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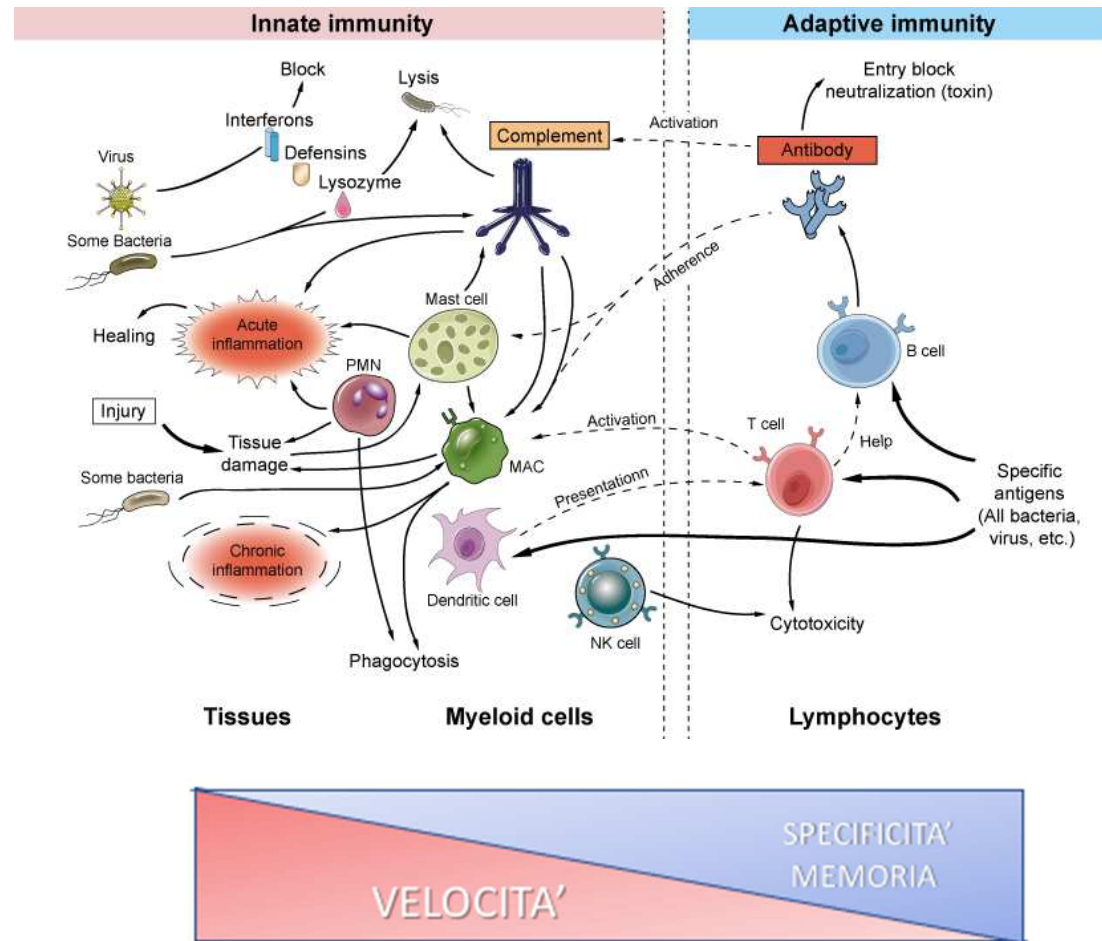
# Autoimmunità e Rene

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# Innate versus adaptive immunity



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- I reni sono suscettibili a malattie immuno-mediate da perdita dell'**omeostasi immunologica**.

# Innate versus adaptive immunity in kidney immunopathology

Hans-Joachim Anders

	Innate immunity	Adaptive immunity
Recognition receptors (R)	Complement-R Mannose-R Toll-like-R Inflammasomes	B cell receptors T cell receptors MHC I MHCII
Receptor clonality	Low affinity immunoglobulins Non-clonal	High affinity IgG clonal
Receptor genes	Single gene, no rearrangement required	Encoded in gene segments Rearrangement required
Receptor agonists	Molecular patterns	Antigenic epitopes
Time delay of response	Immediate	Delayed
Effector mechanism	Opsonization, phagocytosis, granuloma formation, leukocyte recruitment, complement lysis, inflammation, healing responses	Clonal expansion of antigen-specific B and T cells, antigen-specific immunoglobulins
Paradigmatic kidney diseases	Urinary tract infection, acute kidney injury, glomerulosclerosis, tubulointerstitial fibrosis, crystal nephropathies C3 glomerulopathy	IC glomerulonephritis, allograft rejection, interstitial nephritis

# Classificazione anatomopatologica delle possibili lesioni renali

- Malattia glomerulare
- Malattia tubulo-interstiziale
- Malattia dei piccoli vasi

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- Malattia glomerulare

- 1. Primitiva**

- Solo coinvolgimento renale
- Risposta infiammatoria sistemica contenuta

- 2. Secondaria**

- Coinvolgimento glomerulare nel contesto di una malattia sistemica

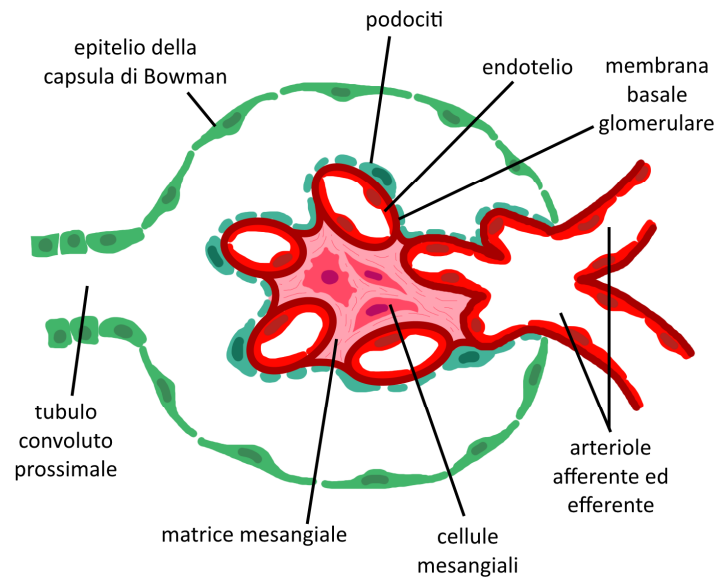


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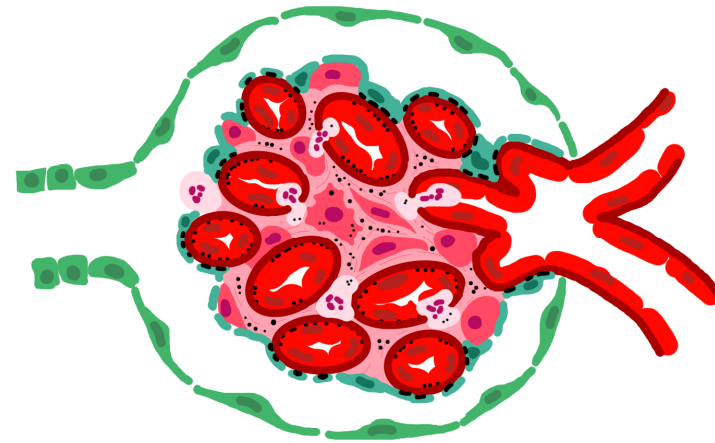
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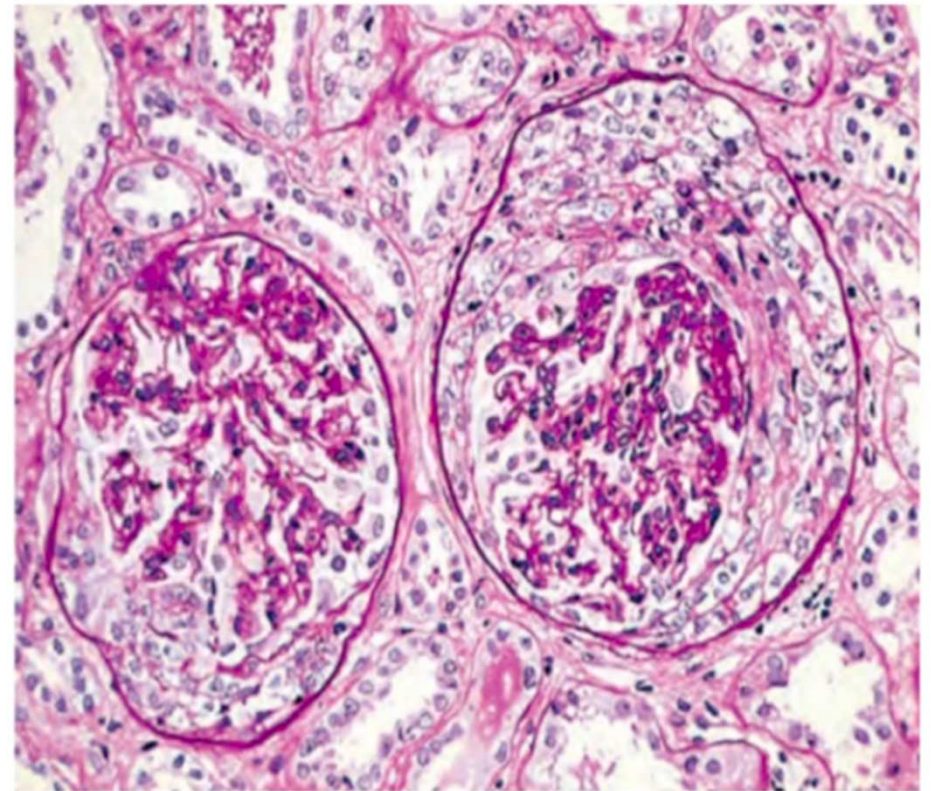
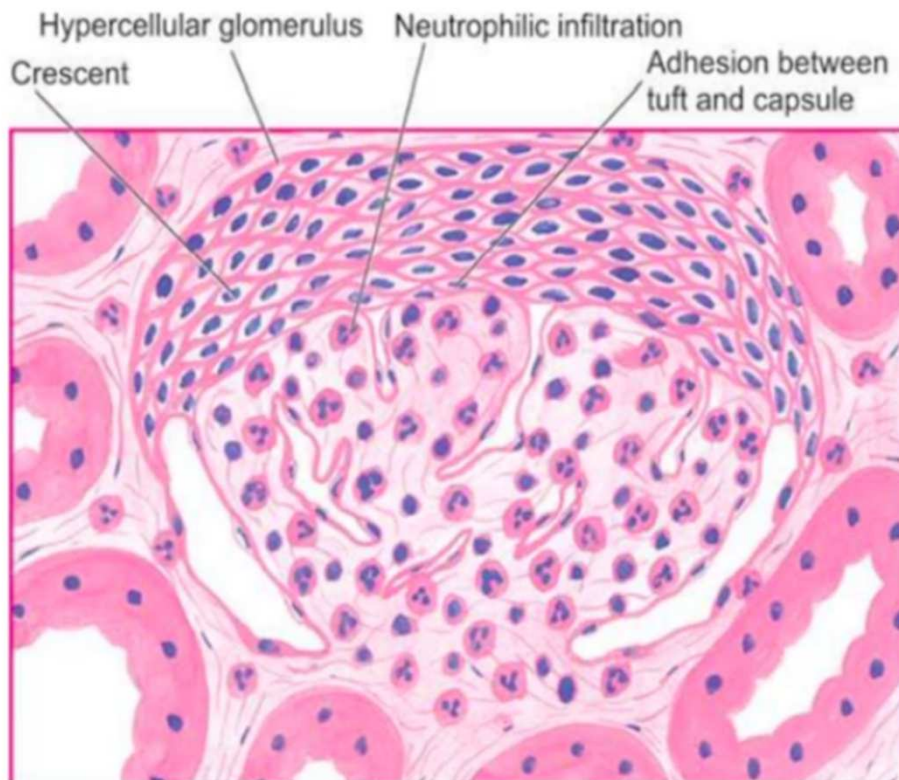
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- Formazione dei ***crescent*** (semilune): proliferazione delle cellule parietali epiteliali (capsula del Bowmann), con infiltrato leucocitario e depositi di fibrina

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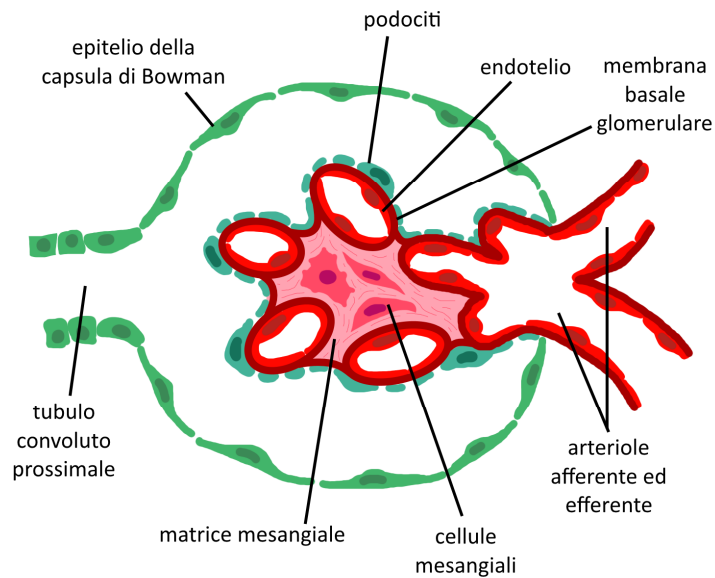


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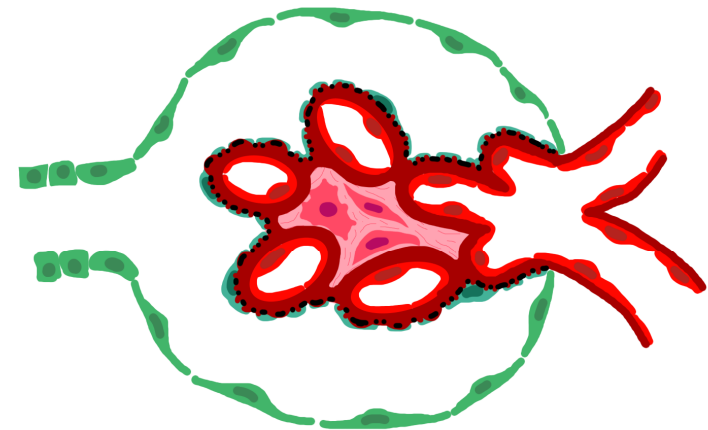
- **Ispessimento della membrana basale (*thickening*):**
  - Deposito di materiale amorfo elettrondenso o di immunocomplessi sul versante epiteliale, intramembranoso o endoteliale
  - Duplicazione della lamina densa

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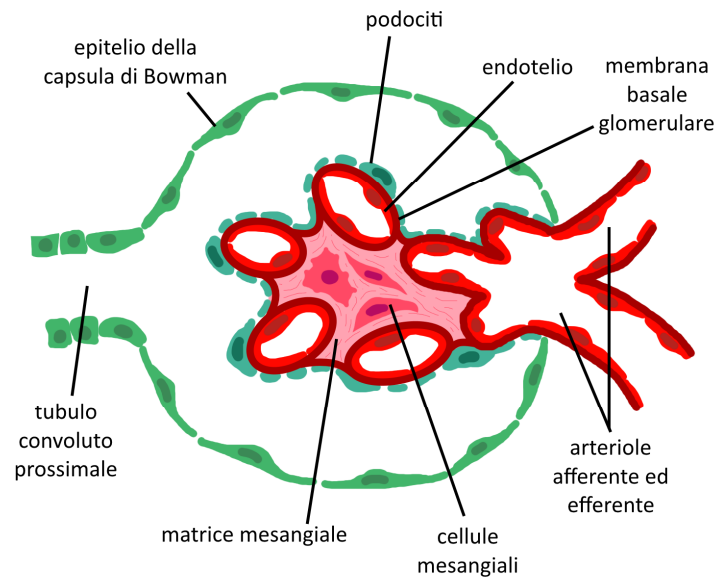


## Glomerulonefrite membranosa

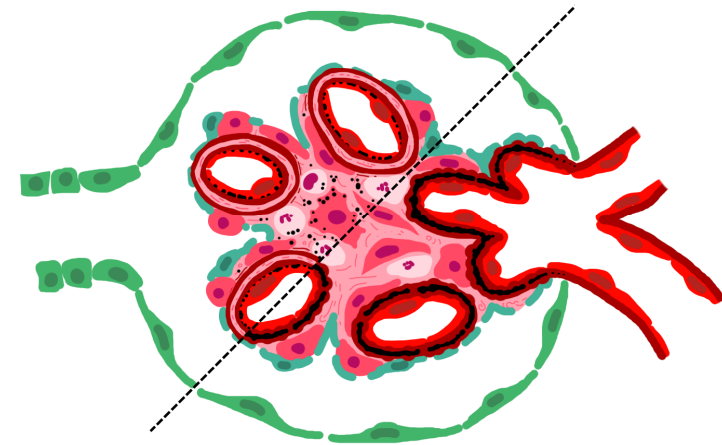


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## Glomerulonefrite membranoproliferativa



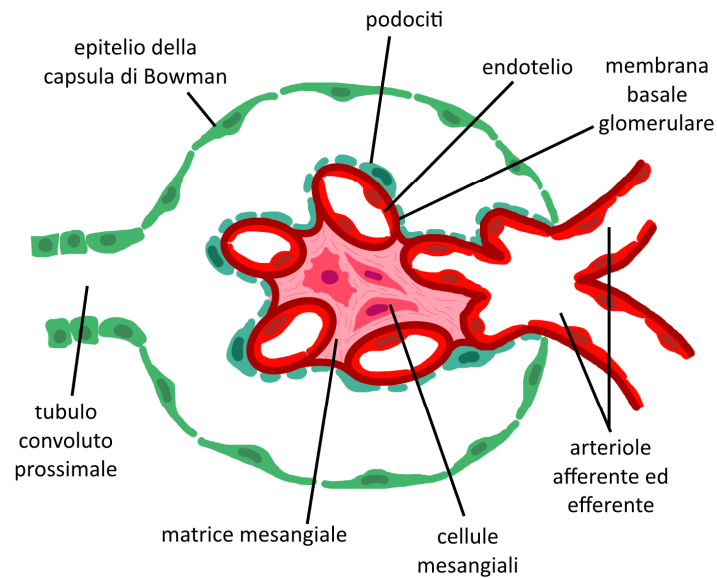
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- **Sclerosi**
  - Deposito extracellulare di matrice collagene
  - In ambito mesangiale o capillare

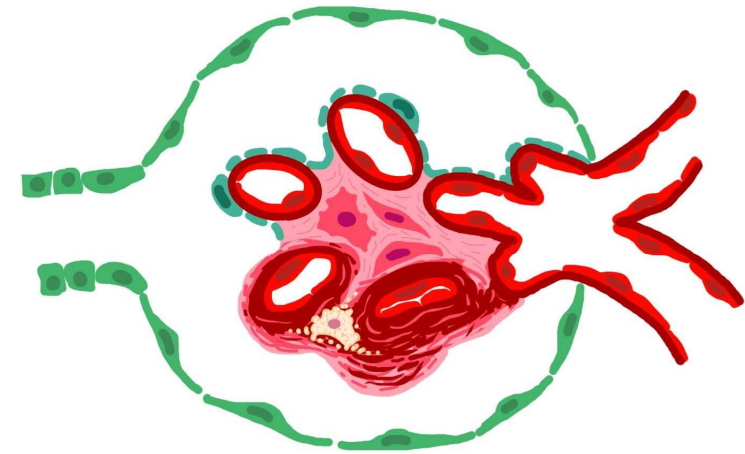


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## GSFS



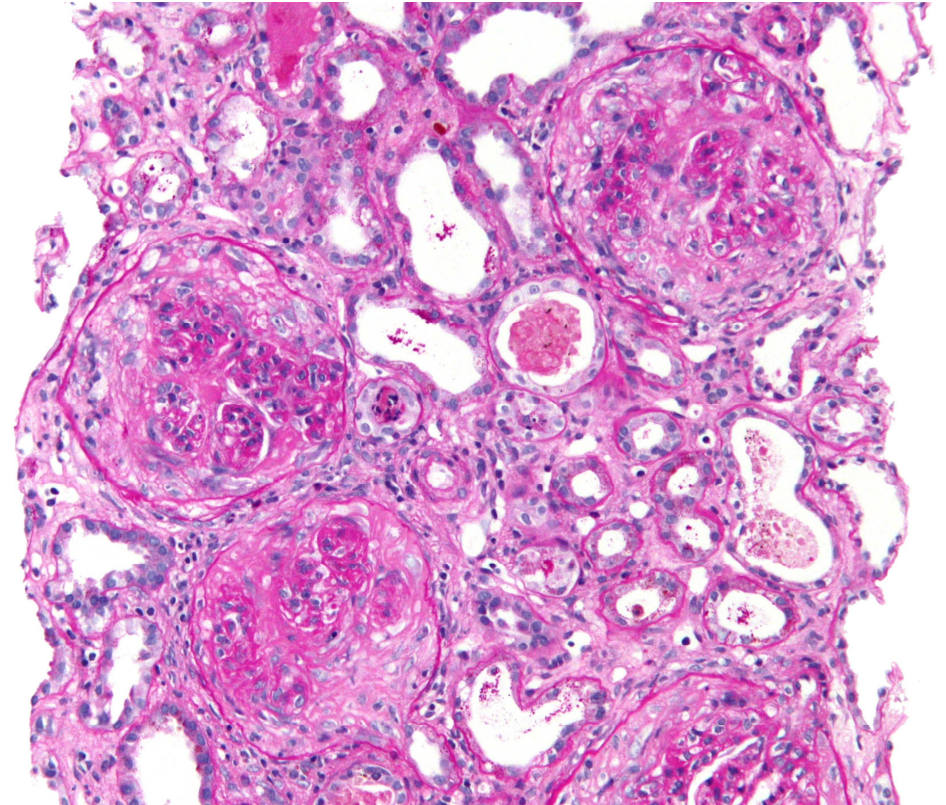
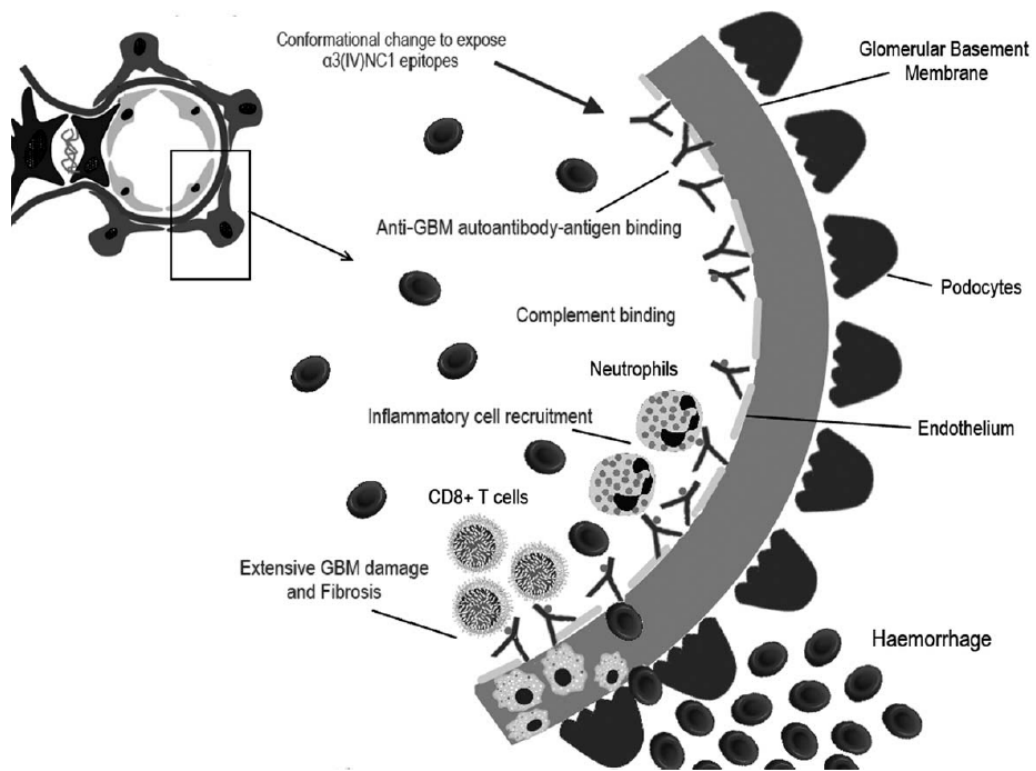
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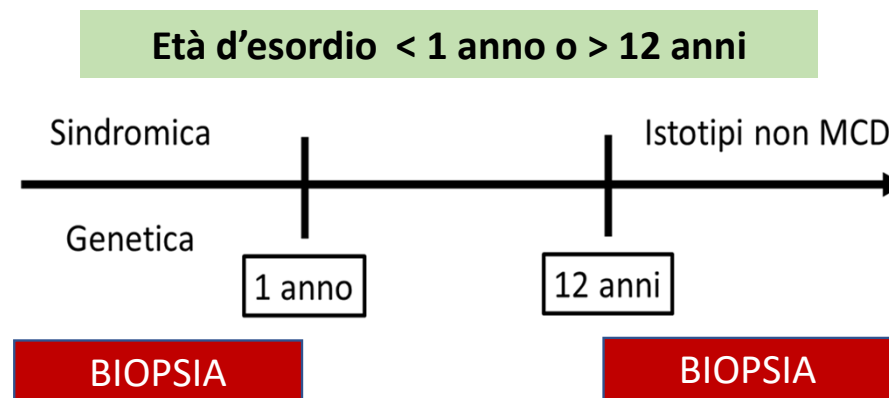
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# Sindrome di Goodpasture

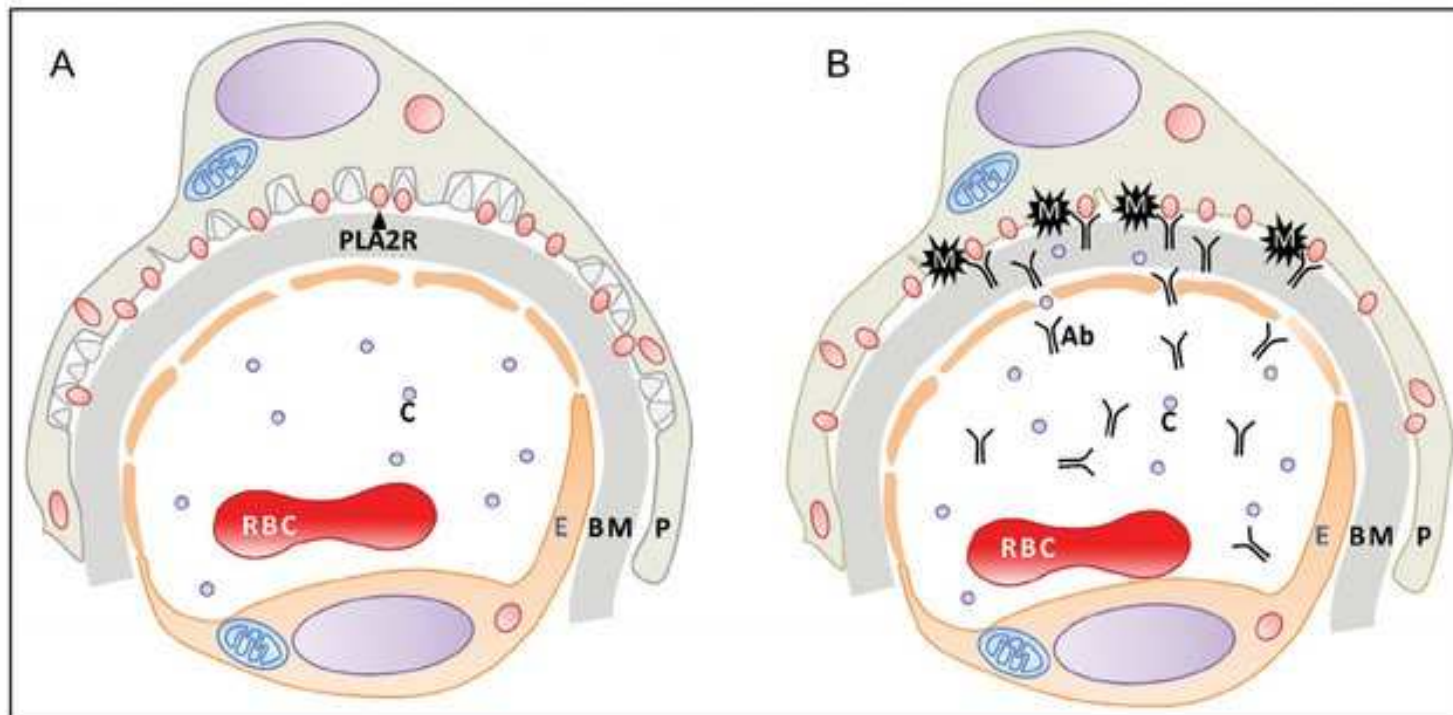


# Glomerulonefrite membranosa

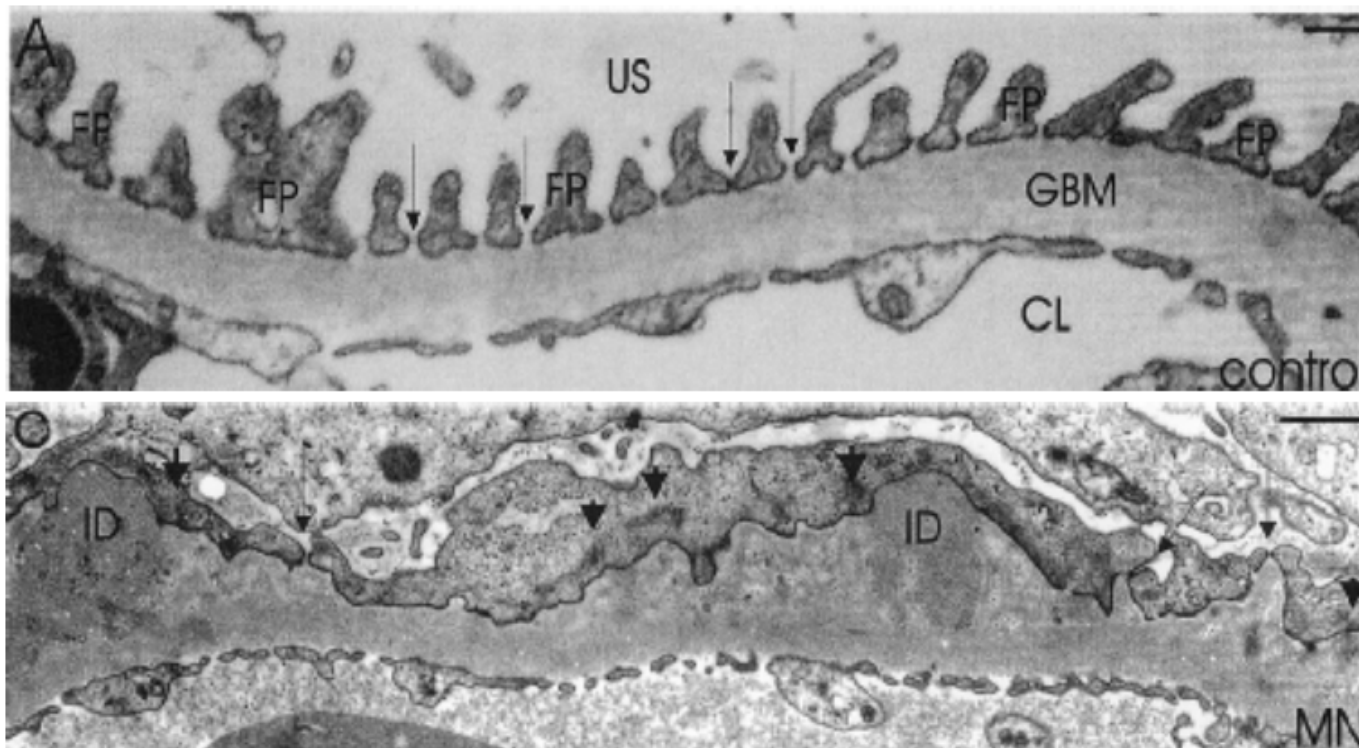
- Incidenza: 1-2 casi/100.000/anno
- 6-10% delle biopsie dell'adulto
- Nell'80% dei casi è una forma primitiva
- Nell'80% dei casi si manifesta con **sindrome nefrosica**



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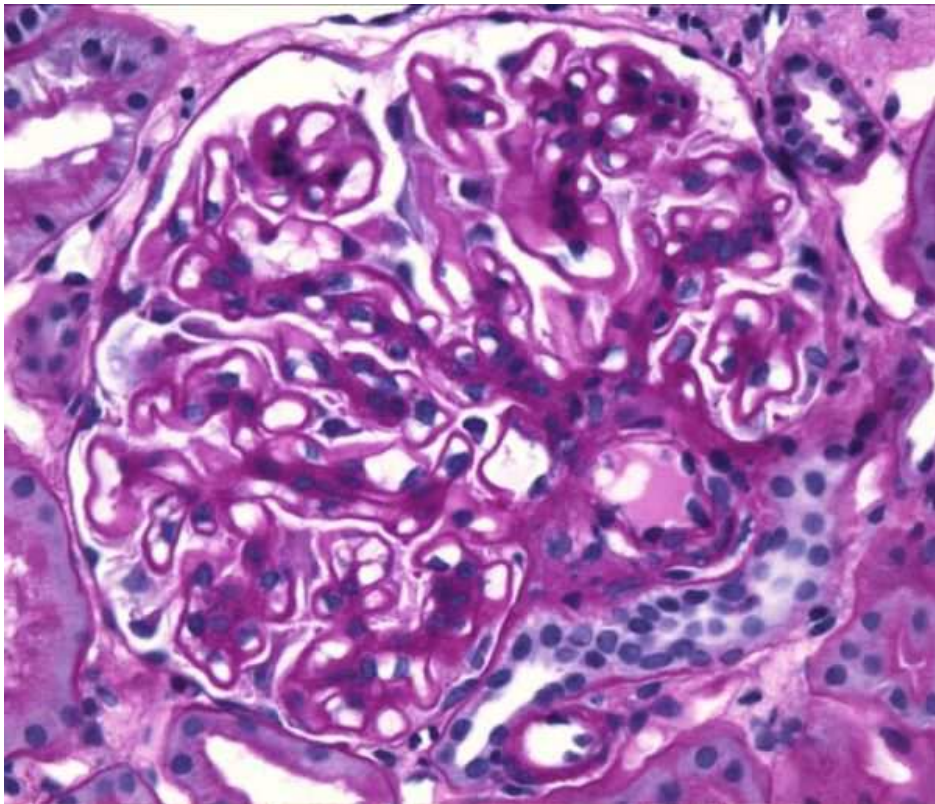


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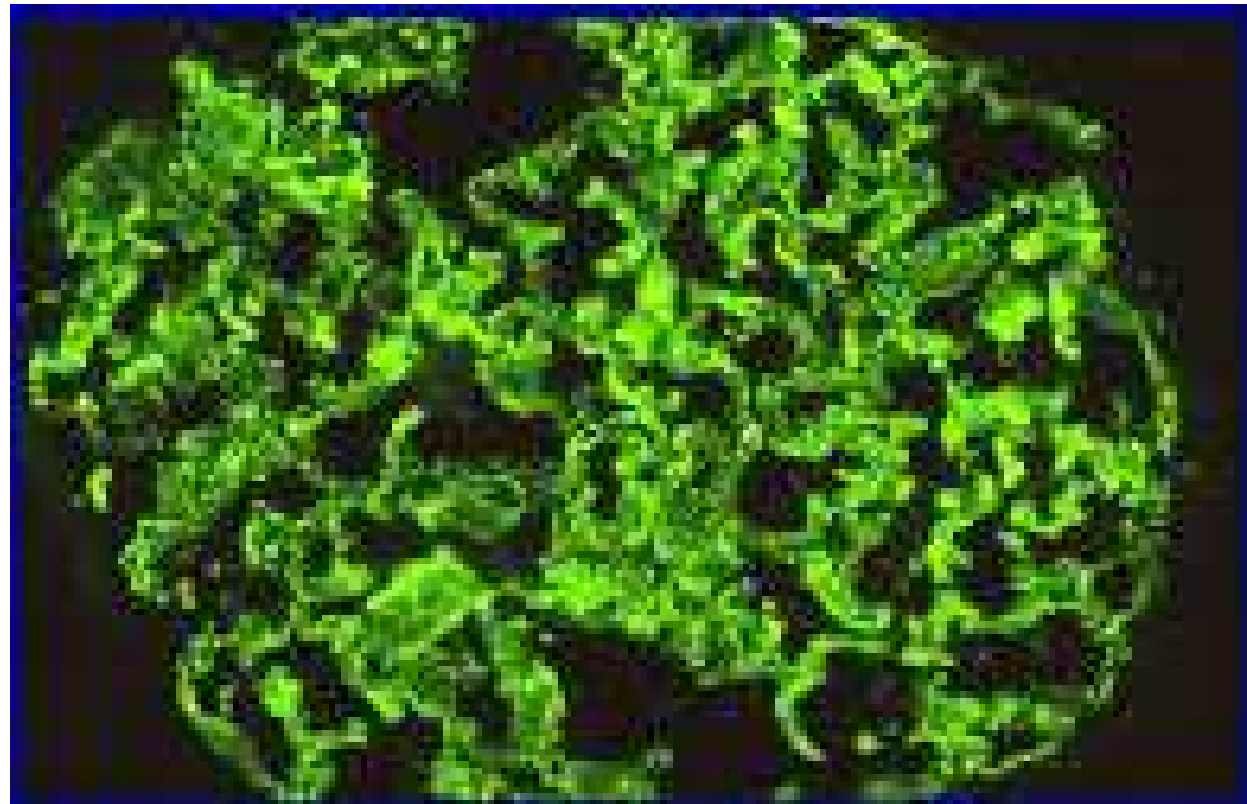




# Glomerulonefrite membranosa



Diffuso ispessimento della parete capillare glomerulare, scarsa componente proliferativa

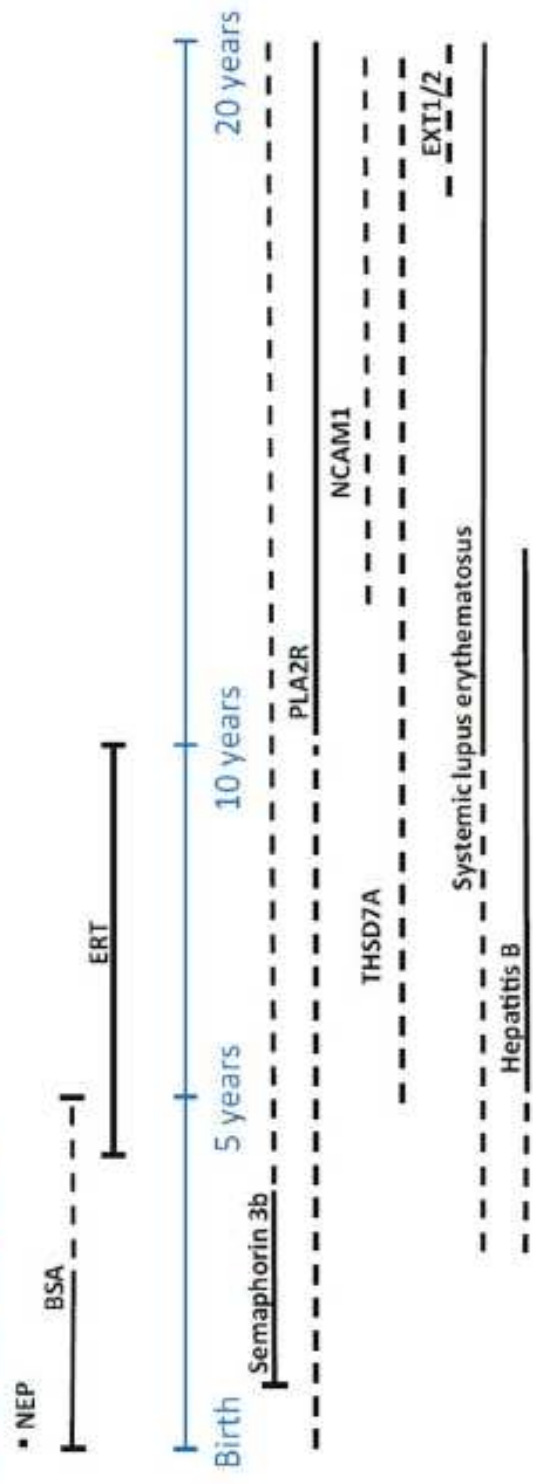


Depositi parietali granulari diffusi di IgG



# New advances in membranous nephropathy: the antigenic revolution

Distribution of antigens according to age



## Membranous nephropathy: integrating basic science into improved clinical management

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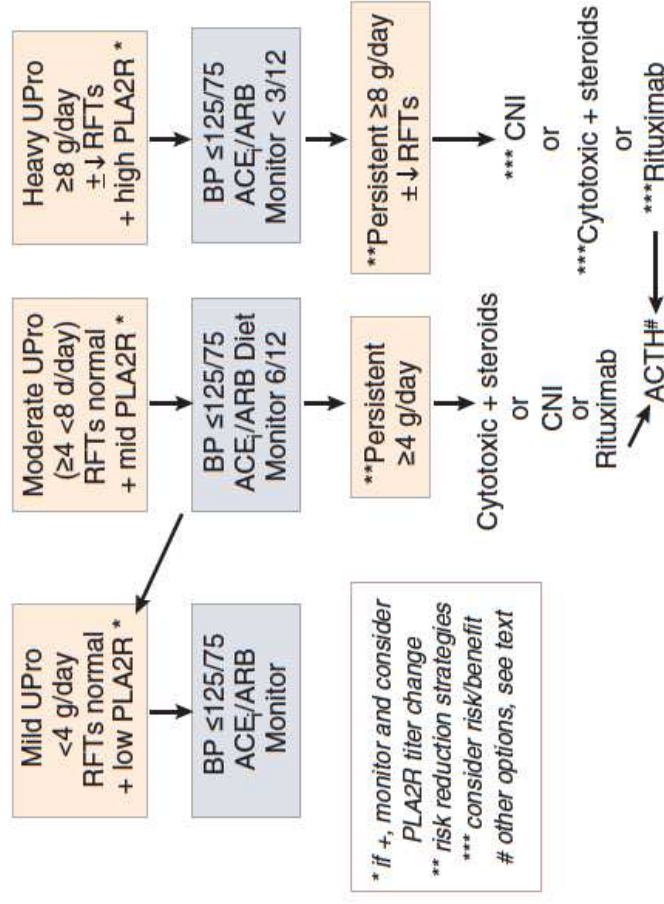


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How knowledge of the autoimmune mechanism and the sequential measurement of these autoantibodies is likely to change the clinical management and trajectory of AMN by more precisely defining its diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment is discussed. Their application early in the disease course to new and old therapies will provide additional precision to AMN management. We also review innovative therapeutic approaches on the horizon that are expected to lead to our ultimate goal of improved patient care in A(I)MN.

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### MN TREATMENT ALGORITHM



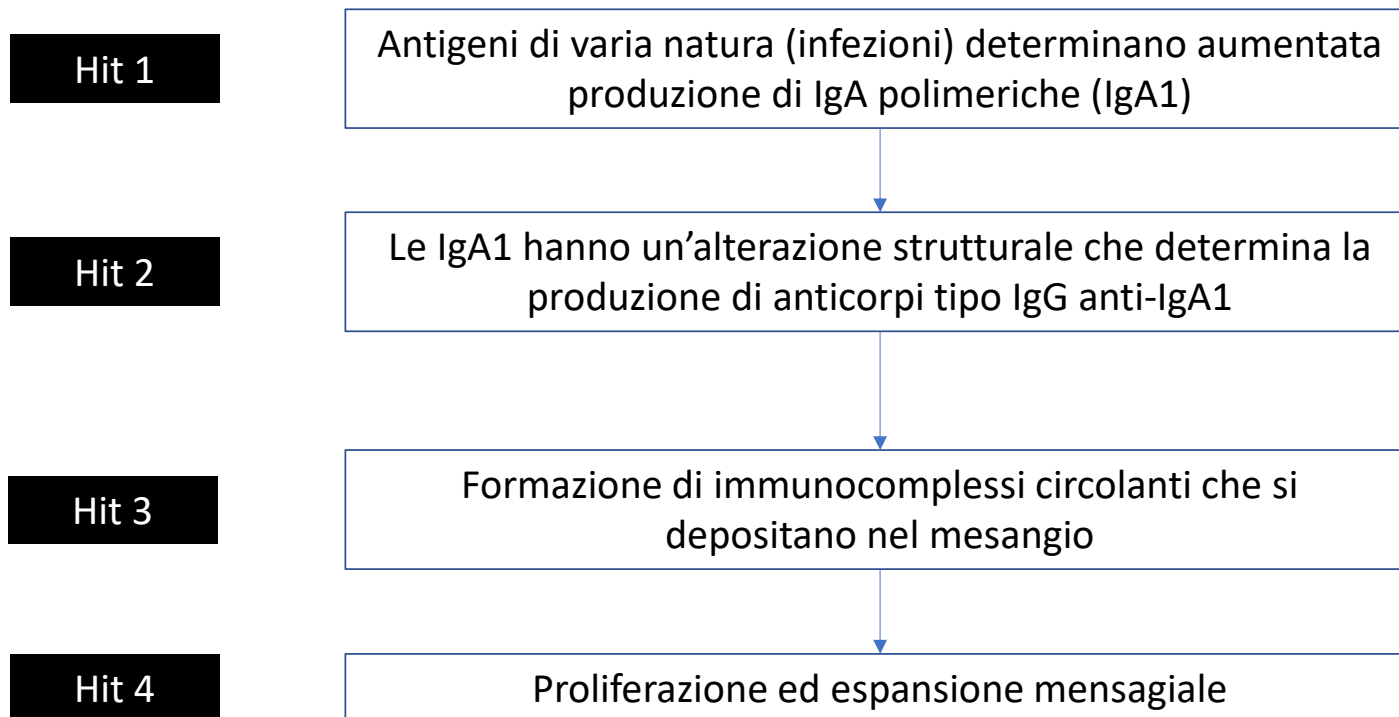
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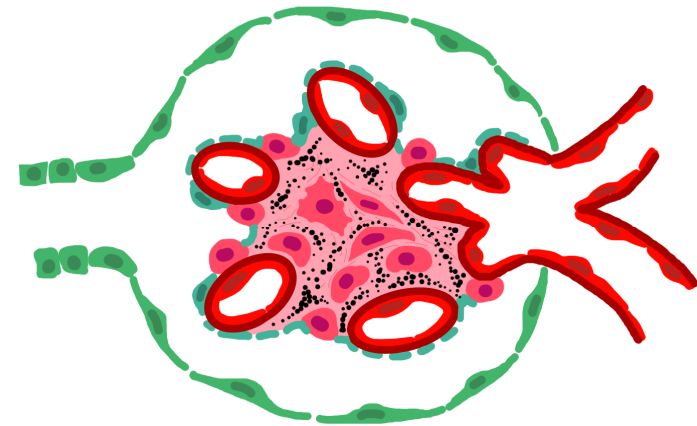
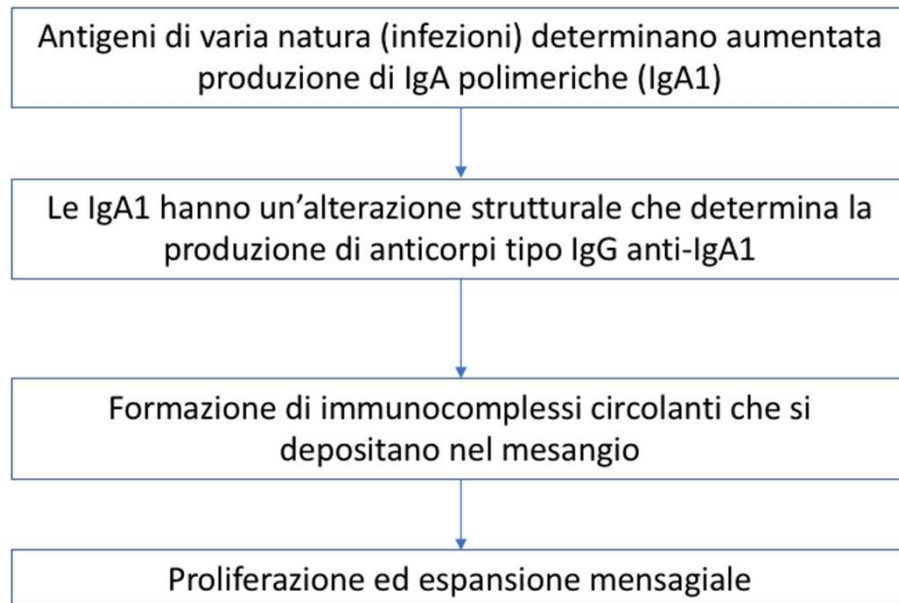
# Nefropatia a depositi di IgA

- È una glomerulonefrite ad andamento cronico progressivo, che determina lo sviluppo di insufficienza renale terminale nel 30% dei casi dopo 20 anni di malattia
- Rappresenta la glomerulonefrite cronica più diffusa al mondo, con 30 casi per milione di abitanti.

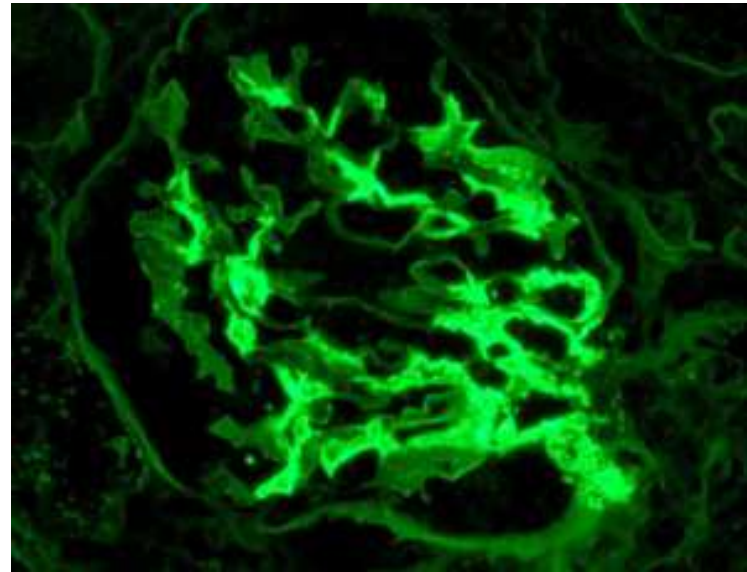
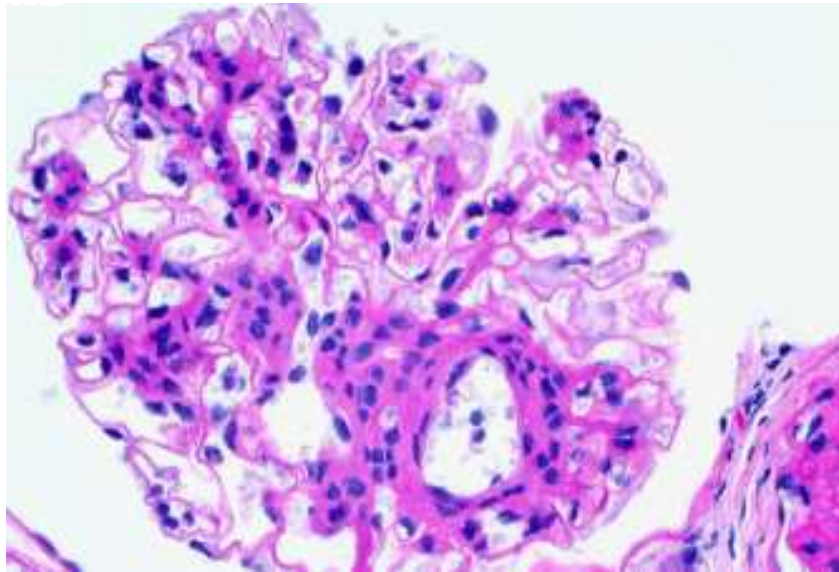
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# Nefropatia a depositi di IgA: clinica

- È caratterizzata da:
  - **Episodi ricorrenti di macroematuria** in concomitanza di un processo infettivo delle alte vie respiratorie.
  - La macroematuria è di durata variabile e può ripetersi nel tempo in rapporto alla carica antigenica
  - **Microematuria persistente** negli intervalli
  - Progressiva comparsa di proteinuria patologica
- Nel 3% dei casi può esordire con sindrome nefritica e nel 3-6% dei casi con sindrome nefrosica
- **Raramente come forma rapidamente progressiva**



# Perché le semilune?

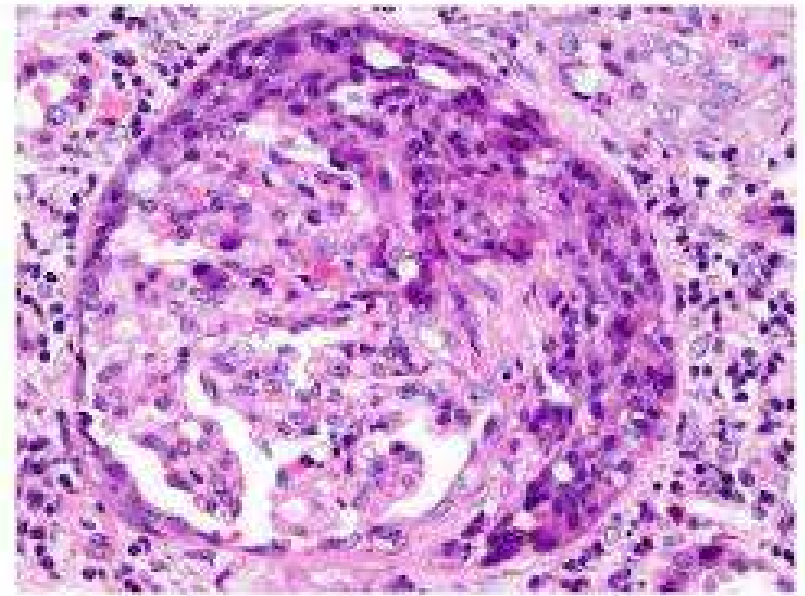
Il processo infiammatorio può causare la rottura dei capillari glomerulari, con passaggio di cellule e proteine plasmatiche nella capsula di Bowman

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Accumulo di monociti

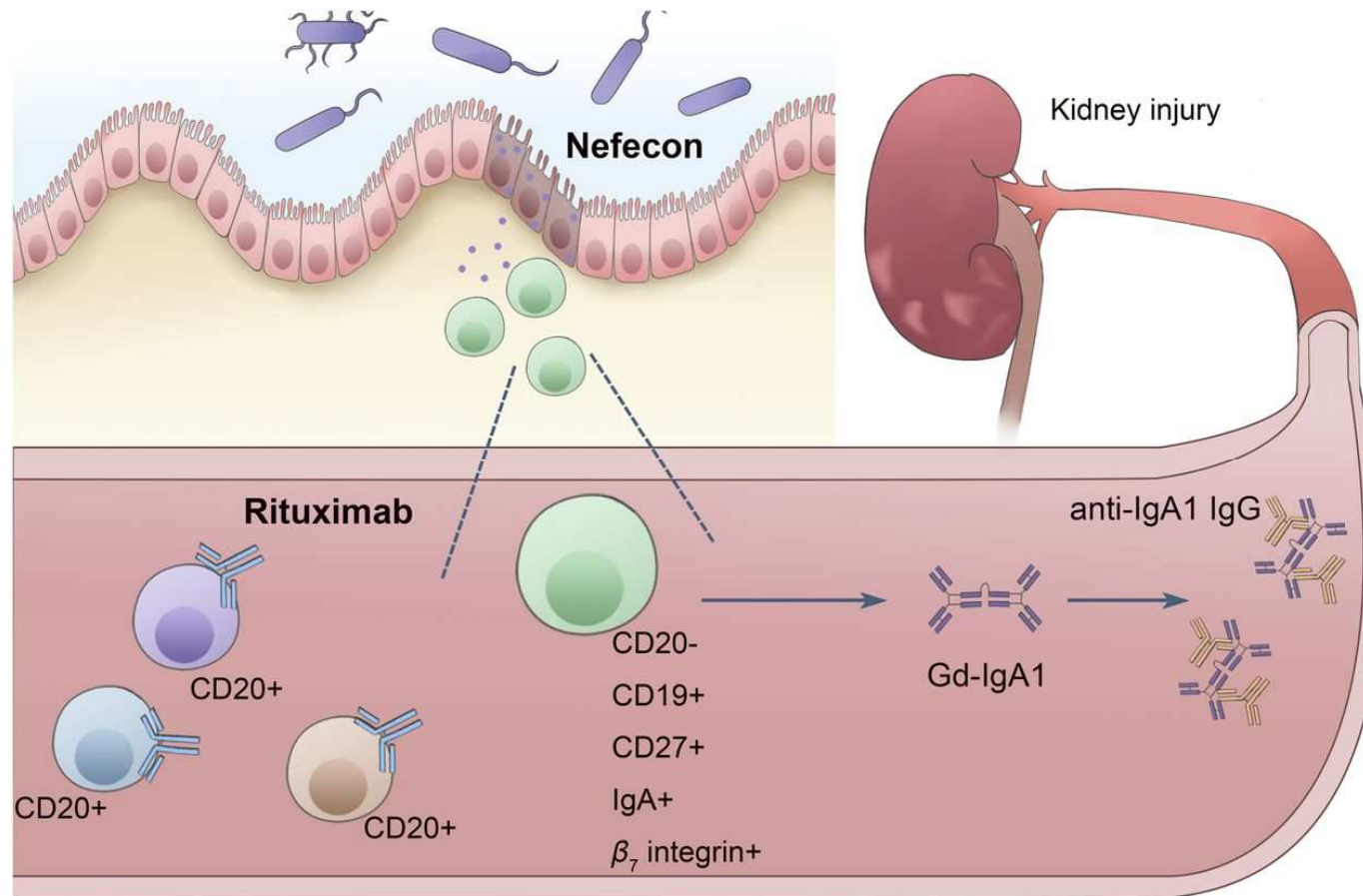
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Proliferazione locale di cellule epiteliali viscerali e parietali

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Formazione di semilune

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Fibrosi e sclerosi



**Plasmablasts with a mucosal phenotype may contribute to the failure of rituximab and the clinical success of Nefecon in IgA nephropathy.**



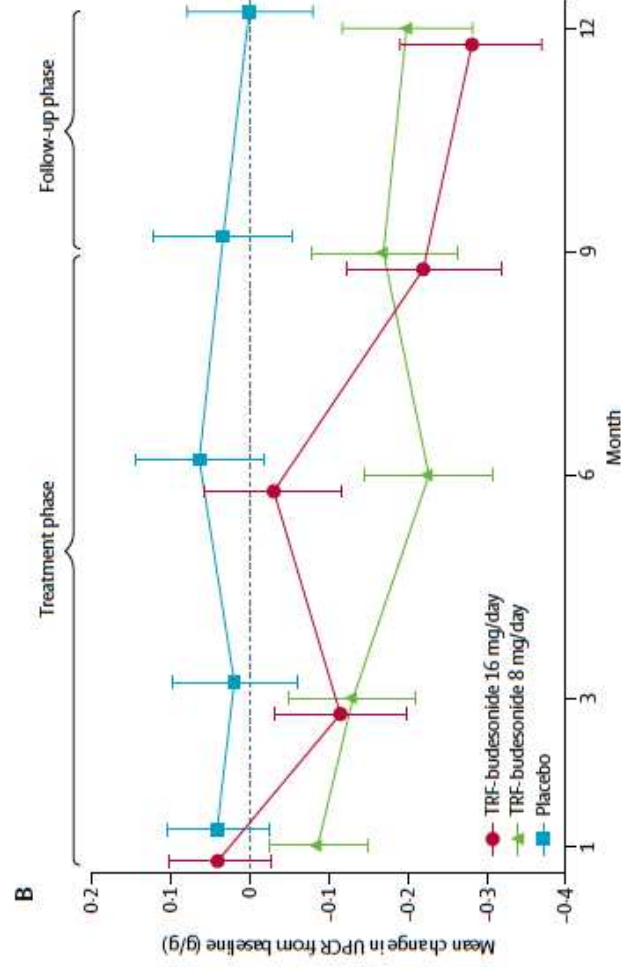
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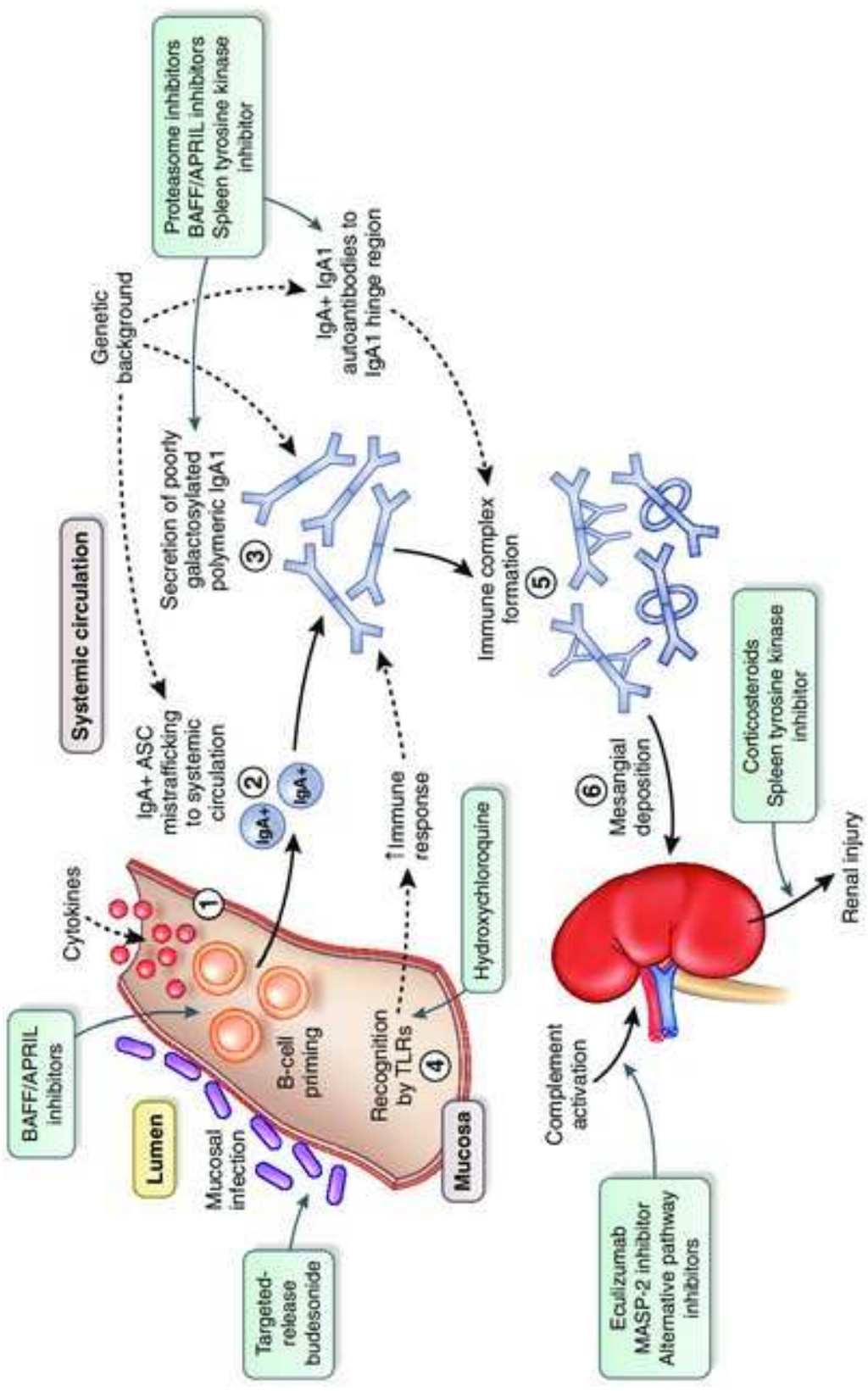


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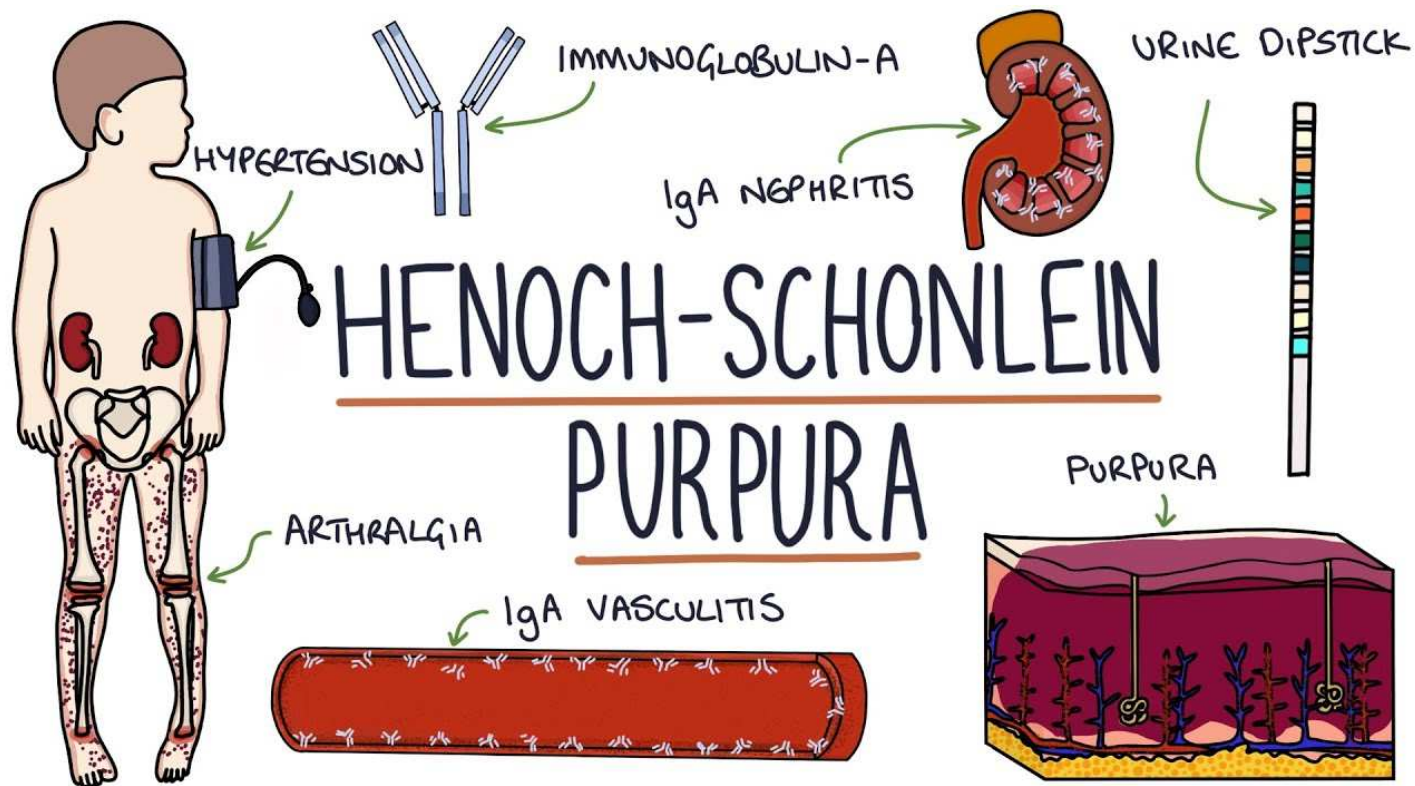
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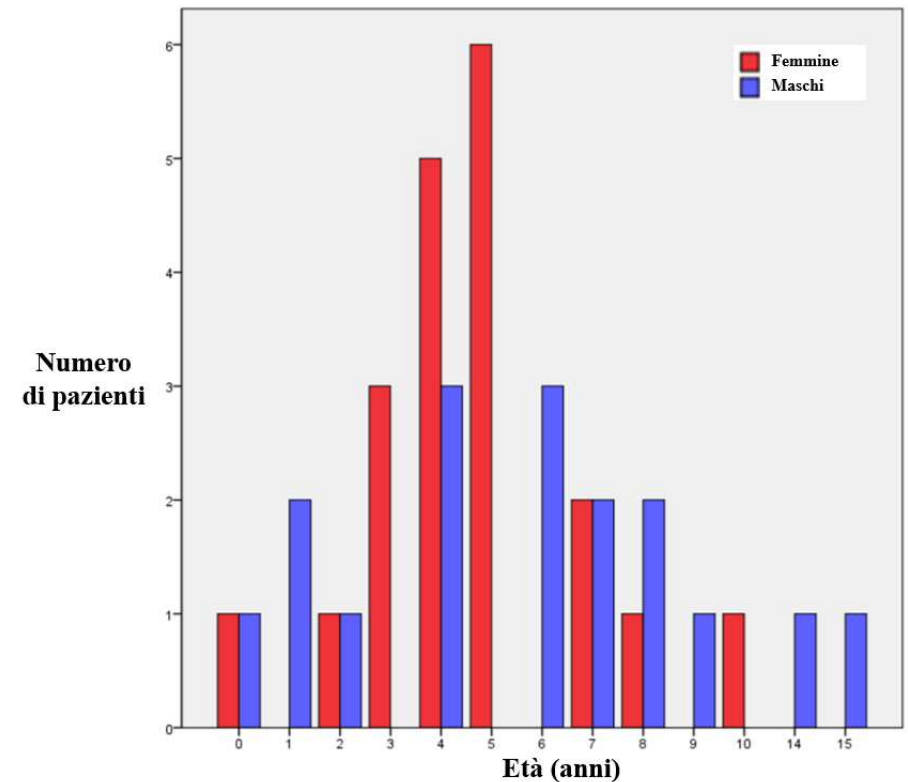
## Esperienza della Clinica Pediatrica di Udine

- Accessi in PSP e ricoveri con diagnosi di PSH dal 01.01.2015 al 31.12.2021
- N=37

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Sesso	♀ 54,1%	♂ 45,1 %	M:F 1: 1,18
Età	5,73 ± 3,24	Min: 4 mesi Max: 15 anni	< 2 aa: 16% 3-10 aa: 78%

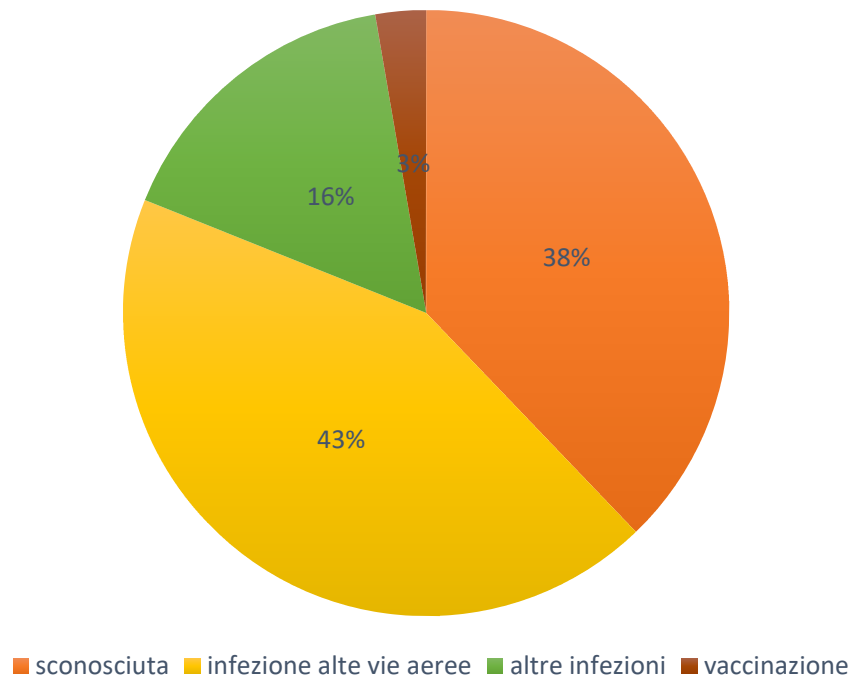
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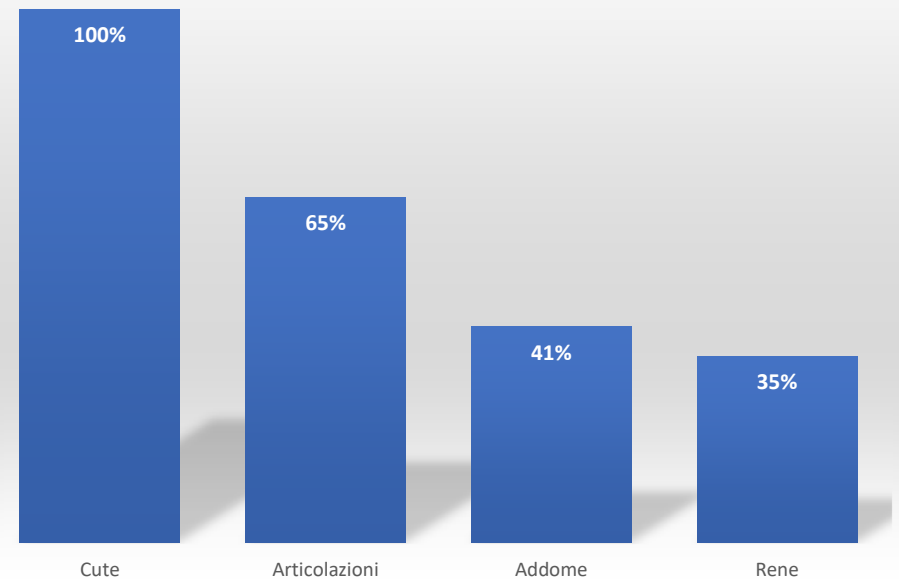
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Possibili cause scatenanti



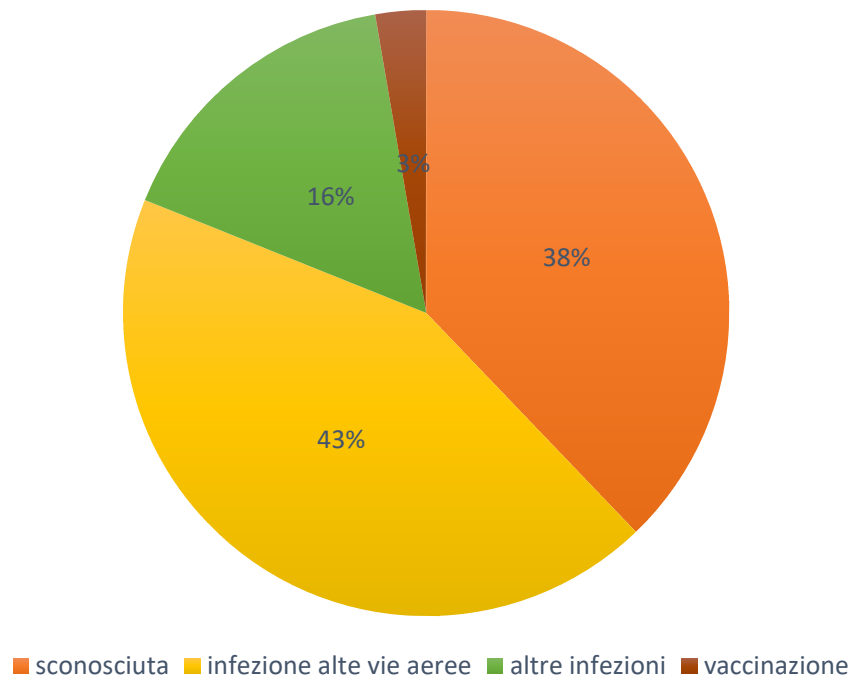
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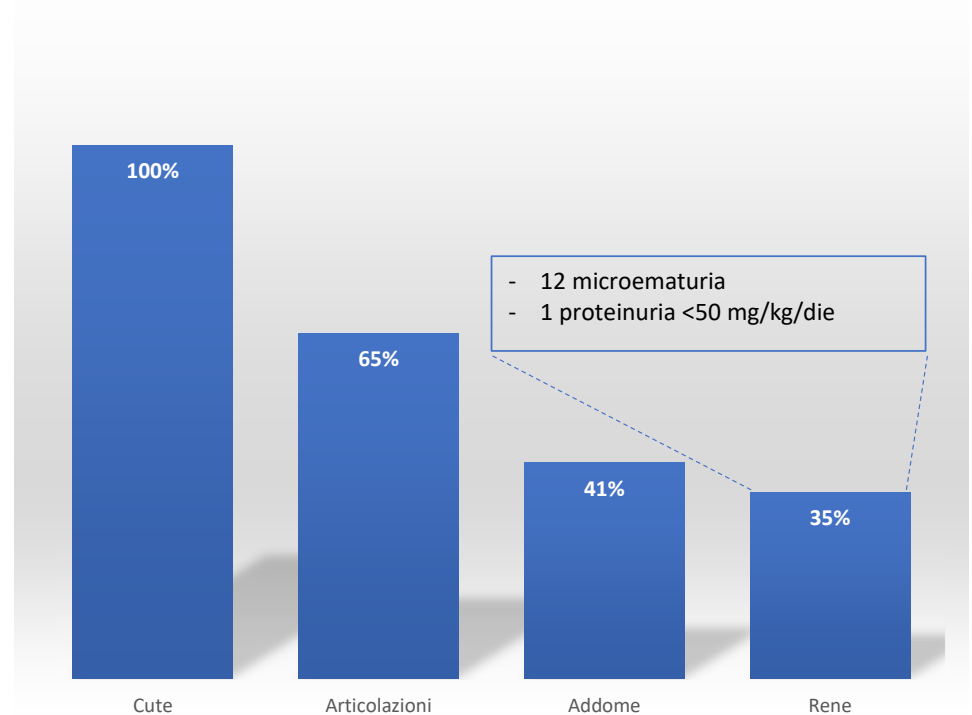
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- Tutti i casi con microematuria si sono negativizzati entro 3 mesi.
- Il caso con proteinuria patologica ha avuto una regolarizzazione del reperto urinario entro 3 mesi.
  
- In 4 pazienti l'interessamento renale è stato più tardivo, a 7, 11, 15 e 40 giorni dall'esordio:
  - 3 casi con microematuria
  - 1 caso con proteinuria patologica

**Monitoraggio stick urine 1 volta alla settimana nel primo mese, ogni 15 giorni nel II e III mese, poi a 6 e 12 mesi**

**Indicazioni alla biopsia renale:**

- Presentazione con sindrome nefritica
- Evoluzione a proteinuria nefrosica (*gross proteinuria*)
- Proteinuria patologica persistente per più di 2-3 mesi dall'esordio

PERSPECTIVES IN RENAL MEDICINE

## What is the difference between IgA nephropathy and Henoch-Schönlein purpura nephritis?

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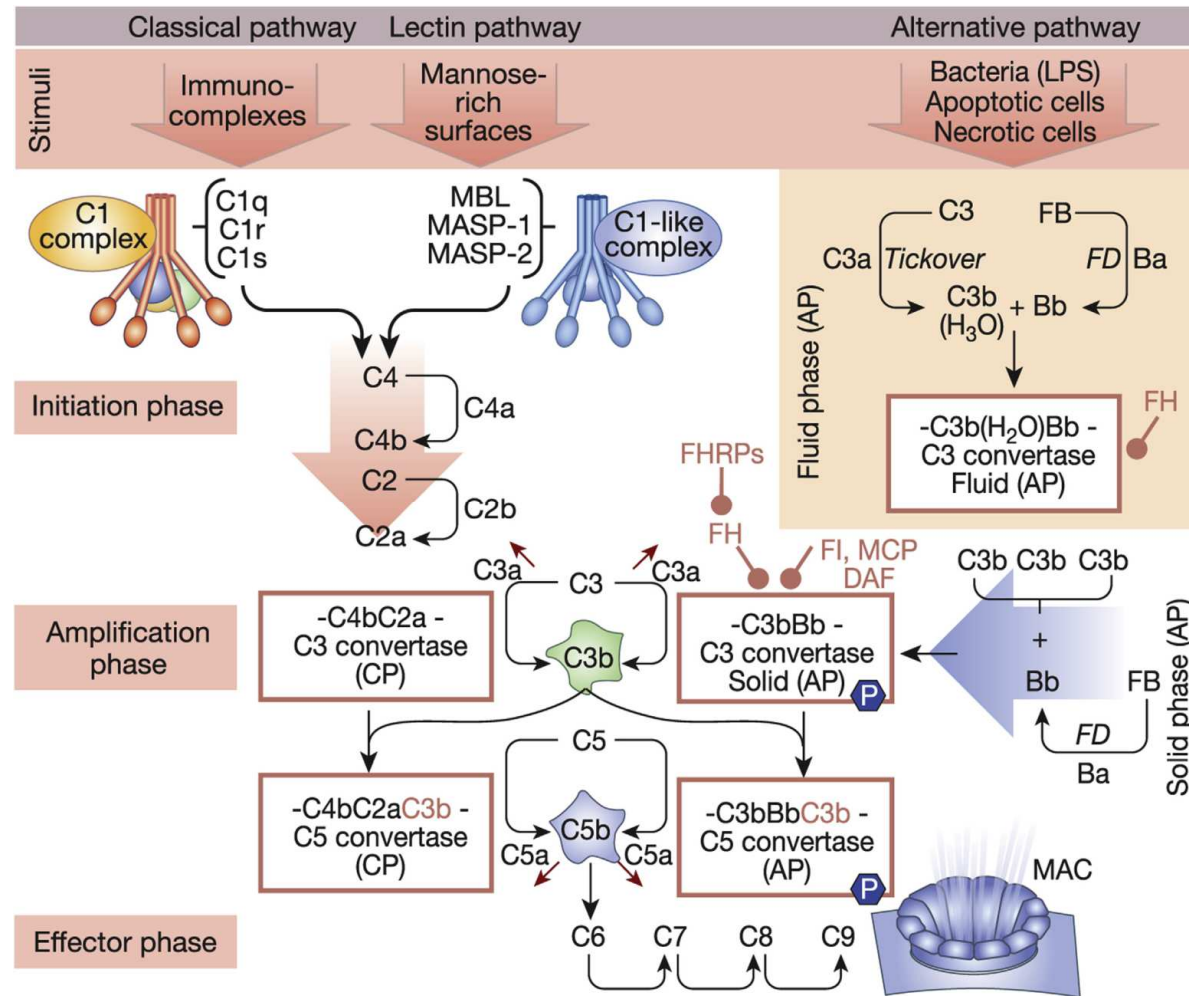
*Departments of Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, and Pathology, Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

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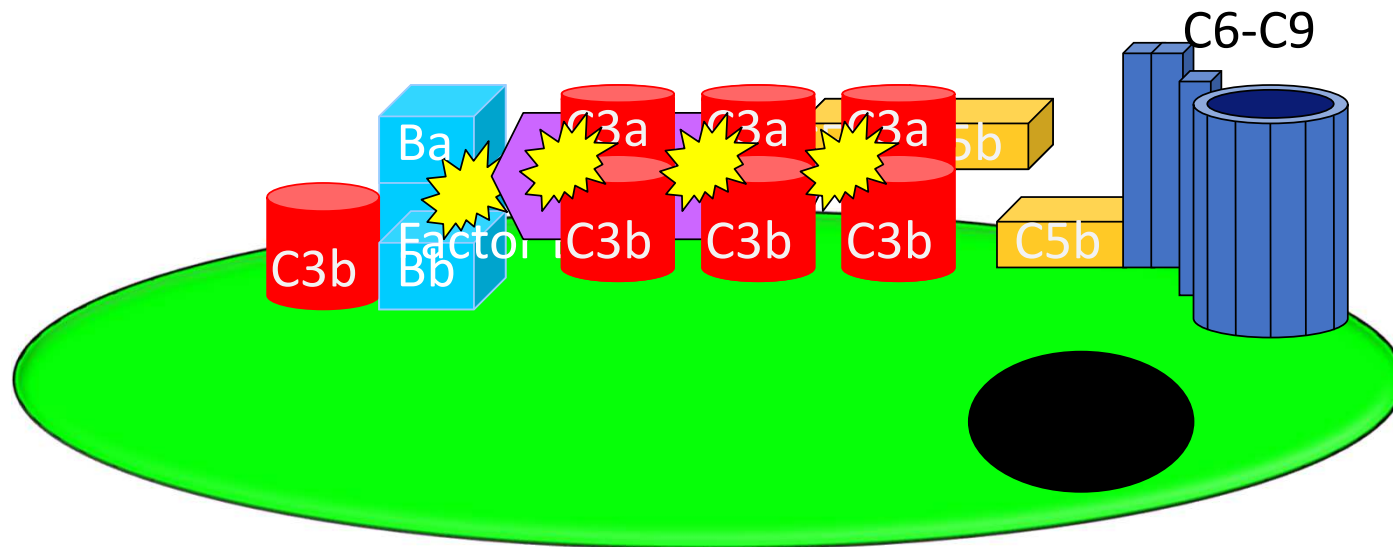
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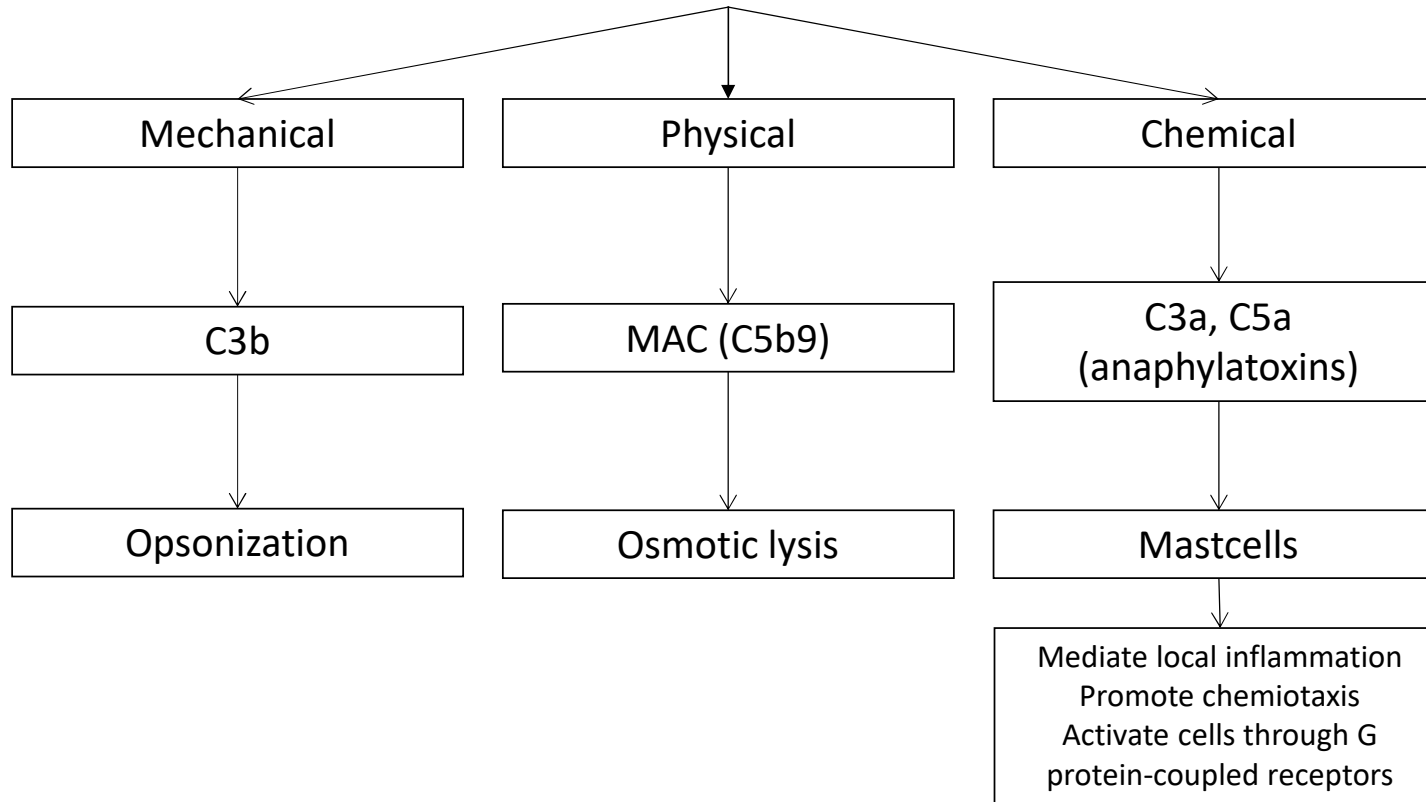
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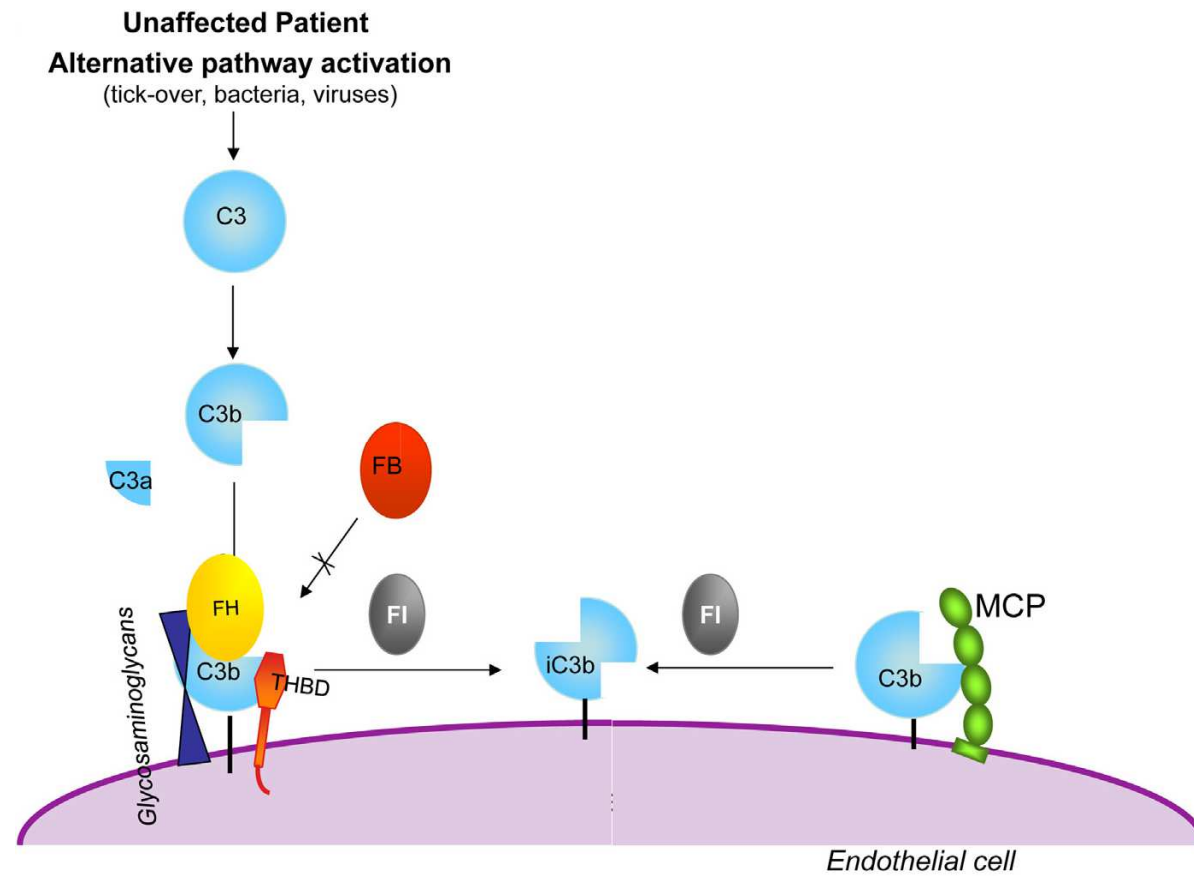
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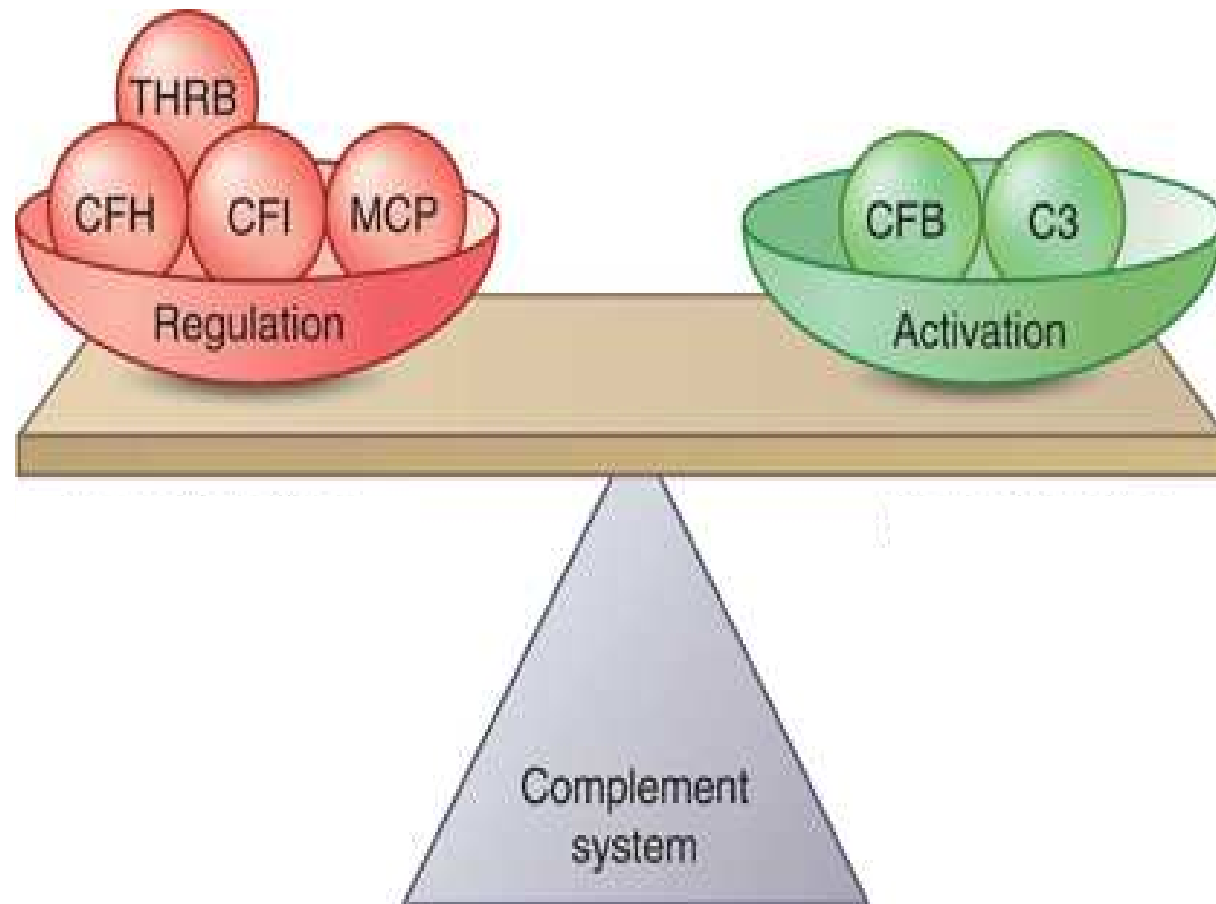
# Complement pathway effector functions



# Complement activation in physiological conditions

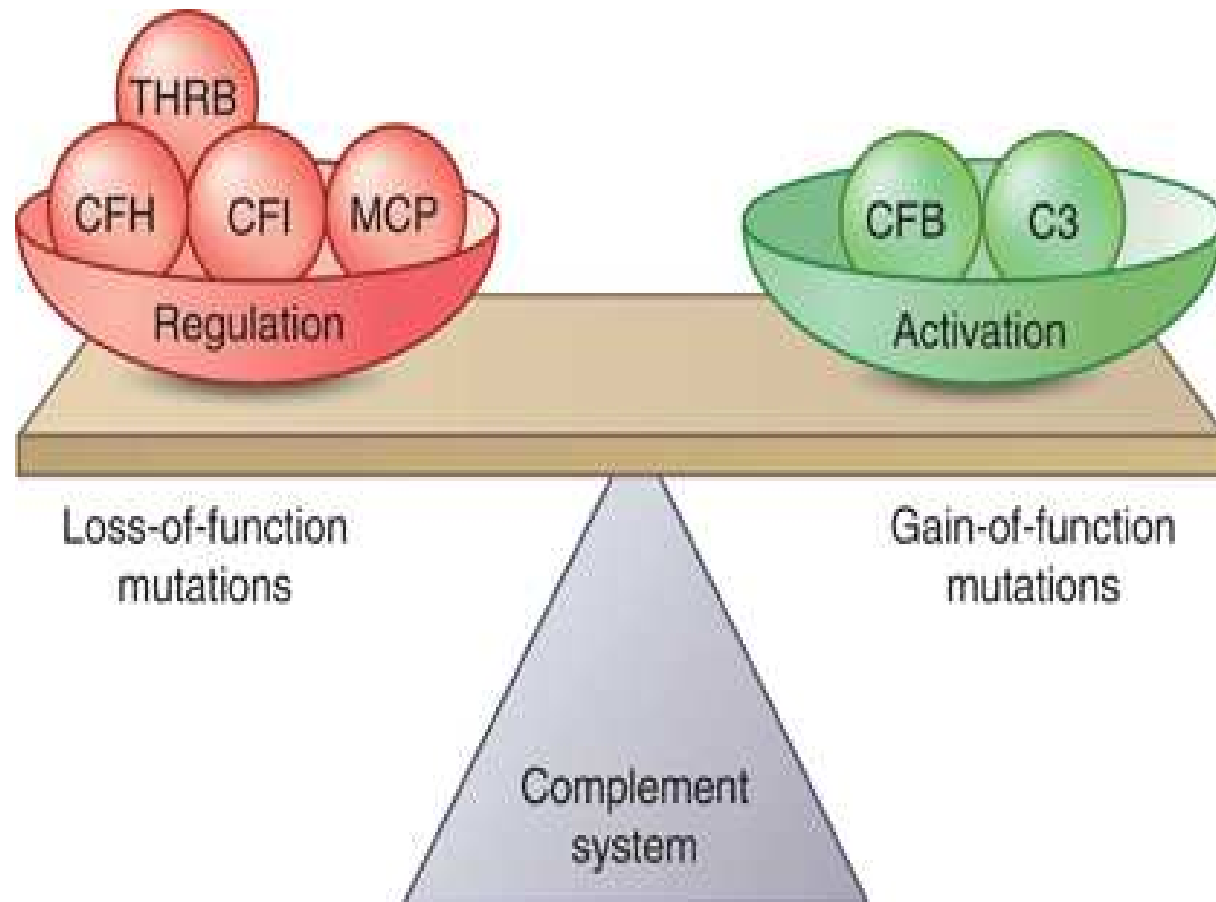


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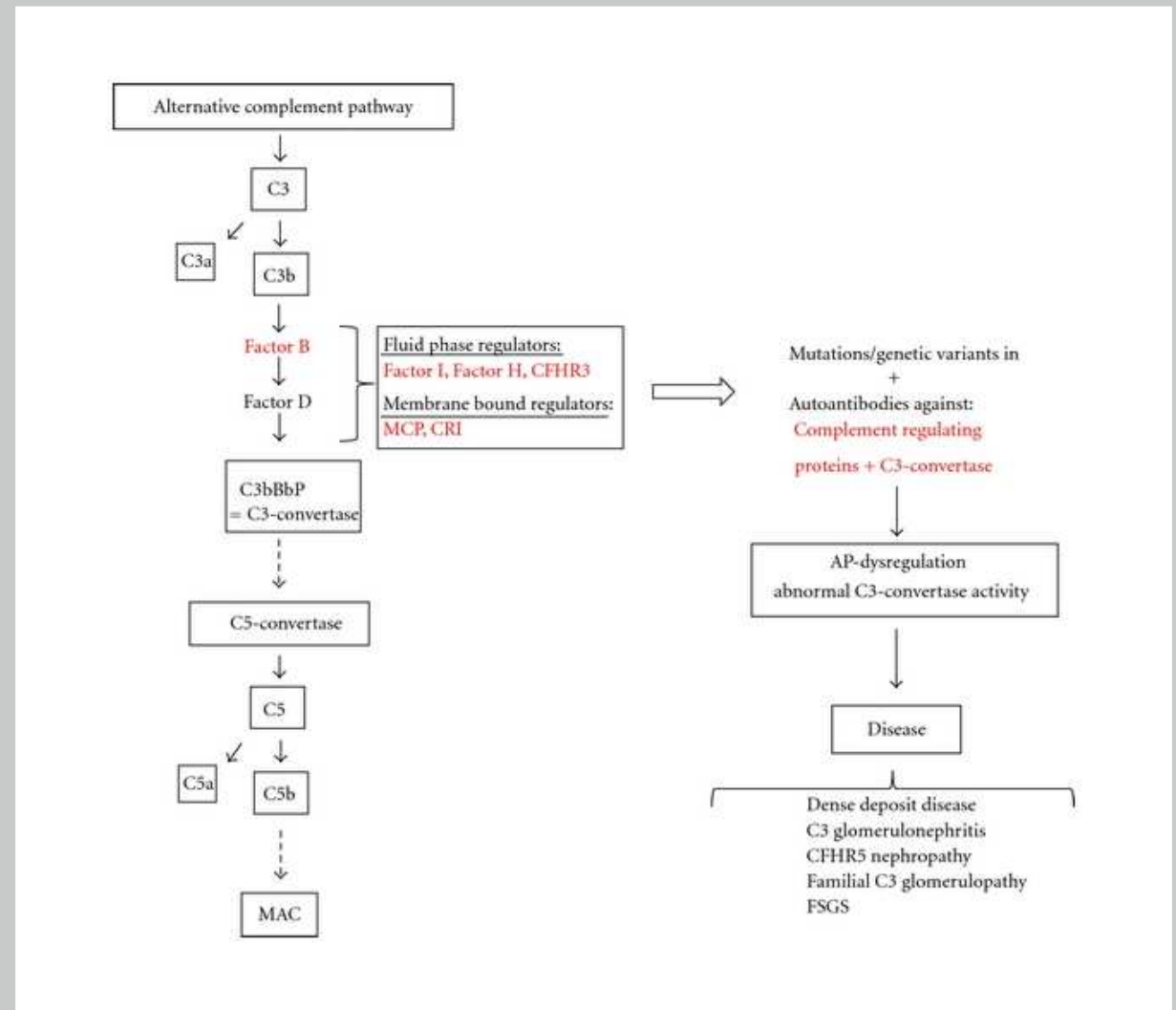




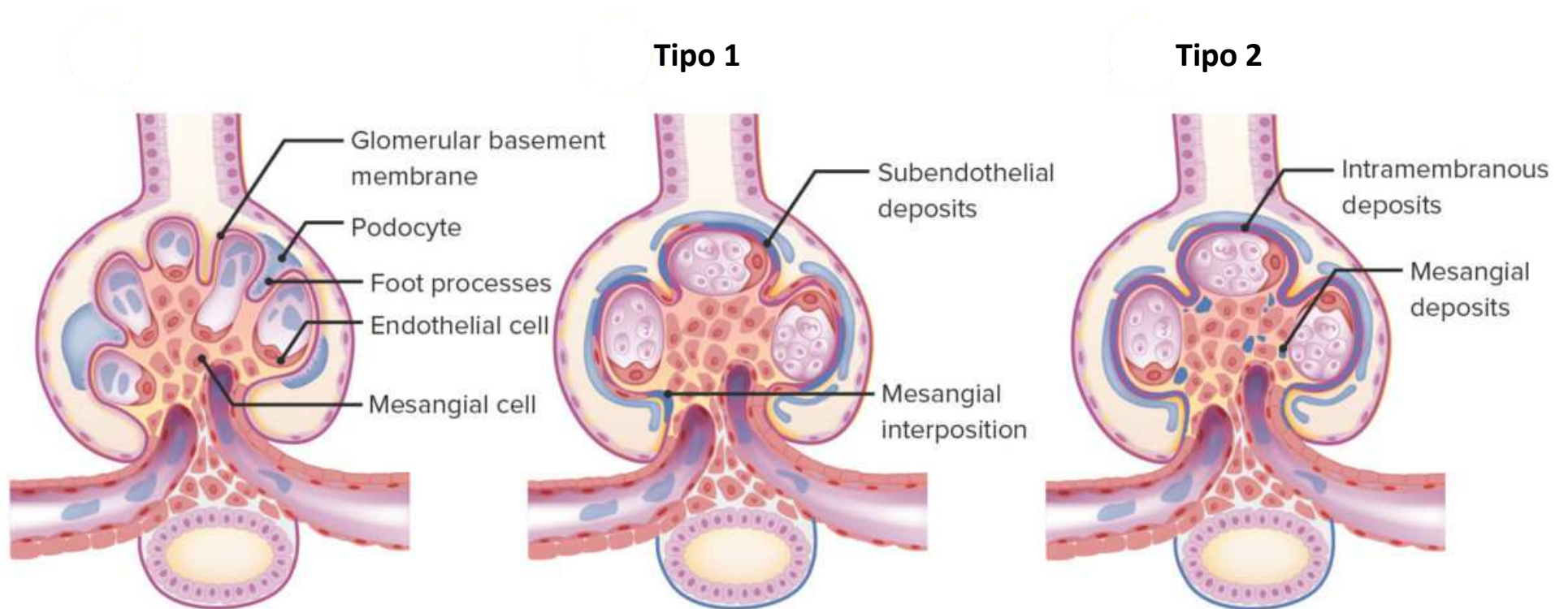
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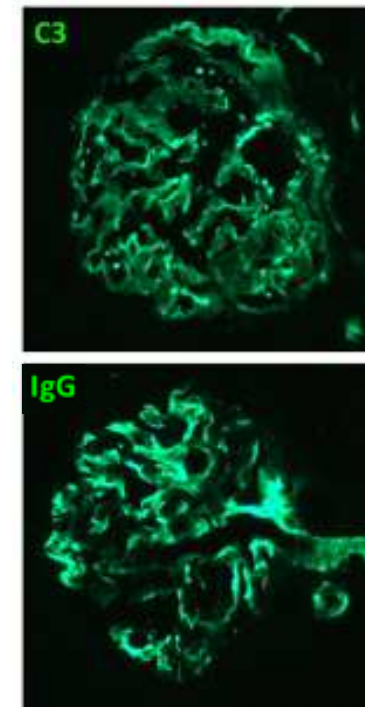
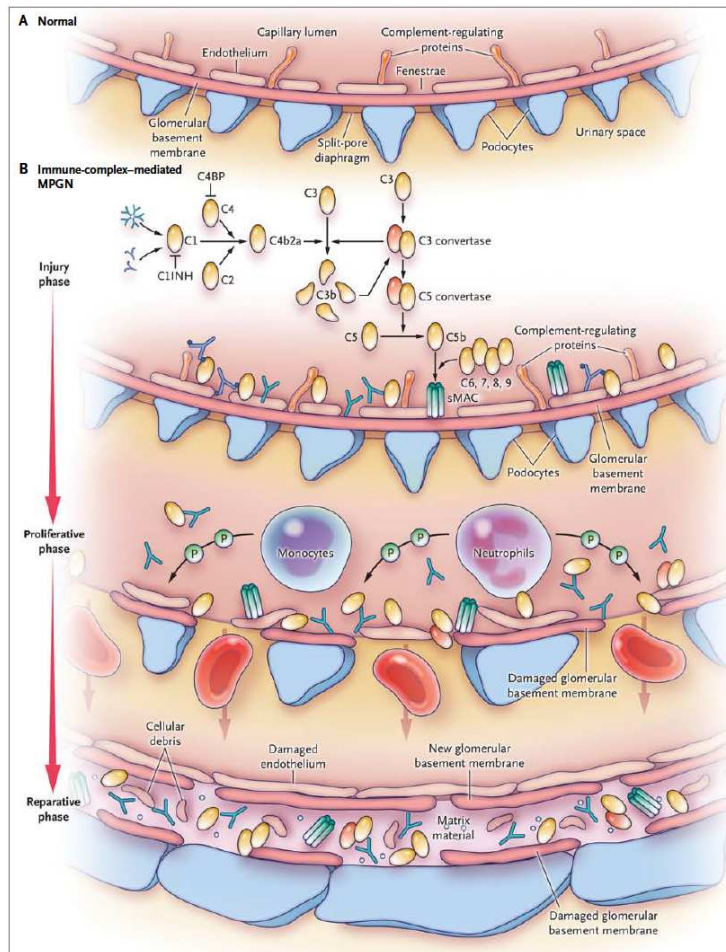
# Kidney diseases resulting from complement activation/dysregulation



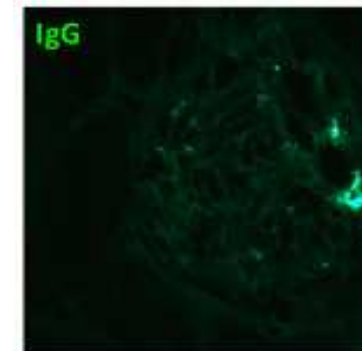
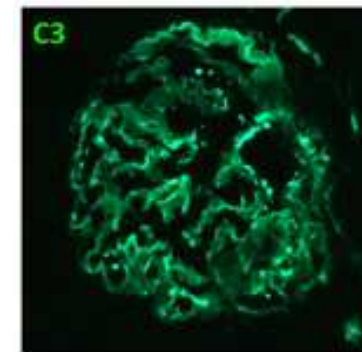
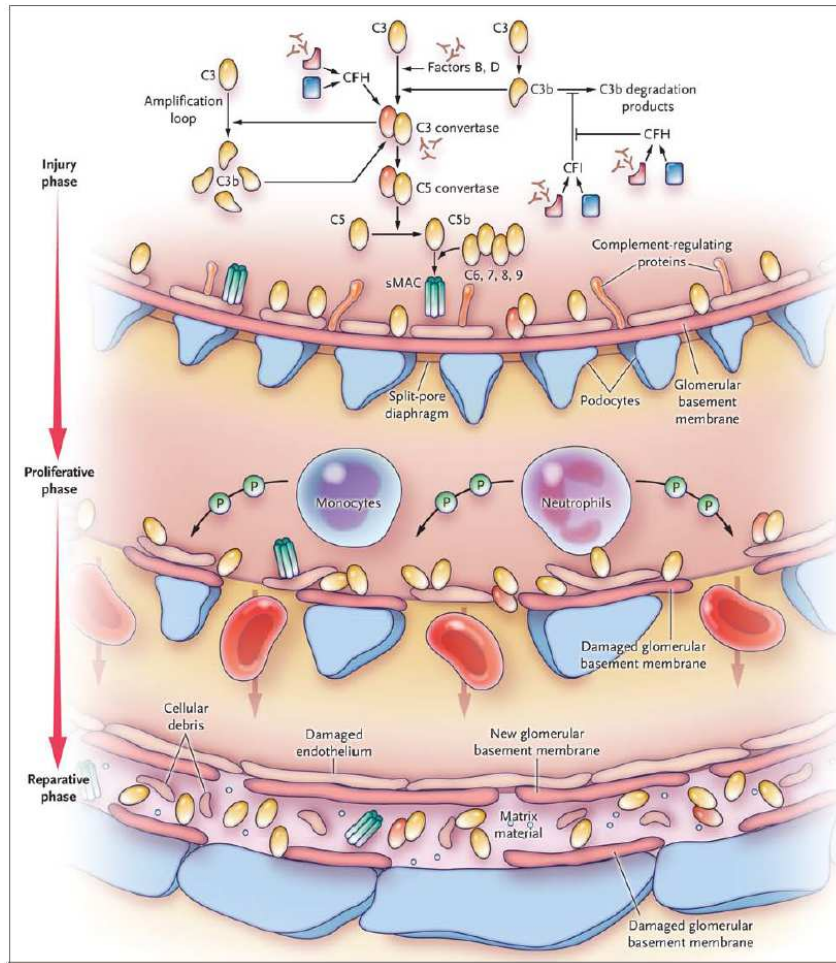
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# GNMP da immunocomplessi



# GNMP complemento-mediata

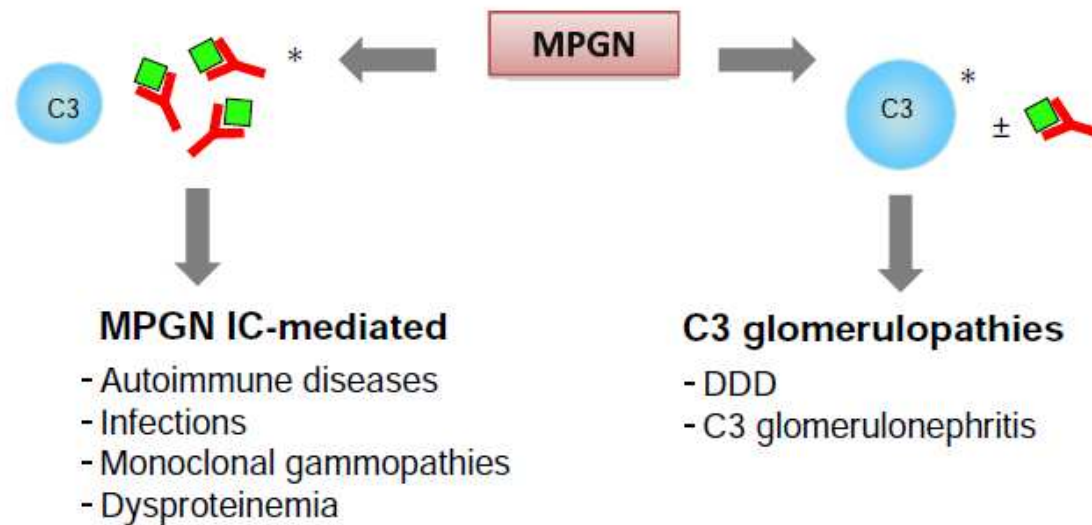




MEDICAL PROGRESS

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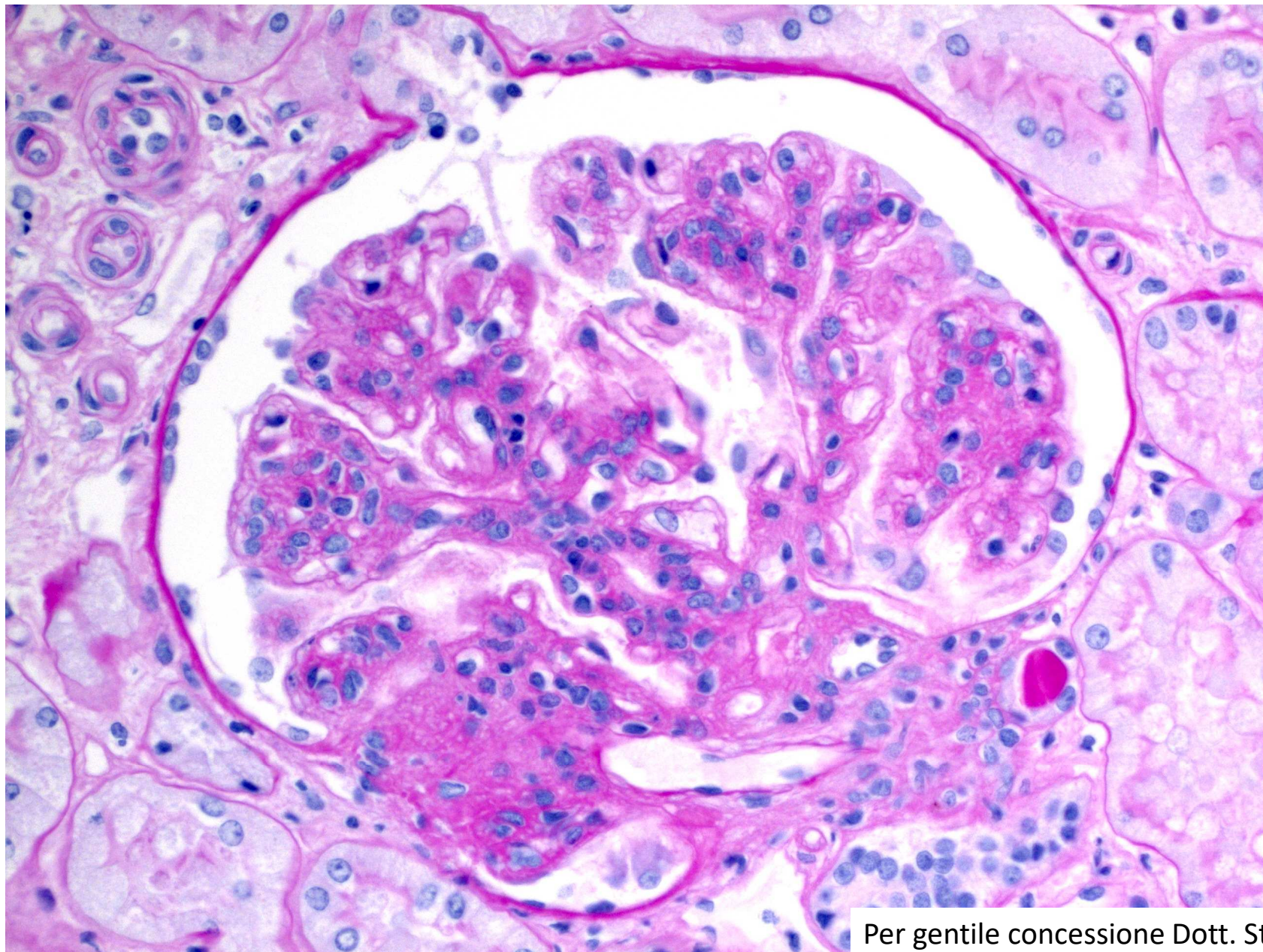


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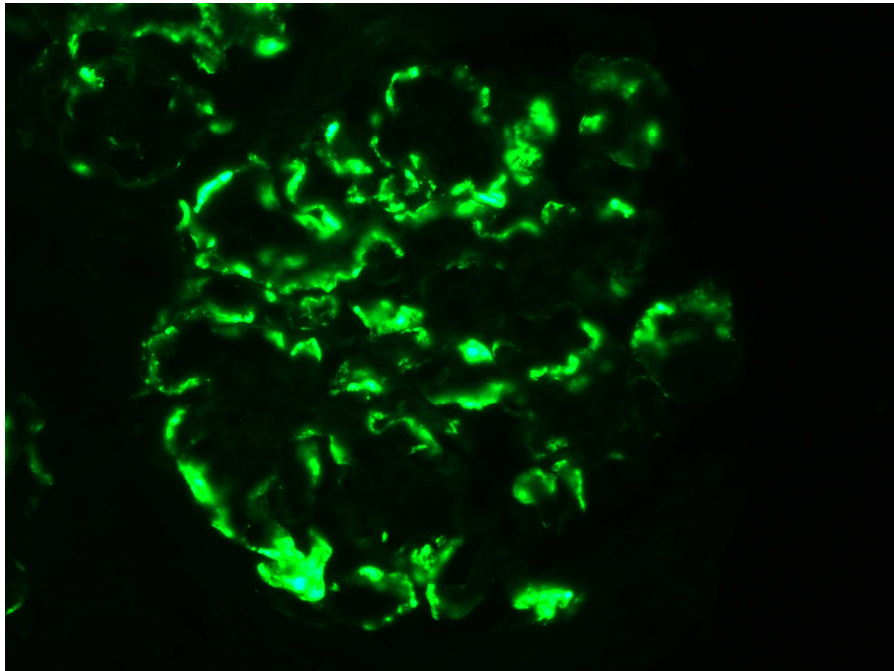


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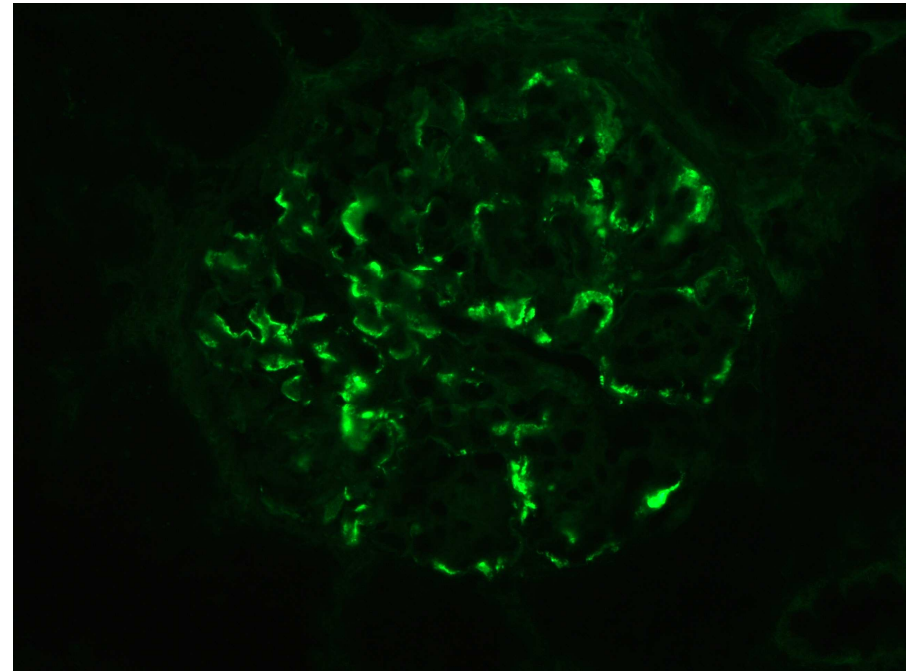




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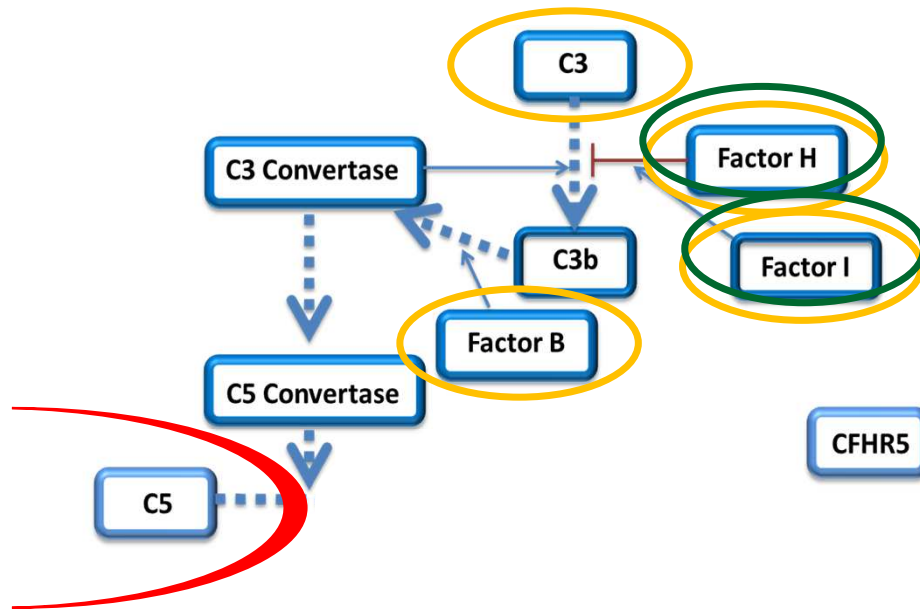


# C3 glomerulopathy

Diseases	EM-findings	Alternative pathway abnormalities	Disease specific treatment options
Dense deposit disease	(i) Osmophilic wavy dense deposits within GBM, mesangial matrix, tubular BM	(i) Autoantibodies (C3Nef, FHAA, FBAA, C3-convertase AA) (ii) Mutations/genetic variations ( <i>CFH</i> , <i>CFI</i> , <i>CFB</i> , <i>MCP</i> )	(i) Infusion of fresh frozen plasma (ii) Plasmapheresis (iii) Eculizumab (iv) Immunosuppressive treatment (in case of autoantibodies)
C3 glomerulonephritis	(i) Mesangial, subendothelial, subepithelial and intramembranous deposits	(i) Mutations/genetic variations ( <i>CFH</i> , <i>CFI</i> , <i>MCP</i> ) (ii) Autoantibodies (C3Nef, FHAA)	(i) Eculizumab (ii) Immunosuppressive treatment (in case of autoantibodies)
CFHR5 nephropathy	(i) Mesangial, subendothelial, subepithelial deposits	(i) <i>CFHR5</i> -mutation	(i) No treatment of proven efficacy (ii) Plasma exchange associated with good outcome
Familial C3 glomerulopathy	(i) MPGN type III (ii) Subendothelial, subepithelial deposits	(i) Familial hybrid <i>CFHR3-1</i> gene autosomal dominant inheritance	(i) No treatment of proven efficacy

Abbreviations: C3: complement component 3, CFHR5: complement factor H related protein 5, CFH: complement factor H, CFI: complement factor I, MCP: membrane cofactor protein, FHAA: factor H autoantibody, FBAA: factor B autoantibody, (G) BM; (glomerular) basement membrane, MCP: membrane cofactor protein.

# Therapeutic options

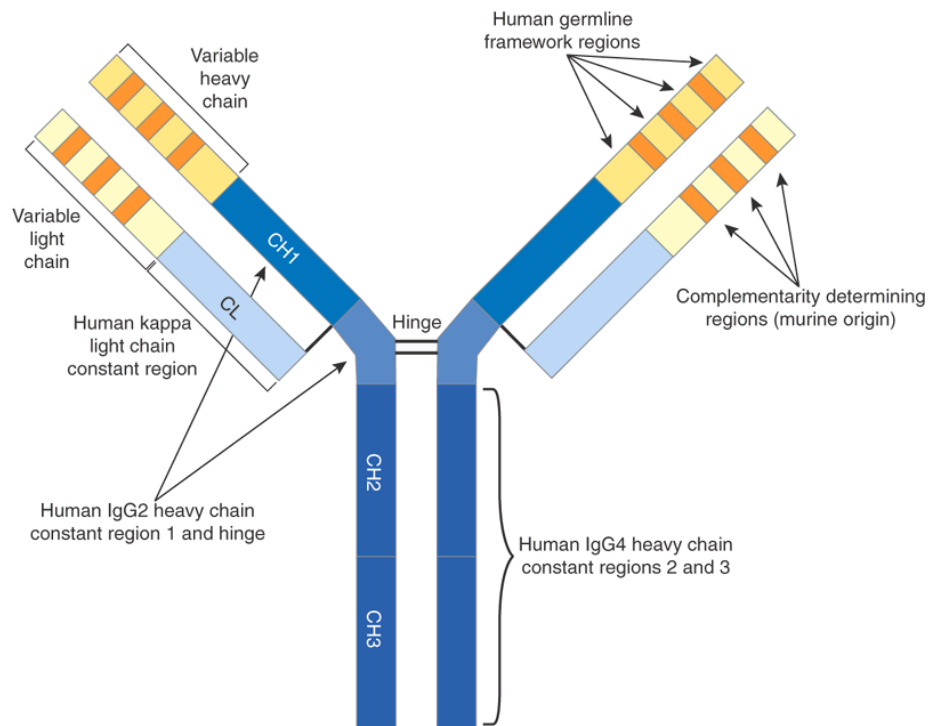


1. Remove abnormal proteins

2. Replace deficient proteins

3. Block terminal complement

# Eculizumab



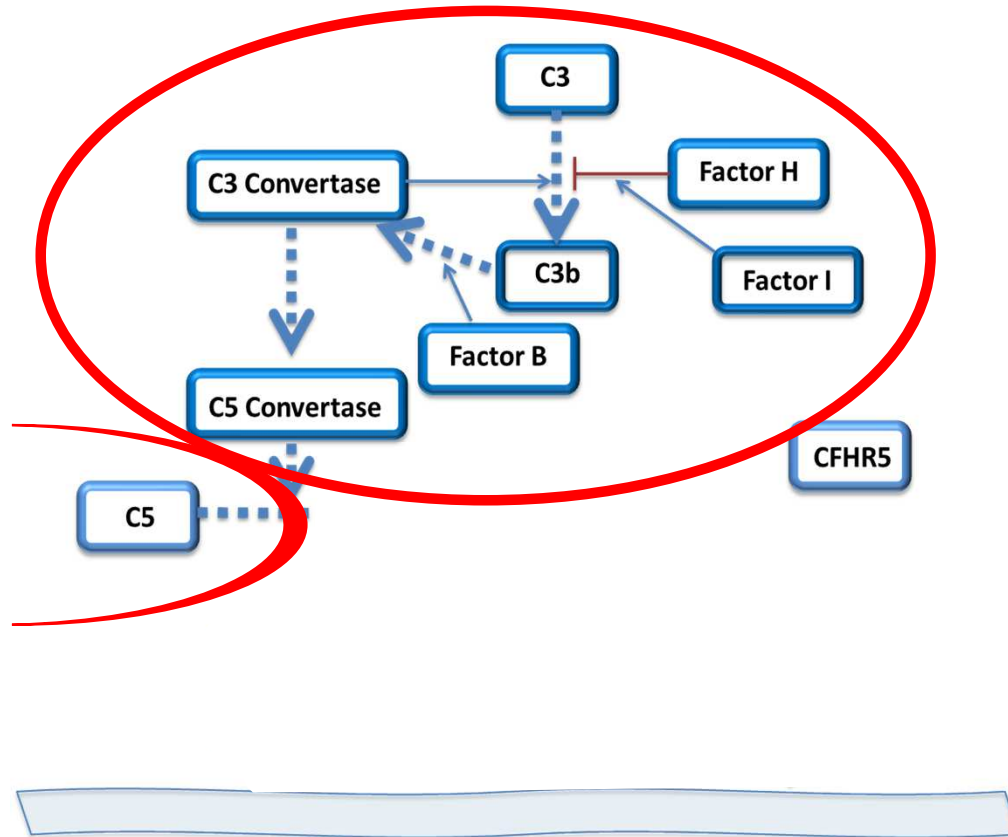
- Recombinant, humanized, monoclonal antibody directed against C5 – specifically preventing its cleavage by the C5 convertase.
- Prevents production of C5a and the generation of the terminal complement complex C5b-9.
- The single most expensive drug in the world. (\$409,500/yr – *Forbes Magazine*)

# Treatment of C3 Glomerulopathy with Complement Blockers

Patient	Reference	C3	C3Nef	S-C5b-9	Genetics	Response	Proteinuria reduction	Renal function	Relapse at discontinuation
1	Vivarelli et al.	↓↓	+	Elevated	FB polymorphism	Yes	Yes	Normal	Yes
2	Daina et al.	↓↓	+	Elevated	FH mutation	Yes	Yes	Improved	ND
3	Radhakrishnan et al.	↓↓	+	Elevated	Absent CFHR1	Yes	Yes	Improved	ND
4	Bomback et al.	↓↓	-	Elevated	FH mutation	Yes	-	Improved	Yes
5	Bomback et al.	↓	-	ND	No mutation	Yes	Yes	Stable	No
6	Bomback et al.	↓	+	Elevated	No mutation	Yes	No	Stable	Yes
7	Bomback et al.	↓	+	Borderline	MCP mutation	Yes	-	Improved	No
8	McCaughan et al.	↓↓	+	ND	No mutation	Yes	Yes	Improved	ND
9	Gurkan et al.	↓↓	+	Elevated	No mutation	Partial	Yes, initially	Improved	ND
10	Bomback et al.	↓↓	+	Normal	No mutation	No	No	Worsened	ND
11	Bomback et al.	±	-	Normal	No mutation	No	±	Worsened	No

Vivarelli and Emma, Semin Thromb Hemost 2014 Jun;40(4):472-7

# Therapeutic options





# Novel complement therapeutics

- **Different classes of molecules:**

- Protein therapeutics (Biotech):
  - Monoclonal antibodies
  - Purified plasma proteins
  - Engineered/recombinant proteins
- Small molecules (<1kDA)
- Small interfering RNA (siRNA therapeutics) to “*knock down*” complement protein production in the liver (=silenziamento genico)

# Practical considerations in the development of complement therapeutics

	Biotech	Small molecules	siRNAs
<b>Cost</b>	↑↑↑	↑	↑↑
<b>Route of administration</b>	IV	OS	IV/SC
<b>Half-life</b>	↑↑	↑	↑↑↑
<b>Toxicity</b>	Minimal off-target effects Potentially immunogenic	More off-target effects	

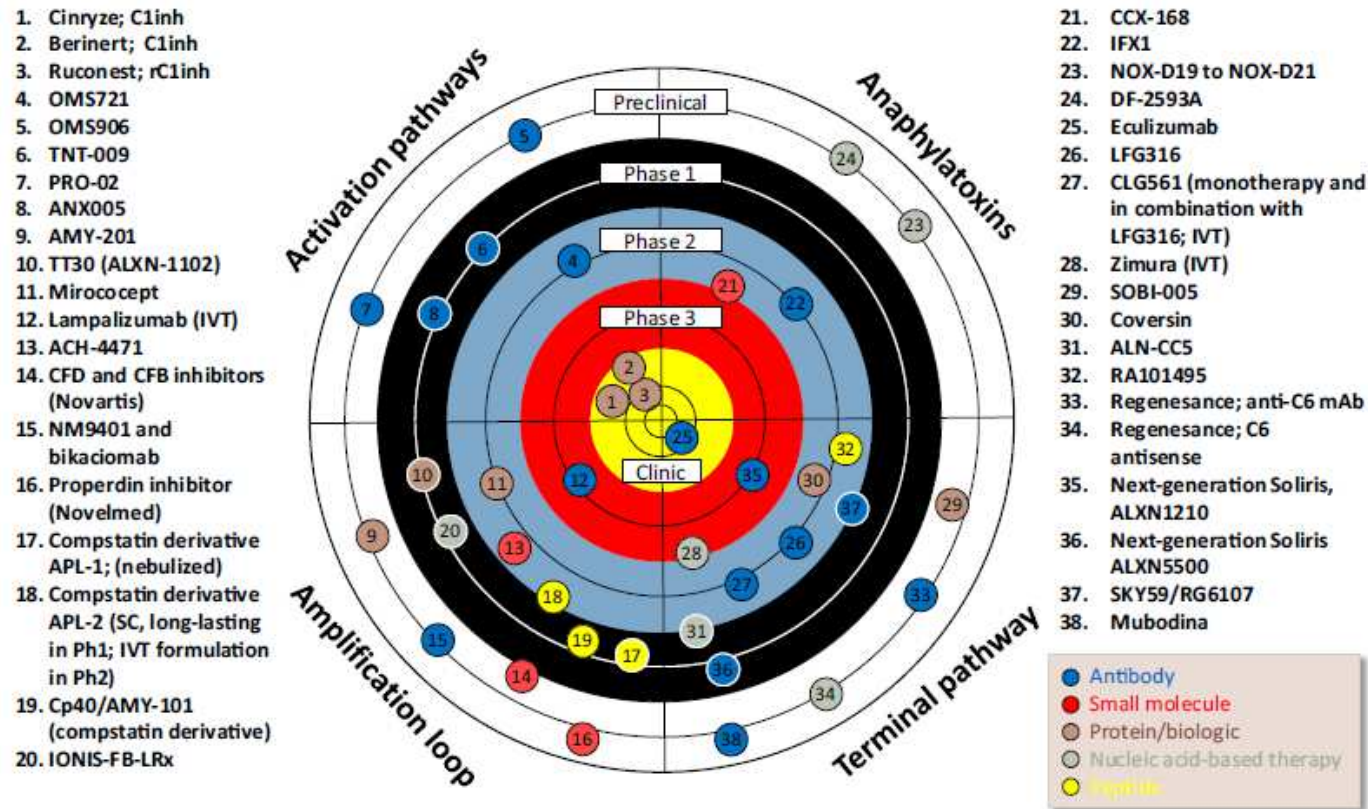
# Targeting complement initiation and amplification

Target	Drug (Company)	Entity	Clinical phase (Trial No.)	Indications
C1-INH preparations C1r, C1s, MASPs	Cinryze (Shire)	Protein	P1 (NCT02435732) P3 (NCT02547220)	Transplantation Transplantation
	Berinerit (CSL Behring)	Protein	P1/2 (NCT02134314) P2 (NCT02936479)	Transplantation Transplantation
	Cetor (Sanquin)	Protein	P3 (NCT01275976) term P2 (NCT02251041)	Trauma /Sepsis Transplantation
	Ruconest (Pharming)	Protein	P2 (NCT02869347)	Contrast-inducen nephropathy
Anti-C1s	TNT009 (True North)	Antibody	P1 (NCT02502903)	Cold agglutinin disease Bullous pemphigoid Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
Anti-MASP-2	OMS721 (Omeros)	Antibody	P2 (NCT02222545) P2 (NCT02682407)	TMA IgAN, LES, MN, C3G
Anti-FP	CLG561 (Novartis)	Antibody	P2 (NCT02515942)	Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
C3	AMY-101 (Amyndas) 3rd generation compstatin	Peptide	P1 (N/A)	C3G, Transplantation
	APL-1 (Apellis)	Peptide	P1 (N/A)	COPD
	APL-2 (Apellis)	Peptide	P1 (NCT02588833) P1 (NCT02264639) P1 (NCT02461771) comp P2 (NCT0250332)	PNH PNH AMD AMD
FD	Lampalizumab (Genetech)	Antibody (Intravitreally)	P2 (NCT02288559) P3 (NCT02745119) P3 (NCT02247531) P3 (NCT02247479)	AMD AMD AMD AMD
	ACH-4471 (Achillion)	Small molecule	P1 (ACTRN1216000082404p) P2 (NCT03053102)	PNH PNH

# Targeting terminal complement pathway

Target	Drug (Company)	Entity	Clinical phase (Trial No.)	Indications
C5	ALXN1210 (Alexion)	Antibody	P1/2 (NCT02598583) P2 (NCT02605993) P3 (NCT02946463) P3 (NCT03066040) P3 (NCT02949128)	PNH PNH PNH (naive) PNH (treated) aHUS (naive)
	Tesidolumab /LGF316 (Novartis)	Antibody	P1 (NCT02878616) P2 (NCT02763644) P2 (NCT01527500) comp P2 (NCT02515942) P2 (NCT02534909) P2 (NCT01526889)	Transplantation TMA AMD AMD PNH Uveitis/Panuveitis
	Coversin (Akari)	Protein	P2 (NCT02591862)	PNH
	RA101495 (Ra Pharma)	Peptide	P1 (ACTRN12615001143516) P2 (NCT03030183) P2 (NCT03078582)	PNH PNH (poor responder) PNH
	Zimura (Ophotech)	Nucleotide	P2 (NCT02397954) comp P2/3 (NCT02686658)	Idiopathic Polypoidal Choroidal Vasculopathy AMD
	ALN-CC5 (Alnylam)	Nucleotide	P1/2 (NCT02352493)	PNH
C5a	IFX-1 (InflaRx)	Antibody	P2 (NCT02246595) comp P2 (NCT02866825) comp P2 (NCT03001622)	Sepsis SIRS Hidradenitis suppurativa
	ALXN1007 (Alexion)	Antibody	P2 (NCT02245412) term P2 (NCT02128269) comp	GVHD Antiphospholipid syndrome
C5aR1	Avacopan/CCX168 (Chemocentryx)	Small molecule	P2 (NCT02464891) term P2 (NCT02384317) comp P3 (NCT02994927)	aHUS IgAN ANCA-vasculitis

# The current complement drug development landscape



# Conclusioni

- I reni sono molto suscettibili a patologie di tipo immunomediato.
- La perdita dell'omeostasi immunologica può colpire il rene in maniera diretta o indiretta.
- La conoscenza dei meccanismi fisiopatologici e dei quadri istologici glomerulari è alla base di una vera medicina personalizzata.
- Negli ultimi anni il trattamento aspecifico delle glomerulopatie è stato implementato dalla diffusione di farmaci di precisione ad alto costo.



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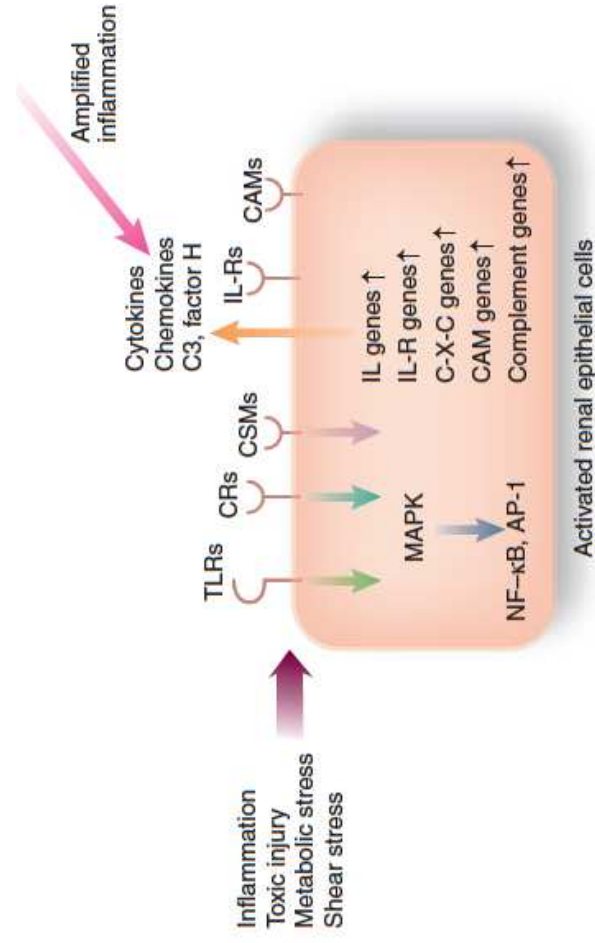
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# Innate immunity as a driving force in renal disease

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**Figure 1 | Innate immunity and renal cells.** AP-1, activator protein-1; CAM, cellular adhesion molecule; CRs, complement receptors; CSMs, co-stimulation molecules; IL, interleukin; IL-R, interleukin receptor; MAPK, mitogen-activated protein kinase; NF-κB, nuclear factor-κB; TLR, Toll-like receptor.