



# *Interessamento polmonare nelle vasculiti*

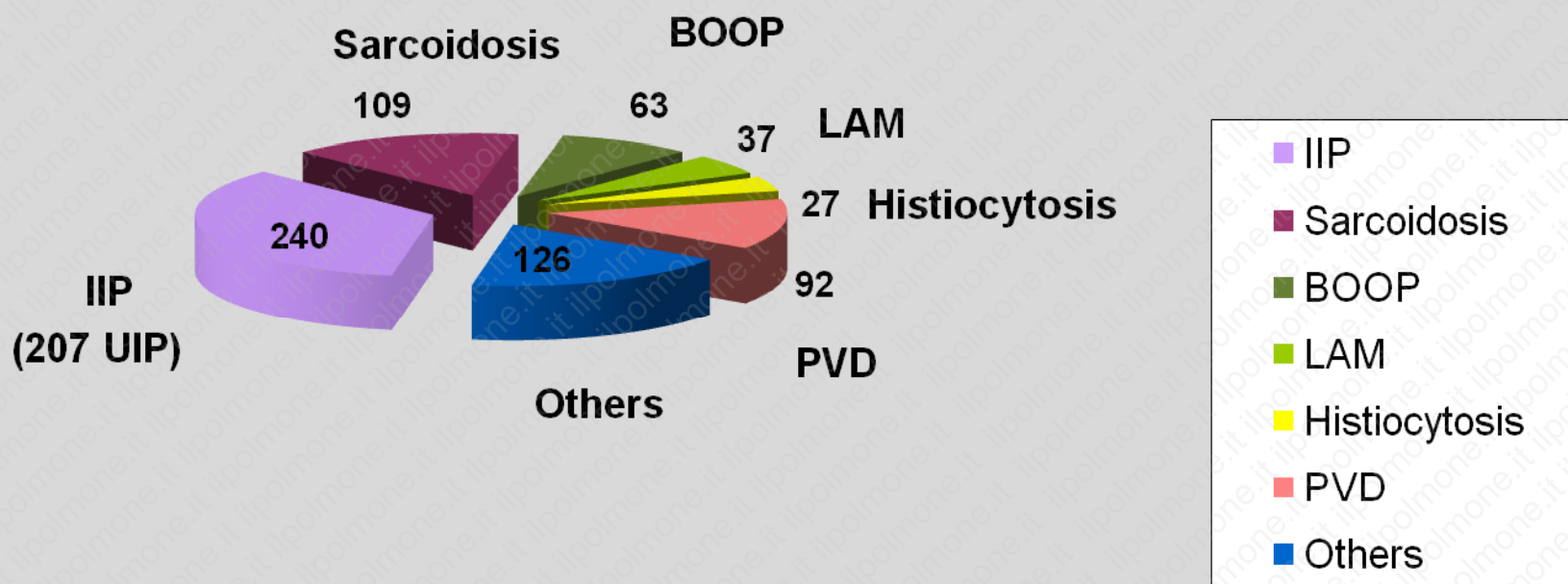
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# Rare Lung Diseases

*Ospedale San Giuseppe Experience  
(2001 - february 2009)*

Tot. 694 pts



# VASCULITI POLMONARI

## *Key message*

The diagnosis and management of a systemic vasculitis is among the most demanding challenges in clinical medicine

# DEFINITION

■ can be pathologically defined by the presence of

- ◆ cellular inflammation
- ◆ vassel destruction and
- ◆ tissue necrosis

The characteristics of the inflammation can be helfull in determining the underlying diagnosis, and granulomatous, eosinophilic, lymphoplasmacytic or neutrophilic patterns can be seen



# DEFINITION

- The clinical features of each disease are determined by the site, size, and type of vessel involved and
- by the relative amounts of inflammation, vessel destruction and tissue necrosis

# Classification of the vasculitides

## Primary idiopathic vasculitis

### Small vessel

Wegener's granulomatosis

Churg-Strauss syndrome

Microscopic polyangiitis

Idiopathic pauci-immune rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis

Isolated pauci-immune pulmonary capillaritis

### Medium vessel

Polyarteritis nodosa

Kawasaki disease

### Large vessel

Giant cell arteritis

Takayasu's arteritis

## Primary immune complex-mediated vasculitis

Goodpasture's syndrome

Henoch-Schonlein purpura

Behcet's disease

IgA nephropathy

## Secondary vasculitis

Classic autoimmune disease

Systemic lupus erythematosus

Rheumatoid arthritis

Polymyositis/dermatomyositis

Scleroderma

Antiphospholipid antibody syndrome

Essential cryoglobulinemia

Inflammatory bowel disease

Hypocomplementemic urticarial vasculitis

Drug-induced (e.g. propylthiouracil)

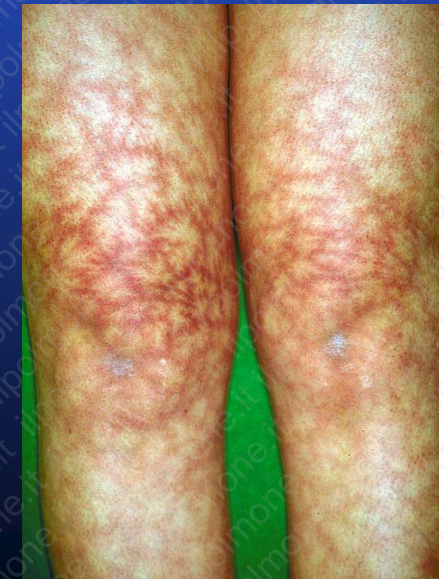
Paraneoplastic

Infection



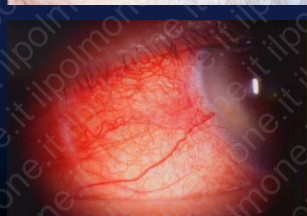
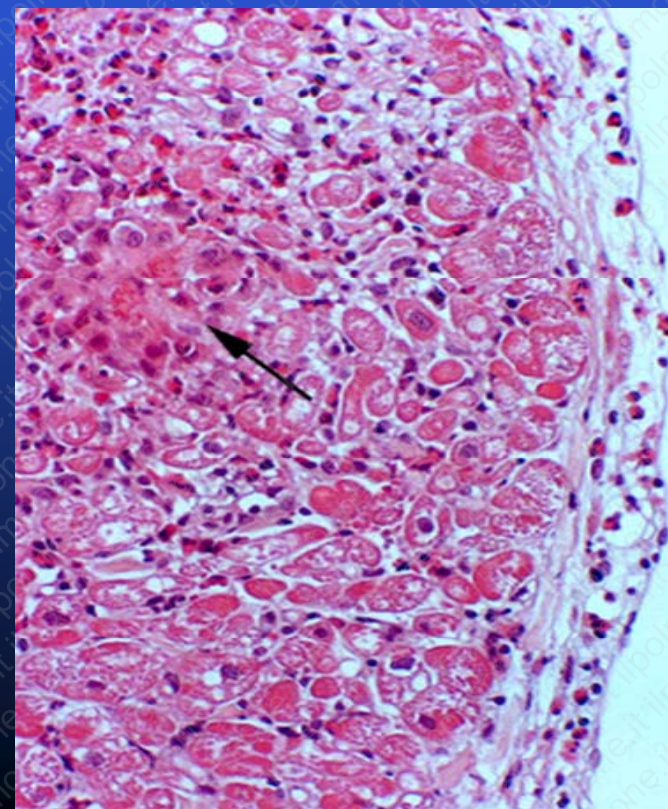
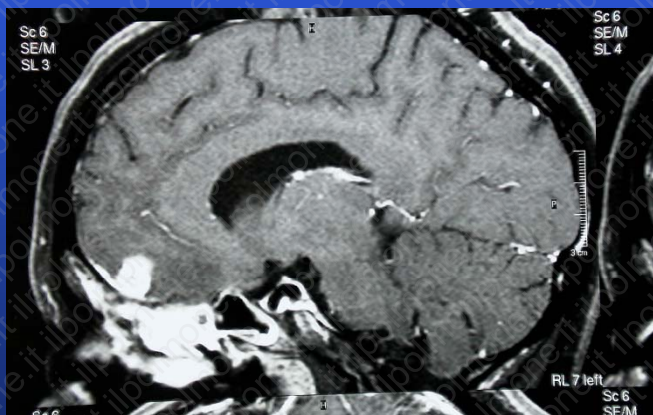
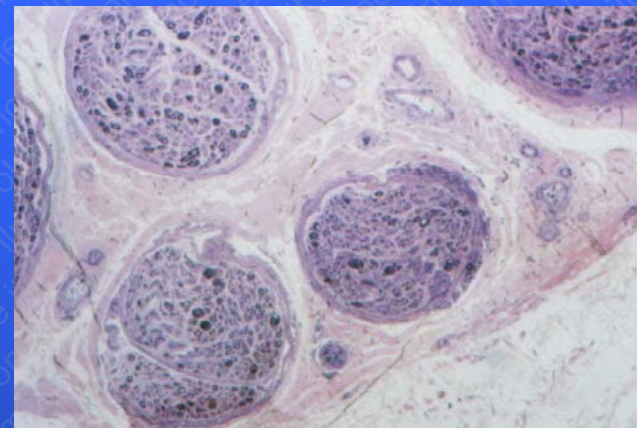
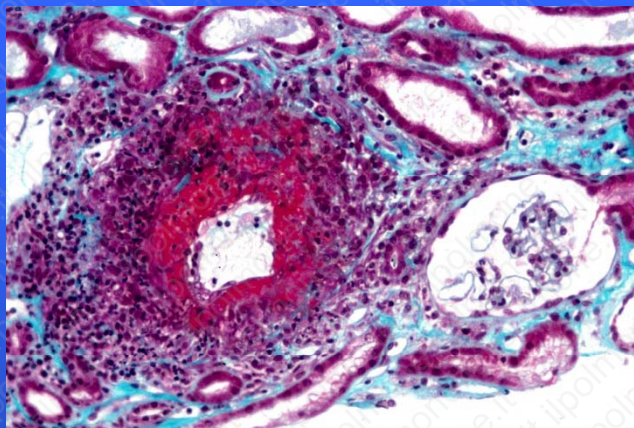
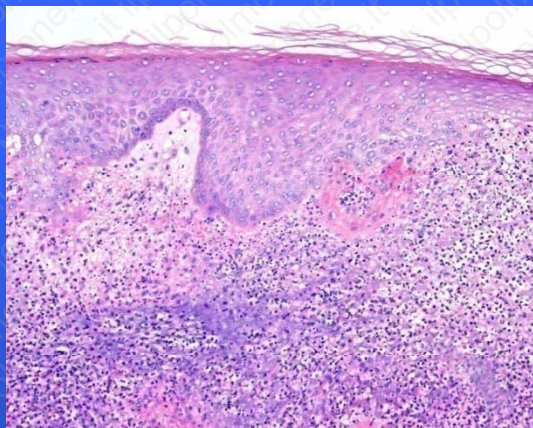
# Proteiform Systemic Vasculitides

Systemic vasculitides may change into many shapes. Systemic vasculitides can affect virtually one or more organ and/or system resulting in a wide variety of signs and symptoms, and are challenging to diagnose and to treat



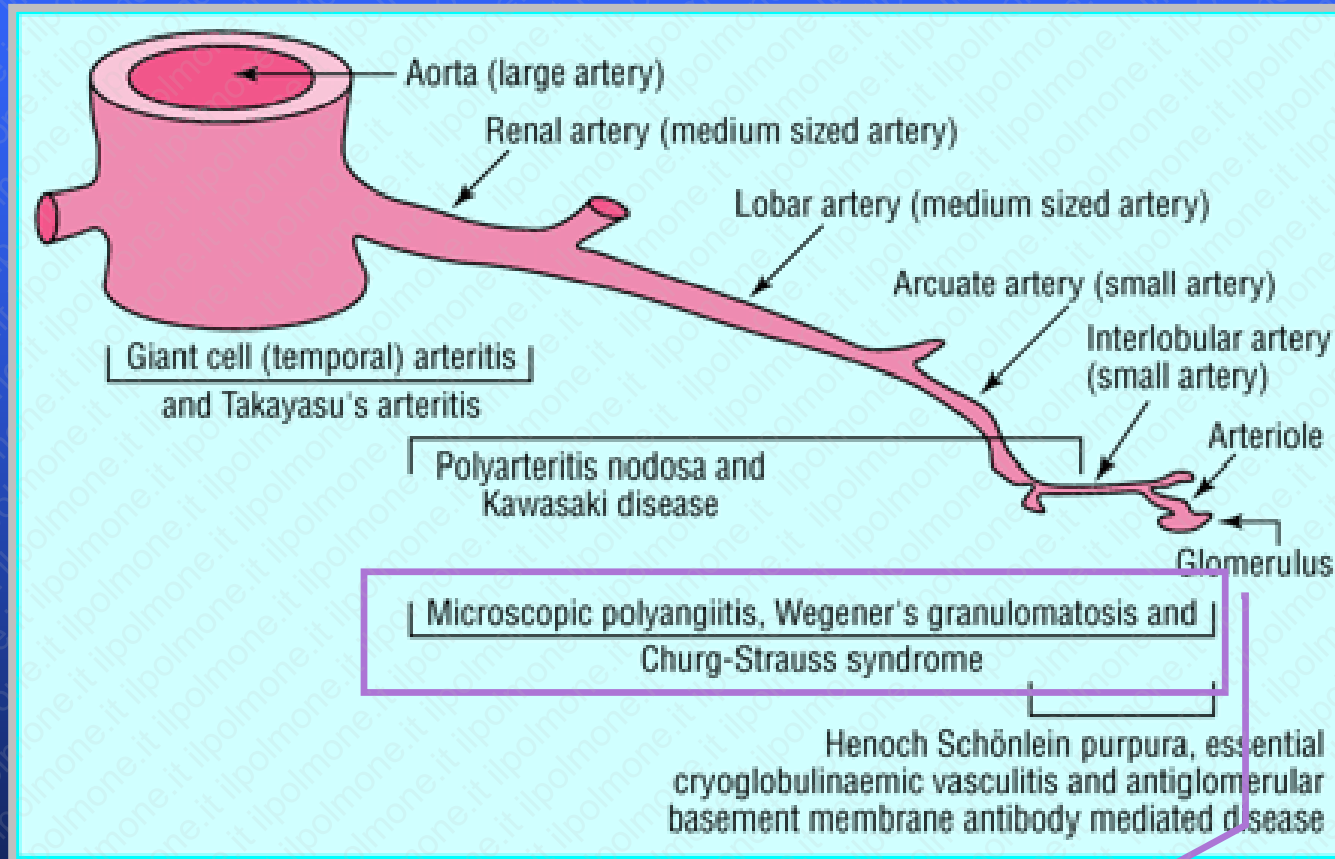


# Proteiform Systemic Vasculitides





# Systemic Vasculitides and Respiratory System

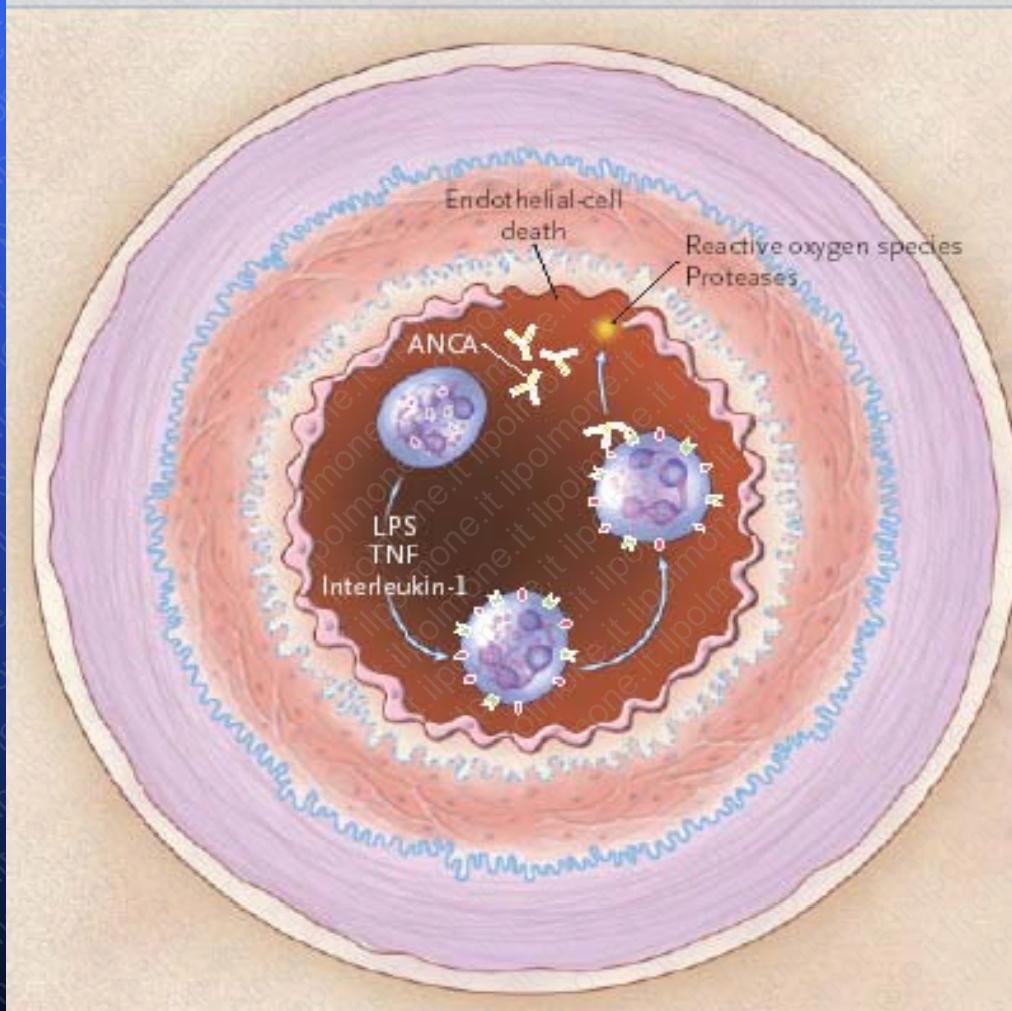


The respiratory system may be involved in all systemic vasculitides, although more frequently in the small vessel ANCA-associated vasculitis

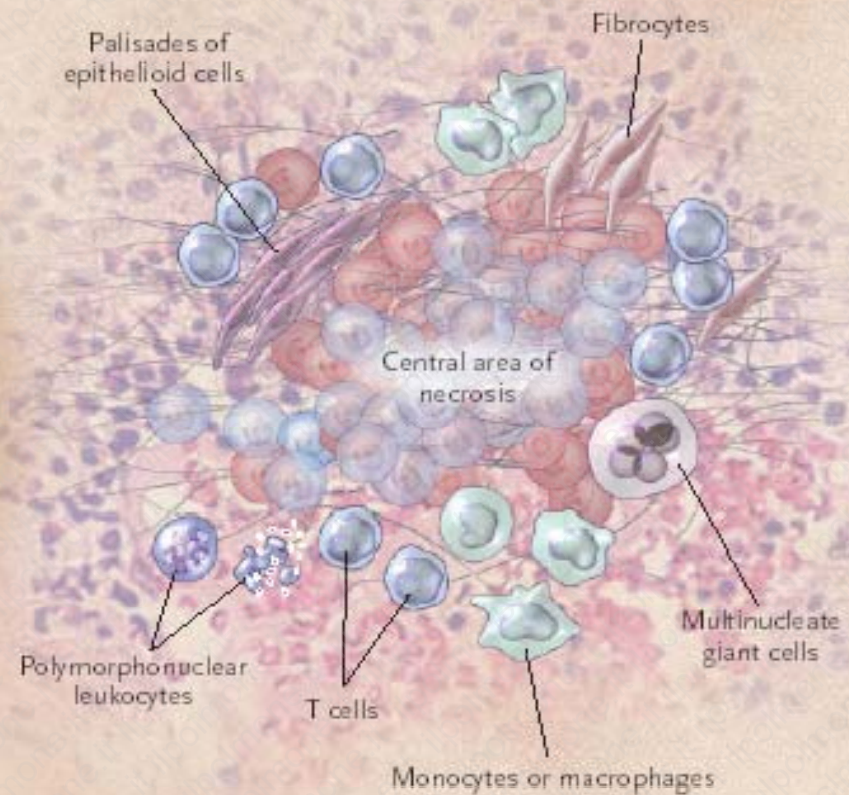


# Pathogenetic Role of ANCA

Vasculitis



Granuloma





# ANCA-associated vasculitides

## *Key message*

Are grouped together because of common clinical features, pathologic involvement of the small vessels, similar responses to immunosuppressive interventions and ANCA positivity (which is common but not universal)



# Autoanticorpi Anti Citoplasma dei Neutrofili (ANCA)

	Antigene bersaglio	Malattie Associate
c-ANCA	Proteinosi 3 (CAP 57)	Granulomatosi di Wegener (90%) Poliangite Microscopica, S. di Churg-Strauss
p-ANCA	Mieloperossidasi, Elastasi, Catepsina G, Lisozima, Lattoferrina	Vasculite Renale, RPGN, S. di Churg-Strauss (50%), Poliangite microscopica (70%), connettiviti
Atipici (x) ANCA o p-ANCA	Lattoferrina, Lisozima, Beta- glucuronidasi, Catepsina G	Colite Ulcerosa, Epatite Autoimmune, Colangite Sclerosante Primitiva



# ANCA

## Indirect immunofluorescence staining



**c-ANCA**



**p-ANCA**



# ANCA-associated vasculitides

- Each pattern is associated with antibodies against intracellular antigen(s) found in neutrophils and monocytes
- The sensitivity, specificity, and PPV of c-ANCA for WG and p-ANCA for MPA, CSS and idiopathic pauci-immune RPGN are critical in determining their diagnostic utility
- If these tests are not applied selectively to high-risk populations, then the PPV of the testing declines



# ANCA-associated vasculitides

- In patients with higher risk for an ANCA-associated vasculitis, the PPV of the tests increased without reducing sensitivity
- The combination of ANCA indirect immunofluorescent testing plus ELISA testing maximizes their sensitivity
- c-ANCA is highly sensitive (90-95%) in active, systemic WG, with a specificity of approximately 90%