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# **La Terapia Antifungina**

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## 68-yr-old male with CLL at diagnosis

Sg-Emocromocitometrico		
WBC (Leucociti)	85.58	10 <sup>9</sup> /L
RBC (Eritrociti)	4.38	10 <sup>12</sup> /L
HGB (Emoglobina)	13.8	g/dL
PLTS (Trombociti)	139	10 <sup>9</sup> /L

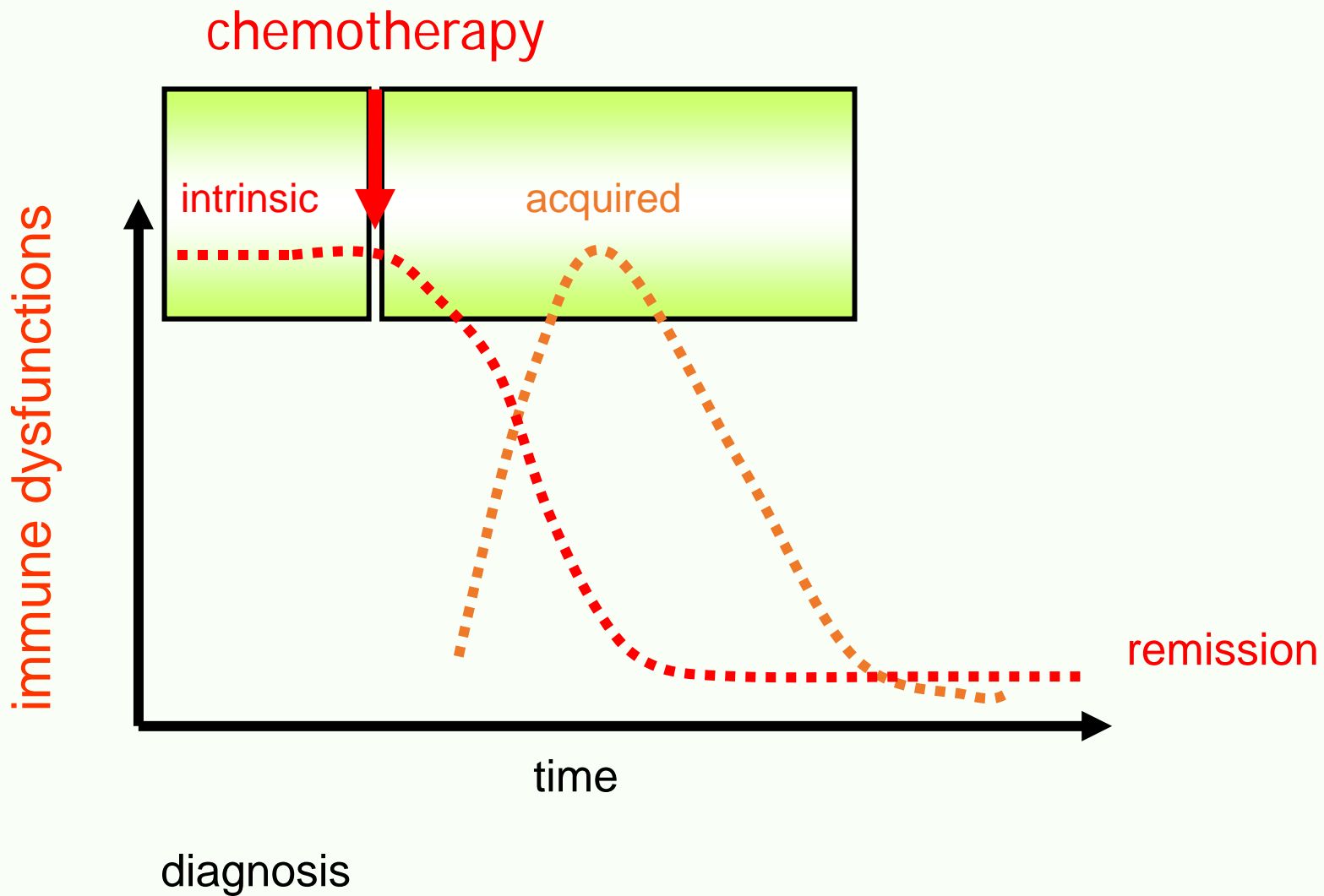
Neutrofil #	9.02
Linfociti #	76.35
Monociti #	0.09
Eosinofili #	0.00
Basofili #	0.12

s-Immunoglobuline G	360	mg/dL
s-Immunoglobuline A	60	mg/dL
s-Immunoglobuline M	16	mg/dL

## 40-yr-old female with AML at diagnosis

### Sg-Emocromocitometrico

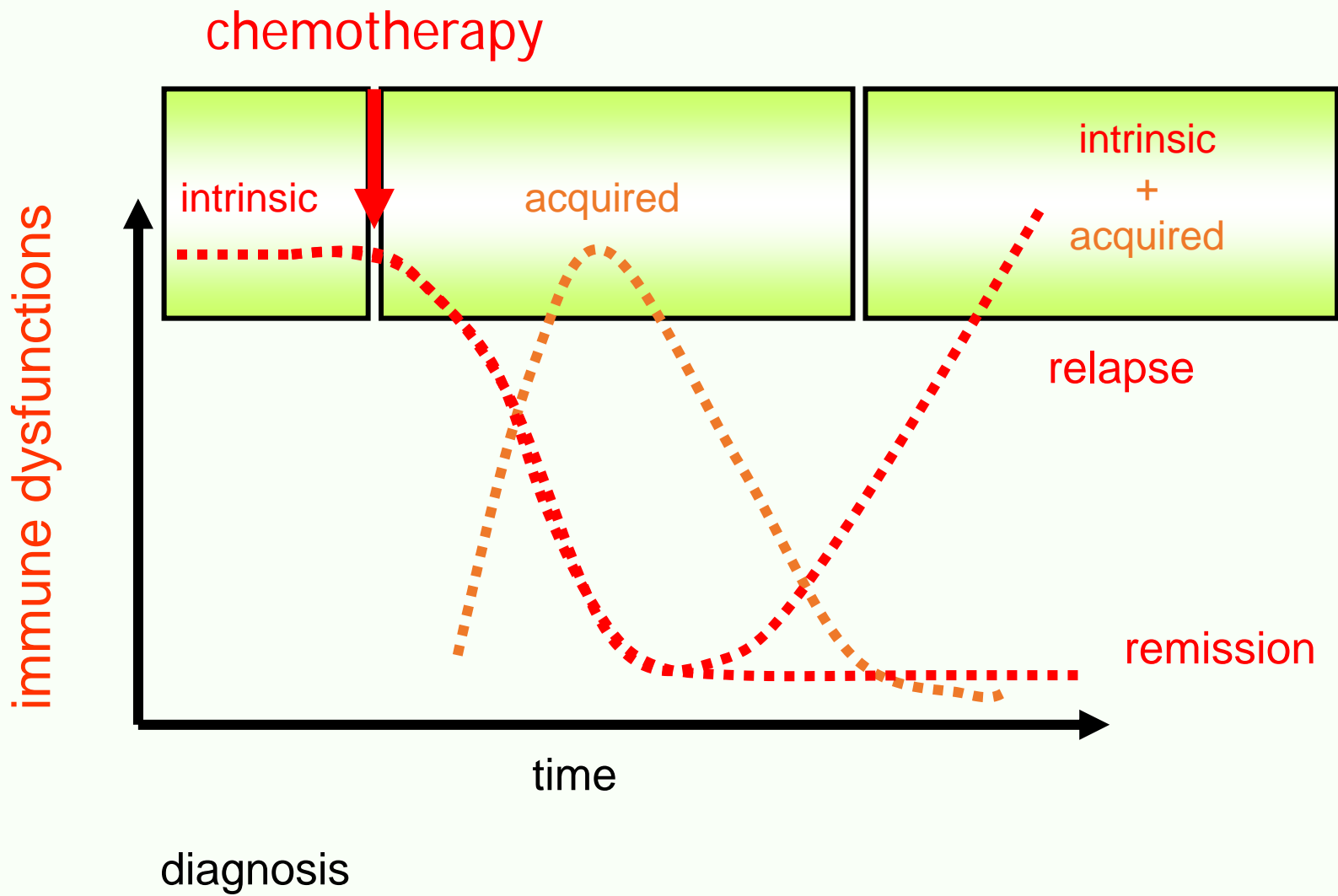
WBC (Leucociti)	<b>211.95</b>	10 <sup>9</sup> /L
RBC (Eritrociti)	<b>2.81</b>	10 <sup>12</sup> /L
HGB (Emoglobina)	<b>8.7</b>	g/dL
HCT (Ematocrito)	<b>26.5</b>	%
MCV (Volume Globulare Medio)	<b>94</b>	fL
MCH (Contenenuto Medio HGB)	<b>31.0</b>	pg
MCHC (Concentrazione Media HGB)	<b>32.8</b>	g/dL
RDW-SD (Distribuzione Vol. RBC)	<b>59.0</b>	fL
RDW-CV (Distribuzione Vol. RBC)	<b>17.2</b>	%
PLTS (Trombociti)	<b>28</b>	10 <sup>9</sup> /L
PDW (Distribuzione Vol. PLTS)		



## 38-yr-old male with AML during induction CT

### Sg-Emocromocitometrico

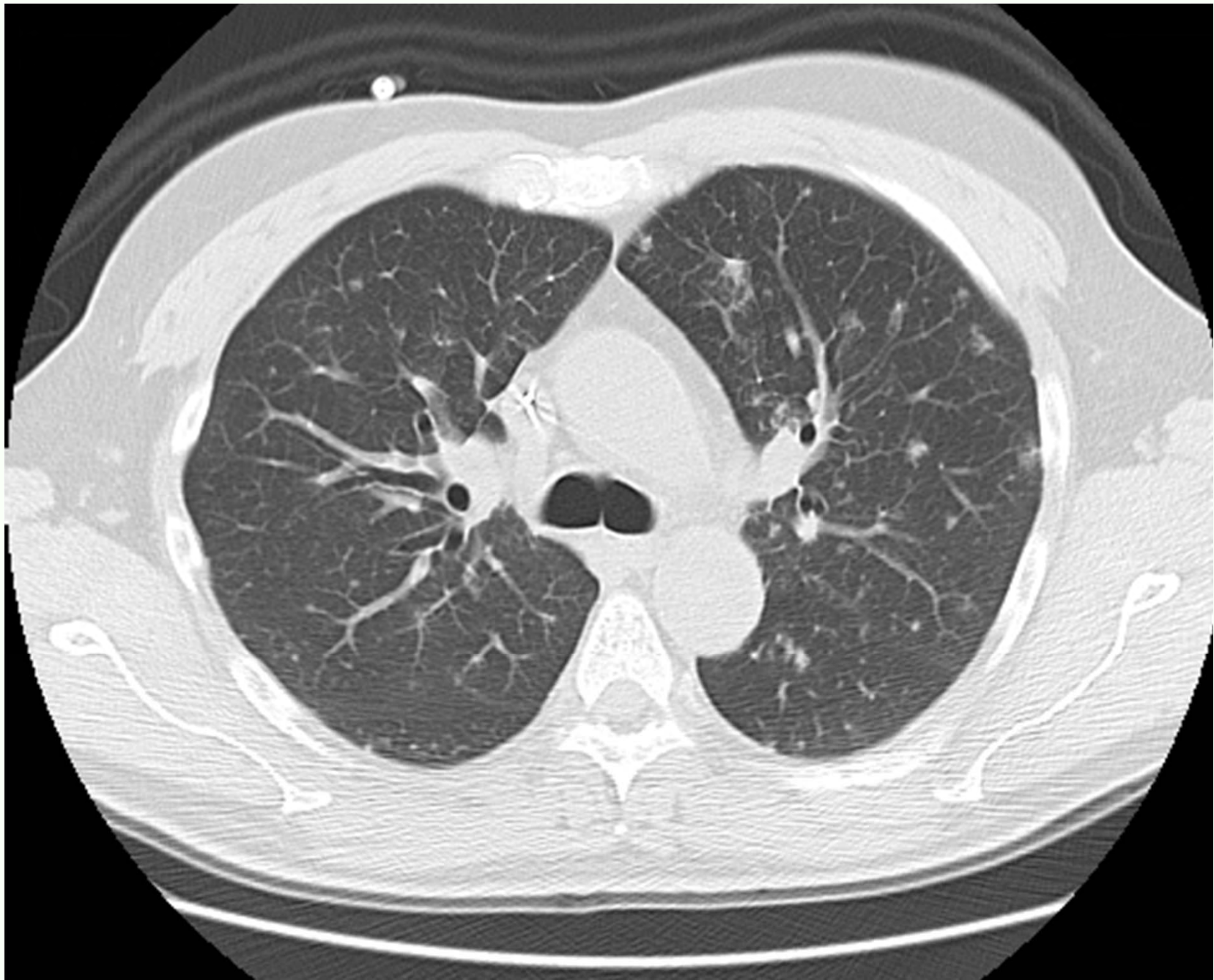
WBC (Leucociti)	0.10	10 <sup>9</sup> /L
RBC (Eritrociti)	2.47	10 <sup>12</sup> /L
HGB (Emoglobina)	7.6	g/dL
HCT (Ematocrito)	20.4	%
MCV (Volume Globulare Medio)	83	fL
MCH (Contenuto Medio HGB)	30.8	pg
MCHC (Concentrazione Media HGB)	37.3	g/dL
RDW-SD (Distribuzione Vol. RBC)	39.7	fL
RDW-CV (Distribuzione Vol. RBC)	13.2	%
PLTS (Trombociti)	6	10 <sup>9</sup> /L



# **AUTOPSY SURVEY ASPERGILLUS INFECTIONS**

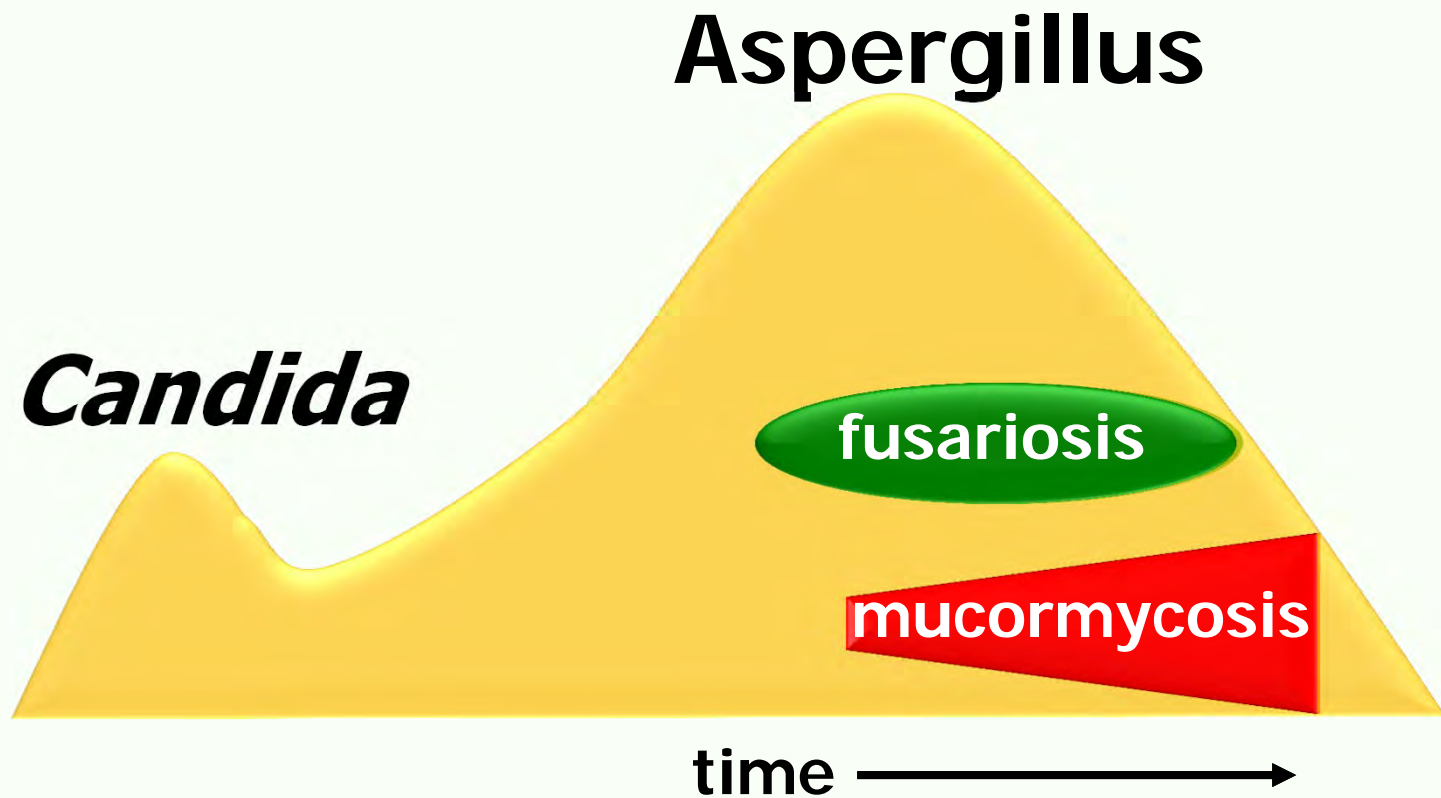
*Bodey et al. Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis 1992*

**15-30% OF PATIENTS WITH  
INVASIVE FUNGUS AT AUTOPSY  
NEVER RECEIVED  
ANY SYSTEMIC ANTIFUNGAL THERAPY**





# FUNGI IN RELATION TO DEFECTS IN THE DEFENSE SYSTEMS



# RISK FACTORS AND INCIDENCE OF INVASIVE *CANDIDA* INFECTIONS

*Marchetti et al. Clin Infect Dis 2004; 38:311-320*

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## *Candida*

n = 1137 ICU patients

Incidence

Postsurgical ICU

%

Neutropenia

Coag-neg staphylococci

20

Parenteral nutrition

*Escherichia coli*

19

Burns

*Staphylococcus aureus*

13

Neonates

*Streptococcus pneumoniae*

7

Antibacterials

Viridans streptococci

5

IV drug abuse

*Klebsiella* species

4

***Candida* species**

**3**

Endogenous

Enterococci

3

Contact / Catheters

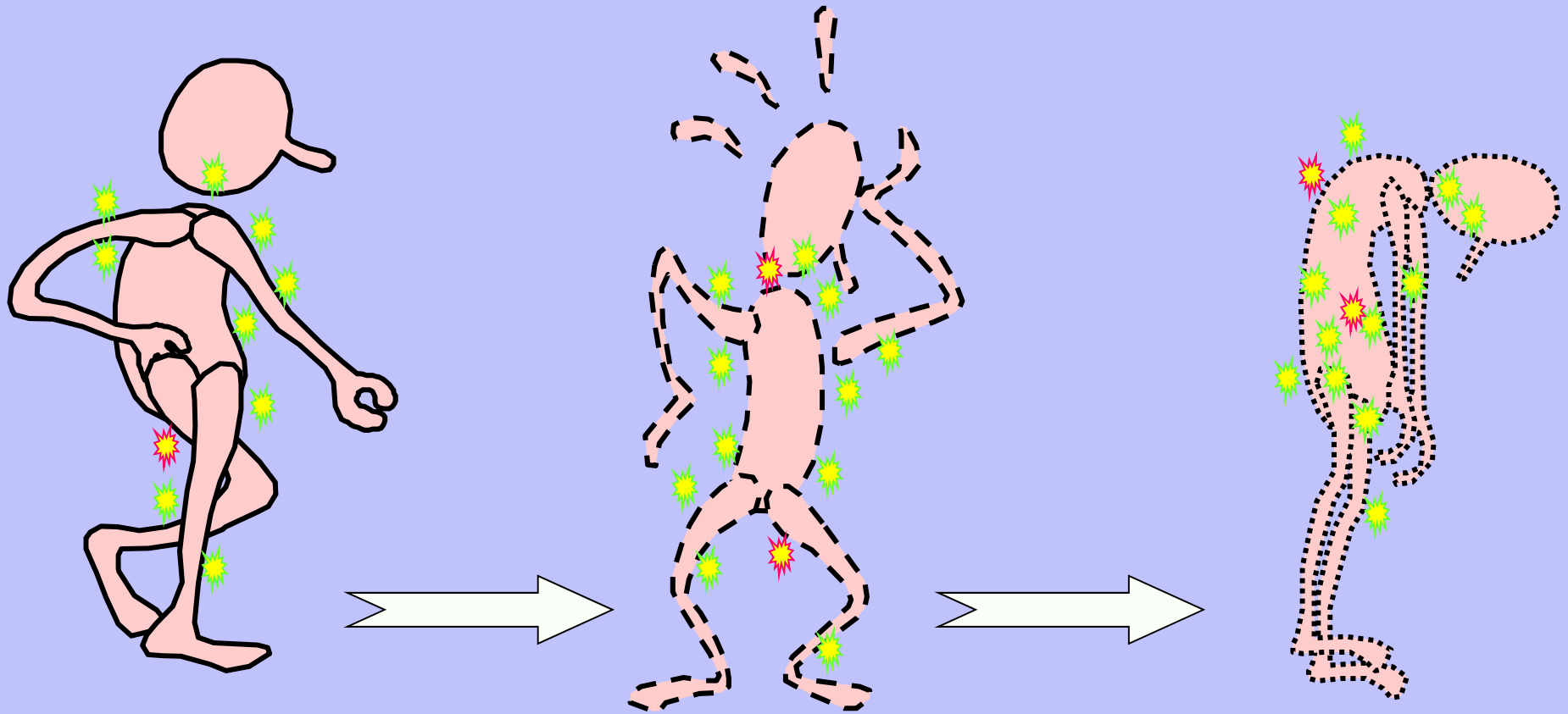
*Pseudomonas* species

3

Anaerobes

1

# FROM COLONIZATION TO INVASION



**Colonization**

**(superficial) infection**

**disease**

# CHARACTERISTICS OF ASPERGILLOSIS (IN THE ICU)

*Meersseman et al. Clin Infect Dis 2007; 45: 205-216*

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## High risk:

treated hematological malignancies

## Medium:

**prolonged (>7 days) corticosteroids**

treated malignancies

**COPD**

livercirrhosis

(prolonged) **use of immunosuppressants**

HIV

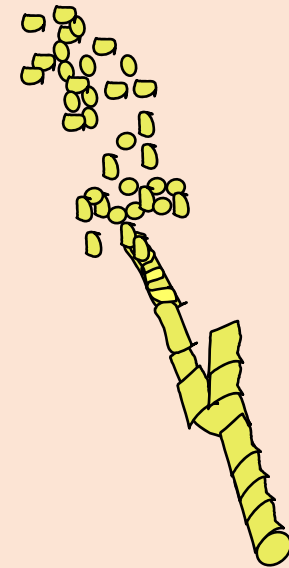
lung transplants

## Low:

other organ transplants

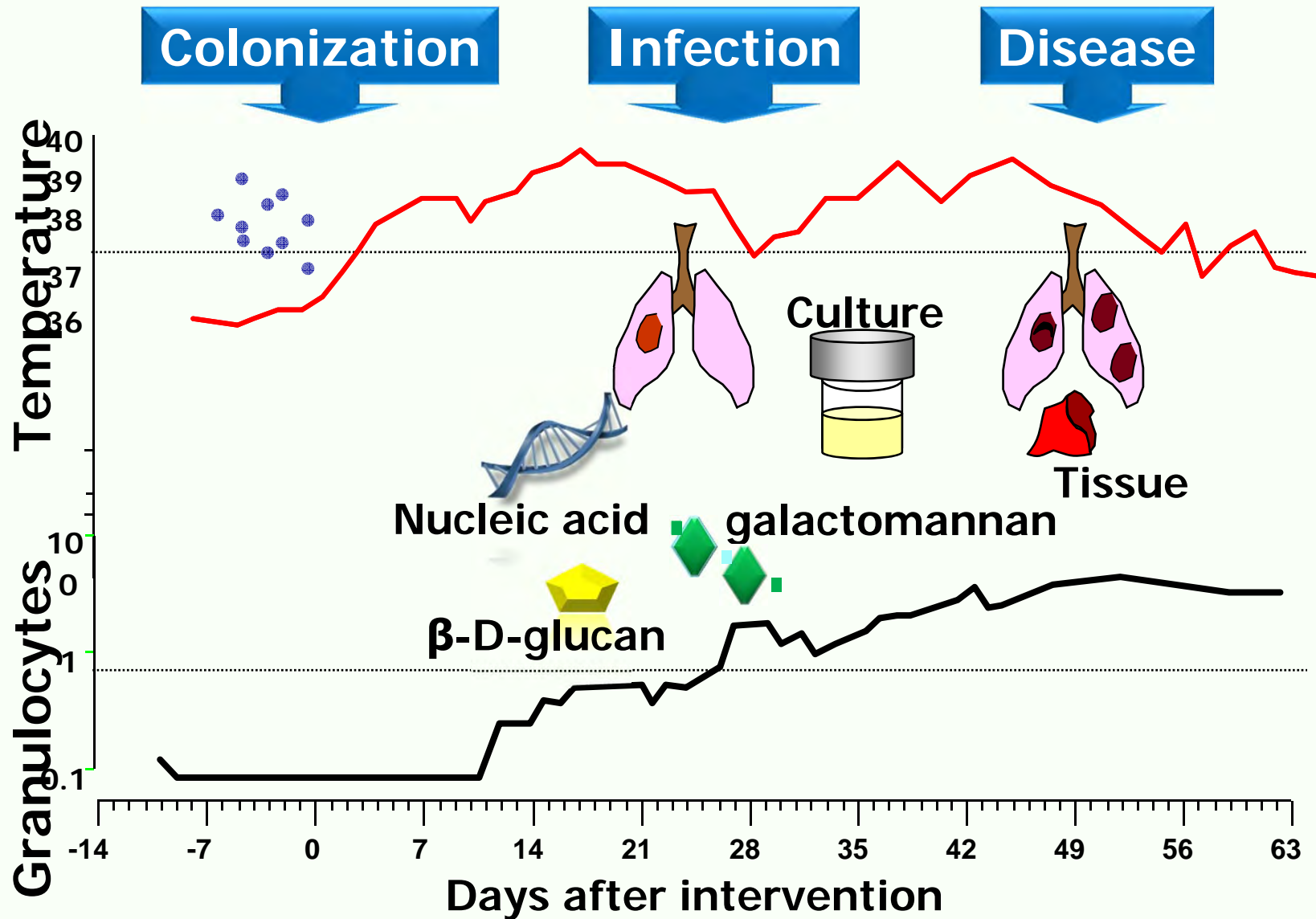
burns, malnutrition, post-cardiac surgery

<7 days corticosteroids

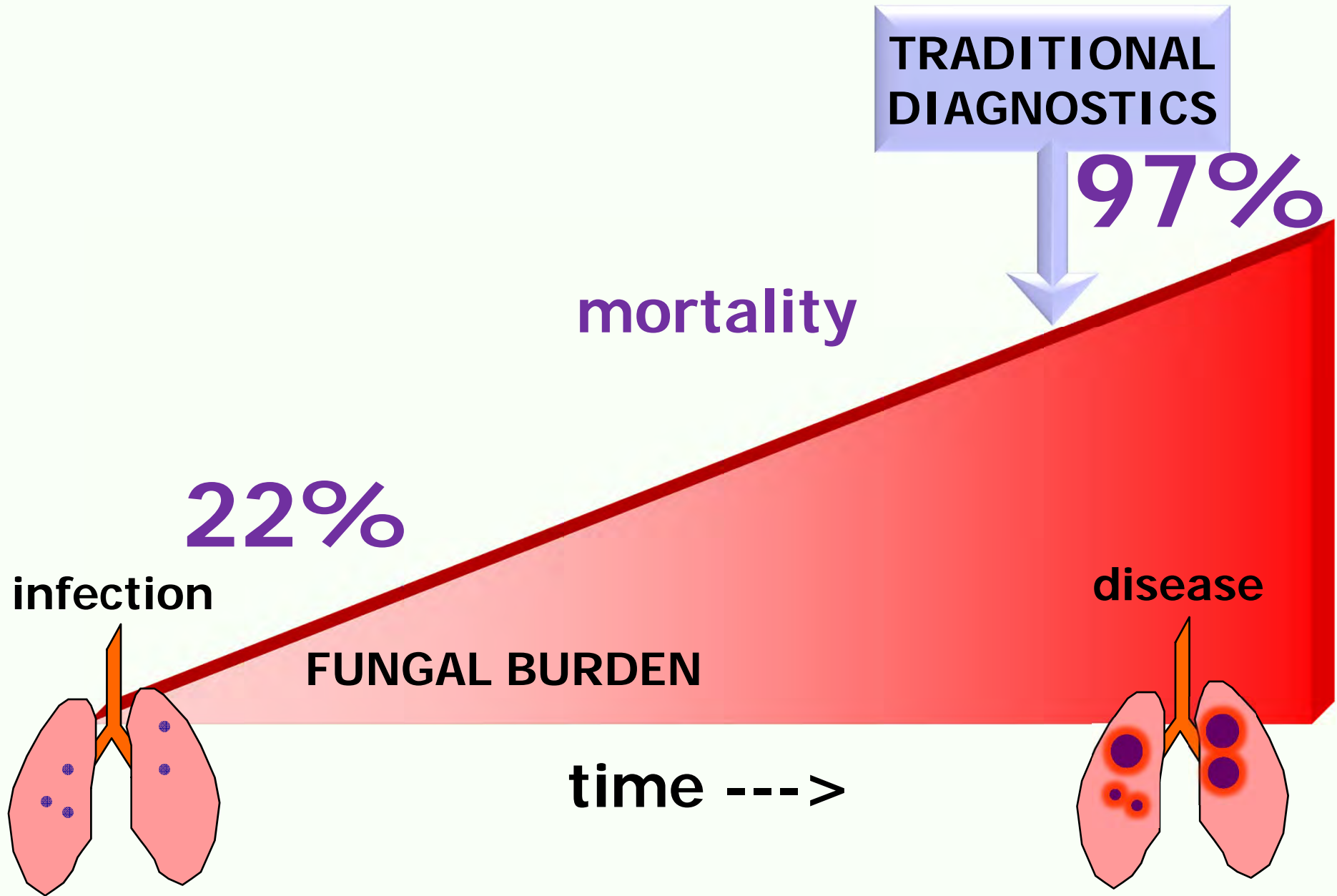


**Aspergillus**

# EVOLUTION OF MOULD DISEASE



# MORTALITY OVER TIME



## **Strategie di Terapia Antimicrobica nel Neutropenico Febbrile**

- **Profilassi**
  - (Levofloxacina)
- **Terapia empirica antibiotica**
  - Neutropenia febbrile (ad alto rischio)
  - Escalation Vs. de-escalation therapy
- **Terapia empirica antifungina**
- **Terapia pre-emptive antifungina**
- **Terapia di infezioni**
  - Microbiologicamente o clinicamente documentata, ad etiologia batterica o fungina

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## Caso Clinico 1

- **GV, maschio, 31 anni**
- **Anamnesi remota e familiare NDD**
- **Gennaio 2012: leucemia acuta mieloblastica**
  - **AML1/ETO according to WHO classification**
  - **(AML2 according to FAB classification)**
  - **Alla diagnosi:**
    - **Aspirato midollare mieloblasti 61% (morphology, cytochemistry, flowcytometry)**
    - **Analisi citogenetica: anomalie cromosomiche in >75% delle metafasi analizzate variante t(8;21) (ETO/AML1 fusion gene on derived 21 chromosome)**
    - **Analisi molecolare: RT-PCR AML1-ETO t(8;21)= positiva; ratio AML1/ETO/ABL >100%**

## Domanda 1.

**E' indicata una terapia antibiotica nella neutropenia febbrile?**

- 1.** No, senza altri segni e sintomi di accompagnamento
- 2.** Si, sempre
- 3.** Si, in presenza di CVC e mucosite
- 4.** La terapia antibiotica empirica è parte fondamentale della gestione dei pazienti neutropenici febbrili

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- **Durante le neutropenie:**
  - **Profilassi con fluconazolo**
  - **Terapia empirica con piperacillina / tazobactam se febbre**
  
- **Gennaio 2012 – Chemioterapia di induzione**
  - **Protocollo "7 + 3" Ara-C + Doxorubicin**
  - **Febbraio 2012: aspirato midollare**
    - **Mieloblasti = 33% myeloblasts**
    - **No remissione**

## Episodi Febrili in corso di Induzione



## LAM in terapia di induzione : 200 pazienti consecutivi ( protocolli NILG 01/00 e NILG 02/06 )

- Età mediana 53 aa (range 18 – 69 )
- Maschi 110 (55%) – Femmine 90 (45%)
- Giugno 2001 → giugno 2007 in reparto aperto (1) : 96 paz (48%)

• Giugno 2007 → oggi in reparto protetto (2) : 104 paz (52%)

	Reparto 1	Reparto 2	Tot
ICE	94 (97.9%)	67 (64.4%)	161 (80.5%)
HDS	2 ( 5.1%)	37 (35.6%)	39 (19.5%)
	96	104	200

## Chemioterapia di Induzione

### ICE

Giorni	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Citarabina 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> q 12 h	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Etoposide 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	X	X		
Idarubicina 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X				

### HDS

Giorni	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Citarabina 2000 mg/m <sup>2</sup> q 12 h	X	X						X	X	
Idarubicina 18 mg/m <sup>2</sup>			X							X

**Febbre > 38.3°C + Neutrofili < 500/ $\mu$ l**

- Emoculture
- Rx Torace
- Ag Aspergillo (GAM)
- Ag Legionella (su urine)
- Ag Pneumococco (su urine)
- Coltura su escreato
- Urocultura
- Coprocultura (C. Difficilis)

- Sospetta infezione CVC
- Colonizzazione da
  - MRSA / S. Pneu (resistente pen-cefalo)
- Emocultura positiva per Gram+
- SIRS

**GLICOPEPTIDE + PIPERA / MEROPENEM**

**PIPERA / MEROPENEM**

**Rivalutazione dopo 72 ore**

Sfebbramento

Nessuna etiologia

Prosegue ATB in atto

Risoluzione Neutropenia

Infezione "Breakthrough"

Identificazione microbiologica

**TERAPIA MIRATA**

Febbre persistente

Nessuna etiologia

- TC torace
- Eco / TC addome
- BAL

**IFI?**

NO

SI

Modifica Terapia (+ GLICOPEPTIDE)

**TERAPIA ANTIMICOTICA**



## Caso Clinico 1

- **Febbraio 2012 Nuova Chemioterapia di induzione:**
  - **Ara-C + Mitoxantrone**
- **Aspirato midollare: Mieloblasti <5%**
- \*\*\* HLA: no compatibilità familiare**
- **Marzo e Maggio 2012**
  - **Chemio di consolidamento: Ara-C alte dosi + Mitoxantrone**
- **Aspirato midollare: mieloblasti <5%**
- **Valutazione molecolare: – positività per malattia minima residua**
- \* - **Sangue periferico: AML1-ETO/ABL negativo**
- \* - **Sangue midollare AML1-ETO/ABL ratio 0,17%**

## Caso Clinico 1

- **Giugno 2012: Chemioterapia di consolidamento HiDAC**

**Aspirato midollare: Mieloblasti <5%**

**Duante aplasia:**

- **Profilassi con fluconazolo**
- **Al terzo giorno di neutropenia → piperacillina / tazobactam per febbre fino a 38,5° C**
- **Espettorato: colture negative**
- **Galattomannano: negativo x 2**
- **Persistentemente febbrile a 72h**
- **Emodinamicamente stabile**

**\*No donatore HLA compatibile**

## **Domanda2: Cosa si intende per terapia empirica antifungina nella neutropenia febbrile?**

- **1. la somministrazione di un antifungino in un paziente neutropenico e persistentemente febbrile dopo 72 ore di terapia antibiotica empirica**
- **2. la somministrazione empirica di un antifungino in un paziente neutropenico febbrile**
- **3. una strategia terapeutica antifungina, basata sulla somministrazione empirica in pazienti neutropenici con febbre persistente**
- **4. la somministrazione di un antifungino al giorno zero di neutropenia**

## **Caso Clinico 1**

- Neutropenia grave prolungata con febbre che scompare con terapia antibiotica ad ampio spettro e caspofungina empirica**
- Colture dell'espettorato: negative**
- Galattomannano sempre negativo**

### **Domanda 3. Qual è la durata della terapia antibiotica e antifungina?**

- 1. per tutta la durata della neutropenia
- 2. fino a che il paziente è febbrile o vi è diagnosi di infezione microbiologicamente documentata
- 3. fino all'esclusione di lesioni polmonari suggestive di *Aspergillus spp.*
- 4. dipende dalla strategia adottata per quanto riguarda la terapia antibiotica: escalation o de-escalation

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**Domanda 4. Si fa sempre riferimento solo alla febbre per quanto riguarda la terapia empirica, antibiotica o antifungina?**

- 1. No
- 2. Si
- 3. No: i pazienti ipotermici vanno trattati con le stesse doverose considerazioni. Il termine di neutropenia febbrile può essere poi ulteriormente caratterizzato
- 4. No: a parte l'ipotermia, ci sono infezioni clinicamente o microbiologicamente documentate

## **Caso Clinico 1**

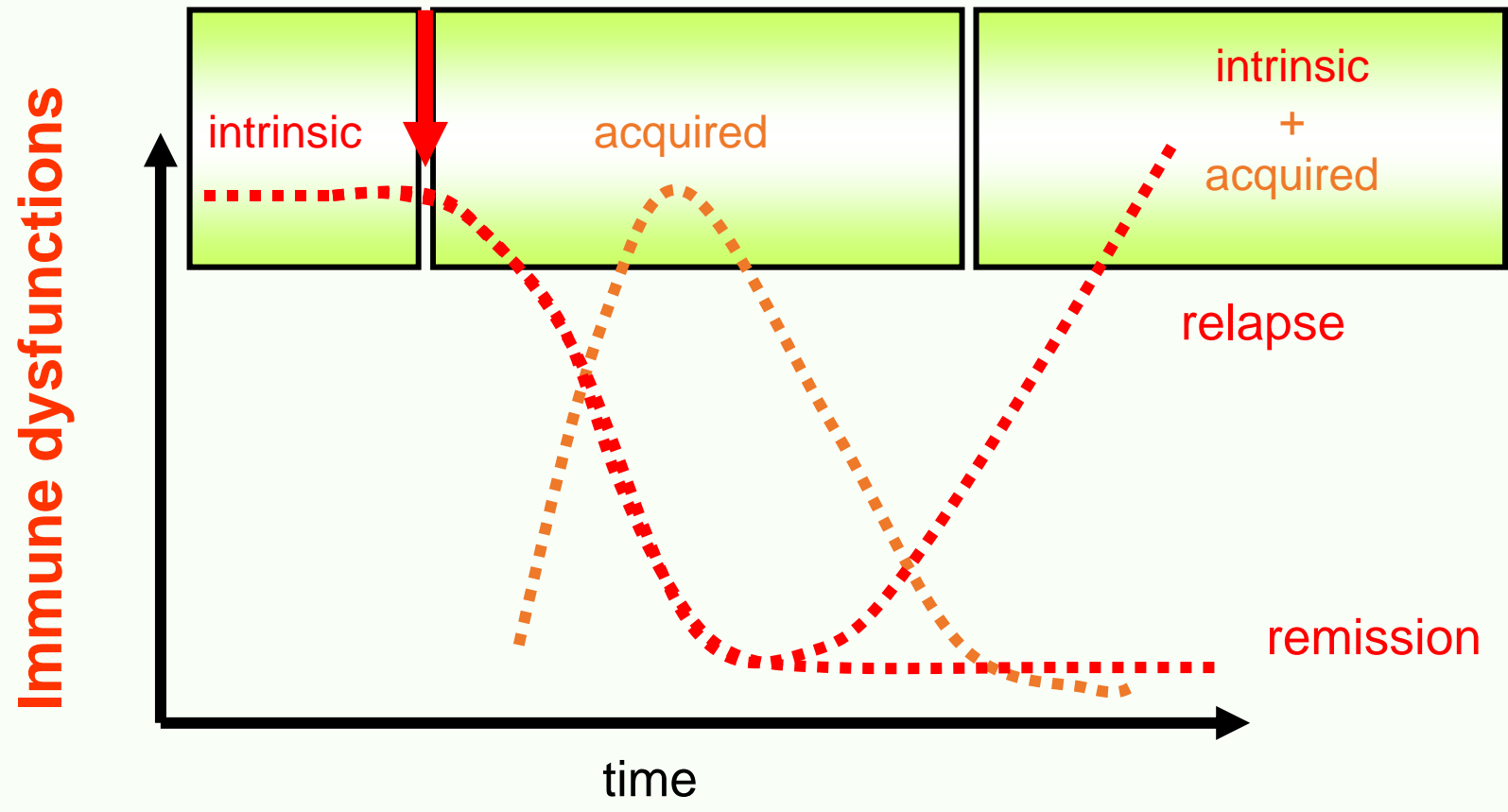
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**- Terapia antibiotica ad ampio spettro e caspofungin per 14 giorni**

**(Al momento non c'è donatore HLA compatibile)**



# Chemotherapy



diagnosis

time

remission

relapse

intrinsic  
+  
acquired

acquired

intrinsic

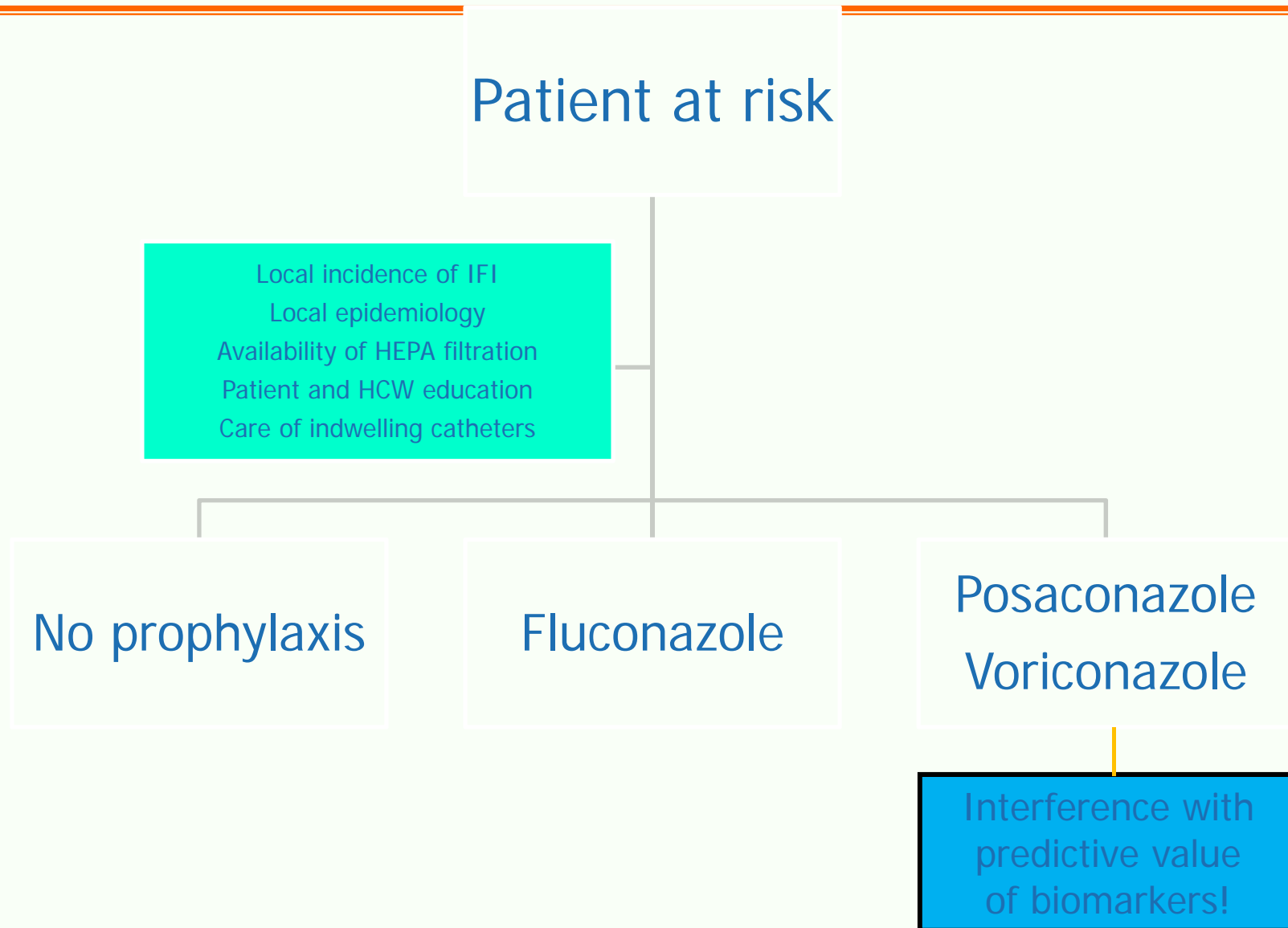
- **Luglio 2012**
- **Chemioterapia di consolidamento HiDAC**
- **Fluconazolo in profilassi**
- **Terapia empirica con piperacillina/tazobactam da 10 giorni (neutropenia febbrile, regredita)**
  - **Esame obiettivo: stabile, tosse, dolore toracico pleurítico al fianco destro, senza rumori aggiunti polmonari**
  - **Esami microbiologici negativi**
- **Emocromo: Neutropenia severa (WBC=100/mm<sup>3</sup>)**
- **Inizia terapia empirica antifungina con caspofungin**
- **Espettorato: colture negative**
- **Galattomannano: negativo x 1; 0,8 secondo campione**

## Domanda 5

**A questo punto conviene insistere con una terapia empirica antifungina o piuttosto richiedere una TC torace?**

- **1. continuo una terapia empirica antifungina (caspofungin o amfotericina liposomiale)**
- **2. richiedo TC torace per escludere un'infezione aspergillare**
- **3. cambio terapia da caspofungin a voriconazolo**
- **4. Cambio terapia da caspofungin ad amfotericina liposomiale**

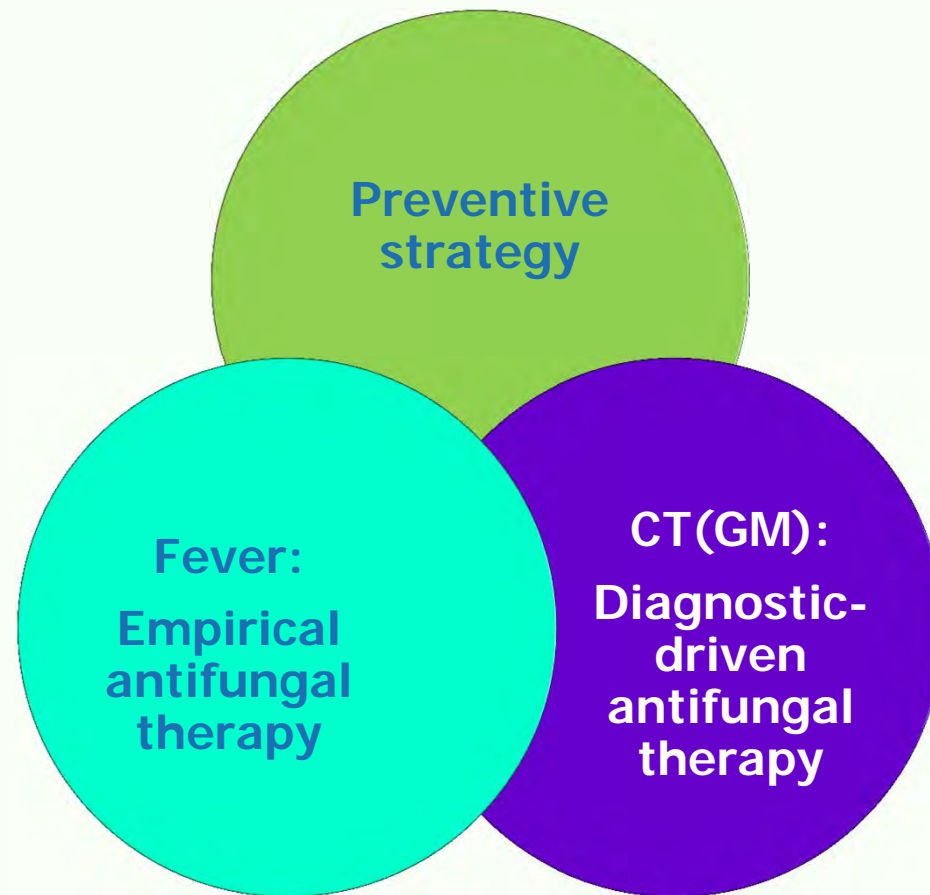
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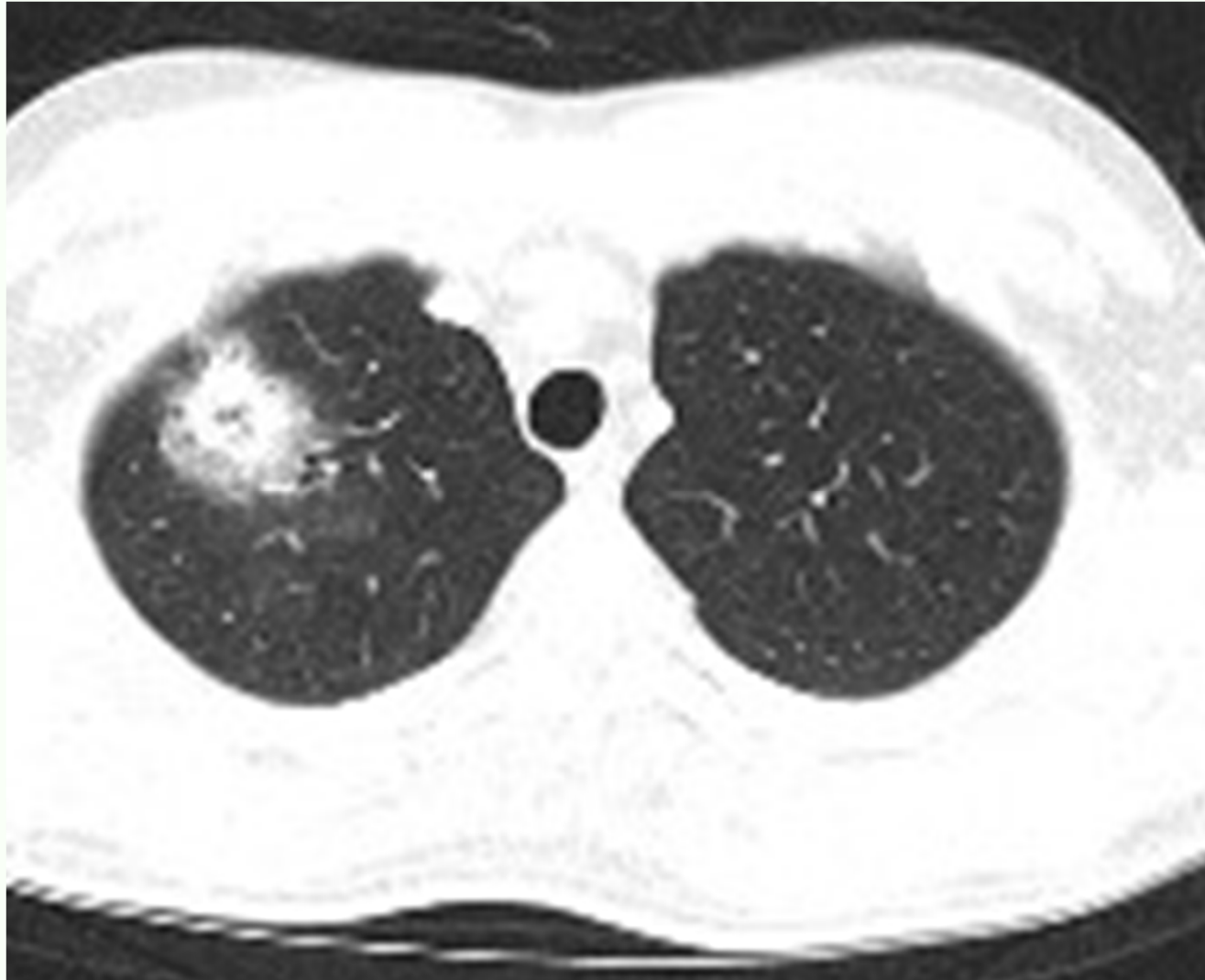
# Strategia Empirica o Pre-emptive

*...solo per neutropenici...*

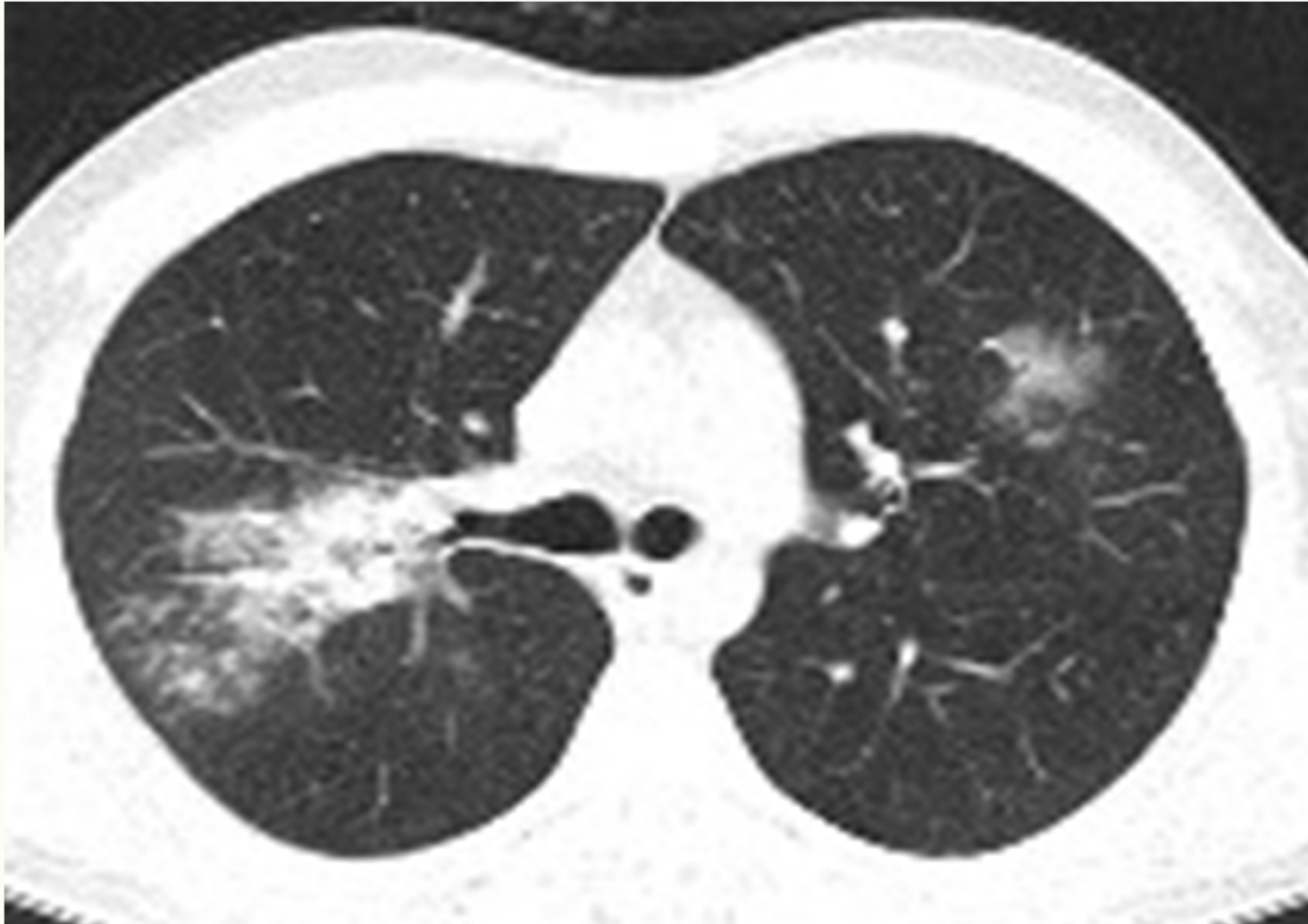
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- **Quantiferon TB test – negativo**
- **Espettorato per BK – negativo**
- **No broncoscopia per aplasia midollare**



## **Domanda6: Quale terapia?**

- **1. Amfotericina liposomiale**
- **2. Amfotericina in complessi lipidici**
- **3. Voriconazolo**
- **4. Caspofungin**
- **5. Posaconazolo**

- **Quantiferon TB test – negativo**
- **Espettorato per BK – negativo**
- **No broncoscopia per aplasia midollare**
  
- **Inizia voriconazolo: aspergillosi polmonare probabile**
- **(durata terapia: indefinita)**
- **Novembre 2012: trapianto allogenico e continua voriconazolo**

## Caso Clinico 2

- MS, femmina, 30 anni
- No comorbidità
- Aprile 2012 – Leucemia acuta promielocitica
  
- Aprile-Maggio 2012 – Inizia anche Chemioterapia "7+3"
- **Sindrome ATRA during la chemio di induzione**
  - **Esame obiettivo: incremento ponderale di 5-6kg, lieve dispnea, tosse, no febbre, MV diminuito bilateralmente**
  - **WBC: 64.000/mm<sup>3</sup>**
  - **Rx torace; versamento basale destro**
  - **Desametasone 16 mg/die**
  - **Outcome favorevole, riduzione e interruzione dopo due settimane**

## **Caso Clinico 2**

- **Durante l'aplasia conseguente alla chemioterapia di induzione:**
  - **Neutropenia grave e prolungata di 14 giorni**
  - **EO: mucosite orale e febbre fino a 38,2 C per tre giorni**
  - **Colture: tutte negative (espettorato, urine, sangue)**
  - **Galattomannano negativo x 3 v**
  - **In terapia empirica con piperacillina / tazobactam**
  - **Profilassi antifungina con posaconazolo**
  - **Profilassi antivirale con acyclovir**

## **Chemioterapia di Consolidamento**

- **Giugno-Agosto: due cicli di Chemioterapia di consolidamento**
- **Ottobre 2012: Terzo ciclo di Chemioterapia di consolidamento**
- **(no neutropenia febbrile; posaconazolo in profilassi)**
  
- **Durante l'aplasia midollare:**
  - **Ascesso perianale all'esame obiettivo, senza febbre**
  - **WBC: grave neutropenia per 14 giorni**
  - **Inizia meropenem ev sostituendo la piperacillina/tazobactam**

Ottobre 2012

- **Durante l'aplasia:**
- **Esame obiettivo: tosse produttiva, febbre, all'ascoltazione non rilievi patologici**
- **Emocromo: aumento della PCR**
- **Emocolture negative**
- **Espettorato: colturale positivo per *Aspergillus spp.***

## **Domanda7: Quale strategia antifungina?**

- **1. Continuo posaconazolo**
- **2. continuo posaconazolo ma controllo i livelli plasmatici**
- **3. Inizio una terapia empirica antifungina con amfotericina liposomiale o caspofungin**
- **4. Scelgo di completare una strategia pre-emptive: TC torace e dosaggio del galattomannano plasmatico**

- **Strategia pre-emptive:**
- **Febbre persistente in corso di profilassi con posaconazolo**
- **Galattomannano positivo X 2**
- **TC torace: .....**
  - **Noduli e segno dell'alone radiotrasparente**
  
- **Test Quantiferon negativo**
- **Espettorato negativo per BK**
- **No bronoscopia per aplasia midollare**



## **Outcome**

- **Inizia Voriconazolo a dose standard**
- **La febbre scompare in 24 ore ma gli effetti collaterali visivi inducono alla sospensione**
- **Stop voriconazolo e inizia amfotericina liposomiale**

**STOP**