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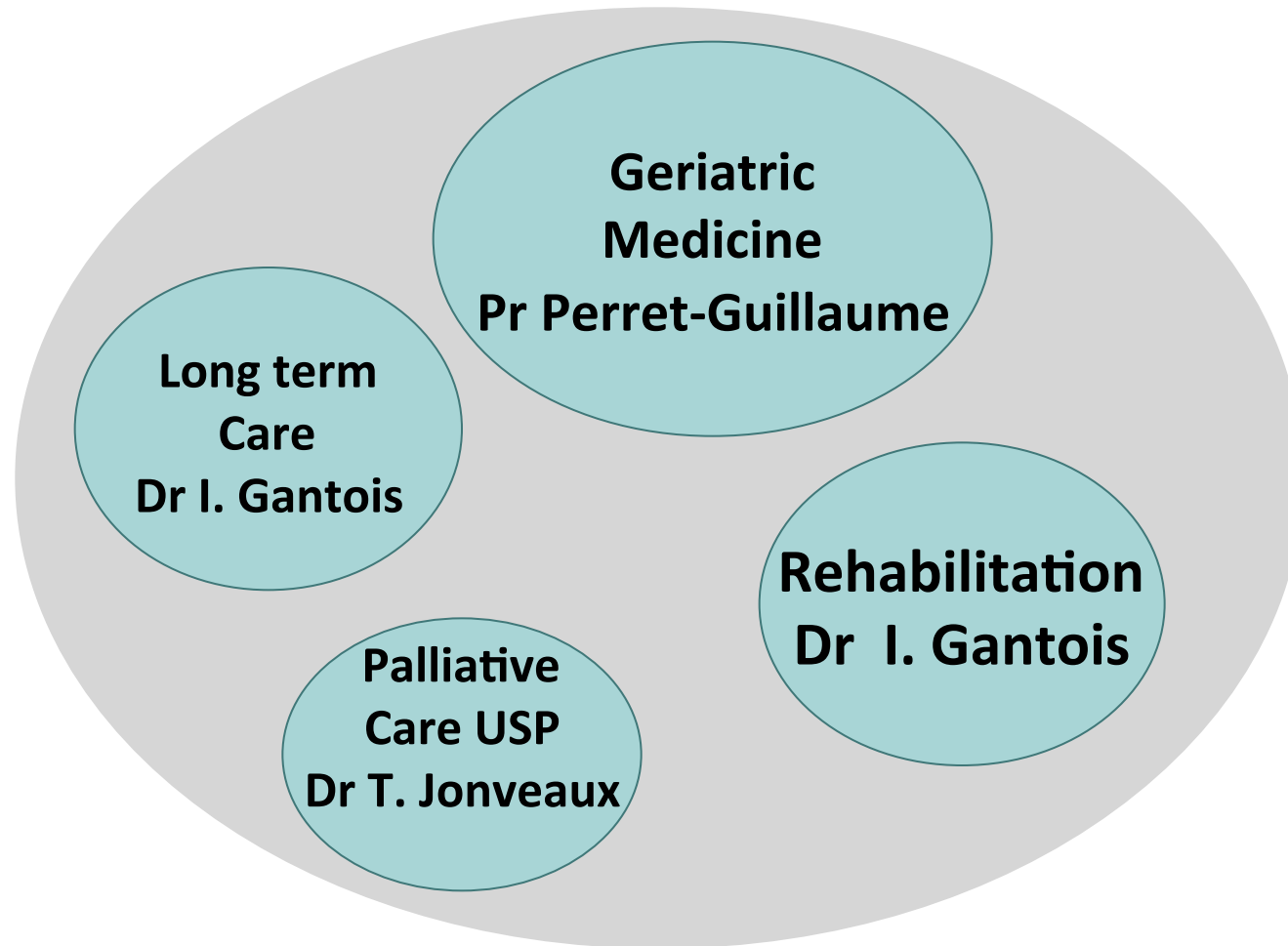






Department of Age-Related Diseases, Clinical Gerontology and Palliative Care (MaVie-GSP)

Prof A. Benetos



MaVie-GSP: 227 beds, outpatient units, clinical research, teaching

Acute Hospitalisation Units: 62 beds

- Unit 1: 20 beds
- Unit 2: 20 beds
- Direct entrance unit (UGED): 15 beds
- Reinforced care Unit (SC): 7 beds

Rehabilitation Hospitalisation Units: 44 beds

- General Geriatric Unit SSR: 32 beds
- Cognitivo-Comportemental Unit (UCC) 12 Beds

Palliative Care Hospitalisation Unit: 15 beds

Long-term Care Units: 106 beds

- General Geriatric LTC Unit (USLD) : 90 Beds
- Reinforced LTC Unit (UHR): 16 Beds

Day Hospital

5 beds

Out-patient Clinic

Geriatric Mobile Unit

Palliative Care Mobile Unit

Thematic Units

- Memory Clinic (CMRR)
- Oncogeriatric (ULCOG)
- CV Aging and Frailty (MARCAGE.FR)

Geriatric Clinical Research Unit

MaVie-GSP Staff



**-24 Physicians-geriatricians (3 cardiologists, 1 neurologist, 1 vascular medicine, 1 psychiatrist, 2 internal medicine, 1 public health)
(3 Professors of medicine; 13 Senior geriatricians, 3 University assistants)**

-10 Medical Residents, 1 Pharmacist Resident, 1 Dentist Resident

-10-20 Medical Students

-12 psychologists

-3 chief-nurses

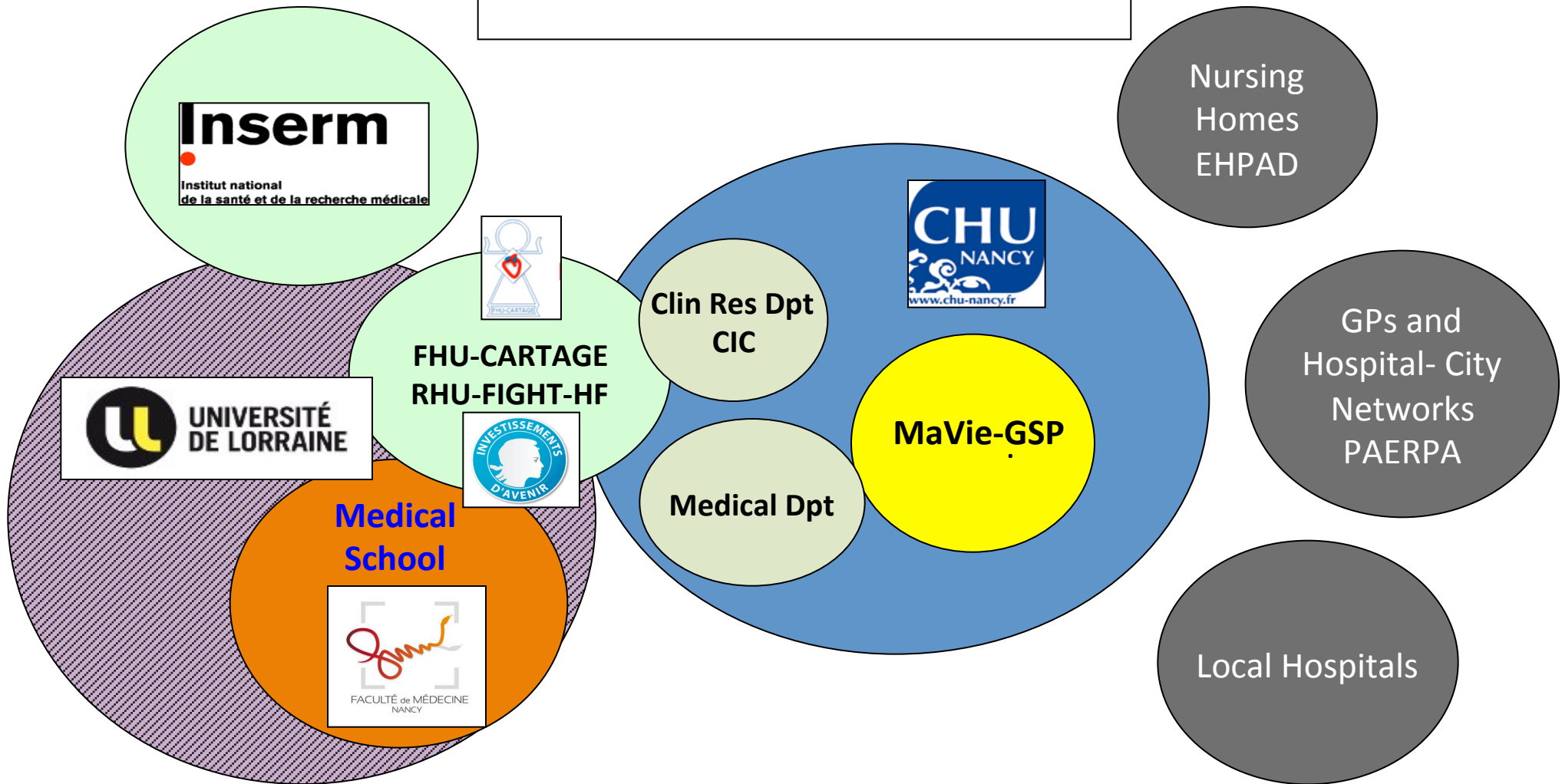
->100 nurses, assist. nurses

-10 secretaries

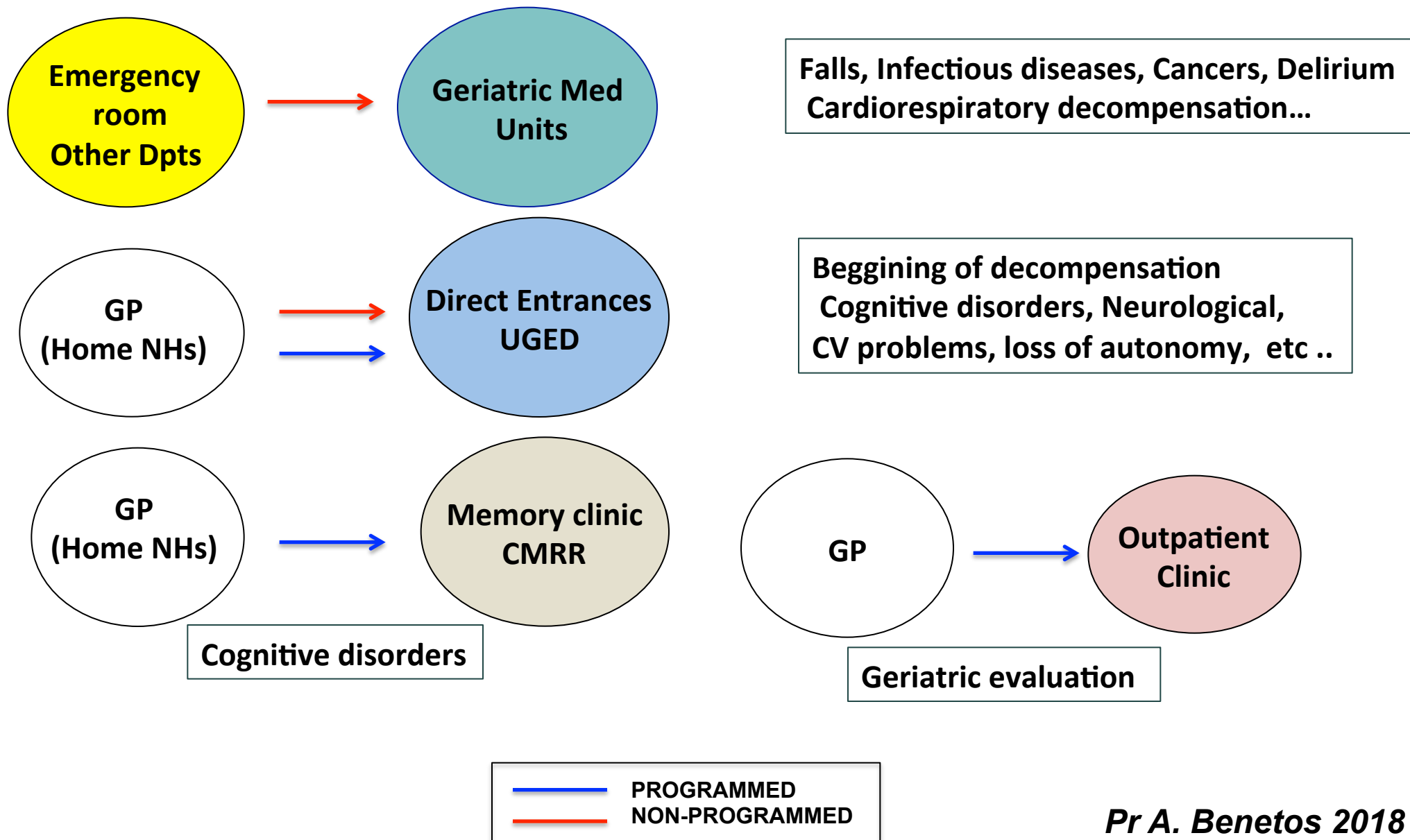
-6 social assistants

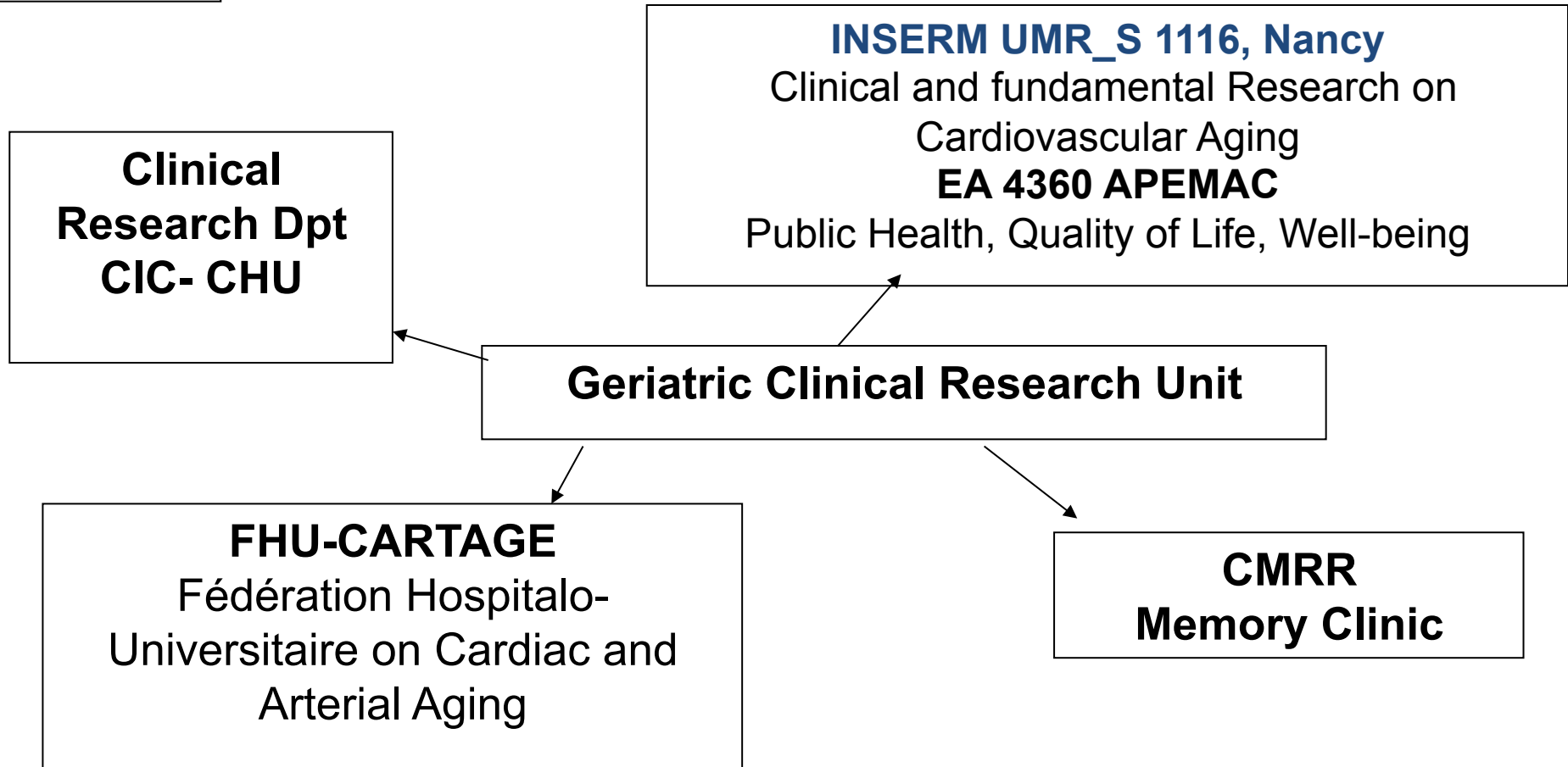
-physiotherapists, ergotherapist, nutritionist, speech therapist

Clinical and Academic Connections



Where (Why) the patients are coming from?





Research Projects

- Interactions between arterial aging and frailty
- Management of hypertension in the very old, frail subjects
- Vascular contribution in cognitive decline in older adults
- Telomere dynamics and accelerated arterial aging.
- Acceptability of treatments in frail persons

Demographic, biological and clinical aspects of aging

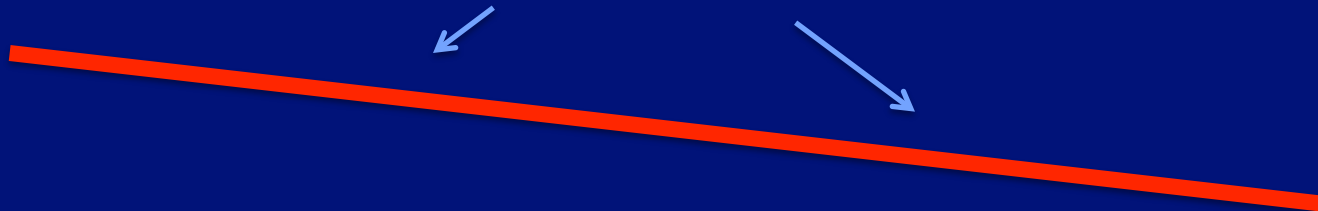
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- **Can we slow down the aging process ?**

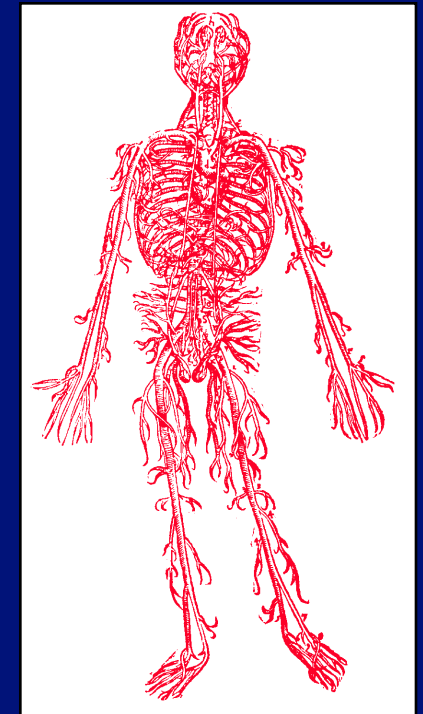
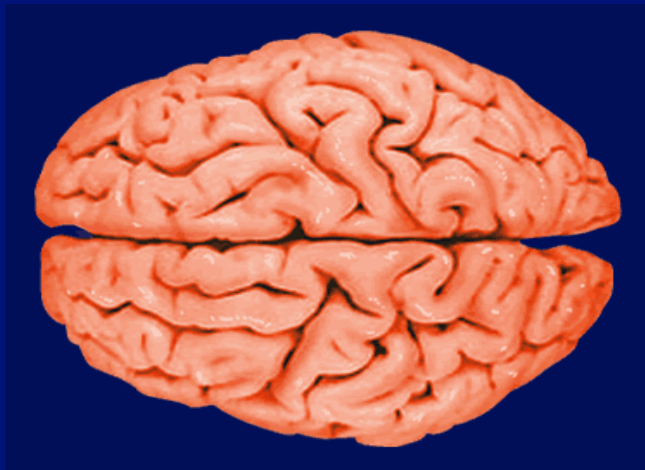
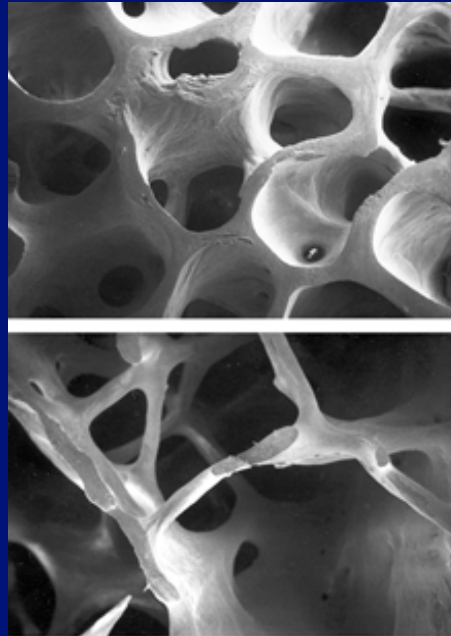
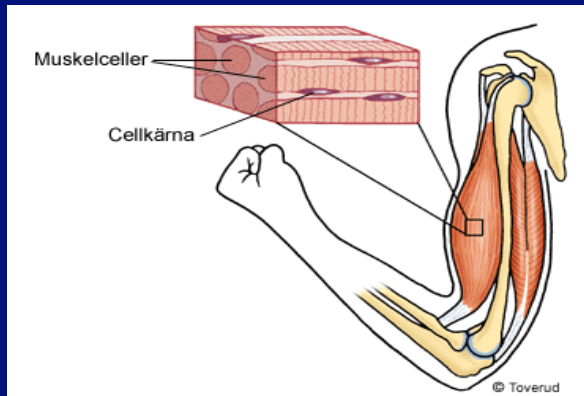
Old age

« ...Is the last period of the life Characterized by a decrease in functional capacities

Where to put the cursor?



Functional capacities of muscles, bones, arteries, brain, skin...





The aging process is very heterogeneous:

- From one cell to the other
- From one organ to the other
- From one function to the other
- From one individual to the other

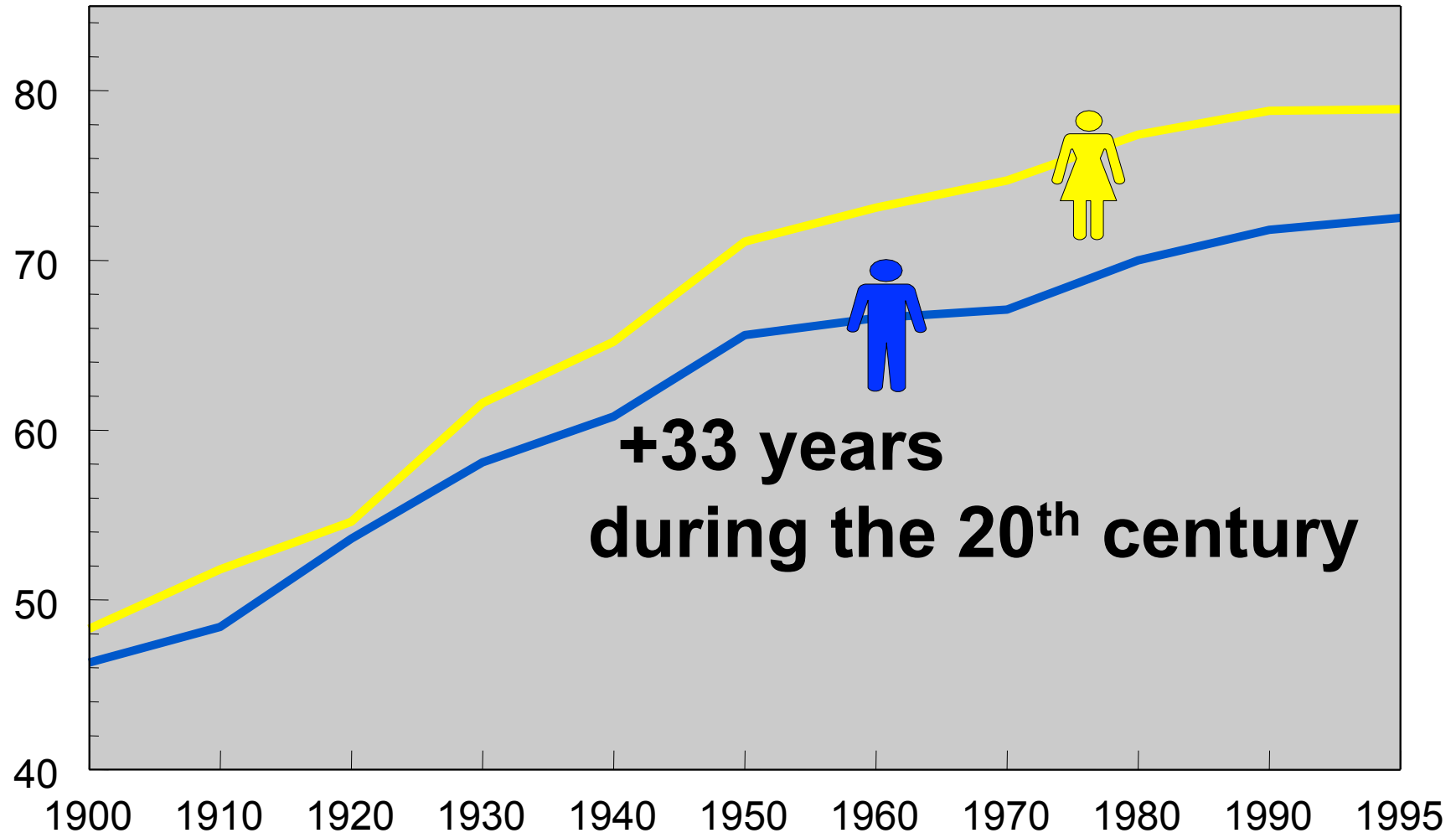
At what age we get old? What is the best criterion?

- Age-related alterations: from birth**
- Age-related diseases: >70-75 years**
- Loss of autonomy: >75 yeas**
- Increase in death rates: >80 years.**

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Life expectancy at birth (French men and women)



Source: National Center for Health Statistics

Evolution of the life expectancy at birth in men and women over the last century

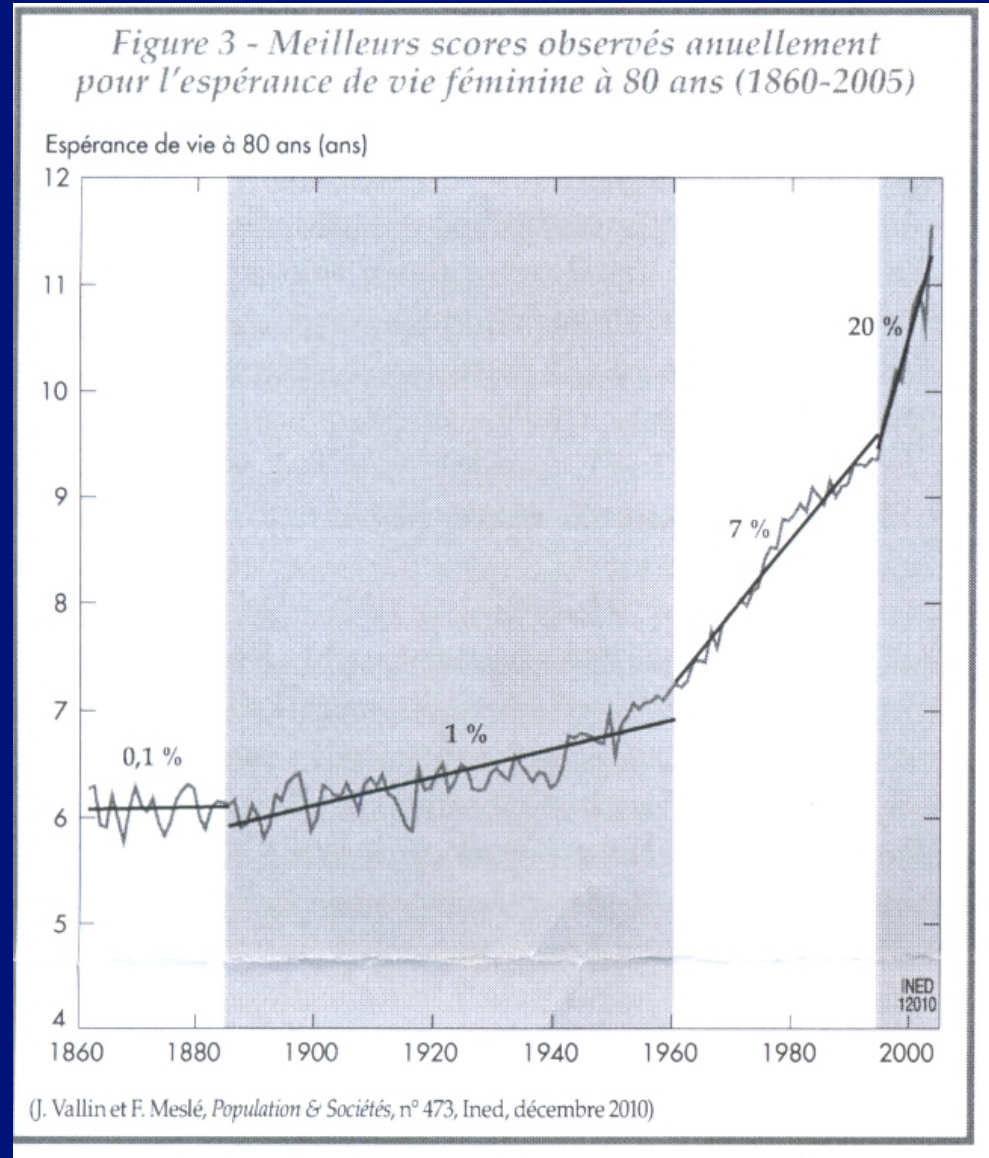
+33 years over a century is mainly due to:

50% to the decrease in infant mortality

40% to the decrease in infection-related mortality

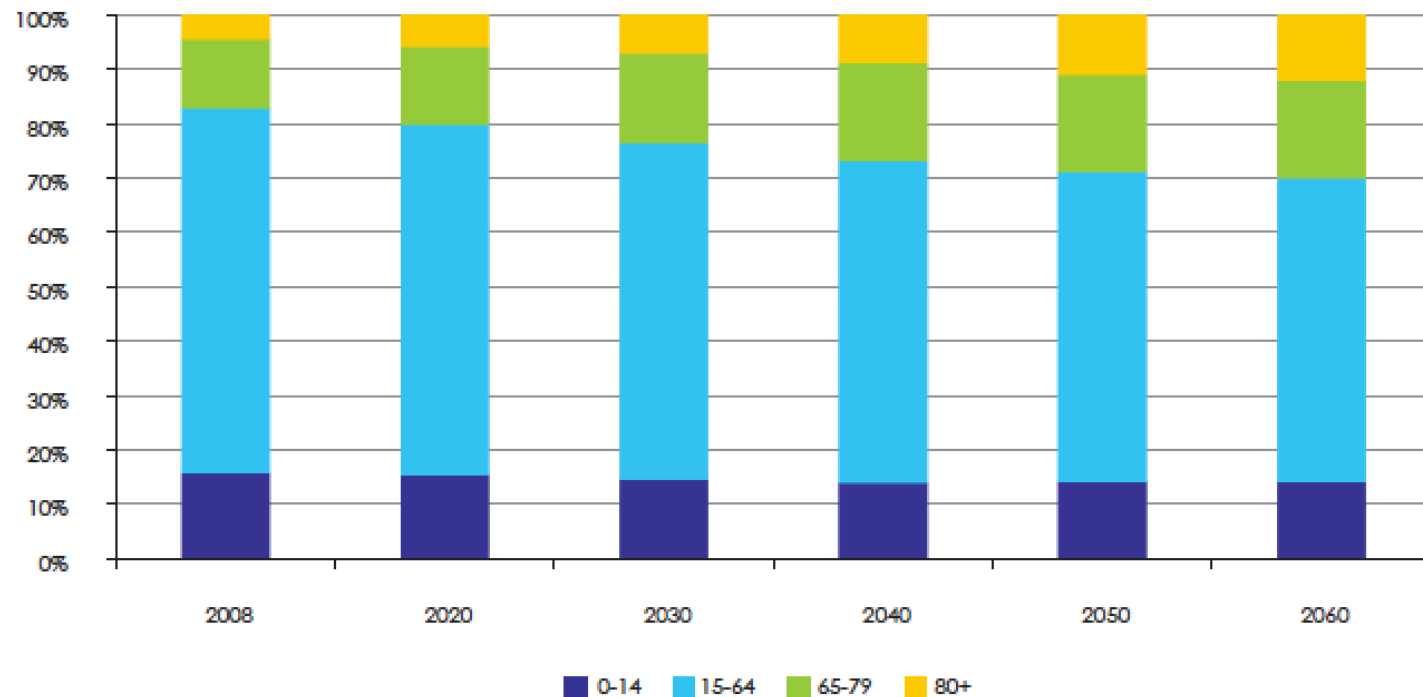
10% to the prevention of age-related diseases

Life expectancy at the age of 80 increased a lot these last years



Percentage of people over 80 years in Europe: 5% in 2015 10% in 2040

Graph 15 - Projection of changes in the structure of the population by main age groups, EU27 (in %)



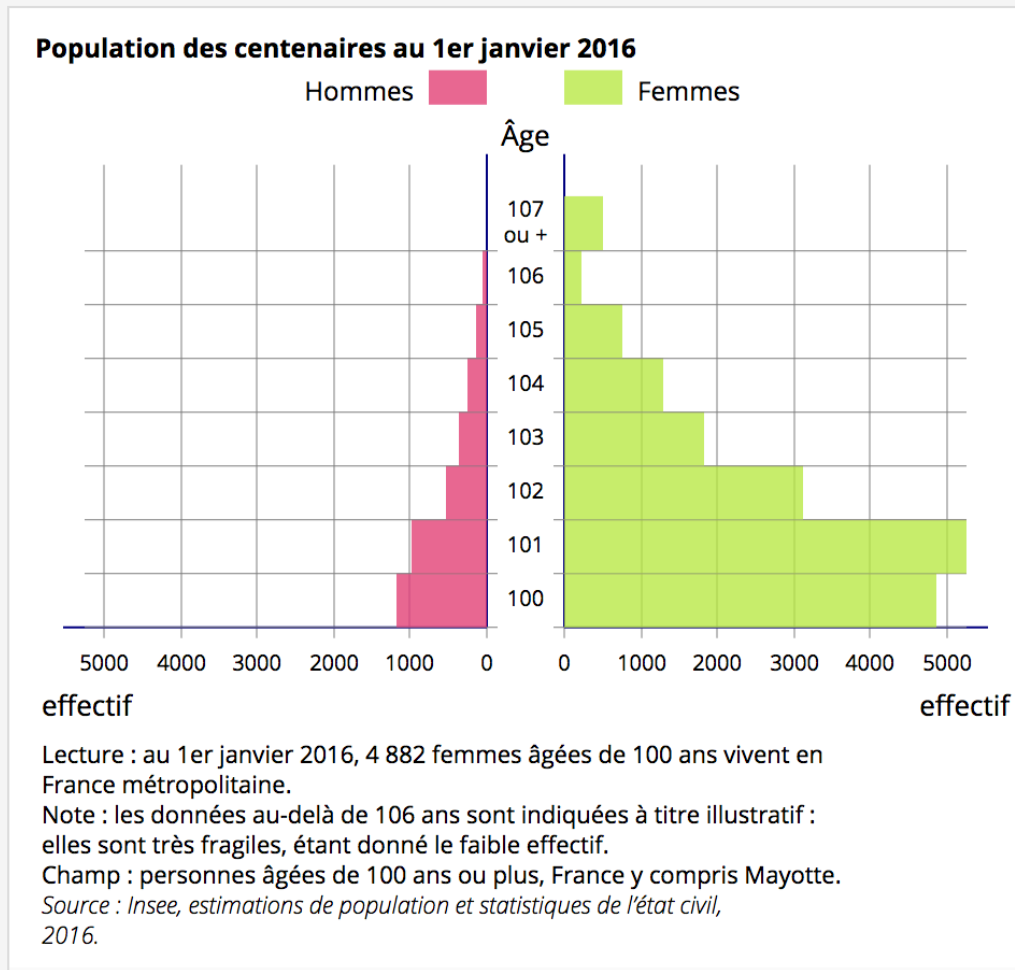
Source: Eurostat, EUROPOP2008.

**Is there a limite in the human
maximal life expectancy?**

The centenarians

2017: 21,000 Centenarians in France

Figure 1 – Population des centenaires au 1er janvier 2016

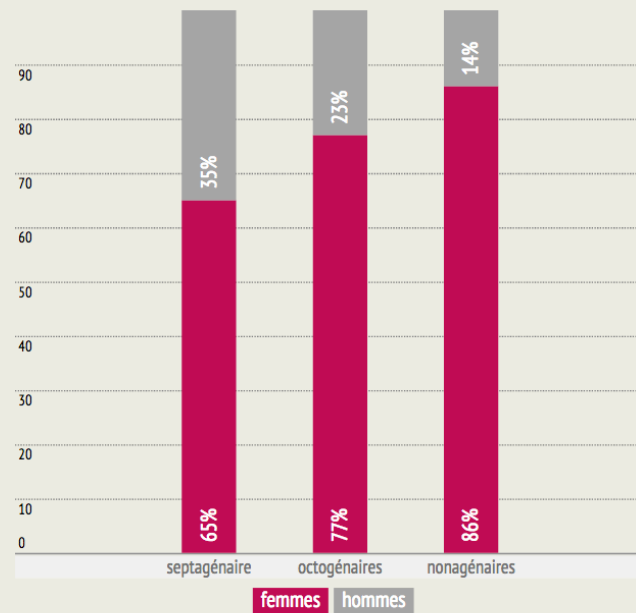


In France, 90% of the centenarians are women

Les femmes centenaires : plus nombreuses que les hommes

 **9 centenaires sur 10**

sont des femmes. La proportion de femmes parmi les personnes âgées ne cesse d'augmenter comme en témoigne le graphique ci-dessous.



Au-delà de 110 ans, on entre dans la catégorie des "supercentenaires" qui, en France ne comporte que des femmes et dont la doyenne a 114 ans.

The « authentic » record(wo)man is the French Jeanne-Louise Calment



**122 years
164 days**



21 Février 1875 - 4 Août 1997


The 10 persons with the highest longevity since 1960 were all women

Rank	Name	Sex	Birth date	Death date	Age ^[**]	Country of death or residence
1	Jeanne Calment ^[1]	F	21 February 1875	4 August 1997	122 years, 164 days	France
2	Sarah Knauss ^[4]	F	24 September 1880	30 December 1999	119 years, 97 days	United States
3	Nabi Tajima ^[5]	F	4 August 1900	21 April 2018	117 years, 260 days	Japan
4	Lucy Hannah ^[6]	F	16 July 1875	21 March 1993	117 years, 248 days	United States
5	Marie-Louise Meilleur ^[7]	F	29 August 1880	16 April 1998	117 years, 230 days	Canada
6	Violet Brown ^[5]	F	10 March 1900	15 September 2017	117 years, 189 days	Jamaica
7	Emma Morano ^[5]	F	29 November 1899	15 April 2017	117 years, 137 days	Italy
8	Chiyo Miyako ^[8]	F	2 May 1901	22 July 2018	117 years, 81 days	Japan
9	Misao Okawa ^[5]	F	5 March 1898	1 April 2015	117 years, 27 days	Japan
10	María Capovilla ^[9]	F	14 September 1889	27 August 2006	116 years, 347 days	Ecuador

Kane Tanaka



Kane Tanaka at the age of 115.

Birth:	2 January 1903 Fukuoka, Fukuoka Pref., Japan
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Validated


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<0.5% of probability to reach it

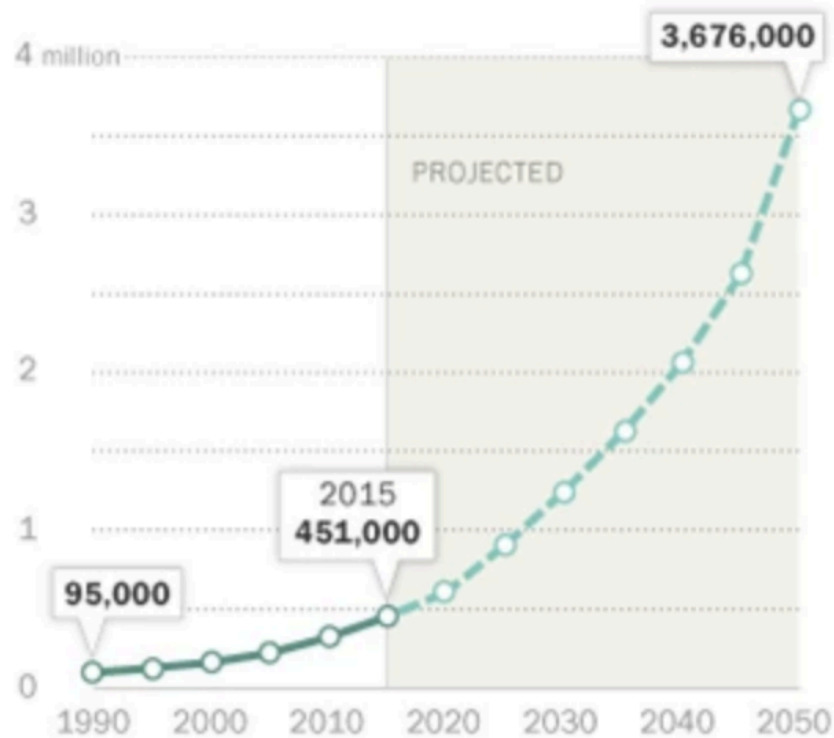
In order to break the longevity record (e.g., survival to age 123 years), **262,200** people would have to be alive at age 105.

Olshansky SJ. JAMA. 2018 Oct 2;320(13):1323-1324.

Estimation in the world: in 2016
450,000 centenarians
45,000 (10%) reach age of 105 years

The world's centenarian population projected to grow rapidly

Number of persons ages 100 and older



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, "World Population Prospects: 2015 Revision"

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In 2050 there would be the necessary number of 105+ (>300,000) in order to break the record of JL Calment



**Mme Jeanne Louise
CALMENT**
(21 Février 1875 - 4 Août 1997)

JL Calment will be the record (wo)man of longevity for at least 28 years; probably more than 50 years

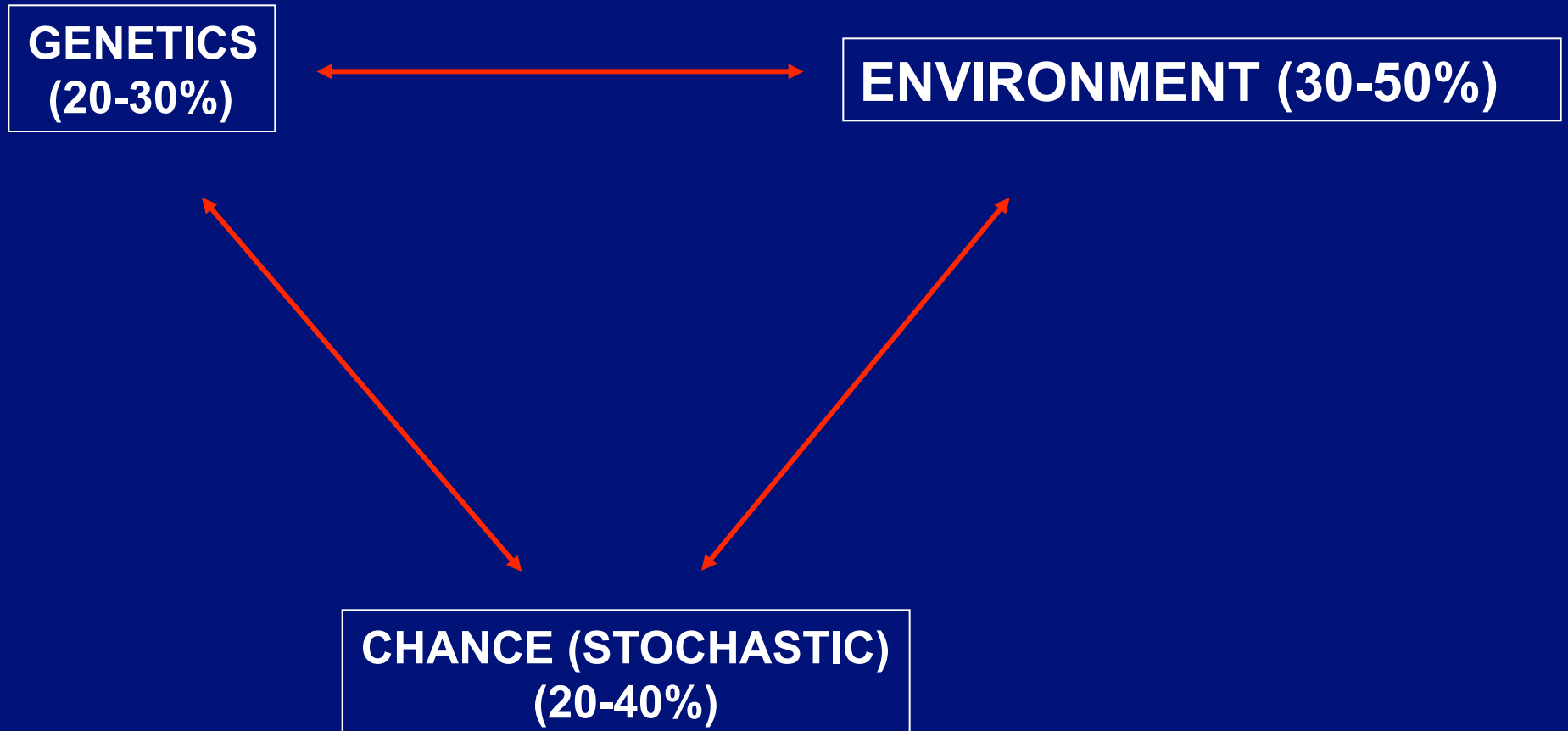


Who will live longer?

Who will age faster?

**Can we increase our chances
to live much longer?**

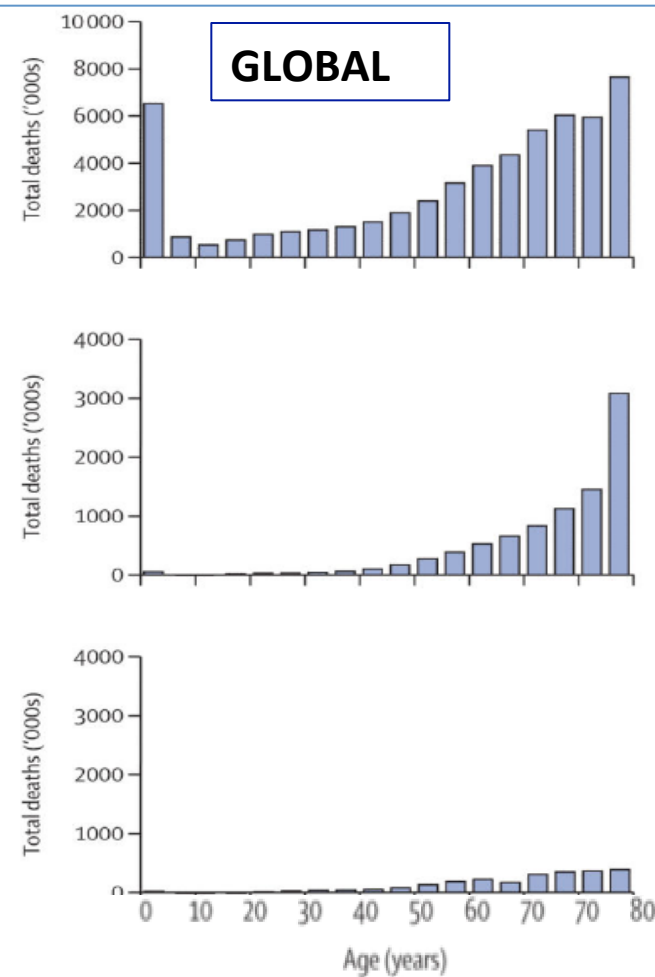
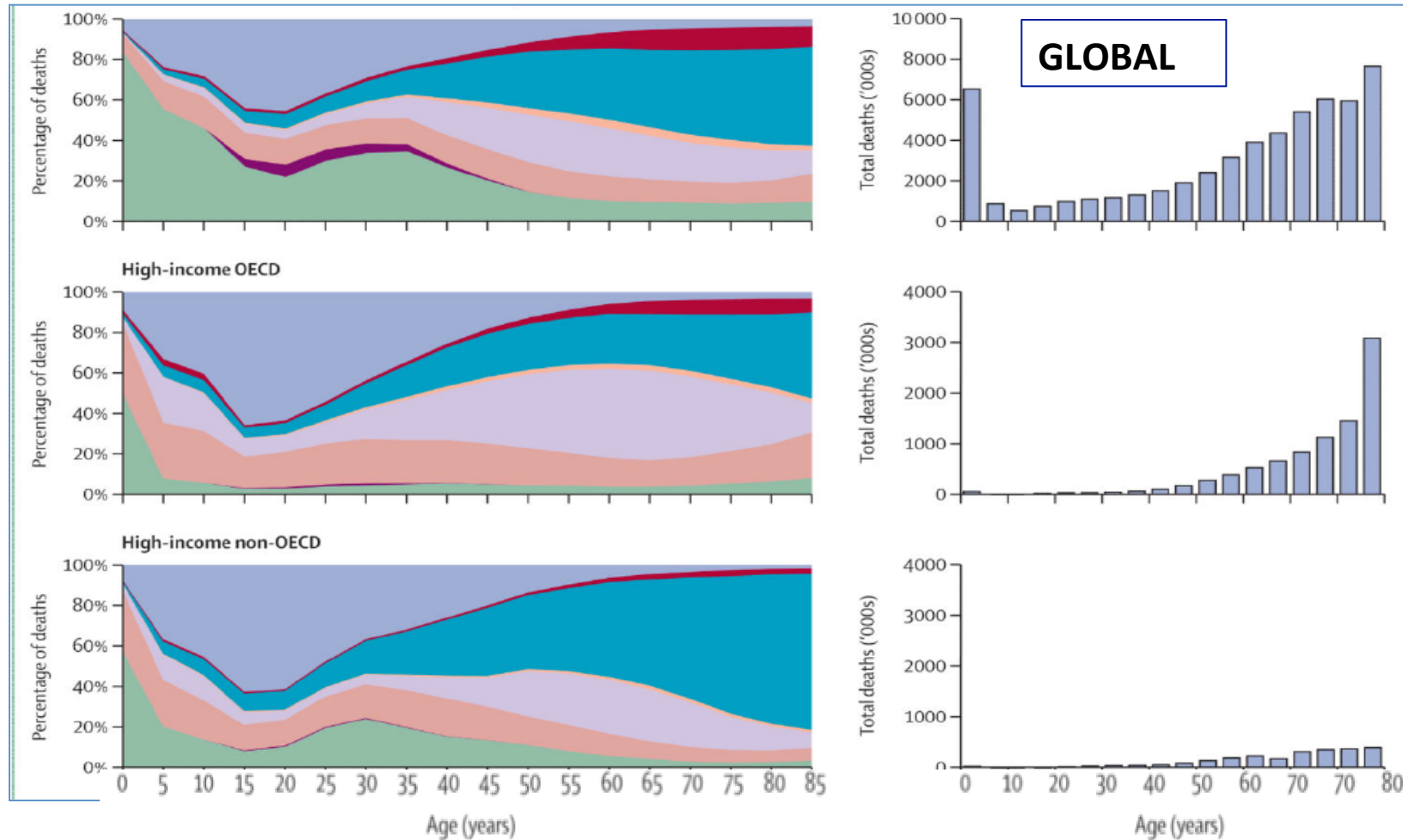
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Mortality at different ages for countries of low, middle and high income in 2012

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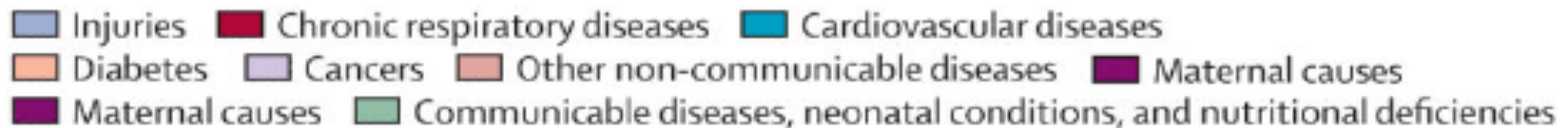
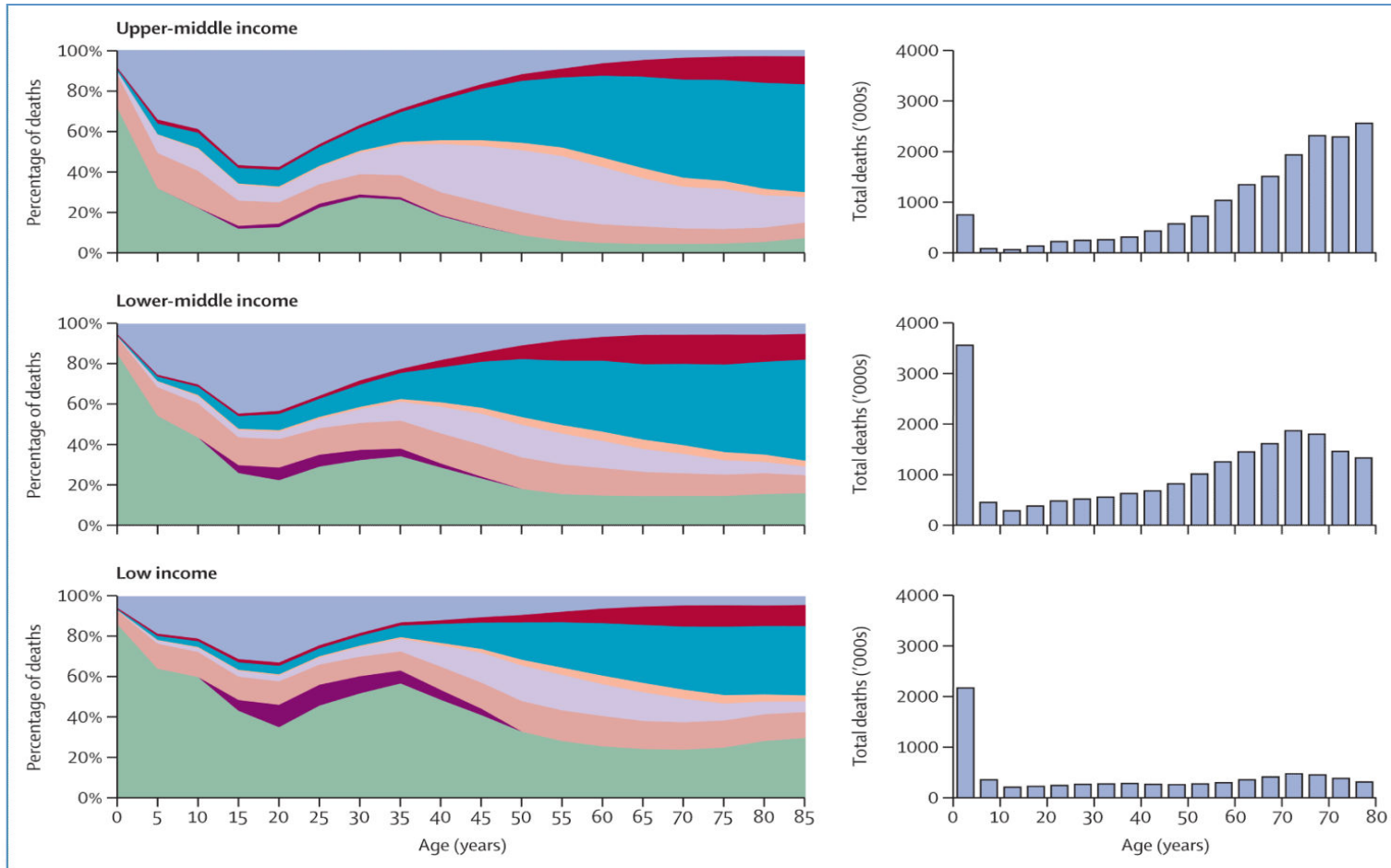


- Injuries
- Chronic respiratory diseases
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes
- Cancers
- Other non-communicable diseases
- Maternal causes
- Maternal causes
- Communicable diseases, neonatal conditions, and nutritional deficiencies

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Environmental factors :

- 1- Fixed: Birthplace, socio economic parent status.**
- 2- Hardly modifiable: Socio-economic status, wars, epidemics, pollution.**
- 3- Way of life: Physical activities, Nutrition, Tobacco, tobacco, diet, prevention of risks.**

Four questions

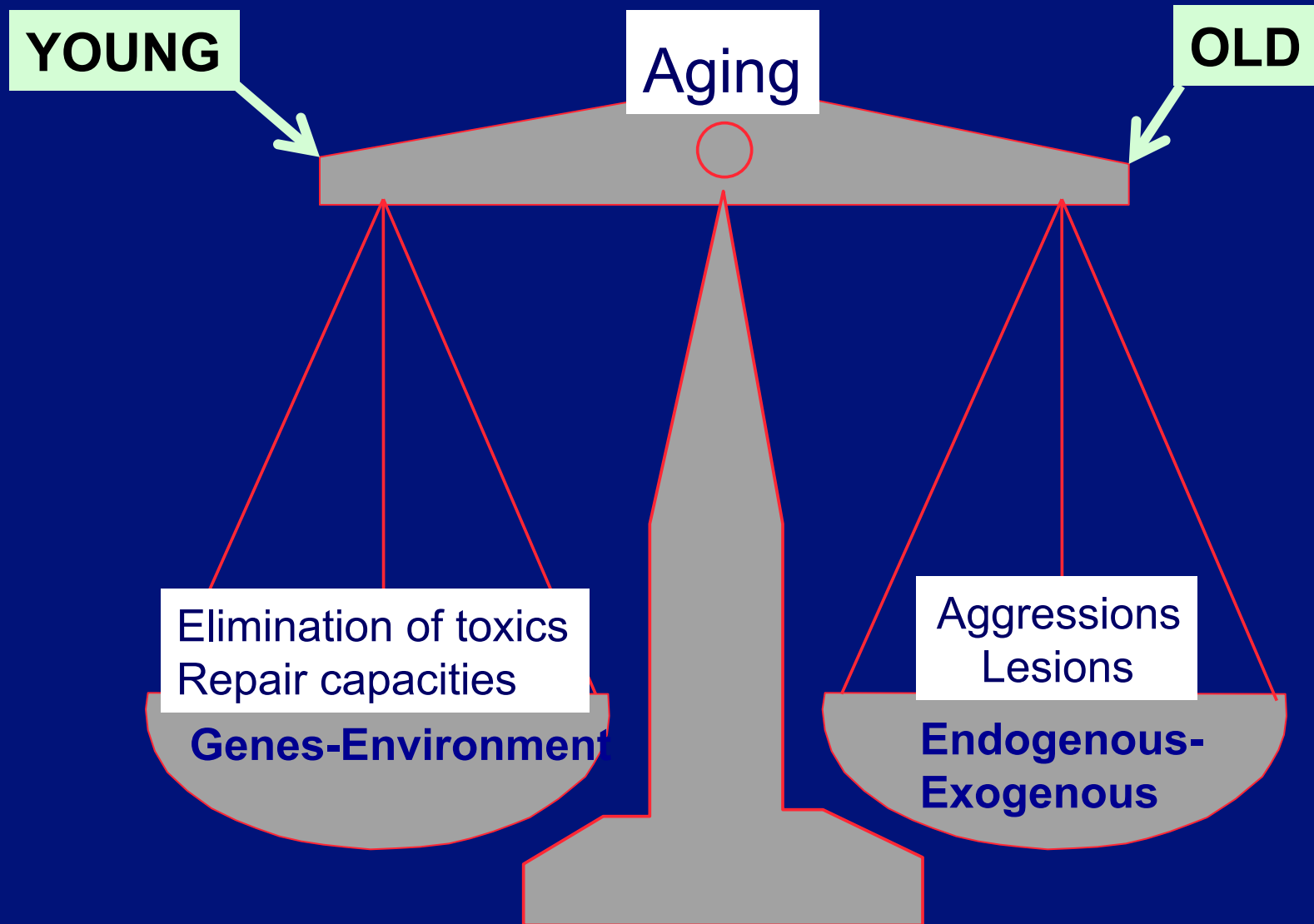
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Ageing



Mechanisms of aging



The Hallmarks of Aging

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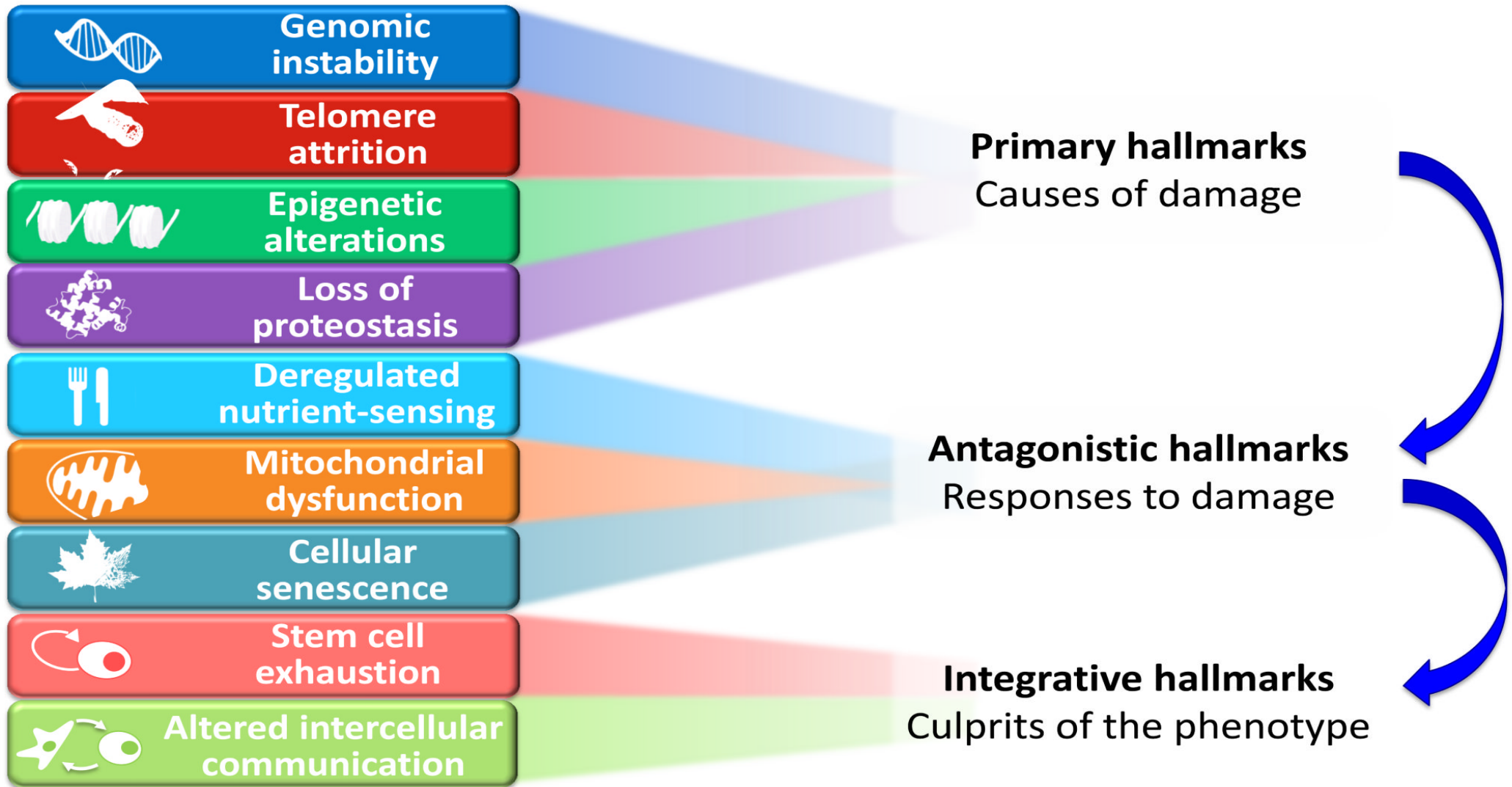
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The Hallmarks of Aging

Carlos López-Otín^{1,*}, Manuel Serrano^{2,*}, Linda Partridge^{3,4,*}, Maria A. Blasco^{5,*}, and Guido Kroemer^{6,7,8,9,10,*}

Functional Interconnections between the Hallmarks of Aging



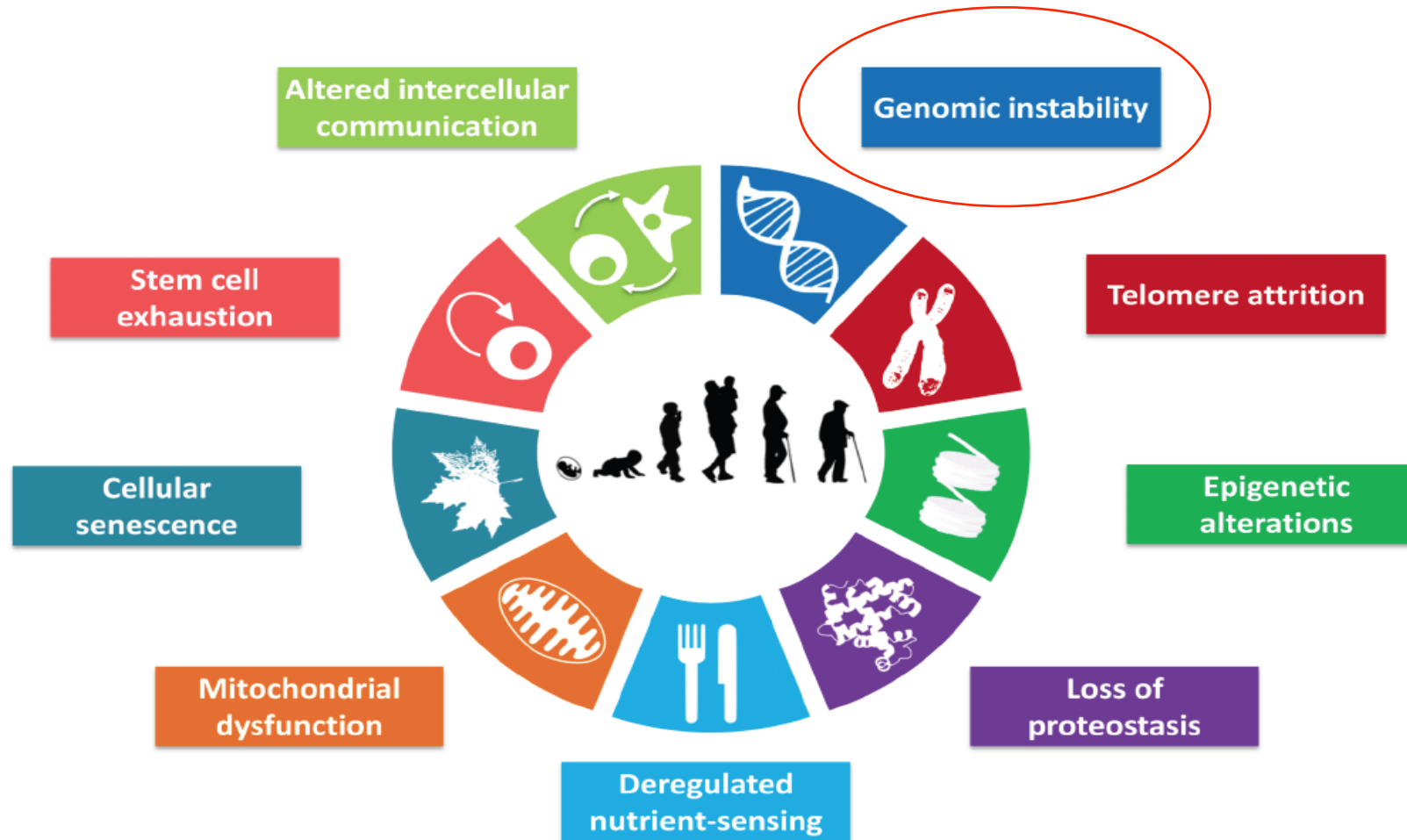
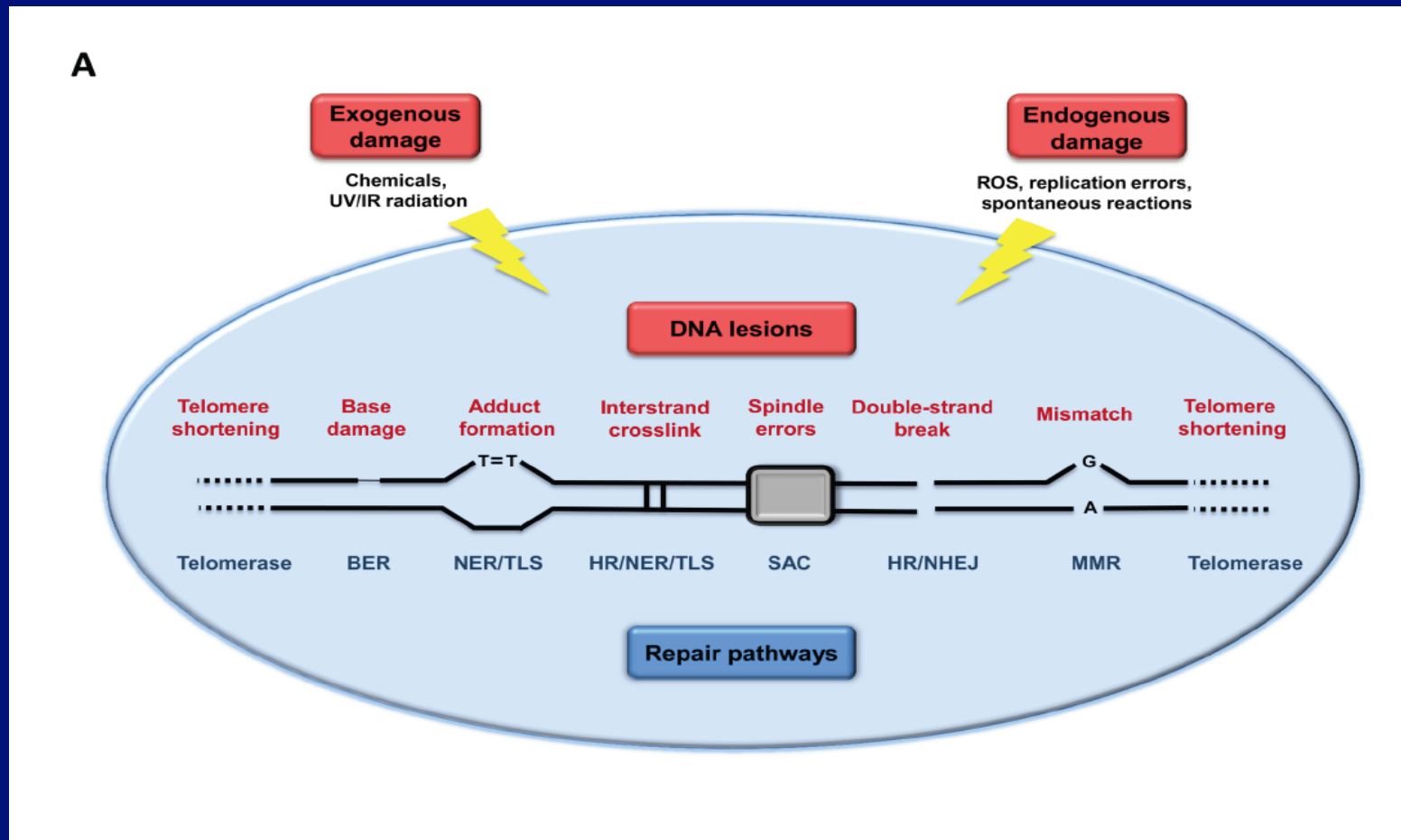


Figure 1. The Hallmarks of Aging

The scheme enumerates the nine hallmarks described in this review: genomic instability, telomere attrition, epigenetic alterations, loss of proteostasis, deregulated nutrient-sensing, mitochondrial dysfunction, cellular senescence, stem cell exhaustion, and altered intercellular communication.

Genomic instability: Endogenous and environmental factors leading to excessive production of free radicals are responsible for the accumulation of lesions on nuclear and mitochondrial DNA.



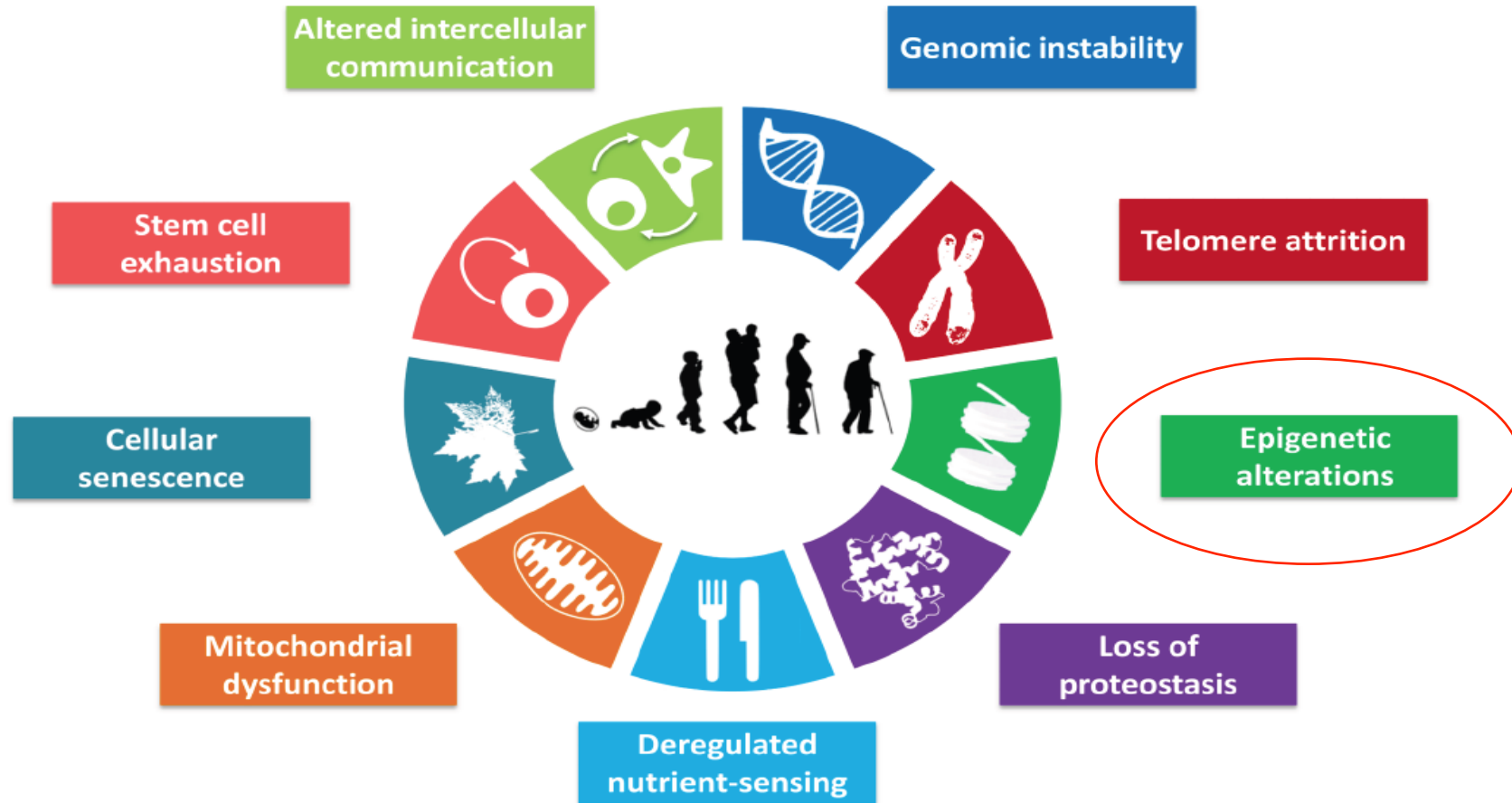


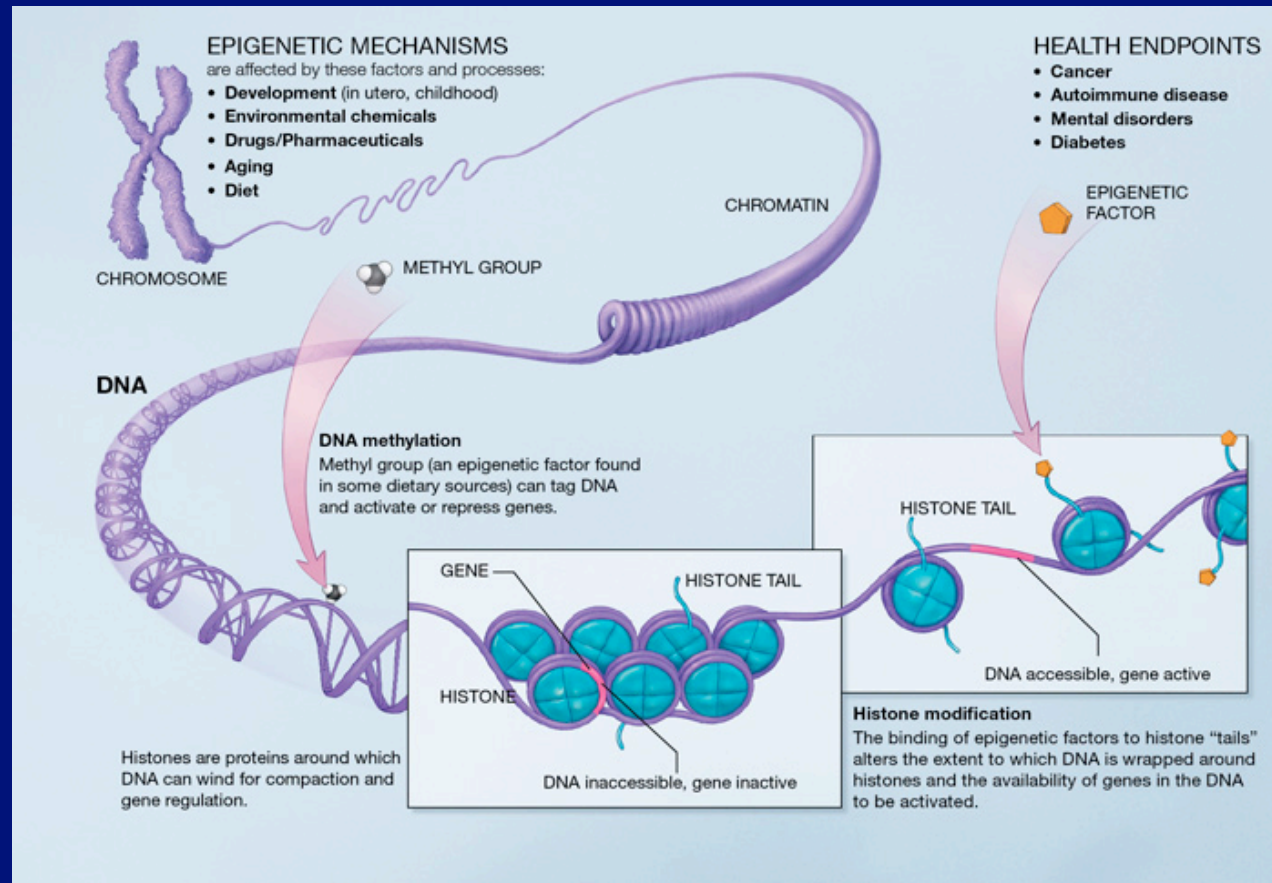
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Epigenetic alterations: play an important role in the pace of aging and longevity

DNA methylation; Remodelling of chromatin.

Modifications of histones. Transcriptional modifications



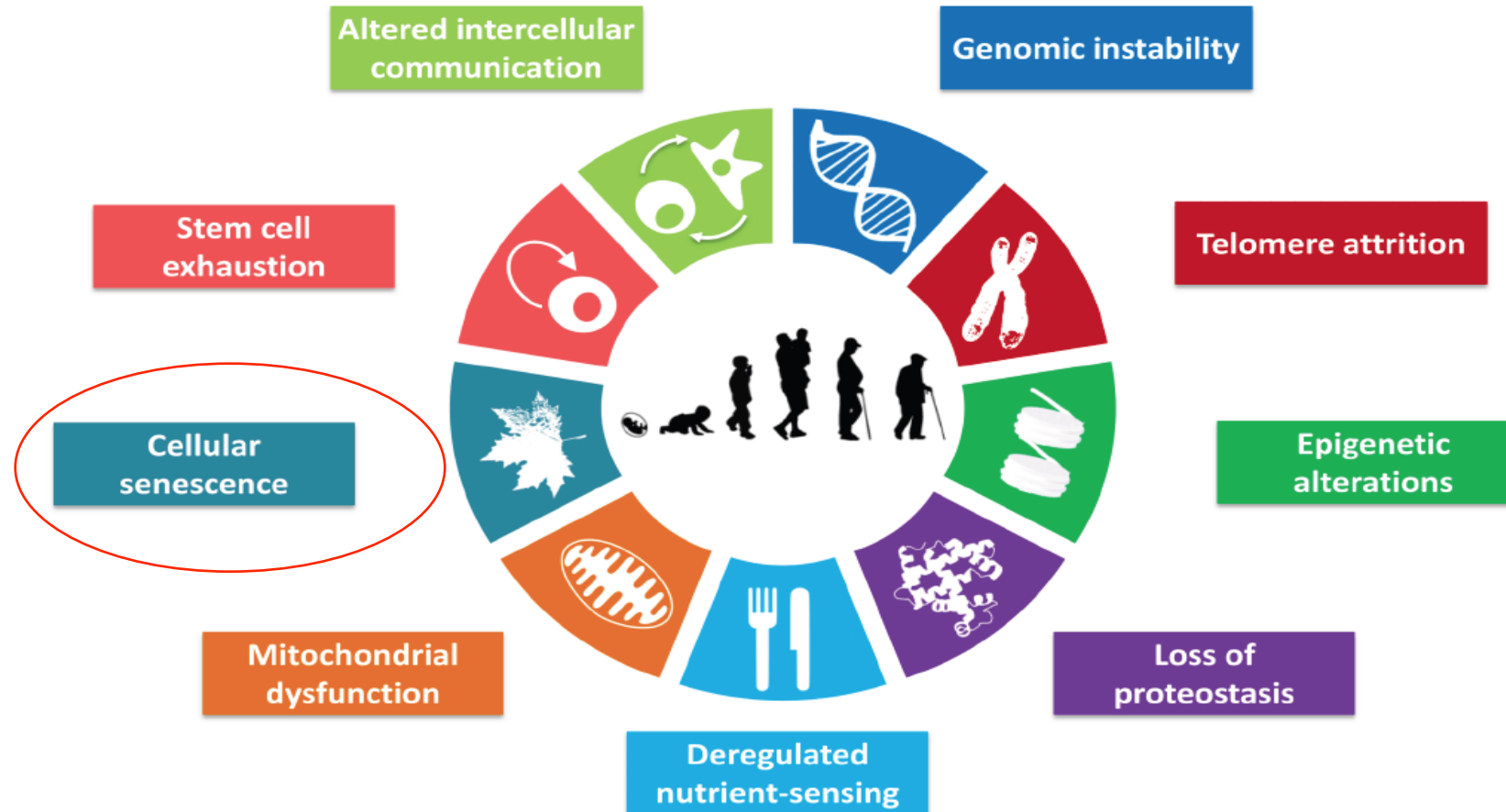
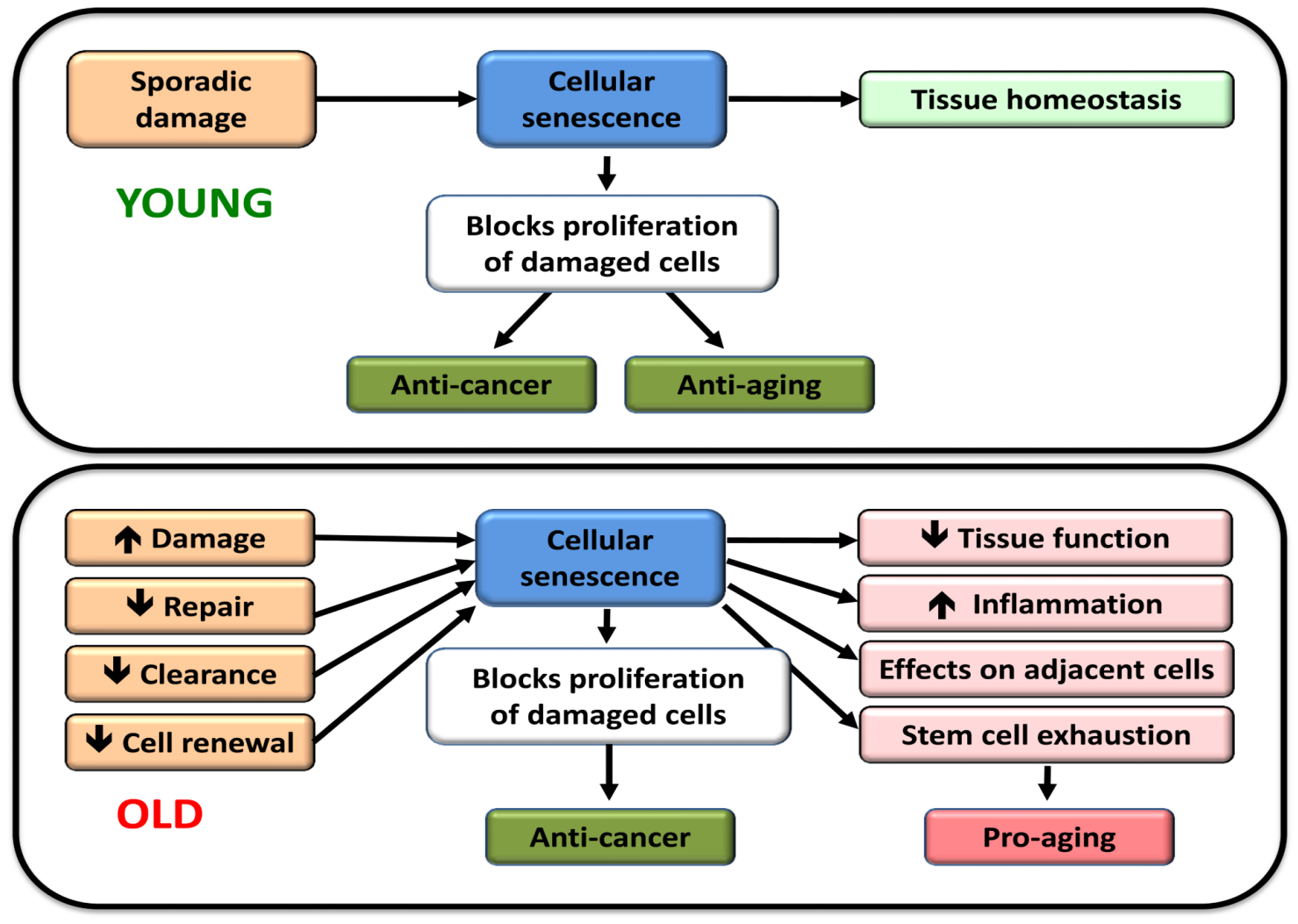


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Cellular senescence

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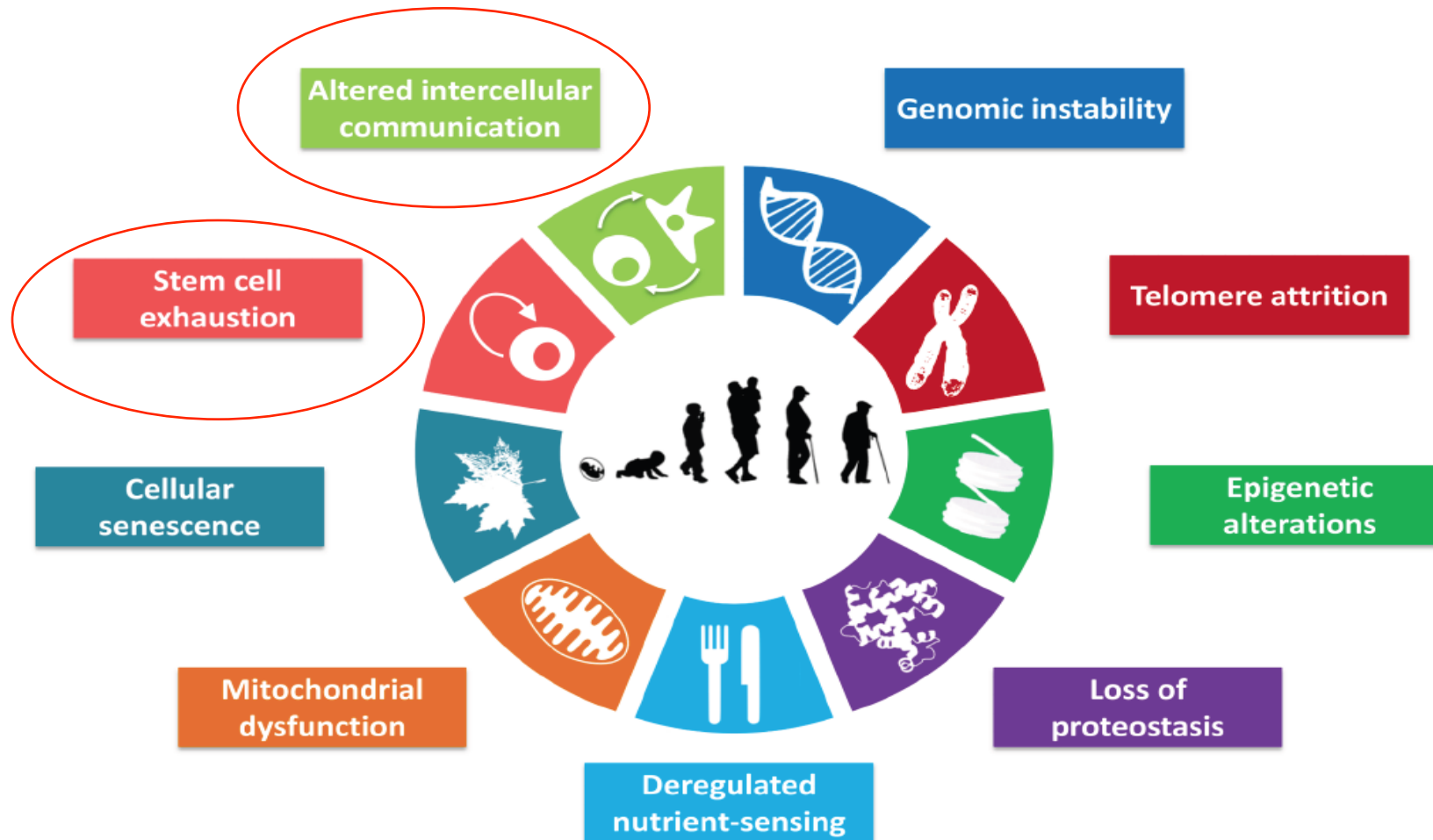
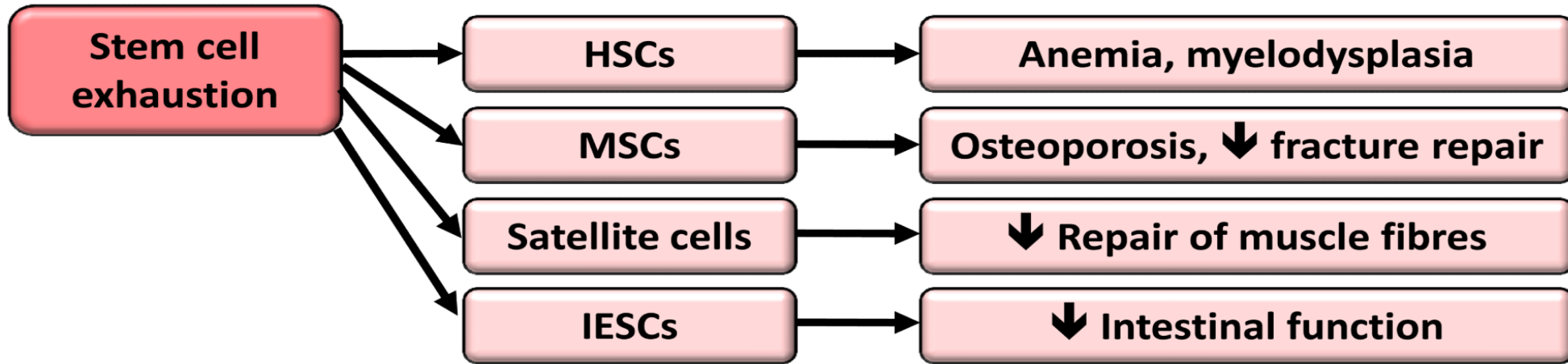


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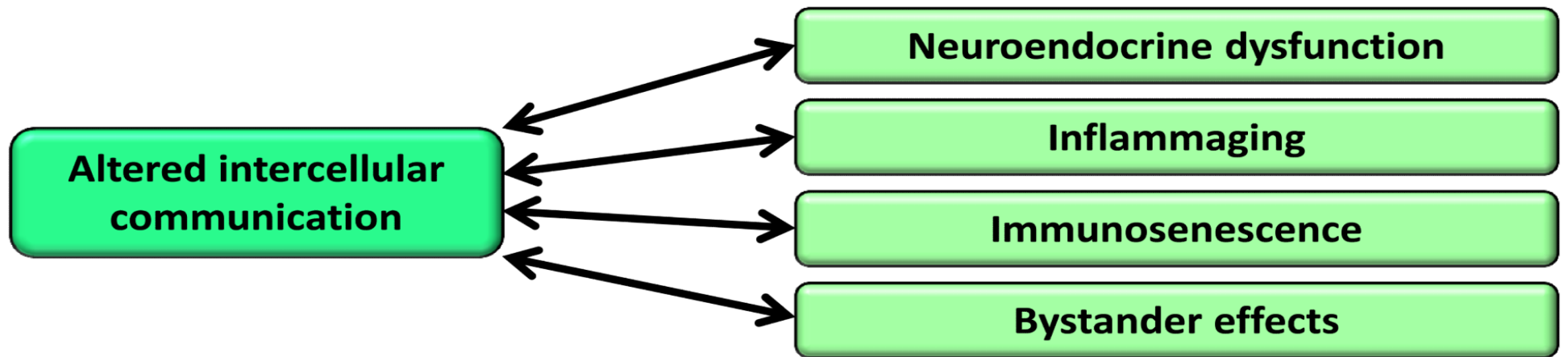
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Stem cell exhaustion and altered IC communication

B



C



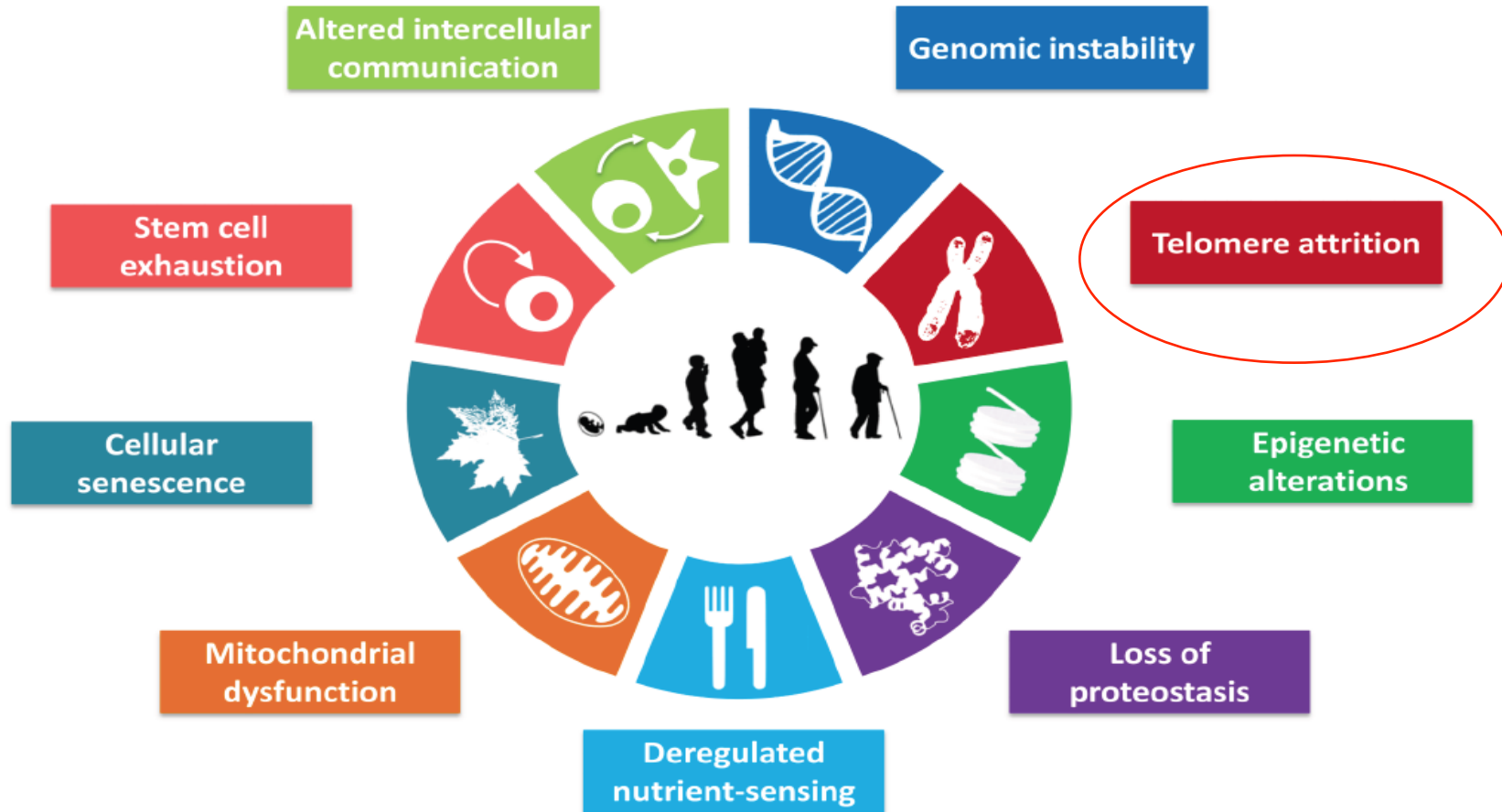
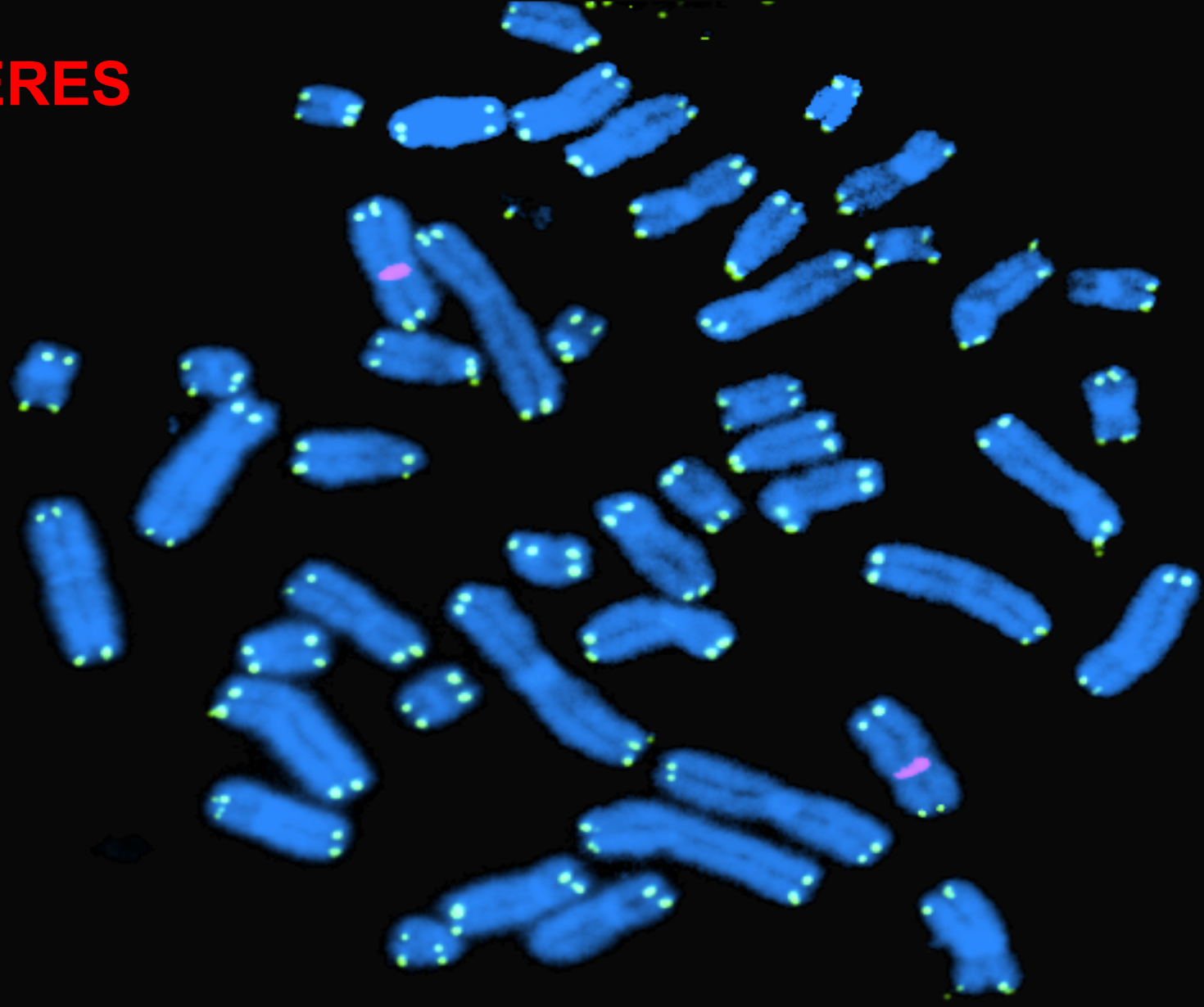


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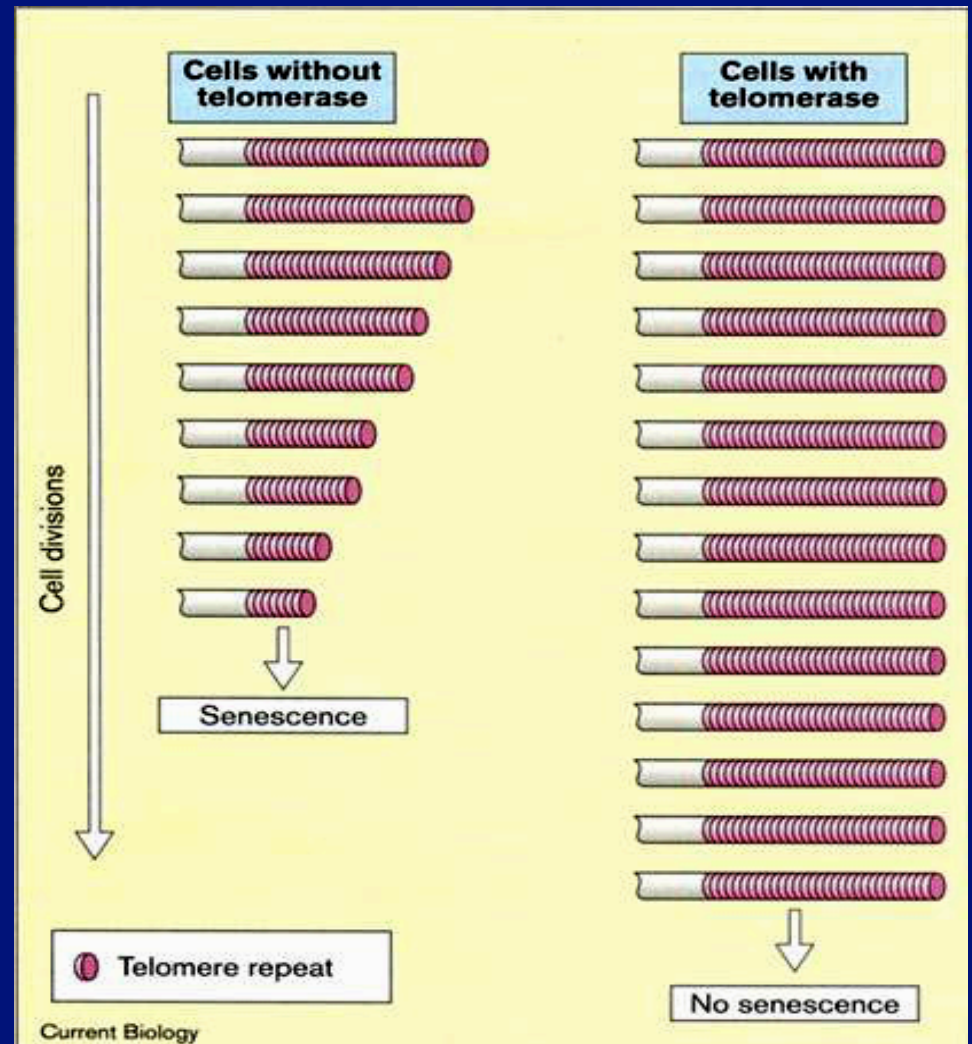
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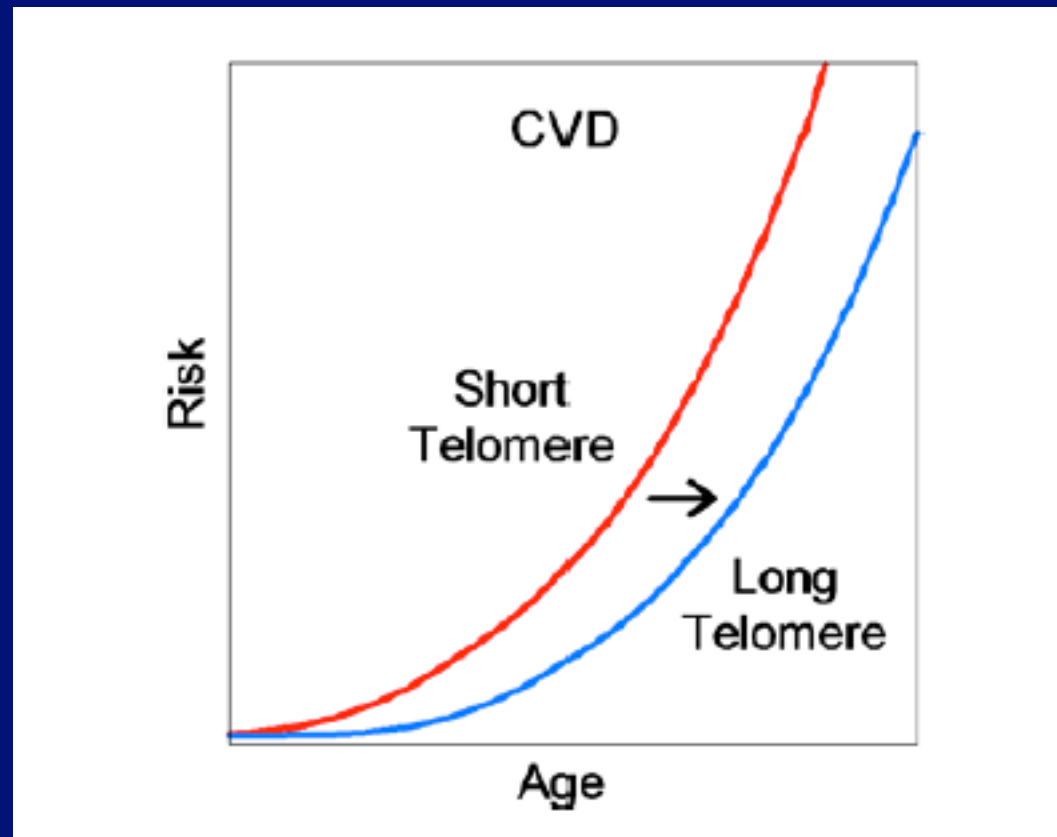


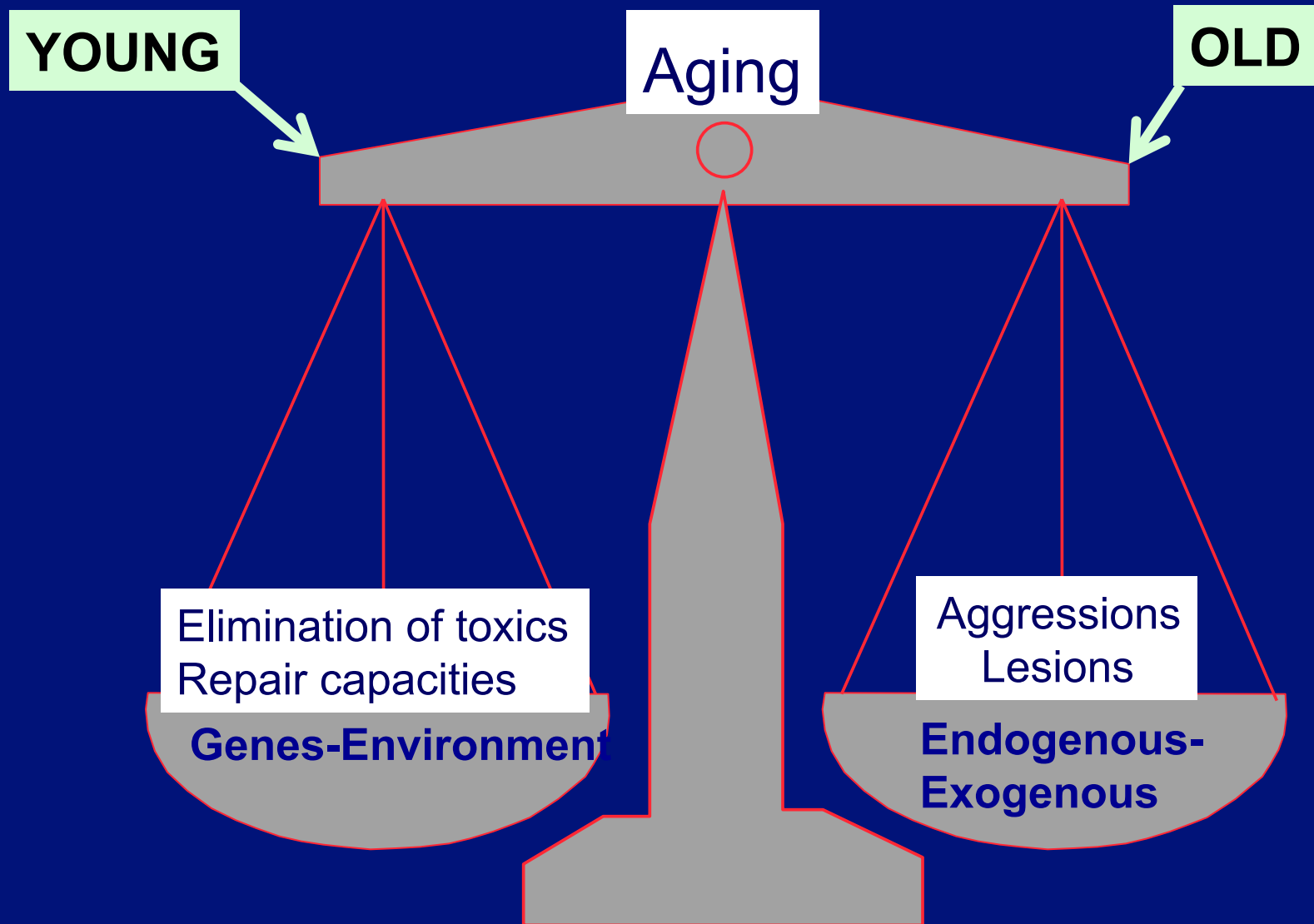
Presence of the enzyme telomerase can replace the telomere DNA lost during each cell division thus preventing cell senescence

**Greider and Blackburn,
1985, 1987, 1989**



Long LTL is associated with a shift to an older age in cardiovascular disease risk.





From molecules and cells to the human aging process

- Loss of cells
- Decrease of proliferative capacities
- Altered tissues
- Loss of functions

Degenerative diseases

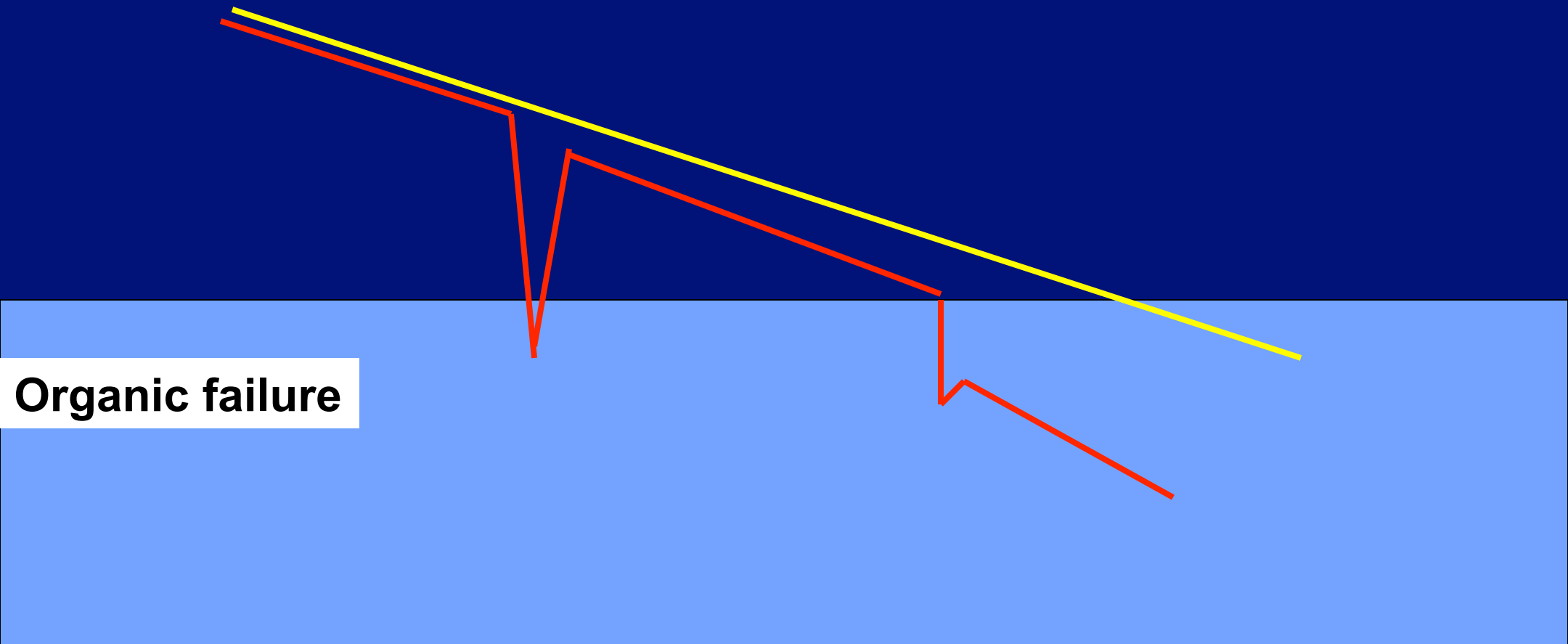
Cell dysfunction
Mutations
Cancers



**Functional Decline, Organic ailure,
Diseases, Death**

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Usual vs. Pathological



Organic failure

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Ageing

Can we slow down the aging process

Can we prevent the age-related diseases?

**Can we slow down the aging process?
Can we prevent the age-related diseases?**

**Genetic manipulations
Hormones
Antioxidants**

**Preventive policies and medicine
Nutrition
Physical activities
Social action**

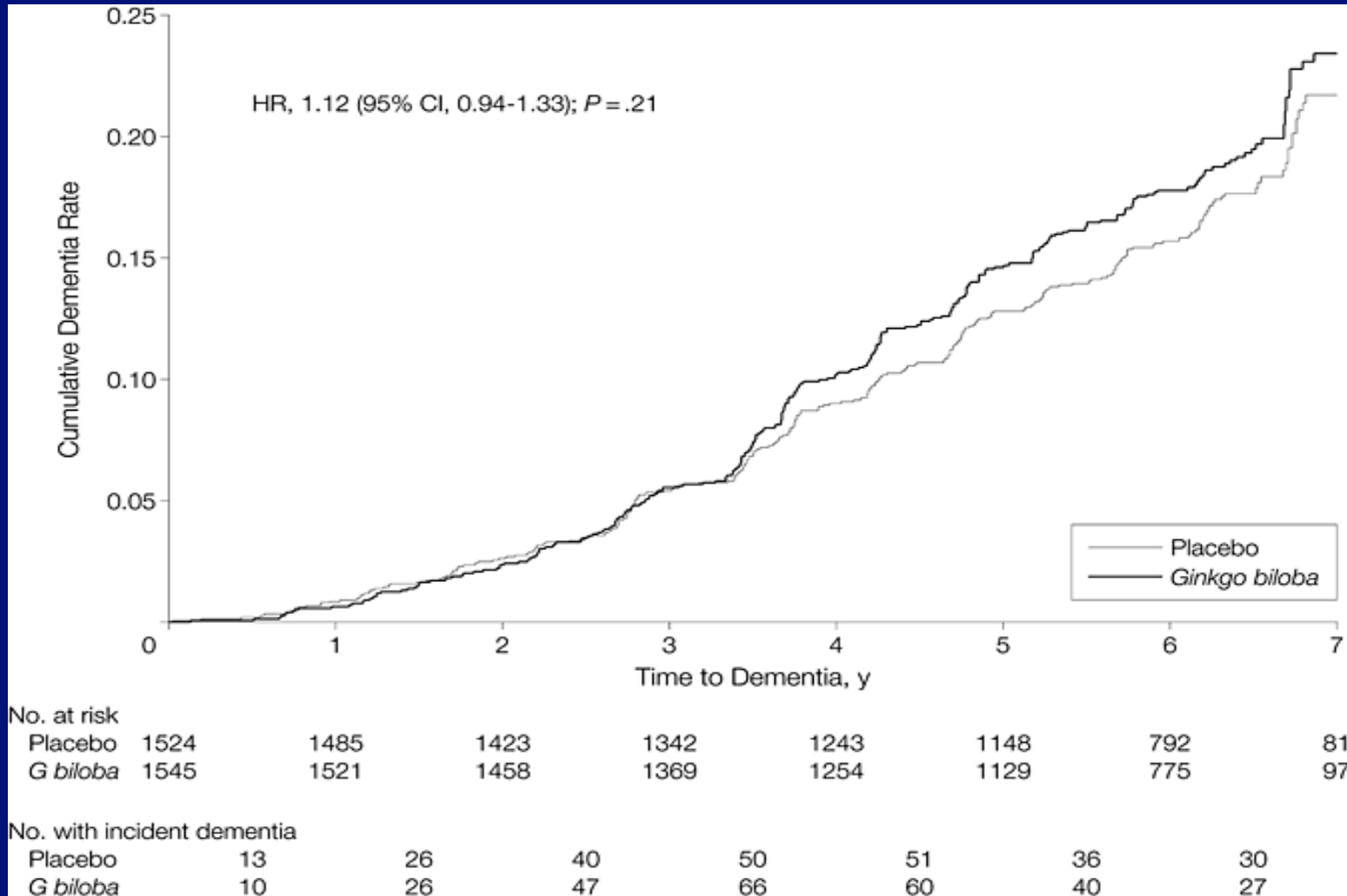
Antioxidants

- Superoxide dismutase
- Alpha-lipoic acid
- Coenzyme Q10
- s-adenosyl-L-methionine
- Vitamin E
- Vitamin C
- Beta-carotene

Ginkgo Biloba



GEM Program Main Result



DeKosky, S. T. et al. JAMA 2008;300:2253-2262.

Ginkgo in cognitive decline: the European Study Guidage

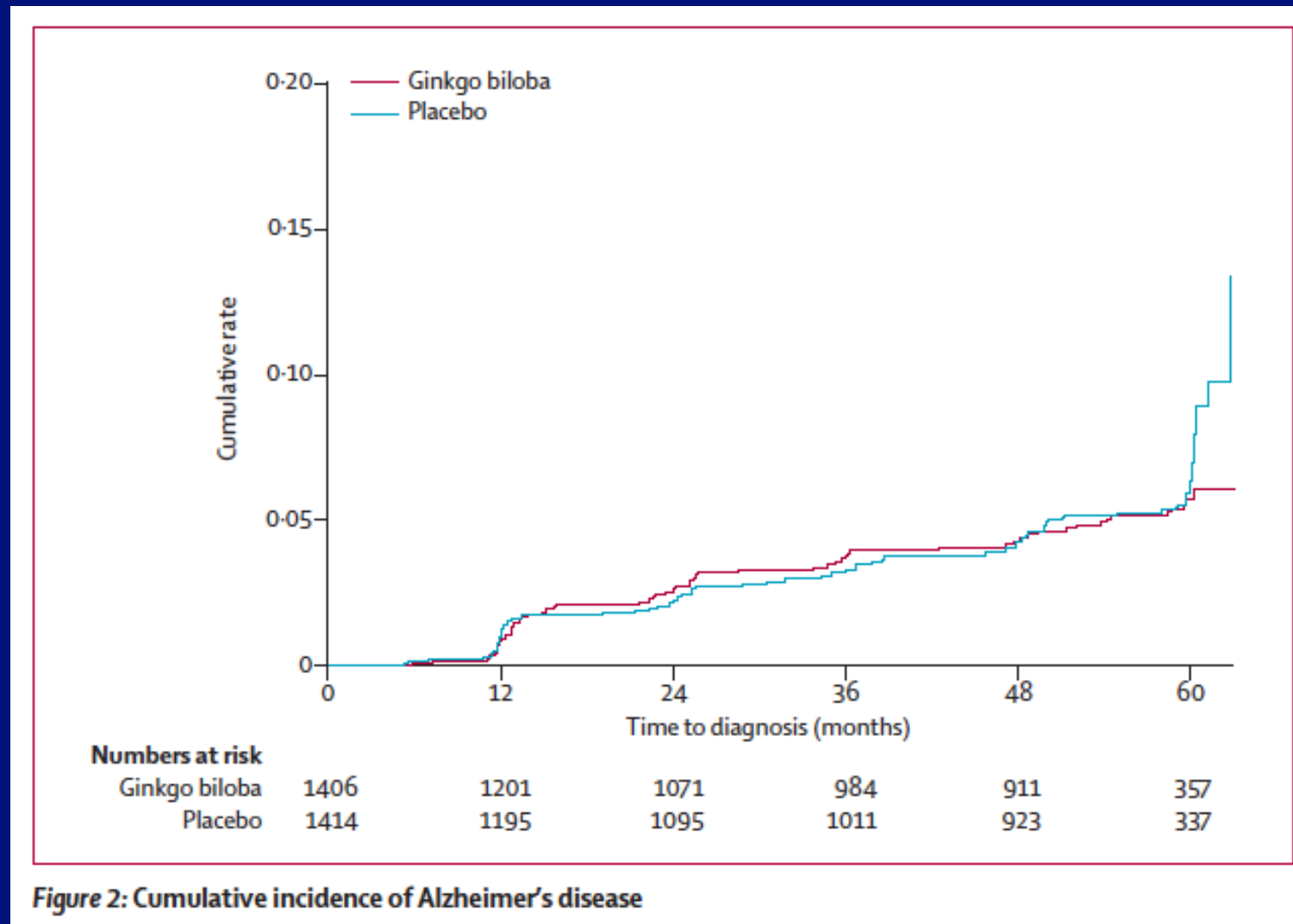


Figure 2: Cumulative incidence of Alzheimer's disease

Conclusion:

No evidence of any benefit from anti-oxidants and vitamins

Excellents for those who sell them.



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Sociale implication



www.StrangeCosmos.com

“There is sufficient evidence to support the conclusion that unless broad scale public health measures are enacted to address the obesity epidemic, life expectancy in the United States could decline in the 21st century.”

Olshansky et al., New England Journal of Medicine, 2005

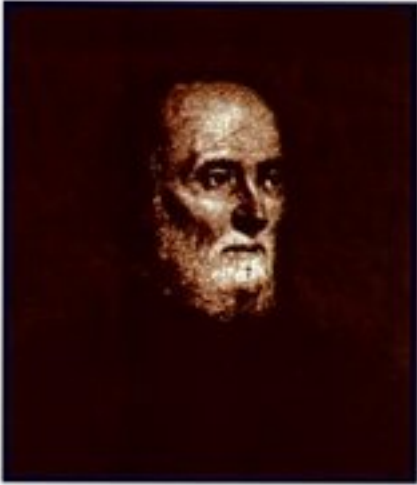
Improve your diet

- Eat less

- Eat better

**DISCOURSES ON THE
SOBER LIFE**

HOW TO LIVE 100 YEARS



LUIGI CORNARO

Luigi Cornaro

“The art of living long”
“The Sober life”

↓ Vital energy with aging

The solution : **Moderation**

Eating less

1467-1569

The secret ?

- Good genes (Father die at 94 Mother at 86)
- Healthy lifestyle
- Olive oil, chocolate
- Bicycle until >100 years
- Good mood
- Strong character

- Good luck...



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Fish Oils



Mediterranean-Cretian Diet



Does MedDiet work ?

Mediterranean Diet and Cardiometabolic: A systematic Review

E. García-Fernández, L Rico-Cabanas N Rosgaard, R Estruch A Bach-Faig
Nutrients, 2014; 6: 3474-3500

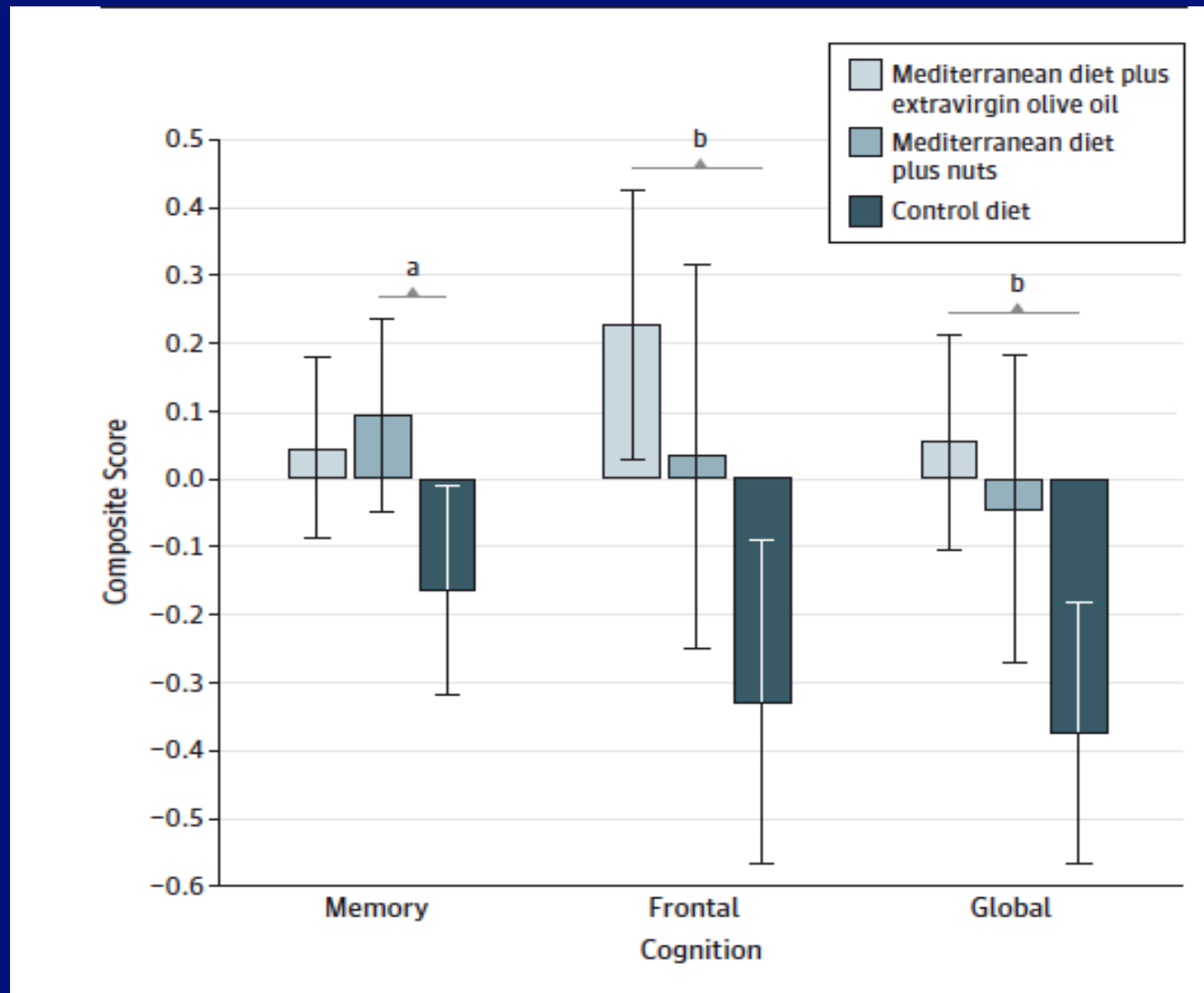


37 studies were reviewed:

- 14 related to obesity,
- 10 to CVD,
- 9 to MetS, and four to T2DM.

33 provided strong evidence on the association between adherence to a MedDiet and a reduced incidence of collective cardiometabolic risk in epidemiological studies

Changes in Cognitive Function Measured With Composites by Intervention Group



What about protection by alcohol?

White Wine, Red Wine, Vodka or Whisky ?



**No more than 2-3 glasses per day.
After that level, risk increases with
all alcoholic beverages**



Drink water: One the best solutions to avoid several problems in older individuals

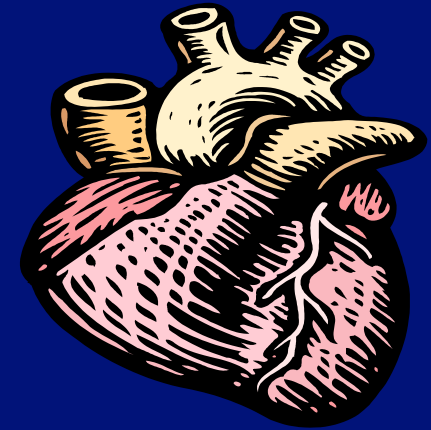


Posologie : 8 verres d'eau par jour



Physical Activities

Contribute to the bone, muscle, cardiovascular and metabolic health



**Physical activities improve brain function
and provide some protection against cognitive
decline and dementias**



When to start?
When to stop?
Physical activities

Start at any age
Never stop, but adapt

**Physical activity is the best way
to reduce the pharmacological
treatments in older individuals**

SUCCESSFUL INFANCY ?

SUCCESSFUL ADOLESCENCE ?

SUCCESSFUL AGEING ?

Can we slow down Aging?

It is partially possible

1. Healthy diet with Mediterranean elements (any age), avoid obesity (younger++)
2. Exercise adapted to the functional status (any age)
3. No tobacco no drugs (younger+++)
4. Moderate alcohol consumption (younger+++)
5. Regular follow up of risk factors (younger+++)
6. Regular follow up functional status (older++)
7. Use correctly medication (any age)
8. Social role (older+++)
9. Family and social links (older+++)
10. Accept and adapt yourself to the aging process (older+++)

Aging biology and Geriatrics: What to do to improve things

Aging is not a disease that we can treat. It is a long process associating biological alterations, organic decline, chronic diseases, all that increasing the risk of incapacity, loss of autonomy and death.

Progress in the bio-medical and social fields contribute to the reduction of several age-related disease, can prevent frailty and its consequences and can slightly slow down the aging process.

