



CONVEGNO  
**PREVENZIONE  
E RIABILITAZIONE  
PER LA SALUTE  
CARDIOVASCOLARE**

Quattro strategie fondamentali per  
ridurre il rischio a livello individuale e  
migliorare l'assistenza alla popolazione

# Le relazioni biologiche tra fattori di rischio, aterosclerosi ed eventi cardiovascolari

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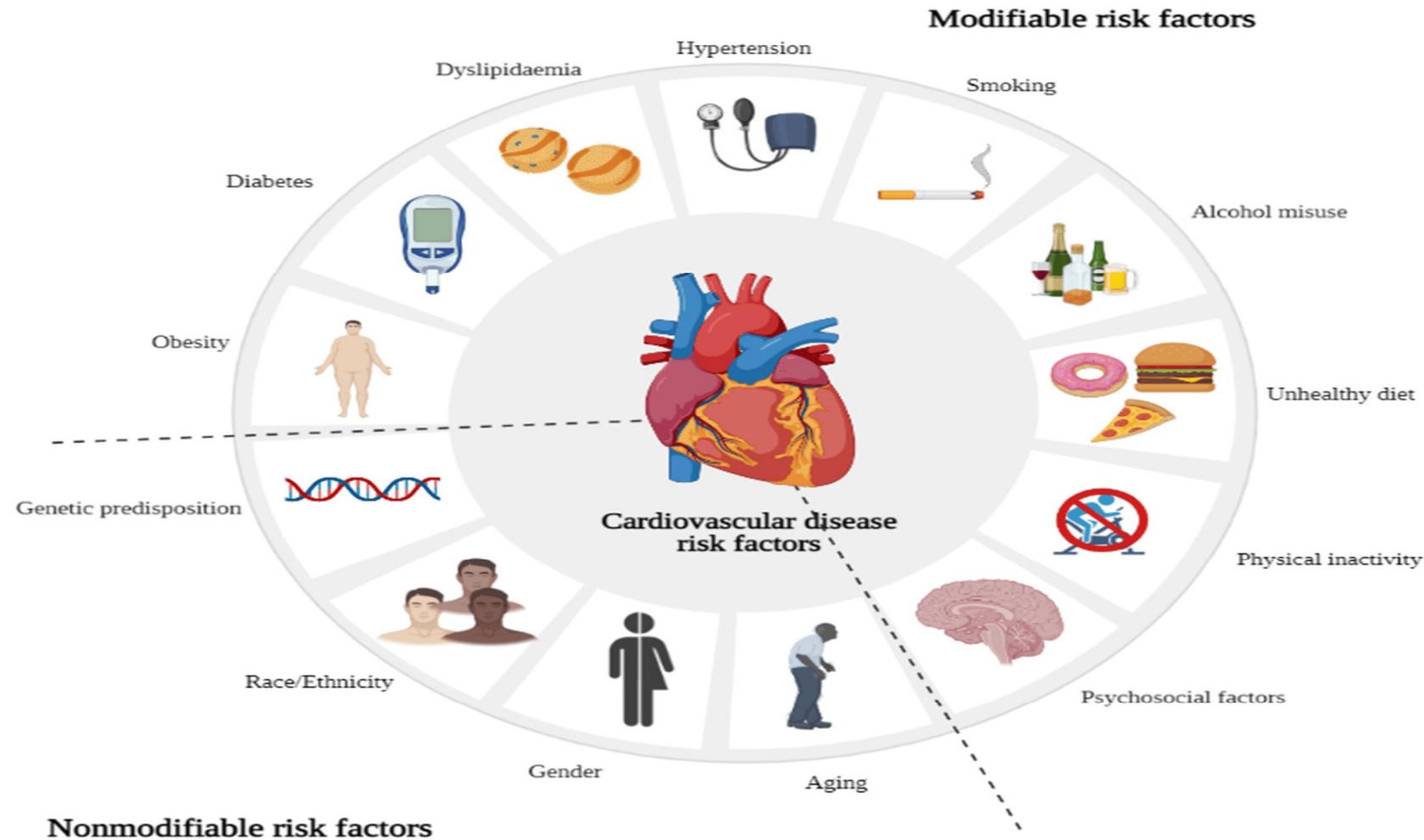
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# Cardiovascular Risk Factors

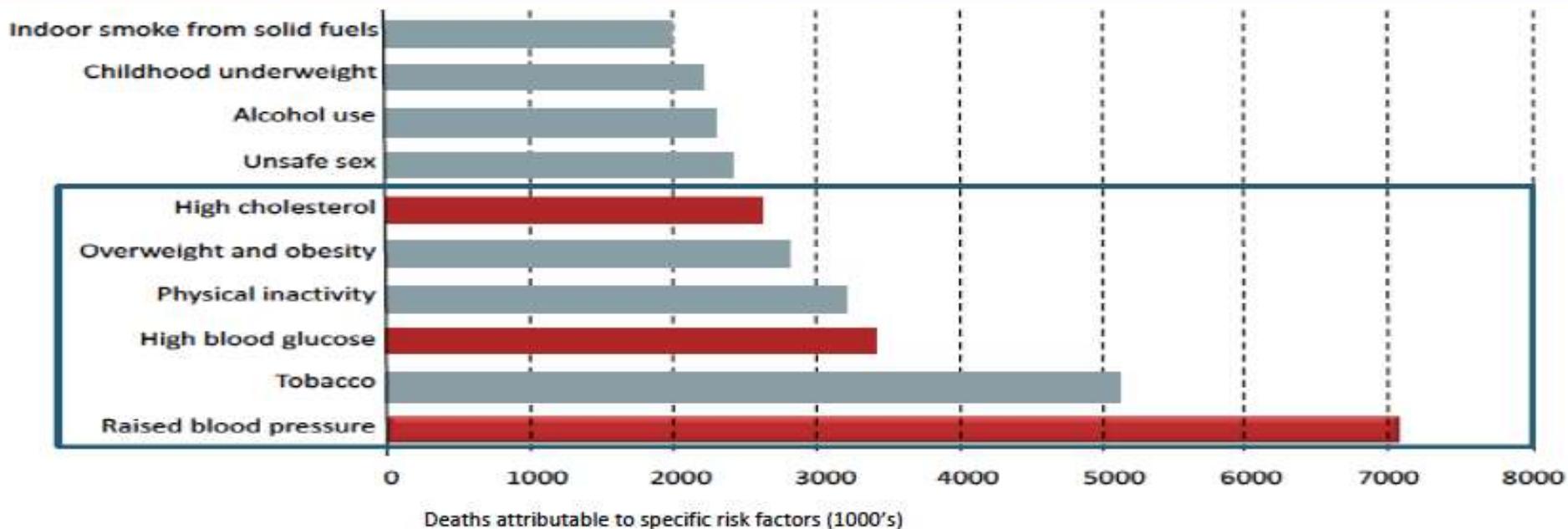




# Main Preventable Causes of Death Globally

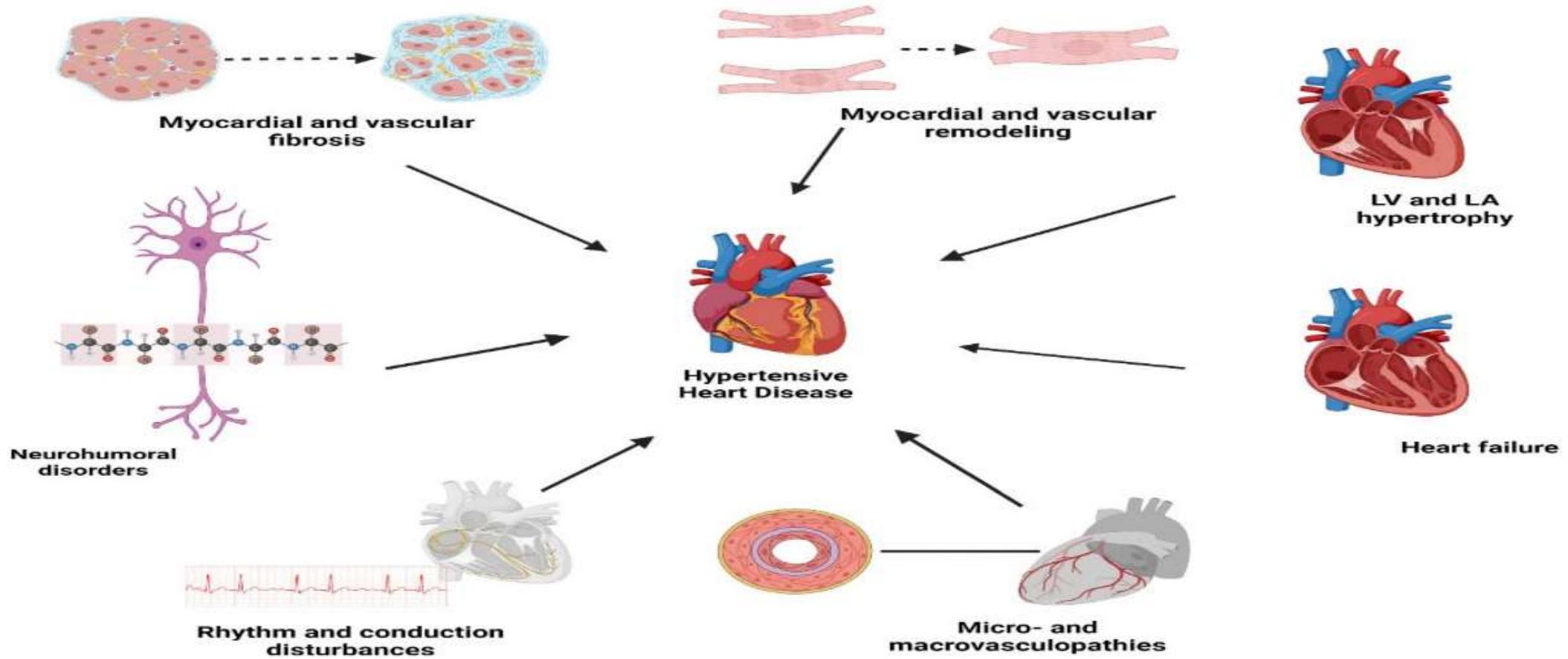
## The Big 6

Blood Pressure, Smoking, Glucose, Inactivity, Obesity and Cholesterol  
are the main global risk factors for mortality  
(WHO 2011)



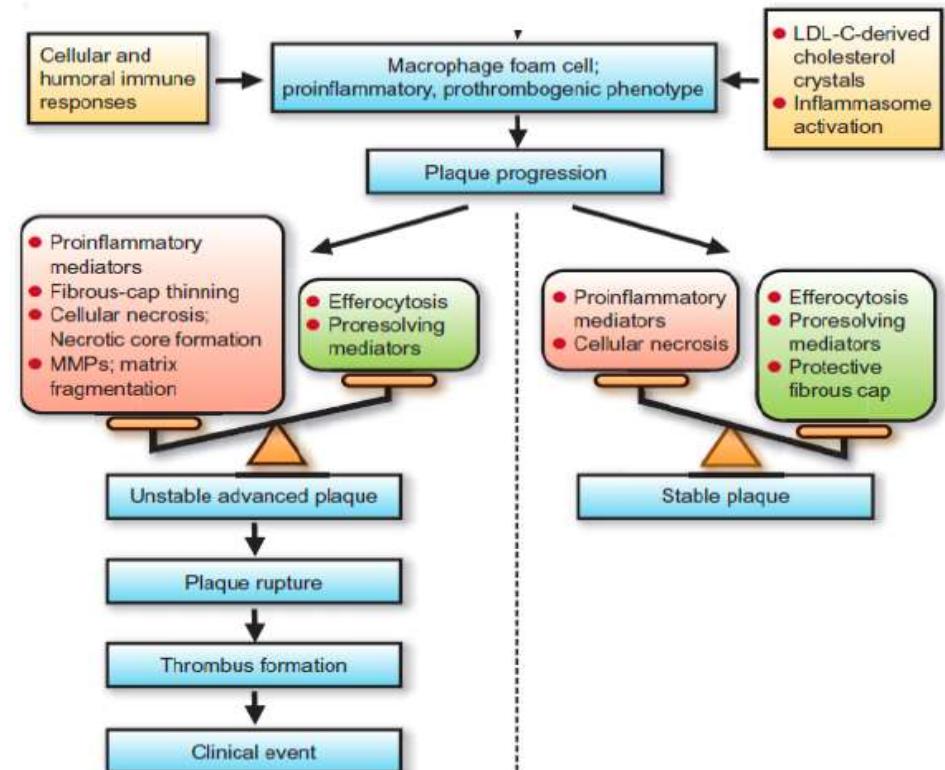
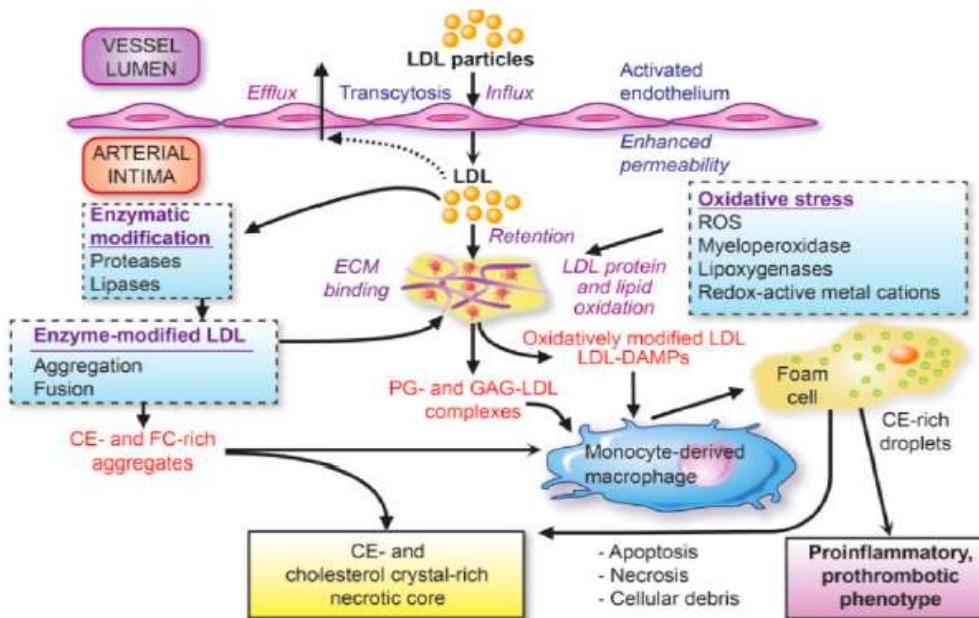


# Arterial Hypertension





# LDL-C and Atherogenesis

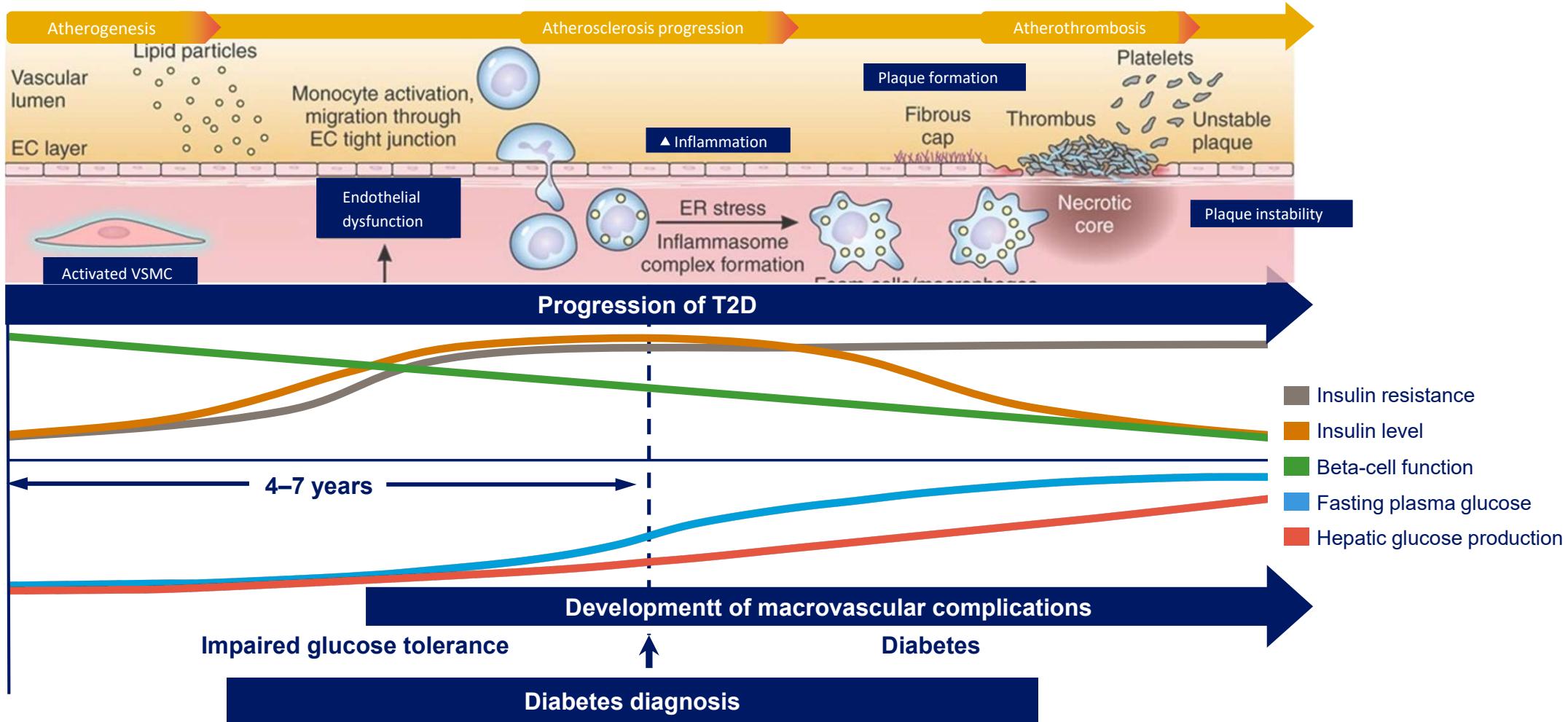


CE, cholesteryl ester; DAMPs, damage-associated molecular patterns; ECM, extracellular matrix; FC, free cholesterol; GAG, glycosaminoglycans; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; PG, proteoglycans; ROS, reactive oxygen species

Borén J, et al. Eur Heart J. 2020;41:2313–2330

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# Nel Diabete l'esordio della Malattia CV inizia ancor prima della diagnosi

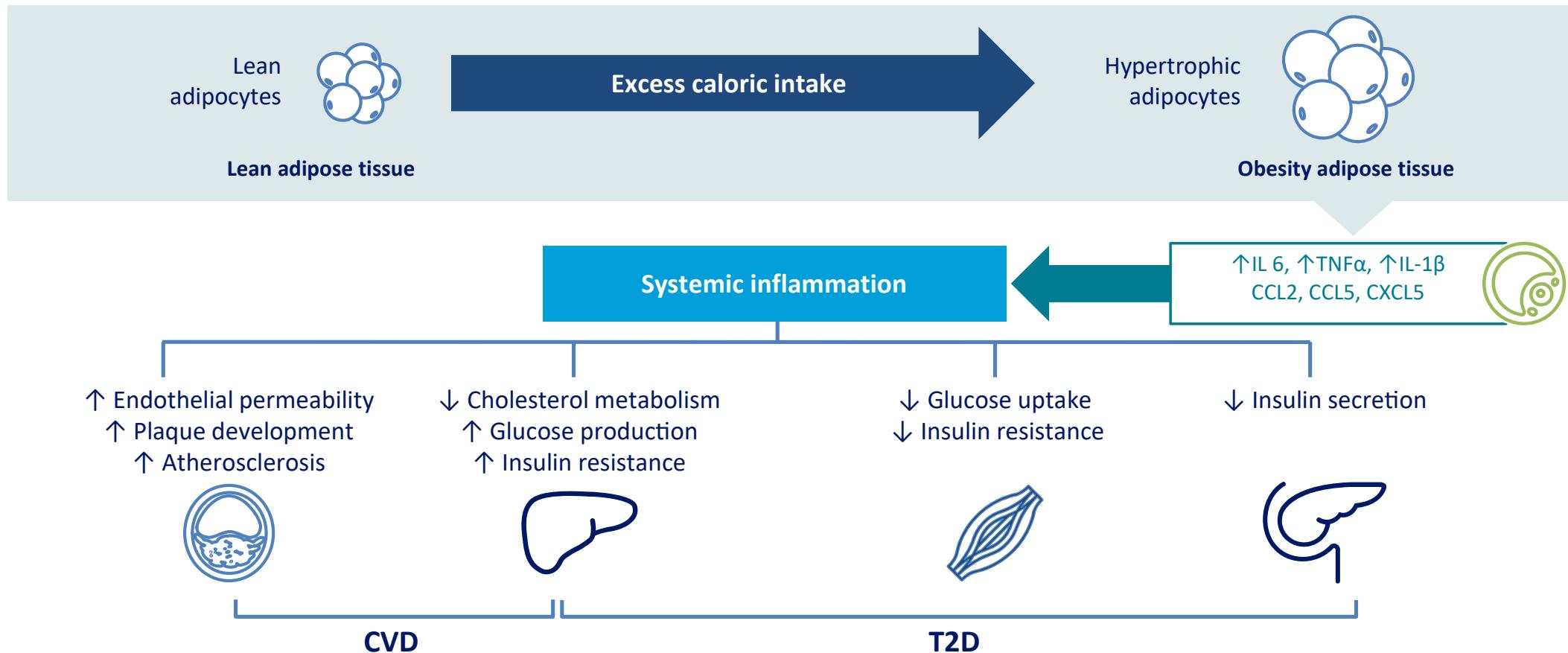


Low Wang et al, *Circulation*, 2016;133:2459–2502

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## Systemic inflammation increases risk of CVD and T2D



CCL, chemokine (C-C motif) ligand; CVD, cardiovascular disease; CXCL5, chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 5;  
IL, interleukin; T2D, type 2 diabetes; TNF $\alpha$ , tumour necrosis factor alpha.  
Yao L et al. J Immunol Res 2014;2014:181450.

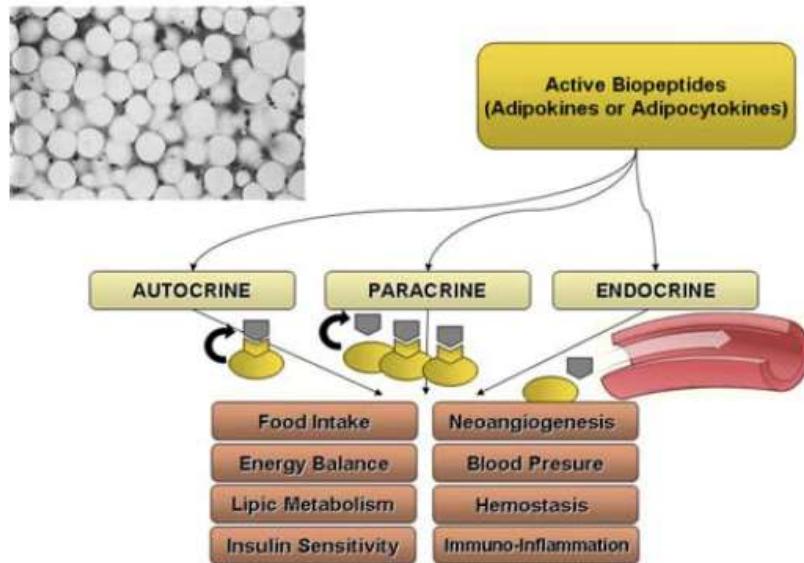


## CONVEGNO PREVENZIONE E RIABILITAZIONE PER LA SALUTE CARDIOVASCOLARE

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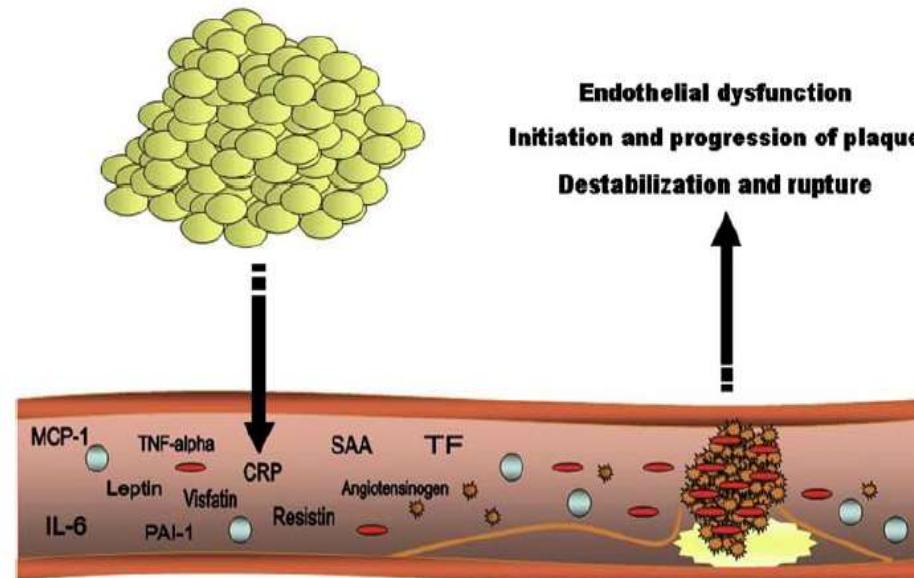


### ADIPOSE TISSUE AS AN ENDOCRINE ORGAN



**Fig. 1** Mounting evidence supports the idea that adipose tissue is more than a simply storage tissue. It's now clear that it actively releases several mediators, which act in a paracrine way, as well as affecting other tissues in a paracrine or, most notably, an endocrine way. These molecules are involved in the food intake regulation and metabolism, insulin sensitivity and lipid handling; they are involved also in the cardiovascular homeostasis, since they play a role in neoangiogenesis, blood pressure regulation, clot formation, and immuno-inflammatory system. This could represent the pathophysiological basis of the wide spectrum of obesity-related complications

### Adipocytes and Preadipocytes

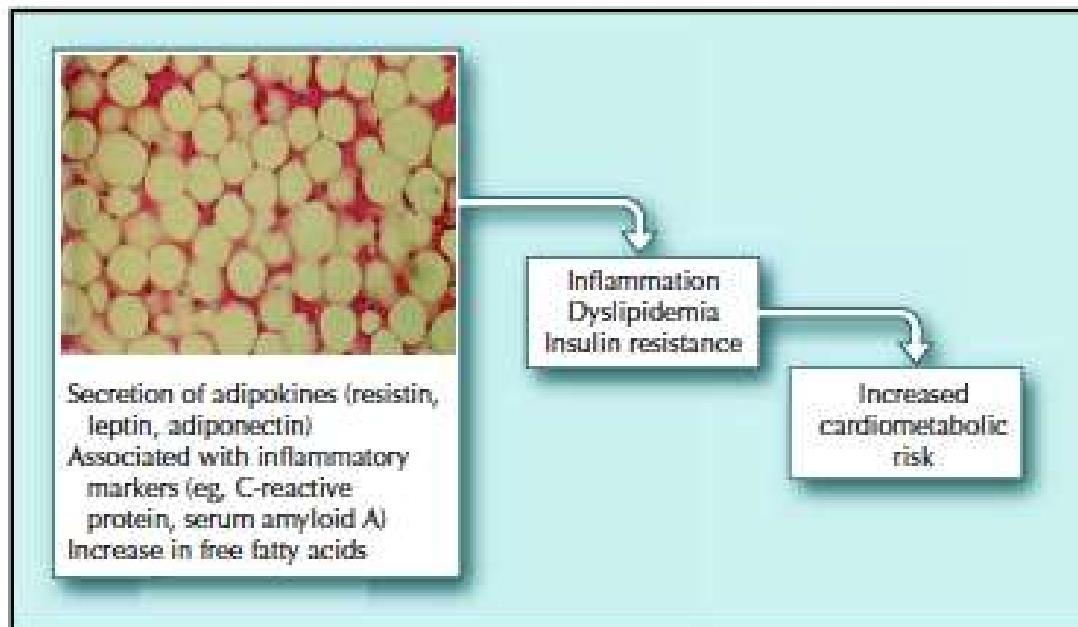


**Fig. 2** Adipose tissue releases bioactive peptides known as adipocytokines or adipokines with a number of metabolic and pro-inflammatory functions. These include CRP, SAA, leptin, resistin, angiotensinogen, IL 6, TNF-alpha, and others. Most notably, adipocytes release also protective peptides, such as adiponectin. Growing evidence indicates a key role for the adipokines at the crossroad

between obesity and cardiovascular disease, through an early phase of endothelial dysfunction, then the plaque formation, and finally its destabilization. Moreover, a peculiar population of immature adipocytes, known as preadipocytes, is thought to participate to the release of these molecules, acting as macrophage-like cells

# Intra-abdominal Adiposity, Inflammation, and Cardiovascular Risk: New Insight into Global Cardiometabolic Risk

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**Figure 1.** Intra-abdominal adiposity as a major contributor to increased cardio-metabolic risk.



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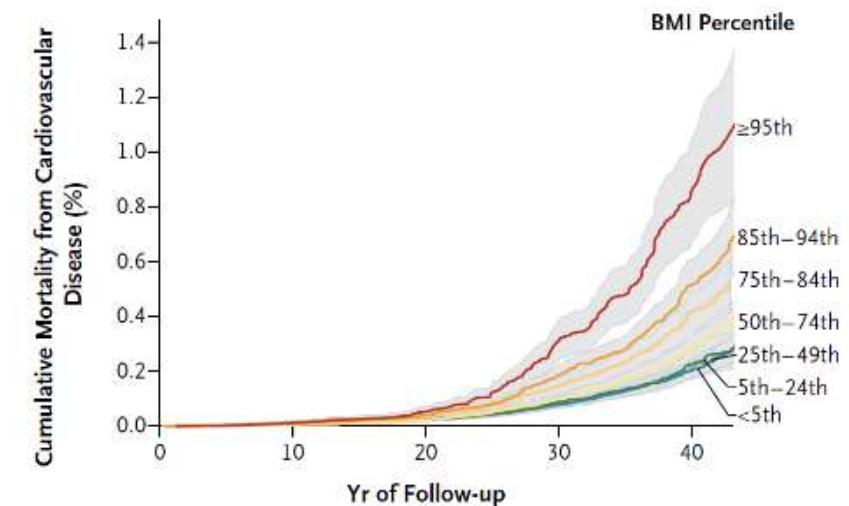
### Body-Mass Index in 2.3 Million Adolescents and Cardiovascular Death in Adulthood

13 April 2016

- **2,3 milioni di adolescenti** nei quali peso e altezza sono stati rilevati nell'arco temporale 1967 - 2010.
- È stata valutata l'associazione tra il BMI in tarda adolescenza e la mortalità, in età adulta, improvvisa o per causa cardiovascolare.
- Si sono verificati 32.127 decessi, dei quali 2918 per causa cardiovascolare (1497 per malattia coronarica e 528 per infarto) e 893 i decessi improvvisi.

#### CONCLUSIONI

- L'obesità in fase adolescenziale si associa ad un cospicuo aumento del rischio di morte cardiovascolare in età adulta.



#### No. at Risk

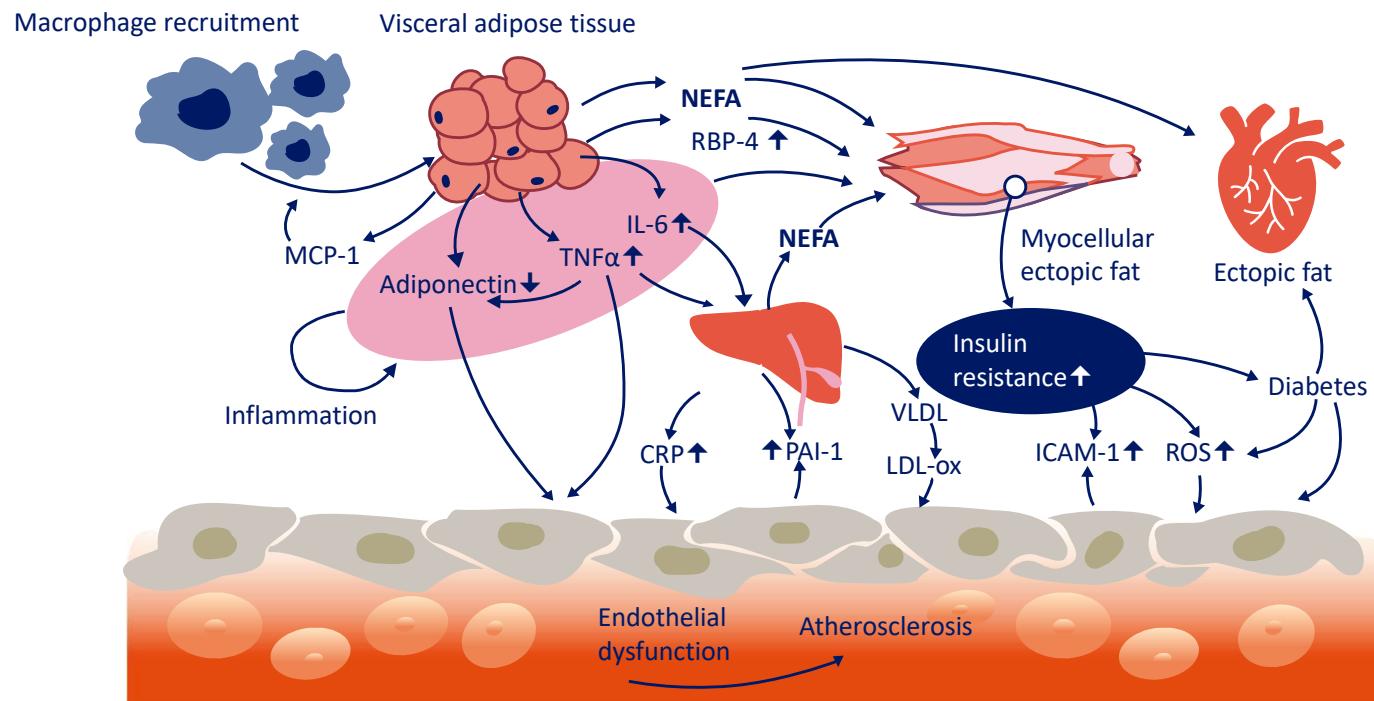
Participants at risk	1,712,018	1,042,018	540,636	160,145
Cumulative person-yr	17,201,301	30,718,320	38,472,521	41,926,636
Cumulative cardiovascular deaths	185	609	1,577	2,676

**Figure 2.** Body-Mass Index (BMI) during Adolescence and Subsequent Cardiovascular Mortality.



# The link between obesity, inflammation and CVD

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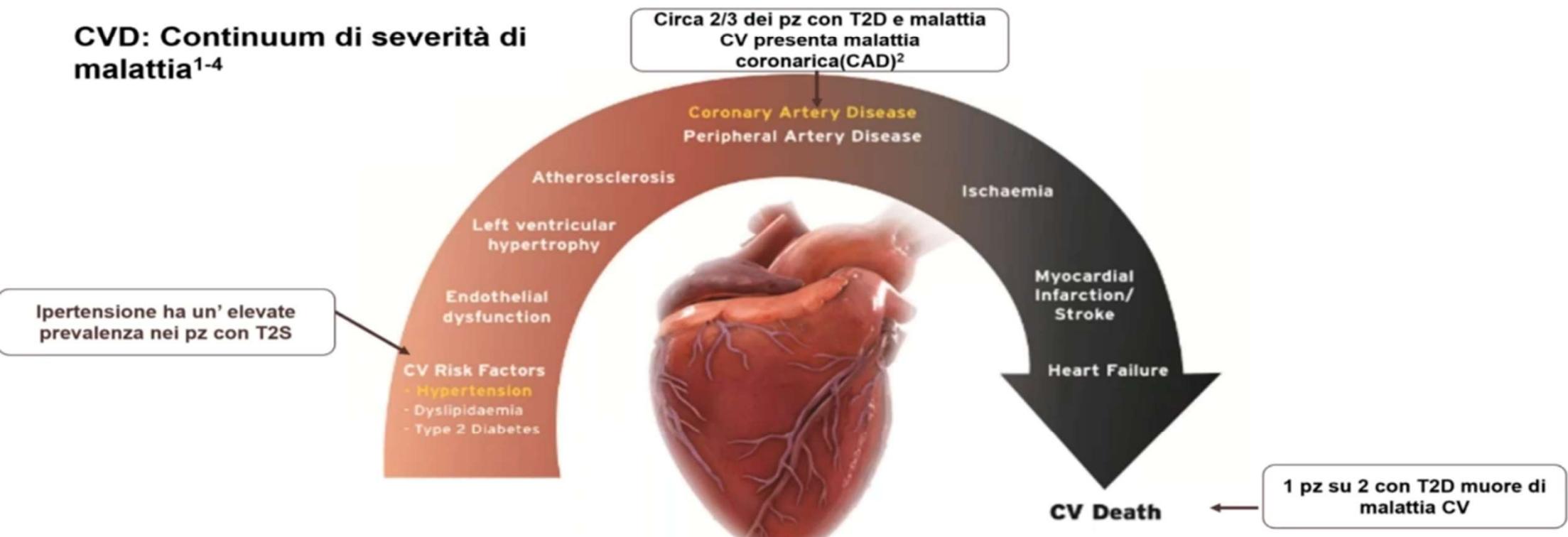
Visceral fat contributes to endothelial dysfunction through activation of inflammatory pathways

CRP, C-reactive protein; CVD, cardiovascular disease; ICAM-1, intercellular adhesion molecule 1; IL, interleukin; LDL-ox, oxidised low-density lipoprotein; MCP-1, monocyte chemoattractant protein 1; NEFA, non-esterified fatty acids; PAI, plasminogen activator inhibitor; RBP, retinol binding protein; ROS, reactive oxygen species; TNF $\alpha$ , tumour necrosis factor alpha; VLDL, very low-density lipoprotein.  
Van Gaal LF et al. Nature 2006;444:875-80.



## Continuum della malattia cardiovascolare

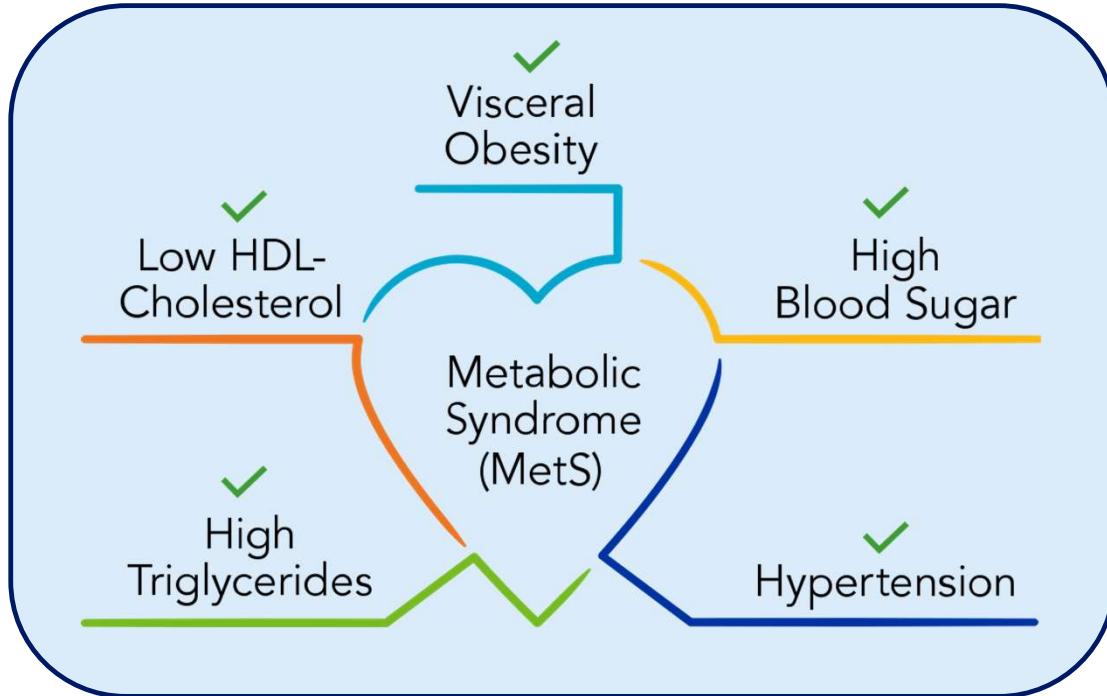
**CVD: Continuum di severità di malattia<sup>1-4</sup>**



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## LA SINDROME METABOLICA



### AHA-NHBLI (NCEP-ATP III)

Almeno tre fattori presenti tra quelli elencati:

- **Obesità viscerale**
  - circonferenza vita  $\geq 102$  cm nell'uomo
  - circonferenza vita  $\geq 88$  cm nella donna
- **Trigliceridi**  $\geq 150$  mg/dl o terapie specifiche in atto
- **HDL-Colesterolo**
  - $\leq 40$  mg/dl nell'uomo
  - $\leq 50$  mg/dl nella donna
- **Pressione arteriosa**  $\geq 130/85$  mmHg o terapia specifica in atto
- **Glicemia a digiuno**  $\geq 100$  mg/dl

\*American Heart Association (AHA)

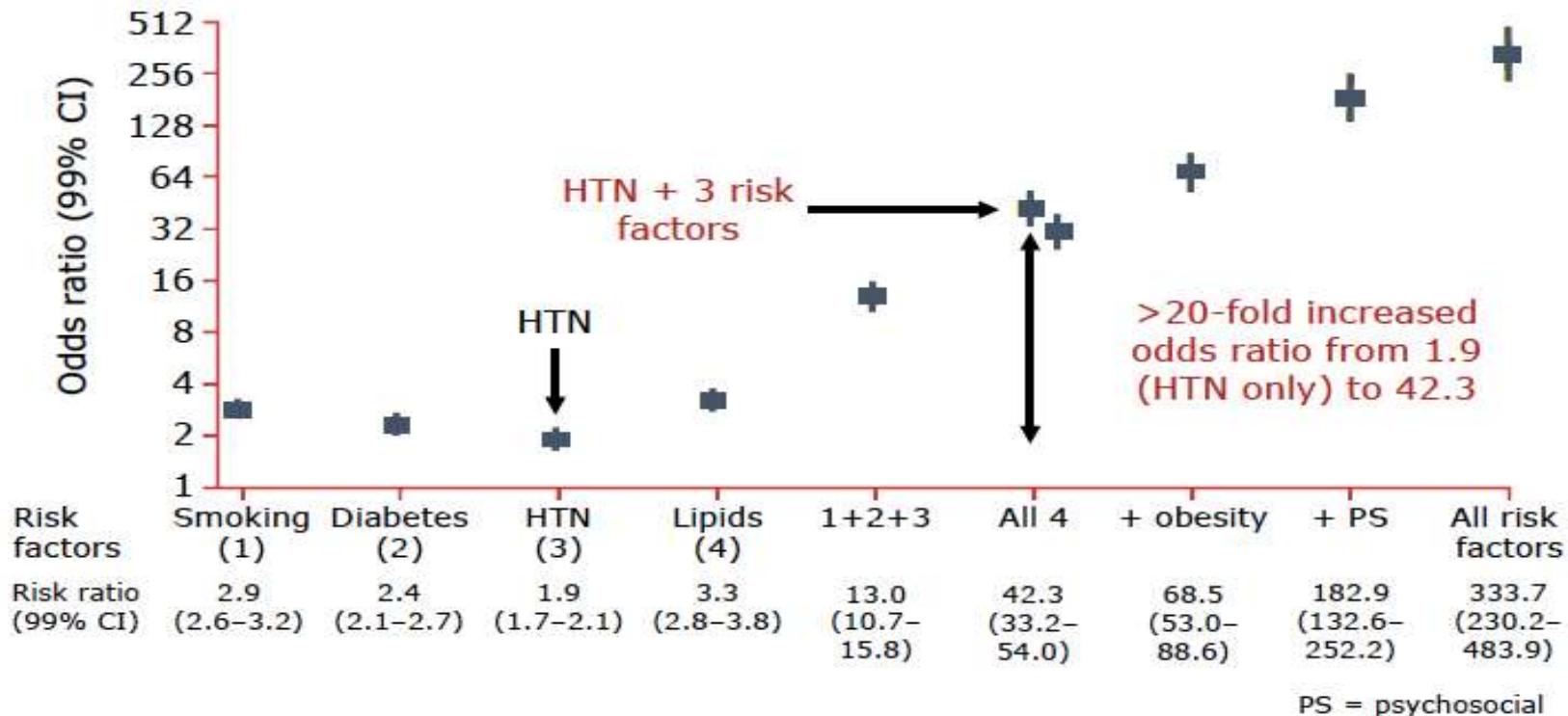
National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute (NHBLI)

National Cholesterol Education Program – Adult Treatment Panel III (NCEP – ATP III)

- L'aggregazione di più fattori di **rischio cardiovascolare** nel medesimo soggetto agisce da moltiplicatore del rischio, che sarà tanto più elevato quanti più fattori sono in gioco.
- Questa pericolosa associazione di rischio potrebbe essere una delle cause del notevole incremento di patologie coronarie e cerebrali su base aterosclerotica, che rappresentano la prima causa di morte nel mondo.



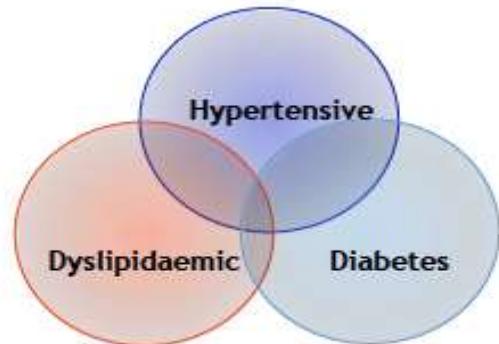
## Impact of multiple risk factors on total CVD risk: INTERHEART study





# Clinical Silos are a barrier to effective CVD Prevention *because most patients have multiple CV risk factors*

Multiple comorbidities increase CVD risk by 400-700%



## Of all people with hypertension:

- 65% have dyslipidaemia
- 16% have type 2 diabetes
- 45% are overweight/obese

## Of all people with dyslipidaemia:

- 48% have hypertension
- 14% have type 2 diabetes
- 35% are overweight/obese

## Of all people with type 2 diabetes:

- 70% have hypertension
- 60% have dyslipidaemia
- 90% are overweight/obese





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