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ISO-SCORE 2.0:

Traslazione clinica di un sistema di bilanciamento di principi

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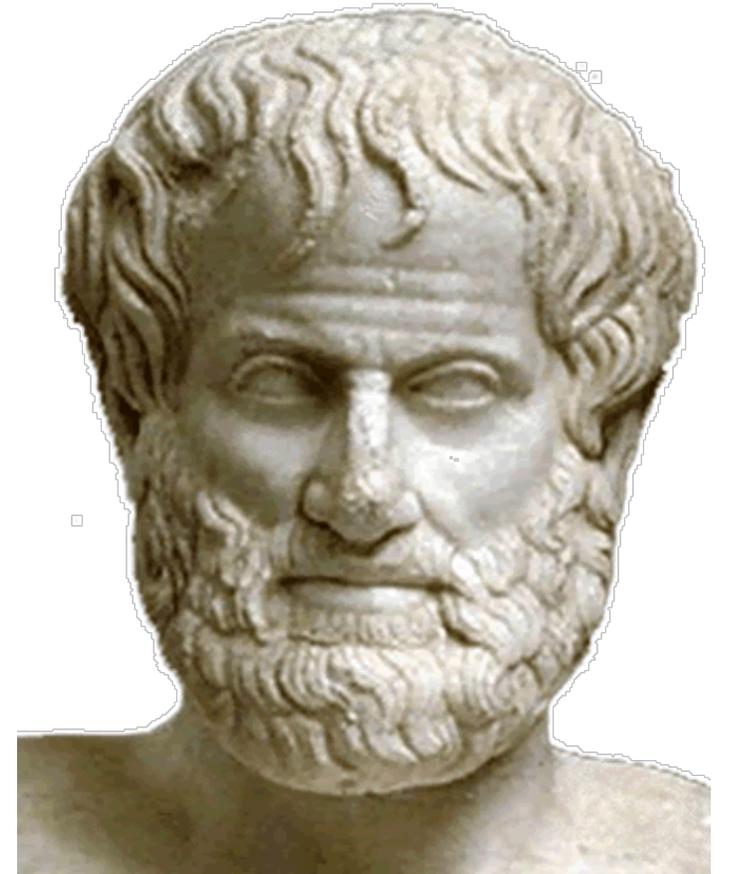
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# Who Should Determine Allocation & Prioritization Policies?

Aristotle defined justice as  
“treating equal cases equally”



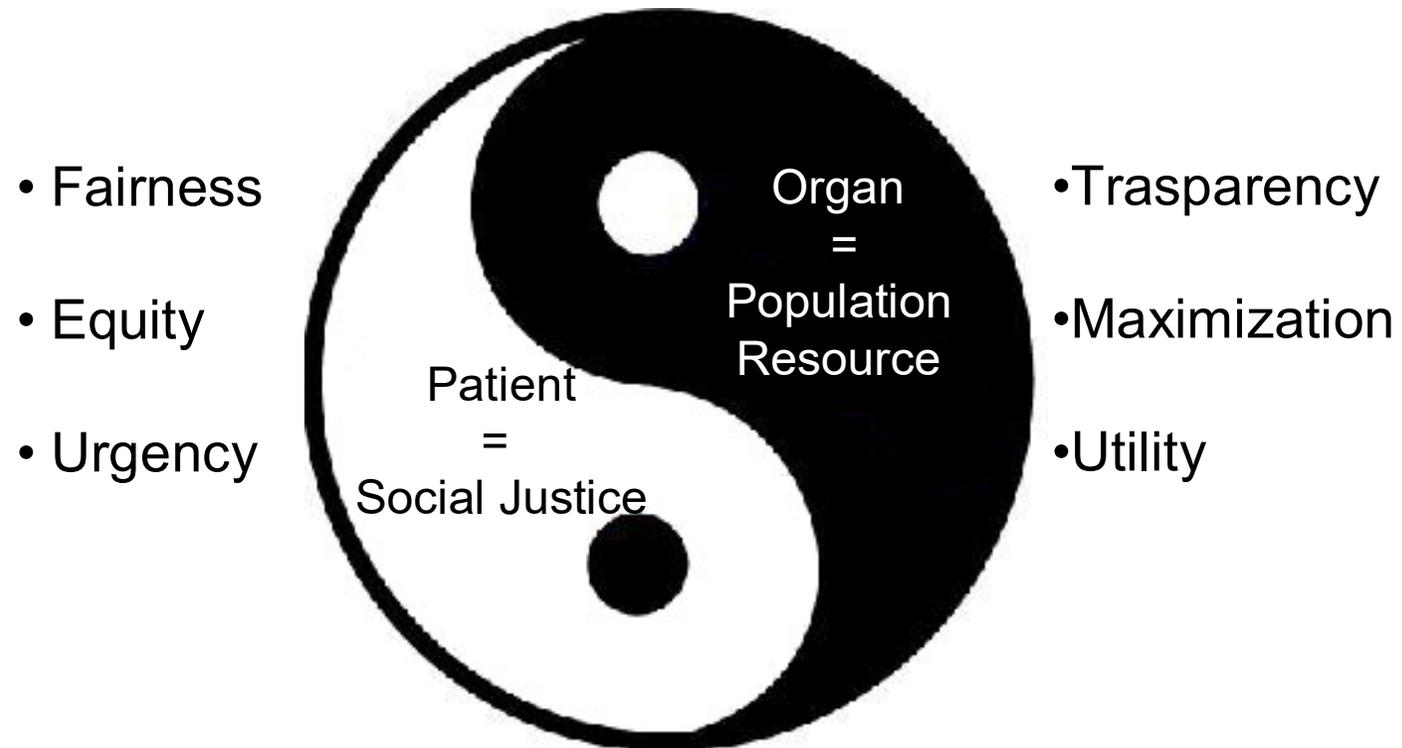
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## The Intrinsic Ethical Dichotomy of Liver Transplantation



# Allocation & Priority in Italy - Problem 1: The Geographical Issue



High costs of National Allocation: 10.000-30.000 Euro per flight?



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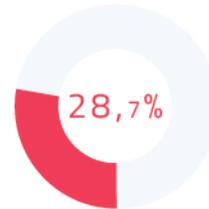
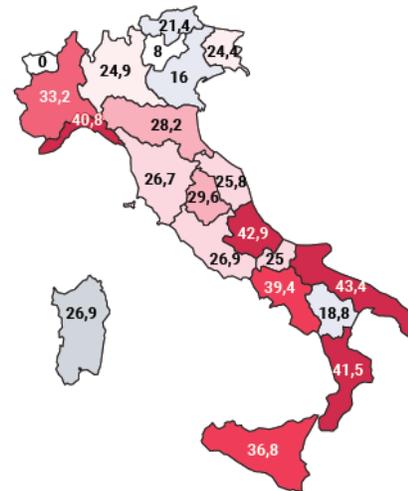
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# Allocation & Priority in Italy - Problem 2: The Socio-Cultural Issue



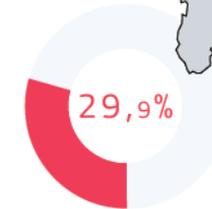
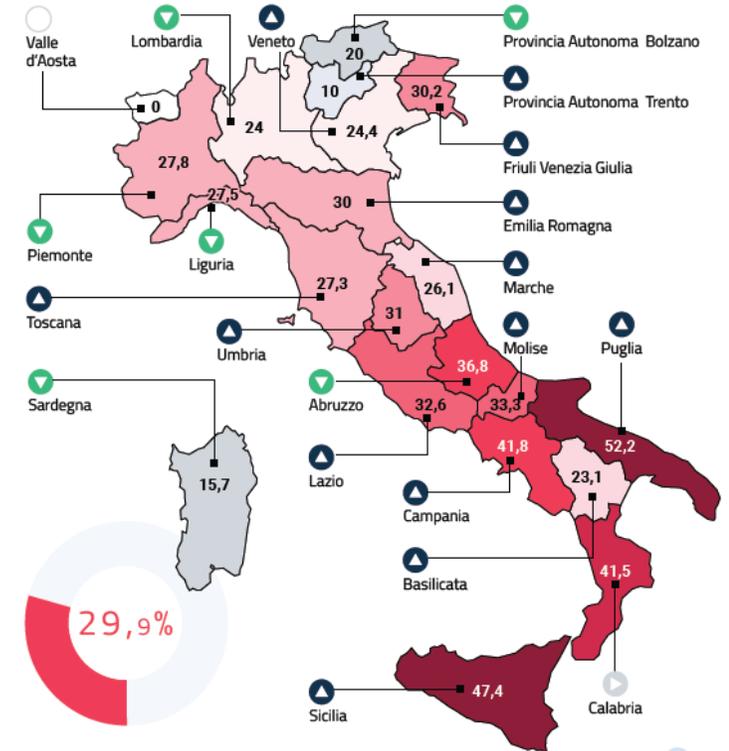
## OPPOSIZIONI ALLA DONAZIONE

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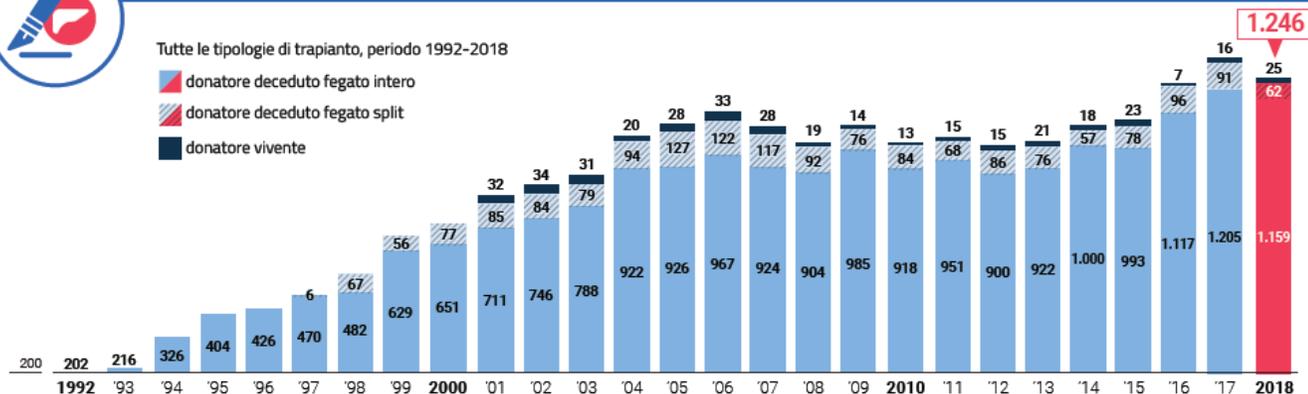
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## TRAPIANTI DI FEGATO

Tutte le tipologie di trapianto, periodo 1992-2018

- donatore deceduto fegato intero
- ▨ donatore deceduto fegato split
- donatore vivente



### ATTIVITÀ PER PROGRAMMA TRAPIANTO

■ trapianti da donatore deceduto

■ trapianti da donatore vivente

Pisa	161	-	Verona	47	-	Udine	26	-
Torino	152	-	Ancona	46	-	Roma - Sapienza	25	-
Milano - Niguarda*	116	1	Napoli - Cardarelli	37	-	Cagliari	23	-
Padova	101	1	Modena	37	-	Roma - Bambin Gesù	20	8
Bergamo	90	-	Milano - Tumori	36	-	Bari	20	-
Bologna	74	-	Roma - San Camillo	34	-			
Palermo - ISMETT	62	15	Roma - Gemelli	33	-			
Milano - Policlinico	52	-	Roma - Tor Vergata	29	-			

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### LA MAPPA



\* in collaborazione con Genova per 37 trapianti di fegato

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# Allocation & Priority in Italy

## Differences Among Different Diseases

Liver cirrhosis: allocation according to MELD score

**HCC:**  
allocation according to national waiting list prioritization

### MELD-exceptions:

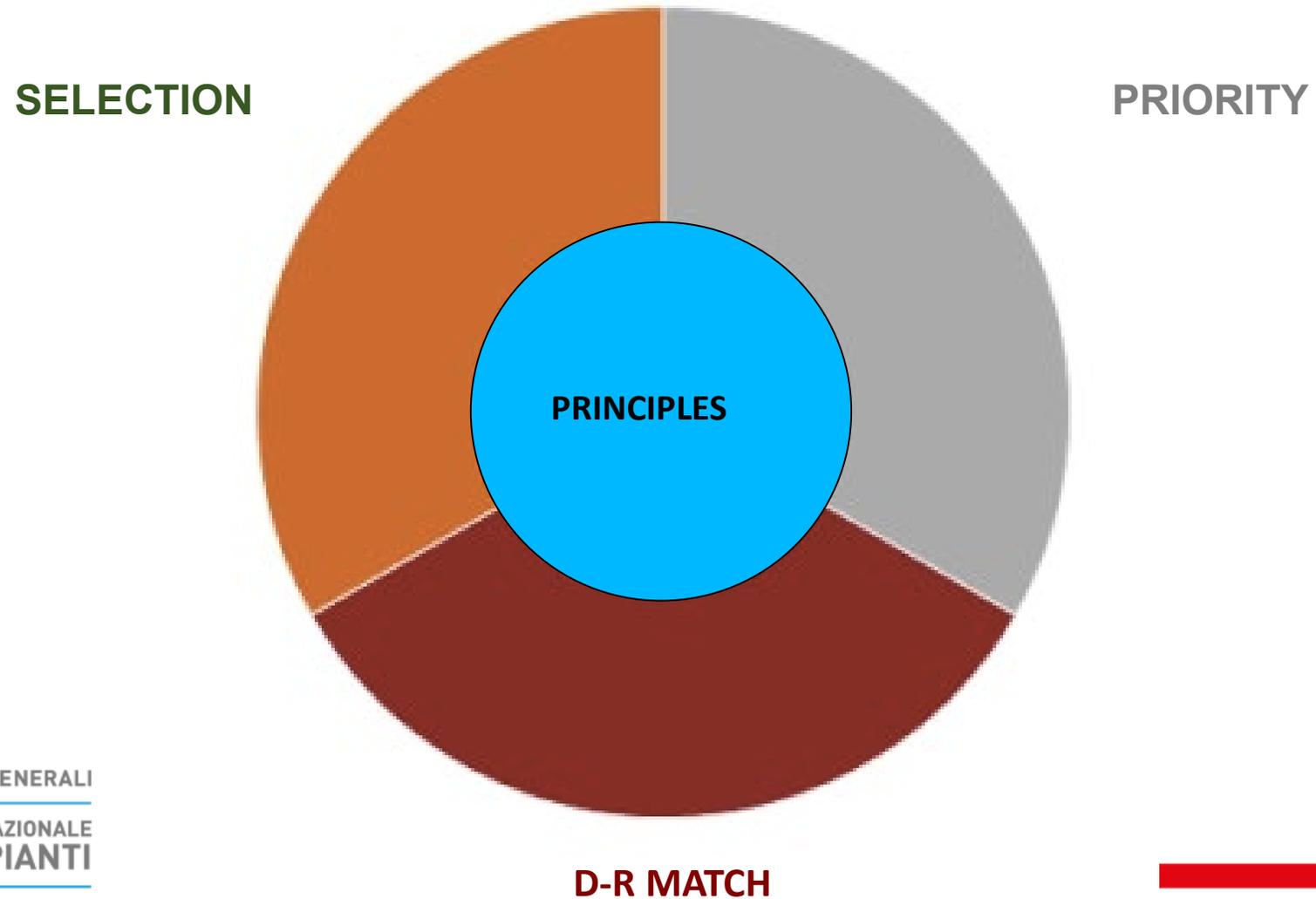
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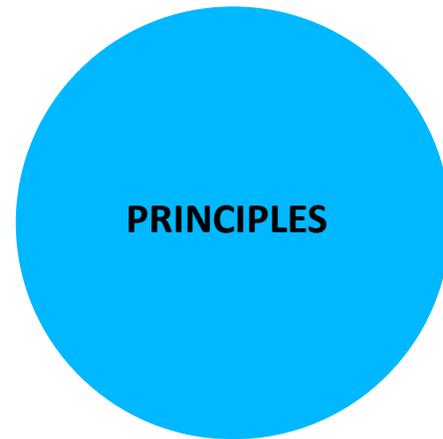
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# The allocation Process



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“No single principle, utility, urgency or benefit can adequately address the complexity of clinical situations, rather a blended approach is advisable” Persad 2007

# Allocazione delle Risorse nel Trapianto di Fegato: I PRINCIPI

**URGENCY**

**Criterio di URGENZA**



**UTILITY**

**Criterio della PROSPETTIVA DI SUCCESSO**



**Criterio di BENEFICIO**



# Allocazione delle Risorse nel Trapianto di Fegato: Aspetti Etici



**Criterio  
di URGENZA**



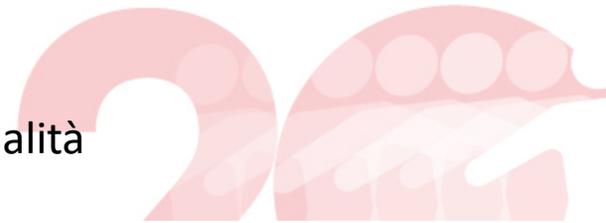
Privilegia chi ha la prognosi peggiore se non trapiantato  
e chi rischia il *drop-out* dalla lista

Guarda al *Medical Need*

Si ispira all'orientamento egualitarista  
del nostro orientamento

Privilegia il principio di beneficiabilità  
e di sussidiarietà

Ha la priorità sugli altri criteri  
per salvaguardare vita e integrità fisica dei pazienti



# Allocazione delle Risorse nel Trapianto di Fegato: Aspetti Etici

## Criterio della PROSPETTIVA DI SUCCESSO



Privilegia chi ha le migliori prospettive  
di sopravvivenza post-trapianto

Precedentemente indicato come Principio di Utilità

Mira a massimizzare il risultato (n° di anni di vita guadagnati)  
ottenuto con le limitate risorse a disposizione

Si giustifica nell'ottica del perseguimento dell'APPROPRIATEZZA  
(efficacia e sicurezza per il paziente  
+ efficienza dell'impiego delle risorse-organo)

NON considera il NEED

## Allocazione delle Risorse nel Trapianto di Fegato: Aspetti Etici

Incorpora e bilancia gli altri due criteri, privilegiando, a parità di urgenza, i casi in cui il *Transplant Survival Benefit* sia maggiore

Mira a massimizzare il risultato (n° di anni di vita guadagnati) ottenuto con le limitate risorse a disposizione **TENENDO CONTO DELLE ALTERNATIVE**

Può rivelarsi estremamente utile ed appropriato specialmente in fase di valutazione dell' idoneità del paziente per l'iscrizione in lista d'attesa

Sarà necessario esplicitare con chiarezza il *Time Horizon* entro cui il *Survival Benefit* va misurato

La maggiore criticità nell'applicazione consiste nel fatto che il calcolo di indicatori diretti di beneficio (*gain in life expectancy* del paziente) è ancora troppo complesso e poco accurato in termini di potere predittivo

### Criterio del BENEFICIO



# The Allocation Process in Italy: Urgency

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		Biochemical MELD	Region
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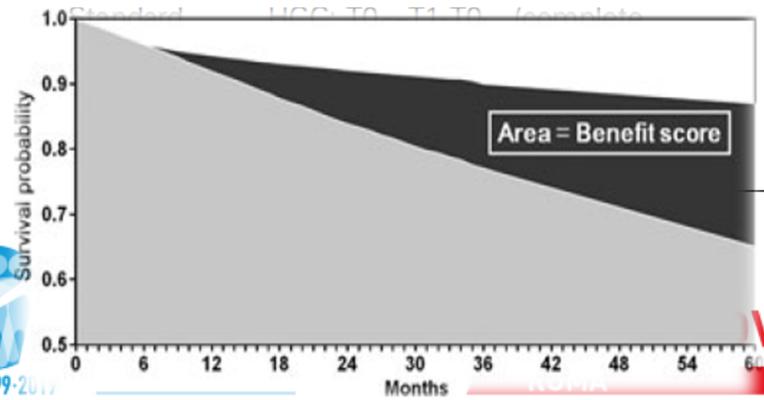
**URGENCY PRINCIPLE**

# The Allocation Process in Italy: Benefit

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Standard	HCC: T0 - T1 - T0 (complete)	Biochemical MELD	Region
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**BENEFIT  
Pre-LT +  
Post-LT  
Utility**



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# The Allocation Process in Italy: Utility

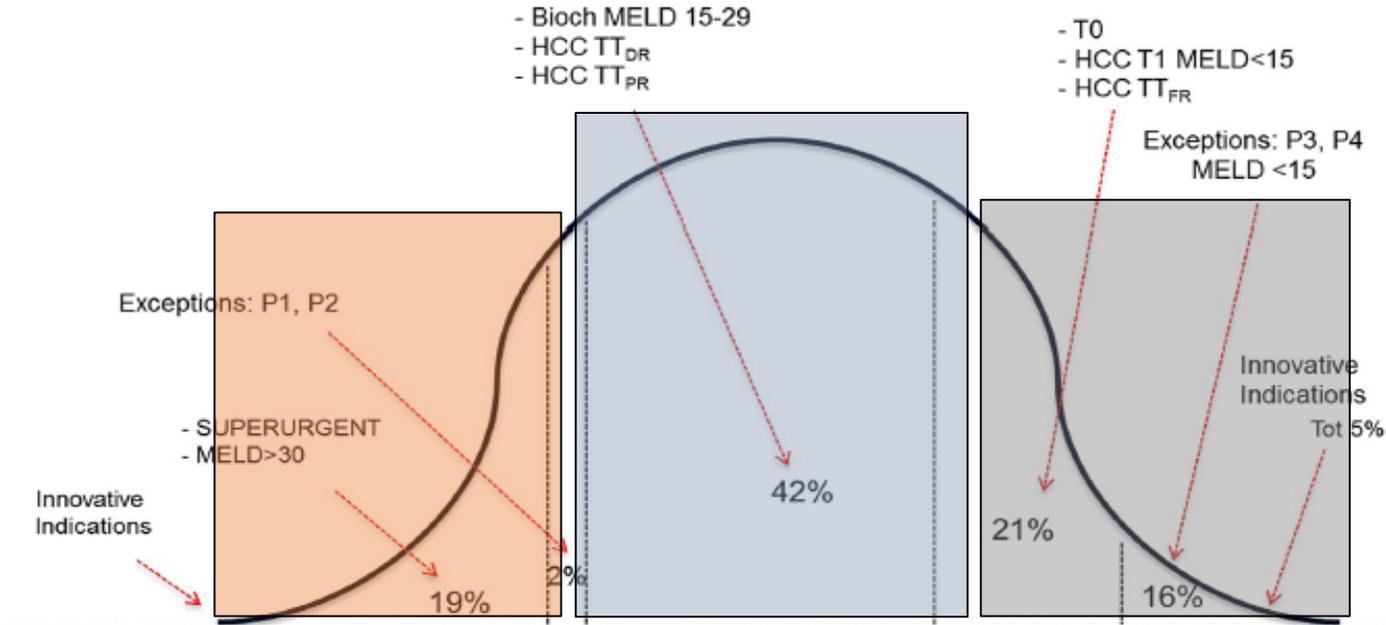
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POST-LT  
UTILITY

# BALANCING PRINCIPLES



- Increase cost effectiveness
- Tx earlier reducing urgent Tx
- Reduce Tx for Pts with alternatives

PRINCIPLE	FUTURE BENEFIT	Pure URGENCY HIGH BENEFIT	Low ALTERNATIVES HIGH BENEFIT	Post OLT UTILITY LOW BENEFIT	FUTURE BENEFIT
PRIORITY	Multidisc	Sickest first	Greater benefit	Waitlist time	Multidisc
PREDICTOR	-----	MELD/time bonus	MELD, HCC-MELD	MELD + time bonus	-----
PREVAL 2014	-----	21%	42%	37%	-----
FUTURE AIM	Up to 2.5%	To be reduced	To be increased	Not greater than 40%	Up to 2.5%



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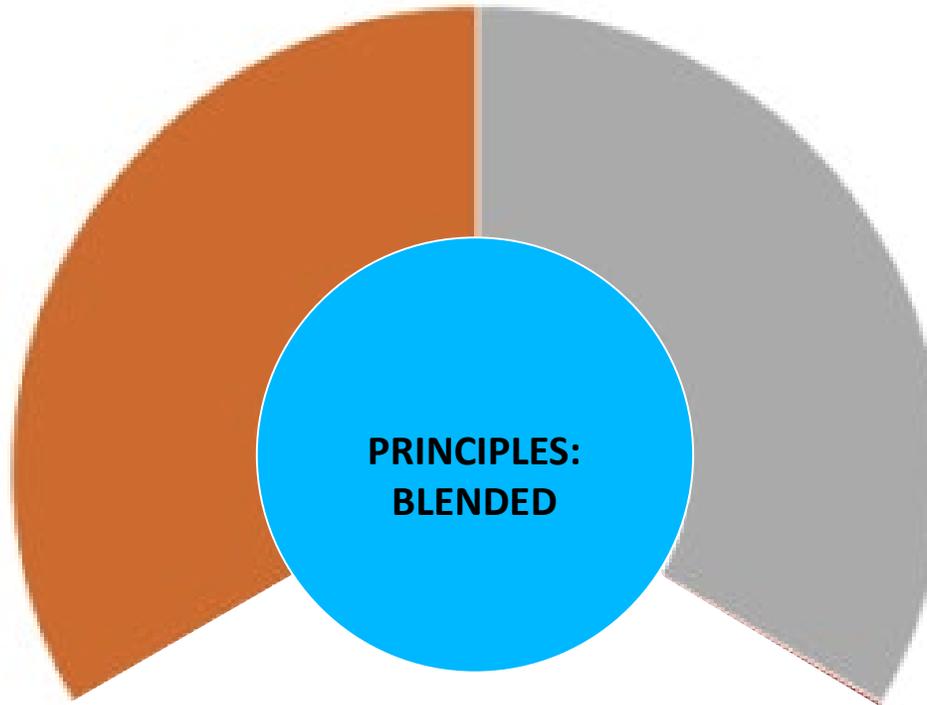
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# The allocation Process

## SELECTION

Upper Threshold:  
Minimal PT utility  
60% surv 5 yrs

Lower threshold:  
Minimal benefit  
MELD 15, HCC T2



## PRIORITY

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URGENCY PRINCIPLE

BENEFIT Pre-LT + Post-LT Utility

POST-LT UTILITY



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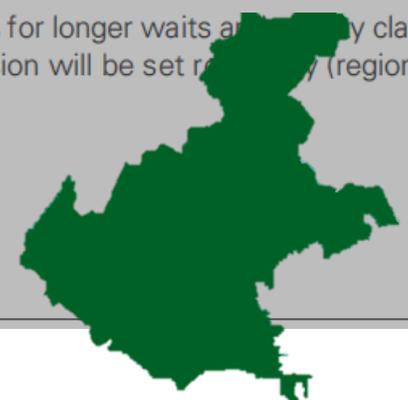
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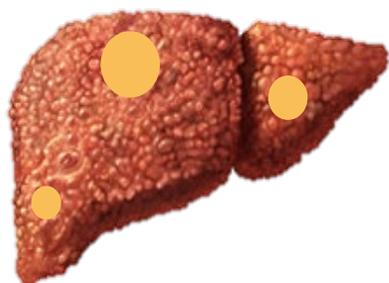
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# Priority & Disease Eterogeneity



**Liver cirrhosis:** allocation according to MELD score



**HCC:**  
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# Priority for Different Diseases

## Italian Consensus Conference to Create a common Priority Scale for Exceptions

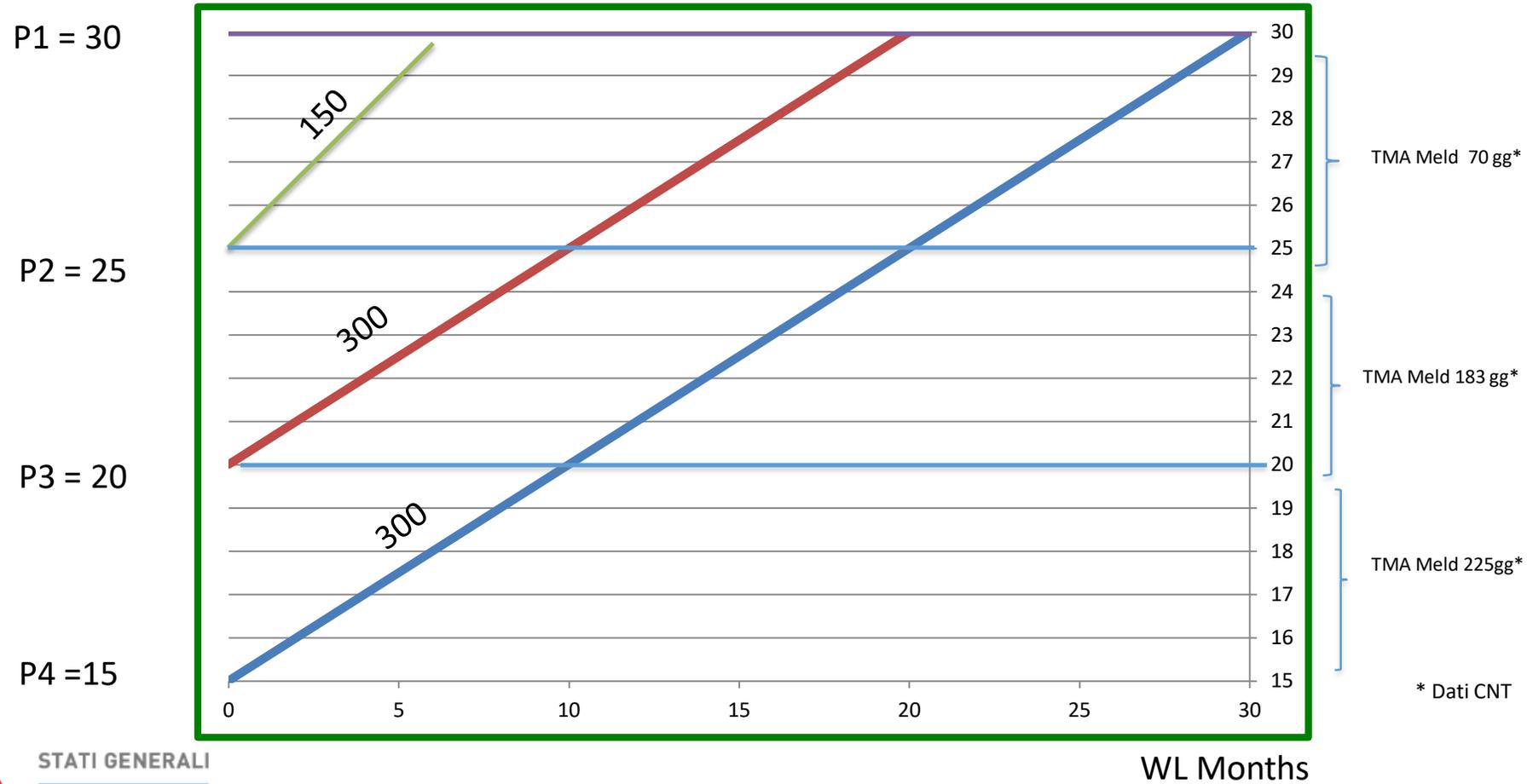
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# MELD Adjusted Score For Exceptions

10 mesi per passare alla categoria successiva

Adjusted MELD



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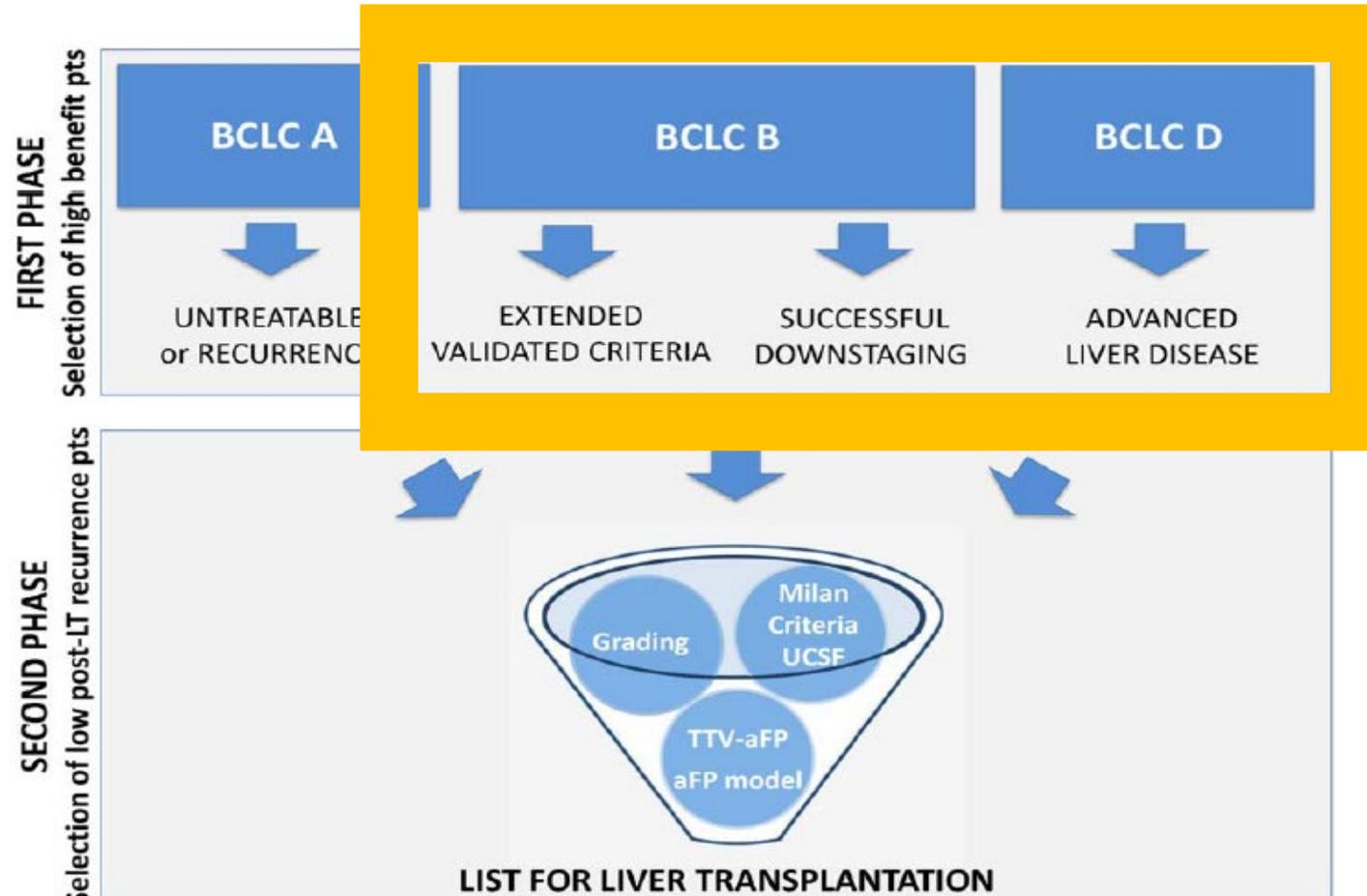


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# Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma Through the Lens of Transplant Benefit



Principio: BENEFIT  
Predittore: HCC MELD

ST 1

- Downstaging
  - Early recurrence
  - Ineffective Bridge therapy
- PD  
SD  
PR

ISO=HCC MELD, start from 22  
+1 ISO/MESE

ST 2

- HCC, first diagnosis, late recurrence

ISO=HCC MELD,  
+ 1 ISO/MESE after 3 months

ST 3

- HCC T1 or complete response

ISO= BIOCHEMICAL MELD



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## ISO SCORE 2.0

- Torino 2011, Padova 2014, Cagliari 2017: ISO SCORE 1.0,
- Firenze 2018, Bologna 2018, Roma 2019: ISO SCORE 2.0
- Gruppo di lavoro SITO Collegio CTF, AISF, CNT
- OBIETTIVI:
  - Implementare il sistema ISO per:
    - Migliorare la capacità del sistema di catturare i pazienti a rischio
    - Rendere il sistema più fruibile per ridurre la disomogeneità nazionale ancora presente
    - Incrementare la leggibilità dei dati da parte del CNT
    - Sanare alcune inefficienze per chi è strettamente aderente a ISO
    - Rendere il sistema più flessibile

Disomogeneità tra le dimensioni di lista, i tempi di attesa in lista in Italia ed il rischio di morte/dropout in Italia

Tema delle eccezioni in deroga

Basso utilizzo della allocazione di MACROAREA per MELD 30 o superiori

NATIONAL  
time

ReOLTX <15gg SUPERURGENZA

## Nuove regole di allocazione Nazionale – ISO 2.0

MACRO  
time

P1 + NaMELD UGUALE o >29

NaMELD

Renou-Osler-Weber

Hepatoblastoma (young adult)

Hemangioma (if Kasabach-Merritt Syndrome)

FAP (if Domino)

ReOLTX >15gg con tr.vascolari accessi, colangiopatia con procedure invasive, DNF15-90

REGIONAL  
ISO score

P2 (Sharing at regional level)

High priority

NO CAP 29

ISO 25 + 1 PUNTO/MESE

Hepato-pulmonary Syndrome

PPH

Refractory Hydrothorax

Refractory ascites

Re-LT >15 gg

Hepato-renal Syndrome (..MELD)

Previous Severe infection

HD cronica e peggioramento epatologico (BILIRUBINA >3MG/DL)

Malattia policistica in dialisi

P3 (Sharing at Regional Level)

Intermediate Priority

NO CAP 29

ISO 20 + 1 PUNTO OGNI 2 mesi

FAP

Wilson's

NET metastases

Hemangioendotheliomas

F/R di pz in HD cronica

P4 (Sharing at Center)

Low priority

NO CAP 29

ISO 15 + 1 PUNTO OGNI 2 MESI

PSC or PBC with intractable pruritus

Polycystic disease

Complicated adenoma

Hemangiomas

PVT G3, G4 se risoluzione no priorità

F/R pre-emptive

INGRESSO IN LISTA CON MELD 15 SE NON ECCEZIONI, NON PIU' CAP A 29

## Nuove regole di allocazione Nazionale – ISO 2.0

<b>HCC</b>	<b>Eliminata la regola ingresso a 22</b> <b>Tutti gli HCC sono descritti come HCC MELD</b> <b>HCC risposta sostenuta:&gt;3 mesi, NO LI-RAD4, AFP&lt;50</b> <b>HCC curato: v. sopra &gt;24 mesi</b> <b>Recall policy non superiore a tre mesi</b> <b>Se recidiva entro i 24 mesi Stratum 1 con ISO calcolato dalla immissione in lista</b> <b>Se ricorrenza dopo i 24 ricolcolo ISO dal tempo di ricorrenza</b> <b>Principio di progressività di attribuzione degli extra ISO scores tra i diversi strati HCC</b> <b>In generale inizio computo degli extra ISO solo dallo sviluppo dell’HCC</b> <b>HCC DW risposta sostenuta dopo 6 mesi</b>	
<b>STRATUM 1 (DW PR ER)</b>	<b>Entra con HCC MELD + 1 PUNTO/MESE (salvo altro modello regionale reso pubblico)</b>	<b>Disponibilità regionale</b>
<b>STRATUM 2 (T2, LR)</b>	<b>Entra con HCC MELD + 1 PUNTO/MESE DOPO 6 MESI (salvo altro modello regionale reso pubblico)</b>	<b>Disponibilità regionale</b>
<b>STRATUM 3 (CR, T1)</b>	<b>ENTRA CON HCC MELD (stretta recall policy, ricorrenza&lt;24 mesi in Stratum 1, ricorrenza &gt;24 mesi: extra ISO dalla nuova diagnosi) (salvo altro modello regionale reso pubblico)</b>	<b>Disponibilità regionale</b>

# Nuove regole di allocazione Nazionale – ISO 2.0

FEGATO/RENE

- IL RENE SEGUE L'ALLOCAZIONE DEL FEGATO

BOARD NAZIONALE TRAPIANTO FEGATO-RENE

# Liver Allocation Process in Italy

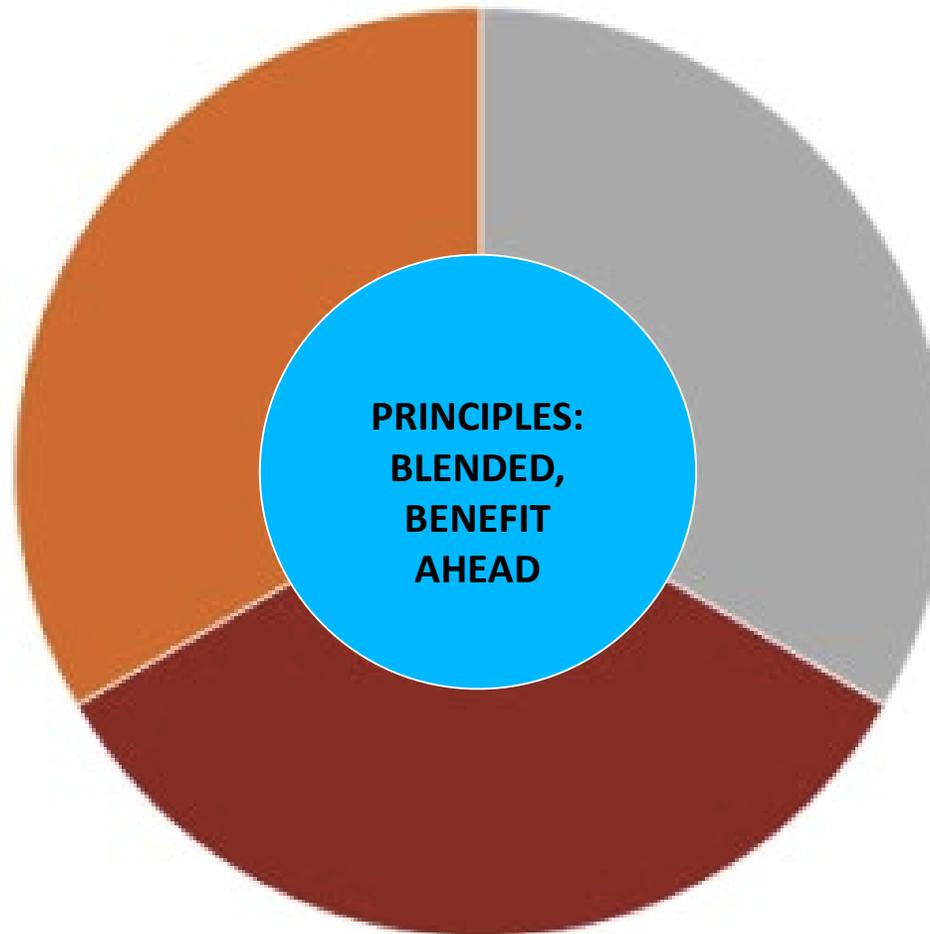
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## PRIORITY

1. Superurgent
2. Na MELD 29 o  $\geq$  P1
3. ISO score



## D-R MATCH

Clinical decision/ flexibility up to 30%



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## Endpoints for System Evaluation and Adjust (Performance Indicators)

**PRIMARY: List mortality + dropout for disease progression stratified according to**

- P1-4
- HCC strata
- pure Na MELD



**Expected: overlap**

**SECONDARY: List waiting time**

- P1-4
- HCC strata
- pure Na MELD



**Expected: scale**



# SISTEMA DI ALLOCAZIONE PADOVANO PRE ISO SCORE

Doppia lista per ciascun gruppo sanguigno

## Lista MELD

Pazienti con cirrosi ordinati secondo MELD

## Lista non MELD

Eccezioni – HCC con MELD <20

### Epatocarcinoma – PRIMO CRITERIO = RISPOSTA ALLA TERAPIA

I.	Malattia Stabile / Progressiva*	= 6
II.	Intrattabile (sede, gravità della cirrosi)	= 5
III.	Risposta parziale**	= 4
IV.	Ricorrenza (> 6 mesi dall'ultima terapia)	= 3
V.	Nuovo tumore in attesa di stadiazione post-terapia	= 2
VI.	Risposta completa (necrosi tumorale completa)	= 1

\* > 50% tumore vitale residuo; ↑ n° noduli; AFP ≥ livello pre-terapia

\*\* < 50% tumore vitale residuo; AFP < livello pre-terapia

### Epatocarcinoma - SECONDO CRITERIO = STADIO

I.	T1	1 nodulo ≤ 1.9 cm
II.	T2	1 nodulo 2-5 cm; 2-3 noduli tutti ≤ 3 cm
III.	T3	1 nodulo > 5 cm; 2-3 noduli 1 > 3 cm
IV.	T4a	≥ 4 noduli, qualsiasi taglia;
	T4b	ogni T con invasione vascolare macroscopica
	N1, M1	Metastasi

### Epatocarcinoma - TERZO CRITERIO = TEMPO

Tempo (giorni) in lista d'attesa con diagnosi di epatocarcinoma.

### ALTRE ECCEZIONI

Sono posizionate in lista sulla base del giudizio clinico collegiale espresso nella riunione settimanale multidisciplinare.

Criteri RECIST

### CRITERI DI ESCLUSIONE

- Invasione vascolare o metastasi (T4b e /o N1, M1)
- HCC scarsamente differenziato alla biopsia



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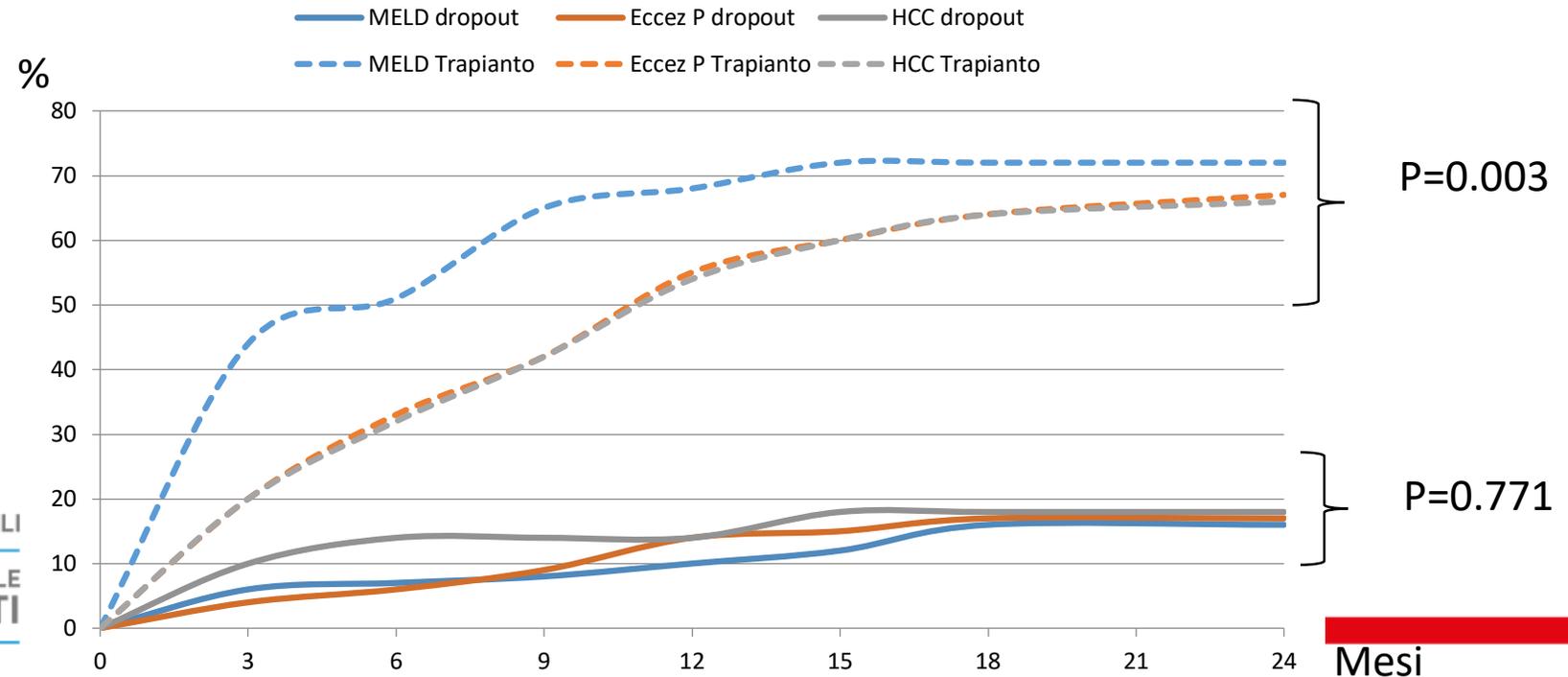
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# Confronto della probabilità di DROPOUT e di TRAPIANTO stratificata per classe di priorità nel periodo ISO 1.0 (2016-2019) – Università di PADOVA

## % ASSOLUTE NON TEMPO DIPENDENTI

VARIABILI	P0	P1	P2	P3	P4	Stratum1	Stratum 2	Stratum 3
<b>Dropout</b>	12 (11%)	1 (9%)	3 (14%)	14 (17%)	1 (7%)	7 (14%)	7 (17%)	1 (10%)
<b>Trapianto</b>	69 (64%)	8 (73%)	12 (55%)	46 (56%)	9 (64%)	26 (50%)	23 (55%)	6 (60%)

## COMPETING RISK ANALYSIS



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## Cambiamento nella stratificazione dei pazienti in lista e del valore di ISO nel passaggio da ISO 1.0 ad ISO 2.0 – Università di PADOVA

VARIABILI	ISO 1.0 Giu 2019		ISO 2.0 Lug 2019		
	N° (%)	Valore ISO	N° (%)	Valore ISO	
PO	36 (38.3)	16 (13-21)	40 (43.5)	15 (13-21)	
P1	2 (2.1)	30 (30-30)	2 (2.2)	30 (30-30)	
P2	*	6 (6.4)	29 (29-29)	14 (15.2)	29 (27-34)
P3	*	12 (12.8)	22 (20-26)	3 (3.3)	29 (20-54)
P4		3 (3.2)	26 (21-28)	-	-
HCC STRATUM 1		17 (18.1)	23 (23-29)	16 (17.4)	* 17 (15-20)
HCC STRATUM 2		6 (6.4)	26 (20-29)	7 (7.6)	* 20 (19-24)
HCC STRATUM 3		12 (12.8)	9 (7-13)	10 (10.9)	* 17 (14-24)

- > ISO in P2-P3 per rimozione CAP
- > % P2 per ascite refrattaria da P3 A P2

- < ISO in Str 1-2 per HCC-MELD (non più 22)
- > ISO in Str 3 per HCC MELD (non più MELD bioch)



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\* P<0,05

## DROP-OUT «VERI» NEL PERIODO PER CATEGORIA 01/07/2019 – 30/09/2019

### % DROP-out per categoria

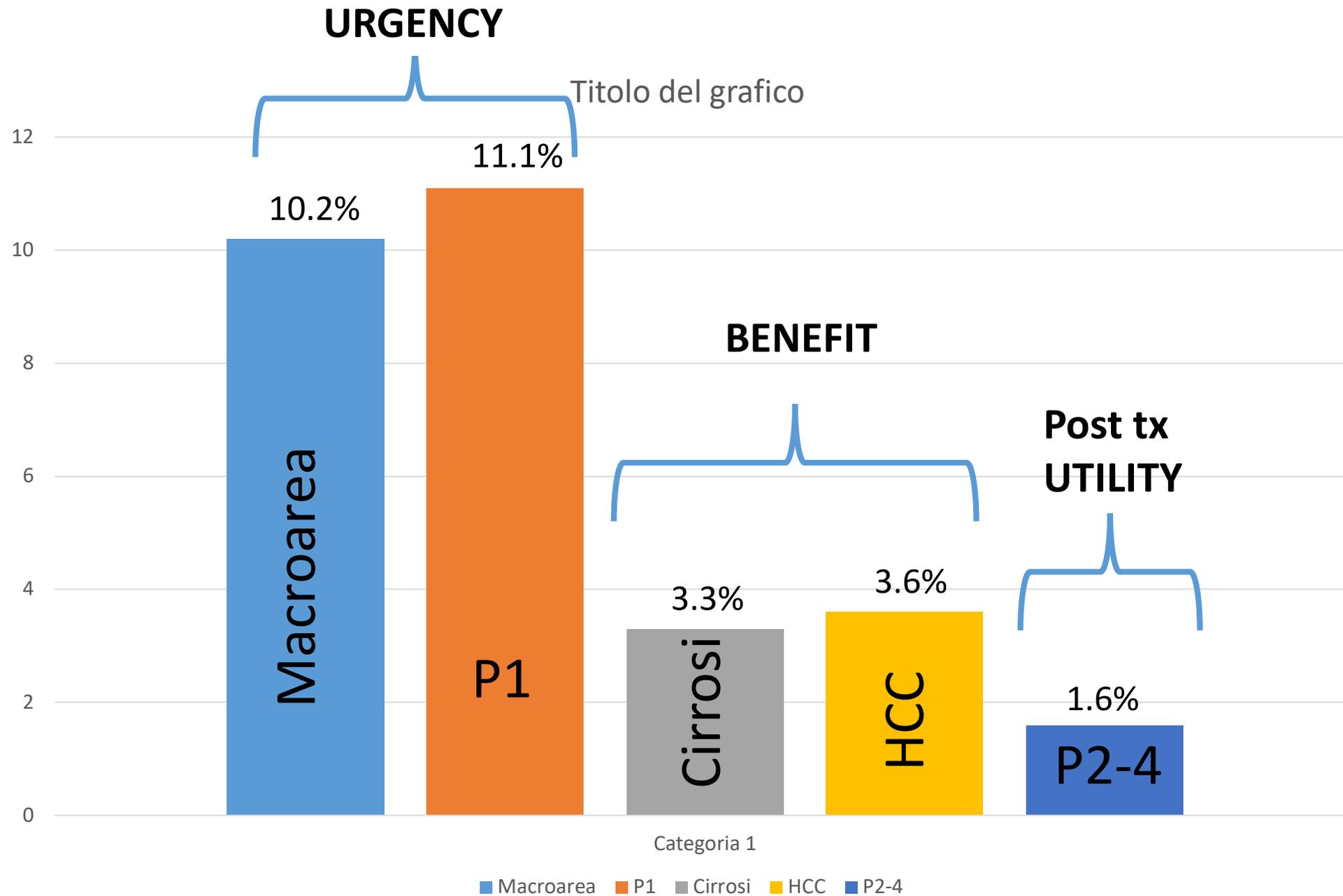
	Pediatico	Super-urgenza	Macroarea	Eccezioni P1	Cirrosi	HCC	Eccezioni P2-4
Decessi	1	0	4	1	9	5	4
Non idoneità	3	0	2		6	12	1
Totale transitato in lista	<b>70</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>306</b>
% DROP-out per categoria	<b>5,7</b>		<b>10,2</b>	<b>11,1</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>3,6</b>	<b>1,6</b>



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# Who Should Determine Allocation & Prioritization Policies?

Aristotle defined justice as  
“treating equal cases equally”

Need for:

- Big data analysis
- Benchmarking processes
- Regional ethical evaluations
- Public appraisals

