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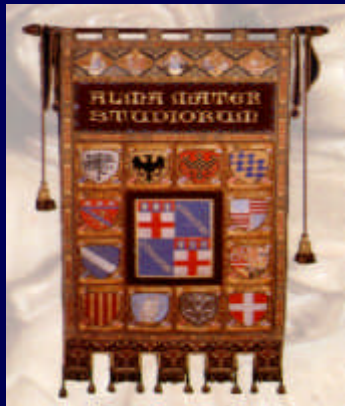
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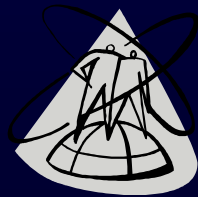
# CORRETTO APPROCCIO DIAGNOSTICO

**ANAMNESI ACCURATA**



**MARCATORI TUMORALI**

**DIAGNOSTICA  
CONVENZIONALE**



**MEDICINA NUCLEARE**

# **CARATTERISTICHE DEL MARCATORE TUMORALE PERFETTO**

- **Prodotto solamente da un determinato tipo di tumore**
- **Secreto in quantità misurabile in circolo**
- **Rilevabile solo in presenza del tumore**
- **In grado di identificare la proliferazione cellulare maligna prima che questa abbia dato metastasi**

# CARATTERISTICHE DEL MARCATORE TUMORALE PERFETTO

- La quantità di marcatore in circolo dovrebbe essere in rapporto all'entità del tumore
- Le sue variazioni dovrebbero:
  - ✓ riflettere la risposta al trattamento
  - ✓ indicare quando la malattia è in progressione.

# TUMORI NEUROENDOCRINI

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ASPECIFICI

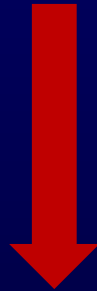
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# MARCATORI TUMORALI SPECIFICI

	VALORI NORMALI	CUT-OFF
• <b>Insulina</b>	< 15 $\mu$ mol/L	> 100
• <b>Gastrina</b>	< 40 pmol/L	> 200
• <b>Glucagone</b>	< 50 pmol/L	> 250
• VIP	< 30 pmol/L	> 150
• <b>5-HIAA</b>	2-8 mg/24h	> 20

**MARCATORI TUMORALI**  
**TEST DI STIMOLO**

**INSULINOMA**



**TEST AL DIGIUNO**

**GASTRINOMA**



**TEST ALLA  
SECRETINA**

Table 2 Protocol for 72-Hour Fast.

1. Date the onset of the fast as of the last ingestion of calories. Discontinue all nonessential medications.
2. Allow the patient to drink calorie-free and caffeine-free beverages.
3. Ensure that the patient is active during waking hours.
4. Measure the levels of plasma glucose, insulin, C peptide, and proinsulin in the same specimen; repeat measurements every six hours until the plasma glucose level is  $\leq 60$  mg per deciliter, when the interval should be reduced to every one to two hours.
5. End the fast when the plasma glucose level is  $\leq 45$  mg per deciliter (2.5 mmol per liter) and the patient has symptoms or signs of hypoglycemia.
6. At the end of the fast, measure the plasma levels of glucose, insulin, C peptide, proinsulin,  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate, and sulfonylurea in the same specimen; then inject 1 mg of glucagon intravenously and measure the plasma glucose level after 10, 20, and 30 minutes. Then feed the patient.
7. When a deficiency is suspected, measure plasma cortisol, growth hormone, or glucagon at the beginning and end of the fast.



# CRITERI DIAGNOSTICI

## GASTRINOMA

pH gastrico < 2  
Gastrina > 1000 pg/ml



**GASTRINOMA**

pH gastrico < 2  
Gastrina = 100-1000 pg/ml



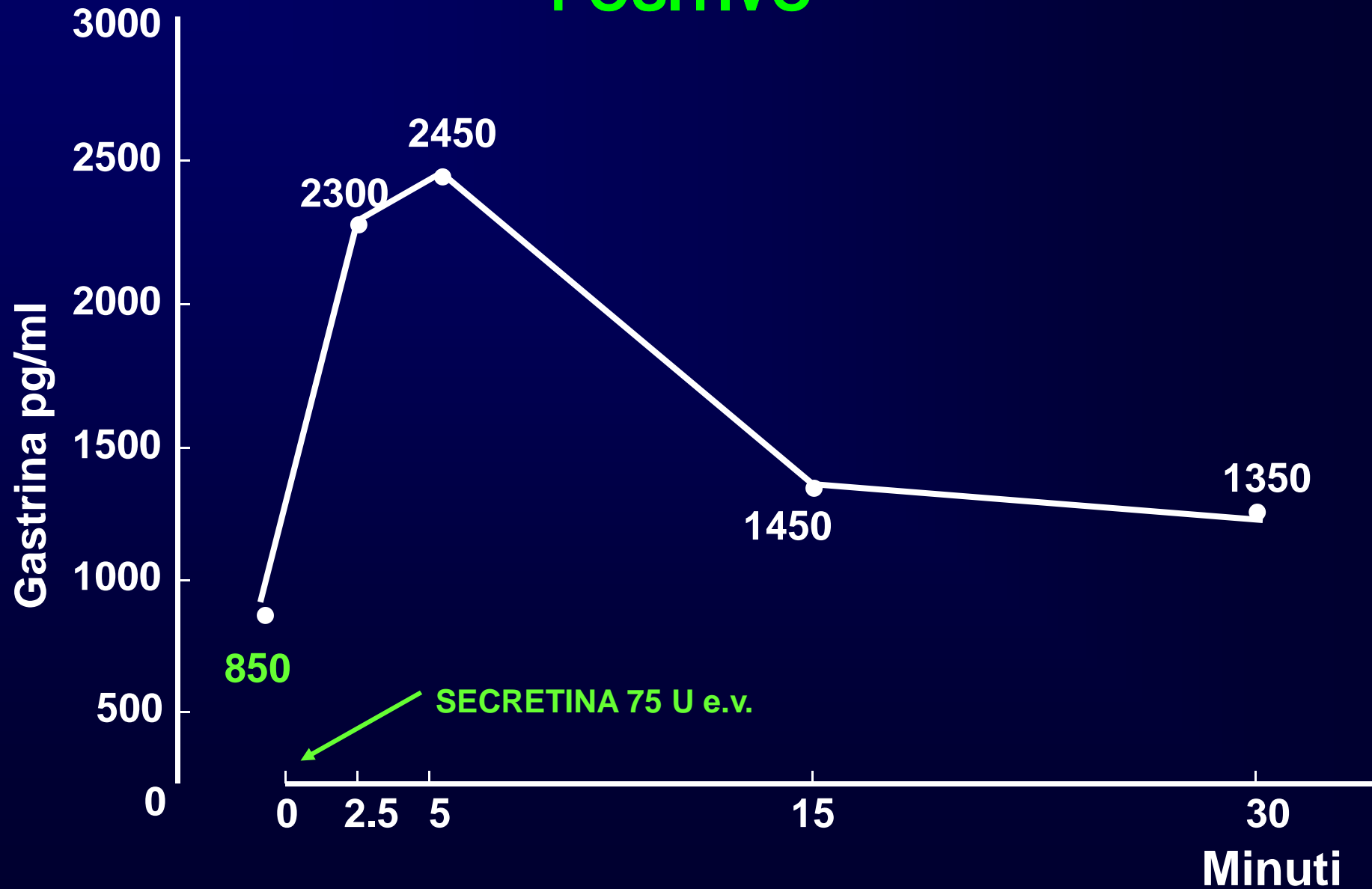
**GASTRINOMA ?**



**TEST ALLA  
SECRETINA**

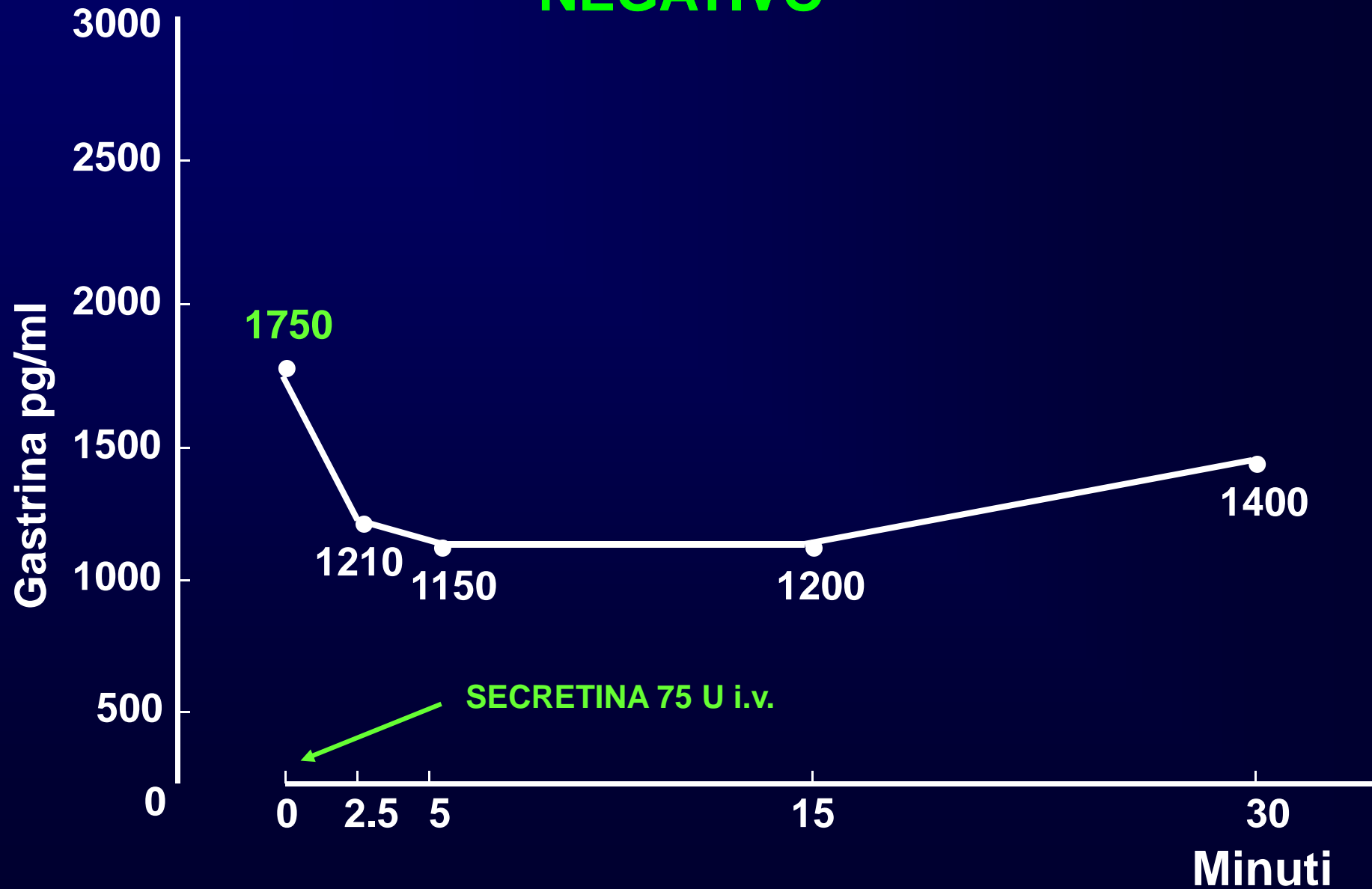
# TEST ALLA SECRETINA

**POSITIVO**



# TEST ALLA SECRETINA

**NEGATIVO**



# CAUSES OF HYPERGASTRINEMIA

## HYPERGASTRINEMIA WITH HYPERCHLORHYDRIA

- **Zollinger-Ellison syndrome** → sporadic  
→ associated with

### **MEN 1**

- **Antral G-cell hyperplasia**
- **Excluded gastric antrum syndrome**
- **Gastric outlet obstruction**
- **Small intestinal resection**

# CAUSES OF HYPERGASTRINEMIA

## HYPERGASTRINEMIA WITH HYPOCHLORHYDRIA

- **Chronic Atrophic Gastritis type A**
  1. Idiopathic
  2. Autoimmune → pernicious anemia  
→ other autoimmune disorders
- **Antisecretory agents**
  - H<sub>2</sub>-antagonists**
  - H<sup>+</sup> K - ATPase inhibitors**

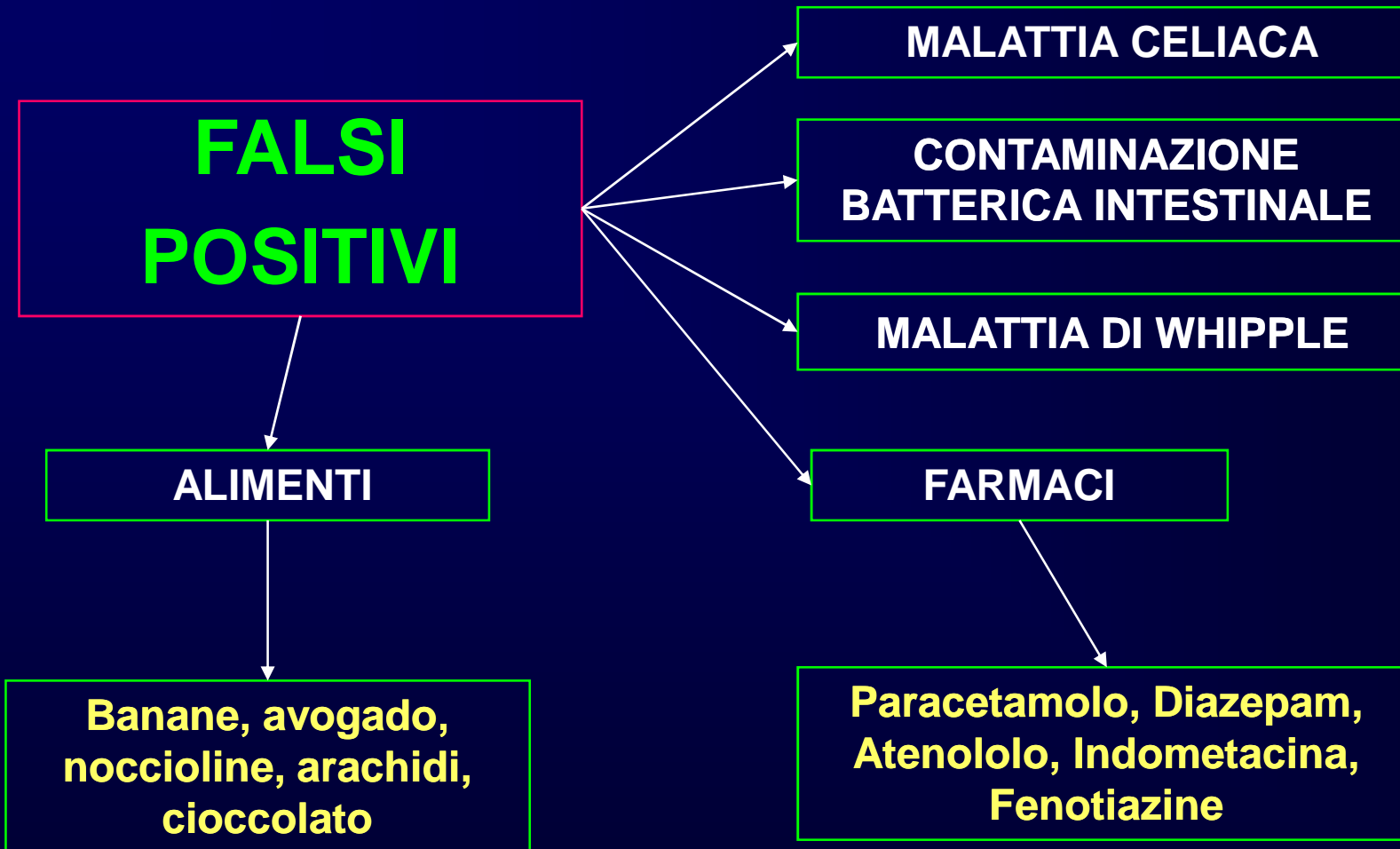
# ACIDO 5-IDROSSI-INDOLACETICO

## 5-HIAA URINARIO

n. v. = 2- 8 mg / 24 hrs  
cut-off > 20 mg / 24 hrs

<b>SENSIBILITA'</b>	<b>65 - 75%</b>
<b>SPECIFICITA'</b>	<b>90 - 100%</b>

# ACIDO 5-IDROSSI-INDOLACETICO



# ACIDO 5-IDROSSI-INDOLACETICO

**FALSI  
NEGATIVI**

**FARMACI**

**L-Dopa  
Salicilati**



# TUMORI NEUROENDOCRINI

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**MARCATORI TUMORALI  
ASPECIFICI**

# MARCATORI TUMORALI ASPECIFICI

ENOLASI NEURONO-SPECIFICA (NSE)

GONADOTROPINA CORIONICA UMANA (HCG)  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$

POLIPEPTIDE PANCREATICO (PP)

TUMOR M2-PIRUVATO KINASI (TM2-PK)

CROMOGRANINA A (CgA)

# NSE SENSITIVITY AS CIRCULATION MARKERS FOR NET

NET	NSE SENSITIVITY %
CARCINOID	47, 38
PANCREAS ISLET CELL TUMOURS	43, 31
GASTRINOMA	44, 33
CARCINOID MIDGUT	50
SMALL CELL LUNG CARCINOMA	74, 61, 85, 62
LIMITED DISEASE	45, 77
EXTENSIVE DISEASE	68, 85

Seregni E, Q J Nucl Med 2000

# CROMOGRANINA A



## Chromogranin A: Is It a Useful Marker of Neuroendocrine Tumors?

*Davide Campana, Francesca Nori, Lidya Piscitelli, Antonio Maria Morselli-Labate, Raffaele Pezzilli, Roberto Corinaldesi, and Paola Tomassetti*

**Table 1.** CgA Plasma Levels in the Three Groups of Participants

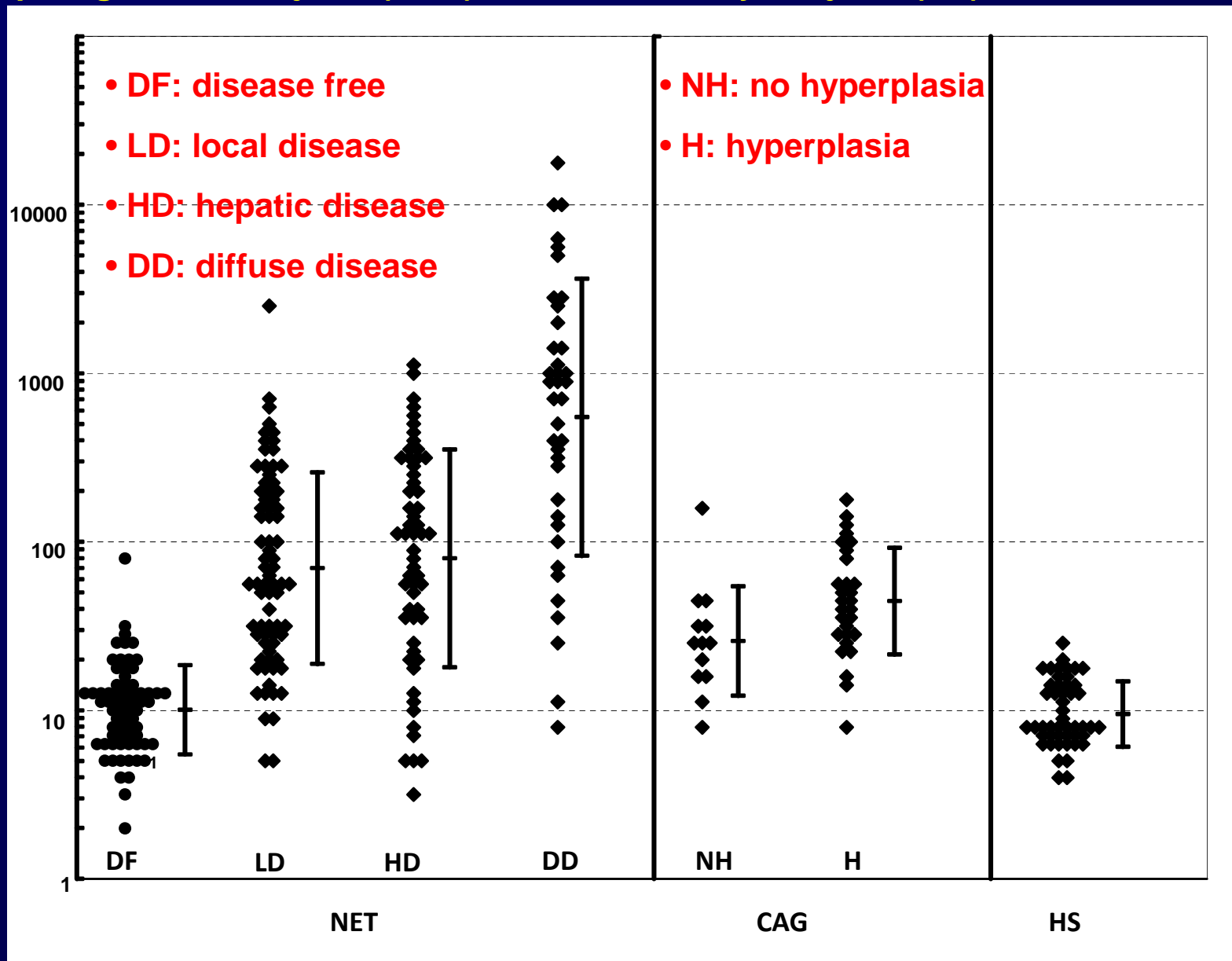
Group	No. of Participants	CgA Level (U/L)		P	Effect (%)	
		Mean	SD		Estimate	95% CI
NETs	238	428.1	1,584.3			
Compared with CAG patients				.114	153.5	90.1 to 261.6
Compared with healthy participants				< .001	606.7	367.3 to 1,000.0
CAG*	42	50.1	41.2	< .001	395.3	201.8 to 774.5
Healthy participants	48	10.5	4.7	—	—	—

NOTE. Comparisons among the groups were made using one-way analysis of variance.  $P < .001$  among the three groups.

Abbreviations: CgA, chromogranin A; SD, standard deviation; NET, neuroendocrine tumor; CAG, chronic atrophic gastritis.

\*P values and effect estimates compared with healthy participants.

**Distribution of Chromogranin A in 238 endocrine tumor (NET) patients, in 42 chronic atrophic gastritis subjects (CAG) and in 48 healthy subjects (HS).**



**Table 2.** CgA Plasma Levels in the Subgroups of NET and CAG Patients

Group	No. of Patients	CgA Level (U/L)		P	Effect (%)	
		Mean	SD		Estimate	95% CI
NET						
Diffuse disease	38	2,055.5	3,539.4			
Compared with hepatic disease				< .001	687.3	398.5 to 1,185.4
Compared with local disease				< .001	786.2	468.2 to 1,320.2
Compared with disease free				< .001	5,452.6	3,218.5 to 9,237.4
Hepatic disease	57	187.2	237.4			
Compared with local disease				.563	114.4	72.4 to 180.7
Compared with disease free				< .001	793.3	497.1 to 1,266.1
Local disease*	75	163.5	312.5	< .001	693.5	448.5 to 1,072.4
Disease free	68	12.3	10.7	—	—	—
CAG						
Hyperplasia†	29	56.7	41.0	.032	172.7	105.2 to 283.6
No hyperplasia	13	35.3	39.2	—	—	—

NOTE. Comparisons among the subgroups were made using one-way analysis of variance.

Abbreviations: CgA, chromogranin A; NET, neuroendocrine tumor; CAG, chronic atrophic gastritis; SD, standard deviation.

\*P values and effect estimates compared with disease free.

†P values and effect estimates compared with no hyperplasia

**Table 3.** CgA Plasma Levels in NET Patients According to the Site of Tumor

Tumor Site	No. of Patients	CgA Level (U/L)	
		Mean	SD
Lung	20	46.3	94.6
Stomach	14	78.0	69.2*
Pancreas	94	322.2	952.7*
Intestine	85	380.1	1,224.9*
ZES	25	1,490.5	3,819.3

NOTE. Comparisons among the subgroups were made using one-way analysis of variance. Overall  $P < .001$  among the five localizations.

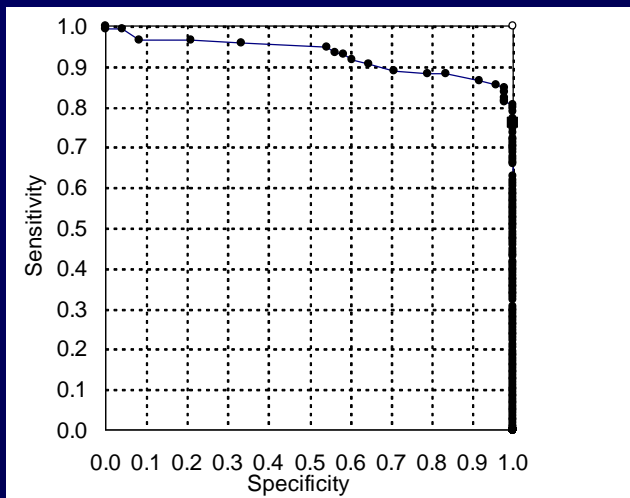
Abbreviations: CgA, chromogranin A; NET, neuroendocrine tumor; SD, standard deviation; ZES, Zollinger-Ellison syndrome.

\*No significant differences ( $P = .780$ ) were detected at the post hoc analysis among patients with stomach, pancreas, and intestinal tract neoplasia.

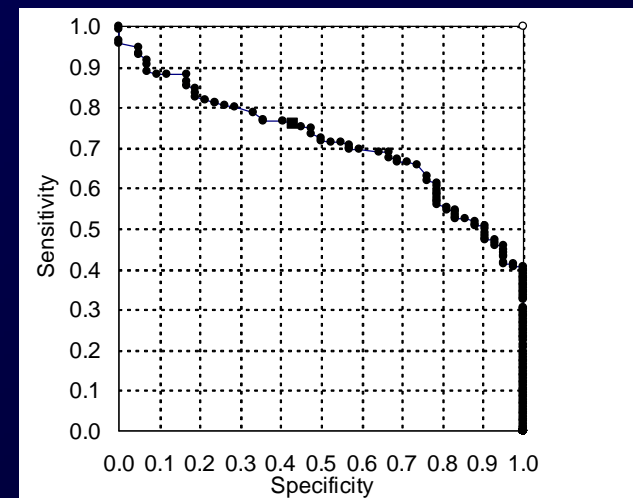
**Campana D., JCO; 25(15) May 2007**

## Results of the ROC curve analysis comparing different groups of patients

	<b>AUC<math>\pm</math>SE</b>	<b>Best cut-off range (U/L)</b>	<b>Sensitivity</b>	<b>Specificity</b>
<b>NETs vs. HS</b>	<b>0.928<math>\pm</math>0.017</b>	<b>18-19</b>	<b>85.3%</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Neoplasia vs. no neoplasia</b>	<b>0.865<math>\pm</math>0.020</b>	<b>31-32 84-87</b>	<b>75.3% 55%</b>	<b>84.2% 95%</b>
<b>NETs: diffuse vs. limited disease</b>	<b>0.805<math>\pm</math>0.047</b>	<b>281-282 564-603</b>	<b>71.1% 55%</b>	<b>78.8% 95%</b>



**NETs vs HS**



**NETs vs CAG**



# CHROMOGRANIN A

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## FALSE POSITIVE

**RENAL FAILURE**

**LIVER FAILURE**

**ATROPHIC GASTRITIS**

**INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE**

**NEOPLASMS**

**DRUGS (PPI)**

**STRESS**

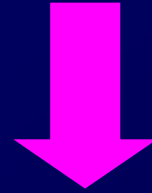
**INTENSE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

**PREGNANCY**

**HYPERTENSION**

**PARKINSON SYNDROME**

# ANAMNESI ACCURATA



**MARCATORI BIOUMORALI**  
(CgA, 5-HIAA, Gastrina, Insulina)

Negativi

Positivi

**TEST  
PROVOCATIVI**

Positivi

**LOCALIZZAZIONE**

Negativi

**DIAGNOSTICA  
CONVENZIONALE**

**MEDICINA  
NUCLEARE**

**FOLLOW-UP**

**TERAPIA**

