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# MORBO DI PAGET

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James Paget  
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Osteitis deformans

# Paget's disease of bone

- Disorder of bone remodeling in which there is **excessive bone resorption** followed by **excessive bone formation** that results in bone that is architecturally unsound.
- The excess bone lacks the structural stability of normal bone, causing **deformity**, **pain**, and **fracture** in one or more regions of the skeleton







Modeling  
alterations

# Morbo di Paget

## Localizzazioni cranio-facciali



# Paget's disease

- Diagnosis in the early phase is uncommon
- Often asymptomatic
- Pain attributed to osteoarthritis
- Serum ALP not correctly evaluated
- In some cases, diagnosis was made after complications are developed

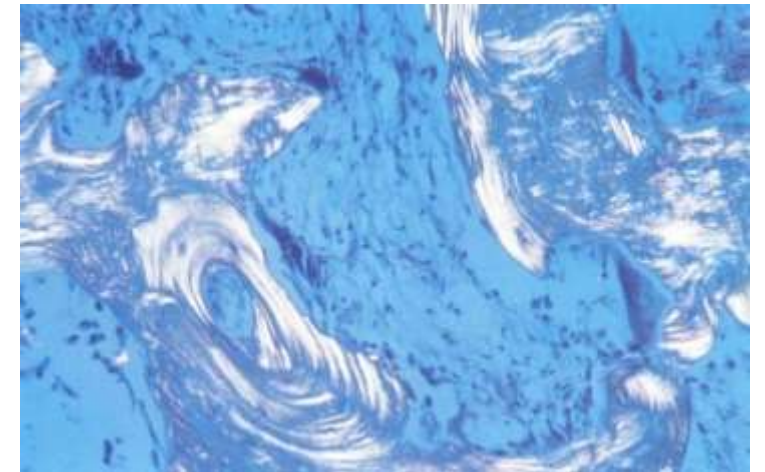
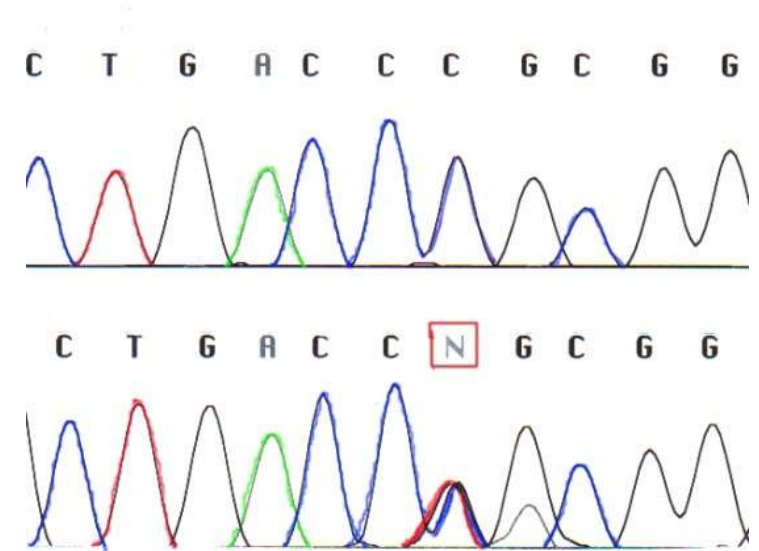
**Table I** - Clinical presentation of Paget disease of bone.

|   |
|---|
| Incidental finding on an x-ray or in biochemical test |
| Bone pain   |
| Arthropathy   |
| Deformity   |
| Fracture  |
| Hearing loss  |
| Neurological complications                            |
| Osteosarcoma  |

# DIAGNOSIS OF PAGET'S DISEASE OF BONE

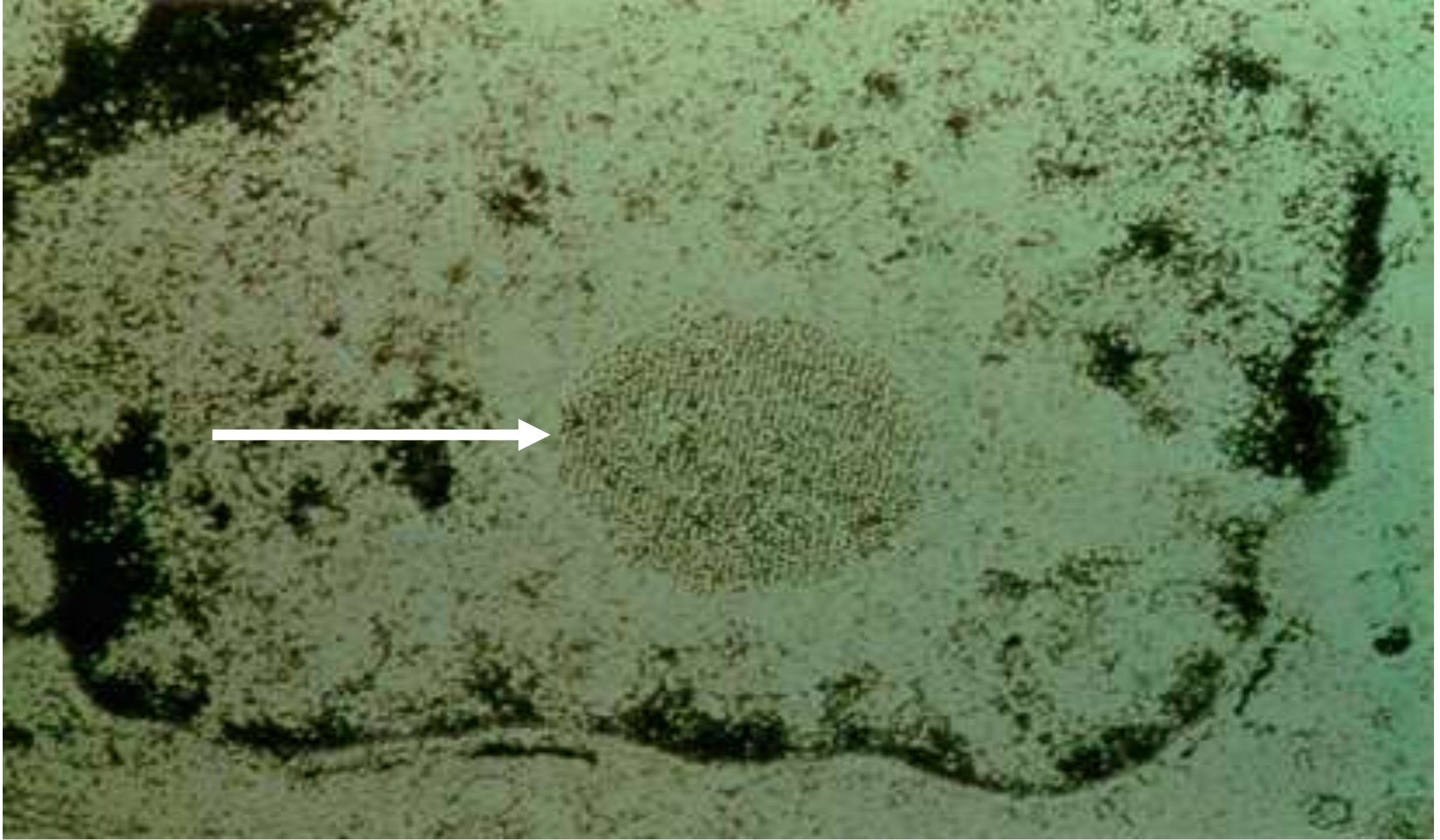
- Signs and Symptoms (*bone deformities*)
- Bone Markers (*high alkaline phosphatase*)
- X-rays
- Bone Scan ( $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -MDP)
- (CT and/or MRI)

## • *SQSTM1* Gene Analysis

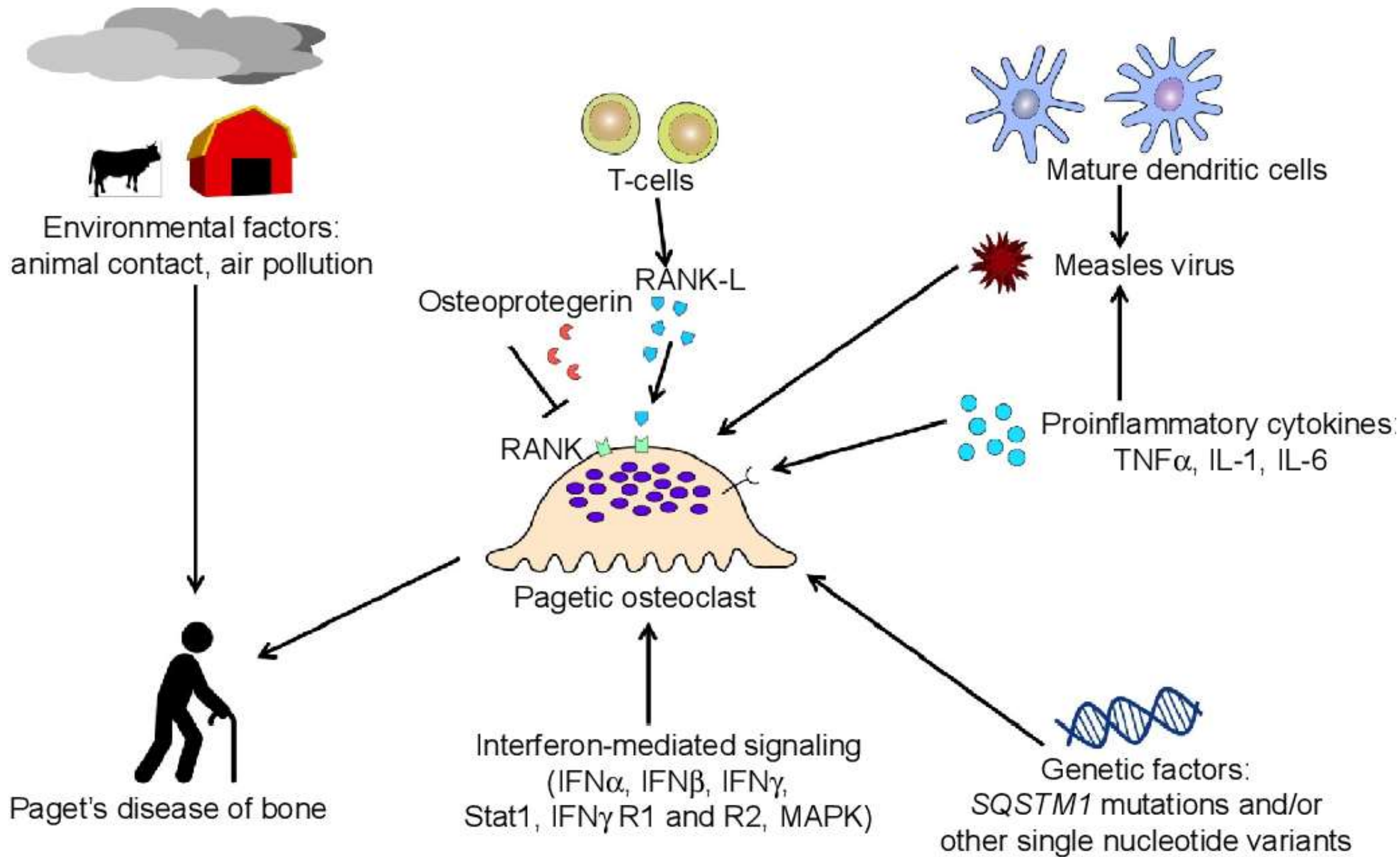


## • (Bone Biopsy)





The cause of Paget's disease is still not clear. Research findings suggest that PD may be caused by a slow virus infection, possibly related to the paramyxovirus family.



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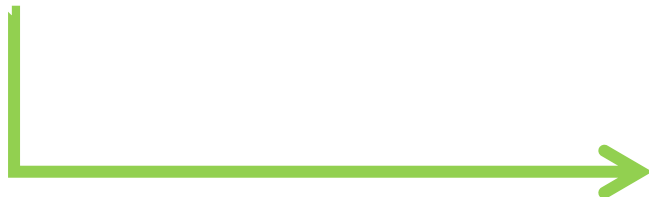
- Familiarità nel 15-30% dei casi.
- Nei parenti di primo grado rischio > 7-10 volte.



**IPOTESI GENETICA**

## la suscettibilità genetica potrebbe non essere condizione sufficiente

- Penetranza incompleta nelle famiglie con una documentata predisposizione genetica,
- Malattia altamente localizzata a uno o più particolari distretti ossei piuttosto che interessare l'intero scheletro,
- Cambiamenti nell'incidenza e nella severità nel corso degli ultimi 25 anni,
- Maggiore prevalenza della malattia in aree rurali



**IPOTESI  
VIRALE**

# Epidemiologia del Morbo di Paget

- Alta prevalenza:
  - Inghilterra, U.S.A., Australia, Nuova Zelanda, Europa Occidentale
- Bassa prevalenza:
  - Scandinavia, Cina, Giappone, India
  - Uomini/Donne = 1.8/1 – 1/1



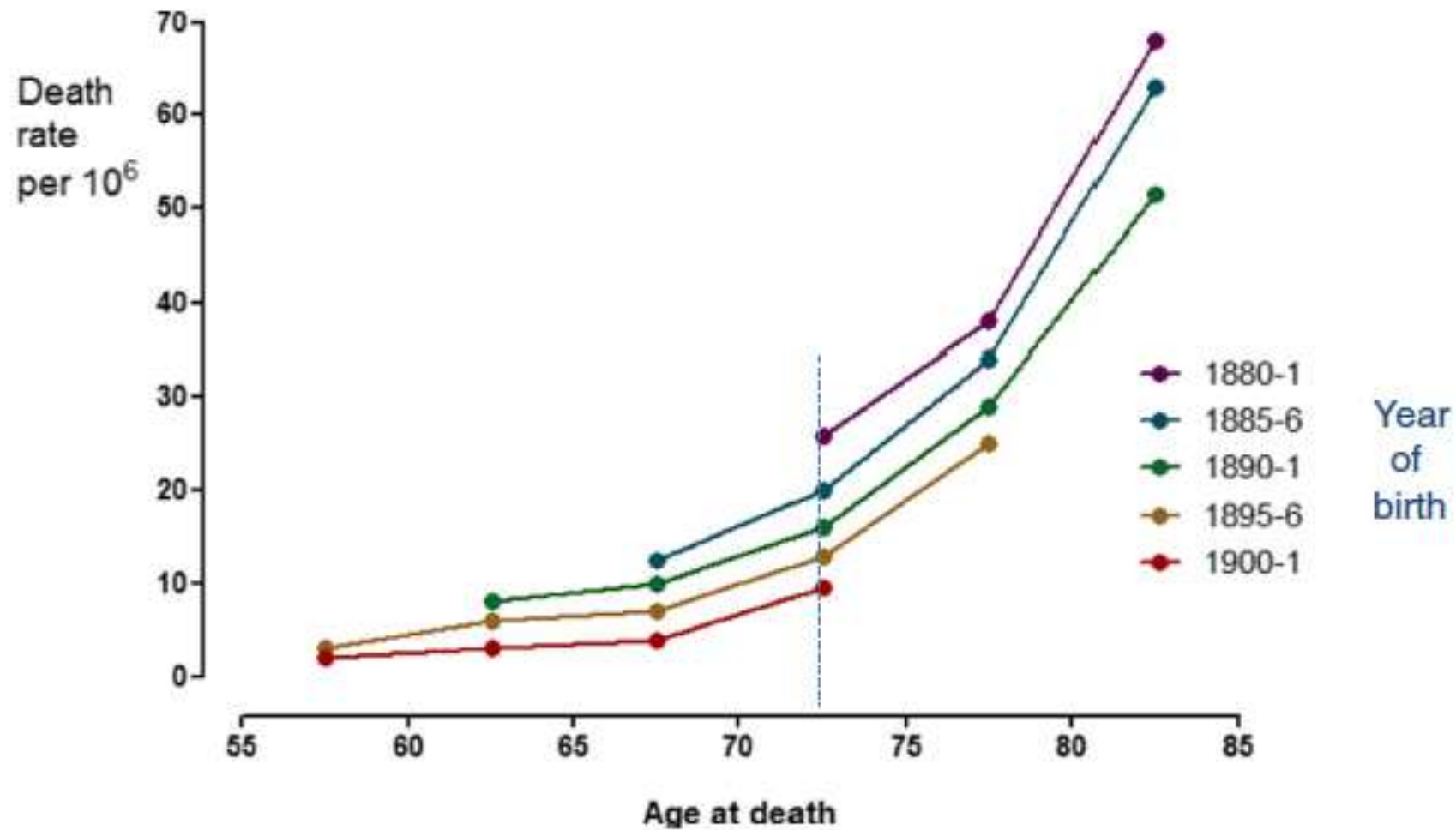


Fig. 2 – Proportion of death certificates issued in England & Wales that mentioned Paget's disease in successive cohorts born between 1880 and 01 and 1890–01. Note that at an age of death of 72½ (dotted line) the proportion had fallen from 25% to 9%. Data adapted from Gardner & Barker [17].

# PAGET DISEASE IN ITALY

- Prevalence:
  - approximately 1 % (0.7→2.4% age)
  - higher in males
- Secular Trends:
  - no apparent decrease in prevalence
  - probable decrease in clinical severity
- Familial Aggregation:
  - 15-28 % (SQSTM1 mutation in 5-10%)
  - probably underestimated
- Environment:
  - more prevalent in rural vs. urban areas
  - association with animal-related factors
- Regional Clustering:
  - high prevalence areas detected in Toscana, Calabria and Campania
  - increased clinical severity in Campania region

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La scoperta più significativa è stata che circa il 30% del PDB familiare è associato a mutazioni ereditarie dominanti nel gene SQSTM1.

## Paget's disease of bone



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Rispetto agli individui affetti senza mutazioni, **quelli con mutazioni SQSTM1 tendono ad avere un fenotipo più grave**, presentandosi in **età precoce** e con una malattia **più estesa**.

Sono state associate circa 30 diverse mutazioni in SQSTM1 a PDB, ma una, p.**P392L**, è di gran lunga la più comune ed è stata trovata in popolazioni di tutto il mondo.

Nelle ultime generazioni di pz affetti da PDB il **fenotipo è attenuato e/o ritardato** e l'entità del coinvolgimento scheletrico risulta inferiore

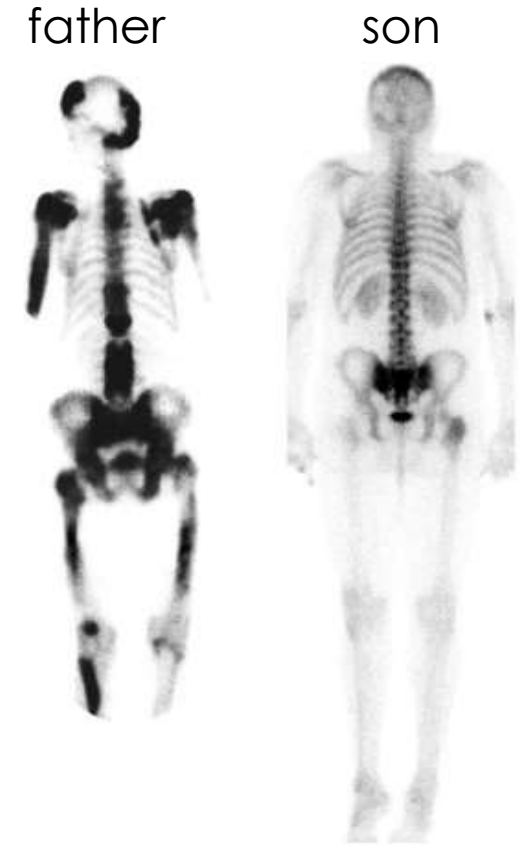


Fig. 3 – Bone scintiscans from a father and son who both carry a truncating mutation in SQSTM1. The father had severe symptomatic polyostotic disease when he was diagnosed at the age of 39 - his ALP was 1200 u/L. His son was asymptomatic when diagnosed with monostotic PDB of the sacrum at the age of 44 - his ALP was 81 u/L (normal < 120 u/L).

## Loci di suscettibilità per m. di Paget

il *Pdb2* viene oggi associato alla sindrome dell'osteolisi espansile familiare (Feo), al Paget giovanile e all'iperfosfatasia scheletrica espansile (Esh) e a rari disordini scheletrici su base familiare.

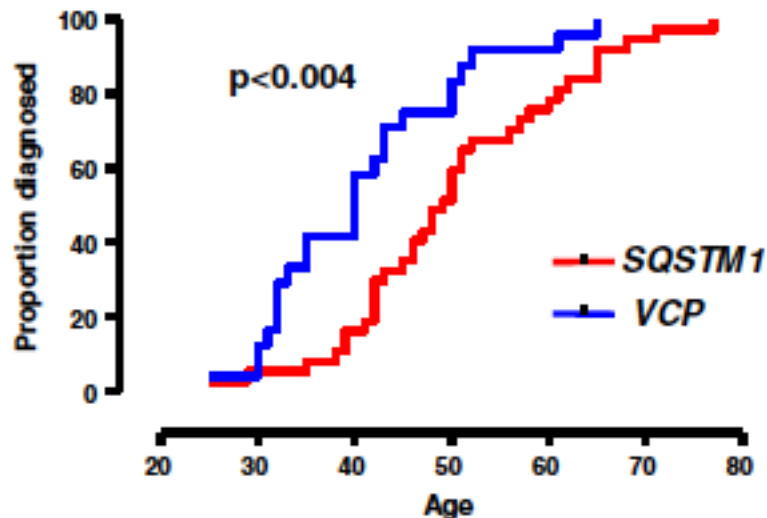
| Locus                    | Cromosoma  | Gene/i  | Commenti  |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|---|
| Pdb1                     | 6p21.3     | Hla     | Probabile falso positivo  |
| Pdb2                     | 18q21.1-22 | Rank    | Osteodistrofia di Paget (forme rare e gravi)  |
| Pdb3                     | 5q35       | SQSTM1* | Il più importante gene legato all'osteodistrofia di Paget   |
| Pdb4                     | 5q31       | -       |   |
| Pdb5                     | 2q36       | -       |   |
| Pdb6                     | 10p13      | -       |   |
| Pdb7                     | 18q23      | -       | Potrebbe essere un falso positivo. Molti membri familiari che mostrano <i>linkage</i> con il Pdb7 ora mostrano mutazioni a livello del gene <i>Sqstm1</i> |
| *SQSTM1 = Sequestosoma 1 |            |         |   |



# PROTEINOPATIA MULTISISTEMICA e MALATTIA DI PAGET

I tessuti interessati dal PDB hanno in comune inclusioni ubiquitina positiva che contengono proteine leganti l'RNA come TDP-43, hnRNP A1 e hnRNP A2B1, ma possono anche contenere **proteine che mediano l'autofagia dipendente dall'ubiquitina** come **p62, VCP e optineurina**. Ad oggi le mutazioni in cinque geni sono state associate a proteinopatia multisistemica: **VCP, HNRNPA2B1, HNRNPA1, SQSTM1** e MATR3. La malattia di Paget è stata associata a tutti questi tranne l'ultimo.

**PDB associato a proteinopatia multisistemica si verifica in un'età più giovane rispetto al classico PDB e può a volte essere la sua caratteristica di presentazione.** I geni implicati nella proteinopatia multisistemica codificano per proteine leganti l'RNA o proteine che mediano l'autofagia ubiquitina-dipendente. Il risultato sembra essere eccesso di assemblaggio di granuli di RNA (che normalmente controllano la post-trascrizione metabolismo dell'mRNA) accoppiato con il fallimento di degradazione autofagica. Un piccolo studio ha riferito che particolari alleli in alcuni geni correlati all'autofagia sono anche associato al rischio di PDB [1].

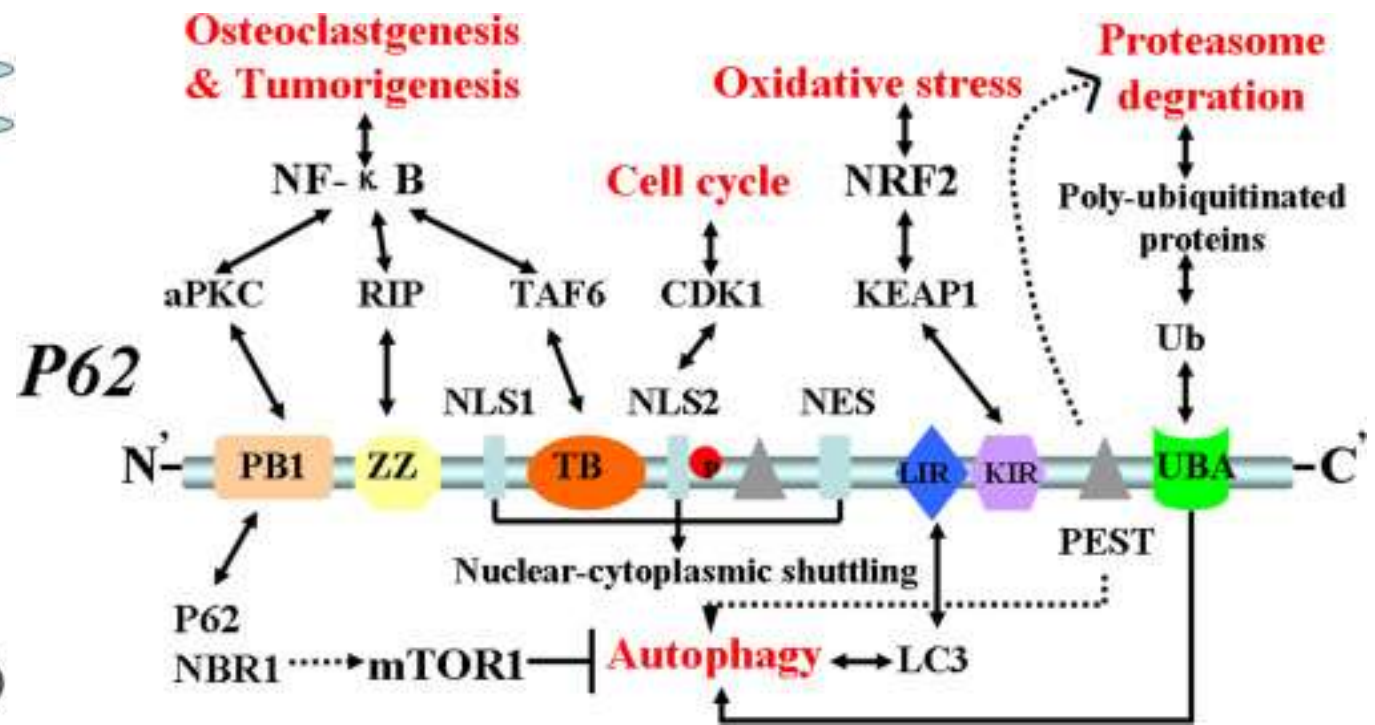
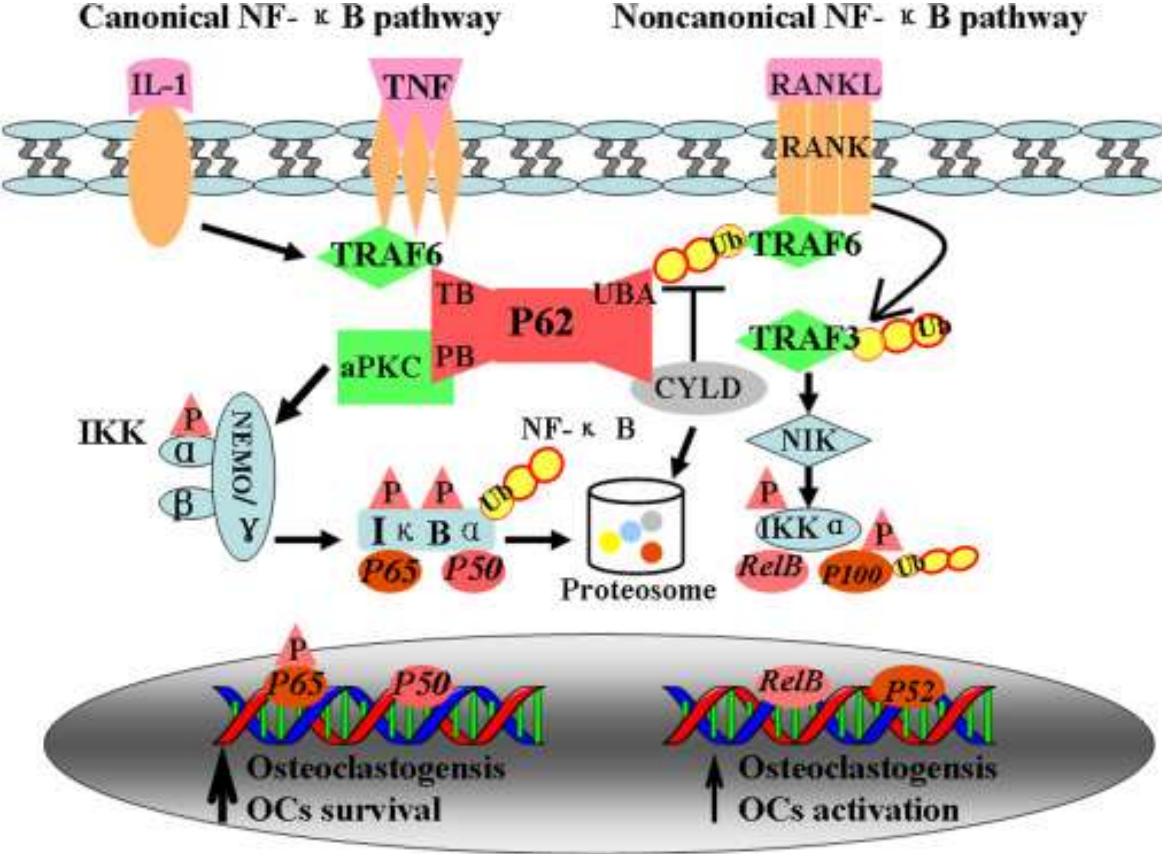


**Fig. 4 – Age at diagnosis of Paget's disease in 24 patients with multisystem proteinopathy due to VCP mutations (from Kimonis et al. [46]) and 37 patients with SQSTM1 mutations but no multisystem proteinopathy (data from Auckland, New Zealand). Paget's disease was diagnosed about 10 years earlier in VCP mutation carriers.**



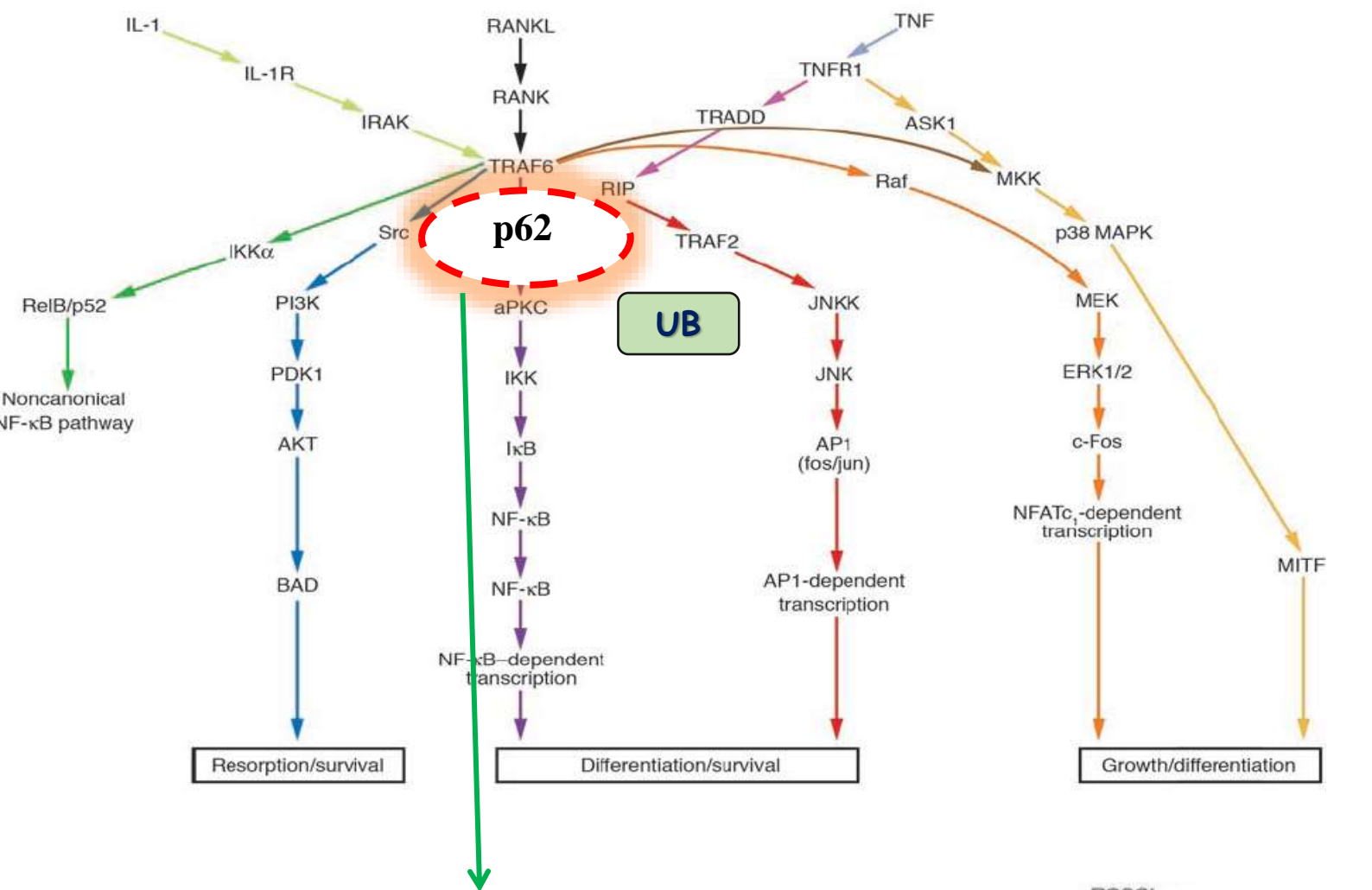
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**SQSTM1** codifica per l'onnipresente **proteina dello scaffold** intracellulare multidominio, **p62**, coinvolta in varie vie di segnalazione. Il modo in cui i cambiamenti in p62 predispongono al PDB non è completamente compreso. La proteina ha una serie di **funzioni**, ma la maggior parte dell'attenzione è stata concentrata su quelle che influenzano la **differenziazione, l'attività e la sopravvivenza** degli **osteoclasti**. Questi includono la trasduzione dell'**NFKB** e le vie **Keap1 / Nrf2** indotte dallo **stress ossidativo**, che prendono di mira le proteine per la degradazione e la formazione dell'**autofagosoma** e l'**apoptosi**. p62 è coinvolto in molte vie di segnalazione degli osteoclasti attivate da RANKL. **L'autofagia è un percorso critico per la rimozione di proteine e organelli danneggiati e inclini all'aggregazione**. p62 è un recettore del carico per l'autofagia mediata dall'ubiquitina.

# Effetto delle mutazioni del gene del sequestosoma 1 (SQSTM1)



Sono state descritte 11 differenti mutazioni tutte presenti nel dominio legante l'ubiquitina (UBA domain).

Viene danneggiata la capacità della proteina p62 di veicolare le proteine legate all'ubiquitina all'interno della via NF-κB per essere degradate, mentre resta intatta la funzione "scaffold". Questo potrebbe provocare una **prolungata attivazione della via NF-κB** e quindi un'**aumentata osteoclasto-genesi**.

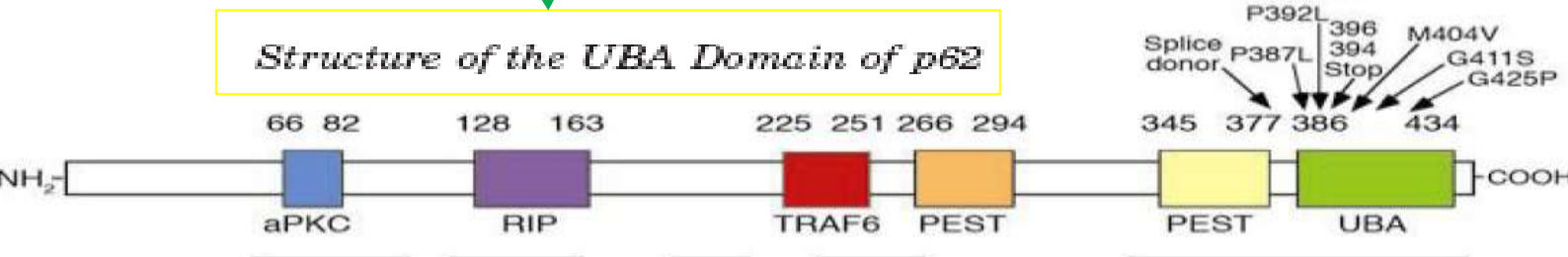






Fig. 1 - A A 'lytic wedge' of osteoclast-led resorption in the tibia. Note the thin cortex which makes this phase vulnerable to fracture. B Paget's disease affecting the right femur and right hemipelvis causing secondary osteoarthritis at the hip joint and acetabular protrusion. C Monostotic Paget's disease affecting the third lumbar vertebra. Note that the bone is enlarged. D An 85 year old woman with PDB affecting the skull and left fibula (arrowed) before (left) and after a 6 month course of oral alendronate (40 mg/day). Note the marked reduction in isotope uptake.

**Table 1 - Radiographic features of Paget's disease.**

- Classical triad
  - Thickening of the cortex
  - Accentuation of the trabecular pattern
  - Increased size of bone
- Cyst-like areas
- Skull involvement
  - Inner and outer table involved
  - Diploic widening
  - Osteoporosis circumscripta - well-defined lytic lesion in skull
  - "Cotton wool" appearance of thickened calvarium
  - Basilar invagination with encroachment on foramen magnum
  - Sclerosis of skull base
- Long bones
  - V-shaped defect of advancing lytic tip in diaphysis
  - Lateral curvature of femur
  - Anterior curvature of tibia
  - Fissure fractures
- Pelvis
  - Thickened trabeculae in sacrum, ilium
  - Rarefaction in central portion of ilium (looks like a large lytic lesion)
  - Thickening of iliopectineal line
  - Acetabular protrusion with secondary degenerative joint disease
- Spine
  - Coarse trabeculations at periphery of bone
  - "Picture-frame vertebra"
  - Enlarged vertebral body; reinforced peripheral trabeculae/lucent center
  - "Ivory vertebra" with increased density
  - "Mickey Mouse" appearance on scintiscan





Hot phases



Mixed phase: presence of osteolytic and disorganized osteoblastic activity.  
“Cotton wool” aspect of the affected bones

**Table 1** Clinical Manifestations and Complications of Paget's Disease of Bone

**Musculoskeletal**

Bone pain, bowing of long bones, enlarged skull, osteoarthritis of joints adjacent to pagetic lesions, bone fractures, sarcoma (osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, fibrosarcoma), giant cell tumors

**Neurologic**

Hearing loss, platybasia, spinal stenosis, vascular steal syndromes, increased cerebral spinal fluid pressure, cranial nerve deficits (rare)

**Cardiovascular**

High-output heart failure, aortic stenosis, endocardial calcifications

**Genitourinary**

Nephrolithiasis

**Metabolic**

Hypercalcemia (in some patients), immobilization hypercalciuria, hyperuricemia

Based on information from Ralston SH. Paget's disease of bone. *N Engl J Med*. 2013;368:644-650 and Whyte MP. Paget's disease of bone. *N Engl J Med*. 2006;355:593-600.

# Complications of Paget's Disease

# Malattia ossea di Paget





# Complications of Paget's Disease

- Reduced quality of life
- Improved mortality (R.R. 1.3 after 5 years of disease)
- Importance of early diagnosis and treatment to prevent onset and development of complications

**Table II** - Indications for treatment of Paget disease of bone.

|   |
|---|
| Pain in pagetic bones                                 |
| Neurological complications                            |
| Significant osteolytic lesions                        |
| Involvement of long bones, vertebrae or base of skull |
| Before surgery involving pagetic bones                |
| Significant joint involvement (e.g. hip joint)        |

# Neoplastic complication of Paget's disease

- Sarcoma (< 1%)
  - osteosarcoma
  - chondrosarcoma
  - fibrosarcoma
- Giant-cell tumor (rarely malignant)

# High-risk sites for malignant transformation

- **Extremities**
- **Pelvis.**

Sarcomatous transformation should be suspected

- sudden onset of pain,
- rapid worsening of previous pain
- increased deformity
- rapid increase in the serum ALP levels

# Osteosarcoma in m. di Paget

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## Osteosarcoma in Paget's Disease of Bone

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**ABSTRACT:** Paget's disease of bone (PDB) is a focal disorder of bone metabolism first described by Sir James Paget in 1876. It is presumed benign in nature and mediated by abnormal osteoclast function. The incidence of osteosarcomas complicating PDB is estimated at <1%. These cancers occur mostly in persons with long-standing, polyostotic disease and affect patients in their seventh decade or when osteosarcoma is remarkably rare in the general population. Epidemiological studies suggest that this late peak of osteosarcoma is absent in regions where Paget's is infrequently reported. Whereas PDB has a predilection for the axial skeleton, skull, femurs, and tibias, pagetic osteosarcoma tend to spare the spine, and are reported more commonly in the pelvis, femur, humerus, and skull. A molecular basis for the association of osteosarcoma with Paget's disease is unclear. These osteosarcomas are osteogenic in origin, consistently arise in sites of pagetic bone, and may present as metachronous, multifocal lesions. On histopathology, the lesions are usually osteoblastic, and the tumor phenotype is sometimes characterized as an exaggerated, chaotic form of the accelerated bone remodeling that characterizes PDB. New insights from the biology of adolescent osteosarcomas, *VCP* and *QSTM1* mutations now defined in patients with Paget's disease, and emerging evidence that stromal lesions are present in patients with Paget's disease are changing the way we think about the pathogenesis of PDB and the rare complication of pagetic osteosarcomas.

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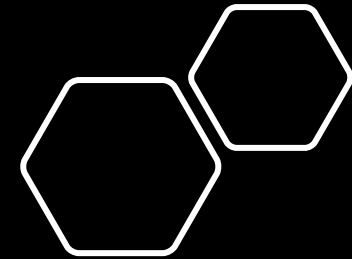
**Key words:** Paget's disease of bone, osteosarcoma, bone remodeling, genetics



TABLE 1. ANATOMIC DISTRIBUTION OF PAGETIC AND ADOLESCENT OSTEOSARCOMA<sup>(46)</sup>

| <i>Anatomic site</i> | <i>Adolescent osteosarcoma</i> | <i>Pagetic osteosarcoma</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Skull                | 2%                             | 8%                          |
| Mandible             | 3%                             | 2%                          |
| Humerus              | 9%                             | 19%                         |
| Femur                | 47%                            | 24%                         |
| Proximal tibia       | 15%                            | 10%                         |
| Ilium                | 7%                             | 26%                         |
| Sacrum               | <1%                            | 3%                          |
| Ribs                 | <1%                            | 3%                          |
| Vertebrae            | <1%                            | 3%                          |

**PAGETIC OSTEOSARCOMA REPRESENTS A  
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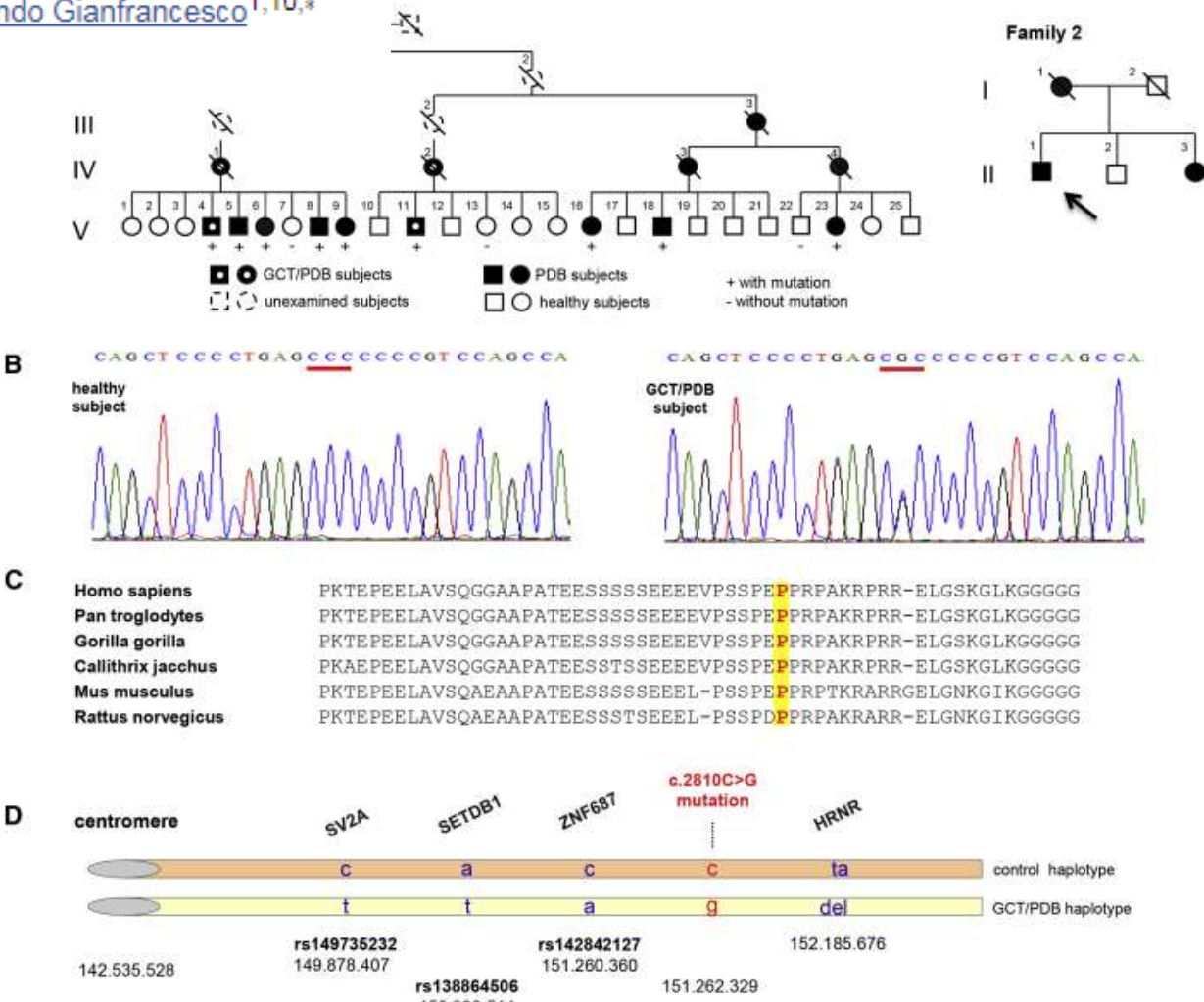


# ZNF687 Mutations in Severe Paget Disease of Bone Associated with Giant Cell Tumor

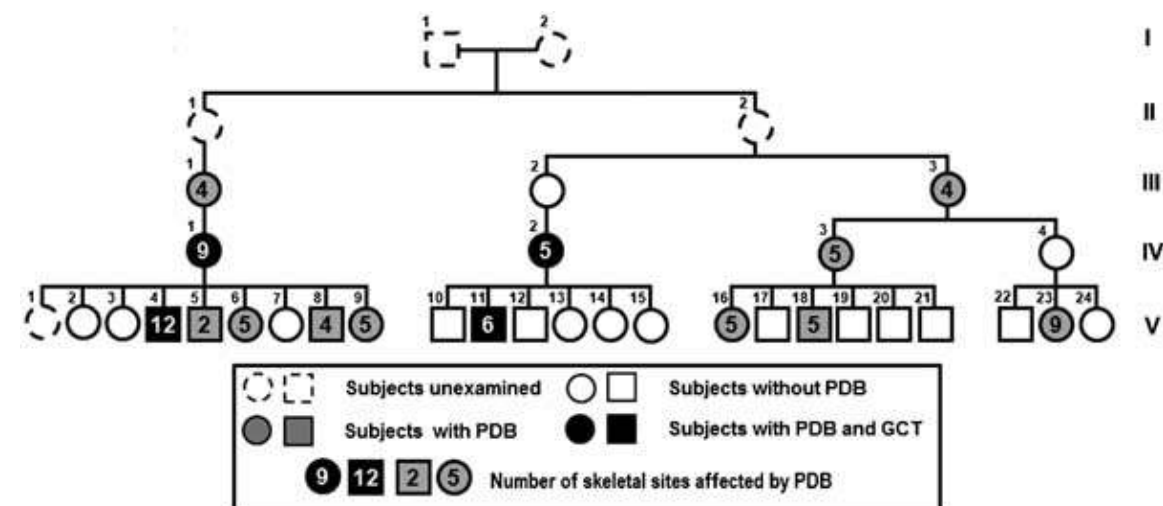
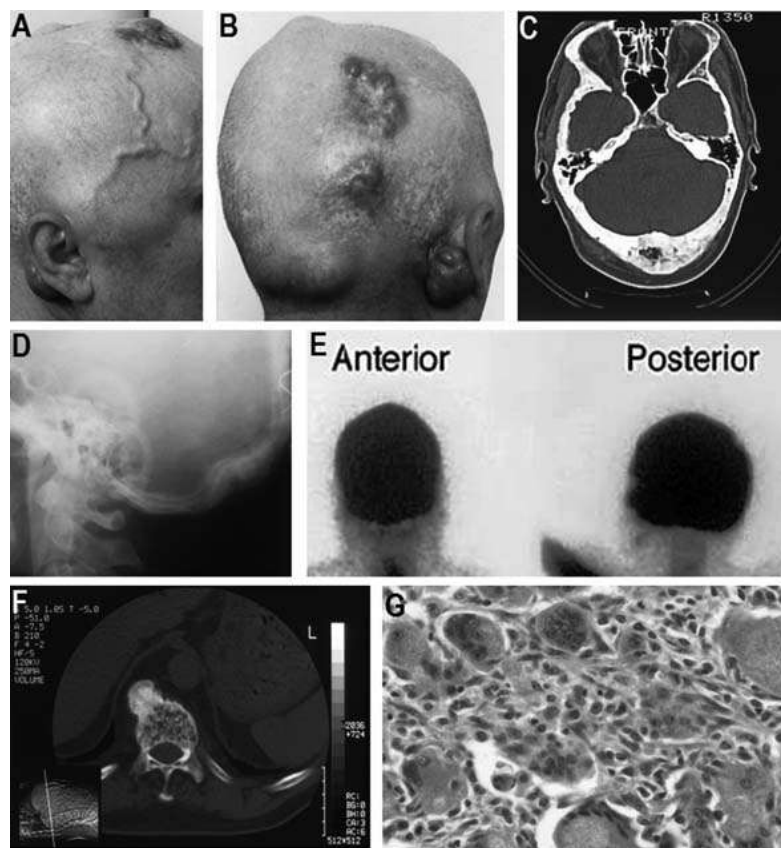
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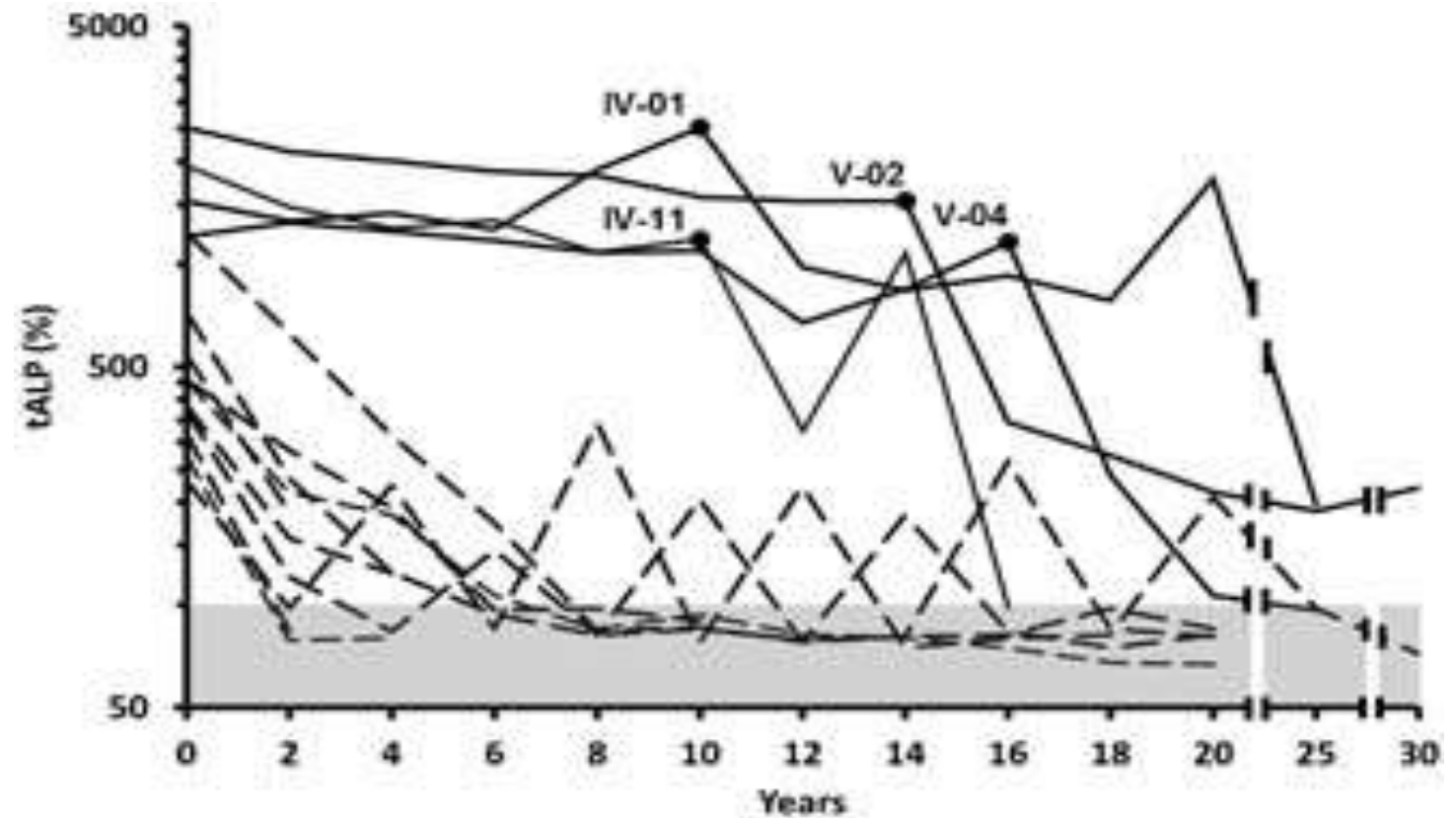
**ZNF687** (indicato come gene bersaglio del fattore di trascrizione NFκB) è fortemente espresso durante l'osteoclastogenesi e osteoblastogenesi ed è drammaticamente **sovraregolato nel tessuto tumorale degli individui con GCT**. Inoltre è sovraregolato nel sangue periferico anche in quei soggetti con la mutazione SQSTM1.



# Giant cell tumor occurring in familial Paget's disease of bone: Report of clinical characteristics and linkage analysis of a large pedigree



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# Schemi terapeutici dei BP nella MdP

| Bisfosfonato       | Dose e Posologia   | Indicazione approvata | Note  |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Etidronato</b>  | 2.5-20mg/Kg/die<br>max 400mg/die per 6 mesi                              | SI                    | Solo in pz. con malattia a modesta attività (ALP< 2 v.n.) |
| Clodronato         | os: 800 mg/die/6 mesi<br>os: 1600 mg/die/3 mesi<br>ev: 300 mg/die x 5 gg | NO                    |   |
| Tiludronato        | os: 400 mg/die/6 mesi  | NO                    | Non disponibile in Italia                                 |
| Pamidronato        | ev: 60- mg ogni 2 settimane x 3  | NO                    |   |
| <b>Neridronato</b> | ev: 200 mg, dose in 1 o 2 giorni   | SI                    |   |
| Alendronato        | os: 40 mg/die/6 mesi   | NO                    |   |
| Risedronato        | os: 30 mg/die/3 mesi   | SI                    | Non a carico del SSN                                      |
| Ibandronato        | ev: 2-6 mg, dose unica   | NO                    |   |
| <b>Zoledronato</b> | ev: 5 mg, dose unica   | SI                    |   |

**Table III - Management of Paget disease.**

| Presentation       | Bone pain or deformities  | ↑ALP                               | Rx alterations |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------|
| First level exams  | Plain radiography   | Scintigraphy                       |                |
|                    | <i>if Paget</i>   | <i>if positive</i>                 |                |
|                    | Scintigraphy ALP  | Plain radiography of affected bone | ALP            |
|                    | <i>Uncertain Rx</i>   |                                    |                |
| Second level exams | MRI - CT - Others   |                                    |                |
|                    | <i>Uncertain diagnosis</i>  |                                    |                |
| Third level exams  | Bone biopsy   |                                    |                |
| Treatment          | <i>If active disease</i>  |                                    |                |
|                    | Bisphosphonate  |                                    |                |
| Follow-up          | ALP assessment after 6 month  |                                    |                |
|                    | ↓ ≥25%  |                                    | ↓ <25%         |
|                    | Relapse: ↑ALP ≥25% of normal value (upper limit) or<br>Reduction ALP <50% |                                    |                |
|                    | <b>Re-treatment</b><br>Higher dosage of Bps<br>other Bps                  |                                    |                |

ALP, alkaline phosphatase; Rx, x-ray; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; CT, computed tomography; Bps, bisphosphonates.

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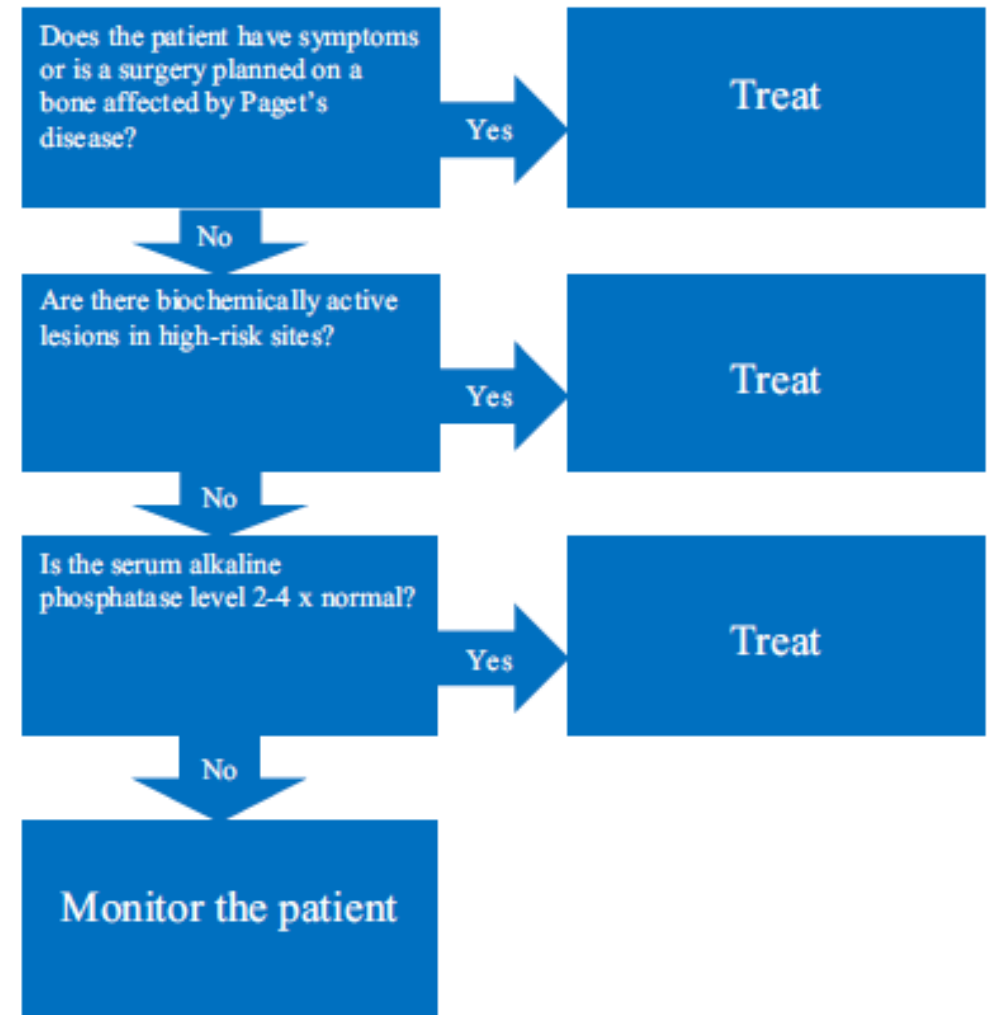
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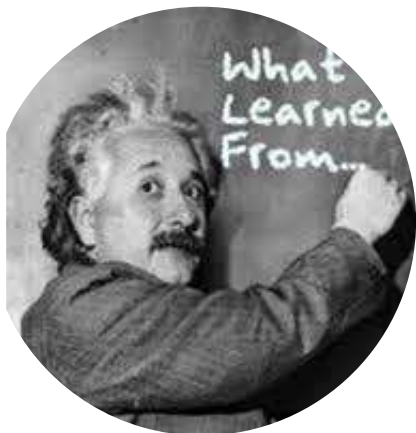
## Paget's Disease of Bone: Diagnosis and Treatment



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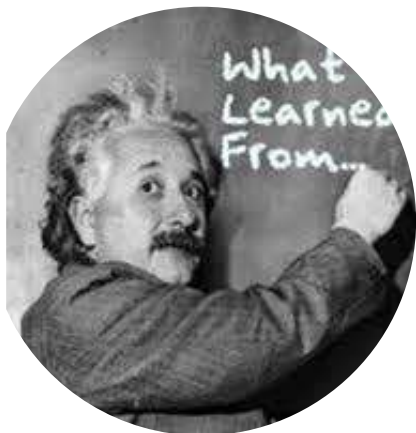


# CONCLUSIONI



- Predisposizione genetica, fattori ambientali, infezioni virali
- Spesso asintomatica e non diagnosticata nelle fasi precoci
- Complicanze → Osteosarcoma
- ALP totale è il marker di turnover osseo più utilizzato nella pratica clinica (ALP ossea in epatopatie e nelle forme monostotiche)





## CONCLUSIONI



- Scintigrafia ossea di follow up quasi mai giustificata (solo nelle forme monostotiche)
- Il Nadir dopo trattamento con BP è a distanza di 6 mesi
- Riattivazione in caso di  $ALP > 25\%$
- Resistenza al trattamento se la riduzione di ALP è  $< 50\%$  dai valori basali



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