



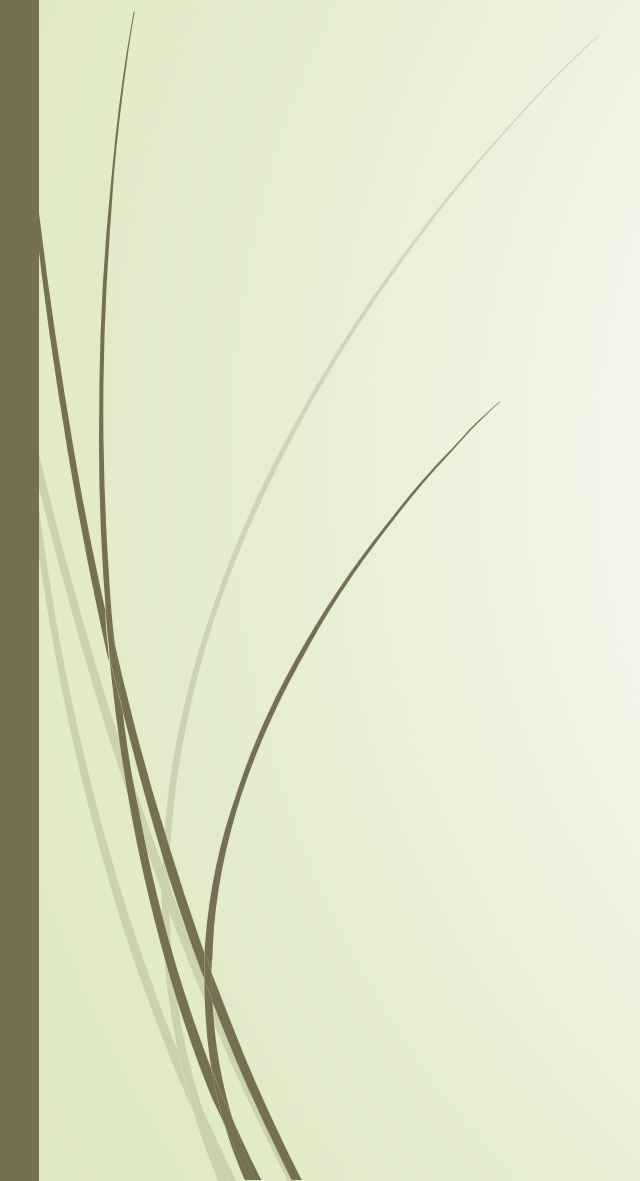

# Epilessie farmacoresistenti

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10 domande  
o  
concetti da sapere

# 1. Come si definisce la FR?

► “...FAILURE OF ADEQUATE TRIALS OF TWO TOLERATED, APPROPRIATELY CHOSEN AND USED ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUG SCHEDULES TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINED SEIZURE FREEDOM...”

► (Kwan, P. et al. Definition of drug resistant epilepsy: consensus proposal by the ad hoc Task Force of the ILAE Commission on Therapeutic Strategies. *Epilepsia*, 2009)

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## SPECIAL REPORT

### Definition of drug resistant epilepsy: Consensus proposal by the ad hoc Task Force of the ILAE Commission on Therapeutic Strategies

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## "Sustained seizure freedom": cosa significa?

- ✓ At least one year (minimum time consistently associated with meaningful improve of QoLi) without seizure or ...
- ✓ Three times the longest interval (95% confidence of therapeutic effect) between seizures in the year before the last seizure
- ✓ Whichever the longest !



## “Adequate trials” with two “appropriately chosen” AEDs: cosa significa?

- ✓ “Adequate” trial: intervention adequate in strength/dosage for a sufficient length of time.
- ✓ “Appropriate” trial: correct intervention for the patient’s epilepsy and seizure type.
- ✓ An “appropriate” intervention should have previously been shown to be effective, preferably in RCT.

## 2. E' veramente una epilessia FR?

- Farmaci antiepilettici Sodio-bloccanti possono rendere una Epilessia Idiopatica generalizzata "intrattabile"

### Worsening of Seizures by Oxcarbazepine in Juvenile Idiopathic Generalized Epilepsies

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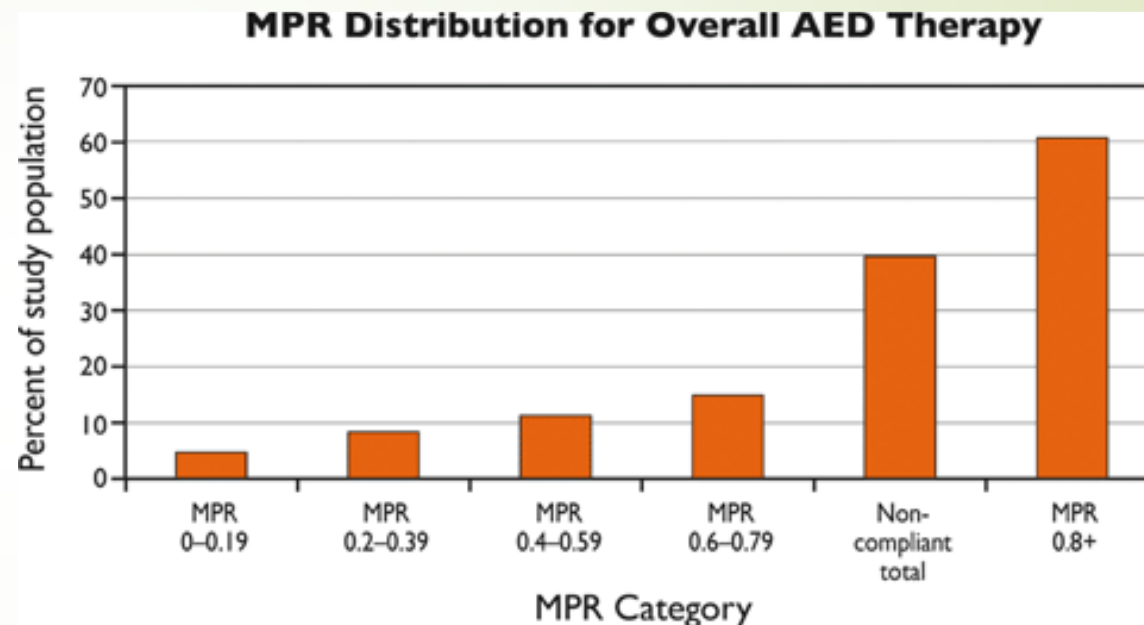
Epilepsia 2003

### Focal seizure symptoms in idiopathic generalized epilepsies

Neurology 2015


## 2. E' veramente una epilessia FR?

- ➔ I pazienti non complianti hanno un rischio del 50% di accessi in PS



Davis et al. Epilepsia 2007

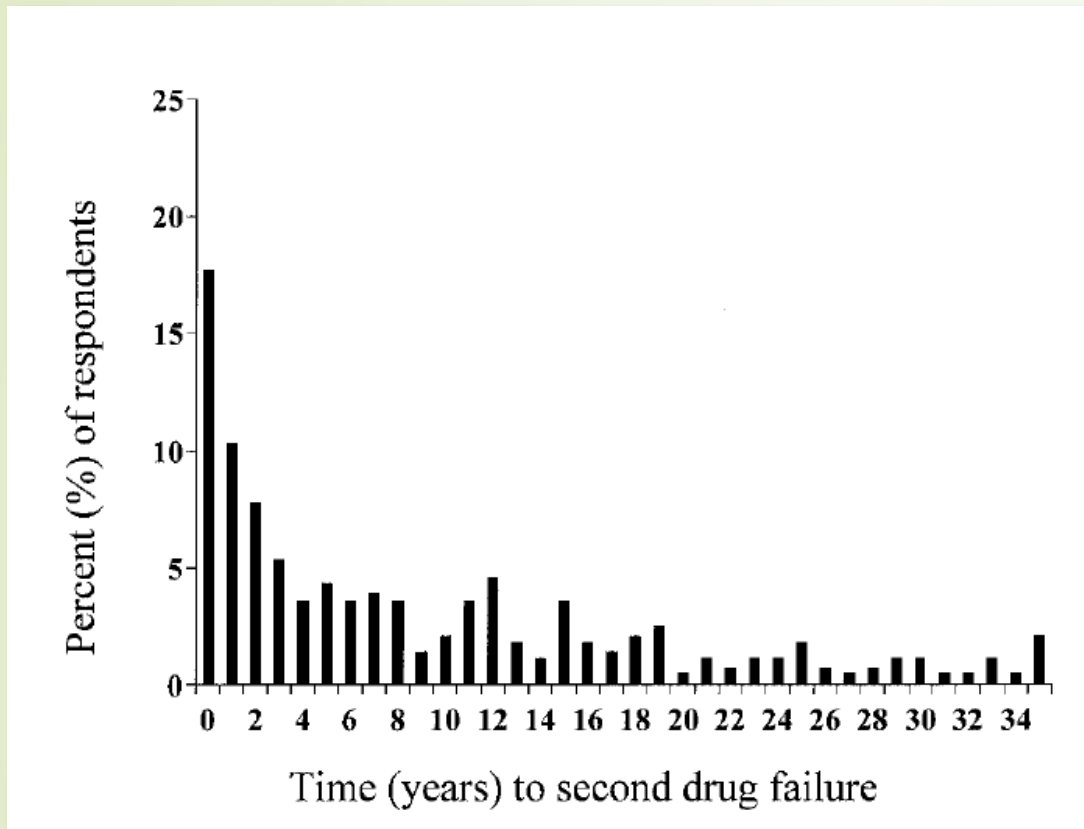




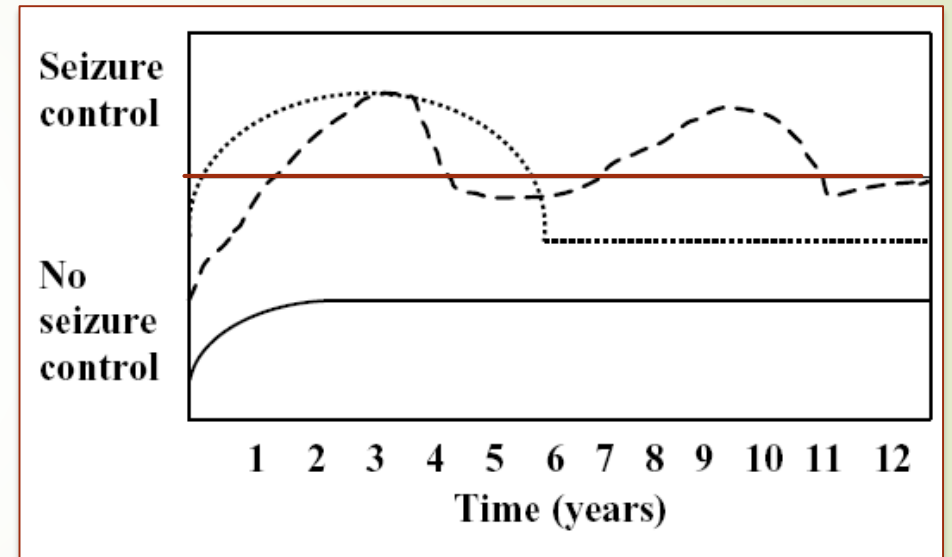
### 3. Quando e perché una epilessia diventa FR?

- **“Costituzionale”**: presente ancora prima della prima crisi o prima dell’inizio della terapia (Kwan & Brodie, 2000)
- **Progressiva**: si sviluppa nel tempo, anche dopo significativi periodi di remissione (Berg et al., 2003)
- **Intermittente** (“remitting and relapsing”): periodi di epilessia attiva interrotti da fasi di remissione (Goodridge & Shorvon, 1983; French et al, 2004)





Berg et al. Neurology 2003

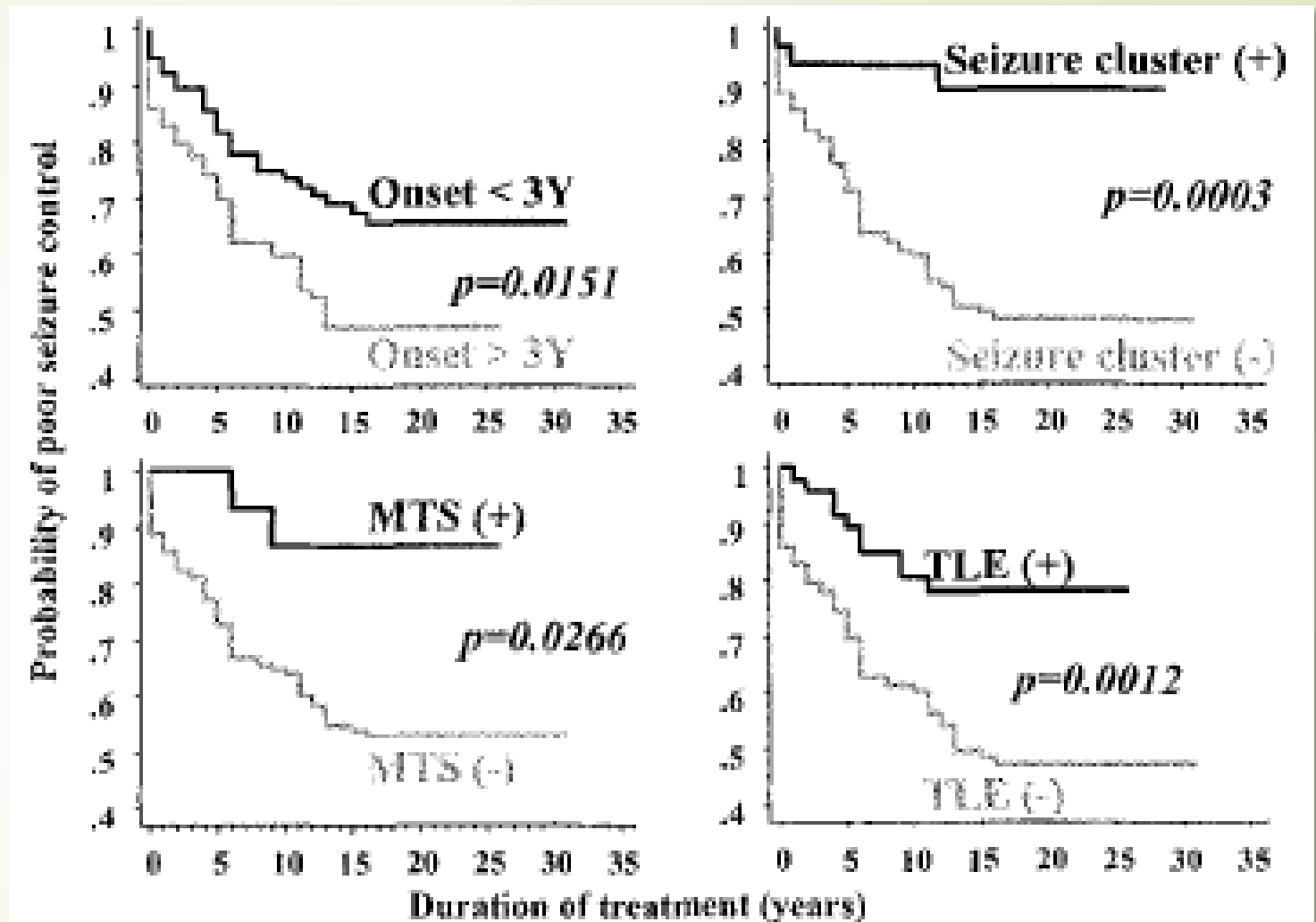


D. Schmidt & W. Löscher, 2005

## 4. E' possibile predirre la FR?

- Elevata frequenza di crisi all'esordio
- Crisi ad esordio precoce
- Presenza di lesioni strutturali
- Stato epilettico

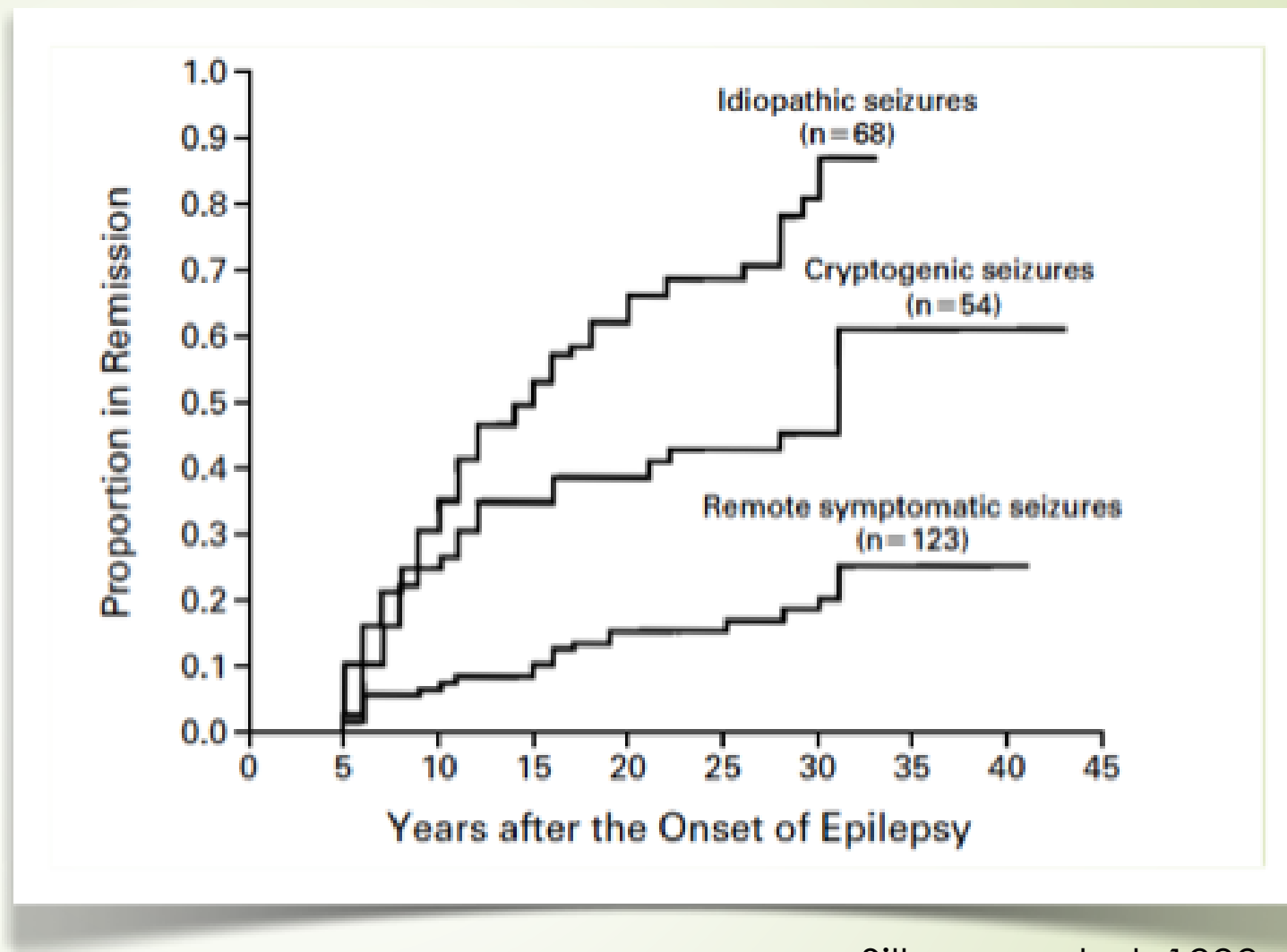
Aicardi and Shorvon, 1997;  
Regesta and Tanganelli,  
1999



**FIG. 2.** Comparison of seizure prognosis with age at the onset

# La diagnosi sindromica

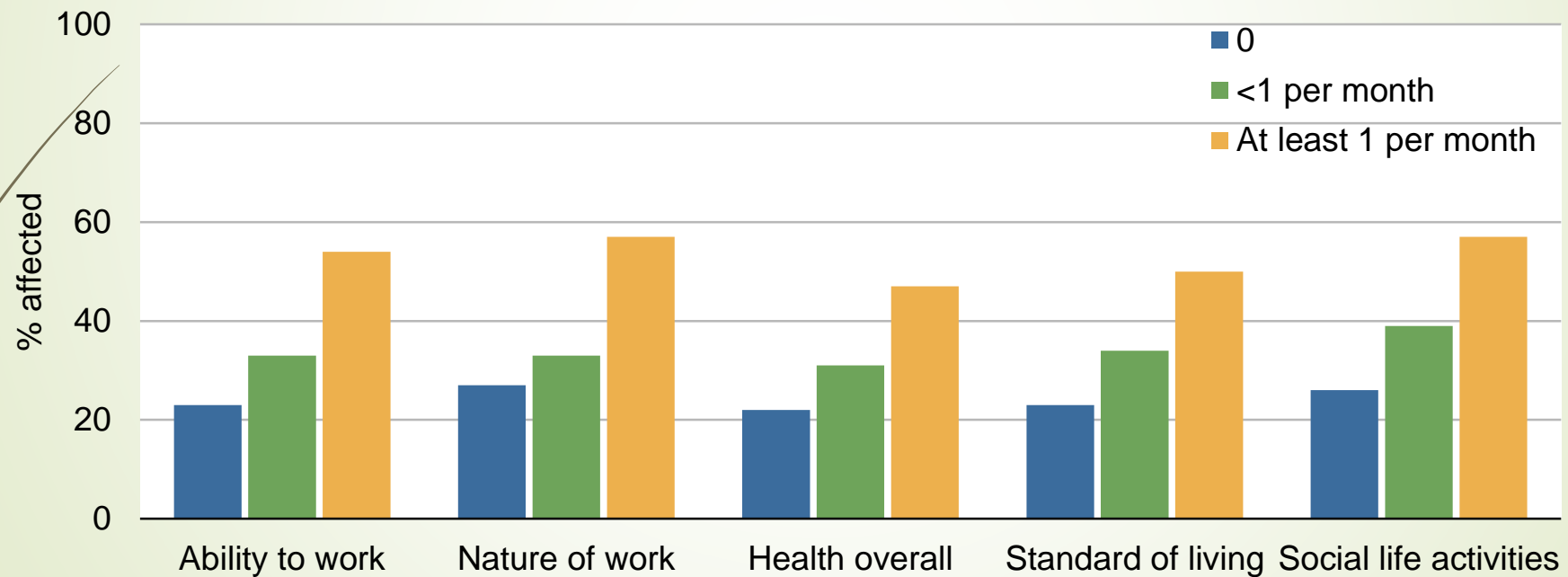
- Rappresenta il fattore prognostico più importante
- Tuttavia non sempre è possibile definire la diagnosi iniziale
- Attenzione quindi agli indicatori "parziali"



Sillampa et al. 1998

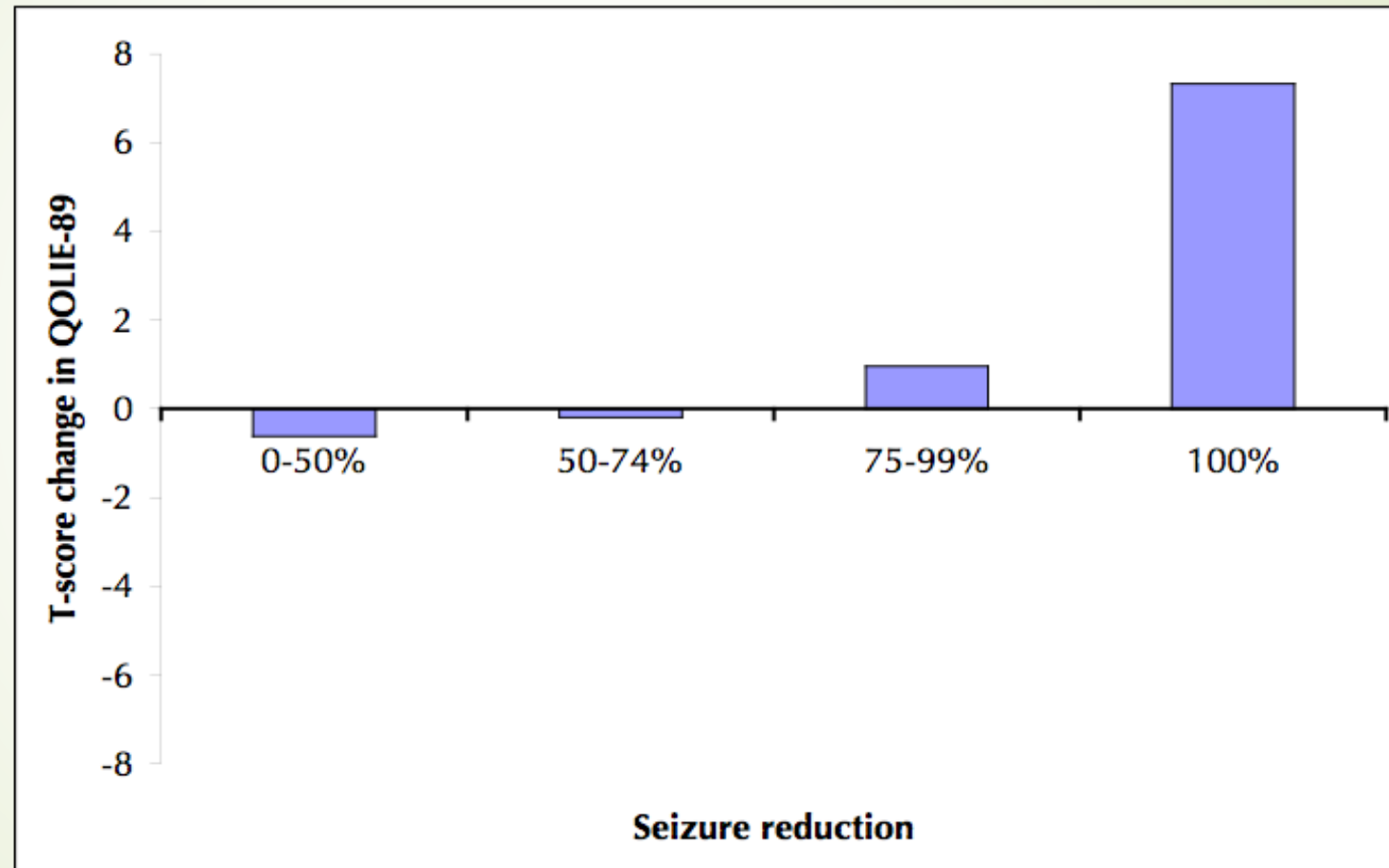
## 5. Che cosa comporta la FR per il paziente?

### Qualità della vita



Baker et al. 1998

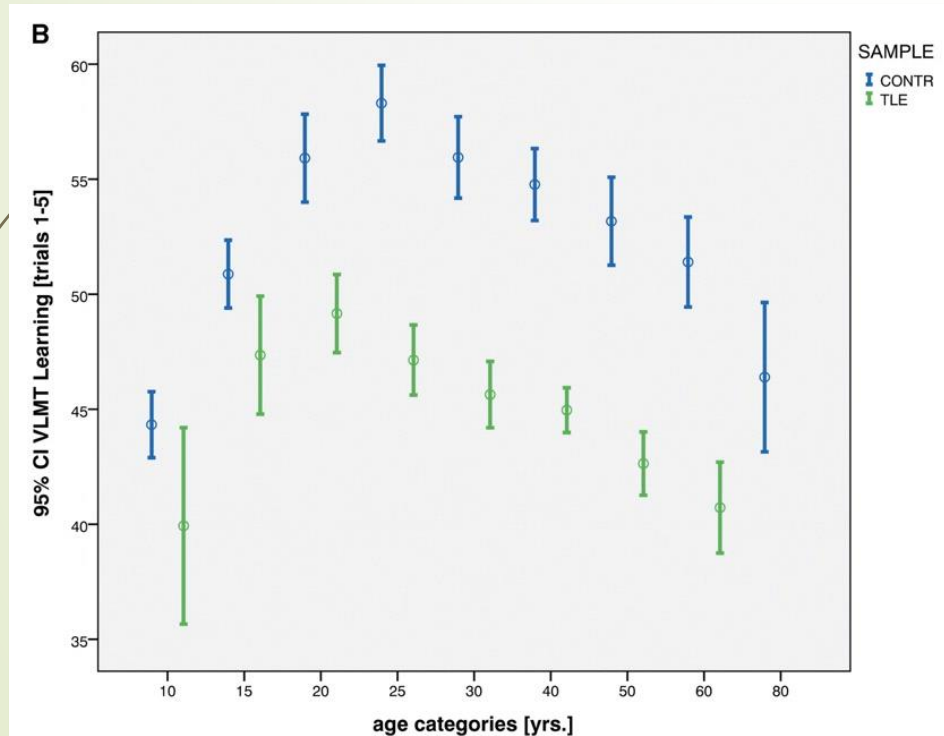
La qualità della vita migliora solo se si raggiunge un completo controllo delle crisi



After Birbeck et al. Epilepsia 2002

## 6. L'epilessia FR si associa a deficit cognitivi e aumento del rischio di SUDEP

### Memory and cognition in TLE



Helmstaedter et al. Brain 2009

### SUDEP

- 1 in 500-1000 per year overall risk
- 1 in 200 per year refractory epilepsy
- 1 in 100 per year surgical assessment



7. Come  
possiamo  
trattarla  
con i  
farmaci?

brivaracetam  
perampanel  
phenytoin  
carbamazepine  
valproate  
clobazam  
lamotrigine  
gabapentin  
topiramate  
tiagabine  
oxcarbazepine  
levetiracetam  
pregabalin  
zonisamide  
lacosamide

**No. of combinations**

1 drug	15
2 drugs	105
3 drugs	455

**1+2+3 = 575**

**3 months per combination**  
= 192 years





## 7. Come possiamo trattarla con i farmaci?

### Multiple modes of action

Topiramate  
Valproate  
Zonisamide

### GABAergic drugs

Clobazam  
Phenobaritone  
Primidone  
Tiagabine  
Vigabatrin

### Glutamatergic drugs

Perampanel  
Felbamate

### Sodium channel blockers

Carbamazepine  
Lacosamide  
Lamotigine  
Oxcarbazepine  
Phenytoin

### Vesicular protein SV2a

Levetiracetam  
Brivaracetam

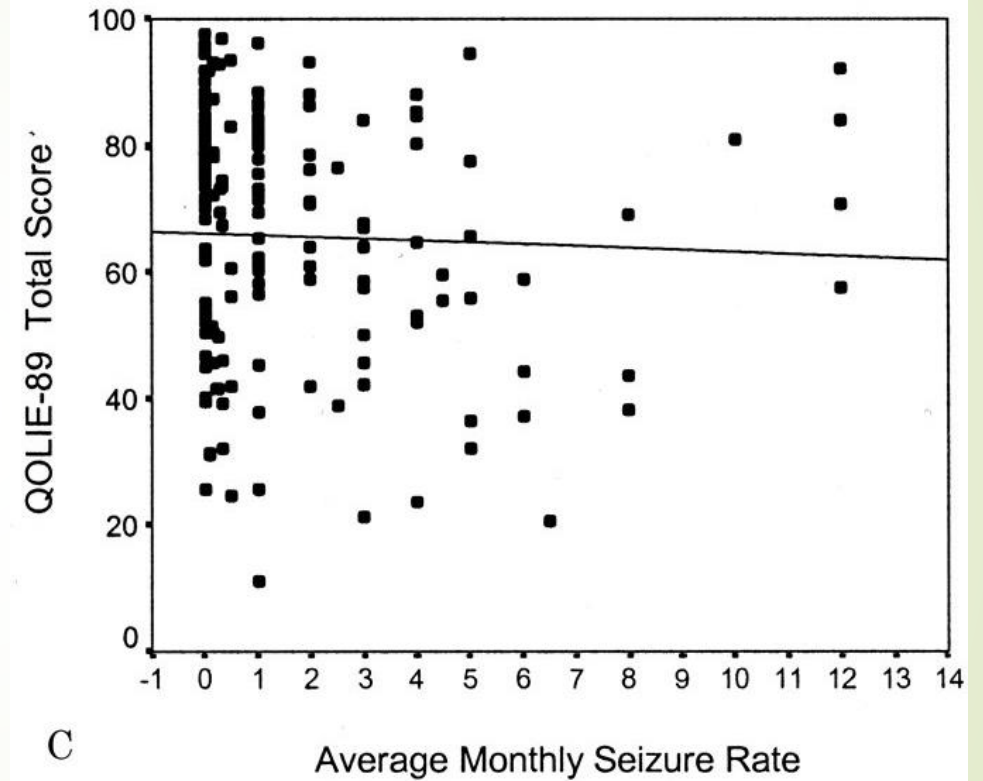
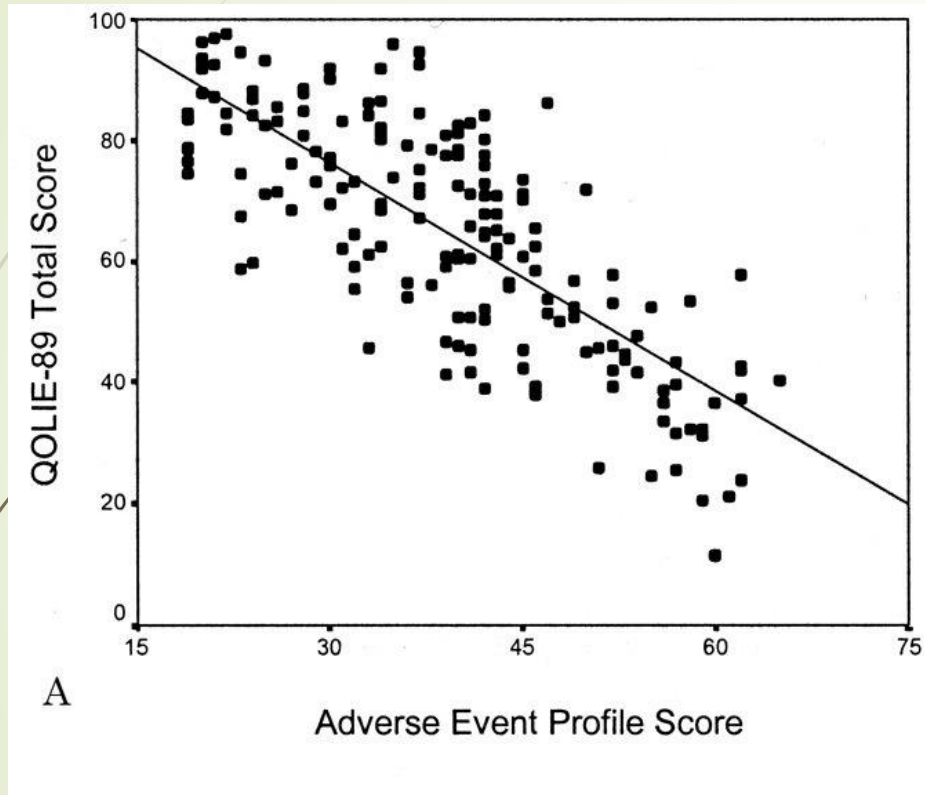
### Presynaptic calcium channel

Gabapentin  
Pregabalin

### Potassium channel

Retigabine

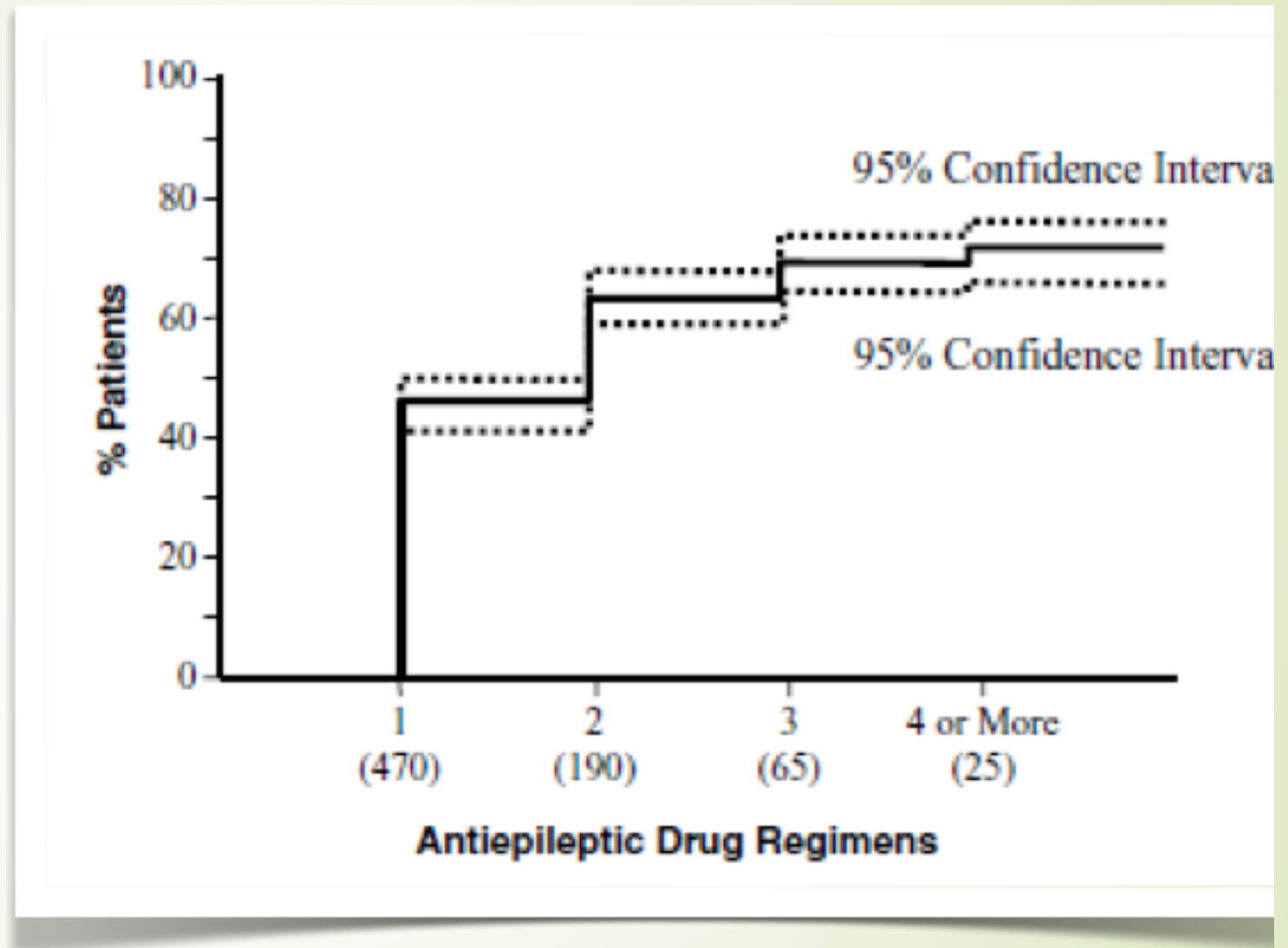
Ma ricordatevi sempre:



Gilliam et al. Neurology 2002

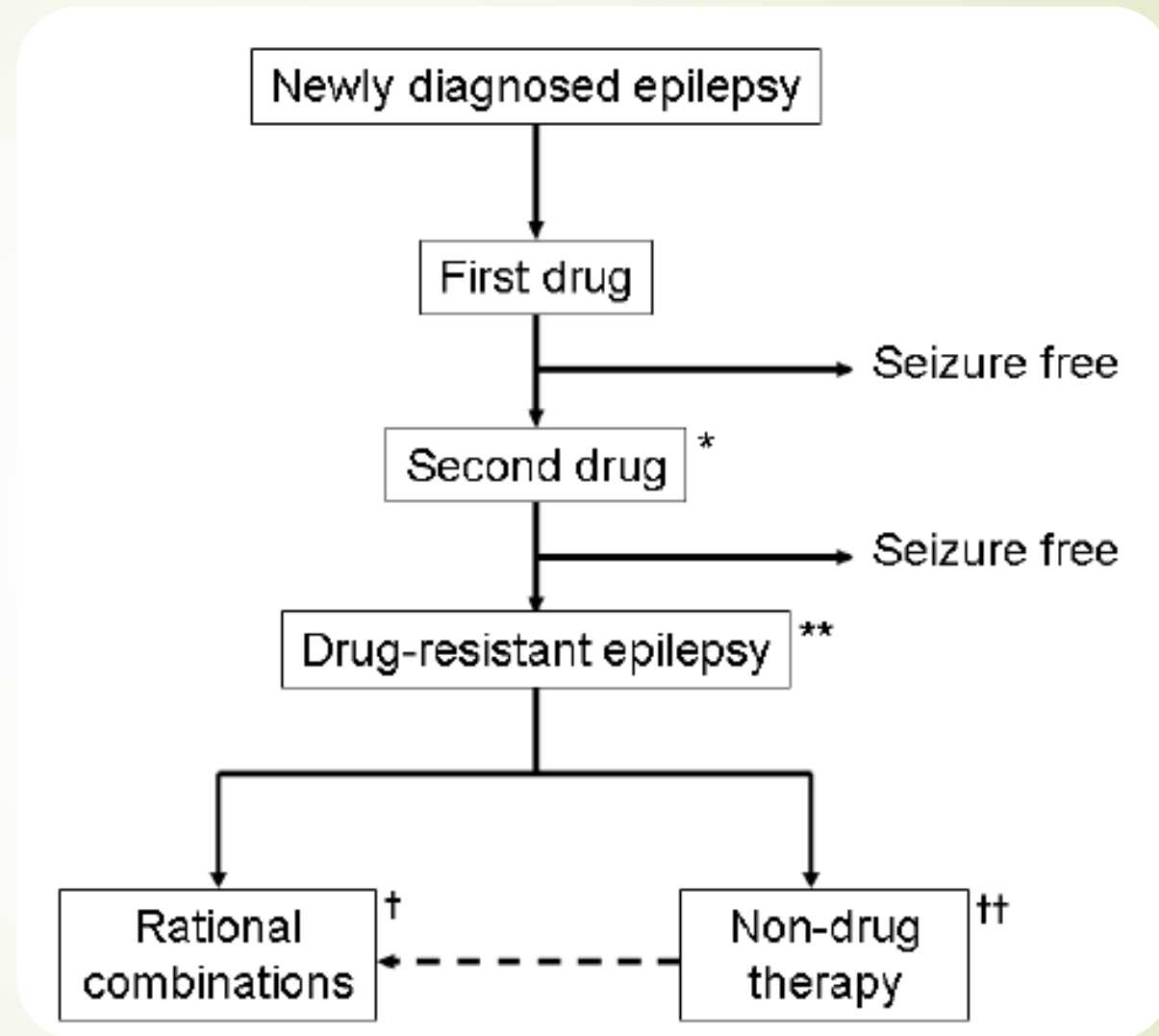
## 8. La legge del tentativo successivo

- ➔ 47% response to first drug (chance 47%)
- ➔ 13% response to second drug (chance 25%)
- ➔ 4% response to third drug (chance 10%)



Kwan et al. NEJM 2000

## 9. Principi di trattamento



Kwan et al. 2011

# 10. La chirurgia dell' epilessia

La chirurgia viene ancora considerata come l'ultima spiaggia terapeutica. Una errata opinione che ha causato, e causa, dei ritardi spesso inaccettabili nell'esecuzione di una procedura che in casi selezionati può fornire risultati eccellenti.

**Epilepsy surgery**

Curativa (disordini epilettici chirurgicamente privilegiati)

Disordini epilettici chirurgicamente responsivi)

Palliativa

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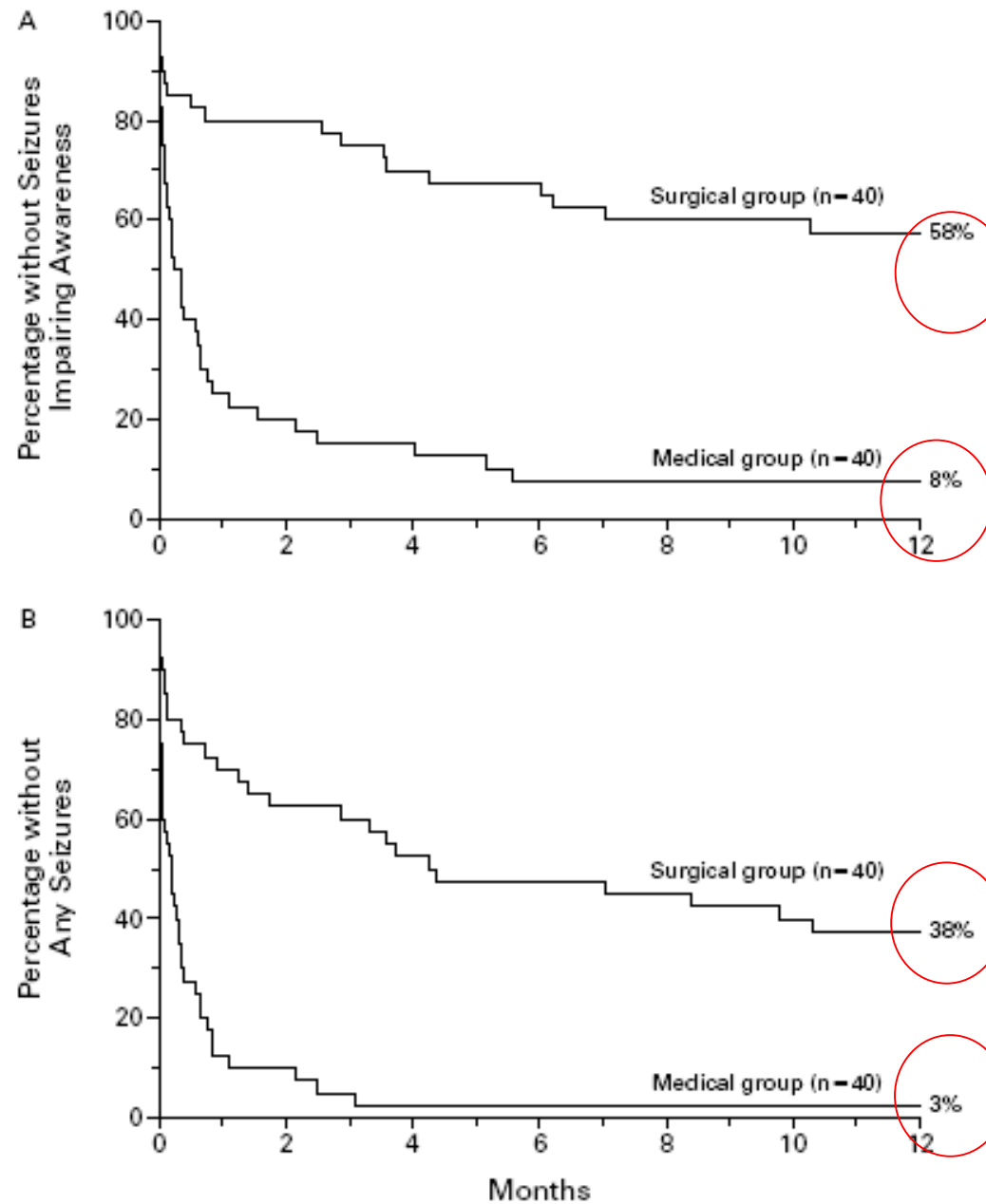
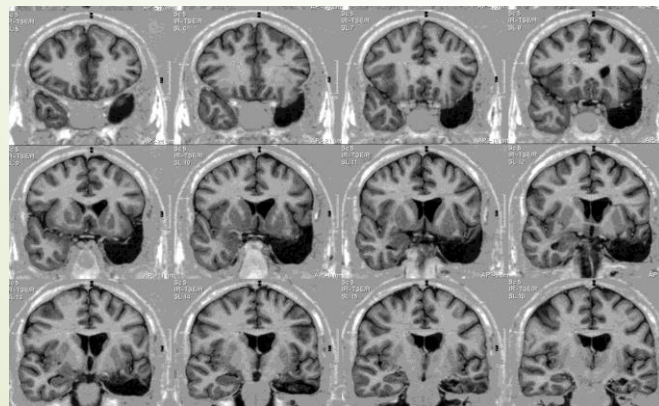
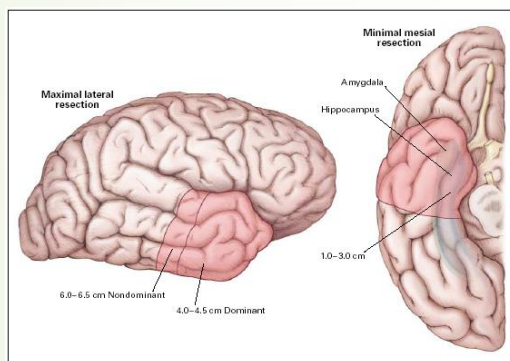
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## A RANDOMIZED, CONTROLLED TRIAL OF SURGERY FOR TEMPORAL-LOBE EPILEPSY

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# Early Surgical Therapy for Drug-Resistant Temporal Lobe Epilepsy

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**Results** Zero of 23 participants in the medical group and 11 of 15 in the surgical group were seizure free during year 2 of follow-up (odds ratio =  $\infty$ ; 95% CI, 11.8 to  $\infty$ ;  $P < .001$ ). In an intention-to-treat analysis, the mean improvement in QOLIE-89 overall T-score was higher in the surgical group than in the medical group but this difference was not statistically significant (12.6 vs 4.0 points; treatment effect = 8.5; 95% CI, -1.0 to 18.1;  $P = .08$ ). When data obtained after surgery from participants in the medical group were excluded, the effect of surgery on QOL was significant (12.8 vs 2.8 points; treatment effect = 9.9; 95% CI, 2.2 to 17.7;  $P = .01$ ). Memory decline (assessed using the Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test) occurred in 4 participants (36%) after surgery, consistent with rates seen in the literature; but the sample was too small to permit definitive conclusions about treatment group differences in cognitive outcomes. Adverse events included a transient neurologic deficit attributed to a magnetic resonance imaging-identified postoperative stroke in a participant who had surgery and 3 cases of status epilepticus in the medical group.

**Conclusions** Among patients with newly intractable disabling MTLE, resective surgery plus AED treatment resulted in a lower probability of seizures during year 2 of follow-up than continued AED treatment alone. Given the premature termination of the trial, the results should be interpreted with appropriate caution.