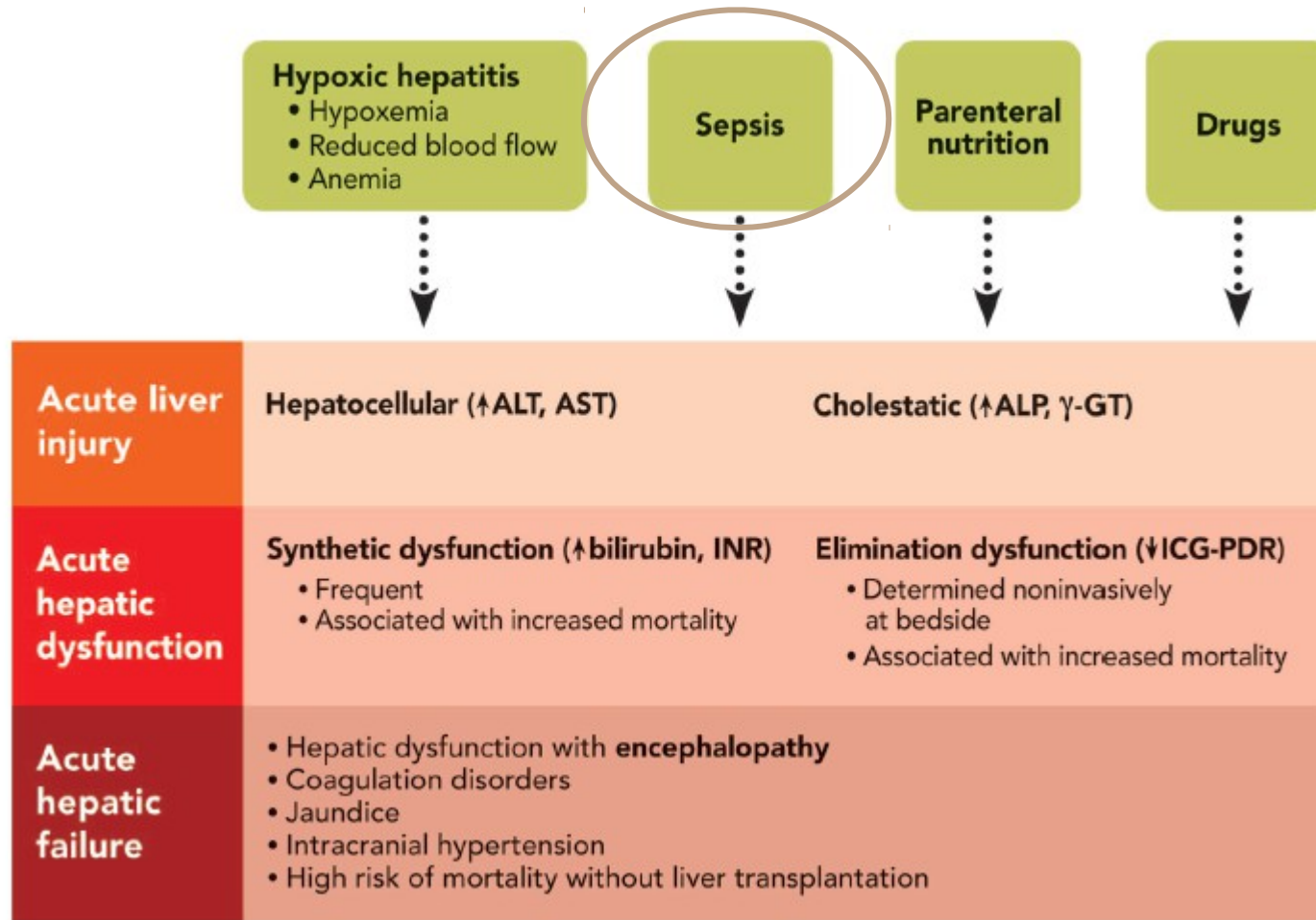


Fig. 1. Causes of liver insults, definitions, and key points of intensive care unit (ICU) acquired acute liver injury, hepatic dysfunction, and acute liver failure. ALP = alkaline phosphatase; ALT = alanine aminotransferase; AST = aspartate aminotransferase; γ-GT = γ-glutamyl transpeptidase; ICG-PDR = indocyanine green plasma disappearance rate; INR = international normalized ratio.



**Table 1 – Sepsis, SIRS, and MODS: Defining the terms<sup>12</sup>**

| <b>Term</b>                                    | <b>Definition</b>   |
|--|---|
| Systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) | Response is manifested by 2 or more of the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temperature &gt; 38°C (100.4°F) or &lt; 36°C (96.8°F)</li><li>• Heart rate &gt; 90 beats per minute</li><li>• Respiration rate &gt; 20 breaths per minute or Paco<sub>2</sub> &lt; 32 mm Hg</li><li>• White blood cell count &gt; 12,000/μL, &lt; 4000/μL, or &gt; 10% immature (band) forms</li></ul> |
| Sepsis   | Systemic response to an infection defined by 2 or more SIRS criteria as a result of an infection  |
| Severe sepsis                                  | Sepsis associated with organ dysfunction, hypoperfusion or hypotension  |
| Septic shock                                   | Sepsis-induced hypotension despite adequate fluid resuscitation along with presence of perfusion abnormalities  |
| Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome (MODS)     | Presence of altered organ dysfunction in an acutely ill patient   |

## Key Points

1. Acute liver failure is a paradigm for multiple system organ failure that develops as a consequence of sepsis.

MOF

Table 4 Similarity between sepsis and liver failure

|              | SIRS sepsis septic shock  | Liver failure   |
|--------------|---|---|
| Precipitant  | ± Infection   | ± Infection   |
| Neurologic   | Encephalopathy<br>Critical illness neuropathy/myopathy<br>Severity $\propto$ acuity<br>Reversible | Encephalopathy<br>Critical illness neuropathy/myopathy<br>Severity $\propto$ acuity<br>Reversible |
| Hemodynamics | Vasodilated; hyperdynamic   | Vasodilated; hyperdynamic   |
| Pulmonary    | Lung injury/acute respiratory distress syndrome   | Lung injury/acute respiratory distress syndrome   |
| Renal        | Acute kidney injury (acute tubular necrosis)  | Acute kidney injury (hepatorenal syndrome $\pm$ acute tubular necrosis)                           |
| Liver        | Subclinical dysfunction common  | Dysfunction amplified by infection  |
| Infection    | Identified in a third of patients   | Suspected but identified organism and site in around a third                                      |
| Nutrition    | Catabolic; immune therapy   | Branched-chain amino acid-enriched formulae   |

*...infection is the most common cause of mortality*

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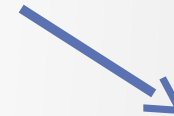
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## Definizione **APASL**:

*“Insulto epatico acuto\* che si manifesta con ittero e coagulopatia, complicato entro 4 settimane da ascite e/o encefalopatia in un paziente con malattia epatica cronica \*\*nota o non nota”.*

\*Insulto epatico acuto:

- a) Causa infettiva:
  - virus epatotropi/non epatotropi;
  - riattivazioni virali ;
  - altri agenti infettivi sul fegato .
- b) Causa non infettiva:
  - alcol;
  - farmaci/erbe;
  - flare autoimmune/Wilson;
  - chirurgia ;
  - *rottura di varici*
- c) Causa tossica non nota

\*\* Malattia epatica cronica: 

- cirrosi compensata;
- epatite cronica;
- NASH (non alcoholic steatohepatitis);
- epatopatia colestatica;
- epatopatia metabolica.

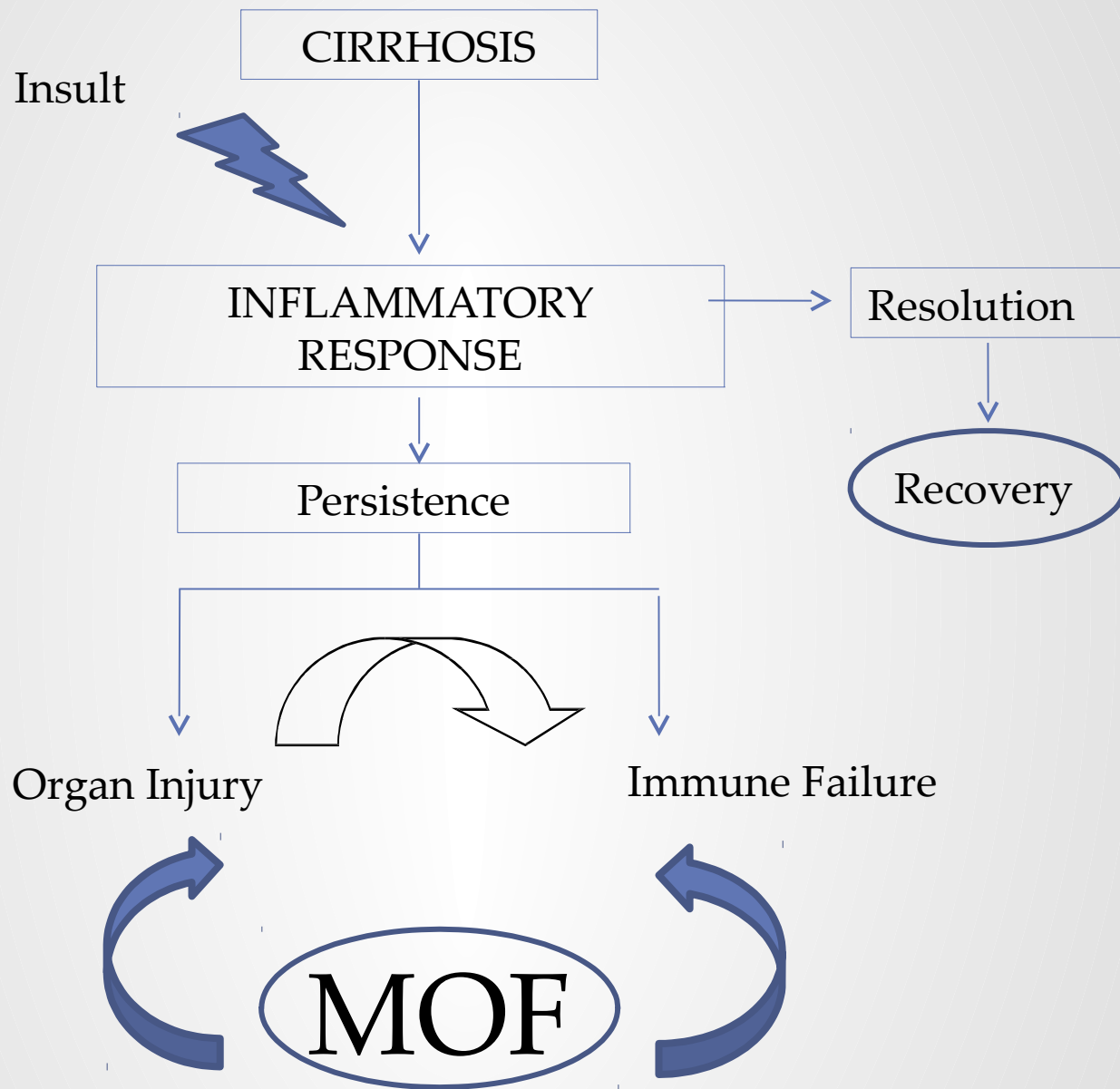
## Definizione **AASLD/EASL**:

*“Peggioramento acuto di una malattia epatica cronica preesistente\*\*, di solito correlato ad un evento precipitante\* ed associato ad un aumento della mortalità a 3 mesi a causa di insufficienza multiorgano”.*

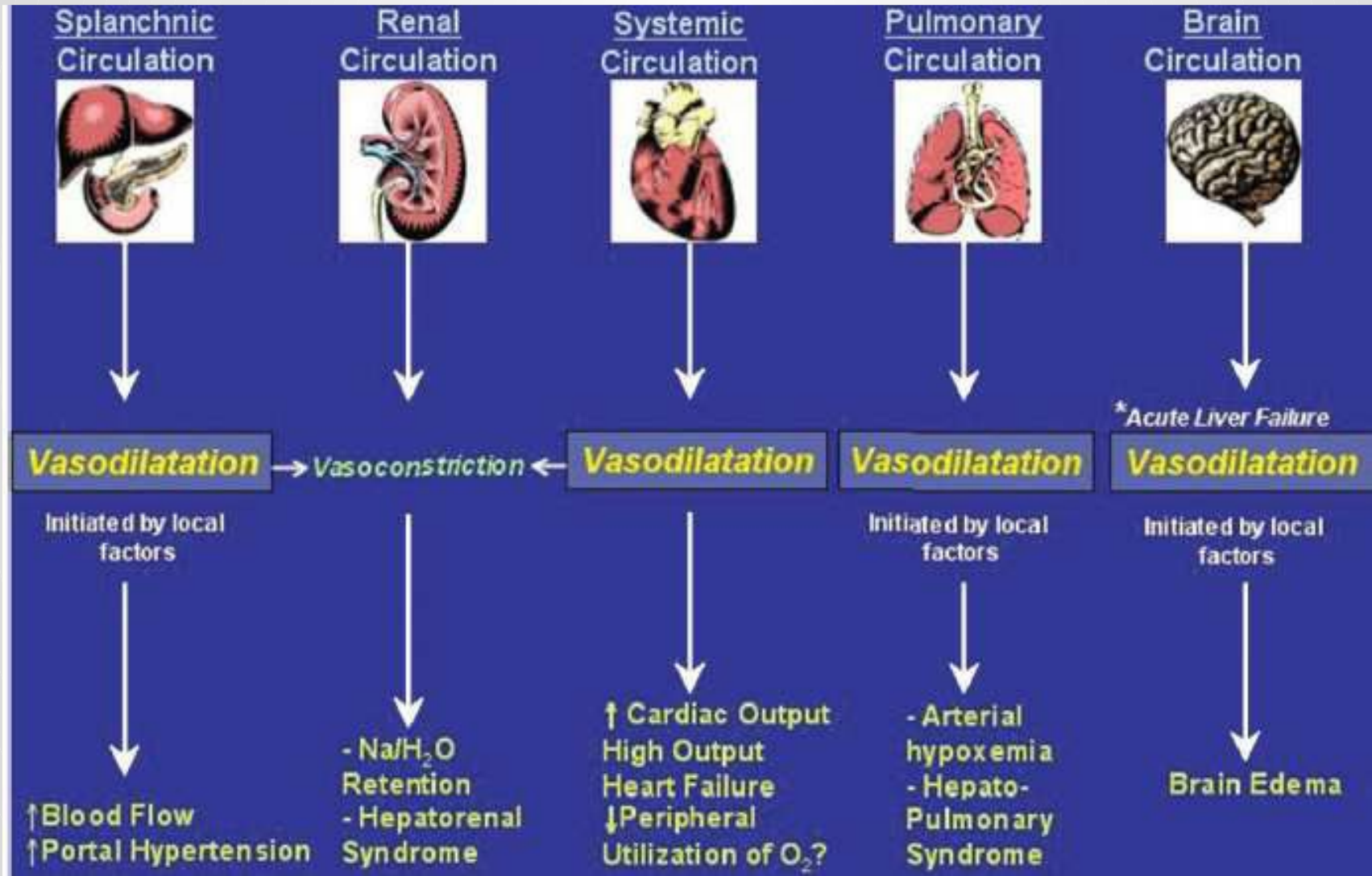
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\*\* Malattia epatica cronica: - cirrosi (qualsiasi stadio)



# ACLF: worsening of Multiorgan circulatory dysfunction in cirrhosis



## ALF/ACLF: elementi comuni

- **vie fisiopatologiche** (SIRS/SEPSI come evento primario o secondario).  
*SIRS first described in ALF*
  - esito in disfunzione multiorgano (**MOF**)
- necessità di approccio **SISTEMATICO MULTIORGANO** dal punto di vista diagnostico (diagnosi dell'insulto acuto e delle disfunzioni multiorgano) e terapeutico
  - frequente necessità di **monitoraggio e terapia intensiva**
  - opportunità di considerare (o controindicare) precocemente il **TRAPIANTO DI FEGATO** come parte integrante della terapia
- **prognosi legata alla MOF**, assenza tuttora di scores prognostici soddisfacenti in ottica epatologica

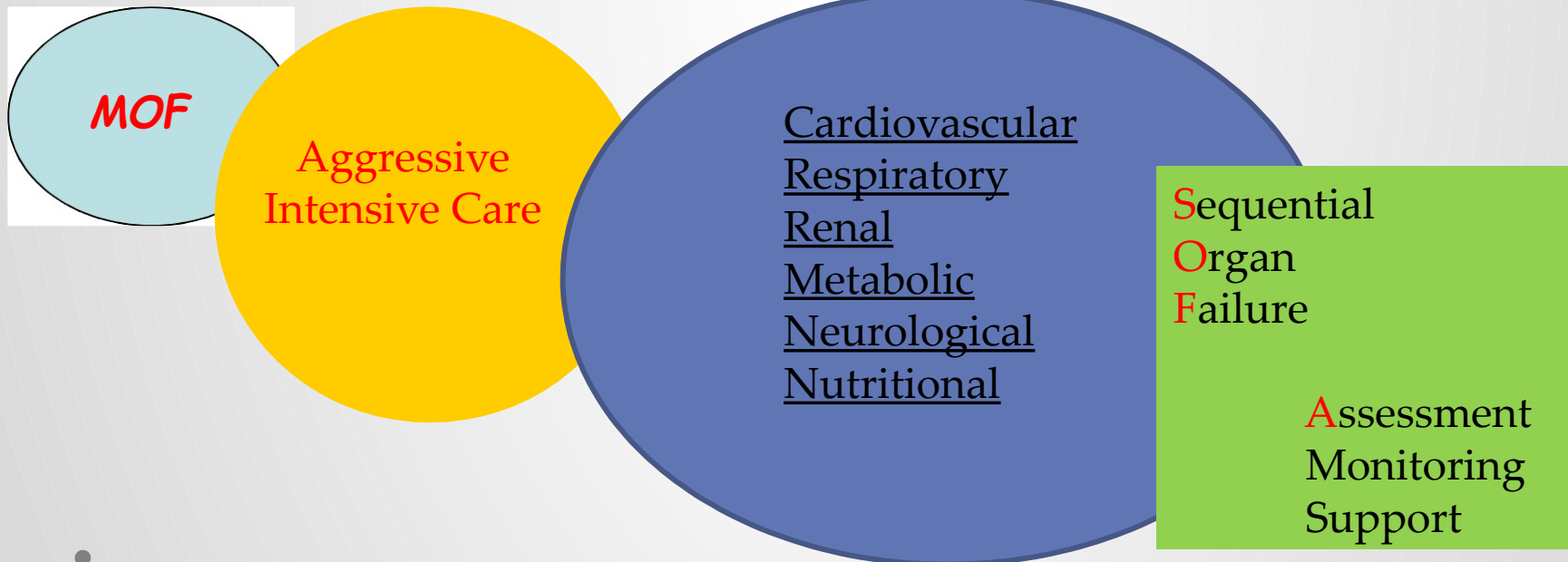
Nel caso dell'ACLF, l'esito in MOF rappresenta *l'esasperazione della disfunzione macro e microcircolatoria multiorgano che caratterizza la cirrosi*



# Application of Intensive Care Medicine Principles in the Management of the Acute Liver Failure Patient

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# Prognostic criteria of ALF in ICU

## SAPS: Simplified Acute Physiology Score

**Table 1-9** Simplified Acute Physiology Score (SAPS II) and Expanded Version

| SAPS II  | 0 points           | Abnormal value points  |                     |                    |   |                   |
|--|--------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| Age, years   | <40                | 40-59<br>7 points  | 60-69<br>12 points  | 70-74<br>15 points | 75-79<br>16 points                                      | ≥ 80<br>18 points |
| Heart rate, beats/min  | 70-119             | 40-69<br>2 points  | 120-159<br>4 points | ≥ 160<br>7 points  | < 40<br>11 points                                       |                   |
| Systolic Blood Pressure, mmHg  | 100-199            | >200<br>2 points   | 70 -99<br>5 points  | ≤ 70<br>13 points  |   |                   |
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| White Blood Cell Count, mm <sup>3</sup>                                    | 1-19.9             | ≥ 20<br>3 points   | < 1.0<br>12 points  |                    |   |                   |
| Potassium, mEq/L   | 3-4.9              | < 3 or<br>≥ 5<br>3 points  |                     |                    |   |                   |
| Sodium, mEq/L  | 125-144            | ≥145<br>1 point  | < 125<br>5 points   |                    |   |                   |
| Bicarbonate, mEq/L   | ≥20                | 15-19<br>3 points  | < 15<br>6 points    |                    |   |                   |
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| SAPS II  | 0 points           | Abnormal value points  |                     |                    |   |                   |
| Chronic Disease  |                    | Metastatic cancer 9 points<br>Hematological malignancy 10 points<br>AIDS 17 points |                     |                    | <b>SAPS II SCORE: add worst value for last 24 hours</b> |                   |
| Type of Admission  | Scheduled surgical | Medical 6 points<br>Unscheduled surgical 8 points                                  |                     |                    |   |                   |

# APACHE: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation SCORE

|  | HIGH ABNORMAL RANGE |          |         |           |                      | LOW ABNORMAL RANGE     |           |                        |                      |  |
|--|---------------------|----------|---------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
|  | +4                  | +3       | +2      | +1        | 0                    | +1                     | +2        | +3                     | +4                   |  |
| TEMPERATURE- rectal(°C)  | ≥ 41                | 39-40.9  |         | 38.5-38.9 | 36-38.4              | 34-35.9                | 32-33.9   | 30-31.9                | ≤ 29.9               |  |
| MEAN ARTERIAL PRESSURE-mm Hg   | ≥ 160               | 130-159  | 110-129 |           | 70-109               |                        | 50-69     |                        | ≤ 49                 |  |
| HEART RATE (ventricular response)  | ≥ 180               | 140-179  | 110-139 |           | 70-109               |                        | 50-69     | 40-54                  | ≤ 39                 |  |
| RESPIRATORY RATE-(non-ventilated or ventilated)  | ≥ 50                | 35-49    |         | 25-34     | 12-24                | 10-11                  | 6-9       |                        | ≤ 5                  |  |
| OXYGENATION: A-aDO <sub>2</sub> or PaO <sub>2</sub> (mm Hg)<br>a. FiO <sub>2</sub> ≥ 0.5 record A-aDO <sub>2</sub> | ≥ 500               | 350-499  | 200-349 |           | <200                 |                        |           |                        |                      |  |
| b. FiO <sub>2</sub> ≥ 0.5 record only PaO <sub>2</sub>   |                     |          |         |           | OPO <sub>2</sub> >70 | OPO <sub>2</sub> 60-70 |           | OPO <sub>2</sub> 55-60 | OPO <sub>2</sub> <55 |  |
| ARTERIAL pH  | ≥ 7.7               | 7.6-7.69 |         | 7.5-7.59  | 7.33-7.49            |                        | 7.25-7.32 | 7.15-7.24              | ≤ 7.15               |  |
| SERUM SODIUM (mMOL/L)  | ≥ 180               | 160-179  | 155-159 | 150-154   | 130-149              |                        | 120-129   | 11-119                 | <7.15                |  |
| SERUM POTASSIUM (mMOL/L)   | ≥ 7                 | 6-6.9    |         | 5.5-5.9   | 3.5-5.4              | 3.6-3.4                | 2.5-2.9   |                        | <2.5                 |  |
| SERUM CREATININE (mg/100 ml) (Double point score for acute renal failure)  | ≥ 3.5               | 2-3.4    | 1.5-1.9 |           | 0.6-1.4              |                        | <0.6      |                        |                      |  |
| HEMATOCRIT (%)   | ≥ 60                |          | 50-59.9 | 46-49.9   | 30-45.9              |                        | 20-29.9   |                        | <20                  |  |
| WHITE BLOOD COUNT (total/mm <sup>3</sup> ) (in 1,000)  | ≥ 40                |          | 50-39.9 | 15-19.9   | 3-14.9               |                        | 1-2.9     |                        | <1                   |  |
| GLASGOW COMA SCORE (GCS): Score=15 minus actual GCS  |                     |          |         |           |                      |                        |           |                        |                      |  |
| A Total ACUTE PHYSIOLOGY SCORE (APS): Sum of the 12 individual variable points                                     |                     |          |         |           |                      |                        |           |                        |                      |  |
| Serum HCO <sub>3</sub> (venous-mMol/L) [Not preferred, use if no ABG.1]  | ≥ 52                | 41-51.9  |         | 32-40.9   | 22-32.9              |                        | 18-21.9   | 15-17.9                | <15                  |  |

## SOFA: sepsis-related organ failure

| SOFA score   | 0              | 1               | 2                               | 3                                  | 4                                   |
|--|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Respiration</b><br>PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub> (mm Hg)<br>SaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub> | >400           | <400<br>221–301 | <300<br>142–220                 | <200<br>67–141                     | <100<br><67                         |
| <b>Coagulation</b><br>Platelets 10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup>                                       | >150           | <150            | <100                            | <50                                | <20                                 |
| <b>Liver</b><br>Bilirubin (mg/dL)  | <1.2           | 1.2–1.9         | 2.0–5.9                         | 6.0–11.9                           | >12.0                               |
| <b>Cardiovascular<sup>b</sup></b><br>Hypotension   | No hypotension | MAP <70         | Dopamine ≤5 or dobutamine (any) | Dopamine >5 or norepinephrine ≤0.1 | Dopamine >15 or norepinephrine >0.1 |
| <b>CNS</b><br>Glasgow Coma Score   | 15             | 13–14           | 10–12                           | 6–9                                | <6                                  |
| <b>Renal</b><br>Creatinine (mg/dL) or urine output (mL/d)  | <1.2           | 1.2–1.9         | 2.0–3.4                         | 3.5–4.9 or <500                    | >5.0 or <200                        |

**Table 1-9** Simplified Acute Physiology Score (SAPS II) and Expanded Version

| SAPS II   | 0 points           | Abnormal value points  |  |                    |                    |                   |
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# Combination ICU mortality calculator

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## King's College criteria for liver transplantation in ALF

### **ACETAMINOPHEN-INDUCED ALF**

Arterial pH <7.3 (regardless of HE)

OR all 3 of the following

- INR >6.5
- Creatinine >300  $\mu\text{mol/l}$
- HE grade 3-4

### **NON-ACETAMINOPHEN-INDUCED ALF**

INR >6.5 (regardless of HE)

OR 3 of 5 of the following (regardless of HE)

- Age <10 or >40 years
- Etiology: indeterminate, drug-induced
- Time interval icterus to encephalopathy > 7 days
- INR >3.5
- Bilirubin >300  $\mu\text{mol/l}$

# Prognostic criteria of ACLF in ICU

MELD

Child Pugh

## MELD Calculat

Date of Birth (mm

Bilirubin (mg/dl)

Serum Creatinine (

For patients who  
value will be aut

Calculate

## Child-Turcotte-Pugh Classification

|                   | <u>1 point</u> | <u>2 points</u> | <u>3 points</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Encephalopathy    | 0              | 1-2             | 3-4             |
| Ascites           | none           | slight          | moderate        |
| Bilirubin (mg/dL) | <2             | 2-3             | >3              |
| Albumin (g/dL)    | >3.5           | 2.8-3.5         | <2.8            |
| PT prolonged (s)  | 1-4            | 5-6             | >6              |
| (INR)             | <1.7           | 1.8-2.3         | >2.3            |

Child's A = 5-6 points

Child's B = 7-9 points

Child's C = 10-15 points

**ALT BILIRUBINA INR**

**ENCEFALOPATIA EPATICA**

- Relazione ittero/inizio encefalopatia (timing)

**NON PERDERE TEMPO!!!!**

***CONTATTARE CENTRO TRAPIANTO***



Nel frattempo....

- ❖ Orientamento diagnostico e prognostico
- ❖ Profilassi atb empirica ad ampio spettro dopo invio screening es colturali
- ❖ Lattulosio
- ❖ Monitoraggio neurologico



# Iter diagnostico dell'ALF in ICU

- Esclusione di **epatopatia preesistente**: presupposto per la definizione di ALF ed inserimento in LAT
- Eventuale necessità di più metodiche strumentali e/o istologia
- Indagini eziologiche: per valutare terapia specifiche ove possibili per escludere controindicazioni a OLT (mediche o psicosociali)
- Assetto delle fx vitali multiorgano con attenzione alle principali cause di morte nell'ALF:
  - **Edema cerebrale** → aumento dell'ICP con possibilità di danni irreversibili da erniazione cerebrale o ischemia da ridotta PPC
  - **Sepsi** alla presentazione o durante il decorso

## Table 2. Initial Laboratory Analysis

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Prothrombin time/INR

Chemistries

sodium, potassium, chloride, bicarbonate, calcium, magnesium, phosphate

glucose

AST, ALT, alkaline phosphatase, GGT, total bilirubin, albumin

creatinine, blood urea nitrogen

Arterial blood gas

Arterial lactate

Complete blood count

Blood type and screen

Acetaminophen level

Toxicology screen

Viral hepatitis serologies

anti-HAV IgM, HBSAg, anti-HBc IgM, anti-HEV§, anti-HCV\*

Ceruloplasmin Level#

Pregnancy test (females)

Ammonia (arterial if possible)

Autoimmune markers

ANA, ASMA, Immunoglobulin levels

HIV status‡

Amylase and lipase

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\*Done to recognize potential underlying infection.

#Done only if Wilson disease is a consideration (e.g., in patients less than 40 years without another obvious explanation for ALF); in this case uric acid level and bilirubin to alkaline phosphatase ratio may be helpful as well.

‡Implications for potential liver transplantation.

§If clinically indicated.

**Table 4. Intensive Care of Acute Liver Failure**

Cerebral Edema/Intracranial Hypertension

Grade I/II Encephalopathy

Consider transfer to liver transplant facility and listing for transplantation  
Brain CT: rule out other causes of decreased mental status; little utility to identify cerebral edema  
Avoid stimulation, avoid sedation if possible  
Antibiotics: surveillance and treatment of infection required; prophylaxis possibly helpful  
Lactulose: possibly helpful

Grade III/IV Encephalopathy

Continue management strategies listed above  
Intubate trachea (may require sedation)  
Elevate head of bed  
Consider placement of ICP monitoring device  
Immediate treatment of seizures required; prophylaxis  
Mannitol: use for severe elevation of ICP or first clinic  
Hyperventilation: effects short-lived; may use for impe

Infection ←

Surveillance for and prompt antimicrobial treatment of  
Antibiotic prophylaxis possibly helpful but not proven

# MANAGEMENT

Coagulopathy

Vitamin K: give at least one dose  
FFP: give only for invasive procedures or active bleeding  
Platelets: give for platelet counts  $<10,000/\text{mm}^3$  or invasive procedures  
Recombinant activated factor VII: possibly effective for invasive procedures  
Prophylaxis for stress ulceration: give H2 blocker or PPI

Hemodynamics/Renal Failure

Pulmonary artery catheterization  
Volume replacement  
Pressor support (dopamine, epinephrine, norepinephrine) as needed to maintain adequate mean arterial pressure  
Avoid nephrotoxic agents  
Continuous modes of hemodialysis if needed  
NAC, prostacyclin: effectiveness unknown  
Vasopressin: not helpful in ALF; potentially harmful.

Metabolic Concerns

Follow closely: glucose, potassium, magnesium, phosphate  
Consider nutrition: enteral feedings if possible or total parenteral nutrition

✓ Acetaminophen hepatotoxicity:

N-acetylcysteine (NAC), (within 72 hours of ingestion)

150 mg/Kg in 5% dextrose over 15'; 50 mg/Kg over 4 hours; 100 mg/Kg over 16 hours iv

✓ Mushroom poisoning: activated charcoal; Penicillin G 300000-1 mln U/Kg/die iv and NAC

✓ HBV: lamivudine, entecavir

✓ Acute ischemic injury: cardiovascular support

✓ Autoimmune hepatitis: methylprednisone 40-60 mg/die iv

✓ Pregnancy-related disease (HELLP): expeditious delivery

✓ Budd-Chiari syndrome: liver transplant

# ALF: TRAPIANTO URGENTE

pz con ALF fulminante (aspettativa di vita <7 gg in assenza di Tx) così definita:

- ✓ Comparsa di encefalopatia di grado II in grave insuff epatica a meno di 8 settimane dall'esordio della malattia epatica
  - o alcuni dei seguenti sintomi:
- ✓ flapping tremor (asterixis)
- ✓ bilirubinemia > 15 mg/dl
- ✓ PT > 20 sec o INR > 2,5
- ✓ ipoglicemia

Altre indicazioni:

- PNF (Primary non function) (< 7 gg dal precedente Tx)
- Trombosi dell'a. epatica (< 15 gg dal precedente Tx)
- Trauma acuto dell'organo
- Insufficienza acuto su morbo di Wilson

Il pz **NON** può essere inserito in lista in Status1 se esiste una delle seguenti condizioni:

- ❖ Positività per HIV (eccetto in protocolli sperimentali nazionali nei centri indicati)
- ❖ Età > 70 aa
- ❖ Decerebrazione

## CONTROINDICAZIONI ASSOLUTE AL TX EPATICO IN URGENZA:

- Neoplasie extraepatiche in atto
- Infezione da HIV al di fuori del Programma Nazionale Trapianto di fegato in HIV per i Centri dedicati;
- Infezioni batteriche in atto
- Dipendenza o uso corrente di stupefacenti o abuso alcolico attivo
- Malattie psichiatriche/neurologiche gravi

## CONTROINDICAZIONI RELATIVE AL TX EPATICO IN URGENZA:

- Coesistenti malattie CV o polmonari avanzate (valutazione collegiale)
- Livelli di HBV-DNA  $> 11 \times 10^5$  copie/ml al momento del Tx
- Presenza di neoplasie maligne pregresse con risposta completa al trattamento e con follow-up  $< 5$  anni (valutazione collegiale)

# Caratteristiche cliniche ed eziologia: ALF study group 1147 casi (Lee 2011)

**Table 1. Etiology and Clinical Characteristics of 1,147 Cases of ALF**

| Feature                       | Acetaminophen<br>(n = 532) | Drugs<br>(n = 133) | Indeterminate<br>(n = 161) | Hepatitis A<br>(n = 31) | Hepatitis B<br>(n = 83) | All Others<br>(n = 207) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Age (years)*                  | 37 (28-45)                 | 46 (33-56)         | 38 (26-50)                 | 47 (40-57)              | 42 (29-54)              | 42 (29-56)              |
| Female Sex                    | 76%                        | 67%                | 58%                        | 45%                     | 42%                     | 76%                     |
| Jaundice to Coma (days)*      | 0 (0-1)                    | 9 (3-20)           | 9 (2-20)                   | 3 (1-8)                 | 7 (2-14)                | 7 (1-17)                |
| Coma grade $\geq$ 3           | 52%                        | 38%                | 50%                        | 55%                     | 54%                     | 41%                     |
| ALT (U/L)*                    | 4067 (2138-6731)           | 600 (260-1537)     | 847 (396-2111)             | 2404 (1367-3333)        | 1707 (745-2815)         | 650 (172-1867)          |
| Bilirubin (mg/dL)*            | 4.5 (2.9-6.6)              | 20.2 (12.1-28.3)   | 23.0 (9.2-29.7)            | 11.9 (9.7-27.5)         | 19.7 (12.4-25.6)        | 15.3 (6.3-26.7)         |
| Spontaneous Survival          | 65%                        | 29%                | 25%                        | 58%                     | 25%                     | 34%                     |
| Transplantation               | 9%                         | 41%                | 43%                        | 29%                     | 47%                     | 33%                     |
| Death Without Transplantation | 26%                        | 31%                | 32%                        | 13%                     | 28%                     | 33%                     |

Summarized and updated (after the workshop) from the ALF Study Group database, 1998-2007.<sup>3,4</sup>

\* Median values (Q<sub>1</sub>-Q<sub>3</sub>).

## Prognosi del pz con ACLF e gestione in ICU (Gines, J Hepatol 2012)

Prima dell'evento acuto precipitante:

-Pazienti con MELD  $> 30$  o con  $\geq 3$  organi non funzionanti senza possibilità di Tx di salvataggio potrebbero non essere considerati per la ICU

-Pz con MELD  $< 15$  certamente considerati per la ICU

-Pz con MELD intermedio con anche  $\geq 3$  organi non funzionanti vanno gestiti in ICU

**Proposta:** valutazione basale della prognosi e dopo 3 gg di trattamento intensivo (**3-day trial**) per valutare recupero o progressione dell'insufficienza d'organo

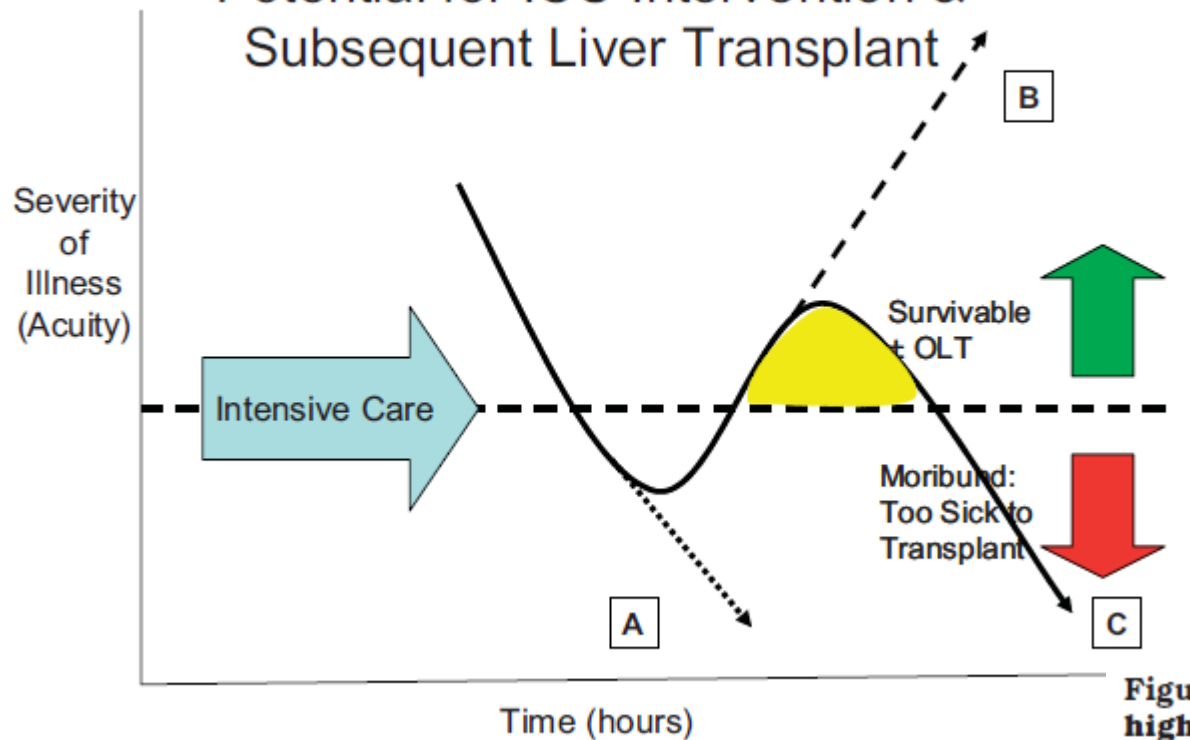
→ Identificare la causa del peggioramento acuto ed eventualmente attuare tp specifica, valutare grado di disfunzione epatica/MOF all'ingresso

OLT rimane al momento tp di scelta sebbene il timing rimanga ancora dipendente da molti fattori, tra cui l'esperienza locale





## ALF Patient Acuity Potential for ICU Intervention & Subsequent Liver Transplant



Concludendo....

**Figure 2. Impact of ICU intervention in high-acuity acute liver failure. The yellow area represents a time-limited window of opportunity for the high-acuity patient with ALF to undergo successful liver transplantation. Boxes A, B, and C refer to the following possible outcomes for such patients: (A) patient death with insufficient ICU intervention, (B) survival after ICU intervention ± liver transplantation, and (C) patient death despite ICU intervention (transplantation precluded by social or medical factors, donor not identified in time, or failed transplant attempt). Abbreviations: ALF, acute liver failure; ICU, intensive care unit; OLT, orthotopic liver transplantation.**

**“...il fegato ha più di 500 funzioni,  
ma non è della Apple  
quindi non gliene frega niente a nessuno!!!”**

**“Cit.”**

**Grazie!**