### La Cronicità:

Dall'Ospedale al territorio, una realtà in evoluzione

# Malattie respiratorie: terapia e aderenza terapeutica nel paziente anziano

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'Drugs don't work in patients who don't take them'

## 'Increasing the effectiveness of adherence interventions might have a far greater impact on health than any improvement in specific medical treatments'

### In general, there is a gap between a written prescription and actual medication use



National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Pharmacies: Improving Health, Reducing Costs, July 2010. Based on IMS Health data 3

## Think of yourself...

- Medication adherence amongst doctors and nurses
  - For short-term medication: 77%
  - For long-term medication: 84%

It seems unreasonable, then, to expect that patients can achieve better adherence than providers without provider intervention



### **Treatment requires flexibility**



### Adherence is not merely a patient-driven problem



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- What do we know about adherence to IPF treatments?
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# TEAEs leading to discontinuation in pirfenidone and nintedanib trials

	CAPACITY and ASCEND trials		TOMORROW and INPULSIS trials		
% patients	Pirfenidone (N=623)	Placebo (N=624)	Nintedanib (N=723)	Placebo (N=508)	
Any TEAE,%	99.0	97.9	95.3	89.8	
Any serious TEAE, %	27.0	28.5	30.0	30.1	
Any TEAE leading to treatment discontinuation, %	14.6	9.6	20.6	15.0	
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Main reasons for discontinuation:

- Diarrhoea (5.3%)
- Nausea (2.4%)
- Progression IPF (2.1%)
- Decreased appetite (1.5%)

AE, adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event

While a large proportion of patients experience AEs, the rate of AEs is not a key element to adherence

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# Patients need to be supported, not blamed, for non-adherence

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## Take into account socioeconomic and health system factors





### **Condition-related factors**

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All impact patients' risk perception and adherence motivation

### **Patient-related factors**





Lack of symptoms delaying pursuit of medical help Lack of motivation to pursue medical consultation

#### Expectations

Anxiety about disease / possible AE treatment Negative views in general about medicines

Confidence in self-management

Cost-benefit ratio: unlikely to be an issue, but physicians should be aware that some patients think about this

# Patients considered effectiveness of pirfenidone and nintedanib more important than side effects



Graph: patients about to start on either pirfenidone or nintedanib (n=134) were asked about effectiveness vs side effects and their expectations of the drugs

Also: a 2016 online patient survey indicated that most patients (n=52, 87%) felt that the ability of antifibrotics to slow disease progression was more important than possible side effects

### **Therapy-related factors**





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### **Real-world AE frequency with pirfenidone**



### **Real-world AE frequency with nintedanib**



# TEAE leading to discontinuation: pirfenidone trials and real-world data

**CAPACITY and ASCEND** – any TEAE leading to treatment discontinuation: 14.6%

**Real-world data** – discontinuation due to TEAEs ranging from ~6% to ~38%

	Total number of patients	Patients discontinued		Total number of patients	Patients discontinued
Bando	502	15.3%	Lalla*	1291	23.8%
Chaudhuri	40	15%	Okuda	76	18.4%
Duck	465	8%	Salih	113	16%
Galli	129	20.9%	Skold	33	6.1%
Hughes	351	29%	Strock	40	38%
Kaur	49	18.4%	Wijsenbeek	63	19%

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\*Includes discontinuations due to non-TEAE causes

## **TEAEs leading to discontinuation:** nintedanib trials and real-world data

**TOMORROW and INPULSIS** – any TEAE leading to treatment discontinuation: 20.6%

**Real-world data** – discontinuation due to TEAEs ranging from 3% to ~34%

	Total number of patients	Patients discontinued		Total number of patients	Patients discontinued
Brunnemer	60	3%	Noma	18	22.2%
Galli	57	26.3%	Oliveira	15	13.3%
Hughes	124	19%	Sakamoto	14	7.1%
Kaur	40	17.5%	Strock	20	20%
Lalla*	1040	33.5%	Toellner	187	20%

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# Nintedanib with add-on pirfenidone in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: results of the INJOURNEY trial

 105 patients were randomized to receive nintedanib 150mg bid alone (n=52) or nintedanik 150mg bid with add-on pirfenidone titrated to 801 mg tid (n=53)

 Nintedanib with add-on pirfenidone had a manageable safety and tolerability profile in patients with IPF, in line with the adverse event profiles of each drug

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	Nintedanib 150 mg bid	Nintedanib 150 mg bid
	with add-on pirfenidone	(n=51)
	(n=53)	
Any adverse event(s)	47 (88.7)	45 (88.2)
/lost frequent adverse events*		
Diarrhea	20 (37.7)	16 (31.4)
Nausea	22 (41.5)	6 (11.8)
Vomiting	15 (28.3)	6 (11.8)
Fatigue	10 (18.9)	6 (11.8)
Upper abdominal pain	7 (13.2)	4 (7.8)
Decreased appetite	6 (11.3)	5 (9.8)
Dyspnea	2 (3.8)	8 (15.7)
Headache	7 (13.2)	1 (2.0)
Any serious adverse event(s) <sup><math>\dagger</math></sup>	2 (3.8)	5 (9.8)
Any fatal adverse event(s)	0	0

# Nintedanib with add-on pirfenidone in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: results of the INJOURNEY trial

- Pre-dose plasma trough concentrations of nintedanib were similar at each time point, irrespective of whether nintedanib 150 mg bid was administered alone or with add-on pirfenidone.
- A smaller numerical decline in FVC over 12 weeks was observed in patients treated with nintedanib with add-on pirfenidone compared with nintedanib alone.
- However, as this trial was not powered for this endpoint and was too short for conclusions to be drawn about the efficacy of combination therapy, these findings should be interpreted with caution



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## **Coaching is crucial in first period**





Most TEAEs occur in the first months of treatment, but they may also occur later in the course of disease

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### **Real-world support experiences**



## Conclusions in daily practice: be flexible and approachable

- 1. Patient education
- 2. Prevention of AEs
- 3. In case of AEs and no spontaneous resolution  $\rightarrow$  treat symptoms
- 4. If symptom treatment does not have desired effect  $\rightarrow$  reduce dose
- 5. If persistent symptoms  $\rightarrow$  temporarily discontinue treatment
- 6. If symptoms resolved slowly, reintroduce or consider a switch when possible



### **Conclusions: maintain patients on treatment**

- What factors influence adherence and persistence of treatment?
  - Social/economic factors
  - Therapy-related factors
  - Patient-related factors
  - Condition-related factors
  - Health system/HCT-factors
- What do we know about adherence to IPF treatments?
  - Rates of discontinuation with IPF treatments are too high, leaving room for improvement
- How do we improve and maintain adherence?
  - Adherence is a dynamic process that needs to be followed-up



- The REPOSI study is a collaborative study between the Italian Society of Internal Medicine (SIMI), Fondazione IRCCS Ca' Granda Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milano and the IRCCS Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, Milano
- It was designed with the purpose of setting up a network of internal medicine wards to investigate the prevalence and correlates of multimorbidity and polypharmacy in hospitalized elderly patients.
- Participation was voluntary, but in the choice of participating centers, we were careful to ensure they were representative in terms of country-wide distribution and size.

#### Aims

The Register was specifically designed:

- to describe the prevalence of multiple concurrent diseases and treatments in hospitalized elderly patients,
- to correlate the patient's clinical characteristics with the type and number of diseases and treatments,
- to evaluate the main clinical outcomes at discharge and at 3 12 months of follow-up.

### **Inclusion criteria**

Patients are eligible if:

- 1. they are admitted to one of the participating internal medicine or geriatric wards during one of the four annual index weeks;
- 2. they are 65 years or older;
- 3. they sign the informed consent.

Each ward must enrol at least the first five consecutive eligible patients during each index week.

All data (Minimin Data Set) obtained from the patient medical records enter in a standardized web-based Case Report Form (CRF).

The following data are recorded for each patient:

- basic socio-demographic details,
- clinical and laboratory parameters,
- diagnoses (comorbidities)
- cognitive function (Belssed test)
- disability (Barthel index)
- depression (Geriatric Depression Scale, 4 items)
- drugs at hospital admission, during hospital stay at discharge and follow-up
- clinical adverse events
- outcome at discharge and 3-12 months follow-up.





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#### Starting 2008:

- Pre-hospital
- In-hospital

#### From 2010

- > 2010: 3-months follow-up
- 2012: 12-months follow-up

#### From 2014

REPOSI Spanish Network

#### Main outcomes

- mortality (in-hospital, 3-12 months);
- re-hospitalization;
- changes in multimorbidity and polypharmacy (at admission, at discharge and at 3-12 months).







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### From 2008

7,014 patients aged 65 years or older by 107 Italian and 15 Spanish (only in 2014-2015 ) internal medicine and geriatric wards and more than 300 clinical investigators

> 2008-2018 REPOSI network 107 Internal Medicine and Geriatric wards

**REPOSI Italian Network** 

### **COPD** Population in the REPOSI Registry (2008-2016 Data)



### **Use of COPD-related Drugs and Adherence to Appropriate Treatment**



### **Clinical Factors Associated with Appropriate Treatment**

	Multivariate		
	OR	95% CI	р
Appropriate Treatment at Admission			
Polypharmacy	3.28	2.24-4.81	<0.001
History of Acute Exacerbation	2.65	1.44-4.88	0.002
Appropriate Treatment at Discharge			
Smoking Habit	1.45	1.08-1.94	0.012
Polypharmacy	6.76	4.15-11.0	<0.001

### **COPD and Clinical Outcomes in the REPOSI Registry**

COPD vs. Non-COPD					
_	Multivariate				
	OR	95% CI	р		
Any Death	1.33	0.98-1.81	0.071		
CV Death	1.66	1.04-2.67	0.034		
Respiratory Death	2.14	1.00-4.59	0.051		
Hospitalization	1.50	1.08-2.09	0.016		
Hospitalization/Respiratory Death	1.60	1.17-2.18	0.003		
Hospitalization/Any Death	1.51	1.17-1.95	0.001		
Appropriate vs. Non-Appropriate Treatment					
_	Multivariate				
	OR	95% CI	р		