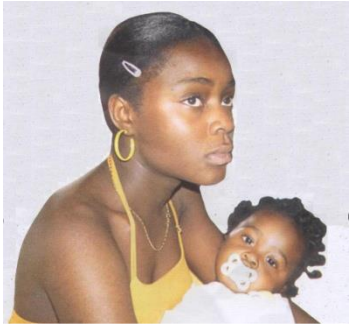


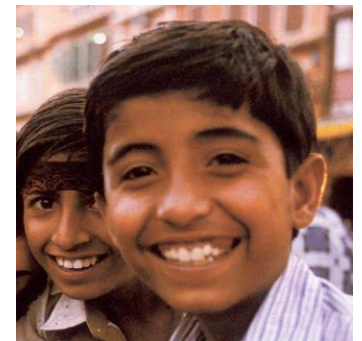
# I problemi del bambino migrante: I contesti clinici e assistenziali



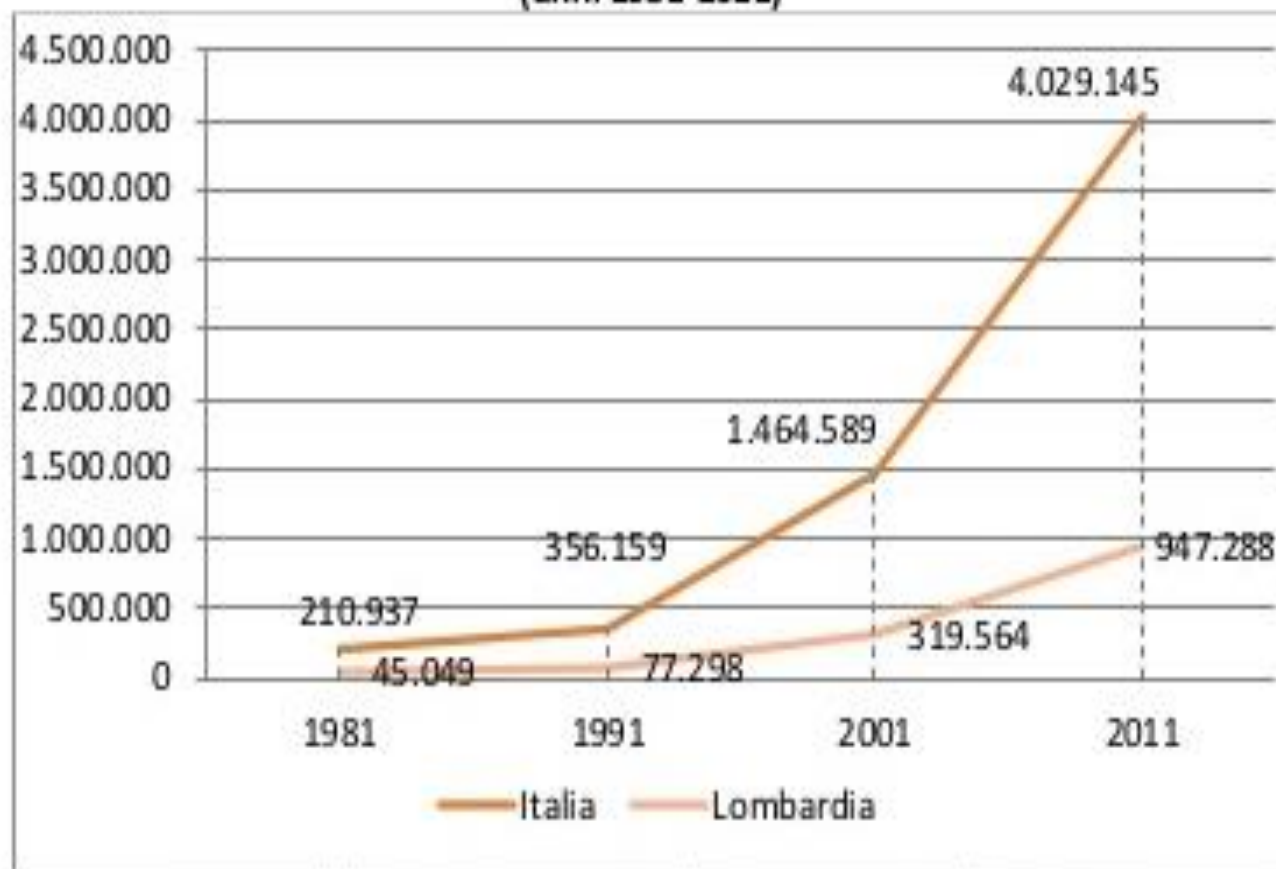
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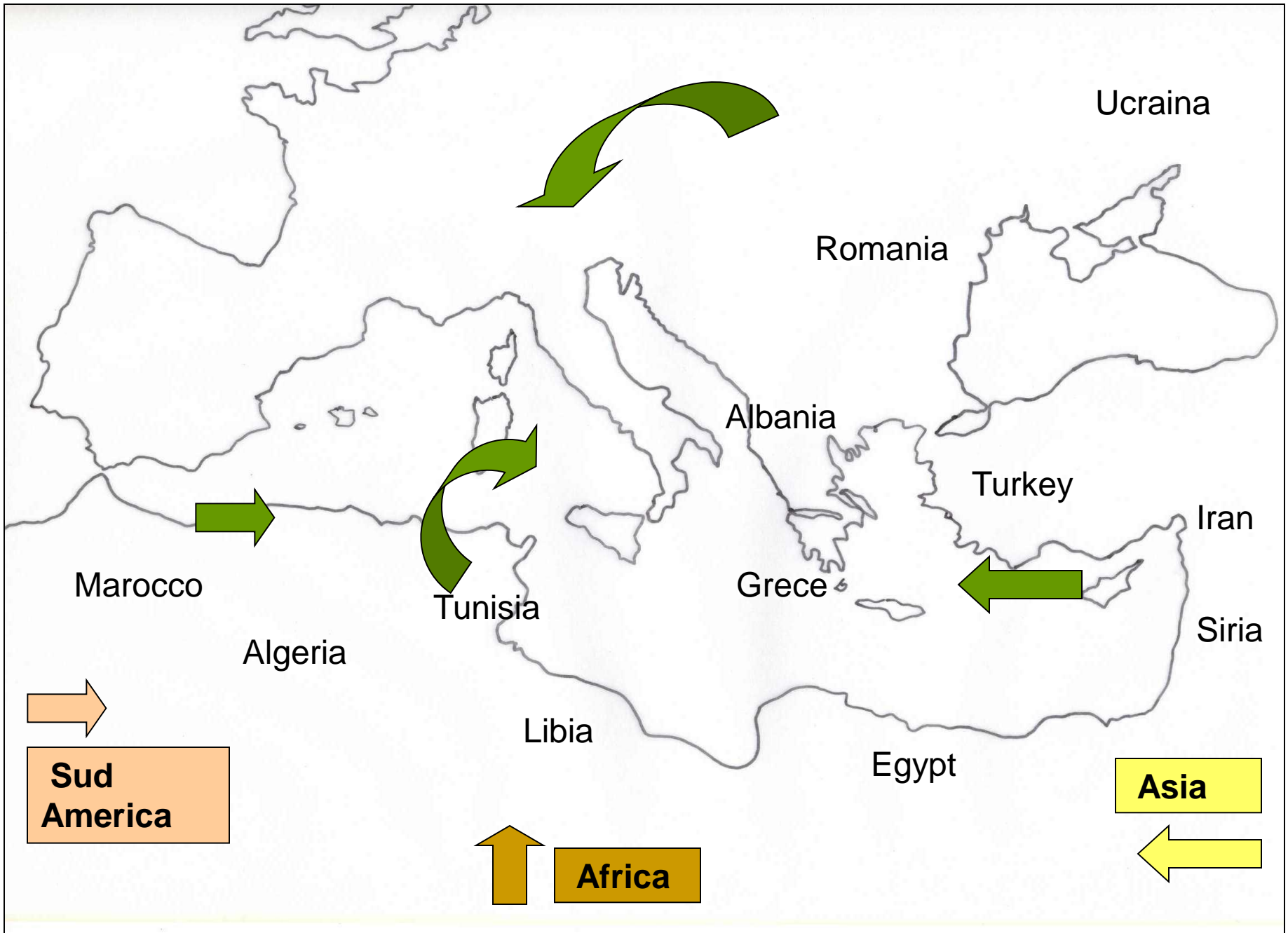
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**Grafico 1: Evoluzione della presenza degli stranieri in Italia e in Lombardia alle date dei censimenti (anni 1981-2011)**



Fonte: Elaborazioni Excursus su dati ISTAT, [www.dat.istat.it](http://www.dat.istat.it)



# I contesti clinici: le anemie

# Possibili eziologie per meccanismo patogenetico

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**Emolisi:** malaria

(deficit di G6PDH e terapia antimalarica con primachina)

**Perdita:** protozoi intestinali: *Entamoeba histolytica*

elmintiasi: hookworms

*Trichiuris trichiura*

schistosomiasi in fase acuta

**Carenziale:** malnutrizione

malassorbimento (deficit vit. B12 in giardiasi;  
sprue tropicale)

**Inibizione/infiltrazione midollare:** tubercolosi

leishmaniosi viscerale

HIV

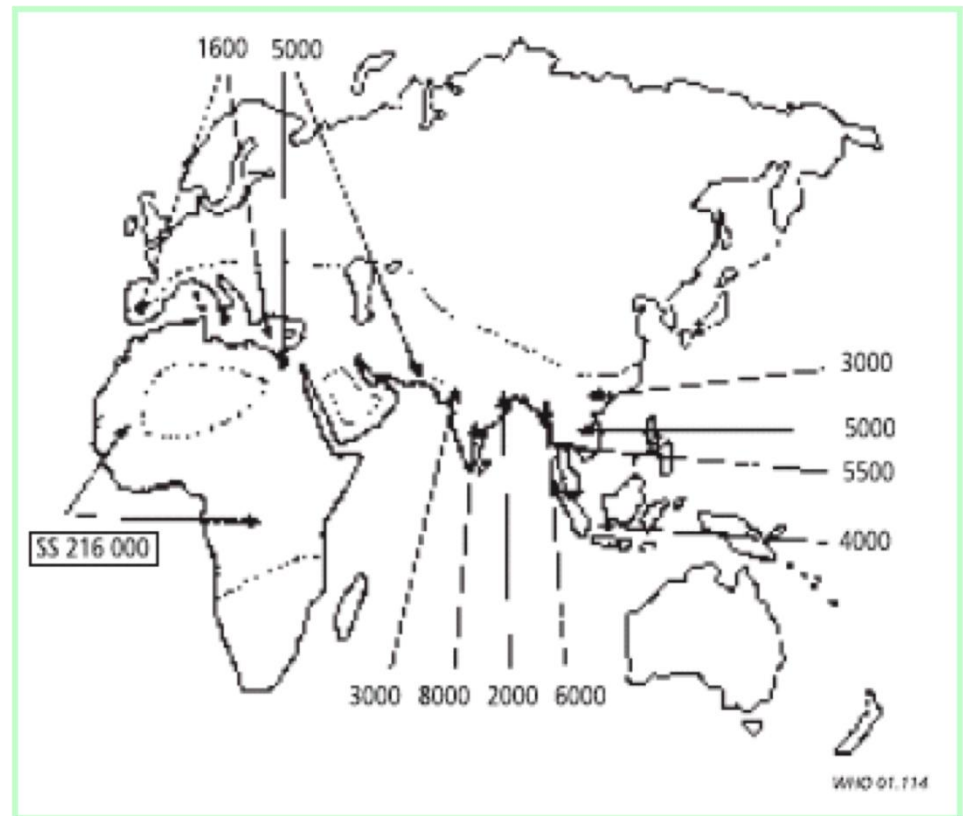
# SCD as emerging problem of public health in non endemic areas

## SICKLE-CELL TRAIT AND SICKLE-CELL DISEASE

**Synonyms.** *Sickle-cell trait*: Hb-S trait; sickle cell anemia (Cooley and Lee, 1926); sickle cell anemia (Committee for Clarification of Nomenclature, 1950). *Sickle-cell disease*: sickle cell anemia (Mason, 1922); drepanocytic anemia (Hahn, 1928); meniscoytic anemia



FIG. 98. The distribution of Hb-S in the Old World. (Only areas where sickling has been found repeatedly have been marked, with one exception—the remarkable observation of sickling in Bihar coolies working in Assam.) Redrawn from Lehmann (1959b).



Weatherall DJ et al. *Bulletin WHO* 79: 704, 2001;  
Modell B et al *Bulletin WHO* 86: 480, 2008



## Sickle cell disease as a paradigm of immigration hematology: new challenges for hematologists in Europe

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### The global problem of genetic disease

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#### Abstract

Inherited haemoglobin disorders will undoubtedly cause an increasing health burden in many developing countries. Although much is known about their molecular pathology and the mechanisms for their phenotypic diversity, many important questions remain, not least the role of the environment in modifying the clinical course. Methods for screening these conditions are now well established and inexpensive and it is vital that they are applied to define the magnitude of the problem that will be posed by these conditions in the future. Similarly, they form the basis for widespread screening and counselling programmes directed at developing prenatal diagnosis expertise where this is not available. Answers to some relatively simple questions about the role of the environment could also make a major difference to the management of the haemoglobin disorders. There is a major case for the development of regional networks to apply such technology as has been developed for the control and prevention of the important haemoglobin disorders, particularly in Asian countries.

## Public Health Reviews

### Inherited haemoglobin disorders: an increasing global health problem

D.J. Weatherall<sup>1</sup> & J.B. Clegg<sup>2</sup>

## Public health reviews

### Global epidemiology of haemoglobin disorders and derived service indicators

Bernadette Modell<sup>a</sup> & Matthew Darlison<sup>a</sup>

**Abstract** To demonstrate a method for using genetic epidemiological data to assess the needs for equitable and cost-effective services for the treatment and prevention of haemoglobin disorders. We obtained data on demographics and prevalence of gene variants responsible for haemoglobin disorders from online databases, reference resources, and published articles. A global epidemiological database for haemoglobin disorders by country was established, including five practical service indicators to express the needs for care (indicator 1) and prevention (indicators 2–5).

Haemoglobin disorders present a significant health problem in 71% of 229 countries, and these 71% of countries include 89% of all births worldwide. Over 330 000 affected infants are born annually (83% sickle cell disorders, 17% thalassaemias). Haemoglobin disorders account for about 3.4% of deaths in children less than 5 years of age. Globally, around 7% of pregnant women carry  $\beta$  or  $\alpha$  zero thalassaemia, or haemoglobin S, C, D Punjab or E, and over 1% of couples are at risk. Carriers and at-risk couples should be informed of their risk and the options for reducing it. Screening for haemoglobin disorders should form part of basic health services in most countries.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2008;86:480–487.

**Abstract** Despite major advances in our understanding of the molecular pathology, pathophysiology, and control and management of the inherited disorders of haemoglobin, thousands of infants and children with these diseases are dying through lack of appropriate medical care. This problem will undoubtedly increase over the next 20 years because, as the result of a reduction in childhood mortality due to infection and malnutrition, more babies with haemoglobin disorders will survive to present for treatment. Although WHO and various voluntary agencies have tried to disseminate information about these diseases, they are rarely mentioned as being sufficiently important to be included in setting health care priorities for the future. It takes considerable time to establish expertise in developing programmes for the control and management of these conditions, and the lessons learned in developed countries will need to be transmitted to those countries in which they occur at a high frequency.

**Keywords** Hemoglobinopathies/mortality/therapy/epidemiology; Anemia, Sickle cell/mortality/therapy/epidemiology; Thalassaemia/mortality/therapy/epidemiology; Malaria/complications/blood; Genetic techniques; Child; Cost of illness; Forecasting (source: MeSH).

**Mots clés** Hémoglobino-pathie/mortalité/thérapeutique/épidémiologie; Anémie cellule falciforme/mortalité/thérapeutique/épidémiologie; Thalassémie/mortalité/thérapeutique/épidémiologie; Paludisme/complication/sang; Technique génétique; Enfant; Coût maladie; Prévision (source: INSERM).

**Palabras clave** Hemoglobinopatías/mortalidad/terapia/epidemiología; Anemia de células falciformes/mortalidad/terapia/epidemiología; Talasemia/mortalidad/terapia/epidemiología; Paludismo/complicaciones/sangre; Técnicas genéticas; Niño; Costo de la enfermedad; Predicción (fuente: BIREME).

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# Worldwide Status of Hemoglobin disorders

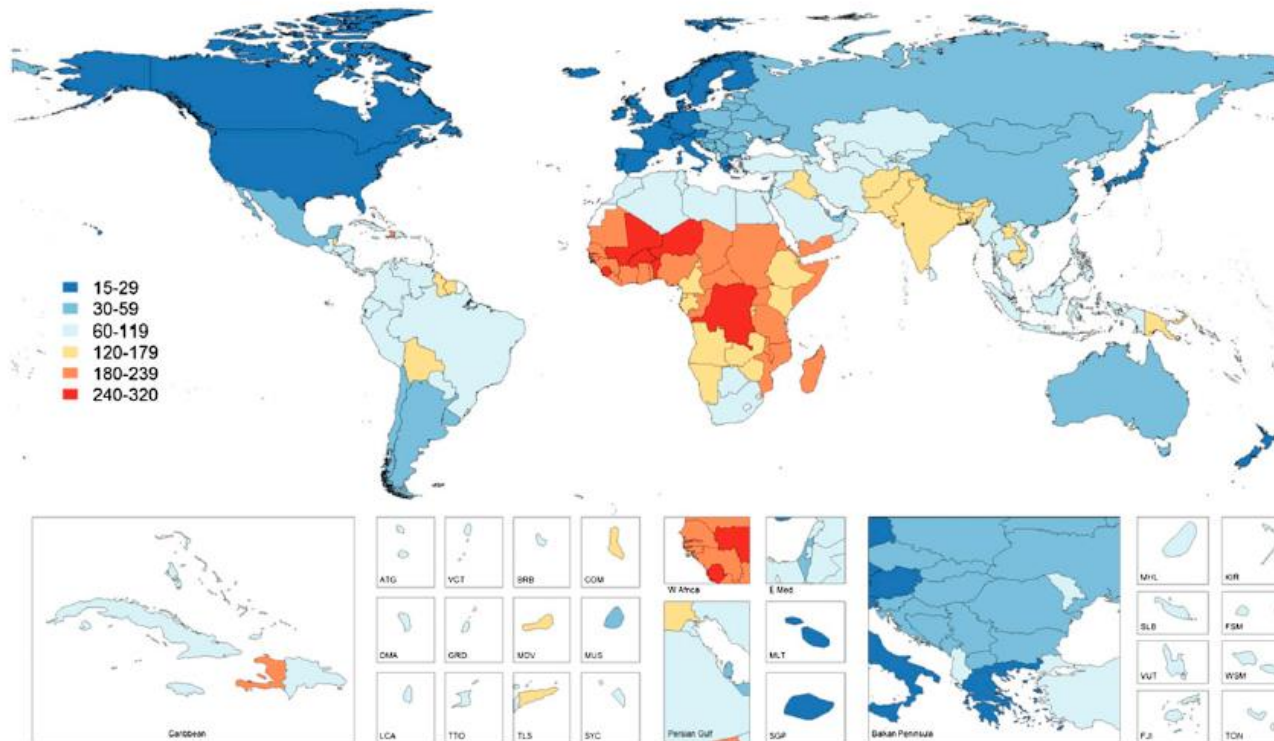
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- 270 million carriers of Hb disorders:  
80000 of Thalassaemia, most of Sickle Cell Disease.
- 300000 affected births per year total.
- 60-70000 births of Thalassaemics: most of these die in early life, often with no diagnosis and no or inadequate treatment.
- About 200000 new cases of SCD per year.



# Hemoglobinopathies are Emerging Problem of Public Health based on YLD and DALYs (1999-2010; 2010-2055)

Anemia YLDs per 10,000 population in 2010, all ages



**YLDs: years lived with disability for hemoglobinopathies ( $\beta$ -thal and SCD): 10.197 vs 21.342 cardiovascular disorders**

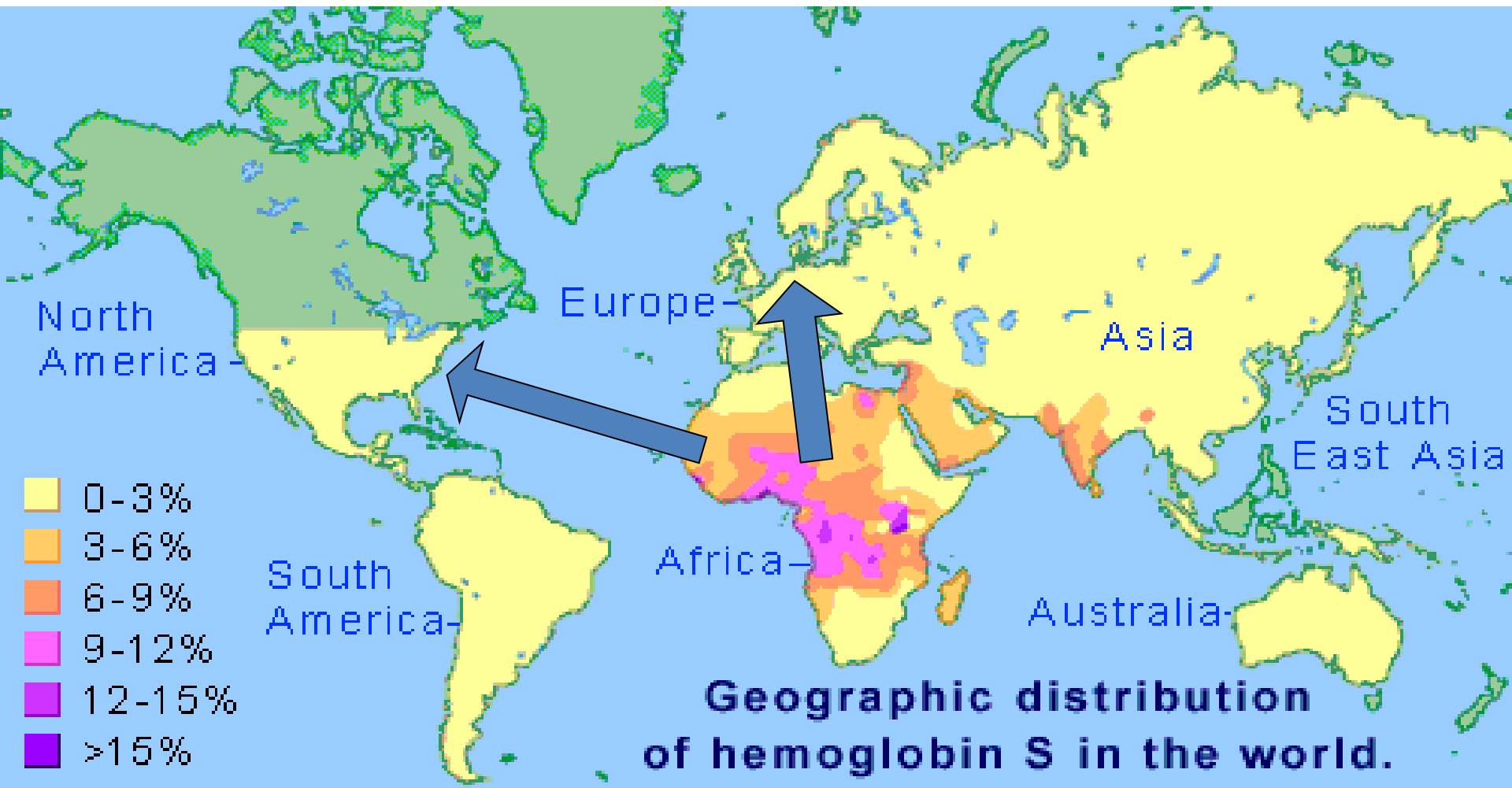
**DALYs: disability adjusted life years for hemoglobinopathies ( $\beta$ -thal and SCD): 15.640 vs 75.000 diabetes**

# Ghana

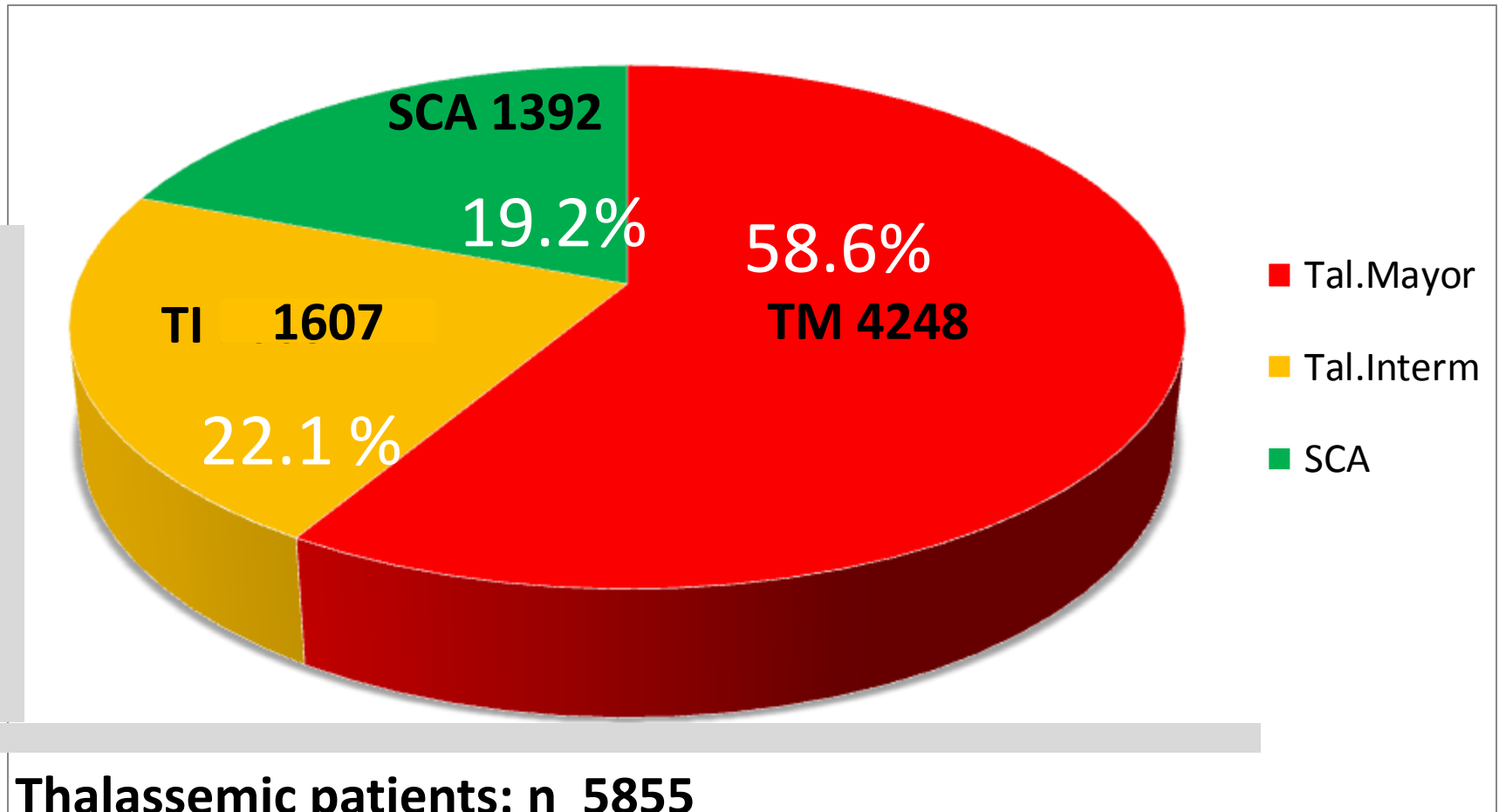
## Waiting at Sickle Cell Clinic, KATH



# SCD is now a global disease



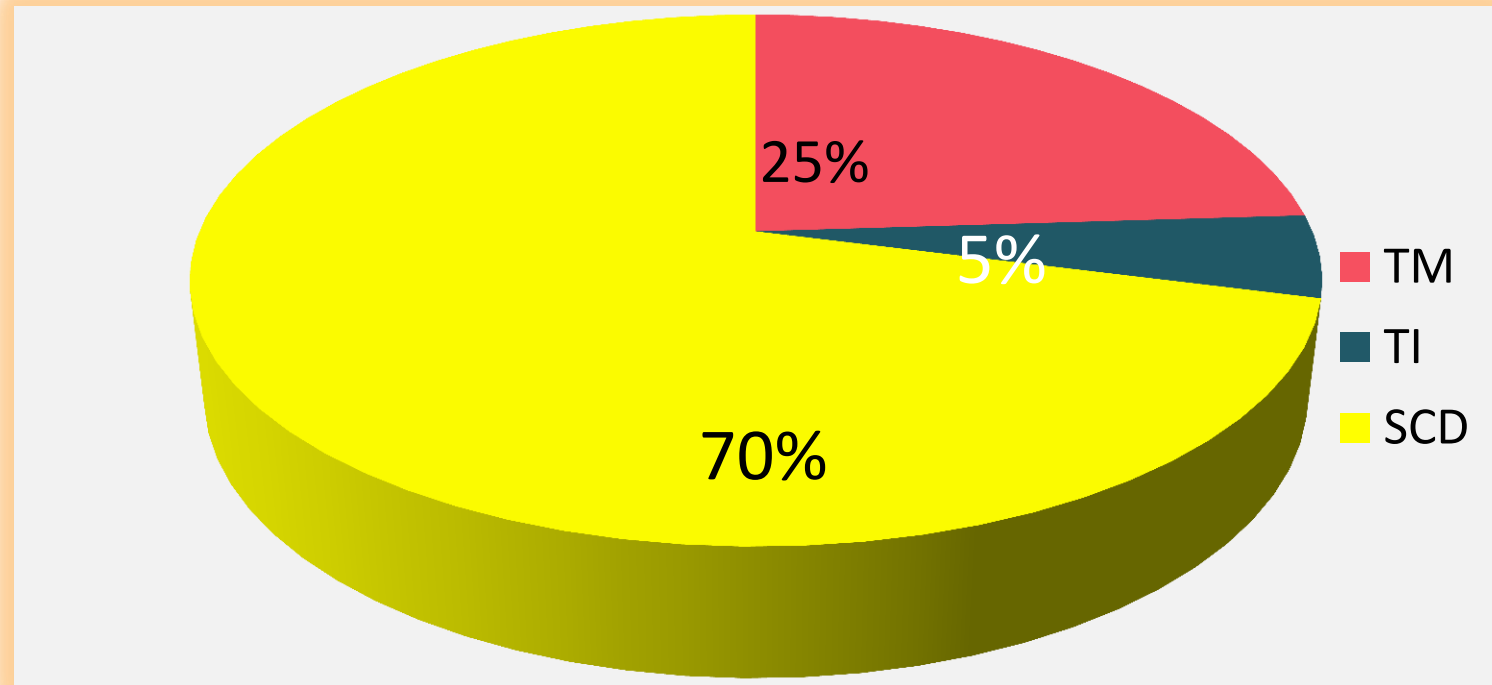
# Patients with Hemoglobinopathies in Italy: 7.247



**Thalassemic patients: n 5855**

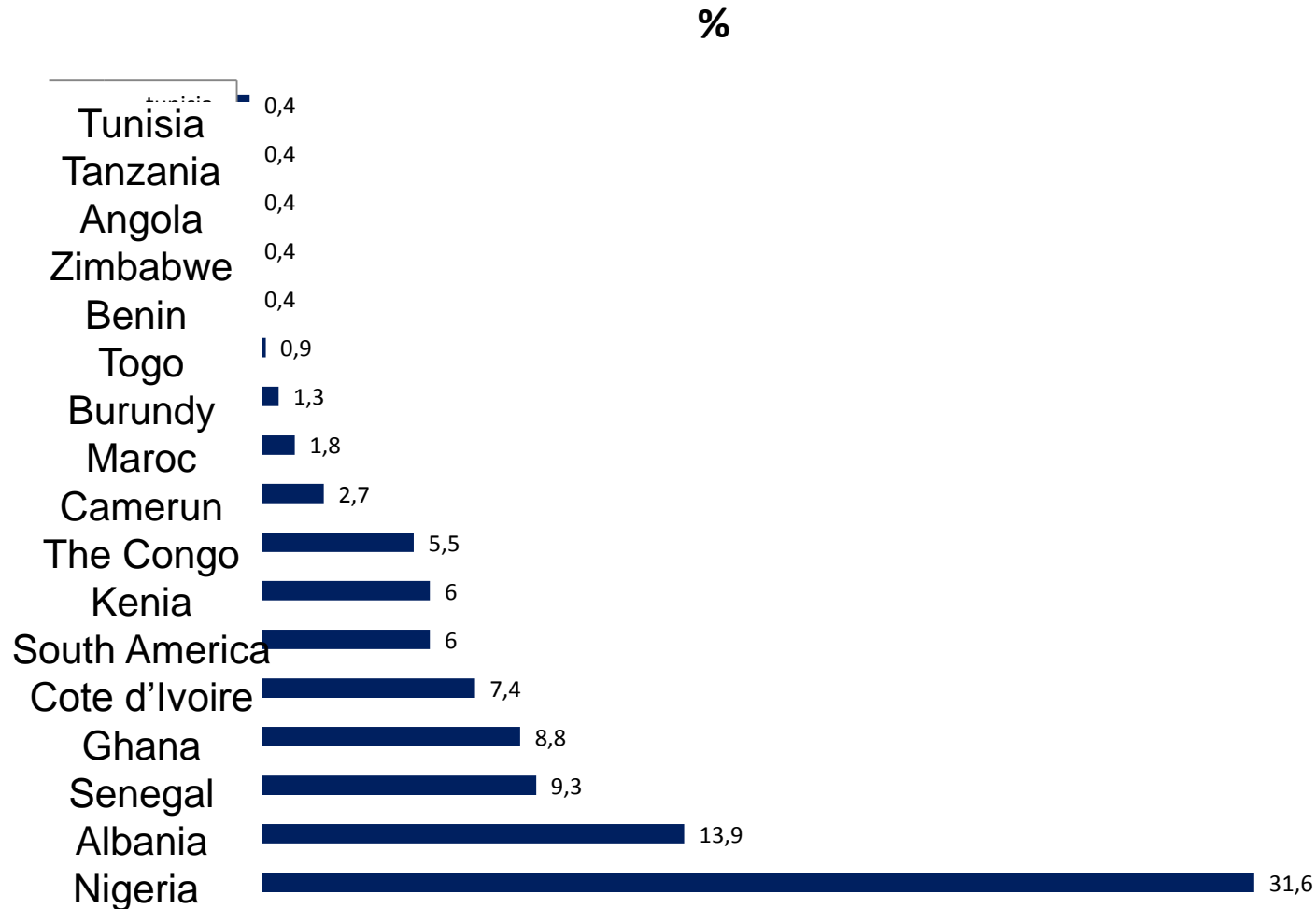
**SCA patients: n 1391**

# Immigrants and diseases (%)



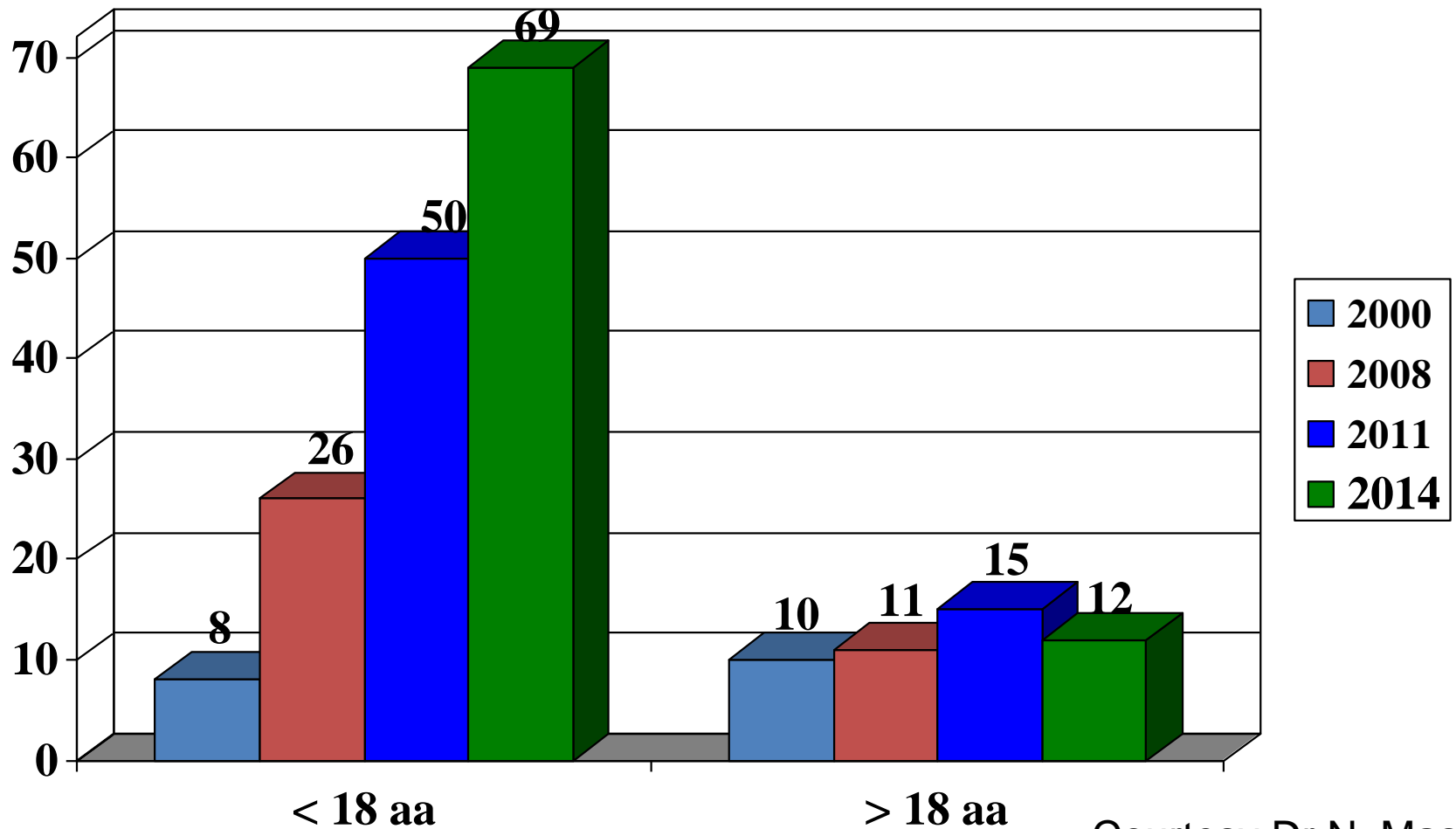
# SCA and immigration-flows:national census

Survey carried out on 225 immigrant patients



Today SCA in Italy is “ imported “ from Africa and Albania

# Monza Ematologia Pediatrica: incremento casi SCD da dicembre 2000 a dicembre 2014

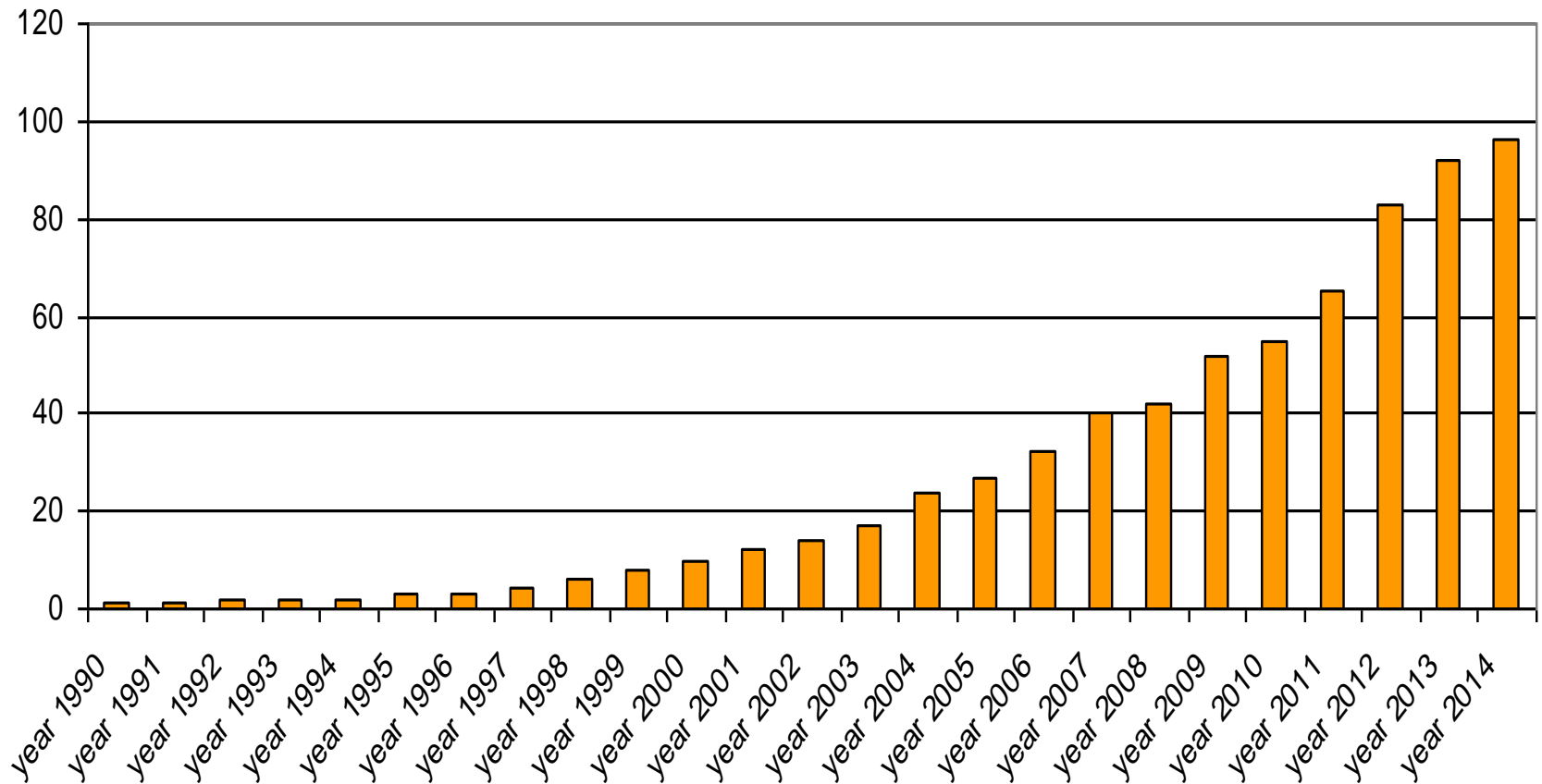


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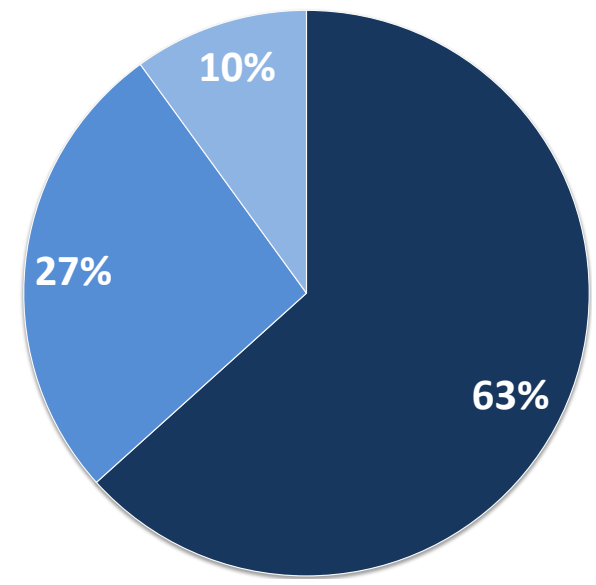
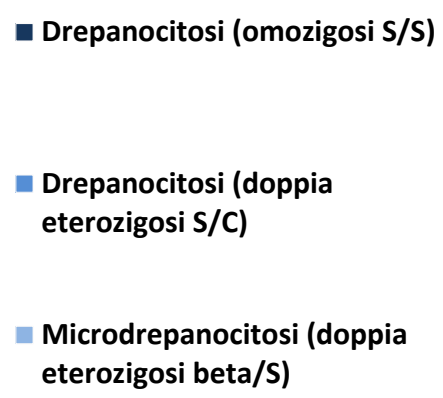
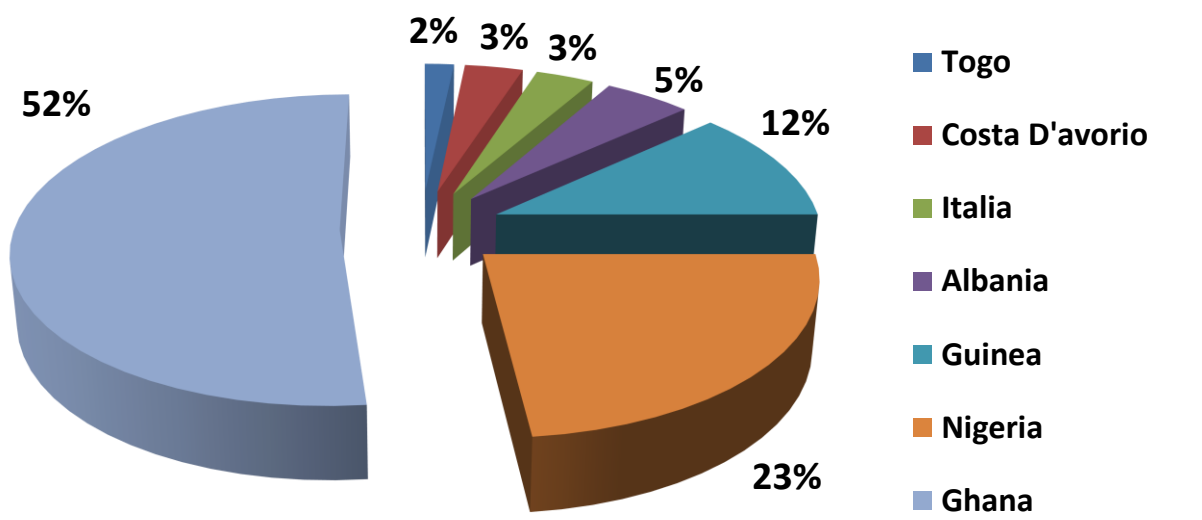


# DIAGNOSI DI SCD 1990-2014 NELLA U.O. di PEDIATRIA DeI POLICLINICO di MODENA

diagnosi di drepanocitosi a Modena

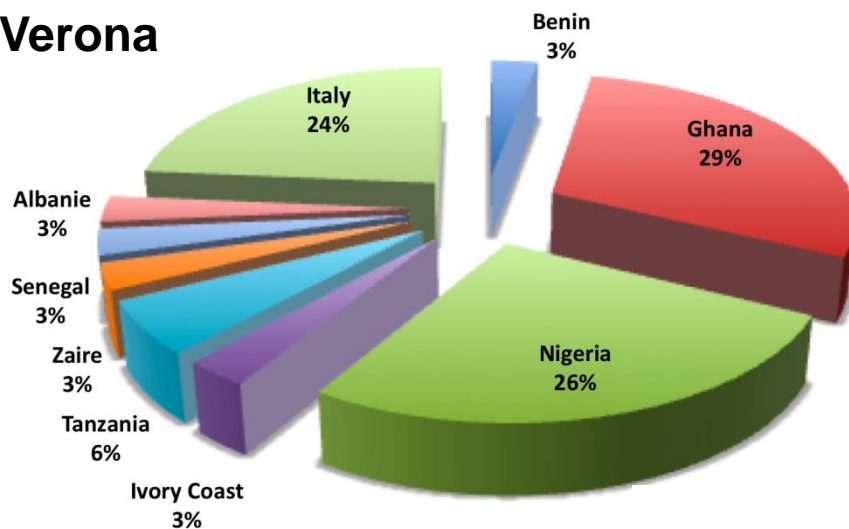


# DISTRIBUZIONE DELLE VARIANTI DI SCD DIAGNOSTICATE PRESSO L'U.O. DI ONCOEMATOLOGIA PEDIATRICA DI MODENA E PROVENIENZA DEI PAZIENTI

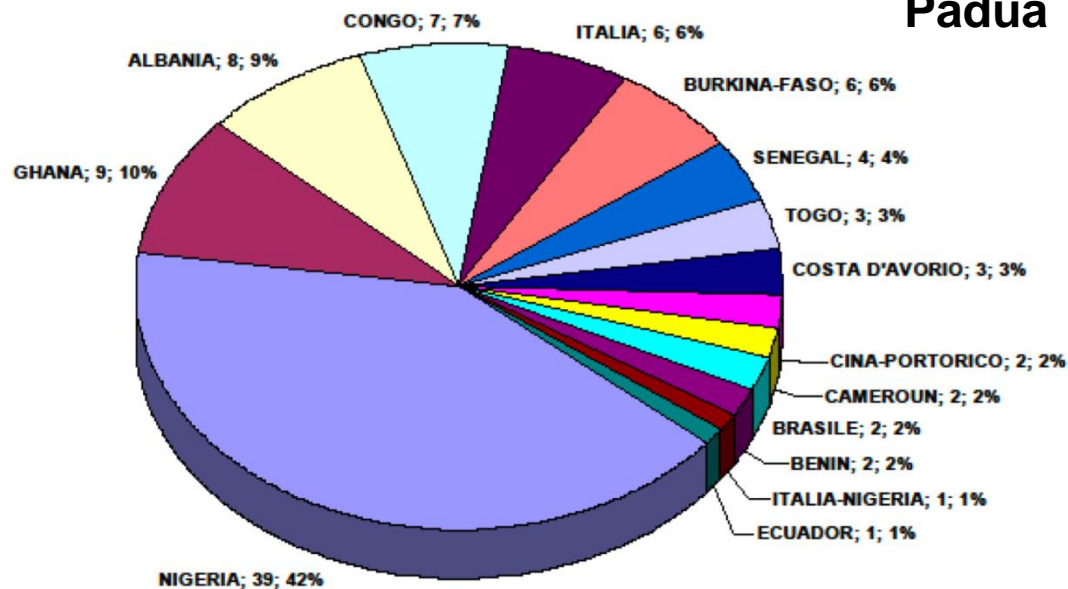


# Countries of Origin of SCD Children

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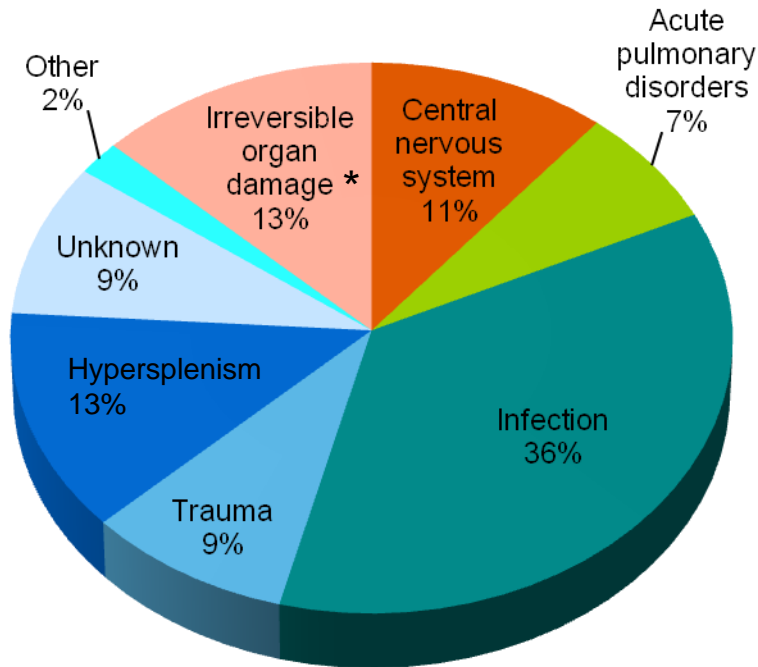


## Padua

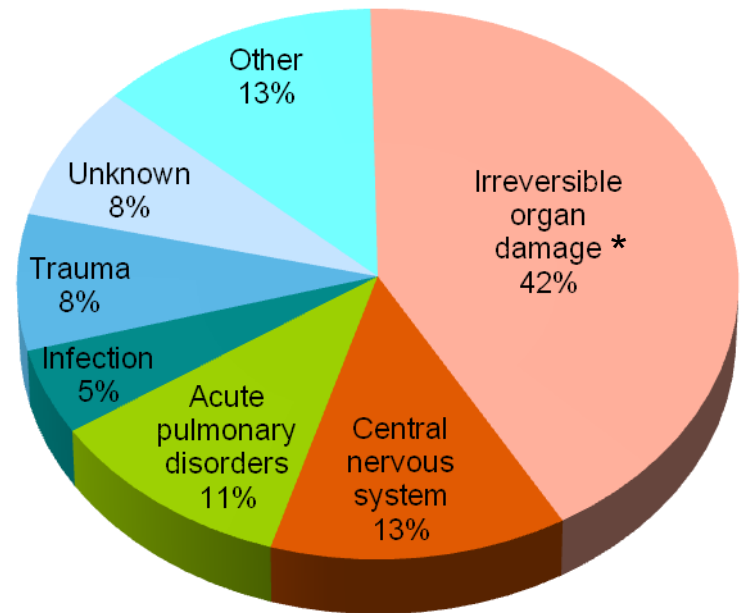


I contesti clinici:  
i problemi

# Cause of death in children versus adults



< 20 years of age (n = 46)



≥ 20 years of age (n = 186)

\*Lung, kidney, and/or liver.

# Causes of death in children with SCD

	<b>Year (range)</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Incidence</b>	<b>Causes</b>
Gill	1978–98	USA	1.1/100 pt-yr	11 sepsis (9 S.pn), 2 ASS, 1 CVA
Thomas	1985–92	France (Paris)	0.29%/yr	15 sepsis (8 S.pn), 3 ASS, 3 CVA
Quinn	1983–04	USA (Texas)	0.59/100 pt-yr	5 sepsis (4 S.pn), 3 ACS, 2 multi-organ failure, 1 CVA, 1 myocardial infarct
Quinn	1983–05	USA (Texas)	0.52/100 pt-yr	5 ACS, 4 multi-organ failure, 4 S.pn sepsis

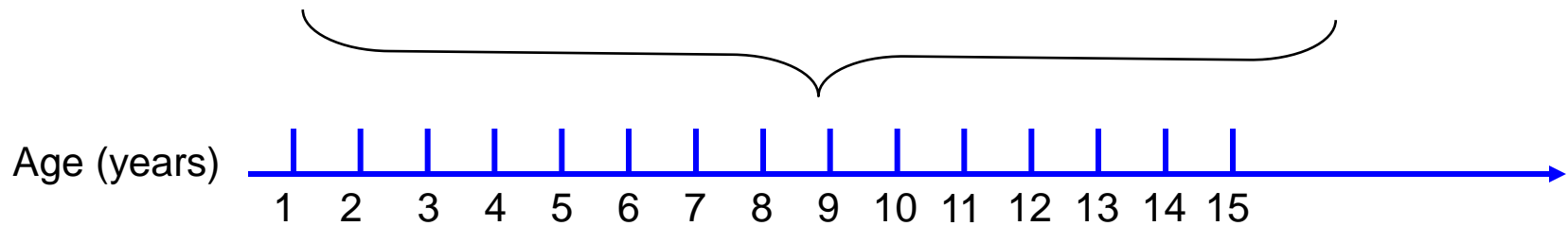
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 Thomas C, et al. Arch Pediatr. 1996;3:445-51.  
 Quinn CT, et al. Blood. 2004;103:4023-7.  
 Quinn CT, et al. Blood. 2010;115:3447-52.

CVA = cerebrovascular accident; pt-yr = patient years;  
 S.pn = Streptococcus pneumoniae.

# Complications of SCD in children

Polymerization of deoxy-HbS

Endothelial dysfunction



Bacteraemia [solid blue bar from age 2 to 6] —————

Pain [dashed blue bars at ages 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6] highly variable [dashed blue bars at ages 14-15]

ACS [solid blue wedge from age 2 to 12, peaking at age 4]

ASS [solid blue bar from age 2 to 8]

Stroke [solid blue wedge from age 2 to 12, peaking at age 4]

Chronic organ damage [dashed blue line from age 2 to 9, then a question mark, then a solid blue wedge from age 10 to 15]

Castro O, et al. Blood. 1994;84:643-9.

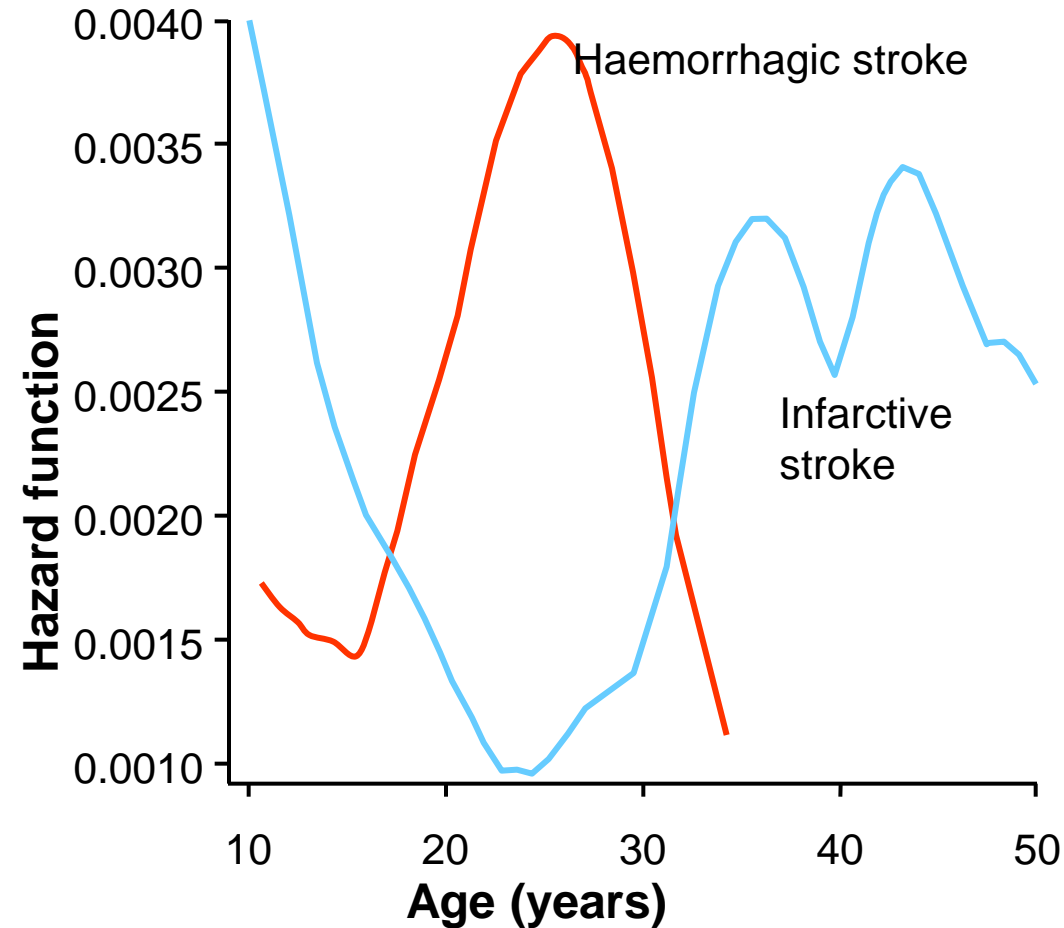
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Ohene-Frempong K, et al. Blood. 1998;91:288-94.

ASS = acute splenic sequestration.



# Stroke subtype by age



- **Ischaemic stroke**

- 54% of CVAs
- highest in 1st decade and after 30 years
- peak at 2–5 years

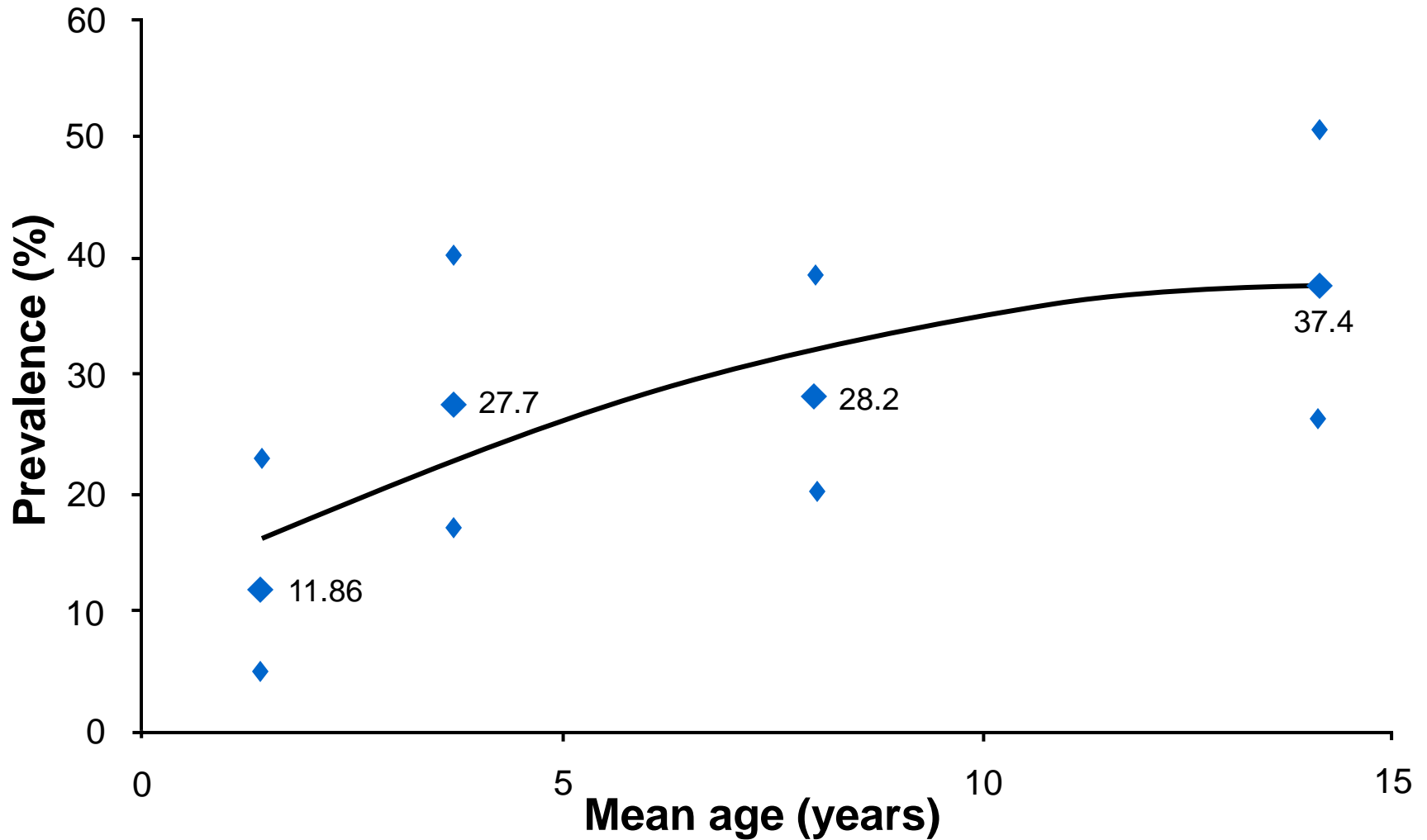
- **Haemorrhagic stroke**

- during 2nd decade
- Risk factors: low Hb, high WBC, hypertension and steroids use

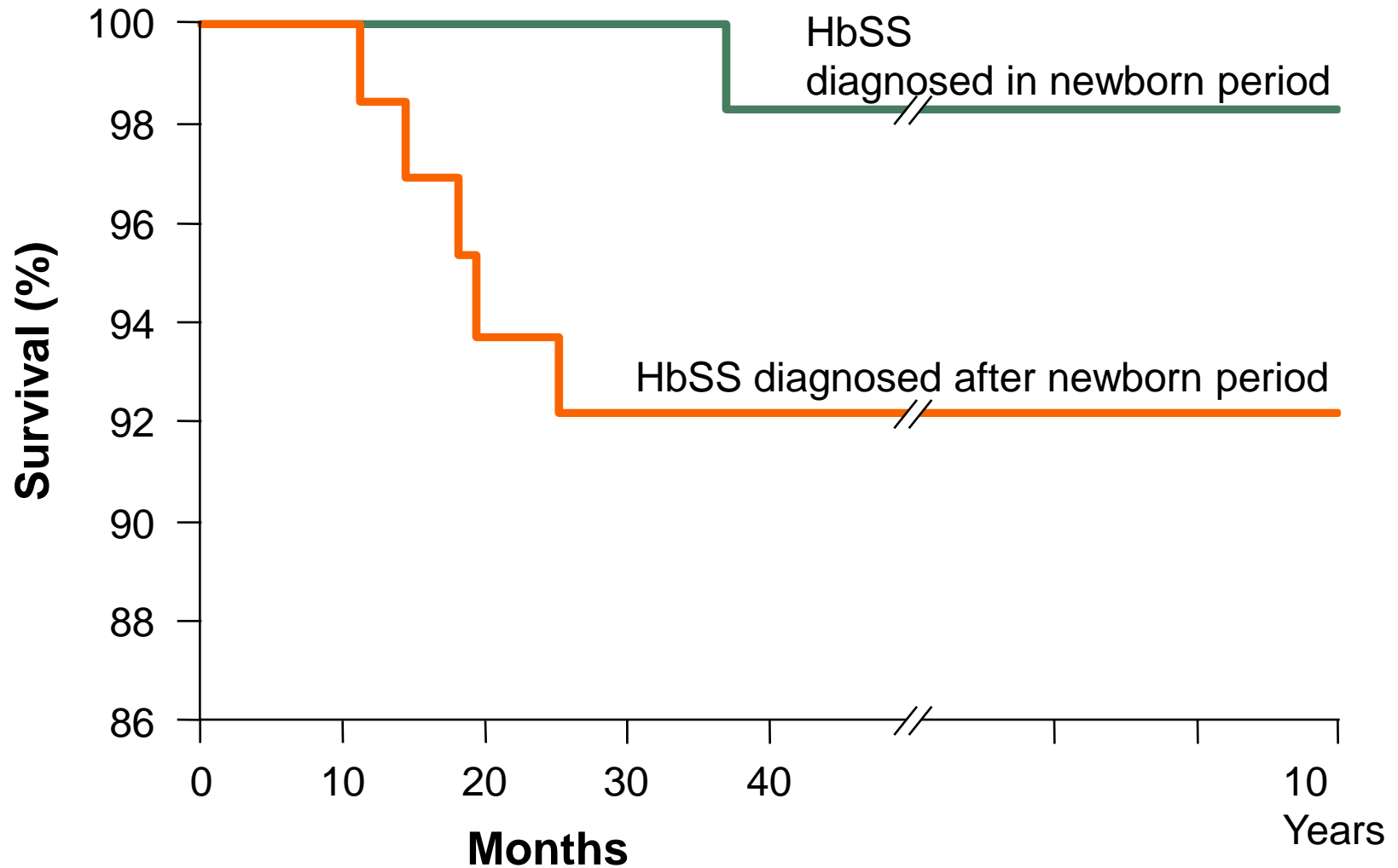
- **Silent stroke**

- radiological findings consistent with white-matter disease
- 10–30% (not characterized as age-dependent)
- associated with cognitive deficiencies and higher stroke risk

# Prevalence of silent infarcts



# Earlier diagnosis positively impacts survival

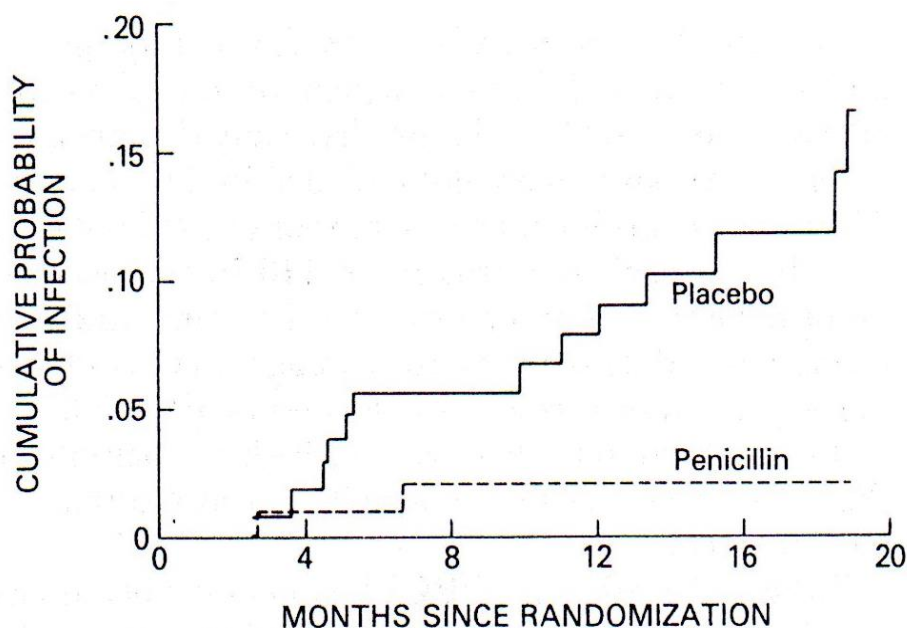


# STUDI SU PROFILASSI E INFEZIONI

**Prophylaxis with Oral Penicillin in Children with Sickle Cell Anemia.** Gaston MD, Marilyn H. N Engl J Med 1986; 314:1593-1599 June 19 1986



The NEW ENGLAND  
JOURNAL of MEDICINE



Lo studio ha dimostrato

**la riduzione dell'84% nell'incidenza di infezioni da S. Pneumoniae nei bambini con SCD in profilassi orale con penicillina, rispetto a quelli che non avevano ricevuto il trattamento**

La profilassi dovrebbe essere iniziata in tutti i neonati **entro i 3 mesi di vita** alla dose di 125 mg due volte al giorno per os e incrementata a 250 mg due volte a giorno dall'età di 3 anni fino ai 5 anni

# Education of patients



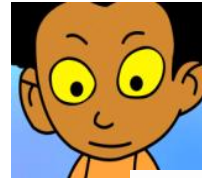
**What to do in case of pain?**



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or



or



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# Treatment of complications



- **PAIN**



- Infections
- Acute anaemia: ASS, aplastic crisis
- Severe vaso-occlusive events: ACS, strokes, priapism, organ failure
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Complications in high-risk pregnancies

**Transfusion therapy is a cornerstone for management of SCD complications**



# Screening neonatale?





# PROGRAMMA DI SCREENING NEONATALE

- Scopo: eliminare o ridurre mortalità, morbidità e “disabilities” che sono il risultato della malattia inclusa nel pannello di screening.
- Scopo screening emoglobinopatie :**“diagnosi presintomatica e trattamento precoce della anemia falciforme ”**.
- Opportunità di counseling genetico alle famiglie

*Kladny B1, Williams A, Gupta A, Gettig EA, Krishnamurti L.*

*Genetic counseling following the detection of hemoglobinopathy trait on the newborn screen is well received, improves knowledge, and relieves anxiety. Genetics Med.2011.13.7:658-661*

# COMPREHENSIVE CARE PROGRAMME

**Newborn Screening for Sickle Cell Disease: Effect on Mortality.** Vichinsky E et al. Pediatrics 1988; 81:749

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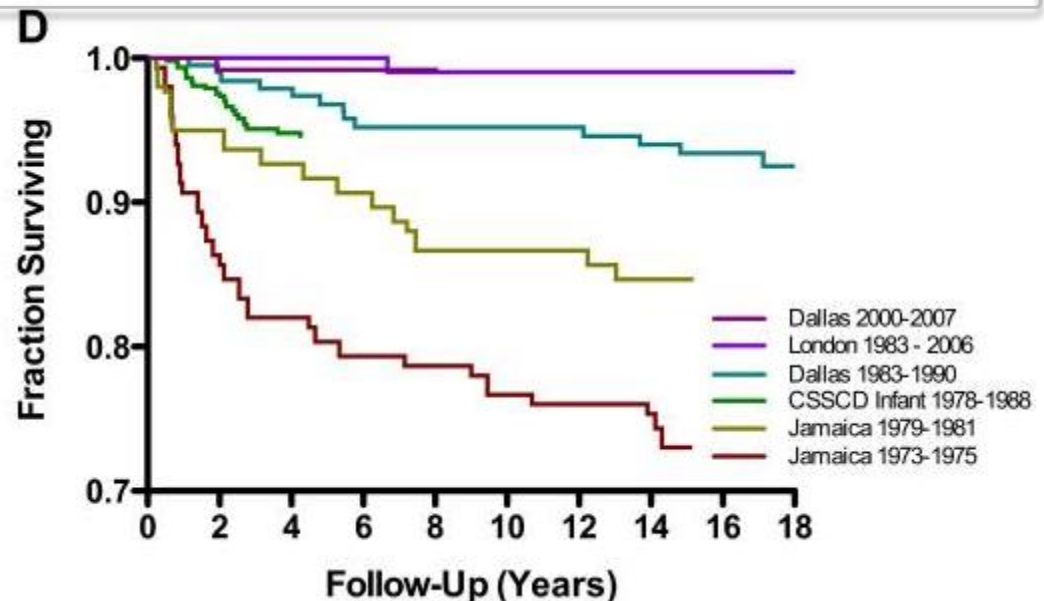
Mortalità: - 1,8% se Dx alla nascita  
- 8% se Dx > 3 mesi di vita



- Dx neonatale
- Profilassi penicillinica < 3 mesi di vita
- Informazione delle famiglie
- Follow-up periodici

Lo studio condotto da Quinn (*Quinn et al. Blood 2010*) su bambini entrati a far parte di un programma di screening neonatale condotto tra il 1983 e il 2007 ha dimostrato una sopravvivenza a diciotto anni del 94%

Diversi programmi di screening neonatale



# LINEA GUIDA GRAVIDANZA FISIOLÓGICA

## Aggiornamento 2011 (106-108)

- Emoglobinopatie

Quesito 33 :

Lo screening delle emoglobinopatie dovrebbe essere offerto a tutte le donne in gravidanza oppure solo alle donne a rischio?



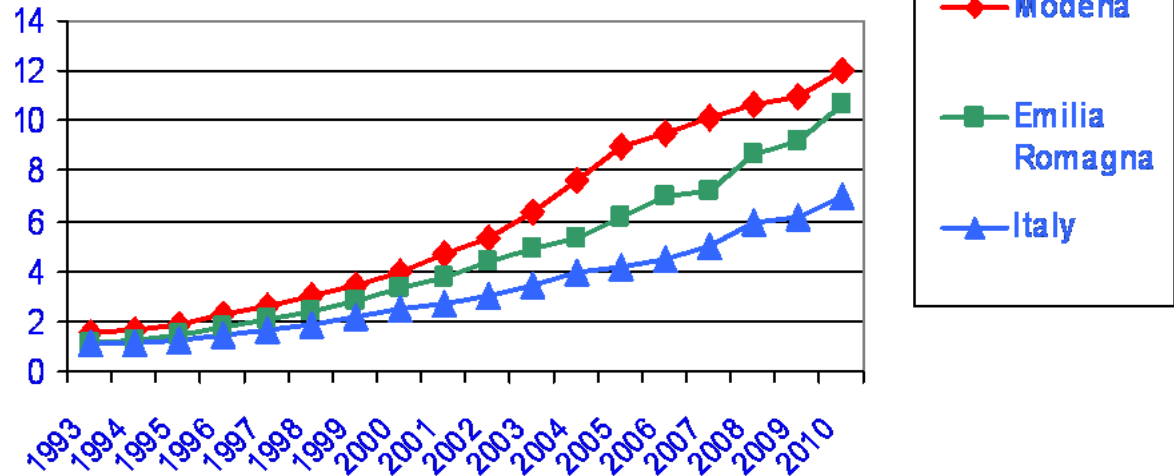
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# Gravidanza fisiologica

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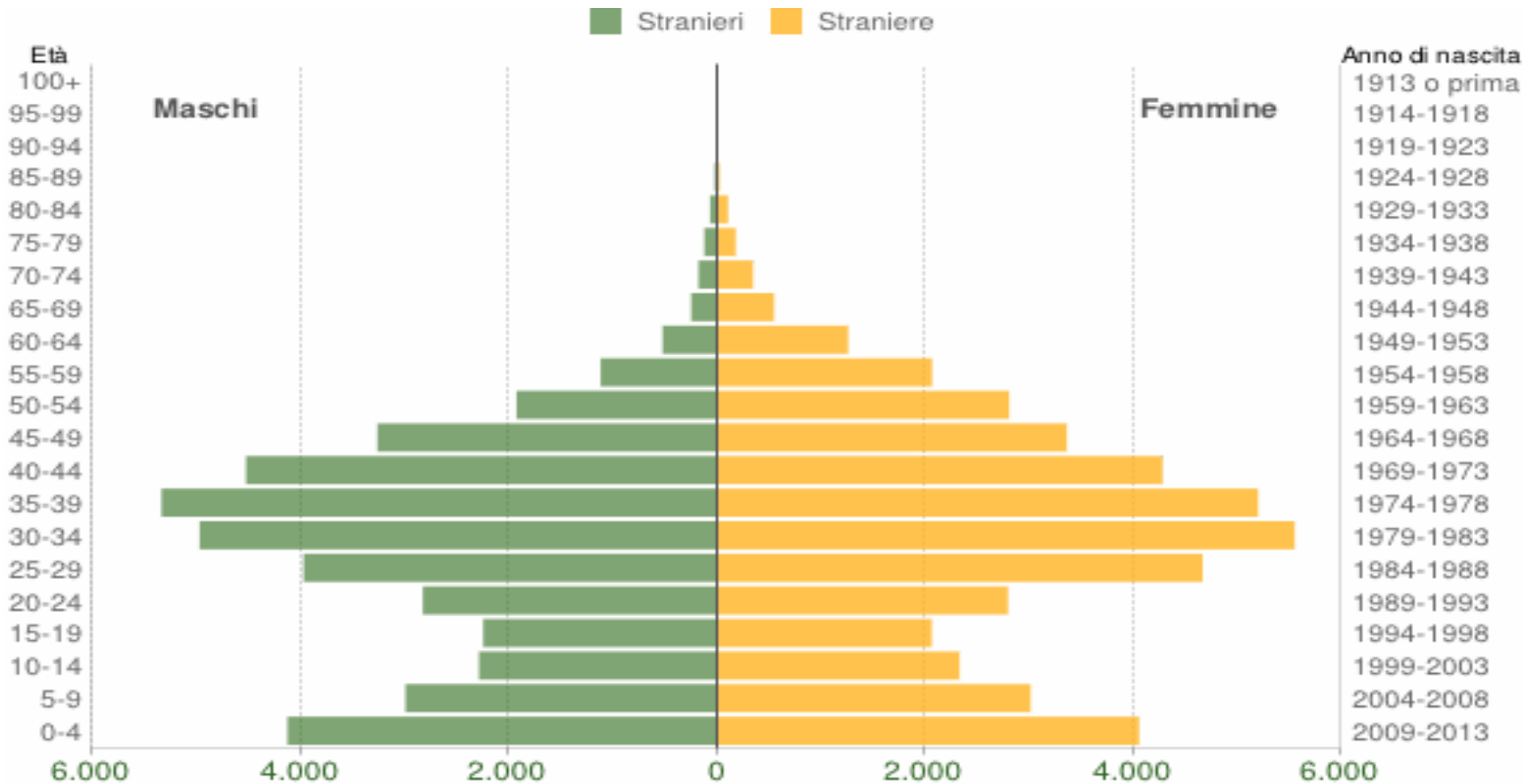
# FENOMENO MIGRATORIO



**Italia:**  $4.36 \times 10^6$  di immigrati (**6,8 % popolazione**), particolarmente concentrate nelle Regioni Settentrionali (ISTAT) la maggior parte dei cittadini stranieri si concentra nel Nord (35,2% nel Nord-ovest, 26,6% nel Nord-est) e, in misura inferiore, nel Centro (24,2%) A livello regionale le differenze si manifestano in modo ancora più evidente. L'incidenza assume valore massimo in Emilia-Romagna, dove la popolazione straniera rappresenta l'11,2% del totale dei residenti, in Lombardia (10,5%) e Veneto (10%)

**Emilia Romagna:** **154.317** immigrati da aree endemiche, di cui il 55% nell'area Nord (Parma, Piacenza, Modena, Reggio Emilia) (ISTAT)

# IMMIGRATI NELLA PROVINCIA DI MODENA



Popolazione per cittadinanza straniera per età e sesso - 2013

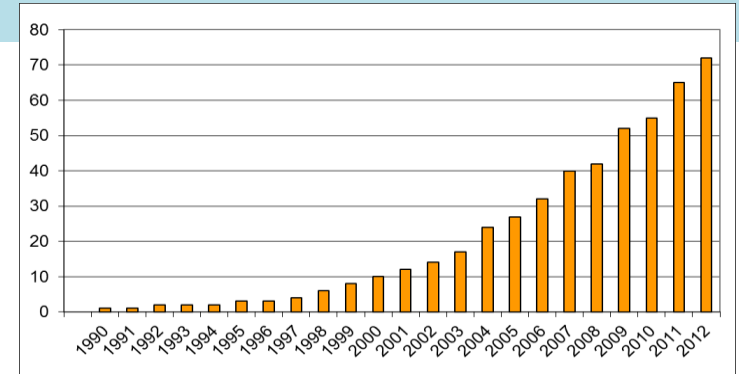
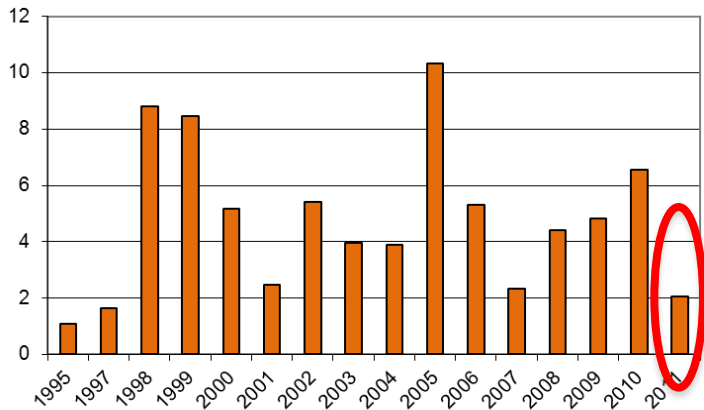
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# PROGRAMMA DI SCREENING NELLA PROVINCIA DI MODENA

## BACKGROUND

Incremento di nuove diagnosi in età pediatrica

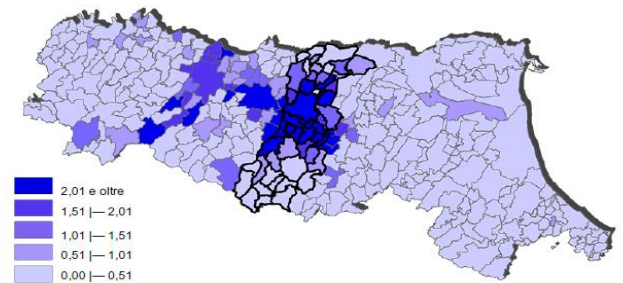


Inizio della profilassi con penicillina non nei tempi previsti

Costante aumento di nuovi nati da madri provenienti da aree endemiche (fenomeno migratorio)

La comunità ghanese

Graf. 6.M - Indice di densità della popolazione straniera (cittadinanza: Ghana) residente nei comuni della regione Emilia Romagna. Dati al 1 gennaio 2011.



Fonte: Servizio Osservatori statistici e Programmazione negoziata della Provincia di Modena - Elaborazione su dati della Regione Emilia Romagna

Legge 219/95.art.5,comma 1°,punto 9

(prevenzione di problemi immunoematologici e MEN)  
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# RACCOMANDAZIONI

- In epoca **preconcezionale**, a tutte le donne devono essere assicurati counselling e test in grado di identificare le portatrici di emoglobinopatie (anemia falciforme e talassemia).

Giunta della Regione Emilia Romagna. Delibera 1097/2011:  
***“Indicazioni alle aziende sanitarie per la presa in carico della gravidanza a basso rischio in regime di DSA2 a gestione dell’ostetrica”***.

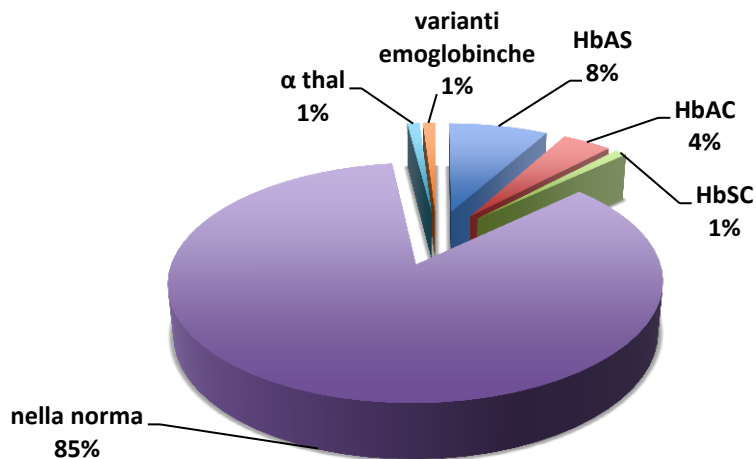
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- *Queste raccomandazioni attribuiscono valore di favorevole rapporto benefici/danni e benefici/costi dello screening universale in aree con elevata prevalenza di emoglobinopatie, come quella del bacino del Mediterraneo*

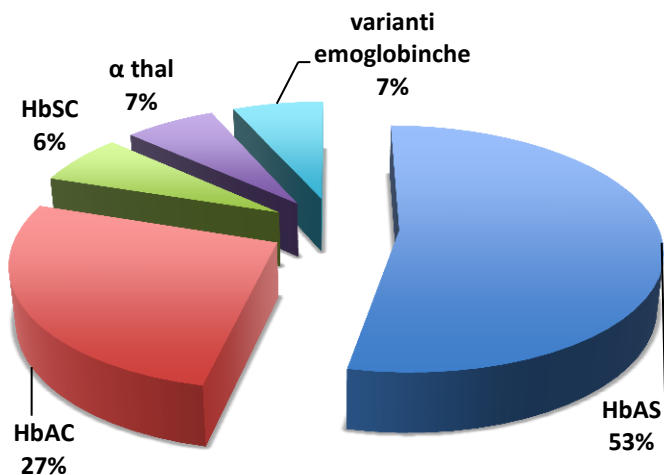


# VARIANTI EMOGLOBINICHE dei NEONATI delle puerpere positive

## Alterazioni Hb neonati



## Alterazioni Hb nei neonati



3786  
puerpere

242 positive

247  
neonati

positivi  
37 (15%)

negativi 210  
(85%)

HbSC	1
HbAS	21
HbAC	9
A-thal	2
varianti	4

L'incidenza di anomalie emoglobiniche sulla popolazione totale delle gravide fino ad ora analizzate, risulta essere di circa il 6% **DIAGNOSI 5.6 GIORNI**

# CONSULENZA E PRESA IN CARICO U.O.ONCOEMATOLOGIA PEDIATRICA

## 10 neonati identificati (4HbSS-6HbSC)

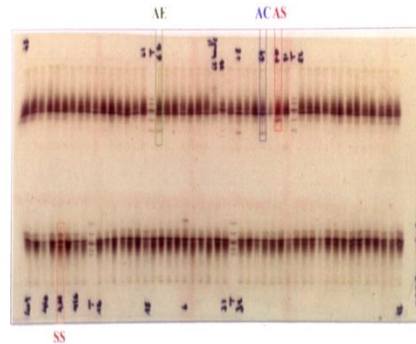
- Appena Possibile (entro 1 mese):
  - Conferma diagnosi (nuovo prelievo-sangue periferico/DNA/SMT)
  - Colloquio informativo introduzione alla malattia e inserimento  
lista malattie rare Regione Emilia Romagna
  - Informazione somministrazione profilassi antibiotica vaccinazioni e gestione episodi febbrili
  - Test fratelli
  - Comunicazione pediatra di base



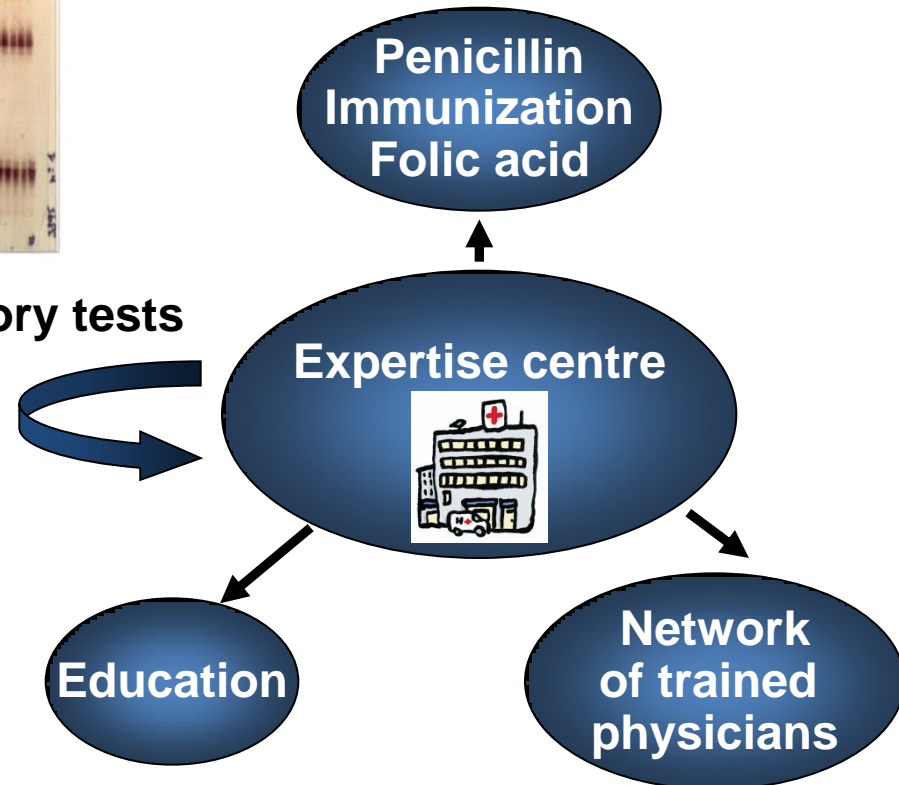
# Neonatal screening



**IEF**



**Confirmatory tests**





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