

IARC HANDBOOKS OF CANCER PREVENTION

- Collana di monografie sulla prevenzione dei tumori
- Diversi metodi di prevenzione primaria: es. Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs, Sunscreens, Weight Control and Physical Activity, Fruit and vegetables
- Un volume pubblicato sullo screening del cancro della mammella (No 7) e uno sullo screening del cancro cervicale (in stampa)

- EVALUATION valuta l'efficacia (efficacy) usando gli stessi livelli di evidenza delle monografie sui cancerogeni (sufficient, limited, insufficient).
- RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS
- PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS (riunite)

Evaluation

In reaching its evaluation, the Working Group distinguished evidence of two types.

The strongest evidence derives from historical or prospective data on efficacy, currently available only for cervix cancer from observational studies or time trends in populations.

(“has reduced incidence and mortality rates”)

However, evidence based upon surrogate markers of reduction in cancer incidence was utilized when derived from a comparison with comparable data following screening with a test shown to reduce cancer incidence by the first type of evidence.

(“can reduce incidence and mortality rates”)

There is *sufficient evidence* that screening by conventional cytology has reduced cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates.

There is *sufficient evidence* that screening by liquid-based cytology can reduce cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates.

There is *sufficient evidence* that screening by automated cytology can reduce cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates.

There is *sufficient evidence* that testing for human papillomavirus infection as the primary screening modality can reduce cervical cancer incidence and mortality rates.

Other forms of cytology screening using a validated system at the same ages and frequency can be expected to be as effective as conventional cytology.

There is *sufficient evidence*, based on surrogate markers, that the efficacy of HPV testing, using a validated system, as the primary screening modality can be expected to be at least as good as that of conventional cytology.

Recommendations for public health implementation and further research

A. Introduction

Much of the evidence to be generated on the long-term effectiveness of modified or new screening modalities, in terms of reduction in the incidence of invasive disease, will come from an evaluation of the results of organized population-based programmes.

Modifications of screening modalities in existing screening programmes therefore need to be introduced in a way that will facilitate rigorous evaluation of long-term effectiveness. This is best achieved by incorporating randomization.

B. General

B2. Once an organized system is in place, opportunistic (or unscheduled) screening should be discouraged.

B5. The adoption of a new screening modality in a population-based screening programme should be matched to the local cost environment, expertise and facilities. These include the capacity both for the primary screening test and for management of screen-detected lesions. Any such implementation should be based on population-based studies.

D. New developments in cytological screening

The implementation of liquid-based cytology and automation-assisted screening in organized screening programmes needs to be based on cost and local feasibility.

It is imperative that the introduction of each a new modality is accompanied by long-term evaluation of impact on invasive cancer and continuing quality assurance and monitoring.

The age and screening interval for conventional cytology should also apply here.

New modifications to these modalities are frequently proposed. Each such modification needs rigorous evaluation in short-term ..relative sensitivity and specificity for histologically diagnosed CIN 3 compared to the current standard, as well as economic and logistic

E. HPV testing

If a country, on reviewing the available evidence, decides to introduce HPV testing as a primary screening modality, it will need to consider local circumstances, including the acceptability of the test.

Introduction would be facilitated by the availability of low-cost public-domain HPV tests.

Implementation should be preceded by demonstration projects. Large-scale implementation needs to be designed so as to allow rigorous long-term evaluation.

E. HPV testing

E1. It is likely that the same reduction in incidence of invasive disease could be achieved with a longer interscreening interval using HPV testing as a screening test than the intervals recommended above for cytological screening.

It is anticipated that evidence supporting a longer interval may emerge from properly designed public health screening programmes in which HPV has been incorporated.

E2. The optimal ages for starting and stopping HPV screening require further research

E3. The management of women who are HPV-positive but negative on cytology is of vital importance to avoid overtreatment, particularly in younger women, in whom transient infections are common.

Research is required to identify secondary biomarkers, whether cellular or viral, which are accurate predictors of either persistence of viral infection and/or progression of cervical lesions

E5. Efficient implementation of HPV-screening requires research into HPV as a viral infection as well as a screening test. (i) ..transmission and susceptibility..; (ii) .. age-specific rates of infection, reinfection, duration...older women..; (iii) .. behavioural and psychosocial impact; (iv) the natural history of HPV infection in males...

E6 Health professionals and the population at large must be educated...

E7 HPV testing systems need to be standardized and specification requirements for test performance need to be defined.

E8 New commercial testing systems need rigorous evaluation and validation before being adopted by the public health system.

Background 1

- Il test HPV aumenta la sensibilità (ma diminuisce la specificità) nel trovare lesioni intraepiteliali di alto grado
- Non sono tuttora disponibili confronti diretti con la citologia in termini di protezione
- E' possibile che alcune delle lesioni in eccesso trovate dall'HPV siano regressive

Background 2

- Lo screening convenzionale è protettivo.
- La semplice aggiunta di un nuovo test agli stessi intervalli potrebbe condurre a rapporti costo-efficacia sfavorevoli.

Background 3

- I dati suggeriscono che l'infezione da HPV preceda lo sviluppo di lesioni intraepiteliali di alto grado di molto tempo, mentre la citologia è ancora normale.

I test HPV potrebbe essere usato per selezionare:

- Donne (HPV negative) a bassa probabilità di sviluppare lesioni di alto grado per anni (screening a lungo intervallo)
- Donne (HPV positive) a probabilità relativamente alta (follow-up più stretto)

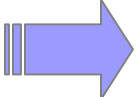
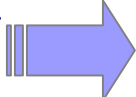
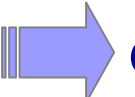
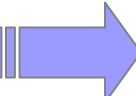
STUDIO NTCC

- Trial randomizzato multicentrico
- convenzionale vs. sperimentale (due fasi)
 - sperimentale fase 1: HPV+ citologia in fase liquida (LBC)
 - sperimentale fase 2: solo HPV
- In entrambi i bracci (convenzionale e sperimentale) citologia convenzionale dopo 3 anni

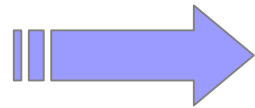
Outcome: Detection Rate (CIN2+) dopo 3 anni

- Se si osserva una riduzione della DR nel braccio sperimentale (vs. convenzionale) questo prova che le lesioni trovate in eccesso al round precedente non erano regressive
- Se la DR è molto bassa nel braccio sperimentale allora usare intervalli prolungati è sicuro
- Se la diagnosi di CIN2+ è complessivamente anticipata nel braccio sperimentale questo suggerisce un aumento della protezione

Protocollo se HPV+

- **FASE 1**
- Se età ≥ 35  colposcopia
- Se età < 35  ripete entrambi dopo 1 aa se citologia negativa ($< \text{ASCUS}$)
 - se HPV persiste o citologia +  colposcopia
 - se HPV regredisce  intervallo standard

- Se HPV+ e **non lesioni** alla colposcopia



follow up (LBC e HPV annuali)

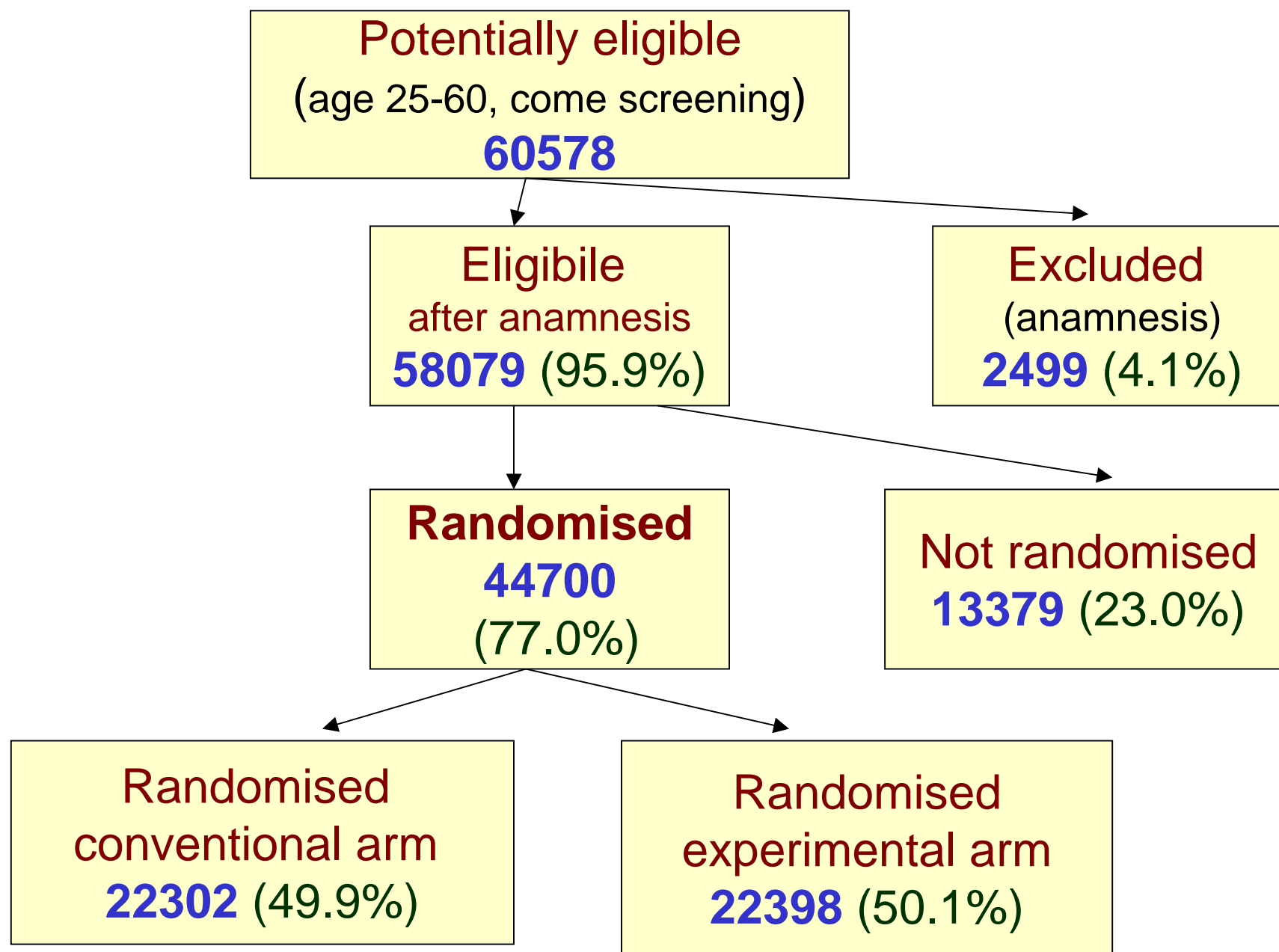
- se LBC+ → colposcopia
- quando entrambi negativi due volte
ritorna a intervallo standard

Centri Partecipanti

Programmi Organizzati di screening:

- *Piemonte*: Torino
- *Trentino*: Trento
- *Veneto*:
 - Verona e Padova
- *Emilia Romagna*:
 - Imola, Ravenna, Bologna
- *Toscana*: Firenze
- *Lazio*: Viterbo

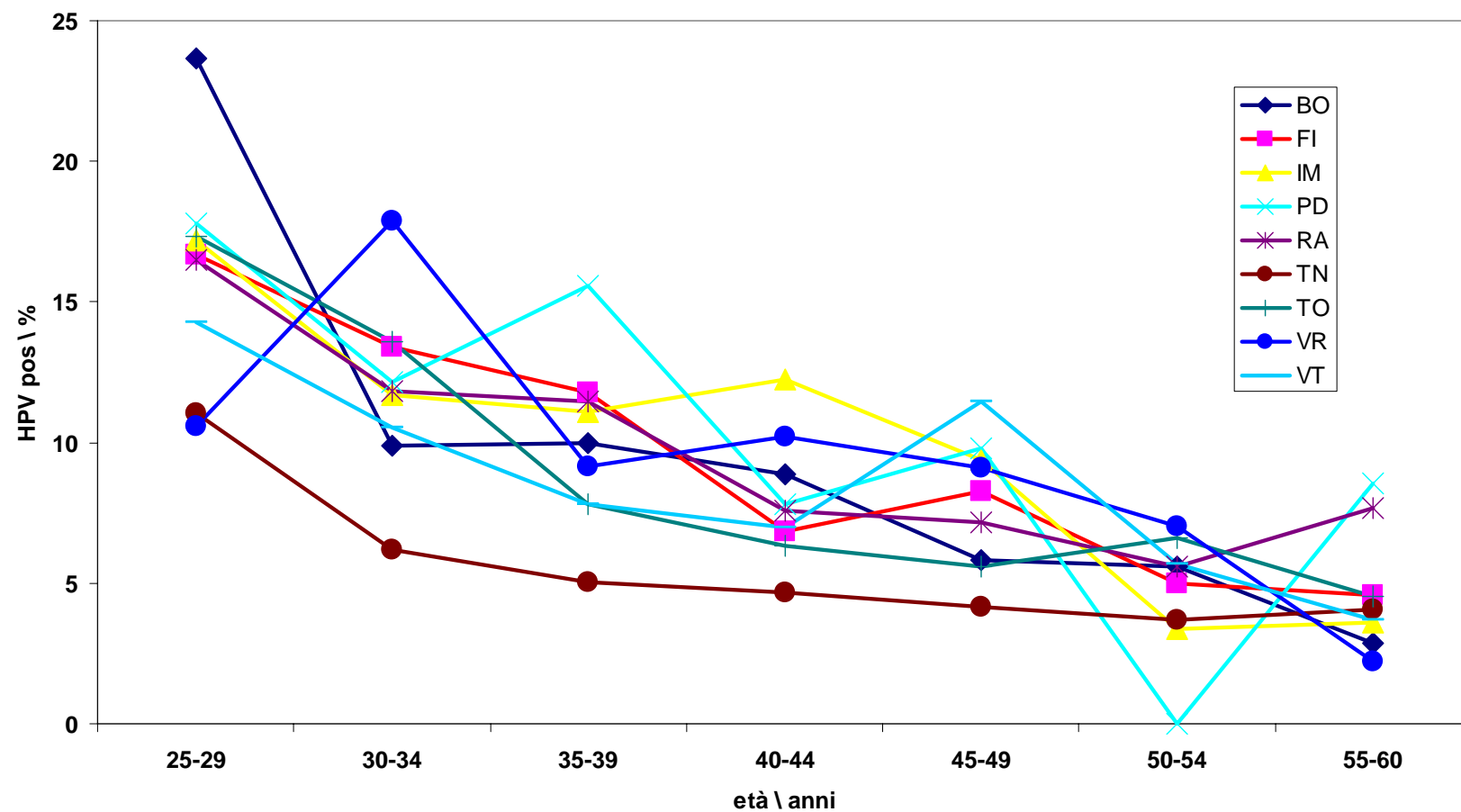
NTCC STUDY Recruitment phase I



Percentuale di HPV positive per età e centro

Studio NTCC prima fase

Primo test di ogni donna



NTCC study - Phase I
Cytology result by arm.
All tests before colposcopy. All ages

Cytology classification	Conventional arm	Experimental arm
Within normal limits	18035 (76.96%)	17641 (76.38%)
Benign cellular changes (BCC)	3599 (15.36%)	3392 (14.49%)
Unsatisfactory obscuring inflammation	496 (2.12%)	100 (0.43%)
Unsatisfactory other reasons	480 (2.05%)	486 (2.10%)
ASCUS	475 (2.03%)	837 (3.62%)
LSIL	286 (1.22%)	546 (2.36%)
HSIL	60 (0.26%)	93 (0.40%)
Adeno Ca	1	0
Malignant cells NOS	1	0
Total	23433 (100%)	23095 (100%)

$\chi^2_{8df} = 461.45$ $p < 0.0001$

NTCC study - Phase I

Referral rate to colposcopy

Women 35+

	Conventinal arm	Experimental arm						
		Cyto + Hpv -	Cyto - Hpv +	Cyto + Hpv +	Other	Tot HPV+	Tot Cyto+	Tot Exp
No women	16456							16538
Recommended colposcopies	491	583	867	299	10	1166	887	1759
Referral rate	2,98%			1,81%		7,05%	5,36%	10,64%

NTCC study - Phase I

Relative sensitivity vs. conventional arm.

Women 35+

	Experimental arm	HPV alone (1)	LBC alone (2)
CINI or more severe	2.16 (1.73-2.71)	1.70 (1.35-2.15)	1.34 (1.04-1.71)
CINII or CINIII	1.57 (1.06-2.31)	1.54 (1.05-2.27)	1.14 (0.75-1.72)
CINIII	1.53 (0.93-2.51)	1.49 (0.91-2.45)	1.12 (0.66-1.89)

(1)Only lesions in HPV+ women considered

(2)Only lesions in LBC+ women considered

NTCC study - Phase I

Sensitivity of HPV testing and of LBC
within experimental arm
Women 35+

Cutoff	HPV		LBC		Relative sensitivity(1)
	Positive/all detected	sensitivity	Positive/all detected	sensitivity	
CIN I+	193/246	78.5%	153/246	62.2%	1.26
CIN II+	68/69	98.6%	52/69	75.4%	1.31
CIN III+	43/44	97.7%	33/44	75.0%	1.30

No correction for verification bias.
(1) HPV vs. LBC

NTCC study - Phase I

PPV for histologically confirmed CIN

Women 35+

VPP	convenz tot	Cyto + Hpv +	Cyto - Hpv +	Cyto + Hpv -	sper HPV	sper cito	sper tot
CIN1+	114	100	94	53	194	153	246
%	25,11%	35,97%	11,55%	9,65%	17,77%	18,41%	14,88%
RR	1	1,43	0,46	0,38	0,71	0,73	0,59
CIN NAS+	48	54	18	1	72	55	72
%	10,57%	19,42%	2,21%	0,18%	6,59%	6,62%	4,36%
RR	1,00	1,84	0,21	0,02	0,62	0,63	0,41
CINII+	48	51	18	1	69	52	69
%	10,57%	18,35%	2,21%	0,18%	6,32%	6,26%	4,17%
RR	1,00	1,74	0,21	0,02	0,60	0,59	0,39
CINIII+	32	32	11	1	43	33	44
%	7,05%	11,51%	1,35%	0,18%	3,94%	3,97%	2,66%
RR	1,00	1,63	0,19	0,03	0,56	0,56	0,38

NTCC study - Phase I
Refferal Rate
Women < 35

	Conventional arm	Experimental arm					
		Cyto+ hvp-	Cyto- hvp+	Cyto+ hvp+	Tot HPV+	Tot Cyto+	Tot Exp
No women	5747						5956
Recommend ed colposcopies	227	210	169	316	485	526	695
Referral rate	3,95%	3,53 %	2,84%	5,31%	8,14%	8,83%	11,67%

NTCC study - Phase I

Relative sensitivity vs. conventional arm.

Women <35

	Experimental arm	HPV alone (1)	LBC alone (2)
CINI or more severe	2.68 (2.03-3.52)	2.29 (1.73-3.03)	2.22 (1.68-2.94)
CINII or CINIII	1.53 (0.97-2.40)	1.47 (0.93-2.31)	1.34 (0.84-2.13)
CINIII	0.89 (0.47-1.67)	0.78 (0.41-1.48)	0.78 (0.41-1.48)

(1)Only lesions in HPV+ women considered

(2)Only lesions in LBC+ women considered

NTCC study - Phase I

PPV for histologically confirmed CIN

Women < 35

VPP	convenz tot	Cyto + Hpv +	Cyto - Hpv +	Cyto + Hpv -	sper HPV	sper cito	sper tot
CIN1+	71	136	30	25	166	161	193
%	33,49%	45,95%	22,22%	12,69%	38,52%	32,59%	30,16%
RR	1,00	1,37	0,66	0,38	1,15	0,97	0,90
CIN NAS+	31	41	6	2	47	43	49
%	14,62%	13,85%	4,44%	1,02%	10,90%	8,70%	7,66%
RR	1,00	0,95	0,30	0,07	0,75	0,60	0,52
CINII+	31	41	6	2	47	43	49
%	14,62%	13,85%	4,44%	1,02%	10,90%	8,70%	7,66%
RR	1,00	0,95	0,30	0,07	0,75	0,60	0,52
CINIII+	21	16	1	1	17	17	18
%	9,91%	5,41%	0,74%	0,51%	3,94%	3,44%	2,81%
RR	1,00	0,55	0,07	0,05	0,40	0,35	0,28

NTCC study - Phase I

HPV Clearance

Women age<35

	NO HPV	Neg	Pos	tot pres	%regressed	95%c.i.	
0-6 m	10	1	0	1			
6m-1yr	4	56	55	111	50,45%	41,15%	59,75%
1yr-1yr6m	7	110	76	186	59,14%	52,08%	66,20%
>1aa6m	0	10	5	15	66,67%	42,81%	90,52%
total	21	177	136	313	56,55%	51,06%	62,04%
6m-1yr6m	11	166	131	297	55,89%	50,25%	61,54%

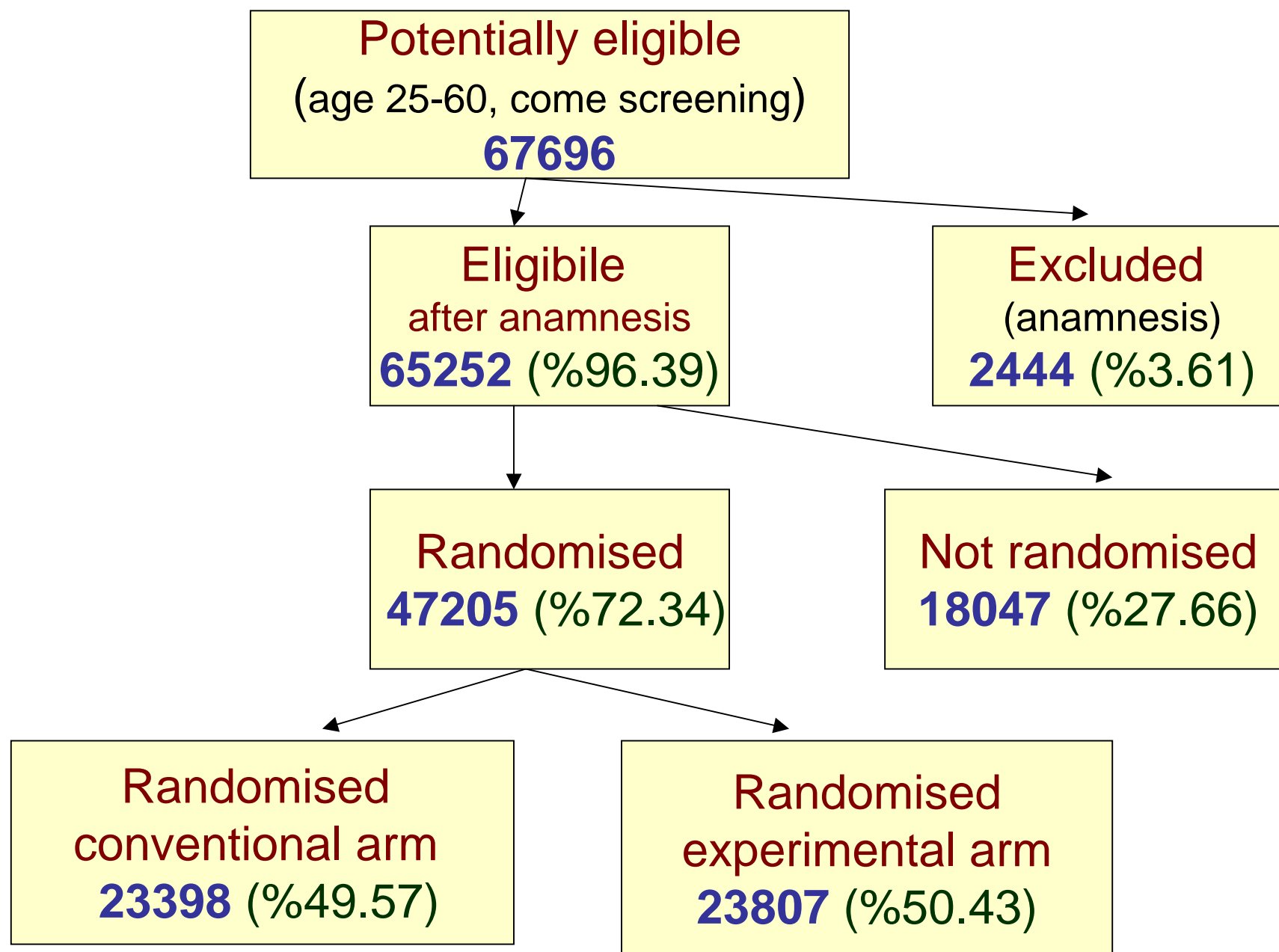
NTCC study - Phase I

Cytology at repeat in women previously HPV+cyto- Women < 35

Cytology	HPV			
	Neg	Pos	Missing	Total
Normal	127	61	12	200
	71.75%	45.52%	57.14%	
Unsatisf tecn	3	2	0	5
	1.69%	1.49%	0,00%	
Unsatisf inflam	0	1	1	2
	0,00%	0.75%	4.76%	
BCC	28	14	5	47
	15.82%	10.45%	23.81%	
ASCUS/AGUS	8	22	0	30
	4.52%	16.42%	0,00%	
LSIL	11	30	3	44
	6.21%	22.39%	14.29%	
HSIL	0	4	0	4
	0,00%	2.99%	0,00%	
Total	177	134	21	332

NTCC Study phase II

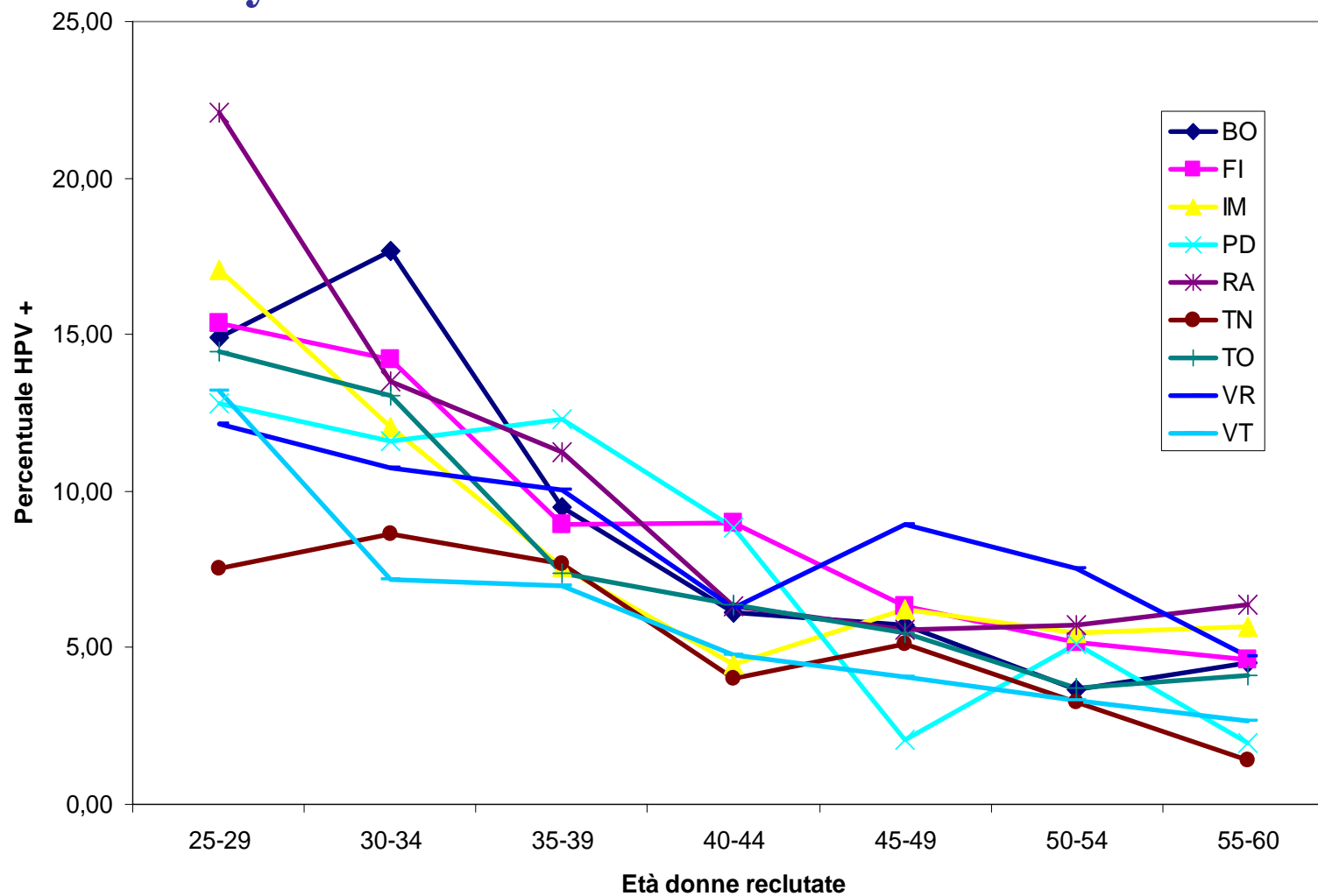
NTCC STUDY Recruitment phase II



NTCC STUDY PHASE II

Proportion of HPV positive women in the experimental arm

By centre



Referral Rate by age group

	Conventional	Experimental	Ratio
25-34	216/5840 (3.7%)	805/6176 (13.1%)	3.53
35-60	361/14507 (2.5%)	908/15027 (6.0%)	2.43
All	577/ 20347 (2.8%)	1713/21203 (8.1%)	2.85

Detection Rate of CIN2+ by arm and age

	Conventional	Experimental	Ratio
25-34	12/5840 (0.21%)	38/6176 (0.62%)	2.95
35-60	17/14507 (0.12%)	22/15027 (0.15%)	1.25
All	29/20343 (0.14%)	60/21203 (0.28%)	2.00

PPV for histologically confirmed CIN by arm.
(denominator: women with colposcopy -only complete colposcopies included)

Histology	Conventional arm	Experimental arm
All ages		
CIN 1+	22.00% (88/400)	19,26% (214/1111)
CIN 2+	7.25% (29/400)	5.40% (60/1111)
Age 25-34		
CIN 1+	16.55% (24/145)	25.10% (127/506)
CIN 2+	8.28% (12/145)	7.51% (38/506)
Age 35-60		
CIN 1+	20.78% (53/255)	14.38% (87/605)
CIN 2+	6.67% (15/255)	3.64% (22/605)

Experimental arm. Histology by cytology performed at colposcopy

All ages							
Cytology	No CIN	CIN I	CIN NOS	CIN 2	CIN 3	Ca Sq inv	Total
<ASCUS	449 (89.44%)	44 (8.76%)	1 (0.20%)	4 (0.80%)	4 (0.80%)	0	502
ASCUS+	374 (75.25%)	80 (16.10%)	1 (0.20%)	29 (5.83%)	13 (2.62%)	0	497 (50%)
Tot	823	124	2	33	17	0	999
Age 25-34							
Cytology	No CIN	CIN I	CIN NOS	CIN 2	CIN 3	Ca Sq inv	Total
<ASCUS	165 (84.18%)	27 (13.78%)	0	2 (5.56%)	2	0	196
ASCUS+	193 (70.44%)	48 (17.52%)	1	25 (9.12%)	7 (2.55%)	0	274 (58%)
Tot	358	75	1	27	7	0	470
Age 35-44							
Cytology	No CIN	CIN I	CIN NOS	CIN 2	CIN 3	Ca Sq inv	Total
<ASCUS	128 (90.14%)	11 (7.75%)	1 (0.70%)	1 (0.70%)	1 (0.70%)	0	142
ASCUS+	94 (74.60%)	23 (18.25%)	0	4 (3.17%)	5 (3.97%)	0	126 (47%)
Tot	222	34	1	5	6	0	268
Age 45-60							
Cytology	No CIN	CIN I	CIN NOS	CIN 2	CIN 3	Ca Sq inv	Total
<ASCUS	156 (95.12%)	6 (3.66%)	0	1 (0.61%)	1 (0.61%)	0	164
ASCUS+	87 (89.69%)	9 (9.28%)	0	0	1 (1.03%)	0	97 (37%)
Tot	243	15	0	1	2	0	261

STUDIO NTCC SECONDA FASE

% di positive a P16^{ink4} per istologia tra le donne HPV +

DATI PRELIMINARI

ISTOLOGIA	P16 +	TOT
CIN2+	75 (94.9%)	79
CIN 1	86 (48.8%)	176
NO CIN	246 (33.4%)	735

Table 5. Triage test performance of HC 2 and cytology at different thresholds for detection of histologically confirmed CIN3+ and CIN2+, in the combined human papillomavirus (HPV) triage and immediate colposcopy arms*

	% sensitivity	% referral†	Positive predictive value‡	Negative predictive value§
CIN3+				
HC 2	96.3	56.1	10.0	99.5
HSIL+ cytology	44.1	6.9	37.5	96.5
LSIL+ cytology	64.0	26.2	14.3	97.1
ASCUS+ cytology	85.3	58.6	8.5	97.9
CIN2+				
HC 2	95.9	56.1	19.6	98.9
HSIL+ cytology	34.8	6.9	58.1	92.0
LSIL+ cytology	59.2	26.2	25.9	93.6
ASCUS+ cytology	85.0	58.6	16.7	95.8

*HC 2 = Hybrid Capture 2™; CIN = cervical intraepithelial neoplasia; HSIL+ = high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion or above; LSIL+ = low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion or above; ASCUS+ = atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance or above.

†Percent of the study population that would have been referred to colposcopy, with the use of a particular triage test threshold.

‡For positive test results, the percent of time disease was present.

§For negative test results, the percent of time disease was absent.

||HC 2 at a positive test threshold of 1.0 pg of HPV DNA/mL.

Solomon et al., 2001

G. Ronco - CPO Piemonte 2001

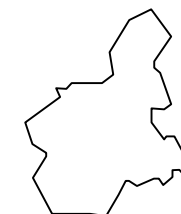
Turin HPV triage study

- Overall 260 women (24.7%) of study subjects were estimated to either have HSIL cytology or to be positive for High Risk HPV
- If such a criterion was adopted for referral to colposcopy, then 98.2% of histologically confirmed CIN2+ cases (60/61) were expected to be identified
- With such a strategy the estimated PPV for CIN2+ was 23% against 6.3% with the current protocol

Studio NTCC prima fase

%DI DONNE HPV+ TRA QUELLE CON CITOLOGIA
ASCUS+
(citologia in strato sottile – donne di età 35+)

Citologia	HPV+	HPV-	TOT
SIL	167 (48.41%)	178 (51.59%)	345
ASCUS	135 (24.77%)	410 (75.23%)	545

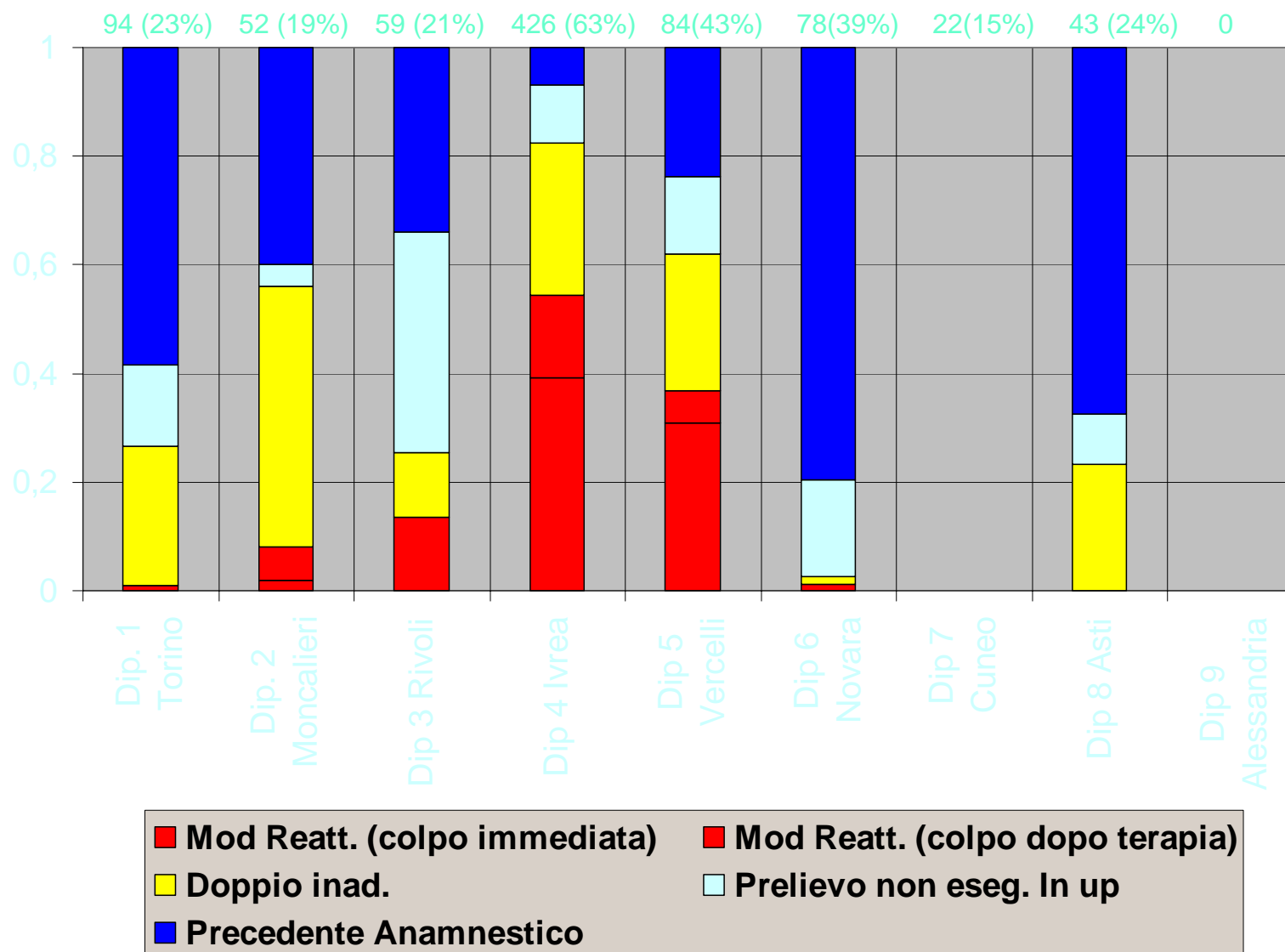


Inviti in colposcopia per diagnosi citologiche - Anno 2003

Standard Regionali
Accettabile: $\leq 5\%$
Ottimale: $\leq 3.5\%$

	Ca INV	HSIL	LSIL	ASCUS/AGUS	ALTRO	TOTALE	Aderenti	RR
Dip 01	4	23	160	148	94	429	25149	1,71%
Dip 02	2	13	78	117	52	262	9890	2,65%
Dip 03	0	11	33	174	59	277	9004	3,08%
Dip 04	1	16	168	65	426	676	18413	3,67%
Dip 05	1	8	60	43	84	196	8462	2,32%
Dip 06	1	23	49	47	78	198	11005	1,80%
Dip 07	0	16	41	70	22	149	18111	0,82%
Dip 08	1	13	59	62	43	178	10087	1,76%
Dip 09	0	15	19	74	0	108	10926	0,99%
Regione Piemonte	10	138	666	800	858	2472	121047	2,04%

Invii in colposcopia per “Altro” (2003)



Valore Predittivo della Citologia sull' Istologia (CIN2+). Per Dipartimento. Anno 2003.

