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**Update in Endocrinologia Clinica**



*"Tireopatie subcliniche:  
Trattamento  
dell'ipotiroidismo  
subclinico nell'anziano:  
utile o dannoso?"*

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# Ipotiroidismo subclinico (SCH)



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- Prevalenza
- Evoluzione nel tempo
- Modificazioni morfofunzionali dell'asse HPT nell'invecchiamento
- SCH e insufficienza cardiaca (HF)
- SCH e patologia cardiovascolare
- SCH e i "centenari"
- Trattamento dell'SCH benefici o danni?



# Serum TSH, T<sub>4</sub>, and Thyroid Antibodies in the United States Population (1988 to 1994): National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III)

JOSEPH G. HOLLOWELL, NORMAN W. STAEHLING, W. DANA FLANDERS, W. HARRY HANNON, ELAINE W. GUNTER, CAROLE A. SPENCER, AND LEWIS E. BRAVERMAN

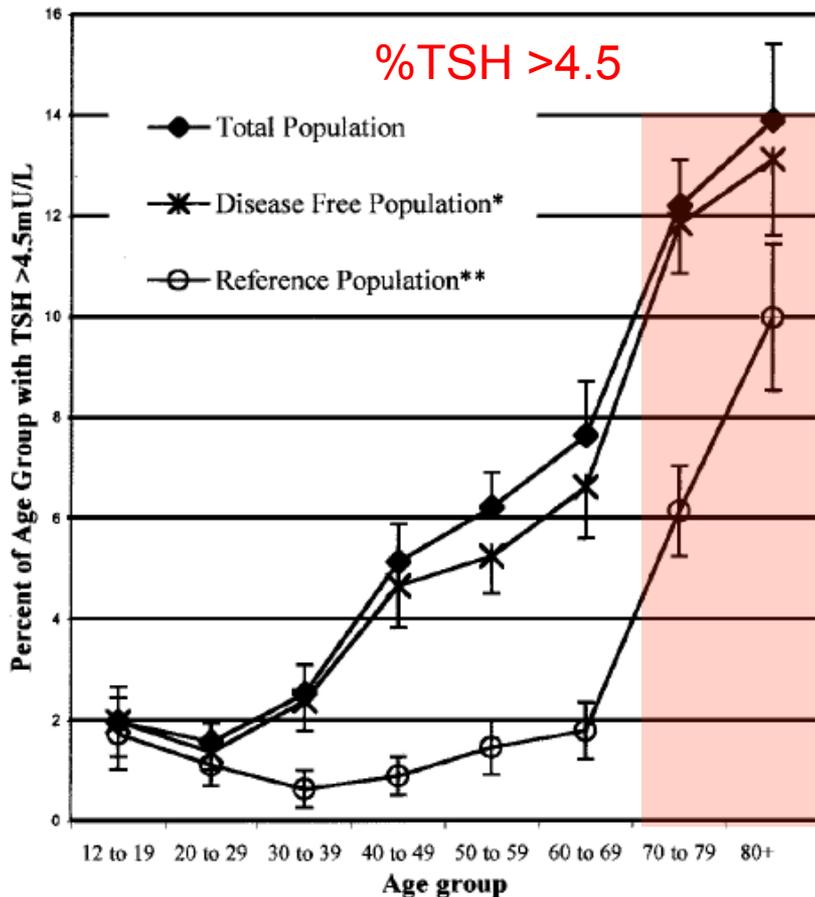
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## A. Percentage with High Serum TSH (>4.5 mU/L)



- N 17353
- 16533 disease free = non riferiscono patologia tiroidea  
13344 popolazione riferimento: no gravide, no estrogeni, androgeni, litio, no alterazioni ormoni tiroidei o Ab + TSH 0.45-4.12 mUI/L
- **Prevalenza SCH : 4.3 %**
- 3.9% nella popolazione di riferimento
- I valori di TSH sono più elevati nelle femmine, nei bianchi e aumentano con età.



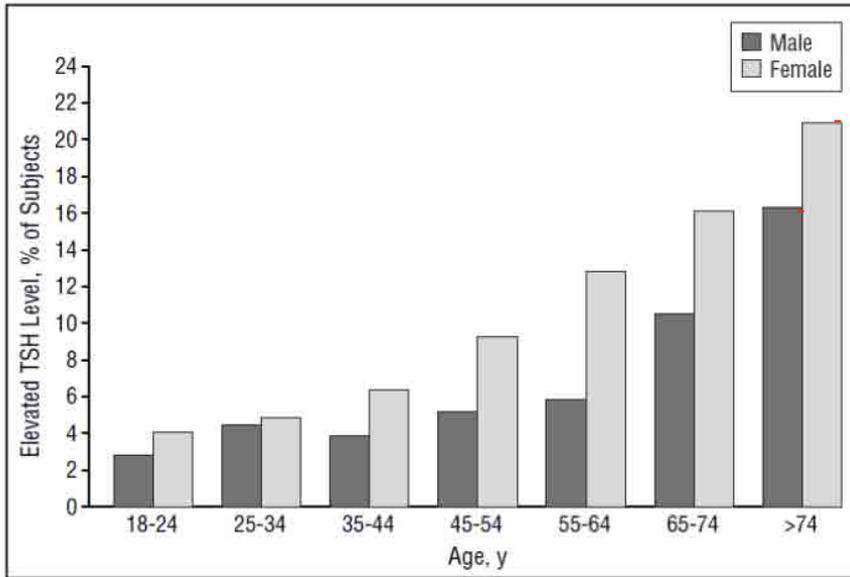
# The Colorado Thyroid Disease Prevalence Study

Gay J. Canaris, MD, MSPH; Neil R. Manowitz, PhD; Gilbert Mayor, MD; E. Chester Ridgway, MD



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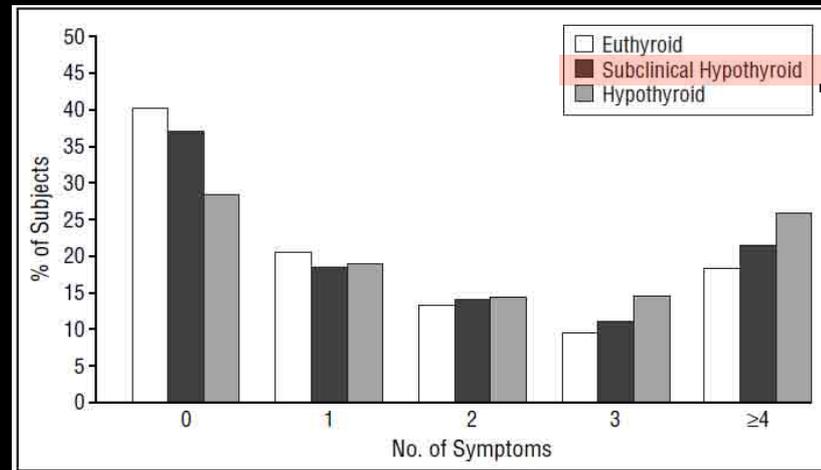
Arch Intern Med. 2000;160:526-534



**Figure 1.** The percentage of subjects with an elevated thyrotropin (thyroid-stimulating hormone [TSH]) level by sex and decade of age. Percentages of hypothyroidism ranged from 4% to 21% in women and from 3% to 16% in men.

N=25.862, TSH>5.1 mIU/L  
Prevalenza SCH 9.5%

Oltre 90 anni prev SCH 15-20%, F>M



# The Natural History of Subclinical Hypothyroidism in the Elderly: The Cardiovascular Health Study

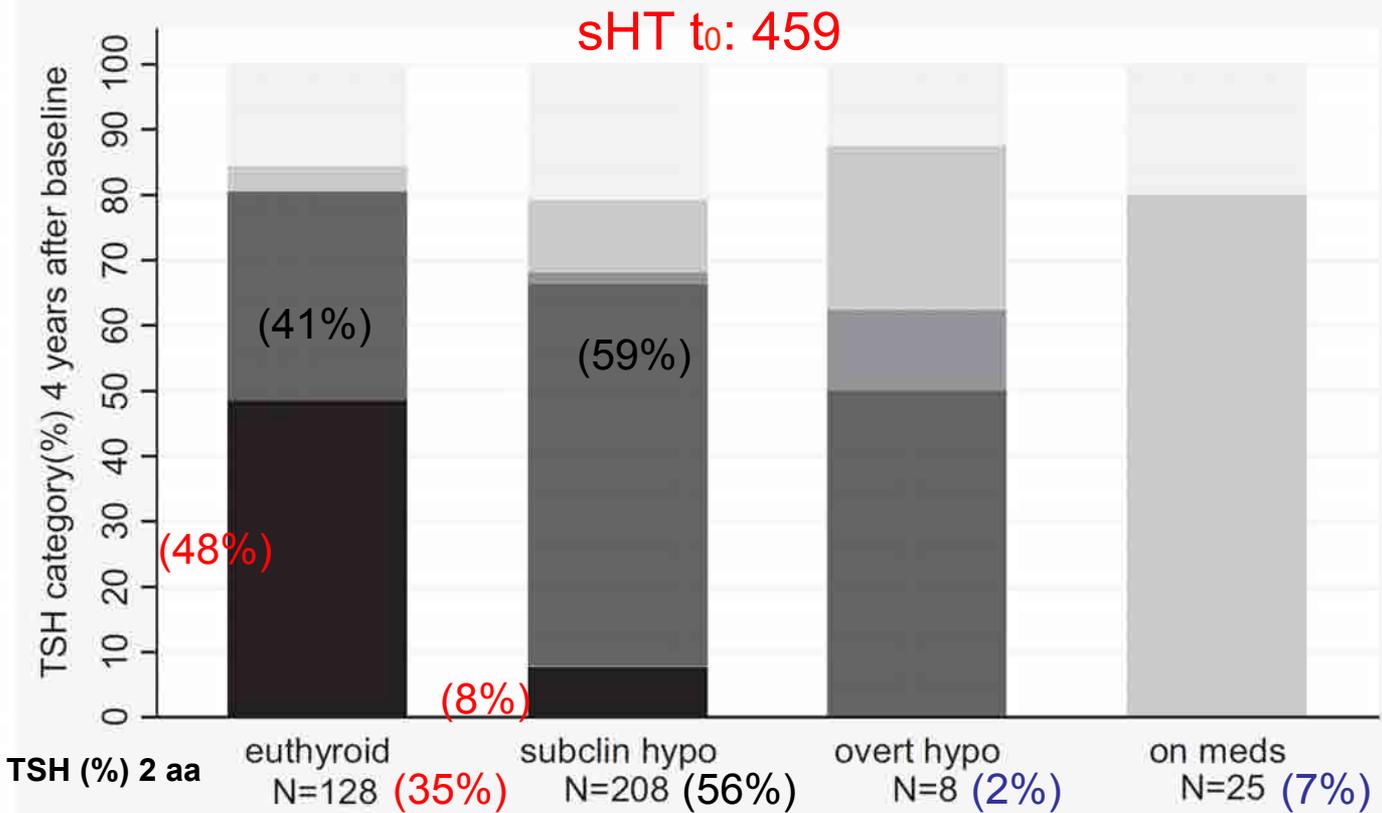
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N: 3996, >65 aa

- euthyroid
- overt hypo
- no TSH
- subclin hypo
- on meds

**Conclusions:** Subclinical hypothyroidism persists for 4 yr in just over half of older individuals, with high rates of reversion to euthyroidism in individuals with lower TSH concentrations and TPOAb negativity.

TABLE 10. AGENTS AND CONDITIONS HAVING AN IMPACT ON L-THYROXINE THERAPY AND INTERPRETATION OF THYROID TESTS



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10.1. *Interference with absorption*

Bile acid sequestrants (cholestyramine, colestipol, colesvelam) Sucralfate Cation exchange resins (Kayexelate) Oral bisphosphonates Proton pump inhibitors Raloxifene <sup>a</sup> Multivitamins (containing ferrous sulfate or calcium carbonate) Ferrous sulfate Phosphate binders (sevelamer, aluminum hydroxide)	Calcium salts (carbonate, citrate, acetate) Chromium picolinate Charcoal Orlistat <sup>b</sup> Ciprofloxacin H <sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists <sup>a</sup> Malabsorption syndromes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celiac disease</li> <li>• Jejunioileal bypass surgery</li> <li>• Cirrhosis (biliary)</li> <li>• Achlorhydria</li> </ul>	Diet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingestion with a meal</li> <li>• Grapefruit juice<sup>a</sup></li> <li>• Espresso coffee</li> <li>• High fiber diet</li> <li>• Soybean formula (infants)</li> <li>• Soy</li> </ul>
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10.2. *Thyroid gland hormone production and secretion*

Direct and indirect effects on the thyroid gland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iodine uptake                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Iodine (including kelp supplements)</li> <li>◦ Amiodarone</li> <li>◦ Ethionamide</li> <li>◦ Iodinated contrast (ipodate,<sup>c</sup> iopanoic acid<sup>c</sup>)</li> <li>◦ Perchlorate<sup>c</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hormone production                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Iodine (including kelp supplements)</li> <li>◦ Amiodarone</li> <li>◦ Thionamides (carbimazole, methimazole, propylthiouracil)</li> <li>◦ Iodinated contrast (ipodate,<sup>c</sup> iopanoic acid<sup>c</sup>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Sulfonylureas</li> <li>◦ Sulfonamides</li> <li>◦ Ethionamide</li> </ul> • Secretion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Lithium</li> <li>◦ Iodine (including kelp supplements)</li> <li>◦ Amiodarone</li> <li>◦ Iodinated contrast (ipodate,<sup>c</sup> iopanoic acid<sup>c</sup>)</li> </ul> • Thyroiditis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Induces                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amiodarone</li> <li>- Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (sunitinib, sorafenib)</li> <li>- Interferon alpha</li> <li>- Interleukins</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Antiangiogenic (lenalidomide, thalidomide)</li> <li>- Lithium</li> <li>- Alemtuzumab</li> <li>- Denileukin diftitoxin</li> <li>◦ Ameliorates (if autoimmune)</li> <li>- Glucocorticoids</li> </ul> • Development of Graves' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Interferon alpha</li> <li>◦ HAART (highly active antiretroviral therapy)</li> <li>◦ Alemtuzumab</li> </ul> • Amelioration of Graves' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Glucocorticoids</li> </ul>
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10.3. *Direct and indirect effects on the hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid axis*

TSH secretion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Bexarotene</li> <li>◦ Dopamine</li> <li>◦ Dopaminergic agonists (bromocriptine, cabergoline)</li> <li>◦ Glucorticoids</li> <li>◦ Thyroid hormone analogues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Somatostatin analogues (octreotide, lanreotide)</li> <li>◦ Metformin</li> <li>◦ Opiates (e.g., heroin)</li> <li>◦ Interleukin-6</li> </ul> • Increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Dopamine receptor blockers (metoclopramide)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Hypoadrenalism</li> <li>◦ Interleukin 2</li> <li>◦ Amphetamine</li> <li>◦ Ritonavir<sup>b</sup></li> <li>◦ St. John's Wort<sup>a</sup></li> </ul> Hypophysitis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ipilimumab</li> </ul>
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10.4. *Increased clearance*

Phenobarbital Primidone Phenytoin Carbamazepine Oxacarbazepine <sup>b</sup> Rifampin Growth hormone	Sertraline <sup>b</sup> Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (imatinib, <sup>b</sup> sunitinib) Quetiapine <sup>b</sup> Stavudine <sup>b</sup> Nevirapine <sup>a,b</sup>
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10.5. *Peripheral metabolism*

Glucocorticoids Amiodarone Propylthiouracil Beta blockers (e.g., propranolol, nadolol) Iodinated contrast (ipodate, <sup>c</sup> iopanoic acid <sup>c</sup> ) Interleukin-6 Clomipramine
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# Farmaci e Tiroide

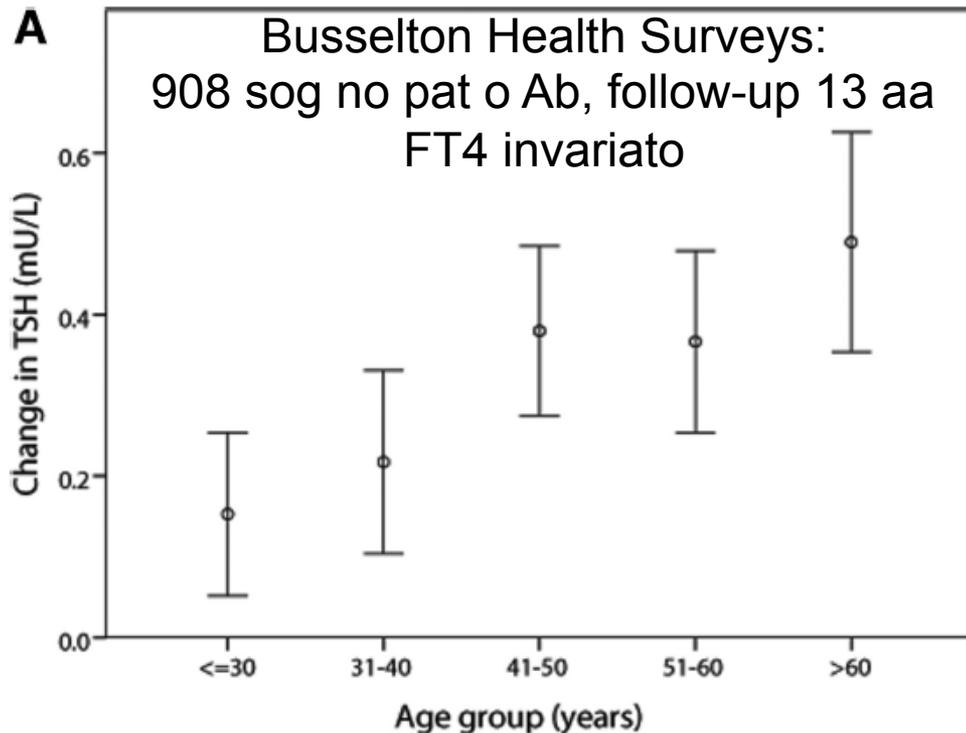




# Modificazioni morfofunzionali della tiroide con l'invecchiamento



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## Age-Related Changes in Thyroid Function: A Longitudinal Study of a Community-Based Cohort

Alexandra P. Bremner, Peter Feddema, Peter J. Leedman, Suzanne J. Brown, John P. Beilby, Ee Mun Lim, Scott G. Wilson, Peter C. O'Leary, and John P. Walsh

Resettato set point del TSH?  
Ridotta bioattività del TSH?  
Down-regulation dell'asse HPTP?

Riduzione dell'omeostasi metabolica correlata all'età

**TABLE 2.** Age-related reference ranges for TSH derived from the cross-sectional reference group (n = 1751)

Age (yr)	n	TSH reference range (mU/liter)		
		Lower limit	Mean	Upper limit
<30	304	0.51	1.34	3.54
30-40	299	0.48	1.25	3.21
40-50	269	0.44	1.32	3.92
50-60	321	0.42	1.31	4.09
60-70	334	0.38	1.34	4.70
>70	224	0.52	1.66	5.28
All	1751	0.44	1.35	4.10

Reference ranges were calculated as mean  $\pm$  2 sd of log-transformed serum TSH concentrations for each age stratum.



# Extreme Longevity Is Associated with Increased Serum Thyrotropin

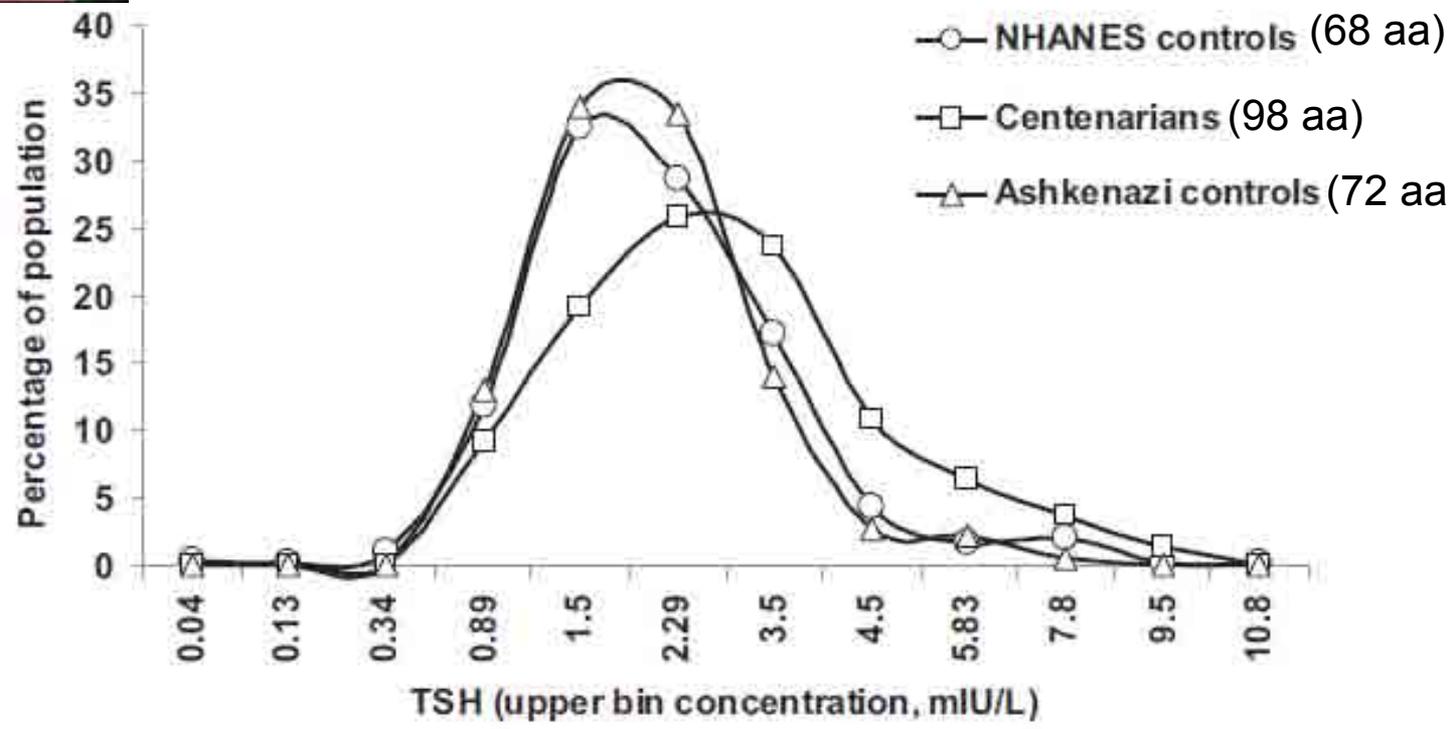
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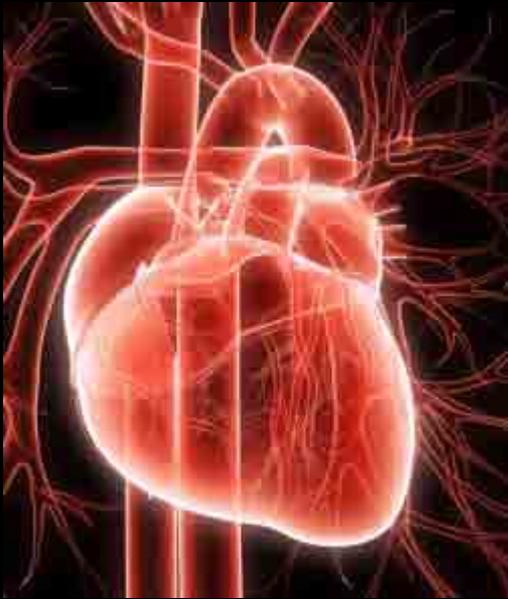
Distribuzione TSH nei centenari Ashkenazi vs controlli A. e del NHANES III



# Tiroide e Apparato CardioVascolare



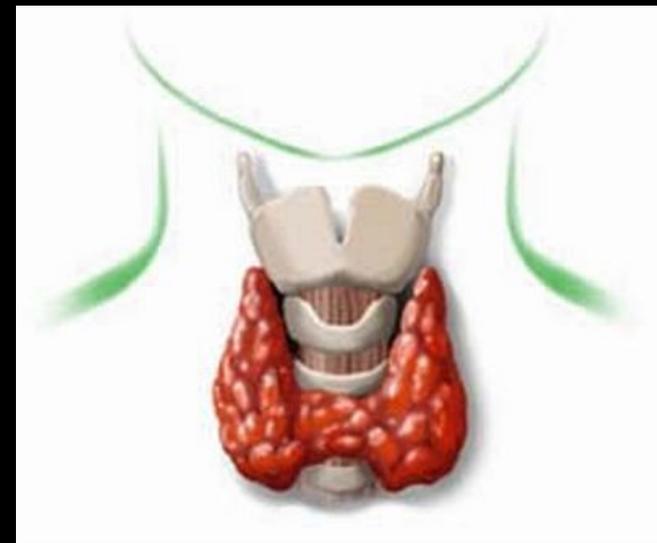
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- Contrattilità miocardica
- Funzione endoteliale
- Resistenze vascolari
- PA

-Metabolismo lipidico

Cluster di fattori di rischio CV





# Subclinical Thyroid Dysfunction and the Risk of Heart Failure Events

## An Individual Participant Data Analysis From 6 Prospective Cohorts

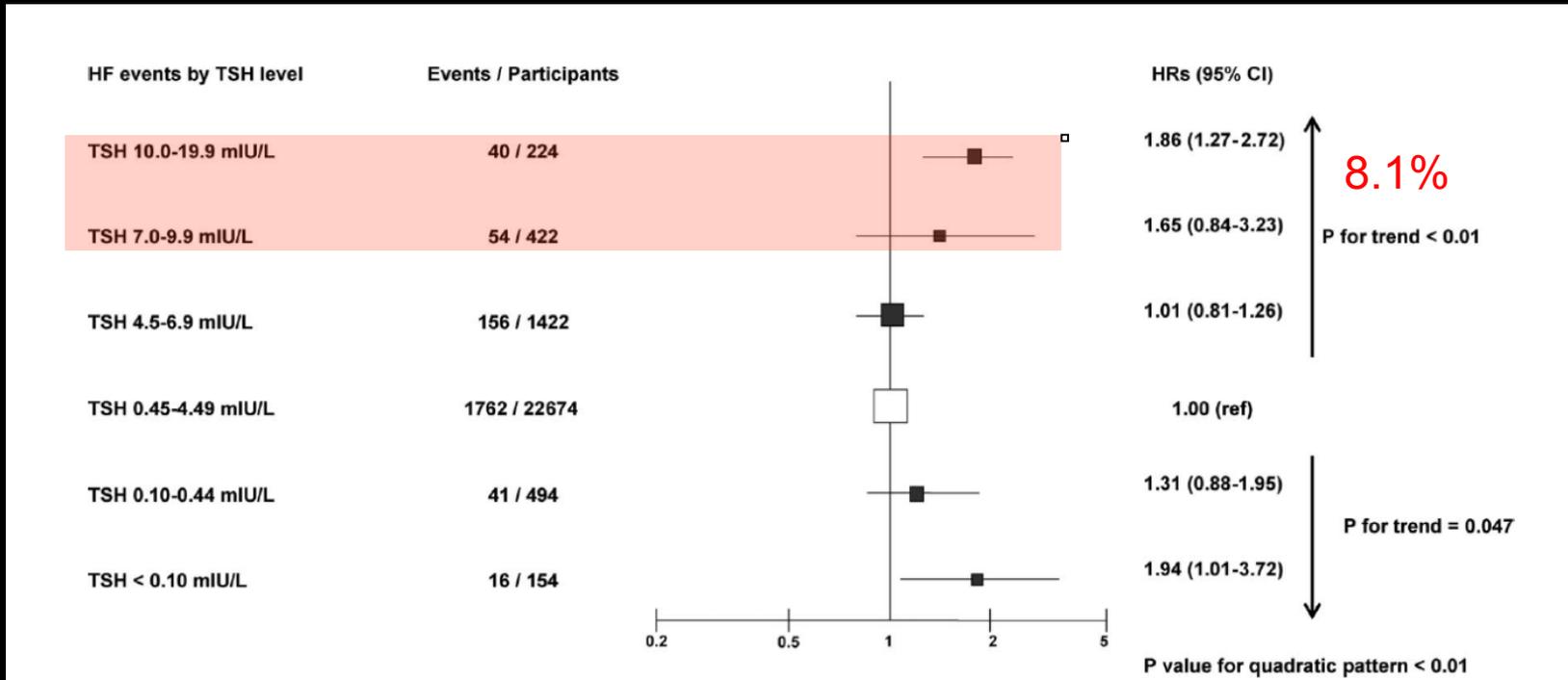
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*(Circulation. 2012;126:1040-1049.)*

- 6 coorti prospettiche, N: 25390, età media 70 aa
- TSH > 10 mUI/L, aumento HF indipendentemente da età



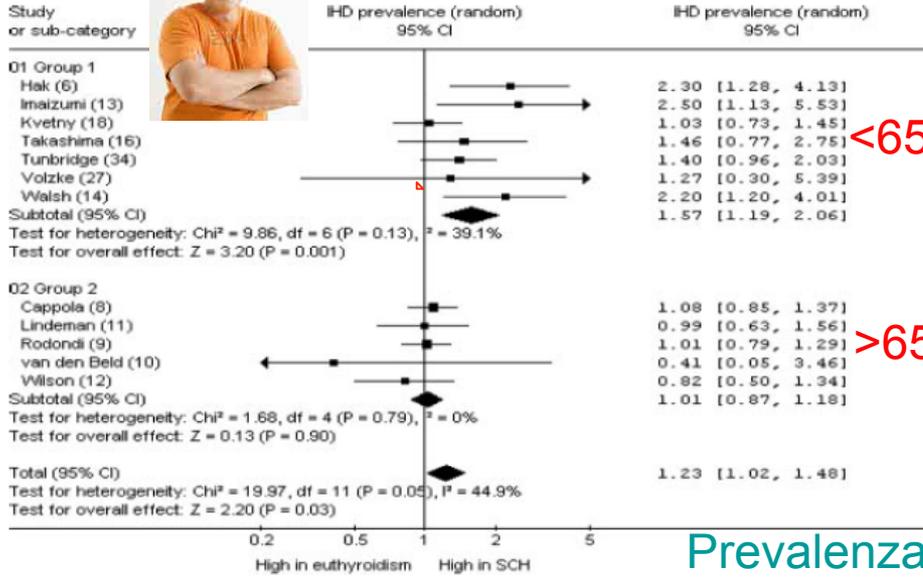


# The Influence of Age on the Relationship between Subclinical Hypothyroidism and Ischemic Heart Disease: A Metaanalysis

Salman Razvi, Abdul Shakoor, Mark Vanderpump, Jolanta U. Weaver, and Simon H. S. Pearce



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12 studi: 2399 SHC vs 24868

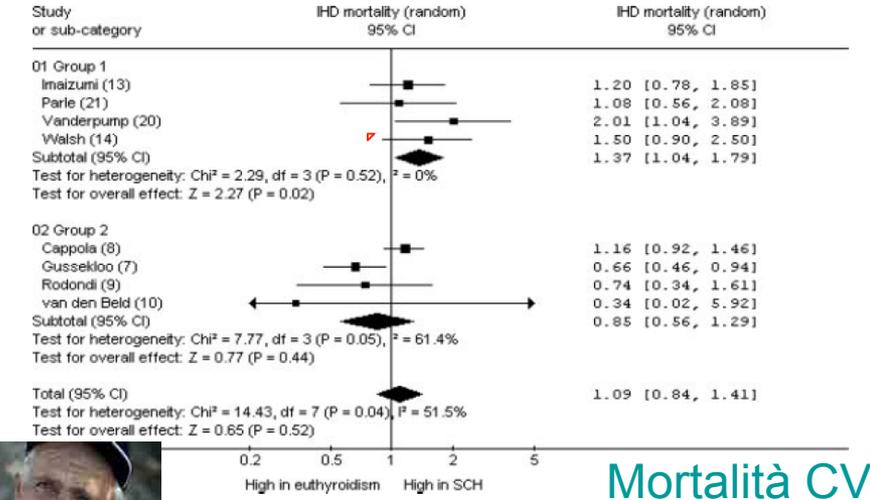
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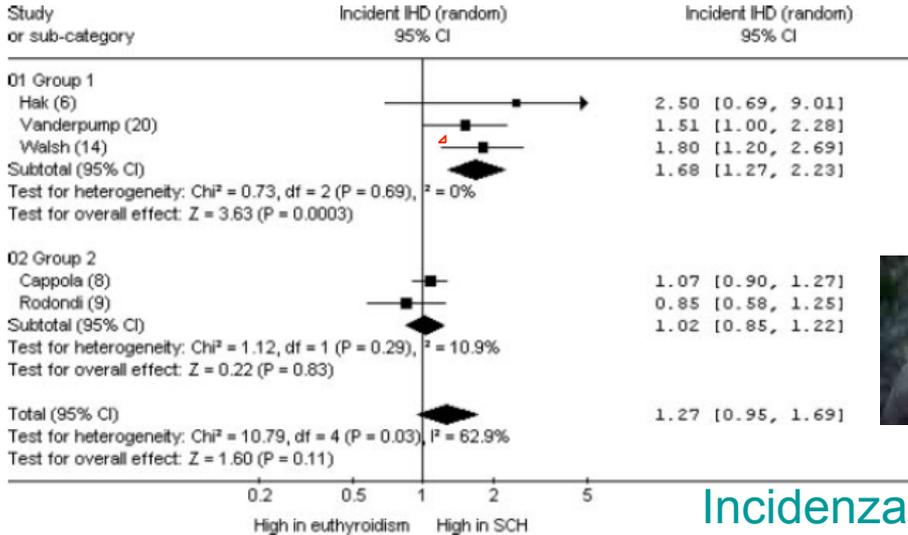
Prevalenza

J Clin Endocrinol Metab. August 2008, 93(8):2998-3007

8 studi: 1417 SHC vs 13302, 10 aa



Mortalità CV



Incidenza

5 studi: 954 SHC vs 8673, 8.6 aa  
anche per TSH < 10



# Subclinical Hypothyroidism and the Risk of Coronary Heart Disease and Mortality



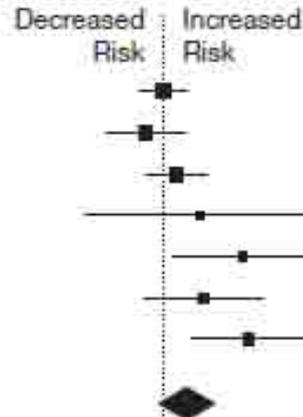
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JAMA, September 22/29, 2010—Vol 304, No. 12

## CHD Events<sup>b</sup>

- Cardiovascular Health Study,<sup>6</sup> 2006
- Health, Aging, and Body Composition Study,<sup>7</sup> 2005
- EPIC-Norfolk Study,<sup>32</sup> 2010
- Leiden 85-plus Study,<sup>27</sup> 2004
- Pisa cohort,<sup>8</sup> 2007
- Whickham Survey,<sup>17,18</sup> 1996, 2010
- Busselton Health Study,<sup>9</sup> 2005

Total ( $I^2 = 59\%$ )



## Total Mortality

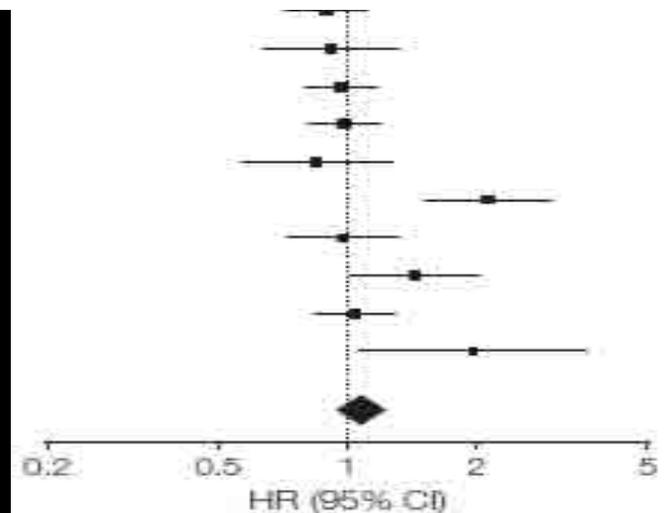
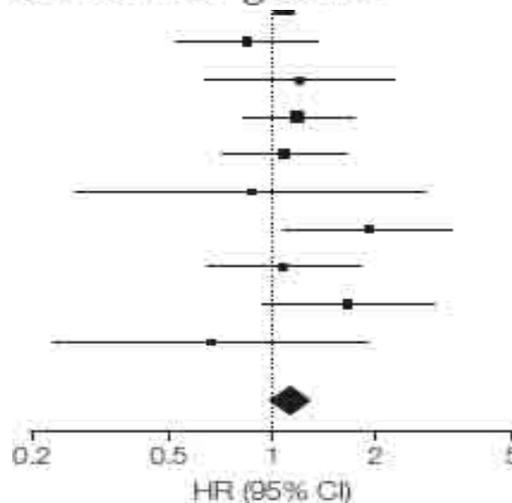
- Cardiovascular Health Study,<sup>6</sup> 2006
- Health, Aging, and Body Composition Study,<sup>7</sup> 2005
- Birmingham Study,<sup>26</sup> 2001
- EPIC-Norfolk Study,<sup>32</sup> 2010
- HUNT Study,<sup>33</sup> 2008
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- Busselton Health Study,<sup>9</sup> 2005
- Nagasaki Adult Health Study,<sup>34</sup> 2004
- Brazilian Thyroid Study,<sup>35</sup> 2010

**Conclusions** Subclinical hypothyroidism is associated with an increased risk of CHD events and CHD mortality in those with higher TSH levels, particularly in those with a TSH concentration of 10 mIU/L or greater.

## CHD Mortality<sup>c</sup>

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Total ( $I^2 = 0\%$ )





# Thyroid Status, Disability and Cognitive Function, and Survival in Old Age

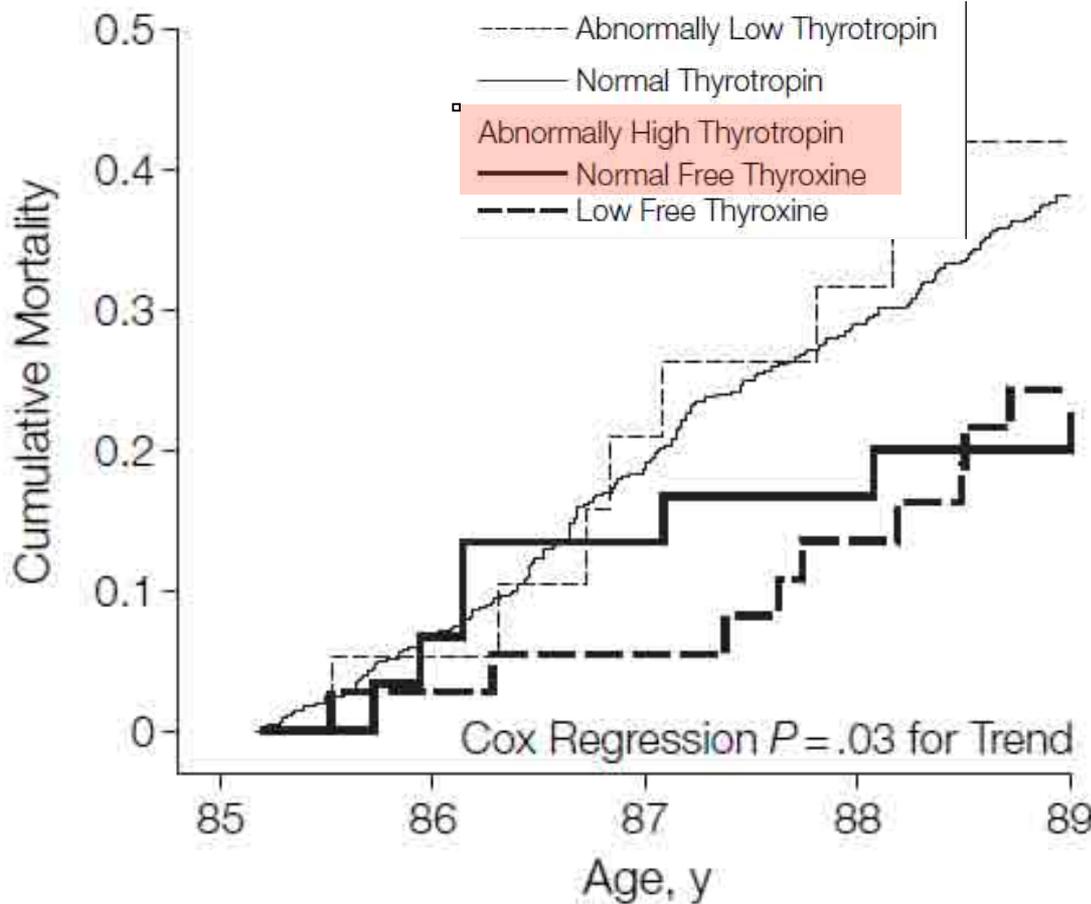


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Jacobijn Gussekloo, MD, PhD

## Leiden 85-Plus Study



N: 599  
85-89 aa



# Studi di intervento



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- Migliorano indici di performance cardiaca
- Migliora il profilo lipidico
- Migliora la funzione endoteliale
- Migliora lo spessore intima-media

# Thyroid hormone replacement for subclinical hypothyroidism

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## Authors' conclusions

In current RCTs, levothyroxine replacement therapy for subclinical hypothyroidism did not result in improved survival or decreased cardiovascular morbidity. Data on health-related quality of life and symptoms did not demonstrate significant differences between intervention groups. Some evidence indicates that levothyroxine replacement improves some parameters of lipid profiles and left ventricular function.



# Levothyroxine Treatment of Subclinical Hypothyroidism, Fatal and Nonfatal Cardiovascular Events, and Mortality

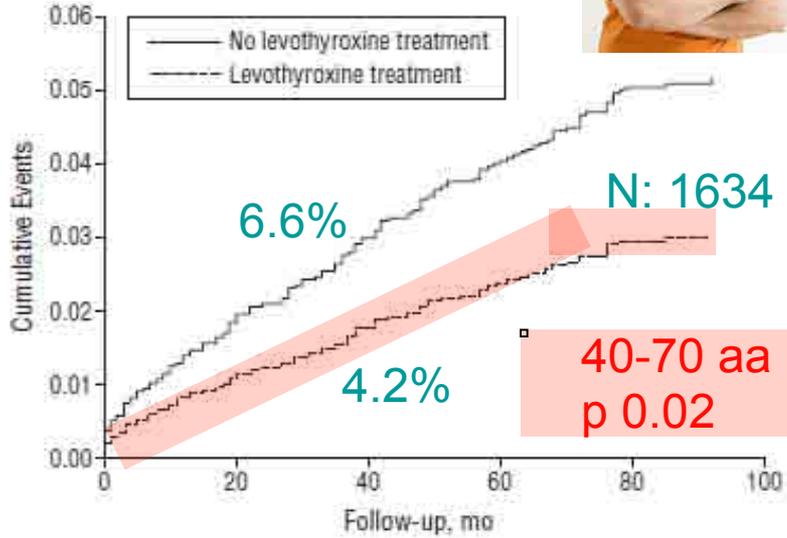
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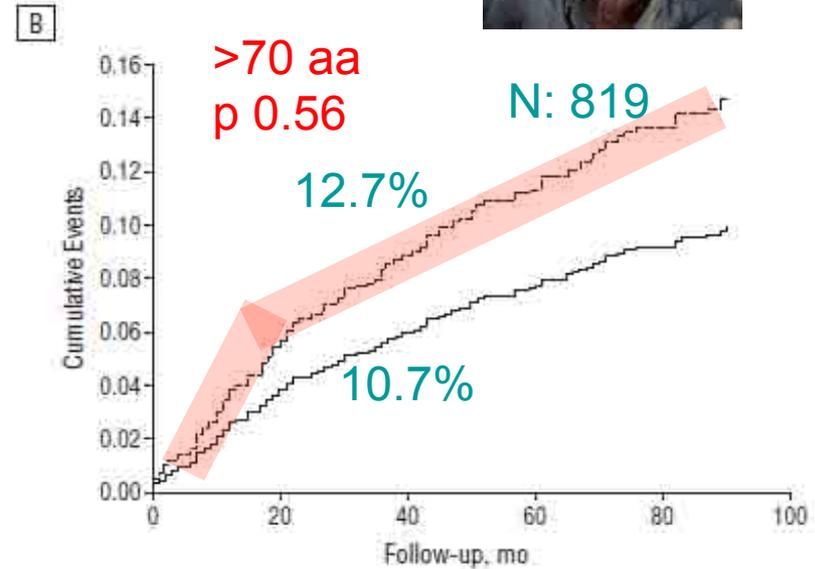
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Studio retrospettivo  
Follow up  
(0-8 aa, media 5.2 aa)



Follow up  
(0-8 aa, media 7.6 aa)



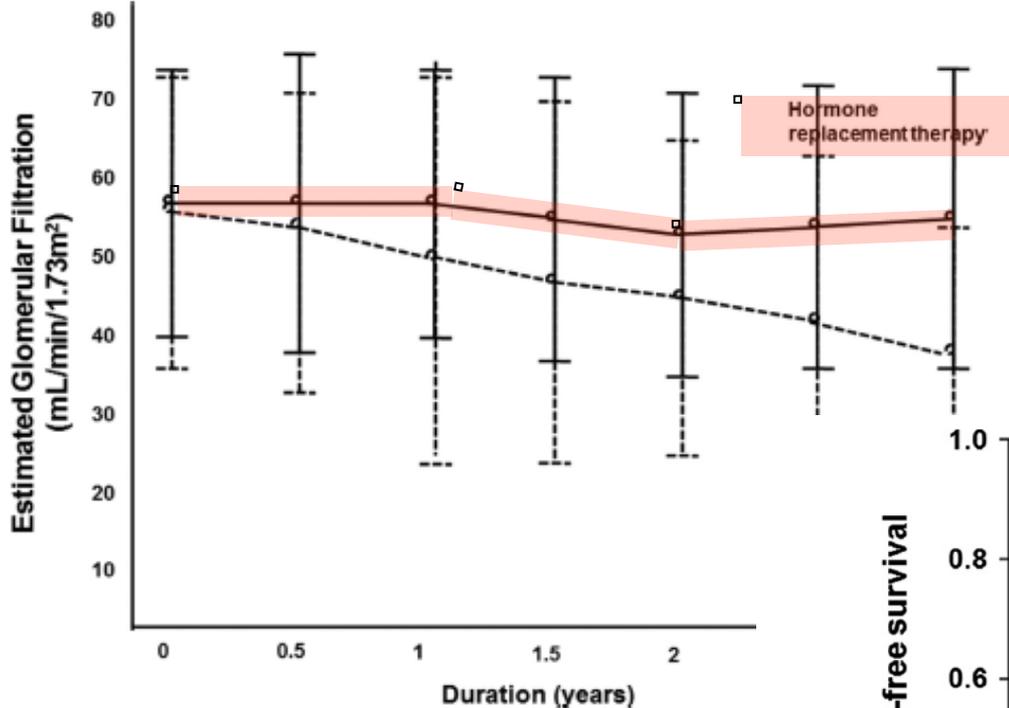
# Preservation of Renal Function by Thyroid Hormone Replacement Therapy in Chronic Kidney Disease Patients with Subclinical Hypothyroidism

Dong Ho Shin, Mi Jung Lee, Seung Jun Kim, Hyung Jung Oh, Hyoung Rae Kim, Jae Hyun Han, Hyang Mo Koo, Fa Mee Doh, Jung Tak Park, Seung Hyeok Han, Tae-Hyun Yoo, and Shin-Wook Kang

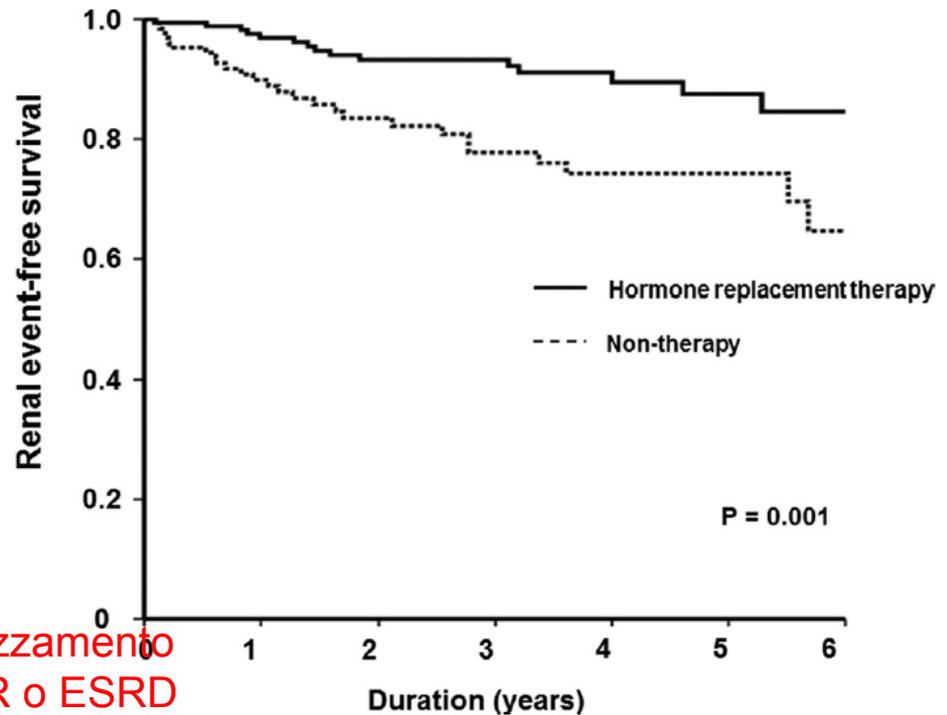


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N:309 pz (180 vs 129)  
Età media 63 aa



Dimezzamento  
eGFR o ESRD



# Terapia con Levotiroxina



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Table 2. Prevalence of Thyroid Abnormalities

Thyroid Status*	No. of Subjects (%)
Total subjects	(N = 25 862)
Euthyroid	22 842 (88.3)
Hypothyroid	114 (0.4)
Subclinical hypothyroid	2336 (9.0)
Hyperthyroid	35 (0.1)
Subclinical hyperthyroid	535 (2.1)
Subjects taking thyroid medication	(n = 1525)
Euthyroid	916 (60.1)
Hypothyroid	11 (0.7)
Subclinical hypothyroid	269 (17.6)
Hyperthyroid	13 (0.9)
Subclinical hyperthyroid	316 (20.7)
Subjects not taking thyroid medication	(n = 24 337)
Euthyroid	21 926 (90.1)
Hypothyroid	103 (0.4)
Subclinical hypothyroid	2067 (8.5)
Hyperthyroid	22 (0.1)
Subclinical hyperthyroid	219 (0.9)

*Arch Intern Med.* 2000;160:526-534



## WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS

*BMJ* 2011;342:d2238

Before this study the effect of levothyroxine dose on fracture outcomes was not known, particularly in the at risk population of older people ( $\geq 70$  years)

In this population, higher doses of levothyroxine treatment were associated with a twofold to threefold increased risk of fracture compared with lower doses



# Conclusioni:



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- L'sHT nell'anziano non costituisce una condizione unica (fasce di TSH e di età)
- I soggetti con età >80 aa devono essere monitorizzati e spesso non richiedono terapia sostitutiva
- La decisione di trattare l'sHT in un anziano deve essere ponderata considerando:
  - le possibili cause di danno tiroideo,
  - il rischio CV pre-esistente,
  - la presenza di HF e di IR,
  - le comorbidità e le possibili interferenze farmacologiche
- Sono necessari studi randomizzati controllati che valutino endpoint CV: (Thyroid Hormone Replacement for Untreated older adults with Subclinical hypothyroidism Trial: the TRUST trial 2012)



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