

# *L'anziano con decadimento cognitivo in geriatria*

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# 1. Outcome peggiore a breve e medio termine



## **Sampson E et al. Dementia in the acute hospital: Prospective cohort study of prevalence and mortality. *Br J Psych* 2009 195, 61-6**

- 671 consecutive emergency admissions >70 to London GH
- Assessed within 72 hours by old age psychiatrist and screened with CAM , MMSE and structured clinical assessment
- **42.4% had dementia**
- **Only half had been diagnosed before admission**
- In Men 70-79, prevalence 16%
- In Men over 90, 48%
- In Women 70-79, prevalence 29%
- In Women over 90, 75%
- **“UTI” or “Pneumonia” were cause of admission in 41%**
- **Associated with higher mortality. For those with severe cognitive impairment adjusted mortality risk 4.02 (2.24, 7.36)**



# Dementia in the acute hospital: the prevalence and clinical outcomes of acutely unwell patients with dementia

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## *Death or hospital readmission at 12-month*

Covariate	Odds Ratio	z	p Value	95% CI
Age	1.04	1.60	0.109	0.99-1.10
Gender	0.86	-0.48	0.632	0.46-1.60
Prior stroke	0.74	-0.65	0.516	0.29-1.86
Heart disease	1.35	0.62	0.536	0.53-3.45
Lung disease	1.15	0.31	0.759	0.47-2.84
Diabetes	0.83	-0.44	0.658	0.37-1.87
Frailty	0.68	-1.06	0.287	0.33-1.38
<b>Dementia</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>0.036</b>	<b>1.05-4.61</b>



## Characteristics and 3-months mortality rate of 3300 in patients affected by Low Respiratory Tract Infections (LRI) and dementia.

	Total (N=3300)	NoLRI-NoD (N=2566)	YLRI-NoD (N=265)	NoLRI-YD (N=345)	YLRI-YD (N=124)	<i>p</i>
	M±SD (%)	M±SD (%)	M±SD (%)	M±SD (%)	M±SD (%)	
Age (years)	79.2±8.0	78.4±7.7	80.0±8.2	83.2±7.7	83.4±8.4	0.001
Gender (males)(%)*	(38.3)	(24.5)	(24.5)	(24.5)	(19.3)	0.001
MMSE score	21.8±8.5	24.9±4.4	23.4±4.9	4.5±4.7	3.7±4.4	0.001
GDS score	4.6±3.5	4.6±3.5	4.2±3.1	---	---	0.155
Barthel Index (15 days bef)	78.7±27.9	86.5±19.8	76.2±26.6	45.7±34.5	30.2±28.7	0.001
Barthel Index (on adm)	60.1±38.1	71.8±32.2	48.6±37.1	22.0±29.2	5.5±14.2	0.001
IADL (functions lost)	3.3±2.9	2.6±2.6	3.4±2.9	6.3±2.4	7.0±1.6	0.001
Diseases (n)	5.1±2.0	5.1±1.9	5.3±2.0	5.2±2.2	5.4±2.3	0.142
Charlson Index	5.3±1.8	5.0±1.7	5.5±1.9	5.8±2.1	6.5±2.2	0.001
Drugs (n)	5.7±2.9	5.4±2.6	6.2±3.3	5.8±3.1	6.9±3.0	0.194
APACHE II score	10.6±5.9	9.1±4.9	13.7±4.9	13.0±6.8	18.3±6.6	0.001
APACHE II-APS subscore	4.4±5.2	3.1±3.9	6.1±5.1	6.5±6.4	10.9±6.9	0.001
Serum Albumin (g/dl)	3.7±0.7	3.8±0.6	3.4±0.6	3.3±0.7	3.1±0.6	0.001
Hemoglobin (g/dl)	12.5±2.3	12.6±2.3	12.2±2.2	12.0±2.5	11.9±2.5	0.000
Serum Cholesterol (mg/dl)	187.3±53.3	192.2±51.9	162.8±49.6	175.4±53.5	160.9±52.5	0.001
CPR (mg/dl)	4.4±7.4	2.9±5.7	9.1±10.4	7.3±9.6	11.1±9.1	0.001
Creatinine (mg/dl)	1.1±0.7	1.1±0.6	1.3±0.8	1.2±1.0	1.4±1.1	0.000
Length of stay (days)	6.5±3.7	6.5±3.6	7.8±4.1	5.8±4.0	5.4±3.9	0.001
<b>3 mos mortality (%)*</b>	<b>(13.9)</b>	<b>(9.0)</b>	<b>(14.7)</b>	<b>(35.4)</b>	<b>(54.0)</b>	<b>0.001</b>

## *maggior numero di eventi clinici intercorrenti*

Cause legate a:

- Patologia di base/comorbide
- Personale medico/infermieristico
- Ambiente



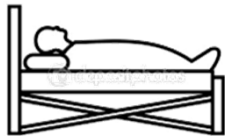
# Il registro RE.PO.SI



Polipatologia e politerapia



Correlati clinico-epidemiologici



Eventi clinici intercorrenti



Mortalità intraospedaliera



Outcomes clinici

Pazienti > 65 anni      2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016

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# In-hospital death according to dementia diagnosis in acutely ill elderly patients: the REPOSI study

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Table 3 Odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI) for in-hospital death due to the combined effect of dementia and adverse clinical events. N= Number

	All	N of deaths	OR	95% CI
No dementia and no events	720	10	1	—
No dementia and at least one event	384	45	10.80	4.87–24.08
Dementia and no events	64	3	4.25	1.00–19.16
Dementia and at least one event	53	8	20.74	6.94–61.96

Model adjusted for age, gender, education, number of drugs, the Charlson Index, length of hospital stay and vital parameters.





# Adverse Clinical Events and Mortality During Hospitalization and 3 Months After Discharge in Cognitively Impaired Elderly Patients

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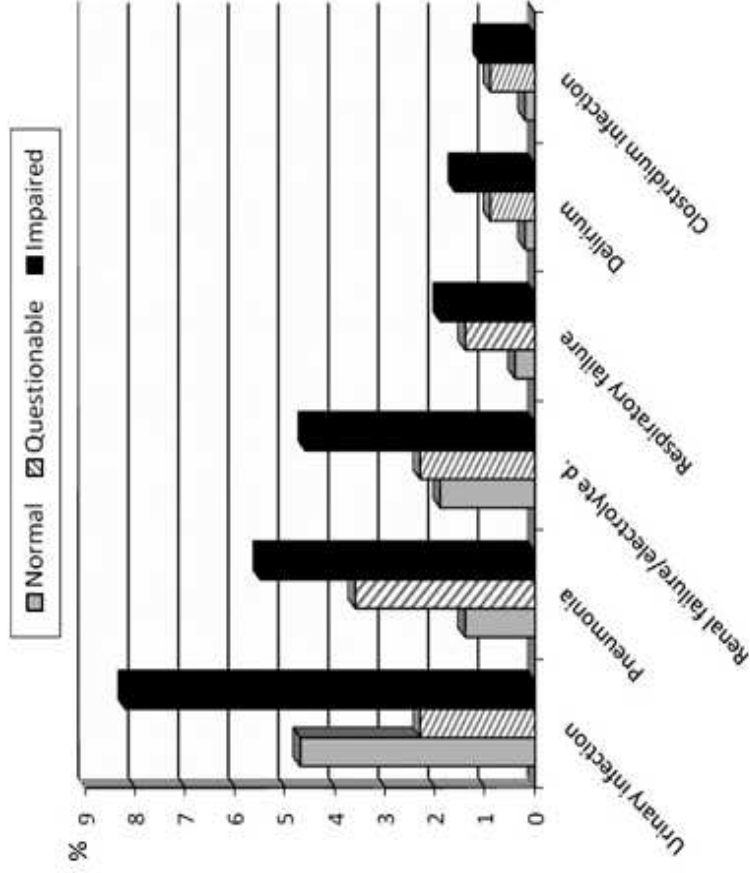


Figure 1. Prevalence of most frequent adverse clinical events according to cognitive status (normal = Short Blessed Test [SBT] 0–4, questionable = SBT 5–9, and impaired = SBT 10–28).

## 2. Demenza e malattie comorbide

Poblador-Plou et al. *BMC Psychiatry* 2014, **14**:84  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-244X/14/84>



RESEARCH ARTICLE

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### Comorbidity of dementia: a cross-sectional study of primary care older patients

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**Table 1 Study population**

	Patients $\geq 65$ without dementia			Patients $\geq 65$ with dementia			p value
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	
n (%)	68,844 (94.55)	28,176 (40.93)	40,668 (59.07)	3,971 (5.45)	1,185 (29.84)	2,786 (70.16)	0.000
Mean age (SD)	75.53 (7.28)	74.62 (6.85)	76.16 (7.51)	80.22 (7.09)	79.10 (6.94)	80.70 (7.10)	0.000
<b>Number of diseases n (%)</b>							
1	15,052 (21.86)	6,718 (23.84)	8,334 (20.49)	490 (12.34)*	137 (11.56)*	353 (12.67)*	0.000
2	15,934 (23.15)	6,730 (23.89)	9,204 (22.63)	717 (18.06)	218 (18.40)	499 (17.91)	0.000
3	12,795 (18.59)	5,085 (18.05)	7,710 (18.96)	856 (21.56)	260 (21.94)	596 (21.39)	0.000
4	8,500 (12.35)	3,203 (11.37)	5,297 (13.02)	700 (17.63)	222 (18.73)	478 (17.16)	0.000
5	4,604 (6.69)	1,634 (5.80)	2,970 (7.30)	555 (13.98)	151 (12.74)	404 (14.50)	0.000
$\geq 6$	3,831 (5.55)	1,320 (4.68)	2,511 (6.17)	653 (16.44)	197 (16.62)	456 (16.38)	0.000
Mean number of diseases (SD)	2.44 (1.75)	2.32 (1.69)	2.52 (1.79)	3.69 (1.95)	3.69 (1.94)	3.68 (1.96)	0.000

SD, standard deviation.

\*Patients with dementia only.

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# A claims data-based comparison of comorbidity in individuals with and without dementia

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## In più

Anemia

Diabete

Disturbi elettrolitici

Depressione

Psicosi

Parkinson

Scopenso cardiaco

CVD

IRC

Fratture

Polmonite

## In meno

Neoplasie

Dislipidemie

Ipovisus

Ipertensione

Artrosi

Gotta

Dolore



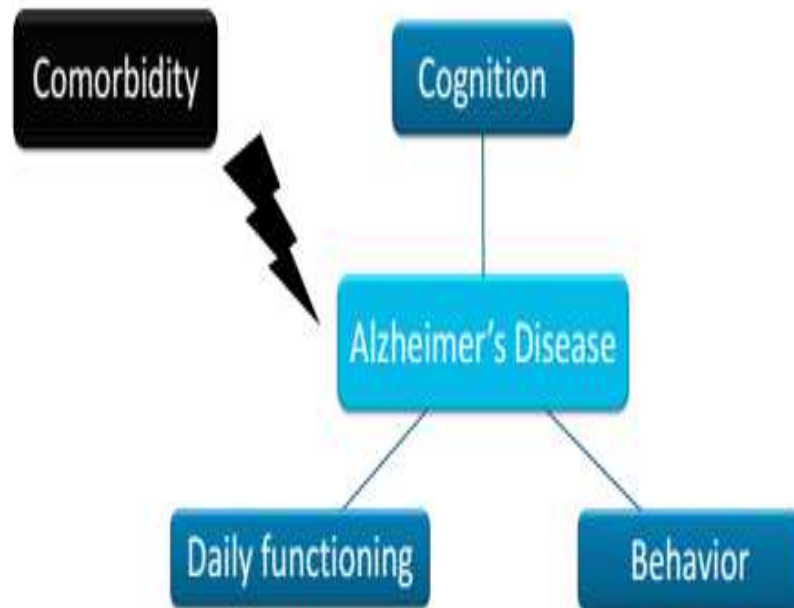
**Malattia di Parkinson, CVD, diabete, e forse depressione sono anche fattori di rischio per demenza**

**Disturbi idroelettrolitici da inadeguato apporto di liquidi, polmonite, incontinenza, disturbi psichiatrici, cadute e fratture sono spesso sequele della demenza**

**Ipovisus e dolore per deficit di comunicazione**

**In presenza di demenza il medico può non considerare malattie meno gravi (dislipidemia) e decidere di non trattarle per non peggiorare la qualità della vita in proporzione a quello che sarebbe il beneficio del farmaco**





## Results

### Cognition

- 7 out of 10 studies examining cognition found the presence of comorbidities to be related to decreased cognitive abilities (3 out of 4 cross-sectional and 4 out of 6 longitudinal)

### Daily functioning

- 5 out of 7 studies examining daily functioning found comorbidities to be related to lower functional abilities (3 out of 4 cross-sectional and 2 out of 3 longitudinal)

### Neuropsychiatric symptoms (NPS)

- 2 studies out of 3 studies examining NPS found comorbidities to be related to increased NPS (1 out of 2 cross-sectional and 1 longitudinal)

## Hospital admissions for acute onset of behavioral symptoms in demented patients: what do they want to say?

**148 pazienti di cui 43 ricoverati per disturbi del comportamento quali, agitation (39.5%), anorexia (35%), depression/apathy (23%), hallucinations and delusions (19%), and aggression (18.5%). Seven patients had delirium.**

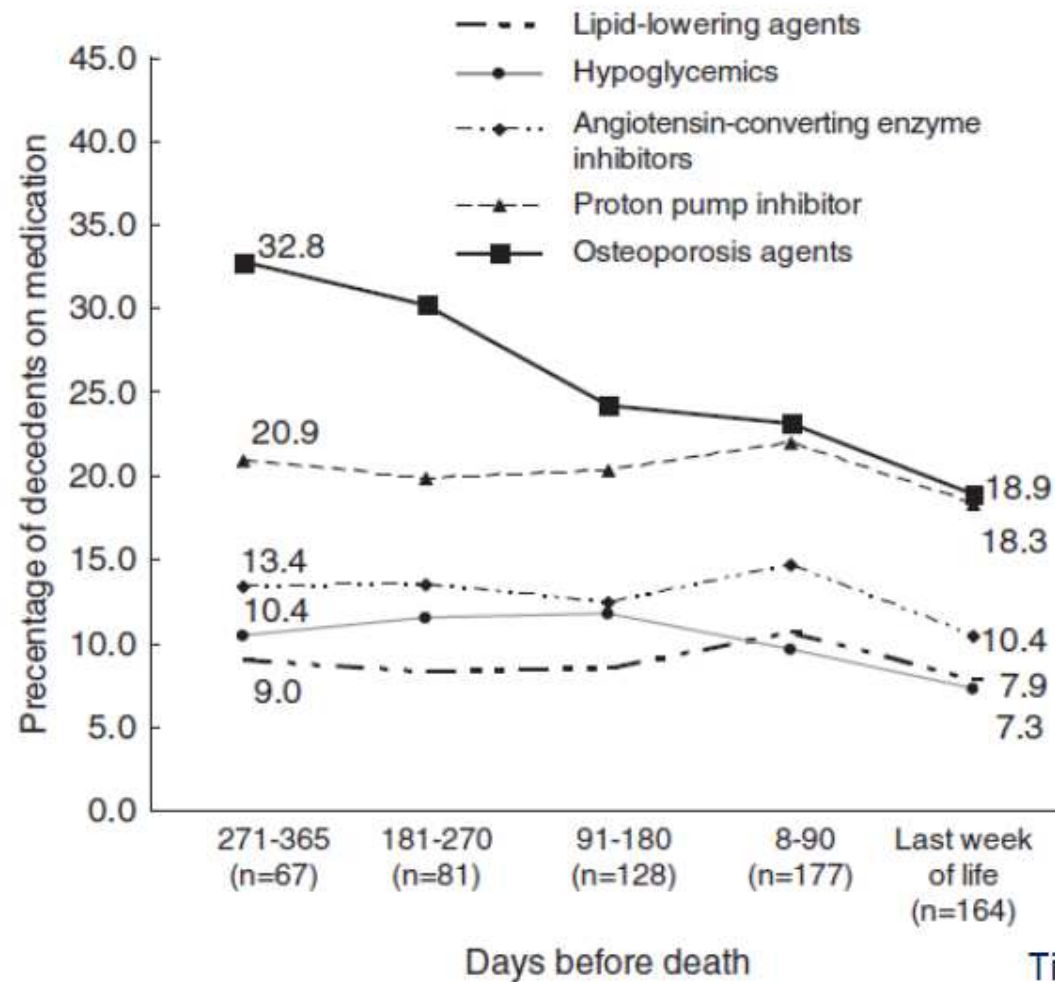
**The most frequent medical illnesses were: urinary infections (35%), adverse drug effects (14%), pneumonia (11%), vascular diseases (9%), oral candidiasis (7%), malignancy (7%), new dementia cases (5%), and uncontrolled diabetes (5%)**

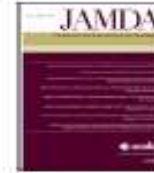


### 3. Demenza e farmaci



## Medication Use in Nursing Home Residents with Advanced Dementia





Original Study

## Impact of Polypharmacy on Occurrence of Delirium in Elderly Emergency Patients



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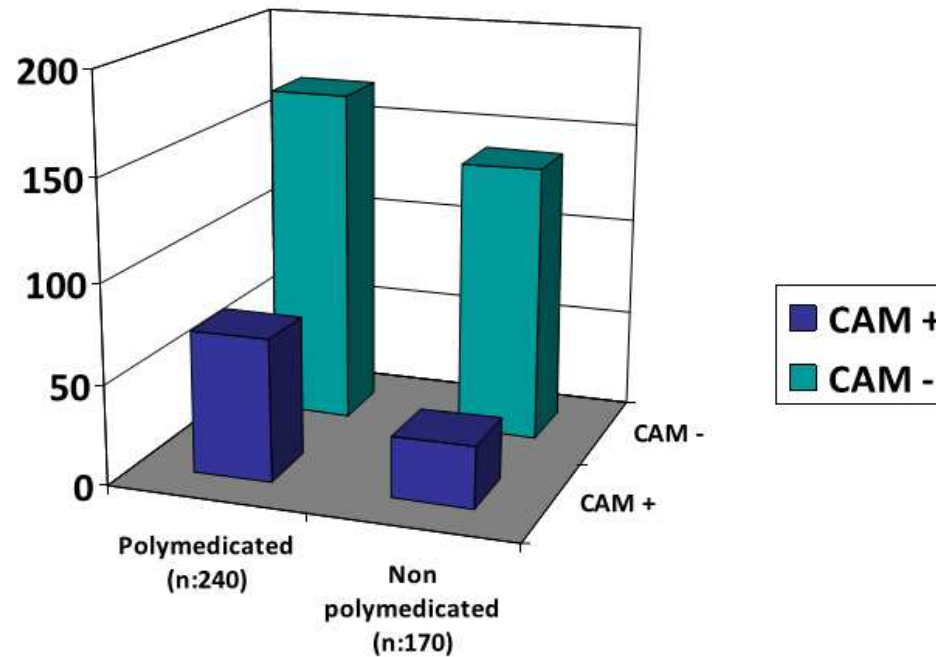


Fig. 1. Proportion of delirium and polypharmacy.





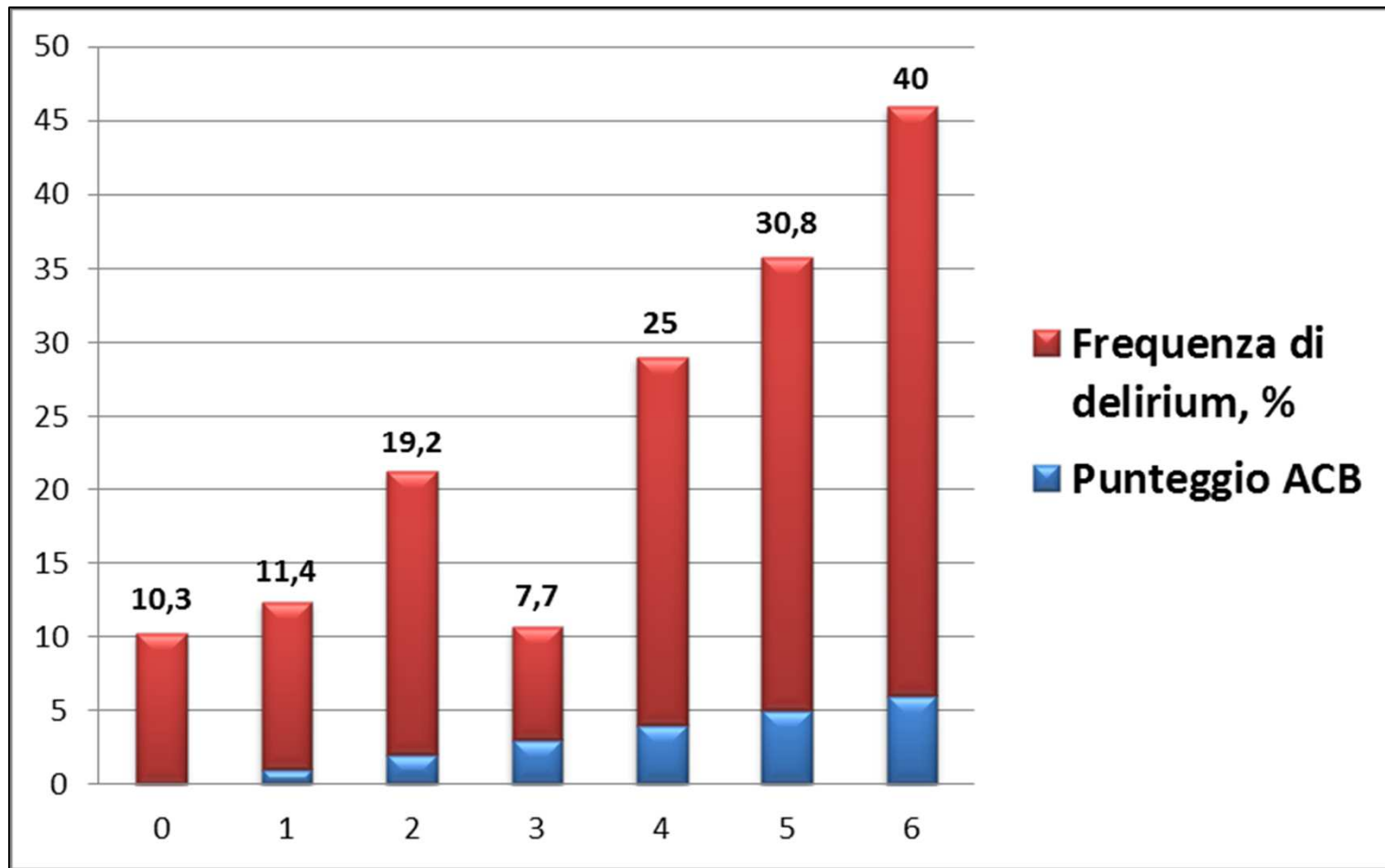
### Multivariate Analysis of Risk Factors for Delirium (CAM+)

CAM+	OR	<i>P</i>	95% CI
Age	2.15	.016	(1.15–3.99)
Dementia	3.16	.001	(1.74–5.72)
Renal insufficiency	1.08	.798	(0.59–1.96)
Delirium-inducing drugs	0.74	.335	(0.40–1.35)
Polypharmacy	2.33	.010	(1.23–4.41)

CAM, Confusion Assessment Method.



## Correlation between the ACB score and delirium



## Risk Factors for Adverse Drug Reactions in Older Subjects Hospitalized in a Dedicated Dementia Unit

Variables	ADR <sup>a</sup>				
	df	Odds Ratio	95% CI	Wald $\chi^2$	p
Age	1	1.0	0.9-1.0	1.87	0.17
Polypharmacy	1	4.0	1.1-14.1	4.61	0.03
Dependence for ADLs	1	2.6	1.1-6.5	4.50	0.03

## The stigma of low opioid prescription in the hospitalized multimorbid elderly in Italy

**Table 4** Univariate associations with opioid prescription at hospital discharge in the three samples of REPOSI

	Sample 2008		Sample 2010		Sample 2012	
	Opioids		Opioids		Opioids	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Age, yrs, mean (SD)	79.2 (7.5)	77.7 (8.0)	78.9 (7.4)	78.6 (7.9)	79.3 (7.5)	78.7 (6.9)
Male, number (%)	506 (46.5)	29 (43.3)	540 (48.4)	25 (39.7)	523 (48.1)	40 (51.9)
Total drugs at discharge, mean (SD)	5.9 (2.8)	6.4 (3.3)	6.2 (2.8)	6.9 (3.0)*	6.3 (3.1)	7.1 (2.8)†
SBT, mean (SD)	-	-	9.6 (8.0)	8.4 (8.8)	9.1 (7.8)	8.6 (7.1)
Barthel Index, mean (SD)	-	-	78.4 (29.6)	72.9 (31.6)	74.9 (31.1)	68.1 (32.8)
Dementia diagnosis, number (%)	102 (9.4)	4 (6.0)	84 (7.5)	6 (9.5)	113 (10.4)	3 (3.9)
Severe constipation, number (%)	23 (2.1)	3 (4.5)	19 (1.7)	1 (1.6)	7 (0.6)	2 (2.6)*

\*  $p = 0.05$

†  $p < 0.01$

## 4. *Diagnosi*

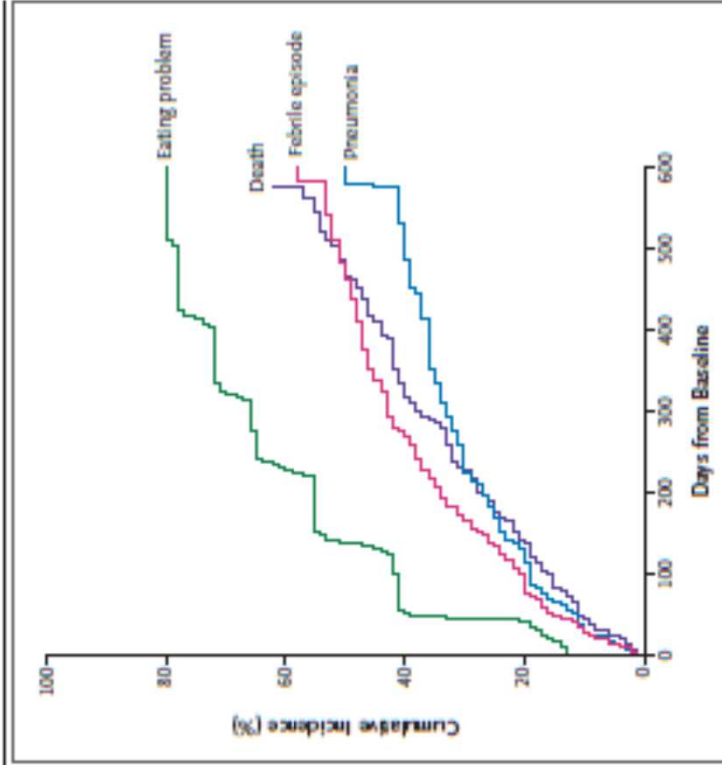
- **Nuova diagnosi**
- **Diagnosi di decadimento cognitivo lieve-moderato**
- **Diagnosi di decadimento cognitivo severo (advanced dementia)**



### The Clinical Course of Advanced Dementia

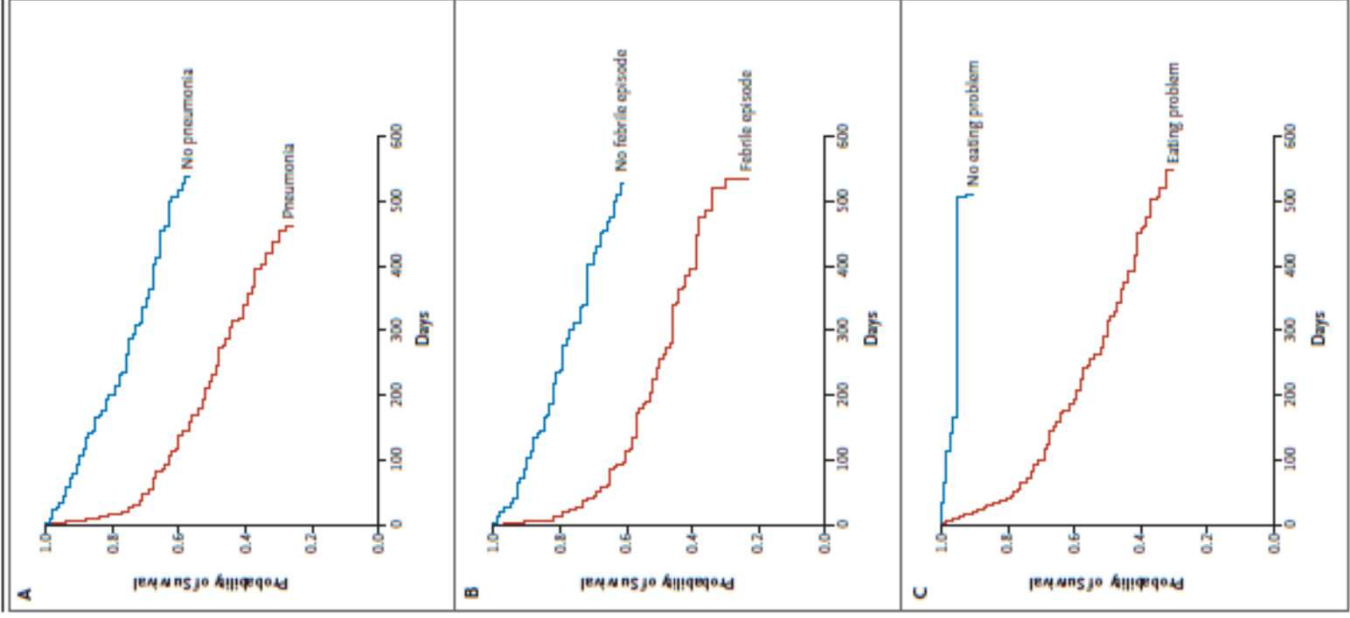
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ABSTRACT



**Figure 1. Overall Mortality and the Cumulative Incidences of Pneumonia, Febrile Episodes, and Eating Problems among Nursing Home Residents with Advanced Dementia.**

Overall mortality for the nursing home residents during the 18-month course of the study is shown. The residents' median age was 86 years, and the median duration of dementia was 6 years; 85.4% of residents were women.



**Figure 2. Overall Mortality and the Cumulative Incidences of Pneumonia, Febrile Episodes, and Eating Problems among Nursing Home Residents with Advanced Dementia.**

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## *Advanced Care Planning*

The optimum time for ACP is in a period of relative wellness

ACP should be part of routine care, perhaps initiated automatically at a certain age threshold.

A major concern is to ensure that ACP is carried out while the patient retains capacity; the initial diagnosis of early dementia, for example, may be an appropriate trigger for discussion of ACP.



## 5. Time for innovation in dementia care

### “Dementia-friendly Hospitals: Care not Crisis”

#### *An Educational Program Designed to Improve the Care of the Hospitalized Patient With Dementia*

*Alzheimer Dis Assoc Disord* 2010;24:372–379

The impetus for this program came out of the recognition that many of the Helpline calls received at the Alzheimer’s Association St Louis Chapter dealt with the poor outcomes of hospital visits for patients with dementia.

1. **Revisione sintomi demenza, e diagnosi differenziale fra demenza, delirium e depressione**
2. **Difficoltà di comunicazione con pazienti affetti da demenza e disturbi comportamentali**
3. **Cadute, dolore, nutrizione e contenzioni**
4. **Discharge planning**





**TABLE 3.** Evaluations of Attitudes and Practices Toward Hospitalized Dementia Patients Before and at the End of the Workshop

	Disagree		Neutral		Agree		P
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Is it difficult to work with dementia patients?							<0.001
Pretest	54	13.6	94	23.7	226	56.9	
Posttest	106	26.7	82	20.7	174	43.8	
I do not have enough time to provide comprehensive care							<0.001
Pretest	122	30.7	102	25.7	148	37.3	
Posttest	162	40.8	90	22.7	107	27.0	
I believe in help from family members and caregivers							NS
Pretest	10	2.5	8	2.0	358	90.2	
Posttest	14	3.5	0	0.0	347	87.4	
I have received sufficient training to take care of dementia patients							0.02
Pretest	170	42.8	113	28.5	91	22.9	
Posttest	21	5.3	43	10.8	295	74.3	
Admission procedures should be no different than for patients without dementia							<0.001
Pretest	296	74.6	35	8.8	45	11.3	
Posttest	307	77.3	17	4.3	36	9.1	
I rarely see a diagnosis of a dementia disorder upon hospital admission							<0.001
Pretest	224	56.4	62	15.6	84	21.2	
Posttest	202	50.9	67	16.9	86	21.7	

## *6. Time for undergraduate education in dementia*

We need interprofessional undergraduate healthcare education that enables future healthcare professionals to be able to understand and manage the people with the long-term conditions who **current systems often fail**



# Use of Tablet Devices in the Management of Agitation Among Inpatients with Dementia: An Open-Label Study

- Visual and touch
- La severità della demenza correlava inversamente con complessità delle app
- L'età correlava inversamente con la durata e la frequenza di utilizzo
- Tutti avevano una riduzione della agitazione indipendentemente dalla severità della demenza



- Revisione terapia farmacologica
- Utilizzo PDTA delirium e formazione/disseminazione
- Diagnosi di decadimento cognitivo non noto con follow-up
- Comunicazione con caregivers
- Reparto aperto 8-20 h

