

Aferesi terapeutica nelle emoglobinopatie con focus nei pazienti pediatrici



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- 9.00 Origine e finalità della ESTM (European School of Transfusion Medicine)
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- 9.30 La diagnosi delle emoglobinopatie
R. Galanello
- 10.00 La terapia delle emoglobinopatie
P. Cianciulli
- 10.30 L'alloimmunizzazione eritrocitaria
A. Matteucci
- 11.00 *Coffee Break*
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P. Di Bartolomeo
- 12.30 Aggiornamento sulla terapia genica nelle Sindromi Talassemiche
A. Maggini
- 13.00 Conclusioni
A. Iacone
- 13.30 Chiusura Corso



Emoglobinopatie

- Disordini con ridotta sintesi emoglobinica (talassemie)
- Disordini con catena emoglobinica modificata (sindromi falcemiche)
- Disordini con difetto di *switch* delle catene globiniche (persistenza di emoglobina fetale)



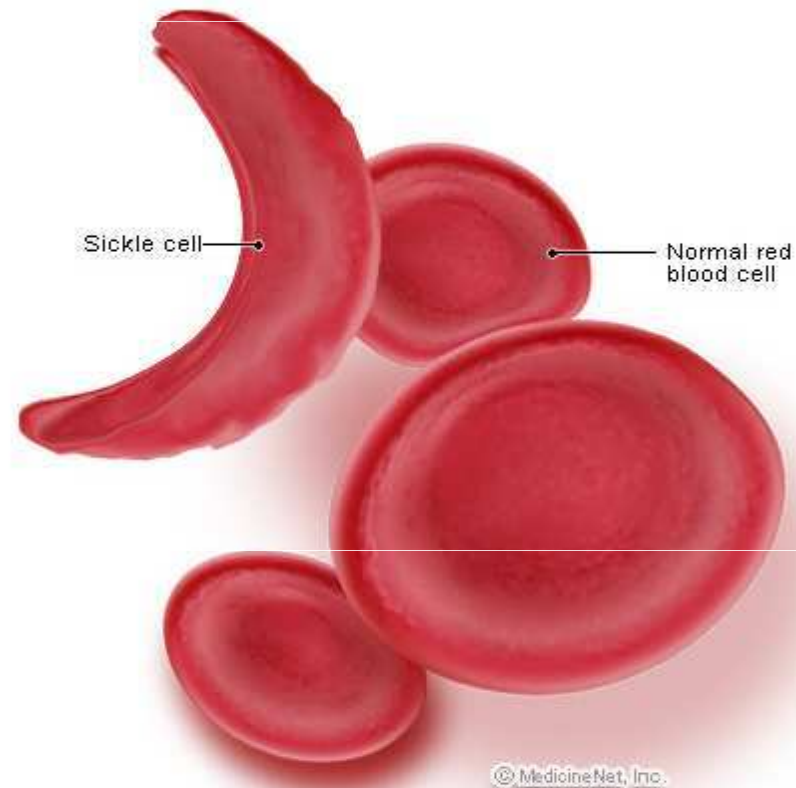
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HbS

Red Blood Cells

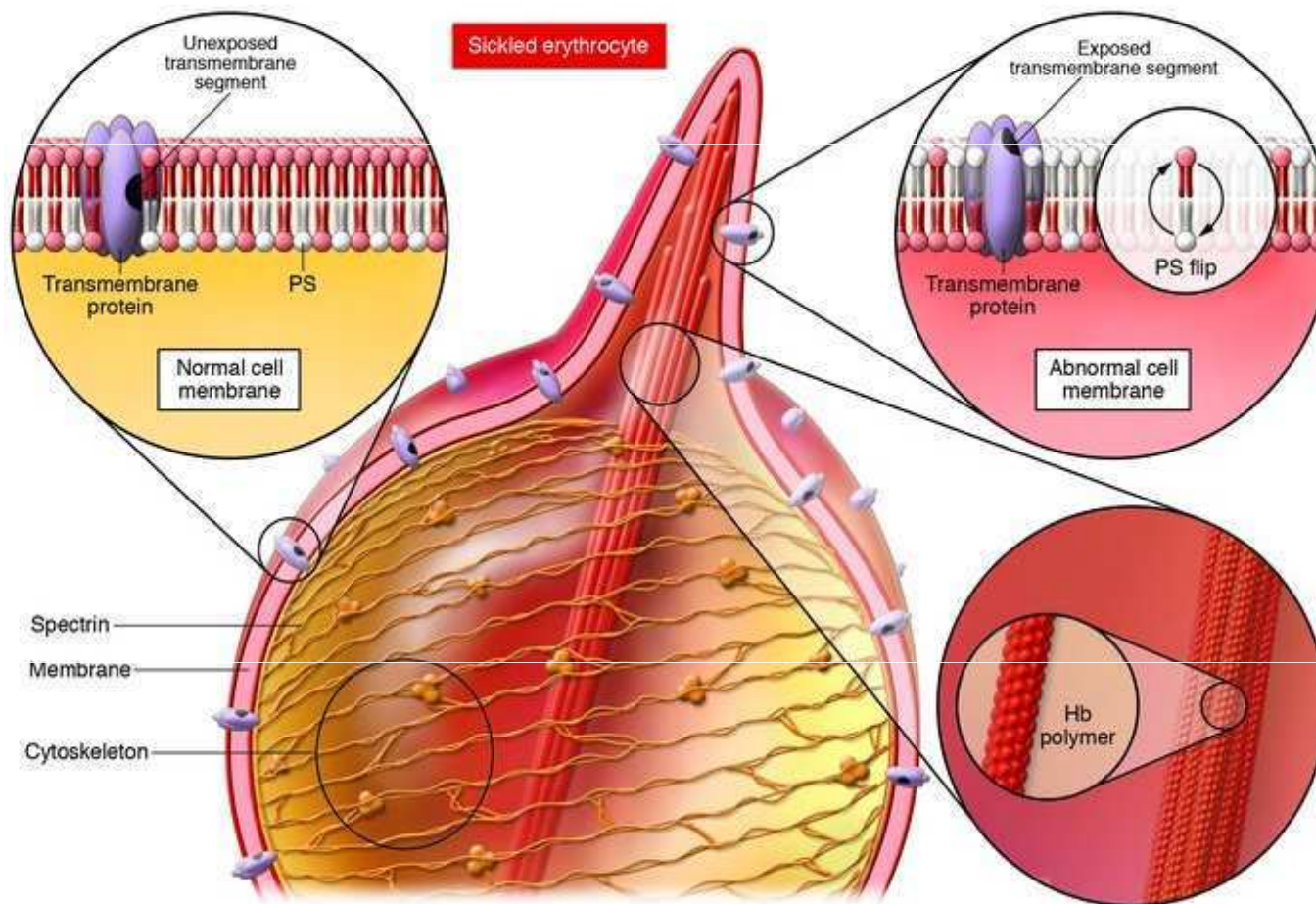


Sickle-cell disease

David C Rees, Thomas N Williams, Mark T Gladwin

Severe sickle-cell disease	
HbS/S ($\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}/\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}$); sickle-cell anaemia	The most common form of sickle-cell disease
HbS/ β^0 thalassaemia	Most prevalent in the eastern Mediterranean region and India ²⁴
Severe HbS/ β^+ thalassaemia	Most prevalent in the eastern Mediterranean region and India; 1–5% HbA present ²⁴
HbS/OA _{rab} ($\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}/\beta 121\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Lys}$)	Reported in north Africa, the Middle East, and the Balkans; relatively rare ²⁴
HbS/D Punjab ($\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}/\beta 121\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Gln}$)	Predominant in northern India but occurs worldwide ²⁴
HbS/C Harlem ($\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}/\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}/\beta 73\text{Asp} \rightarrow \text{Asn}$)	Electrophoretically resembles HbSC, but clinically severe; double mutation in β -globin gene; very rare ²⁵
HbC/S Antilles ($\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Lys}/\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}, \beta 23\text{Val} \rightarrow \text{Ile}$)	Double mutation in β -globin gene results in severe sickle-cell disease when co-inherited with HbC; very rare ²⁶
HbS/Quebec-CHORI ($\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}/\beta 87\text{Thr} \rightarrow \text{Ile}$)	Two cases described; resembles sickle-cell trait with standard analytical techniques ²⁷
Moderate sickle-cell disease	
HbS/C ($\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}/\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Lys}$)	25–30% cases of sickle-cell disease in populations of African origin ²³
Moderate HbS/ β^+ thalassaemia	Most cases in the eastern Mediterranean region; 6–15% HbA present ²⁴
HbA/S Oman ($\beta^+/ \beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}, \beta 121\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Lys}$)	Dominant form of sickle-cell disease caused by double mutation in β -globin gene; very rare ²⁸
Mild sickle-cell disease	
Mild HbS/ β^{++} thalassaemia	Mostly in populations of African origin; 16–30% HbA present ²⁴
HbS/E ($\beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}/\beta 26\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Lys}$)	HbE predominates in southeast Asia and so HbSE uncommon, although frequency is increasing with population migration ²⁵
HbA/Jamaica Plain ($\beta^+/ \beta 6\text{Glu} \rightarrow \text{Val}, \beta 68\text{Leu} \rightarrow \text{Phe}$)	Dominant form of sickle-cell disease; double mutation results in Hb with low oxygen affinity; one case described ²⁹
Very mild sickle-cell disease	
HbS/HPFH	Group of disorders caused by large deletions of the β -globin gene complex; typically 30% fetal haemoglobin ²⁴
HbS/other Hb variants	HbS is co-inherited with many other Hb variants, and symptoms develop only in extreme hypoxia
Genotypes that have been reported to cause sickle-cell disease are listed. All include at least one copy of the β^S allele, in combination with one or more mutations in the β -globin gene. HbS=sickle haemoglobin. HbA=haemoglobin variant A. HbE=haemoglobin variant E. Hb=haemoglobin.	

... in condizioni di **bassa tensione di O₂**

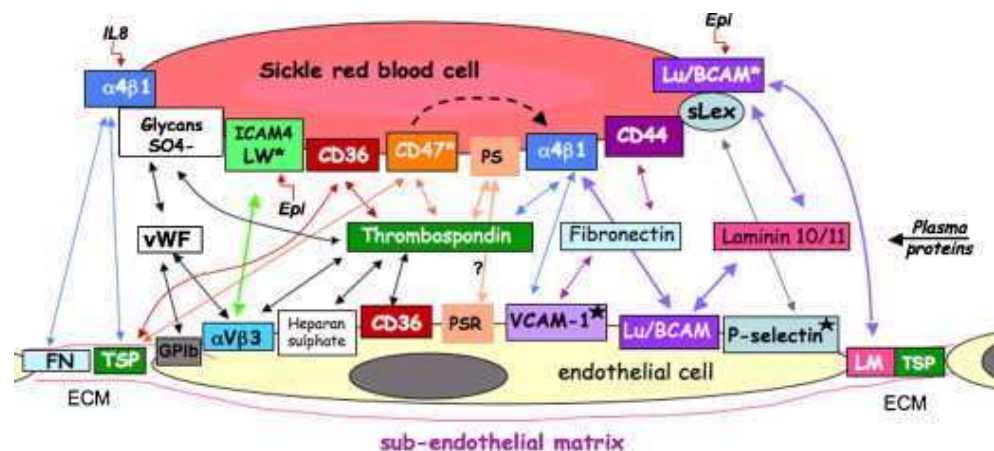


... basse tensioni di O₂ comportano un cambio di conformazione dell'HbS che porta alla formazione di **polimeri di emoglobina**

I polimeri di emoglobina **danneggiano il citoscheletro** e realizzano delle protrusioni nella membrana che conferiscono alla cellula la particolare forma

Il **rallentamento del flusso** è in grado di innescare fenomeni vaso-occlusivi, a loro volta responsabili di ulteriore calo della tensione di O₂, che alimenta nuova formazione di **polimeri di emoglobina**

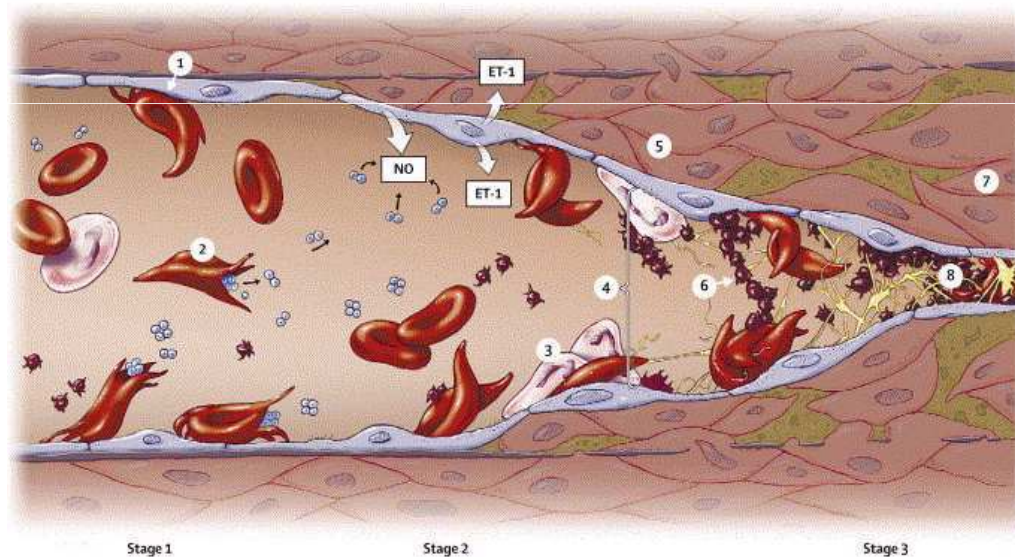
Il danno di membrana comporta **perdita della deformabilità e rigidità** ... responsabili di un deciso **incremento dell'adesività** vs endotelio e cellule circolanti, con un netto rallentamento del flusso ematico



il danno di membrana causa ...

1. **riduzione della vita media dei GR** (da 120 a 15 gg) ... da **cronica anemia emolitica**
2. **crisi aplastiche** di solito conseguenti a infezioni virali (PV B19)
3. **fenomeni vaso-occlusivi** che si manifestano con:

- eventi dolorosi ossei distrettuali
- sequestro splenico ed epatico
- infarti cerebrali ricorrenti
- infarti polmonari, che possono dipendere anche da infezioni, sequestro e emboli grassosi
- perdita della capacità di concentrare le urine, da ostruzione vascolare nel circolo dell'ansa di Henle
- nefropatie glomerulari
- ulcere trofiche arti inferiori
- priapismo
- cecità





Intervento terapeutico

- Farmaci sintomatici e di supporto/cura delle complicazioni
- Antibiotici in via preventiva/causale
- Agenti in grado di
 - stimolare la produzione di Hb F
 - impedire l'adesività delle cellule tra loro e *vs* l'endotelio
- **Supporto trasfusionale**
 - *simple*
 - *exchange*
- Staminali midollari
- Terapia genica

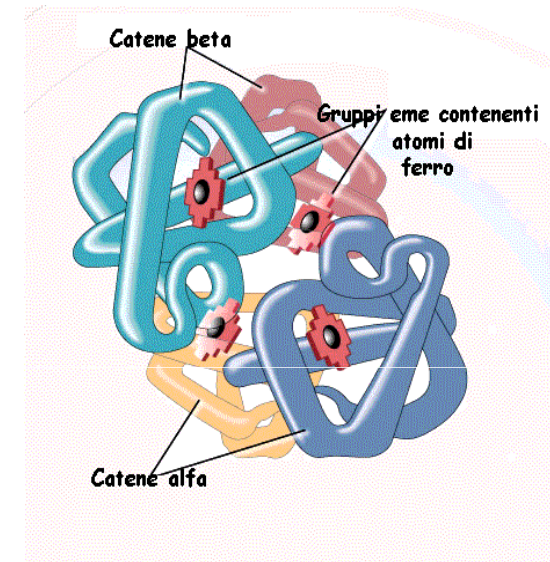


Supporto trasfusionale (*simple / exchange*)

risolve o previene

gli effetti di: anemia e crisi vaso-occlusive

rendendo migliore la *cessione di O₂* verso i tessuti



... attraverso l'incremento dell'Hb totale

... e la riduzione della **viscosità ematica** in forza della riduzione della concentrazione di HbS

la cui produzione autologa viene inibita

Cessione di O₂

è una funzione complessa che dipende da:

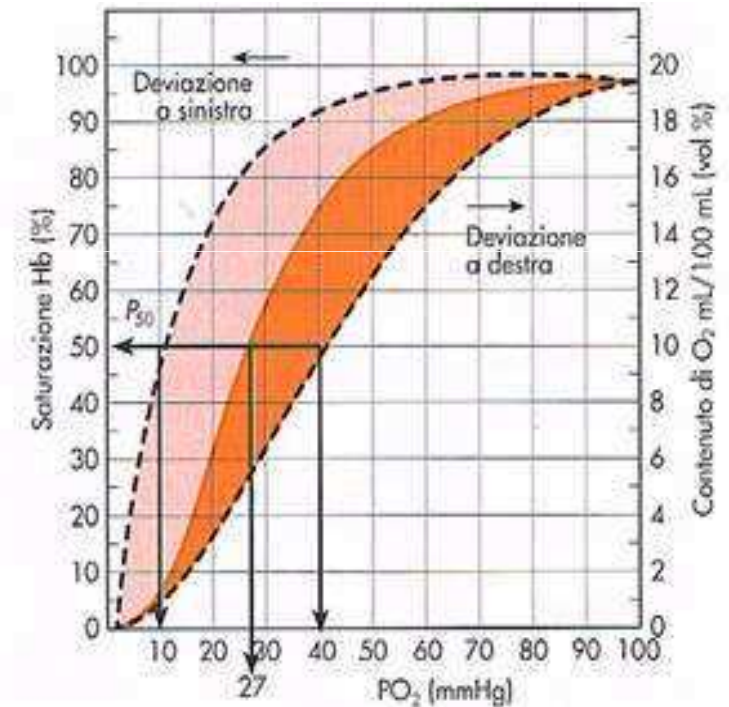
Hct, volume ematico, perfusione vascolare,
affinità dell'Hb vs O₂

... e dalla **viscosità**

... nelle sindromi falcemiche la viscosità
incrementa in modo proporzionale con
l'incremento della **concentrazione di HbS**

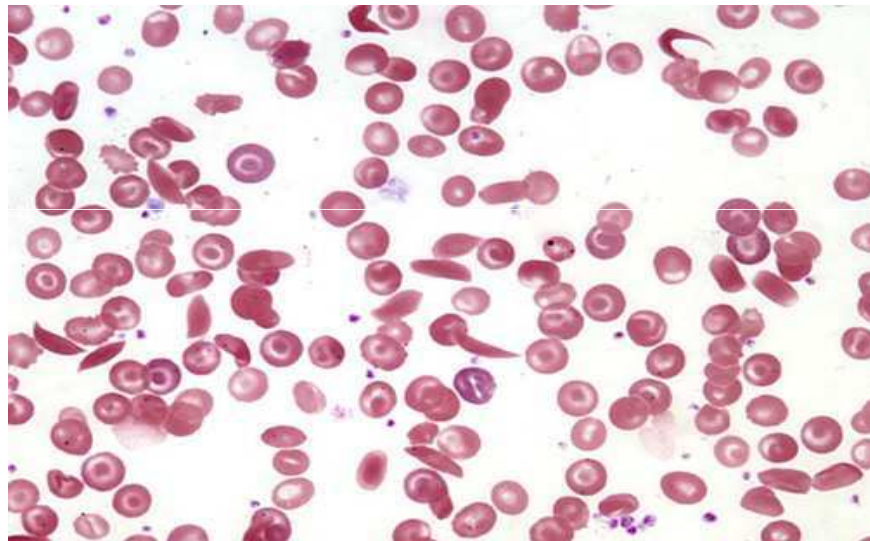
La **cessione di O₂** migliora scambiando cellule
falcemiche con cellule normali

... e l'effetto si rende ancor più evidente se viene
mantenuto costante il valore Hct !!



(Schmalzer EA,
Tranfusion 1987)

- Volume 27, Issue 3, pages 228–233, May-June 1987*



Supporto trasfusionale (simple)

*Permette di raggiungere rapidamente un livello di HbA del 60-70%
... diluendo e quindi abbassando la concentrazione di HbS*

Ma induce inevitabilmente:

un incremento del valore Hct

un sovraccarico marziale e circolatorio



Supporto trasfusionale (exchange)

Permette di abbassare rapidamente la concentrazione di HbS ... e di raggiungere valori ideali di Hb totale e di Hct, mantenendo valori di viscosità ematica ideali

Elimina le problematiche di sovraccarico marziale e circolatorio



*Comporta tuttavia:
maggior utilizzo di emocomponenti
problematiche sugli accessi venosi
incremento dei costi (al momento)*

Guidelines transfusion recommending a uniform standard in SCD syndrome

Transfusion in the Patient With Sick Cell Disease: A Critical Review of the Literature and Transfusion Guidelines

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The clinical outcomes of sickle cell disease (SCD) have vastly improved over the years in great part as a result of advanced medical technologies, improved patient education, and multidisciplinary care. A key component in the successful management of patients with SCD is red blood cell transfusion therapy used in the treatment and prevention of sickle cell complications. However, although the successful application of transfusion therapy has significantly improved the

morbidity and mortality of patients with SCD, the literature that addresses the appropriate selection and use of blood products continues to evolve with no clear universal standard of care. Our objectives were to provide an in-depth review of the current literature on transfusion therapy in SCD and to provide a set of guidelines for the transfusion management of patients with SCD.

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Unica condizione da rispettare:

selezionare un metodo di trasfusione (*acute / chronic simple or exchange transfusion*) che non comprometta ulteriormente i meccanismi fisiopatologici della malattia

- non espandere il volume ematico nei cardiopatici
- non incrementare la viscosità quando ***HbS > 50% ... quando HbS < 40% la simple transfusion causa minime variazioni di viscosità ... ma quando HbS > 60% è causa di gravi incrementi di viscosità!!***

(Schmalzer EA, Tr 1987)

viscosità vs sickling / delay time

Sickle Cell Anemia

Session Chair: Marilyn J. Telen, MD

Speakers: Paul S. Swerdlow, MD; Orah S. Platt, MD; and George F. Atweh, MD



Red Cell Exchange in Sickle Cell Disease

Paul S. Swerdlow

Red cell exchange transfusions remain an effective but possibly underutilized therapy in the acute and chronic treatment of sickle cell disease. In sickle cell disease, increased blood viscosity can cause complications when the hemoglobin exceeds 10 g/dL even if this is due to simple transfusion. Red cell exchange can provide needed oxygen carrying capacity while

reducing the overall viscosity of blood. Acute red cell exchange is useful in acute infarctive stroke, in acute chest and the multi-organ failure syndromes, the right upper quadrant syndrome, and possibly priapism. Neither simple or exchange transfusions are likely to hasten resolution of an acute pain episode.

Hematology 2006

Nei distretti dove si presenta un calo della tensione di O₂ ...
le **sickle cells** non presentano immediatamente il fenomeno dello **sickling** ...

... che si innesca dopo un certo tempo definito **delay time**, che dipende in
larga parte dalla **concentrazione intracellulare di HbS**

Delay time vs flusso ematico

Con un normale flusso ematico ...

- ✓ ***red cells ...*** hanno il tempo di superare i territori critici (venule) e di raggiungere le vene di grosso calibro ... fino ad arrivare nel piccolo circolo polmonare dove vengono nuovamente ossigenate

Con un flusso ematico rallentato (causa incremento della viscosità) ...

- ✓ ***red cells ...*** restano troppo a lungo nei territori critici e superano il ***delay time*** ... per cui si crea l'innescò del fenomeno ***sickling*** ...
- ✓ ***red cells*** intraprendono le interazioni cellula-cellula che causano:
 - ❖ ***adesione cellulare sull'endotelio***
 - ❖ ***attivazione della cascata coagulativa e altri processi dipendenti da tale interazione (complemento, ecc ...)***
 - ❖ ***variazioni del tono vasomotorio***

Red cell exchange

(Swerdlow, 2006)

• :

elimina le emazie patologiche, che alimentano i fenomeni vaso-occlusivi ...
anche se non risolve inneschi vaso-occlusivi ormai attivati!

riduce drasticamente l'emolisi (e le sue complicanze) ... in particolare sul
sistema renale provvede a migliorare la capacità di trasporto di O₂, riducendo la
viscosità ematica

trova indicazione per gli ***eventi acuti*** in quanto:

- riduce / elimina la sintomatologia delle complicanze (***stroke, acs, mofs***)

... e nelle ***complicazioni a lungo termine*** in quanto:

- mantiene bassi livelli di HbS tanto da prevenire ***stroke I°/ II°*** e
ipertensione polmonare
- non risolve (di solito) eventi dolorosi

Red cell exchange and SCD (I)

1. *Arch Inter Med 1963 – Anderson “Effect of normal cells on viscosity of sickle-cell blood” (5 pz trattati con successo con salasso di 500 ml di sangue intero seguito da trasfusione di 2 grc = scambio manuale del 30% dei grc in 90’)*
2. *Arch Inter Med 1974 – Charache “The treatment of sickle cell anemia” (partial exchange transfusion can interrupt the vicious cycle of sickling ... prima esperienza dello scambio in 3 fasi!!... manuale)*
3. *Transfusion ‘76 – White & White “Increasing whole blood oxygen affinity ..” (1SS e 1SC > rapid eex with bc sep)*
4. *Transfusion ‘77 – Kernoff “Exchange transfusion in ..” (case report pz > eex con separatore a flusso continuo)*
5. *Transfusion ‘80 – Klein “Automated partial exchange transfusion in SCD” (14 pz > eex sep a flusso discon)*
6. *Transfusion ‘81 – Kleinmann “Exchange red blood cell pheresis in ..” (case report ped pz > eex small bowl)*
7. *J Clin Apher ‘84 – Kleinmann “Use of erythrocytapheresis in ..” (9 pz ad/ped > eex ... to determine guidelines)*
8. *J Clin Apher ‘90 – Talacki & Ballas “Modified method of ..” (32 whole blood exchanges in 12 pz SCD)*
9. *Blood ‘94 – Kim & Dugan “Eex to reduced iron overload ..” (14 vs 7 pz > eex vs simple transfusion)*
10. *Vox Sang ‘95 – Govoni & Lodi “Red cell exchange transfusion in ..” (letter to the editor – case report ped)*
11. *BJH ‘97 – Janes & al “Automated red cell exchange in SCD” (20 procedure in 15 pz acuti e pre-operatori)*
12. *Blood Rev ‘97 – Davis & Roberts-Harewood “Blood transfusion in SCD” (good review!)*

Red cell exchange and SCD (II)

13. *NEJM '98 – Adams “Prevention of a first stroke by transfusion in ..” (RCT for stroke, 3929 doppler on 1934 children) ... Ped Blood Cancer **2011** – Kwiatkowski & Adams “Effect of transfusion therapy on transcranial doppler ultrasonography velocities in children with sickle cell disease (88 children with serial TCD data ...)*
14. *AJH '98 – Hilliard “Eex limits iron accumulation in ..” (11 SCD ped/ad .. stroke history converted .. simple to eex)*
15. *J Clin Apher '99 – Singer “Eex for chronically transfused children with SCD” (8 pz at risk for stroke & iron..)*
16. *Clin Lab Haem '99 – Lawson “Red cell exchange in SCD” (66 eex on 21 pz prophylactically or therapeutically)*
17. *Therap Apher 2002 – Danielson “The role of red blood cell exchange transfusion in the treatment and prevention of complication of SCD”*

CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DEMYELINATING POLYNEUROPATHY

On clinical grounds, autoimmune inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (IDP) is divided into three types [1,2]: acute (single, acute episode; progressive over less than 30 days), relapsing (previous acute episode; recurrence in rapid or slow fashion) and chronic (progressive over more than 30 days; monophasic or stepwise) [3]. The diagnostic criteria for chronic IDP [3] are elevated CSF protein level, slowed nerve conduction velocities, symmetric weakness and evolution over several months.

Pathologically, peripheral nerves show discrete foci of inflammation and edema with segmental demyelination. There is evidence of myelin-binding antibodies in serum from patients with acute IDP (Guillain-Barré syndrome) [4] and deposits of IgM, IgG, and C' in chronic/relapsing IDP [5]. Serum from patients with acute IDP is capable of causing demyelination when applied to myelinated axons *in vitro* [4] and *after intraneural injection in vivo* [6], and of slowing nerve conduction in animals. An experimental model of acute IDP in animals, partially ameliorated by therapeutic plasmapheresis, autoantibody may be the primary pathogenic factor.

In chronic IDP, the goal is to reduce the disability (25% confined to wheelchairs or beds with corticosteroid-refractory relapsing or chronic improvement with TP [1,9-18]).

In a randomized trial of TP in chronic IDP patients were treated. All patients had corticosteroid suppressive agents were not administered received twice-weekly TP of one to 1.5 plasma volumes for three weeks, and the control group (14 patients) received sham exchange. The sham group subsequently received of the patients who received TP, the improvement treatment was greater than the improvement seen similarly, upon crossing over into the experiment (sham) patients achieved a neurologic disability receiving sham exchange. These results in demonstrate a clear benefit of TP in patients with IDP has not usually produced a sustained impact chronic disease without concomitant cytotoxicity.

In summary, numerous reports of the benefit of patients with chronic IDP have now been reported benefit of TP. In view of the potential severity is recommended in any patient with chronic IDP (or who has more severe involvement) and in an whose disease cannot be adequately controlled in fashion (two months of 1 to 1.5 mg/kg of body weight).

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IDIOPATHIC THROMBOCYTOPENIC PURPURA

Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) is characterized by acutely or chronically low platelet counts with no apparent exogenous causative factors such as diseases known to be associated with secondary thrombocytopenia. The prevailing view is that ITP is an immune-mediated disorder with detectable platelet autoantibodies in circulating blood, on platelets or both [1]. Considering the autoimmune nature of ITP and the active use of therapeutic plasmapheresis (TP) in a wide variety of immunologic disorders, it is not unreasonable to attempt therapy with TP in patients with ITP. The therapy for ITP has consisted mainly of steroids as the initial modality, splenectomy for those considered unresponsive to steroids and immunosuppressive agents for patients severely affected or for chronic cases in which other treatments have failed. Of those patients who eventually undergo splenectomy about 5% to 10% do not achieve a wholly or partially successful outcome.

There are no published prospective, randomized controlled trials to evaluate the role of TP in ITP. The reported experience with TP for ITP includes data on 30 adult patients [2-7]. Of the 30 patients, 15 reportedly responded to TP with an increased platelet count of variable duration, 13 patients did not show a therapeutic response and two cases were equivocal. Three of the cases considered to show a good response seem questionable. Seven of 15 patients with acute ITP responded to TP plus steroids with complete remission after a variable follow-up period of up to one year. These results are better than those expected with prednisone alone.

A TP of one to 1.5 plasma volumes was used for the majority of the patients treated. A maximum of three TPs and a minimum of one TP was also a common feature. Replacement varied from group to group; it generally consisted of normal serum albumin, fresh frozen plasma or a mixture of both. The investigators who treated the largest number of patients believed that patients who received fresh frozen plasma fared better than those who received albumin. The data, however, were not sufficient to conclude that one replacement fluid was better than the other.

In summary, ITP in adults is an immunologic disorder generally responsive to steroids. In the absence of a controlled therapeutic trial of TP in ITP, no firm statements regarding use of TP can be made. On the basis of anecdotal evidence, TP appears to be of value in decreasing the number of patients with acute ITP who require splenectomy. Therapeutic plasmapheresis may be of particular value in patients with fulminant ITP and whenever splenectomy or immunosuppressive agents are contraindicated. Although chronic ITP is said to be less responsive than the acute form, occasionally patients may respond during bleeding episodes. Results of a controlled trial comparing TP treatment with albumin or fresh frozen plasma vs steroids alone may provide the evidence required to make firmer recommendations.

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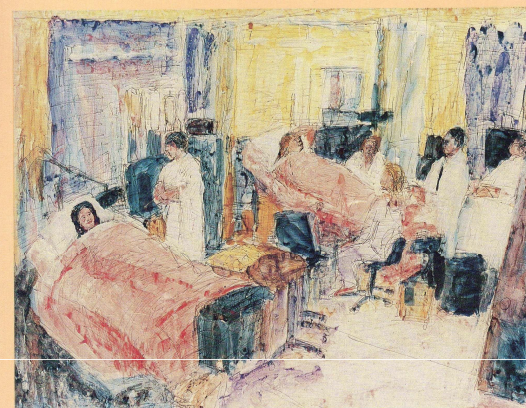
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TABLE I. Indication Categories for Therapeutic Apheresis in Hematological and Oncological Diseases

Hematological diseases	Procedure	Indication category
ABO Incompatible marrow transplant	Red cell removal (marrow)	I
	Plasma exchange (recipient)	II
Erythrocytosis/polycythemia vera	Phlebotomy	I
	Erythrocytapheresis	II
Leukocytosis and thrombocytosis	Cytapheresis	I
Thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura	Plasma exchange	I
Post-transfusion purpura	Plasma exchange	I
★ Sickle cell diseases	★ Red cell exchange	★ I
Myeloma/paraproteins/hyperviscosity	Plasma exchange	II
Myeloma/acute renal failure	Plasma exchange	II
Coagulation factor inhibitors	Plasma exchange	II
Aplastic anemia/pure red cell aplasia	Plasma exchange	III
Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma	Photopheresis	I
	Leukapheresis	III
Hemolytic disease of the newborn	Plasma exchange	III
Platelet alloimmunization and refractoriness	Plasma exchange	III
	Immunoadsorption	III
Malaria/babesiosis	Red cell exchange	III

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SICKLE CELL DISEASE ☆

Disease Group: Hematologic

Incidence: 289 per 100,000/year African–American population;
89.8 per 100,000/year Hispanics primarily from Caribbean islands

Procedure

Erythrocytapheresis

Erythrocytapheresis

Erythrocytapheresis

Category

I (life and organ threatening complications)

II (primary and secondary stroke prophylaxis)

II (prevention of transfusion iron load)

of reported patients*: >300

	RCT	CT	CS	CR	Strength of evidence
Sickle cell complications	0	1 (22)	28 (360)	34 (38)	Type II-1
Prevention of transfusion iron load	0	0	4 (42)	0	Type II- 2

Evidence level

Evidence quality

Type I	Obtained from at least one properly designed randomized controlled trial
Type II-1	Obtained from a well-designed controlled trials without randomization
Type II-2	Obtained from well-designed cohort or case-control analytic studies, preferably from more than one center or research group
Type II-3	Obtained from multiple time series with or without the intervention. Dramatic results in uncontrolled experiments could also be regarded as this type of evidence
Type III	Opinions of respected authorities, based on clinical experience, descriptive studies, or reports of expert committees

Sickle cell disease ☆

Acute stroke	RBC exchange	I	1C
Acute chest syndrome	RBC exchange	II	1C
Prophylaxis for primary or secondary stroke; prevention of transfusional iron overload	RBC exchange	II	1C
Multi-organ failure	RBC exchange	III	2C

TABLE III. Grading Recommendations Adopted from Guyatt et al. [13]

Recommendation	Description	Methodological quality of supporting evidence	Implications
Grade 1A	Strong recommendation, high-quality evidence	RCTs without important limitations or overwhelming evidence from observational studies	Strong recommendation, can apply to most patients in most circumstances without reservation
Grade 1B	Strong recommendation, moderate quality evidence	RCTs with important limitations (inconsistent results, methodological flaws, indirect, or imprecise) or exceptionally strong evidence from observational studies	Strong recommendation, can apply to most patients in most circumstances without reservation
Grade 1C	Strong recommendation, low-quality or very low-quality evidence	Observational studies or case series	Strong recommendation but may change when higher quality evidence becomes available
Grade 2A	Weak recommendation, high quality evidence	RCTs without important limitations or overwhelming evidence from observational studies	Weak recommendation, best action may differ depending on circumstances or patients' or societal values
Grade 2B	Weak recommendation, moderate-quality evidence	RCTs with important limitations (inconsistent results, methodological flaws, indirect, or imprecise) or exceptionally strong evidence from observational studies	Weak recommendation, best action may differ depending on circumstances or patients' or societal values
Grade 2C	Weak recommendation, low-quality or very low-quality evidence	Observational studies or case series	Very weak recommendations; other alternatives may be equally reasonable

... nel rispetto di tali indicazioni

Presso il ns SIT ... abbiamo reclutato **9** pazienti (5F / 4M) della Clinica / Divisione Pediatrica (AOU Arcispedale Sant'Anna) ... tutti all'inizio del trattamento avevano un'età inferiore ai 18 anni

- 5 talasso-drepanocitosi
- 4 omozigosi S/S

Il principale motivo (4/9) della richiesta dell'***exchange*** è stato il sovraccarico marziale da ***simple transfusion***,
in 2 casi ... per sindrome toracica acuta,
in 2 casi ... per presenza di segni patologici TCD,
in 1 caso ... per crisi aplastica e sequestro splenico subentrante

Caratteristiche dell'aferesi

Dal marzo 1995 al luglio 2012 abbiamo eseguito

234 scambi eritrocitari (intervallo 64 ± 22 gg)

con separatori cellulari a flusso continuo Fresenius AS 104/204 e
Fresenius Kabi Com.Tec (progr. eritrociti / scambio – circuiti PL1)



Lo scambio veniva impostato secondo le indicazioni fornite
dal *software* del separatore ...

e quando le caratteristiche emodinamiche del paziente lo
consentivano abbiamo impostato lo scambio in 3 fasi ...

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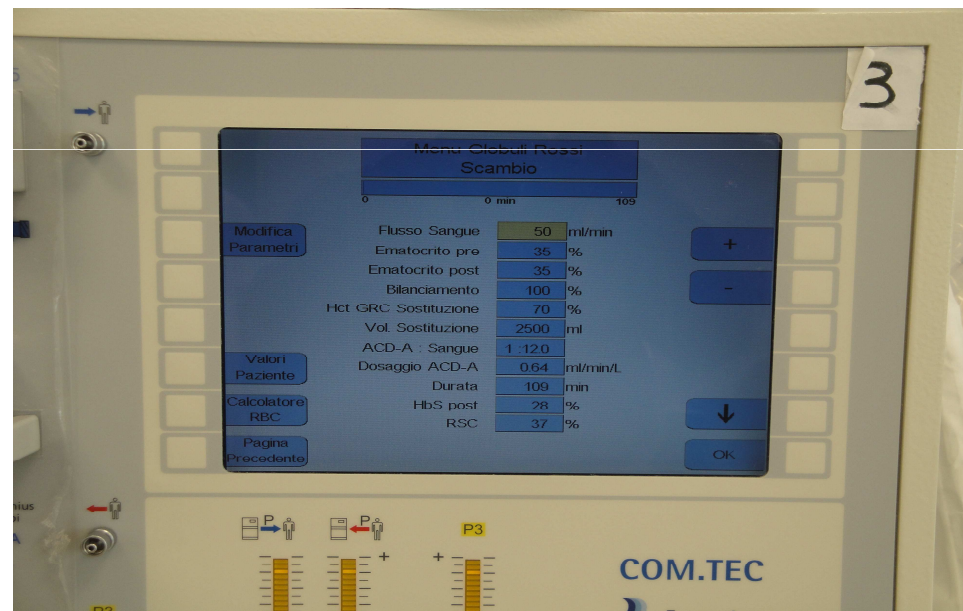
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Volume processato

Ad ogni seduta abbiamo impostato lo scambio per arrivare alla sostituzione del volume eritrocitario teorico, calcolato in base ai dati antropometrici / ematologici ricavati immediatamente prima dell'aferesi

(Hb pre= $9,7 \pm 1,0$  Hb post= $10,5 \pm 1,3$)

(HbS pre= $52 \pm 12\%$  HbS post= $23 \pm 8\%$)



Accessi venosi

Ci siamo avvalsi della collaborazione dei colleghi della ***Terapia Intensiva Neonatale*** (per i casi più problematici) e della nostra personale esperienza per il posizionamento delle **agocannule periferiche**.



Con l'esclusione di qualche sporadico caso abbiamo sempre portato a termine lo scambio, senza dover ricorrere al posizionamento di **cateteri venosi centrali**

Emocomponenti utilizzati

Emazie leucodeplete *bedside* prelevate da non più di 10 giorni, compatibilizzate con *crossmatch*, rispettando – oltre all'ABO – il fenotipo Rh (salvo qualche isolata eccezione) e il sistema Kell



All'inizio del ciclo di aferesi abbiamo eseguito fenotipo eritrocitario esteso (nei pazienti non precedentemente trasfusi) ... e *screening ac antieritrocitari* ... ripetuto in occasione di ogni aferesi



Reazioni indesiderate

In 1 caso comparsa di ac anti-C^w (alla V^a seduta)

In 2 casi – prima dell'inizio delle sedute di aferesi – erano presenti:
ac anti-M in un caso e anti-Lua nell'altro caso

Nessuna reazione immediata o ritardata è comparsa nel corso del trattamento (se escludiamo qualche lieve reazione tipo brivido / pomfo) e non abbiamo avuto segnalazioni di ***sickle cell hemolytic transfusion reaction syndrome ...***

o altre temibili reazioni trasfusionali



Follow up ...

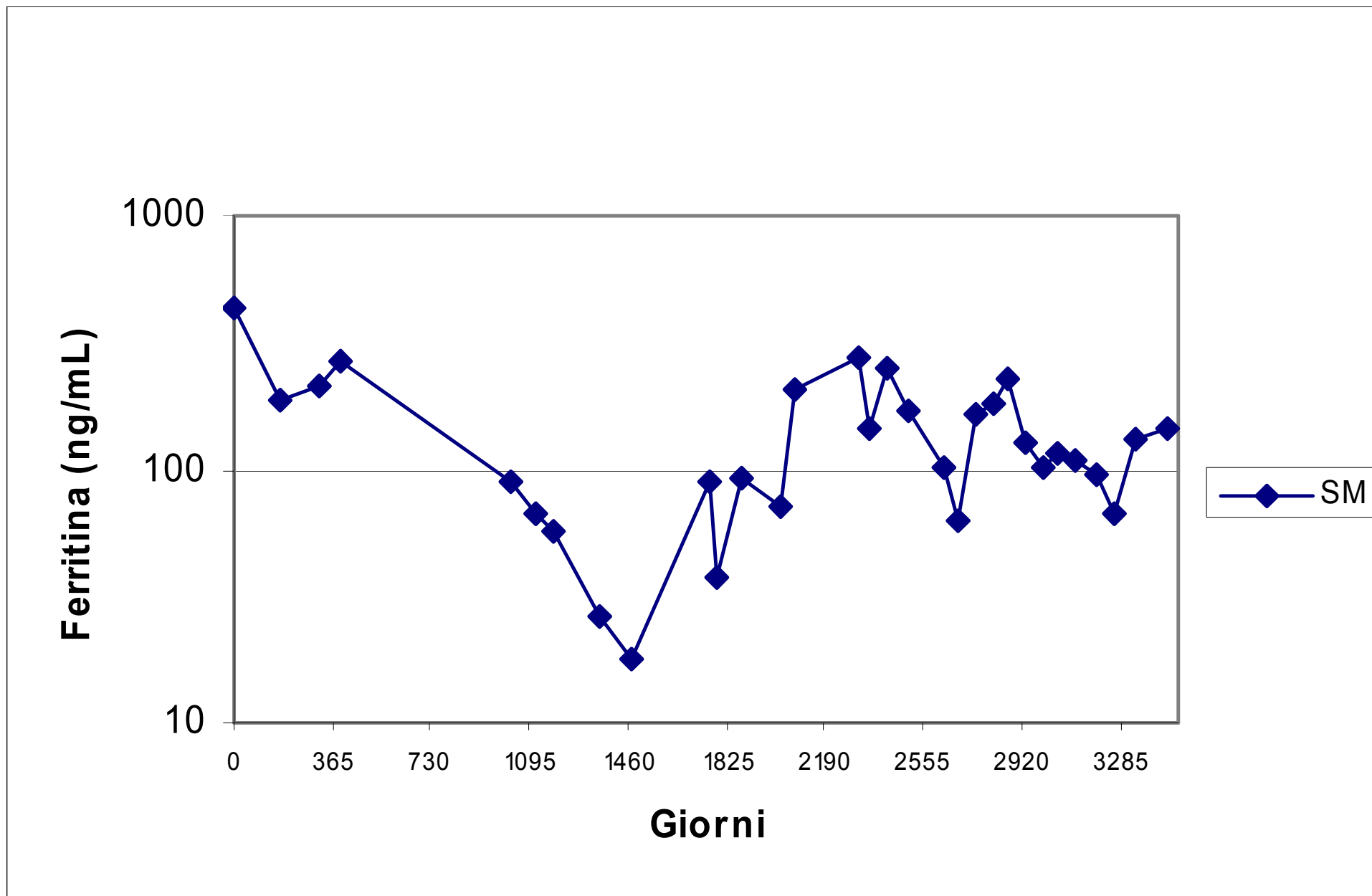
In 2 casi la terapia aferetica è stata abbandonata in quanto è stato effettuato *TMO*

In tutti gli altri casi la terapia aferetica è ancora programmata con l'esclusione di un caso per cambio di residenza

La sintomatologia all'esordio non si è più ripresentata se escludiamo:

- una recidiva di sindrome toracica acuta, subito rientrata con una seduta aferetica estemporanea
- ... e un transitorio episodio di algie addominali, controllate con terapia farmacologica

Andamento paradigmatico dei valori di ferritinemia nel corso della programmazione delle sedute di scambio eritrocitario



Compliance



Assolutamente soddisfacente!!

La scomparsa della sintomatologia e l'abbandono della terapia ferro-chelante ha reso l'aferesi la terapia di scelta di questi selezionati casi ... e la selezione resta la *conditio sine qua non* per affrontare questi difficili casi clinici, dove la collaborazione del gruppo di professionisti rappresenta il valore aggiunto nella gestione di una sindrome complessa e sempre più ricorrente ...

Proposta

La nostra realtà vuole essere motivo di confronto con altre simili, per poter verificare su popolazioni più ampie di pazienti gli effetti dello scambio eritrocitario *vs* la semplice trasfusione rispetto alle complicazioni classiche nelle sindromi falcemiche quali

stroke, acute chest syndrome e iron load



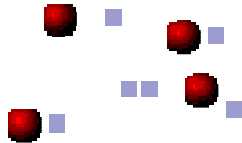


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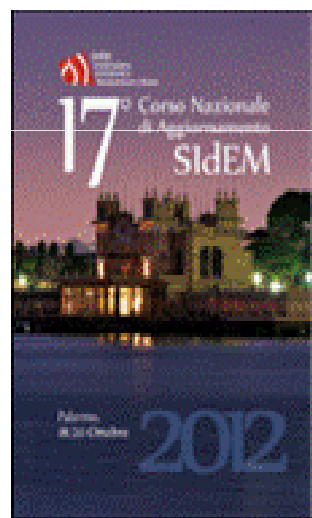


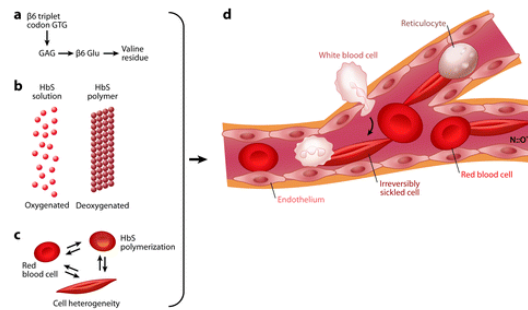
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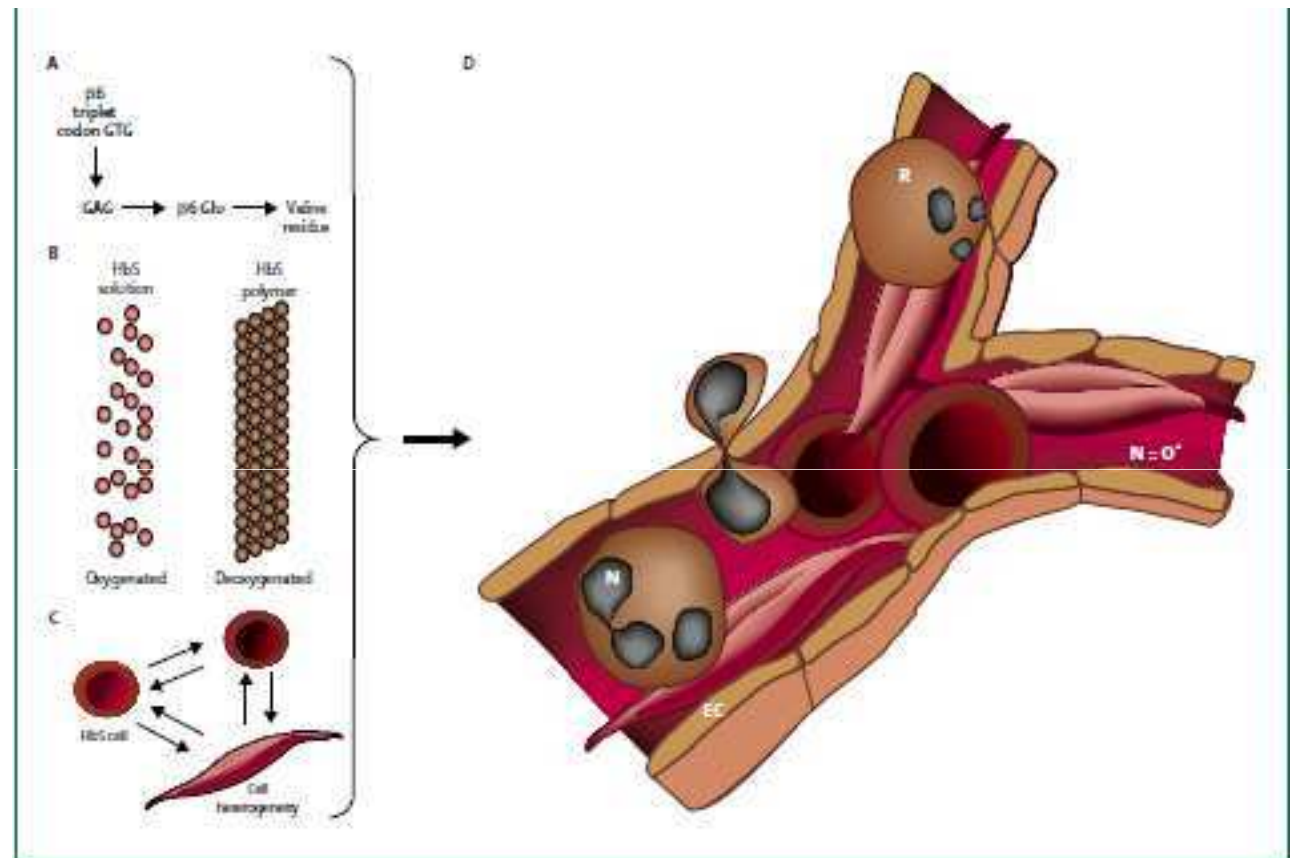


Figure 2: Pathophysiology of vaso-occlusion

(A) Single nucleotide substitution (GTG for GAG). (B) HbS polymerization. (C) Cell shape changes of HbS-polymer-containing erythrocyte. (D) Cross-section of microvascular bifurcation. EC-endothelium. R-reticulocyte. ISC-irreversibly sickled cell. N-leucocyte. NO-NO bioavailability. RBC-red blood cell. Luminal obstruction has been initiated by attachment of proadhesive reticulocyte to endothelium with secondary trapping of irreversibly sickled cells. Leucocytes participate in formation of heterocellular aggregates, and NO bioavailability crucial to vasodilation is impaired. Figure adapted from reference 13, by permission of M H Steinberg.

Panel 2: Basic pathophysiology of vaso-occlusion

- Prolongation of the erythrocyte microvascular transit time caused by:**
 - Enhanced red cell adhesion to endothelium and heterocellular aggregate formation
 - Abnormal cation homeostasis with cell dehydration, dense-cell formation, and irreversibly sickled cell formation
 - Abnormal vasomotor tone favouring vasoconstriction (via NO, endothelin-1, and eicosanoid dysregulation)
- Reduction in delay time to HbS polymer formation caused by:**
 - Red-cell deoxygenation
 - Increase in intracellular HbS concentration
 - Low concentrations of protective Hb types (eg, HbF, HbA₂)
 - Fall in pH
- Miscellaneous potential modulators**
 - Free-radical release and reperfusion injury
 - Coagulation activation with proadhesive thrombin formation

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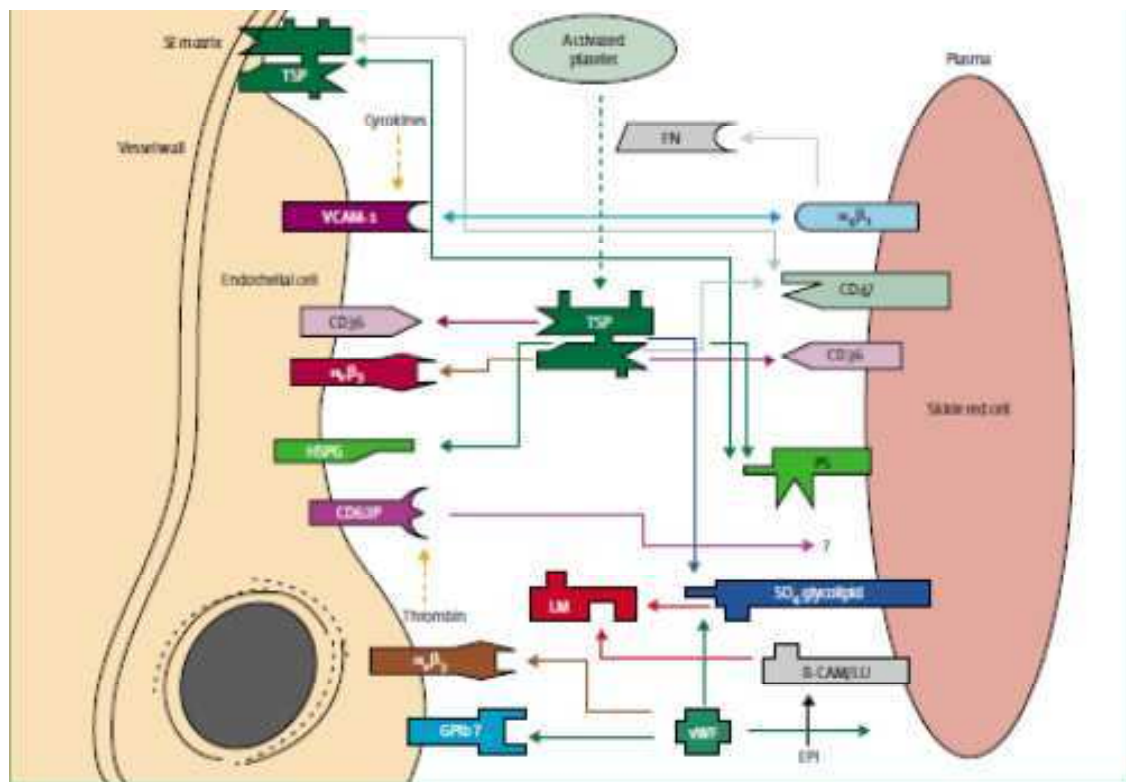


Figure 3: Adhesive interactions between sickle erythrocytes and the endothelium, subendothelial matrix, and plasma ligands

SG, glycolipid-sulphated glycolipids; PS, phosphatidylserine; TSP, thrombospondin; FN, fibronectin; LM, laminin; VWF, von Willebrand factor; SE, subendothelial matrix; HSPG, heparan sulphate proteoglycans; EPI, epinephrine; CD62P, P-selectin. The red cell receptors associated with adhesion are either present in increased numbers or side relocalocytes (α , β , and CD 36), on mature sickle cells, when compared with normal erythrocyte (B-CAM/1U) or exhibit abnormal structure/function activity in sickle red cells (B-CAM/1U and Integrin-associated proteins). Phosphatidylserine levels are also raised on sickle when compared with control HbAA red cells. Figure adapted from reference 38, by permission of B N Y Seely.

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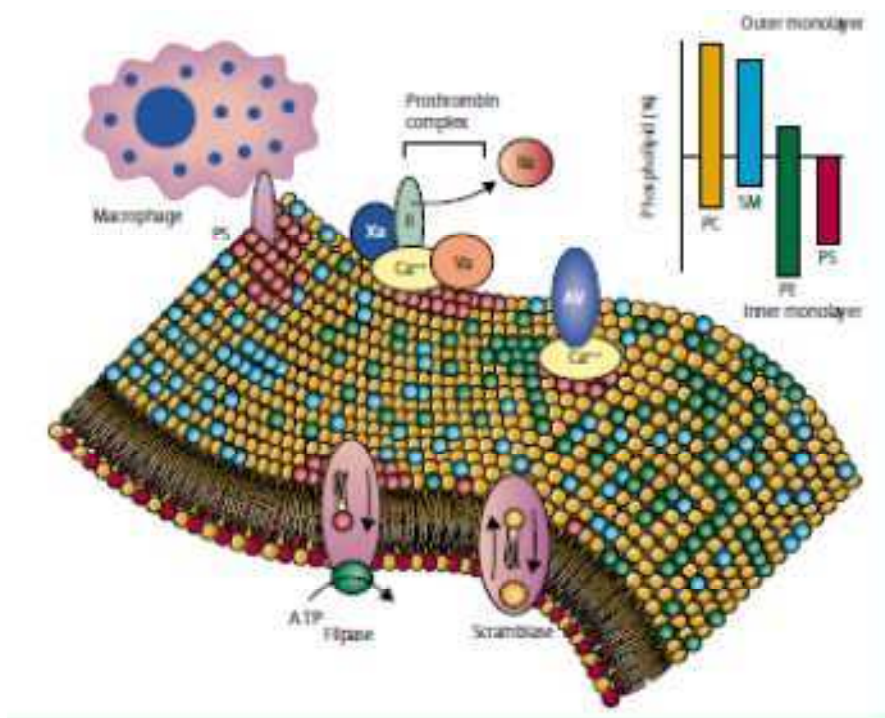


Figure 4: Perturbations in erythrocyte membrane lipids in sickle-cell disease

SM=sphingomyelin, PC=phosphatidylcholine, PE=phosphatidylethanolamine, PS=phosphatidylserine, AV=annexin V, Ca²⁺=calcium ions. Phosphatidylserine exposed on the cell surface forms a docking site for haemostatic factors, such as the prothrombinase complex (factor Xa, Va, and II). Additionally, phosphatidylserine is recognised by macrophages and interacts with proteins such as annexin V, allowing its measurement by flow cytometry. Cell-surface phosphatidylserine also aids erythrocyte adhesion to the vascular endothelium and thrombospondin, an extracellular matrix component. Figure provided by F.A. Kuypers.

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QUALE PRODOTTO IMPIEGARE

(Vickinsky, 2001)

Pre-storage leuko-depletion ... a Fe nemmeno per idea!! ... per ridurre:

- reazioni febbrili

- immunizzazione HLA / refrattarietà piastrinica

- infezioni (in particolare da CMV)

- complicazioni citochine-indotte

GRC filtrati e lavati solo per reazioni su base allergica

GRC (o altro emocomponente) irradiato solo per candidati al TMO

(Vickinsky, 2001)

GRC prelevati entro 10 gg (nell'exchange entro 5 gg e nel pediatrico entro 3 gg)

Rispetto dell'assetto antigenico ABO, Rh, Kell, Kpa ... e possibilmente Fy, Jk, Le (P, MNS ...)

Screening Anticorpale allo start e (a Ferrara) ad ogni seduta trasfusionale

EFFICACIA DEL REGIME TRASFUSIONALE PERIODICO

Valutazione di:

Hb totale / Hct

Percentuale HbS

Comparsa di allo* / auto anticorpi

*fattori che ne condizionano la formazione:

Numero di trasfusioni (la > parte degli ac ... anti Rh, Kell si sviluppano entro le prime 15 trasfusioni, mentre più avanti nel tempo si presentano ac contro ag a bassa frequenza ... es Cw, Kpa)

Età alla prima trasfusione (prima si trasfonde e meno si creano allo ... per un meccanismo di tolleranza acquisita)

Differenze antigeniche razziali (mm pz hanno origine africane = 93% ma la > parte dei donatori = 90% sono caucasici)

(Vickinsky, 2001)



Presso il ns SIT ... abbiamo reclutato **9** pazienti (5F / 4M)
della Clinica / Divisione Pediatrica AOU Arcispedale
Sant'Anna ... tutti all'inizio del trattamento avevano
un'età inferiore ai 18 anni

5 talasso-drepanocitosi
4 omozigosi S/S

Il principale motivo (4/9) della richiesta dell'aferesi ...
sovraccarico marziale da regime trasfusionale
periodico

in 2 casi per sindrome toracica acuta

in 2 casi per presenza di segni patologici TCD

in 1 caso per crisi aplastica e sequestro splenico
subentrante

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