

La terapia del dolore in onco-ematologia e le terapie di supporto.

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Qual'è lo stato dell'arte sulla gestione del dolore oncologico?

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Quality of Cancer Pain Management: An Update of a Systematic Review of Undertreatment of Patients With Cancer

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A B S T R A C T

Purpose

Pain is a frequent symptom in patients with cancer, with substantial impact. Despite the availability of opioids and updated guidelines from reliable leading societies, undertreatment is still frequent.

Methods

We updated a systematic review published in 2008, which showed that according to the Pain Management Index (PMI), 43.4% of patients with cancer were undertreated. This review included observational and experimental studies reporting negative PMI scores for adults with cancer and pain published from 2007 to 2013 and retrieved through MEDLINE, Embase, and Google Scholar. To detect any temporal trend and identify potential determinants of undertreatment, we compared articles published before and after 2007 with univariable, multivariable, and sensitivity analyses.

Results

In the new set of 20 articles published from 2007 to 2013, there was a decrease in undertreatment of approximately 25% (from 43.4 to 31.8%). In the whole sample, the proportion of undertreated

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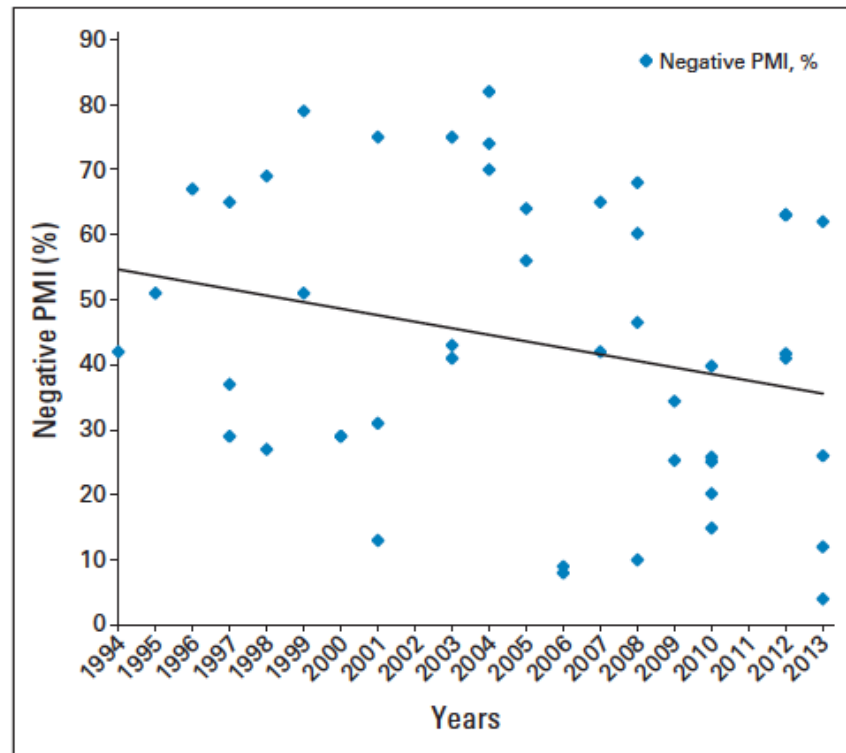


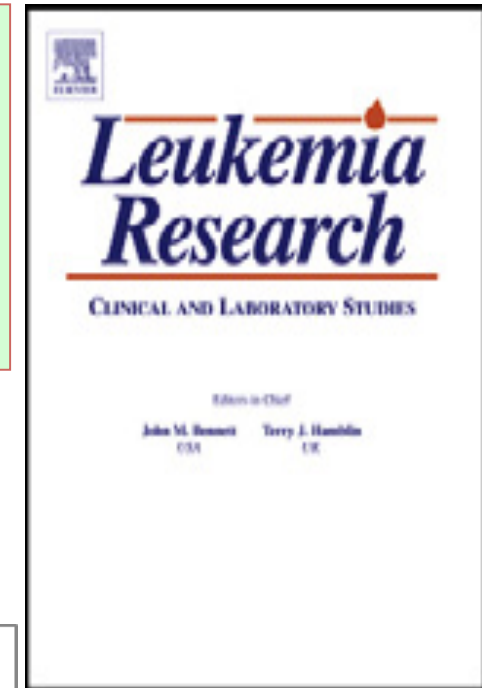
Fig A1. Distribution of undertreatment (Pain Management Index [PMI] negative scores) in relation to time (year) of publication.

Conclusion

Analysis of 46 articles published from 1994 to 2013 using the PMI to assess the adequacy of analgesic therapy suggests the quality of pharmacologic pain management has improved. However, approximately one third of patients still do not receive pain medication proportional to their pain intensity.

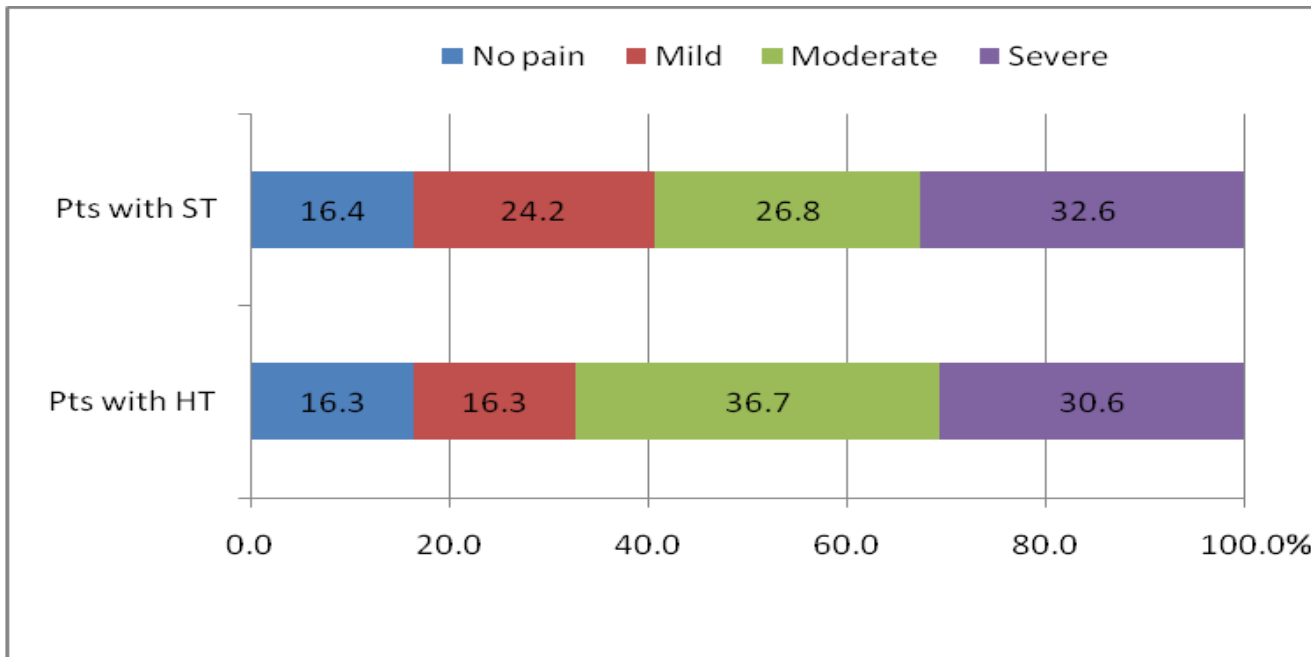
Is pain in patients with haematological malignancies under-recognised? The results from Italian ECAD-O survey

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Leuk Res 2010*



Pain intensity

ST 59.4% moderate severe
HT 67.3% moderate-severe



Il setting condiziona l'appropriatezza prescrittiva

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Impact of setting of care on pain management in patients with cancer: a multicentre cross-sectional study

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Table 3. Distribution of patients according to the adequacy/inadequacy of the analgesic treatment received and the pain intensity as reported by the patients (PMI) in the two settings of care

| | Non-oncology units (n =393), n (%) | Oncology units (n =426), n (%) | P value |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------|
| PMI | | | 0.0024 |
| <0 (inadequate) | 74 (18.8) | 48 (11.3) | |
| ≥0 (adequate) | 319 (81.2) | 378 (88.7) | |

PMI, Pain Management Index.

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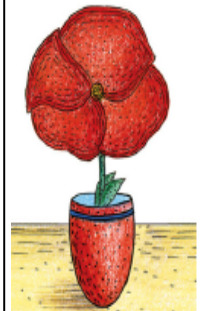


“...The patient’s level of worst pain is subtracted from the most potent level of analgesic drug therapies as prescribed by the physician...”

Gestione del dolore onco-ematologico ancora insoddisfacente

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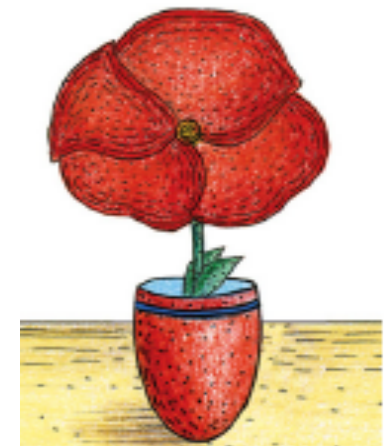
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- 2) un approccio farmacologico migliore **non è sufficiente *per se***: il miglioramento della terapia del dolore deve avvenire nel contesto di un **nuovo modello** di cure supportivo/palliative **precoci**.



Gestione del dolore da cancro ancora insoddisfacente.

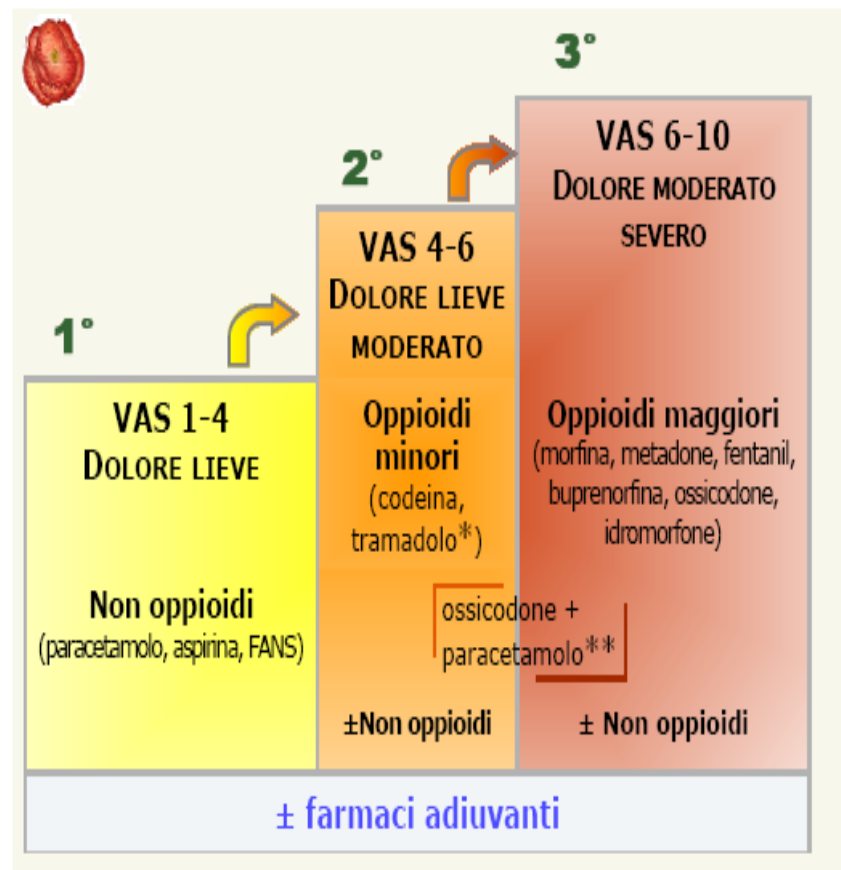
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- 1) ottimizzazione della terapia cronica ad orari fissi (ATC) (II vs III gradino OMS);
- 2) un approccio farmacologico migliore non è sufficiente *per se*: il miglioramento della terapia del dolore deve avvenire nel contesto di un nuovo modello di cure palliative precoci.



Strategia farmacologica: i “tre gradini” OMS

I “tre gradini” consentono di **controllare** il dolore oncologico **cronico** in circa il **90% dei casi**. Tale approccio, sviluppato nel 1986 da un gruppo di esperti dell’ Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (OMS), fornisce specifiche indicazioni per la **scelta della terapia antidolorifica che non va somministrata al bisogno ma a orari fissi**.



La strategia a 3 gradini è validata?

Perché si cambia gradino?

- Numerosi studi sono stati condotti per validare tale approccio metodologico: sono stati osservati **oltre 8.000 pazienti** in diversi paesi del mondo ed in ambienti clinici differenziati (**ospedale e domicilio**).
- Le varie casistiche riportano un **efficace controllo del dolore nel 71-100%** dei pazienti trattati.
- Tra gli studi eseguiti per validare l'approccio OMS quello di **Ventafridda et al**, (Cancer 1997) **condotto su 1.229 pazienti seguiti per 2 anni**, ha evidenziato che il passaggio dal 1° al 2° gradino è dovuto in circa la metà dei casi ad effetti collaterali e nell'altra metà all'inefficacia analgesica, mentre il **passaggio dal 2° al 3° gradino è soprattutto dovuto all'inefficacia analgesica**. Efficacia media dei farmaci del secondo gradino è di **3 settimane**.

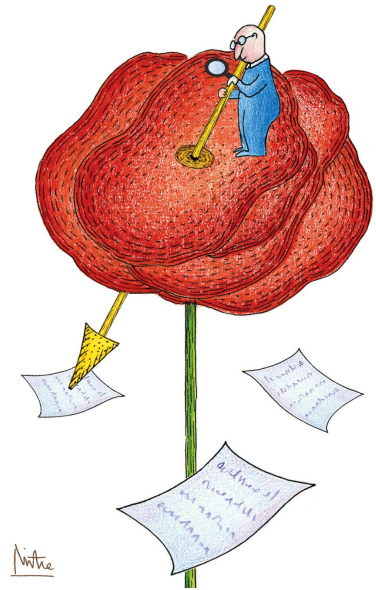
| Gradino | Inefficacia | Effetti indesiderati |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| dal 1° al 2° | 52% | 48% |
| dal 2° al 3° | 92% | 8% |

Criticità sul secondo gradino

- Hanno tutti un **“effetto tetto”**: ciò significa che aumentando la dose di un farmaco oltre una certa soglia l'efficacia non aumenta (ma possono aumentare gli effetti indesiderati).
- Le **specialità a base di codeina disponibili in Italia non hanno dosaggi ottimali**. Non permettono di raggiungere la dose massima efficace di codeina (360 mg/die) senza somministrare dosaggi tossici di paracetamolo (la scheda tecnica indica 3-4 gr/die).

E le evidenze disponibili?:

- **Non** dimostrano una chiara **differenza nell'efficacia** dei farmaci del 1° e del 2° gradino;
- **Non** permettono di concludere sui **benefici dell'aggiunta degli oppioidi minori - in particolare codeina** - rispetto al solo paracetamolo o al FANS





Use of opioid analgesics in the treatment of cancer pain: evidence-based recommendations from the EAPC

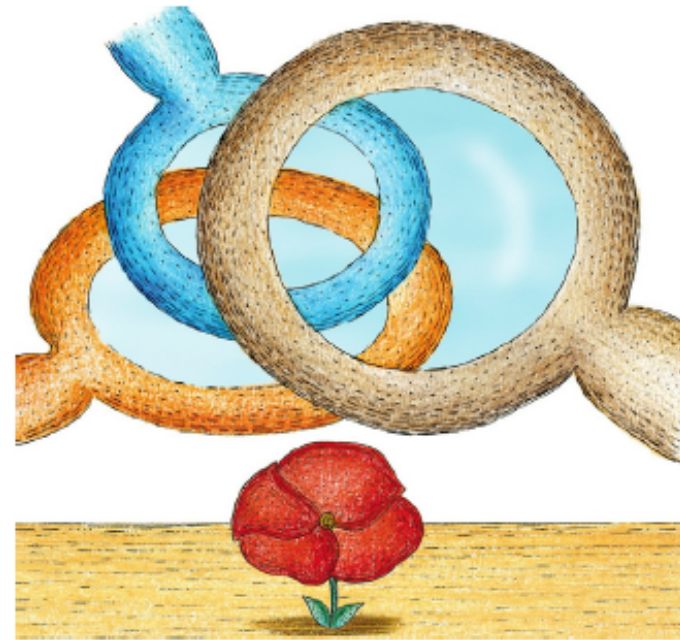
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Overall, the limited evidence provided by these studies shows **that oral morphine at low doses can be used in opioid-naive cancer patients** and that in some patients pain relief might be better than that achieved with step II drugs...”

QUESITO

E' possibile abolire il secondo gradino, cioè anticipare il terzo gradino al posto del secondo gradino nella terapia analgesica del dolore moderato da cancro ?



Randomized Trial of Low-Dose Morphine Versus Weak Opioids in Moderate Cancer Pain

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| Table 1. Characteristics of Patients at Baseline | | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Characteristics | Weak Opioids (N = 122) | Morphine (N = 118) |
| Male sex | 68 (55.7) | 56 (47.5) |
| Age, years | | |
| Median | 68 | 68 |
| Interquartile range | 59-74 | 58-74 |
| Cancer | | |
| Solid | 108 (88.5) | 100 (84.8) |
| Hematologic | 14 (11.5) | 18 (15.3) |
| Current antitumor treatment | 61 (50.0) | 71 (60.2) |
| Karnofsky performance status, % | | |
| 60 | 9 (7.4) | 5 (4.2) |
| 70 | 48 (39.3) | 42 (35.6) |
| 80 | 28 (23.0) | 35 (29.7) |
| 90 | 23 (18.9) | 18 (15.3) |
| 100 | 14 (11.5) | 18 (15.3) |
| ESAS overall symptom score | | |
| Median | 21 | 19 |
| Interquartile range | 14-33 | 12-29 |
| Pain intensity (NRS) | | |
| Median | 5 | 5 |
| Interquartile range | 4-6 | 5-6 |
| Cause of pain* | | |
| Cancer | 117 (95.9) | 104 (88.1) |
| Treatment | 8 (6.6) | 15 (12.7) |
| Other† | 2 (1.6) | 6 (5.1) |
| Type of pain* | | |
| Visceral | 69 (56.6) | 59 (50.0) |
| Somatic | 62 (50.8) | 61 (51.7) |
| Neuropathic | 5 (4.1) | 15 (12.7) |
| Pain characteristics | | |
| Incidental pain | 38 (31.2) | 43 (36.4) |
| Not incidental | 84 (68.9) | 75 (63.5) |
| Previous analgesic therapy | 100 (82.0) | 98 (83.1) |
| At fixed times | 19 (19.0) | 21 (21.4) |
| As needed | 81 (81.0) | 77 (78.6) |
| Rescue therapy (prescription) | 105 (86.1) | 106 (89.8) |
| Adjuvant therapy | 79 (64.8) | 78 (66.1) |
| Duration of pain, days | | |
| Median | 30 | 30 |
| Interquartile range | 14-60 | 15-60 |

NOTE. Data are presented as No. (%) unless indicated otherwise.
 Abbreviations: ESAS, Edmonton Symptom Assessment System; NRS, Numerical Rating Scale.
 *Multiple selection possible.
 †Associated conditions recorded as other causes of pain in addition to cancer and treatment.

| Outcome | Weak Opioids (N = 117), No. (%) | Morphine (N = 110), No. (%) | Odds Ratio (95% CI) | <i>P</i> | Adjusted Odds Ratio* (95% CI) | <i>P</i> |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Primary outcome | | | | | | |
| Responder† | 64 (54.7) | 97 (88.2) | 6.18 (3.12 to 12.24) | < .001 | 6.89 (3.33 to 14.25) | < .001 |
| Secondary outcomes | | | | | | |
| Patients with a meaningful pain reduction‡ | 55 (47.0) | 91 (82.7) | 5.40 (2.92 to 9.97) | < .001 | 5.74 (3.03 to 10.90) | < .001 |
| Patients with highly meaningful pain reduction § | 49 (41.9) | 83 (75.5) | 4.27 (2.42 to 7.53) | < .001 | 4.58 (2.52 to 8.33) | < .001 |

*Adjusted by pain intensity at baseline, age, gender, Karnofsky performance score, adjuvant therapy, rescue therapy, cancer type and anticancer treatment.
†Patients with pain intensity reduction at least 20% from baseline.
‡Patients with ≥ 30% pain intensity reduction from baseline.
§Patients with ≥ 50% pain intensity reduction from baseline.

Lo studio ha mostrato un vantaggio altamente significativo nell' utilizzo della morfina: tra i 118 pazienti che hanno ricevuto la morfina, **piu' dell' 88% ha presentato una riduzione del 20% nell' intensità del dolore**, laddove tale riduzione si è potuta riscontrare nel solo **57%** dei 122 pazienti che hanno ricevuto oppioidi deboli.

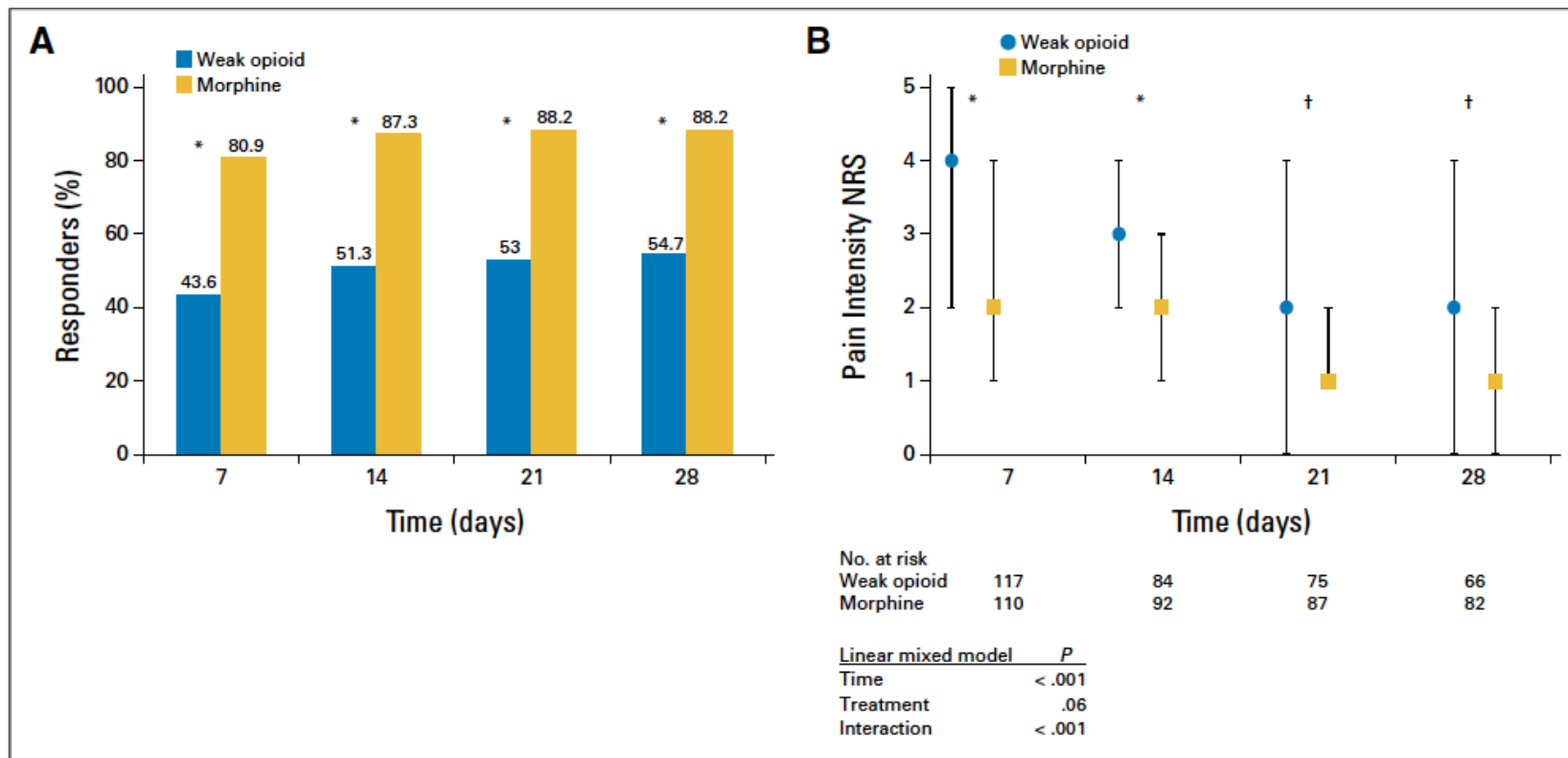


Fig 2. Responder patients and pain intensity (numerical rating scale [NRS]) at different follow-up times by treatment group. (A) Percentage of responder patients (who achieved $\geq 20\%$ pain reduction from baseline) at each follow-up. The P value is for the between-group comparison performed using the χ^2 test. (B) Pain intensity evaluated using the NRS at each follow-up. Data are shown as median and interquartile range. A linear mixed model for repeated measurements was done on pain intensity score. * $P < .001$, † $P = .02$ by Mann-Whitney U test.

In questo studio multicentrico randomizzato, della **durata di 28 giorni**, la **morfina a basse dosi** confrontata con gli oppioidi deboli ha **ridotto in modo statisticamente significativo l'intensità del dolore**, già nei primi 7 giorni di terapia. L'efficacia minore e più tardiva degli oppioidi deboli ha portato i clinici a **sostituire più frequentemente gli oppioidi deboli con quelli maggiori** nel trattamento del dolore moderato da cancro nel periodo di studio.

| Table S4. Frequency of the main adverse effects | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Weak opioids | Morphine | P value |
| Adverse effects - no. (%) | N = 117 | N = 110 | |
| Vomiting | 13 (11.1) | 18 (16.4) | 0.25 |
| Constipation | 24 (20.5) | 27 (24.6) | 0.47 |
| Dry mouth | 6 (5.1) | 10 (9.1) | 0.24 |
| Itch | 3 (2.6) | 4 (3.6) | 0.64 |
| Dizziness | 3 (2.6) | 9 (8.2) | 0.06 |
| Somnolence | 2 (1.7) | 3 (2.7) | 0.68 |
| Cognitive impairment | 1 (0.8) | 2 (1.8) | 0.61 |
| Pseudo-hallucinations | - | 1 (0.9) | 0.48 |
| Other | 15 (12.8) | 22 (20.0) | 0.14 |

Gli **effetti collaterali** piu' frequentemente associati al trattamento con oppioidi **risultavano paragonabili sia come intensità che frequenza** tanto nei pazienti che ricevevano morfina a basse dosi quanto nei pazienti che ricevevano oppioidi minori.

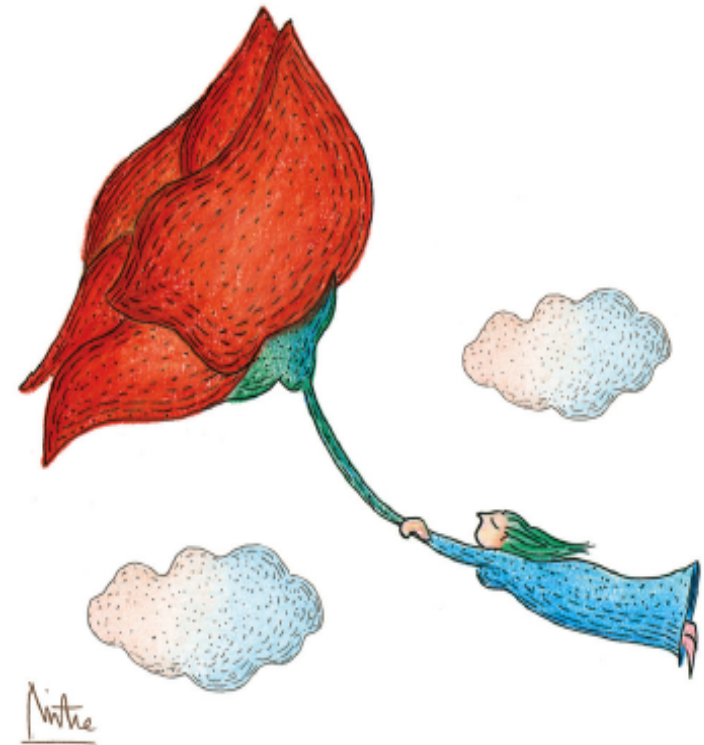
Table 3. ESAS at End of Study

| ESAS Item | Weak Opioids | Morphine | <i>P</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Pain | 4 (1-6) | 1 (0-3) | < .001 |
| Tiredness | 3 (2-6) | 2 (1-3) | < .001 |
| Nausea | 1 (0-3) | 1 (0-1) | .03 |
| Depression | 2 (1-4) | 1 (0-2) | < .001 |
| Anxiety | 2 (0-4) | 1 (0-2) | < .001 |
| Drowsiness | 3 (1-4) | 1 (0-2) | < .001 |
| Appetite | 2 (1-5) | 1 (0-2) | < .001 |
| Well-being | 3 (1-5) | 1 (0-2) | < .001 |
| Shortness of breath | 0 (0-1) | 0 (0-0) | .01 |
| ESAS overall symptom score | 19 (10-17) | 10 (6-15) | < .001 |

NOTE. Data are presented as median (interquartile range).
Abbreviations: ESAS, Edmonton Symptom Assessment System.

La **condizione generale** dei pazienti basata sulla **valutazione dei sintomi fisici ed emozionali nel punteggio globale** di tutti i sintomi misurati dall' **Edmonton Symptom Assessment System (ESAS)**, era **migliore nel gruppo** di pazienti trattati con **morfina**.

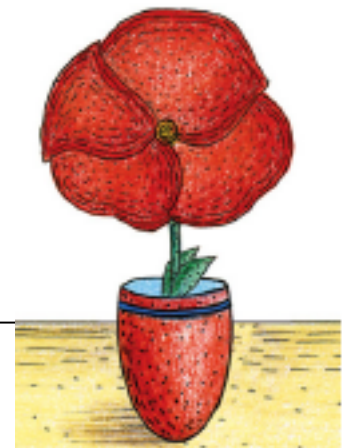
Sebbene gli oppioidi deboli siano efficaci quando usati per brevi periodi, la **morfina a basse dosi può essere utilmente anticipata** nella terapia del dolore moderato da cancro, per la sua **maggiore efficacia e paragonabile profilo di tossicità.**



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Impact of early access to a palliative/supportive care intervention on pain management in patients with cancer

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Table 5. Factors associated with severe pain prevalence

| Variables | Univariate | | Multivariate | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| | RR (95 % CI) | P value | RR (95 % CI) | P value |
| Care model | | | | |
| SC | 1 | | 1 | |
| ePSC | 0.69 (0.48–0.99) | 0.037 | 0.69 (0.48–0.99) | 0.045 |
| Wards | | | | |
| Oncology | 1.00 (0.75–1.35) | 0.98 | 1.02 (0.76–1.36) | 0.91 |
| Non-oncology | 1 | | 1 | |
| Metastatic disease | | | | |
| No | 1.12 (0.89–1.41) | 0.35 | 1.16 (0.92–1.46) | 0.22 |
| Yes | 1 | | 1 | |
| Gender | | | | |
| Males | 0.75 (0.62–0.90) | 0.002 | 0.76 (0.63–0.91) | 0.003 |
| Females | 1 | | 1 | |
| Age | 0.99 (0.99–1.00) | 0.016 | 1.00 (0.99–1.00) | 0.25 |
| Analgesic therapy | | | | |
| Non-opioids | 1.00 | | 1 | |
| Weak opioids | 1.19 (0.74–1.92) | 0.47 | 1.12 (0.70–1.79) | 0.64 |
| Strong opioids | 1.38 (0.88–2.17) | 0.16 | 1.00 (0.84–2.05) | 0.23 |

CI, confidence interval; ePSC, early palliative/supportive care; RR, relative risk; SC, standard care.



Studio multicentrico in 32 ospedali, 1450 pts.con dolore da cancro: **602** con accesso a **standard care (SOC)** e **848** con accesso a **cure palliativa/ supporto precoci (ePSC)**.

Un’analisi multivariata ha mostrato che il modello ePSC è un fattore indipendente in grado di **ridurre il rischio di dolore severo del 31%**

Cure supporto/Cure palliative: contenuto

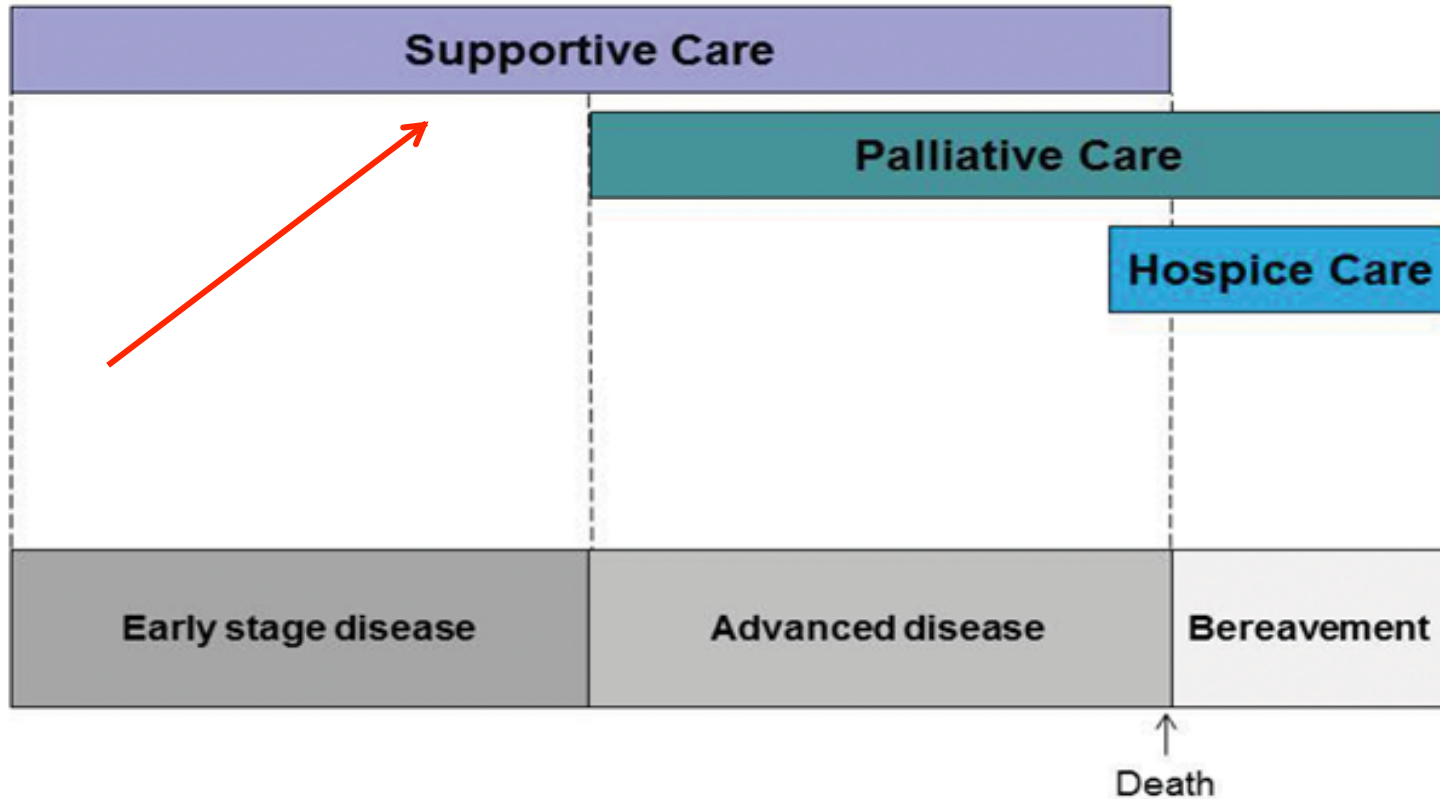
ESMO definisce **Supportive care** la cura che ha come obiettivo di ottimizzare “comfort, function, and social support” a pazienti e familiari in tutti gli stadi di malattia, inclusa **la malattia curabile**.

ESMO definisce **Palliative Care** la stessa cura rivolta ad una **malattia incurabile**.

I termini descrivono **programmi clinici comuni** con l'obiettivo primario di controllare i sintomi fisici **(in primis il dolore)** psicosociali e spirituali di pazienti con patologia oncologica e loro familiari.

Early Integration of Palliative and Supportive Care in the Cancer Continuum: Challenges and Opportunities

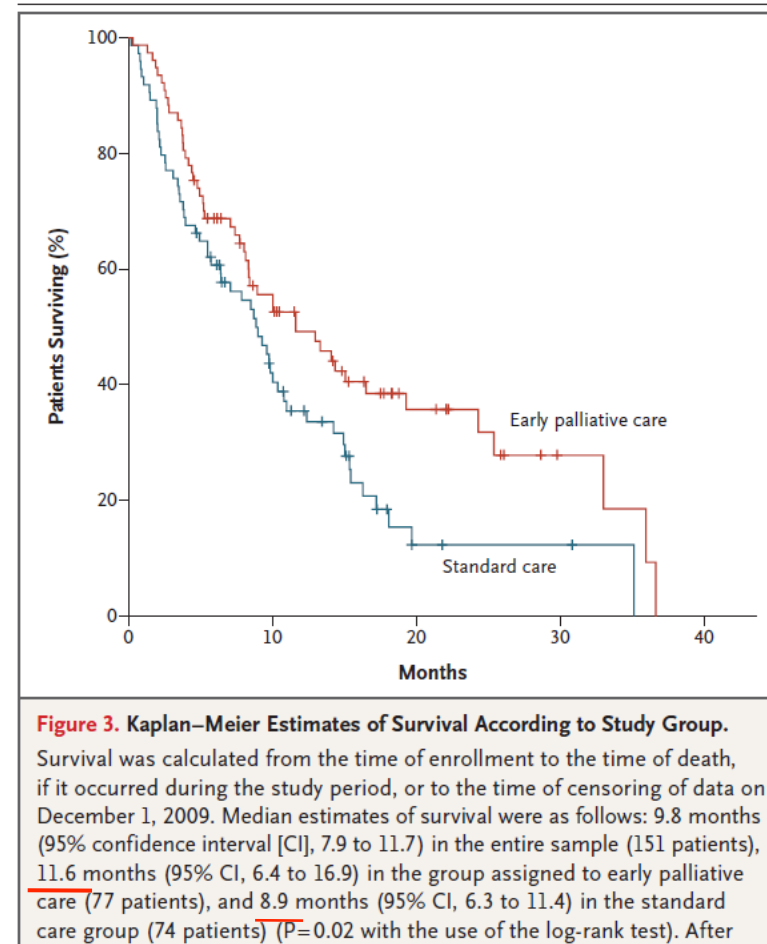
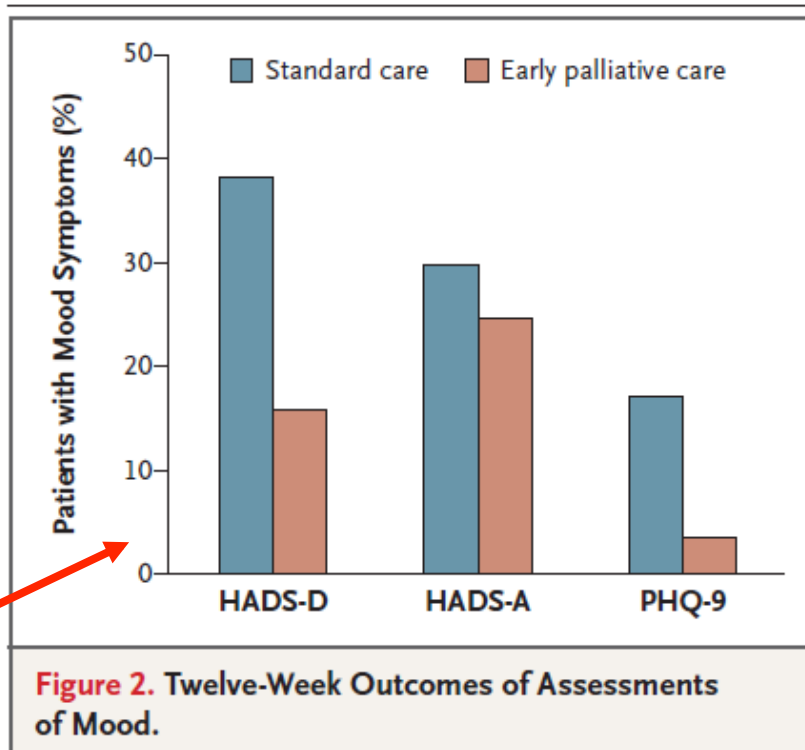
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L'intervento **precoce** di cure supporto/
palliative: quali evidenze?

Early Palliative Care for Patients with Metastatic Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

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Early Versus Delayed Initiation of Concurrent Palliative Oncology Care: Patient Outcomes in the ENABLE III Randomized Controlled Trial

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Table 1. Baseline Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Patient Participants

| Characteristic | Early Group (n = 104) | | Delayed Group (n = 103) | | P* |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | |
| Age, years | | | | | .68 |
| Mean | | 64.03 | | 64.6 | |
| SD | | 10.28 | | 9.59 | |
| Male sex | 56 | 53.85 | 53 | 51.46 | .78 |
| Diagnosis | | | | | .97 |
| Lung | 46 | 44.23 | 42 | 40.78 | |
| GI tract | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23.3 | |
| Breast | 10 | 9.62 | 13 | 12.62 | |
| Other solid tumor | 10 | 9.62 | 10 | 9.71 | |
| Genitourinary tract | 7 | 6.73 | 9 | 8.74 | |
| Hematologic malignancy | 5 | 4.81 | 5 | 4.85 | |
| Disease status at enrollment | | | | | .24 |
| New diagnosis | 48 | 46.15 | 46 | 44.66 | |
| Recurrence | 29 | 27.88 | 20 | 19.42 | |
| Progression | 27 | 25.96 | 36 | 34.95 | |
| Do not know | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.97 | |
| Brain metastasis at enrollment | 17 | 16.35 | 18 | 17.48 | .71 |
| Charlson score | 6.3 | 1.62 | 6.21 | 1.86 | .71 |
| Karnofsky performance status | 80.58 | 10.87 | 81.46 | 9.74 | .54 |
| Anticancer treatment at enrollment | | | | | |
| Chemotherapy | 76 | 73.08 | 80 | 77.67 | .52 |
| Radiotherapy | 20 | 19.23 | 20 | 19.42 | 1.00 |

Within 30-60 days



Early Group
(n = 104)

Delayed Group
(n = 103)



3-month delay

Initial, standardized consultation by a PC clinician and six structured weekly telephone coaching sessions by an advanced practice nurse.

The finding of a **15% improvement in 1-year survival** in patients with advanced cancer of mixed diagnoses receiving **early (v 3-month delayed) PC** is **consistent with the improved survival noted in Temel's study** in patients with non-small-cell lung cancer only (**11.6 v 8.9 months**).

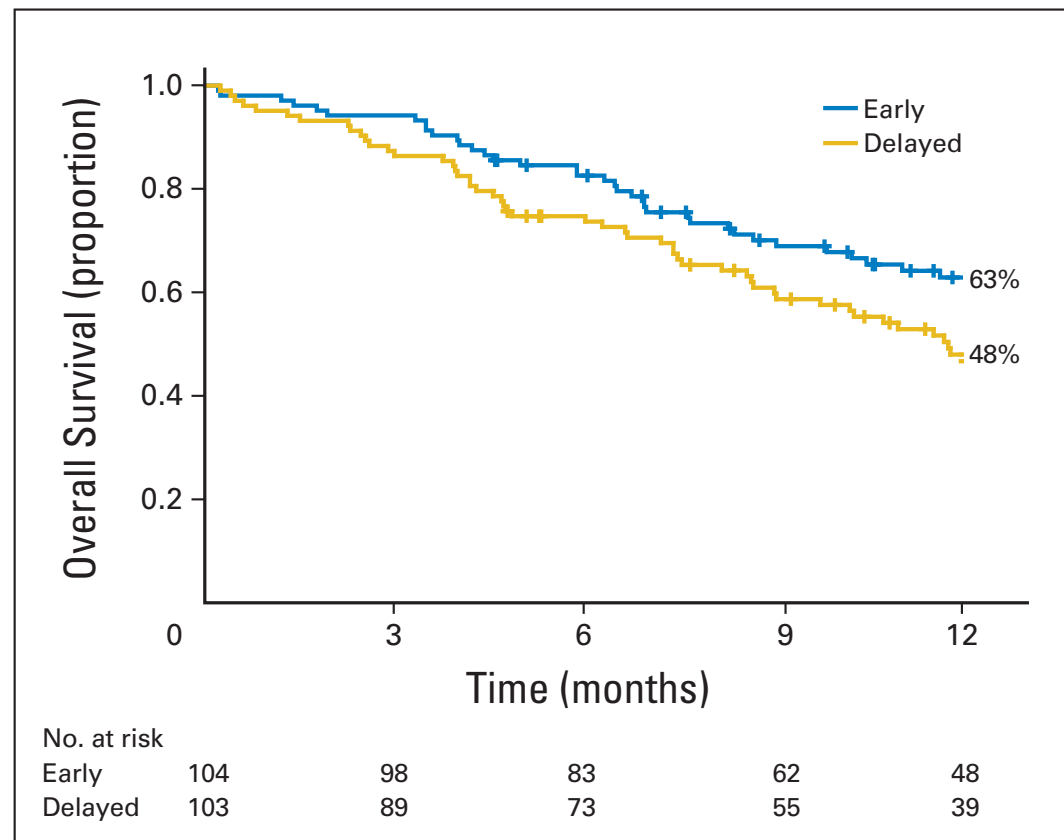


Fig 2. Kaplan-Meier estimates of 1-year survival by treatment group.

L'intervento **precoce** di supporto/cure palliative: quali OBIETTIVI?

Miglioramento:

1. Controllo dei sintomi (dolore), della QoL
2. Dati suggestivi, seppur iniziali, della sopravvivenza
3. Depressione nei care givers
4. Ridefinizione degli obiettivi di cura (Comunicazione)

Riduzione:

5. Cure inappropriate

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Early-group: Care Givers had lower depression (6% decrease) and stress burden in the terminal analysis.

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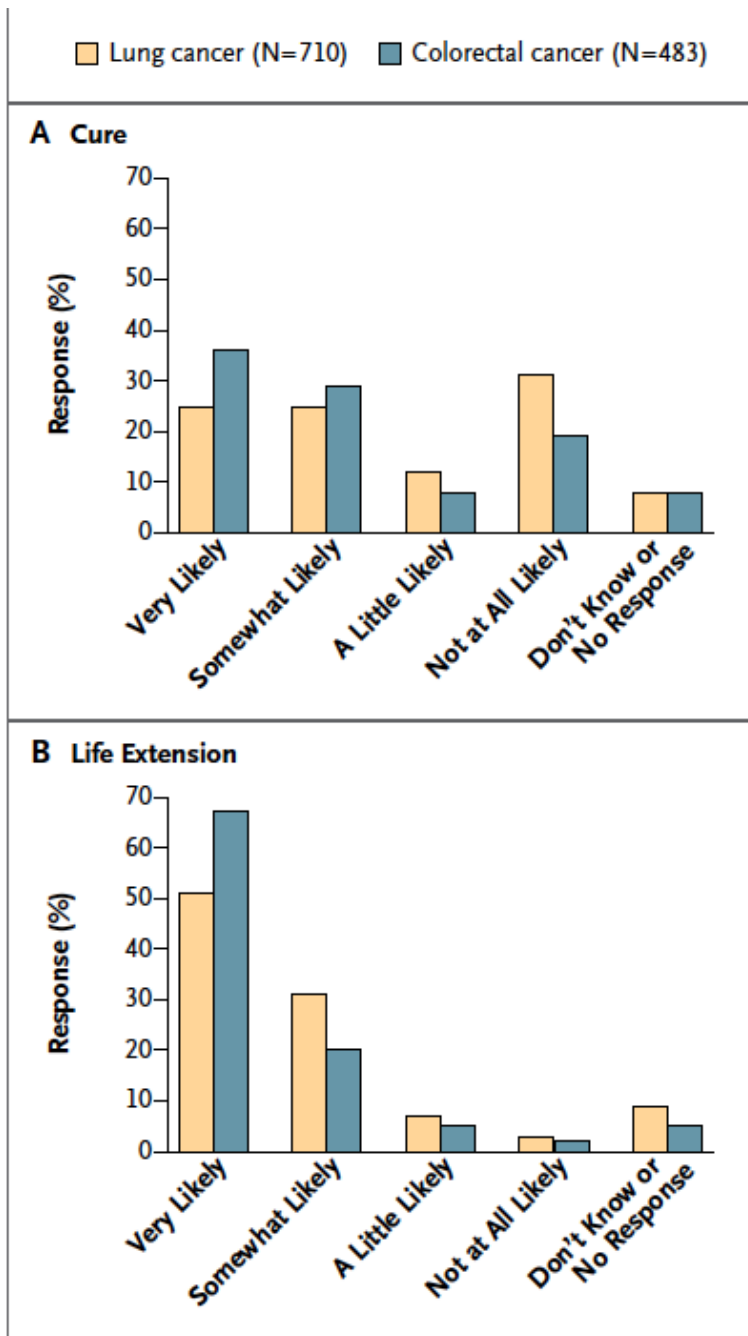
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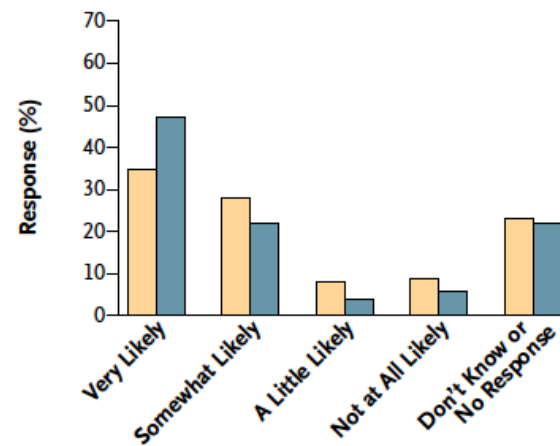


Figure 1. Responses to Questions about the Likelihood That Chemotherapy Will Have an Effect, According to the Type of Effect and Diagnosis.

Shown are the responses of patients with advanced lung or colorectal cancer to questions regarding whether chemotherapy will cure their disease (Panel A), extend their life (Panel B), or provide relief of symptoms (Panel C).

69% of patients with lung cancer and 81% of those with colorectal cancer did not report understanding that chemotherapy was **not at all likely to cure their cancer.**

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Patients' Expectations about Effects of Chemotherapy for Advanced Cancer

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The Cultivation of Prognostic Awareness Through the Provision of Early Palliative Care in the Ambulatory Setting: A Communication Guide

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Current State of the Art and Science of Patient- Clinician Communication in Progressive Disease: Patients' Need to Know and Need to Feel Known

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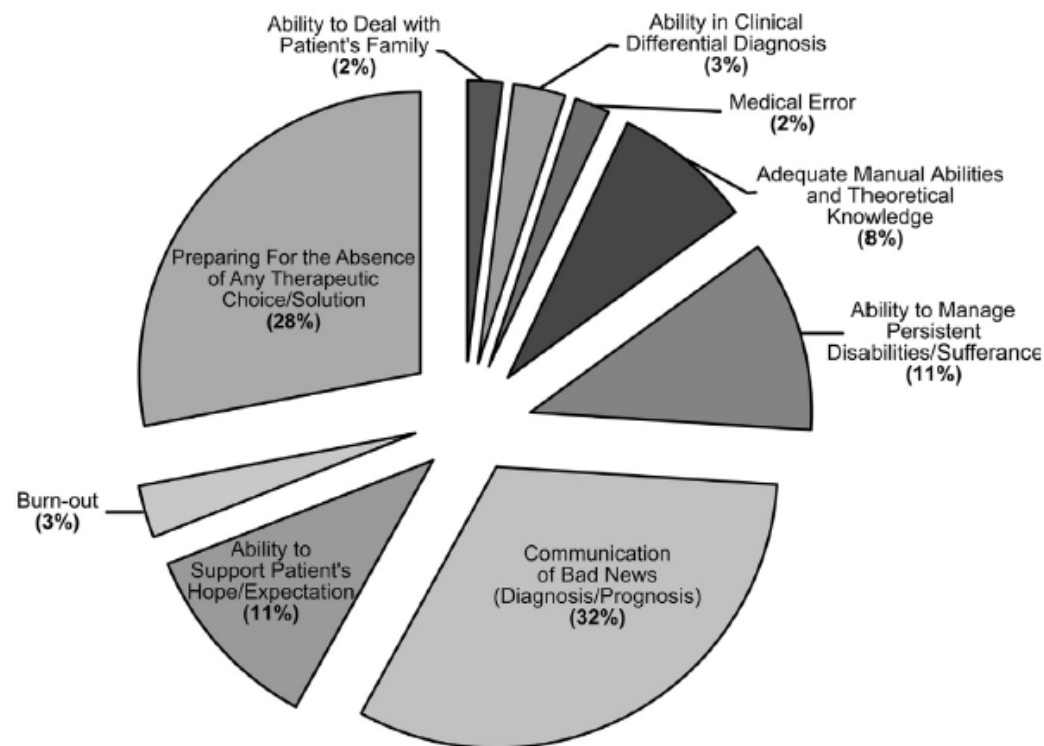


Fig. 1. Description of reported concerns and fears of medical students attending the 5th and 6th years of training at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.

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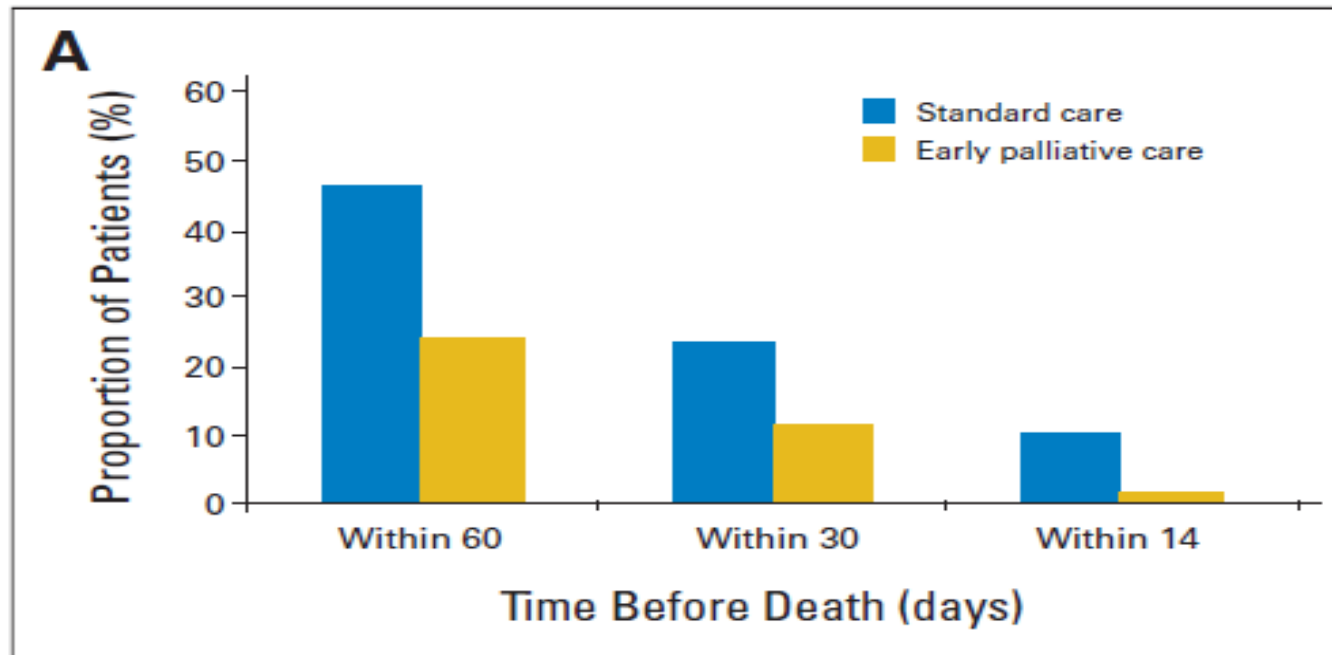
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established guidelines for quality end-of-life care. The American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Oncology Practice Initiative has delineated several key metrics for determining high-quality treatment near death, such as no chemotherapy within the last 2 weeks of life, referral to hospice, and enrollment in hospice care more than 1 week before death.²⁶ Palliative care clinicians, who are accustomed to prac-

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Early introduction of supportive/palliative care also led to less aggressive end-of-life care, reduced chemotherapy in the last 14 days (17.5%).

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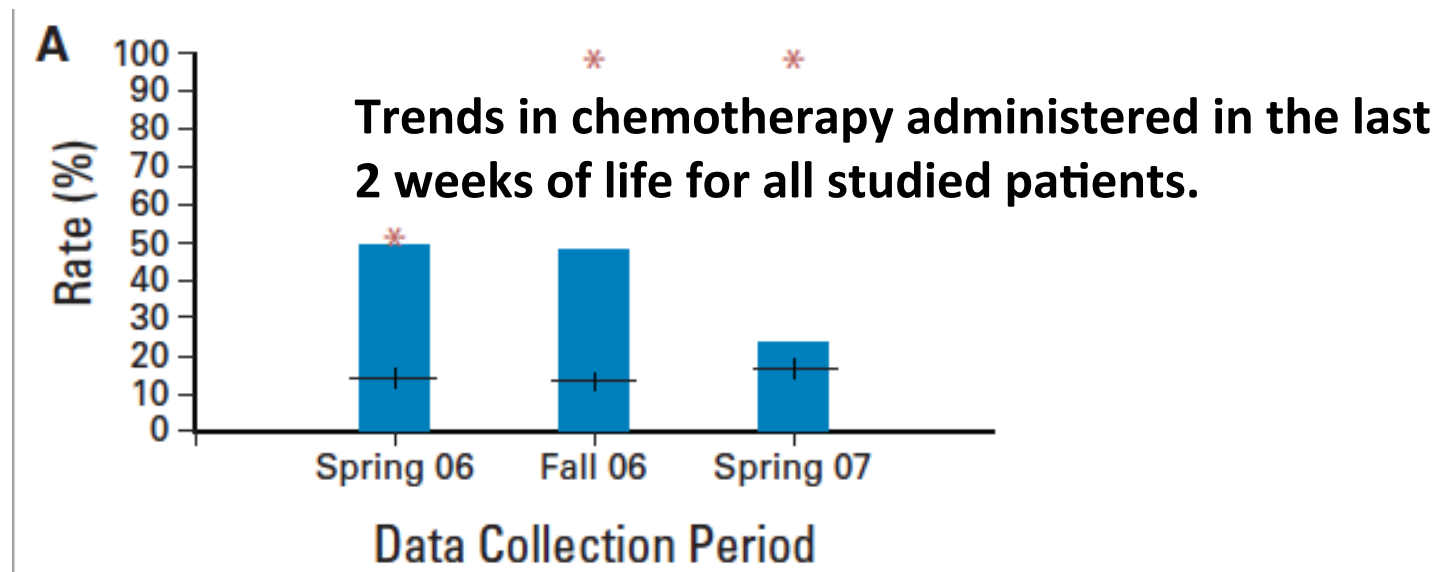
Early Versus Delayed Initiation of Concurrent Palliative Oncology Care: Patient Outcomes in the ENABLE III Randomized Controlled Trial

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Chemotherapy use in the last 14 days averaged 7%

FORMAZIONE: ruolo centrale

The University of Michigan reduced chemotherapy use from 50% to about 20% in the patient's last 2 weeks of life by simply initiating of education in palliative care



Blayney et al., J Clin Oncol 2009

Integration of Palliative Care Into Standard Oncology Care: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline Update

Betty R. Ferrell, Jennifer S. Temel, Sarah Temin, Erin R. Alesi, Tracy A. Balboni, Ethan M. Basch, Janice I. Finn, Judith A. Paice, Jeffrey M. Peppercorn, Tanyanika Phillips, Ellen L. Stovall,† Camilla Zimmermann, and Thomas J. Smith

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Key Recommendation

Patients with advanced cancer, should receive dedicated supportive/palliative care services, **early** in the disease course, concurrent with active treatment.

For newly diagnosed patients with advanced cancer, the Expert Panel suggests early palliative care involvement within 8 weeks of diagnosis.

*“Chiunque **soffre** cerca di **comunicare** la sua **sofferenza**; e solo così facendo, la diminuisce veramente.*

*Coloro che soffrono non hanno, in fondo, bisogno d'altro, che di uomini capaci di prestar loro **attenzione**.*

Ma la capacità di dare attenzione a chi soffre è cosa rarissima; quasi un miracolo.”

L'ombra e la grazia- 1943

Simone Weil

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