

Attività fisica e aging



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Lo sport fa bene...

The Complete Book of Running
by James F. Fixx

Running or jogging has become not just a habit but an indispensable way of life to millions of Americans, and their numbers are increasing at a startling rate. In every state of the union, and at any hour of the day or night, men, women and children are running. This is no fad; it is a phenomenon that is not going to disappear for its benefits and rewards are so immediate and so striking that almost anyone who tries it for a week is apt to be smitten for life.

But though running's popularity is easy to confirm, what is less obvious and only partially understood is that its psychological benefits are at least as important as its physical ones. The Complete Book of Running is virtually an encyclopedia that covers every aspect of running.

When he started running several years ago, Jim Fixx weighed nearly 220 pounds and breathed hard just thinking about exercise. Today, at 150 pounds, he has been declared medically fitter than most college athletes, has competed in—and finished—six Boston Marathons, has won the Connecticut 10,000-meter championship in his age category and has run the equivalent of once around the equator.

It includes chapters on

- What Happens to your Mind
- The Longevity Factor**
- Getting Thin
- Running for Women
- Running When you're Over Forty
- Running for Kids
- Gear

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James F. Fixx (1932-1984)

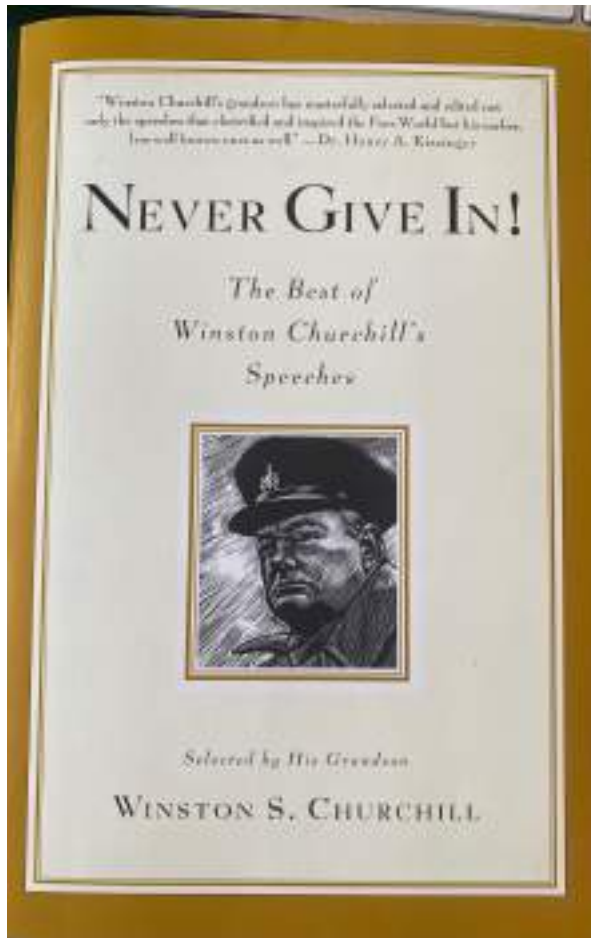
Running, Heart Disease, and the Ironic Death of Jim Fixx

Darcy C. Plymire

Jim Fixx was one of millions of Americans who started running in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. Unlike other runners, however, Fixx wrote a best-selling book about running and, ironically, died of a heart attack at the age of 52 years while running. Fixx and the authors of other running books believed heart disease resulted from overcivilization and recommended running as a cure. Running was not merely a physical exercise, according to those authors, but also a way of life. Moreover, those running authors, who were often doctors themselves, advised their readers to listen to their bodies, instead of their doctors. Fixx's adherence to that philosophy offers an explanation for his seemingly irrational behavior—running through chest pain and discomfort.



Bere, fumare ed essere sedentari fa male



Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Quanto
vorreste vivere?

ג וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, לֹא-יָדוֹן רוּחִי בְּאָדָם לְעֹלָם, בְּשָׂגָם, הוּא בֶּשָׂר; וְהָיוּ
יָמָיו, מֵאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה.

3 And the LORD said: 'My spirit shall not abide in man for ever, for that he also is flesh; therefore shall his days be a hundred and twenty years.'

ז וּמֹשֶׁה, בֶּן-מֵאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה--בָּמָתוֹ; לֹא-כָהָתָה עֵינָו, וְלֹא-נָס
לָחָה. **7** And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim,
nor his natural force abated.



Theoretical estimation of maximum human lifespan

Byung Mook Weon · Jung Ho Je

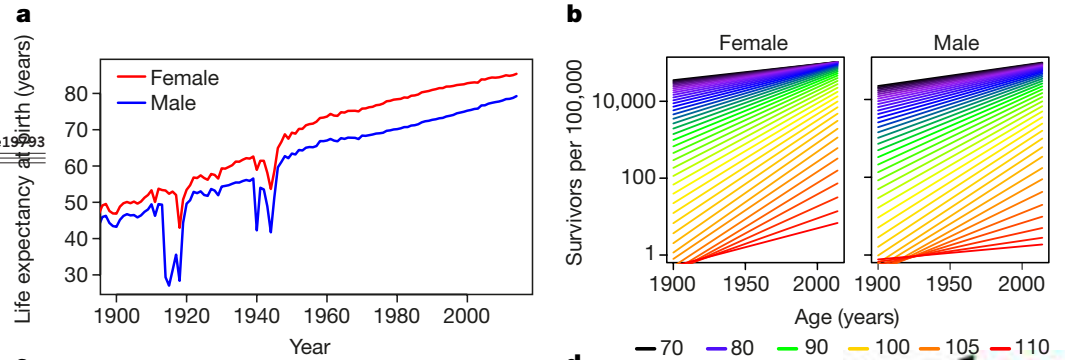
Based on such tendency, we develop an estimation method for maximum human lifespan and indeed obtain about 126 years from periodic life tables for Swedish female between 1950 and 2005. Despite uncertainty from available mortality data, our approach may offer quantitative biodemographic opportunities linking aging and survival kinetics.

LETTER

Evidence for a limit to human lifespan

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NON È SOLO QUESTIONE DI ANNI

"Così poi Eos dai fiori d'oro rapì Titone,
della vostra stirpe, simile agli immortali;
e si avviò per chiedere a Zeus dalle nere nubi
che egli fosse immortale e vivesse in eterno;
a lei Zeus assentì con un cenno ed esaudì il suo desiderio.
Stolta, e non pensò nella sua mente, Eos veneranda,
a chiedere la giovinezza e tener lontana la vecchiaia
rovinosa."

OMERO, Inno ad Afrodite, vv. 218-276, in Inni omerici, a cura di F. Càssola, Milano, Fondazione Lorenzo Valla/Arnoldo Mondadori, 1991



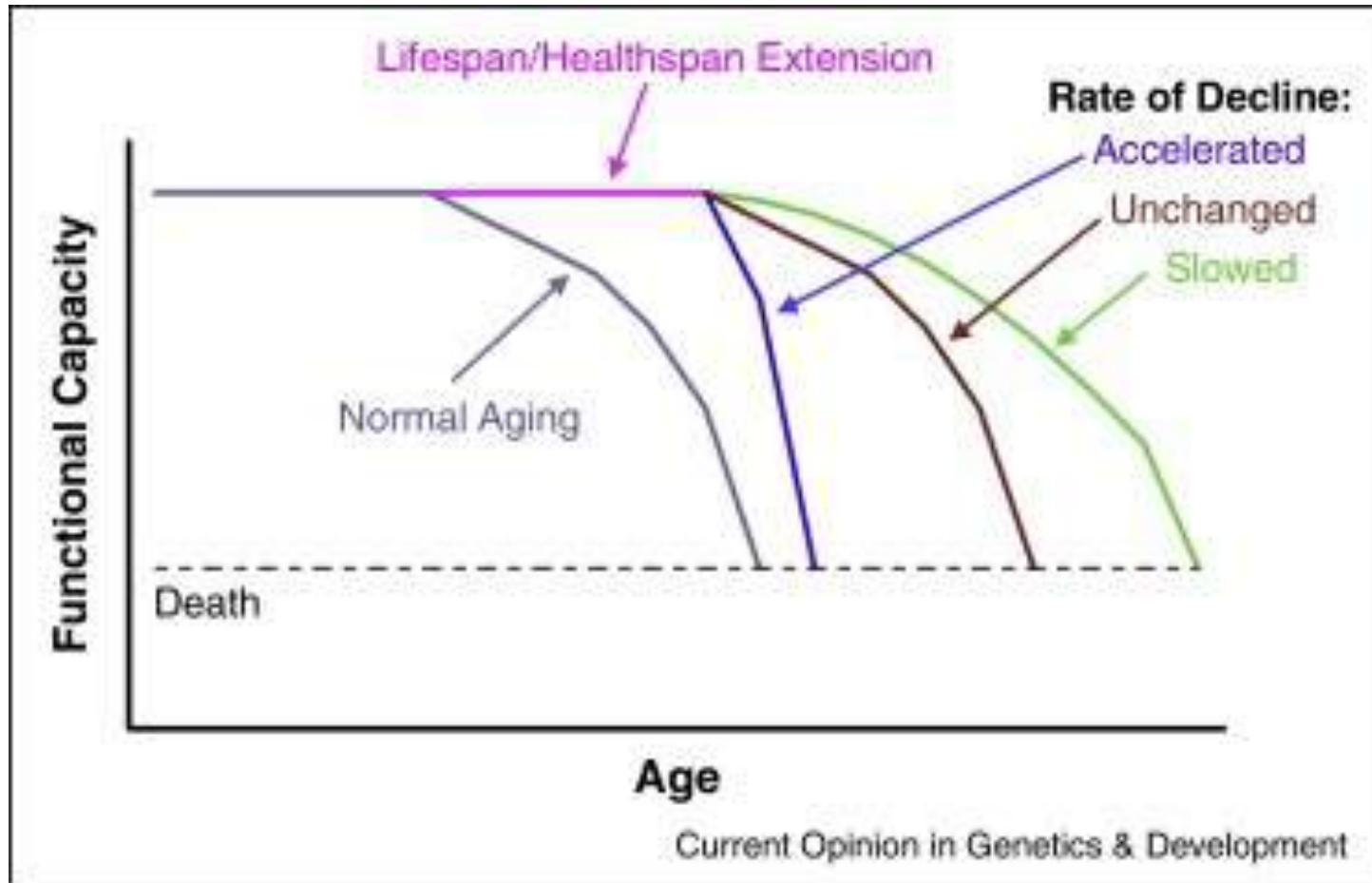
Non è solo questione di anni

Ruggero Bacone, inglese, filosofo naturale del 13° secolo tentò degli approcci Alchemici per perseguire la ricerca della giovinezza eterna.

Al tempo di Bacone si riteneva che i giovani fossero in possesso di una maggior quantità di “respiro vitale” e gli uomini anziani speravano di assorbirlo con “frequenzazioni strette” con donne giovani.



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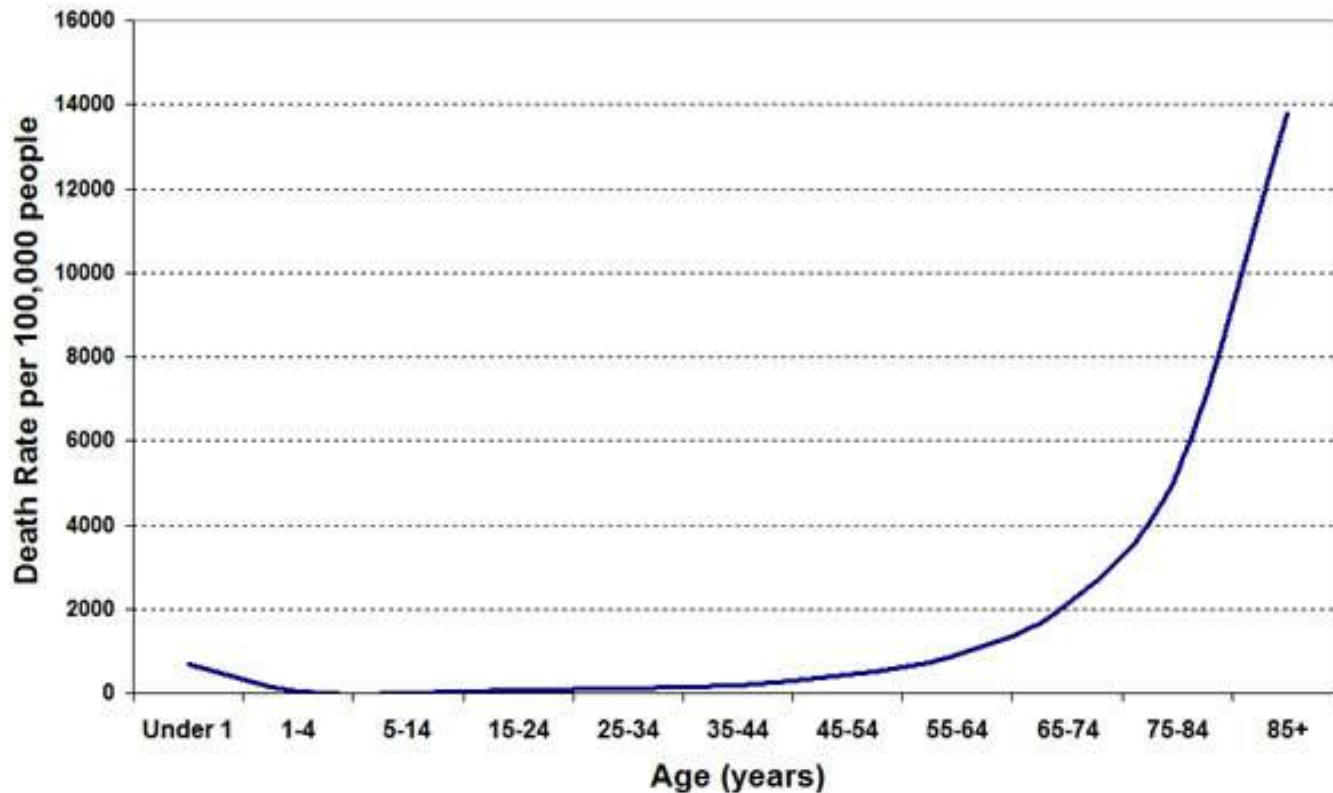
BENJAMIN GOMPERTZ, 1779-1865



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Death Rate per 100,000 people by Age Groups

Source: CDC 2005 Mortality Data for U.S. Population



Nel 1825 il matematico britannico Benjamin Gompertz osservò che il rischio di morte aumenta esponenzialmente con il passare degli anni. Per l'uomo, raddoppia ogni 8 anni dopo i 30 anni. La legge sembra valere per tutti i mammiferi in età adulta, ma non per la talpa nuda: dopo aver raggiunto la maturità a 6 mesi di età, ogni *Heterocephalus glaber* corre un rischio di morte giornaliero di poco superiore a 1 su 10 mila. Questo rischio rimane invariato per tutta la durata della vita, e anzi sembra diminuire leggermente.



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RESEARCH ARTICLE



Naked mole-rat mortality rates defy Gompertzian laws by not increasing with age

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Abstract The longest-lived rodent, the naked mole-rat (*Heterocephalus glaber*), has a reported maximum lifespan of >30 years and exhibits delayed and/or attenuated age-associated physiological declines. We questioned whether these mouse-sized, eusocial rodents conform to Gompertzian mortality laws by experiencing an exponentially increasing risk of death as they get older. We compiled and analyzed a large compendium of historical naked mole-rat lifespan data with >3000 data points. Kaplan-Meier analyses revealed a substantial portion of the population to have survived at 30 years of age. Moreover, unlike all other mammals studied to date, and regardless of sex or breeding-status, the age-specific hazard of mortality did not increase with age, even at ages 25-fold past their time to reproductive maturity. This absence of hazard increase with age, in defiance of Gompertz's law, uniquely identifies the naked mole-rat as a non-aging mammal, confirming its status as an exceptional model for biogerontology.

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I figli di centenari sono in una forma migliore rispetto a figli di di genitori che non longevi

Prole di centenari: per la maggior parte hanno entrambi i genitori che hanno vissuto a lungo



Prole di non longevi: entrambi i genitori non longevi



Lower	Weight	Higher
Lower	Waist circumference	Higher
Lower	BMI	Higher
Lower	N° of drug assumed	Higher
Lower	N° of subjects taking drugs	Higher
Lower	N° of subjects with lipid-lowering therapy	Higher
Lower	Myocardial Infarction	Higher
Lower	Stroke, cerebral thrombosis	Higher
Lower	Cancer	Higher
Lower	Irregular heart failure	Higher
Lower	Hypertension	Higher
Lower	Osteoporosis	Higher
Lower	More than 2 pathologies	Higher
Lower	IGF-1	Higher
Higher	Handgrip strength	Lower
Higher	N° of subjects able to perform chair stand	Lower
Higher	N° of subjects able to climb stairs w/o aid	Lower

Courtesy by C. Franceschi

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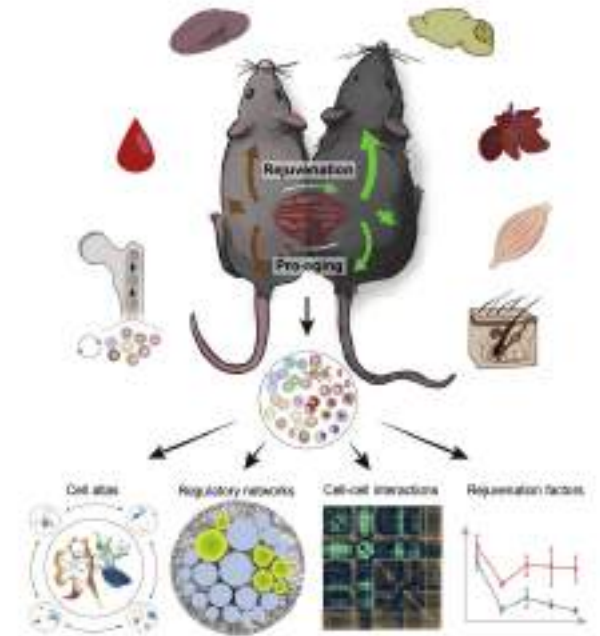
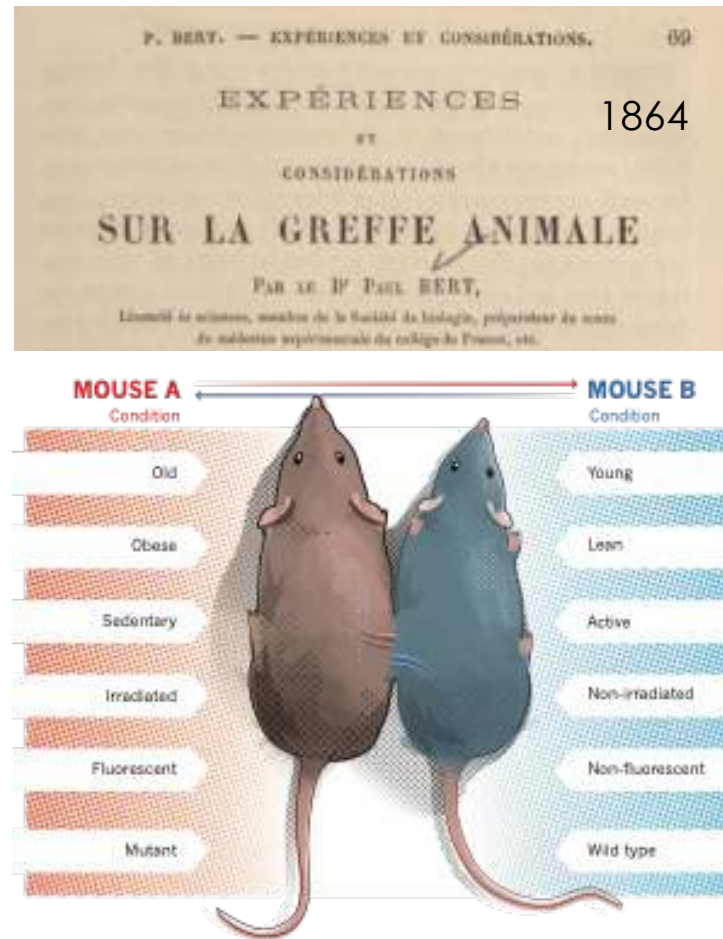




9 HALLMARKS OF AGING



Tra mito e scienza...

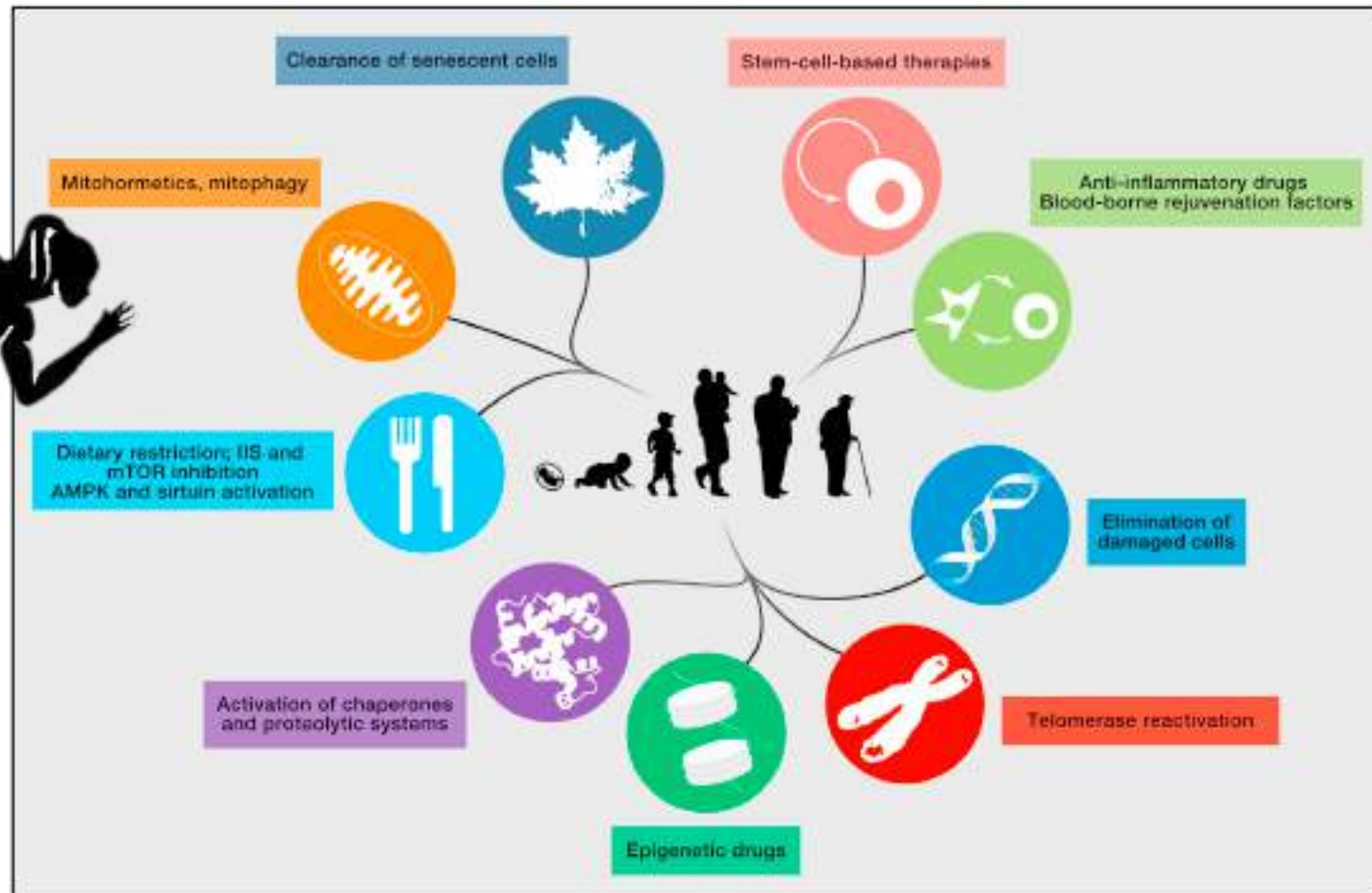


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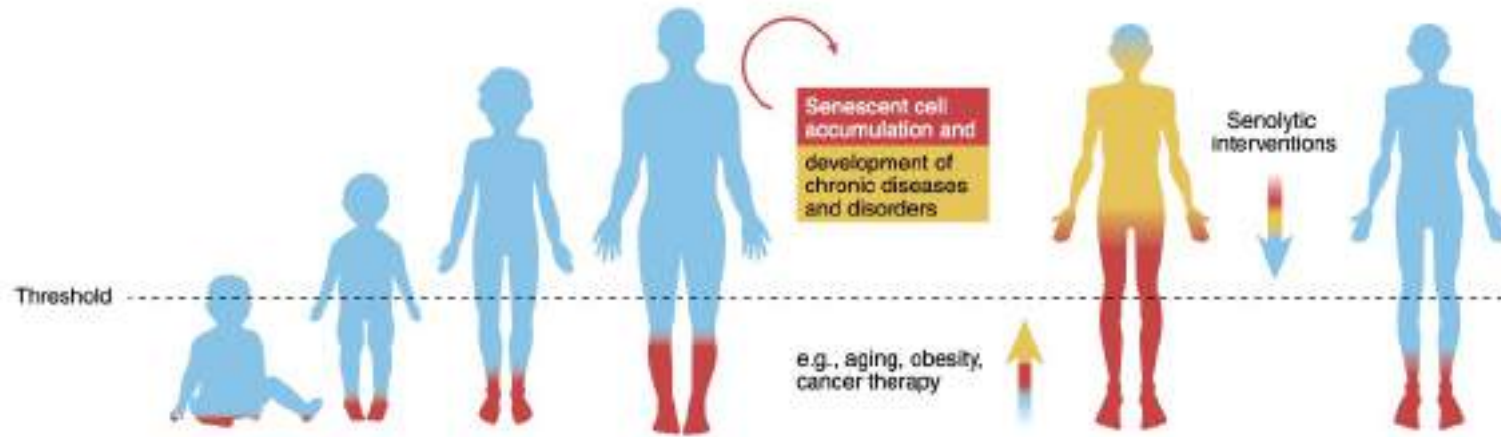




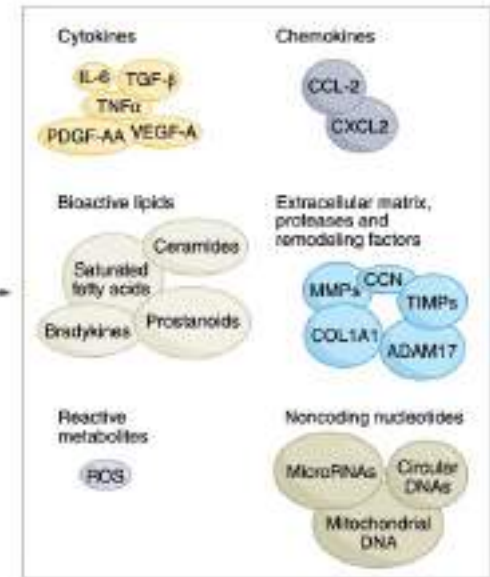
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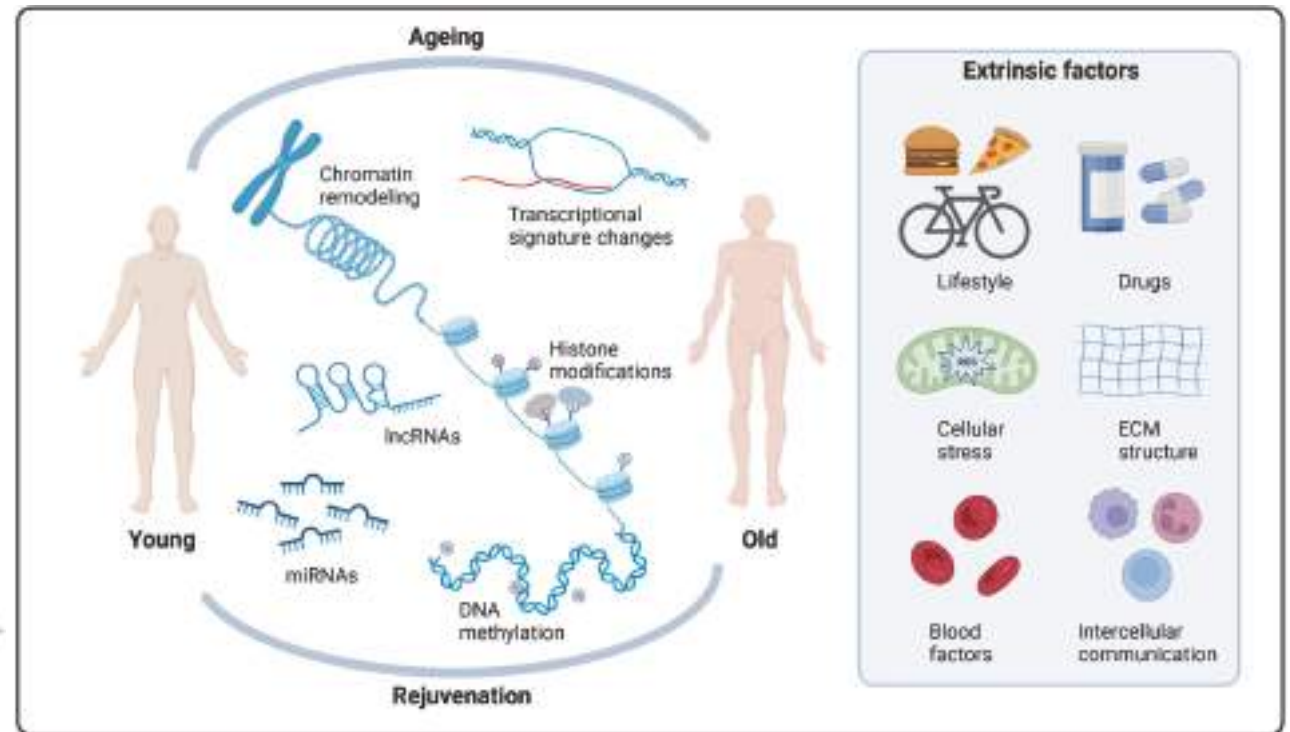
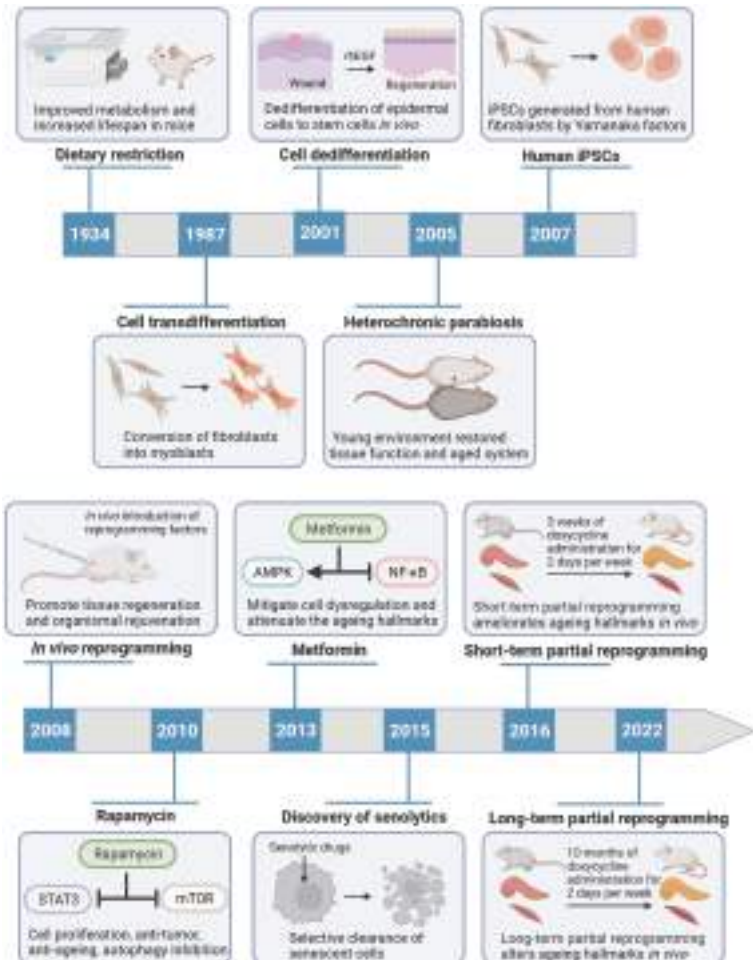
Senescenza



Senescence-associated secretory phenotype (SASP)



Senescenza



Senescenza... misurarla...

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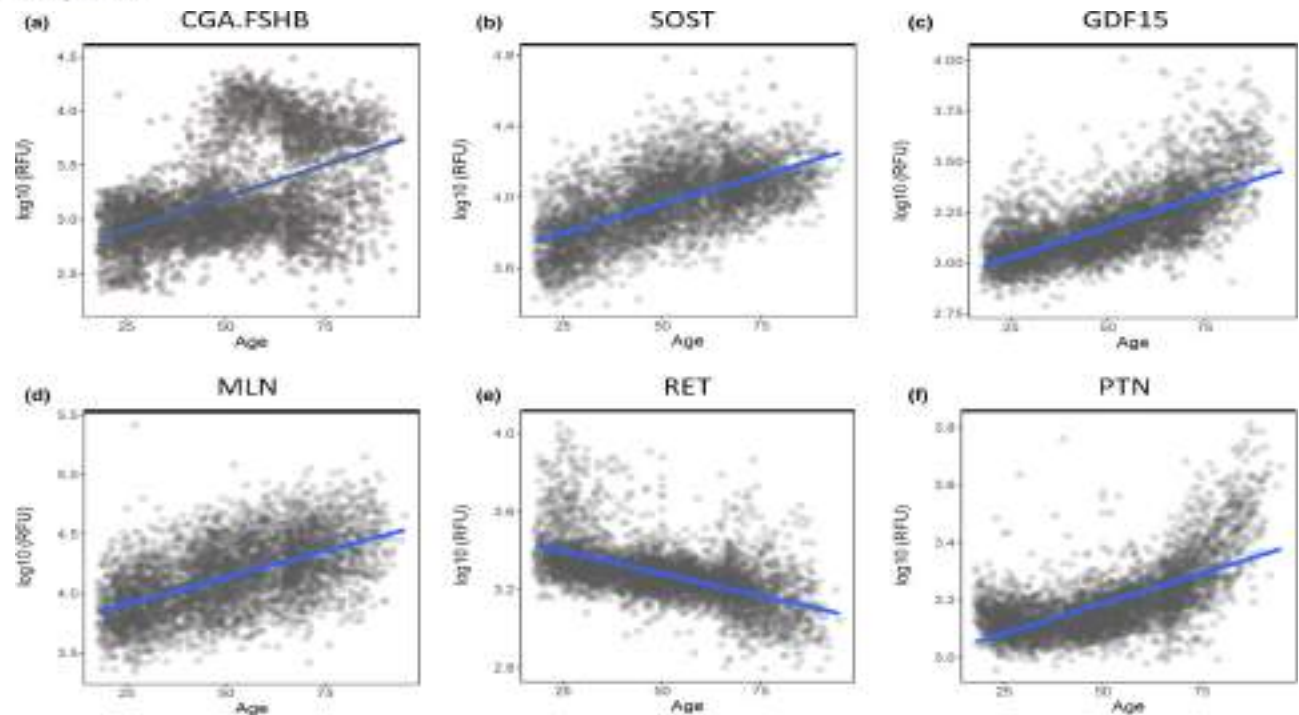
Data mining of human plasma proteins generates a multitude of highly predictive aging clocks that reflect different aspects of aging

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CGA-FSHB Glycoprotein Hormones, Alpha Polypeptide FSH

MLN Small peptide hormone that is secreted by cells of the small intestine to regulate gastrointestinal contractions and motility

GDF15 strong prognostic protein in patients with different diseases such as heart diseases and cancer.



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PRINCIPALI MECCANISMI EPIGENETICI

- **Metilazione del DNA:**

Coinvolge l'aggiunta di gruppi metile (-CH₃) a specifiche regioni del DNA.

Solitamente si verifica sulla citosina, creando la 5-metilcitosina.

Può influenzare l'accessibilità del DNA ai fattori di trascrizione e all'apparato trascrizionale.

- **Modificazioni degli istoni:**

Gli istoni sono proteine attorno alle quali il DNA si avvolge formando la struttura nucleosomale.

Le modificazioni includono metilazione, acetilazione, fosforilazione e ubiquitinazione delle istone.

Queste modificazioni possono influenzare la struttura della cromatina e quindi l'accesso al DNA.

- **RNA interference (RNAi):**

Coinvolge l'azione di piccoli RNA (come siRNA e miRNA) non codificanti per regolare l'espressione genica.

Gli RNAi possono causare silenziamento genico post-trascrizionale bloccando la traduzione o promuovendo la degradazione dell'mRNA bersaglio.

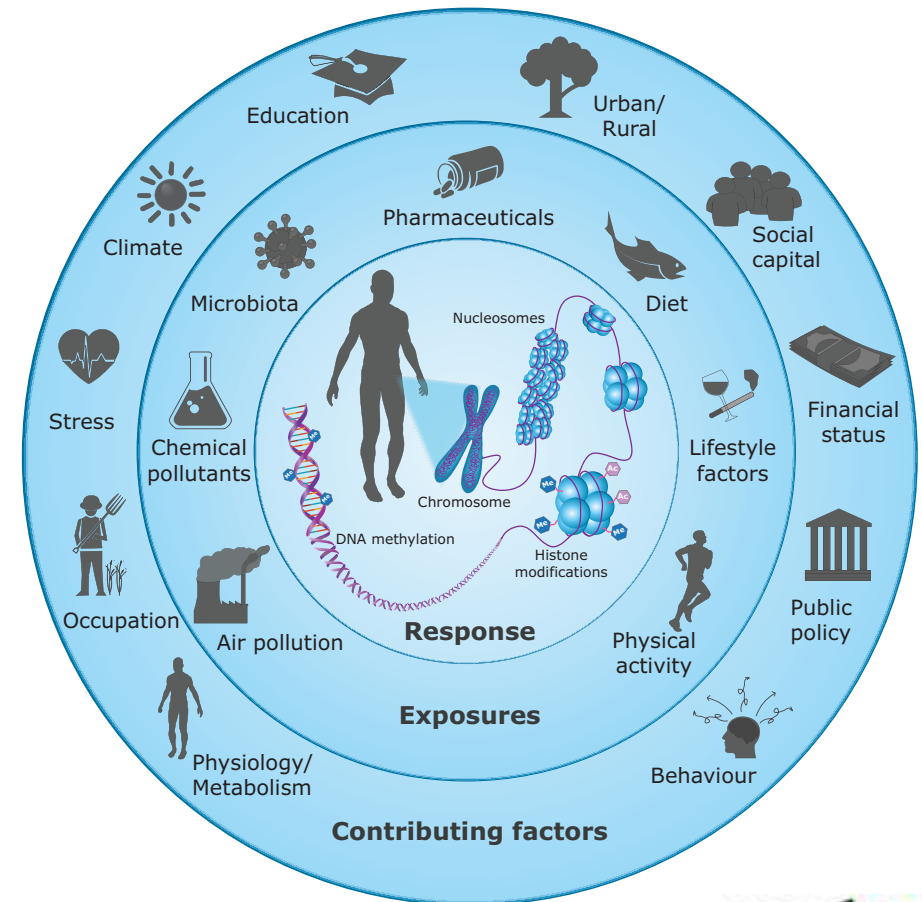
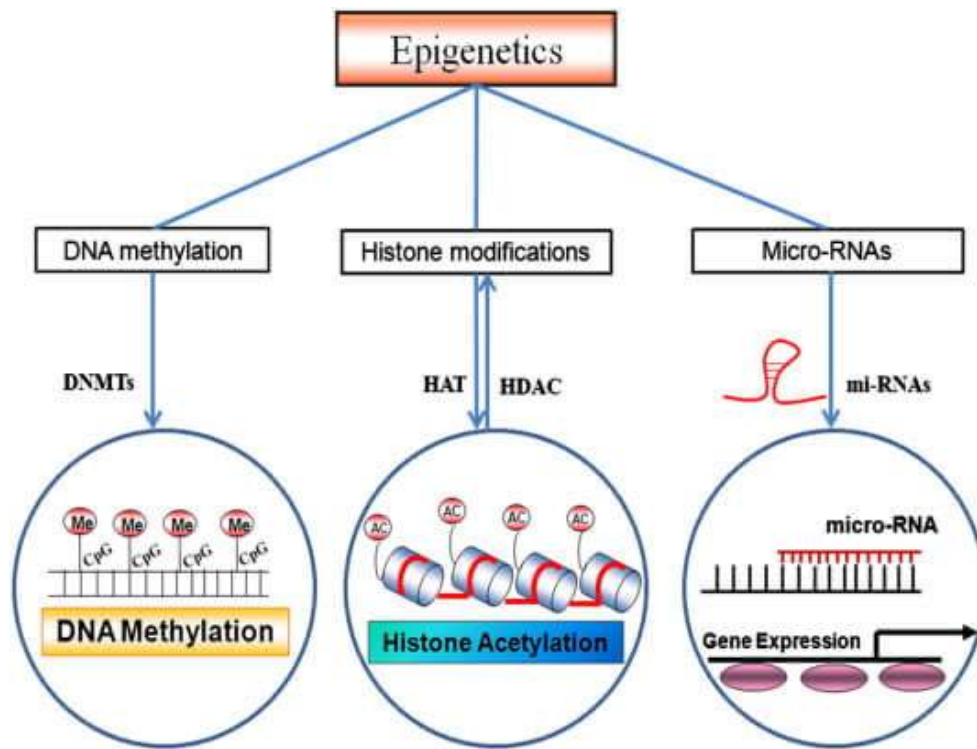
- **Modificazioni dell'architettura della cromatina:**

Questo include cambiamenti nella struttura tridimensionale del DNA all'interno del nucleo.

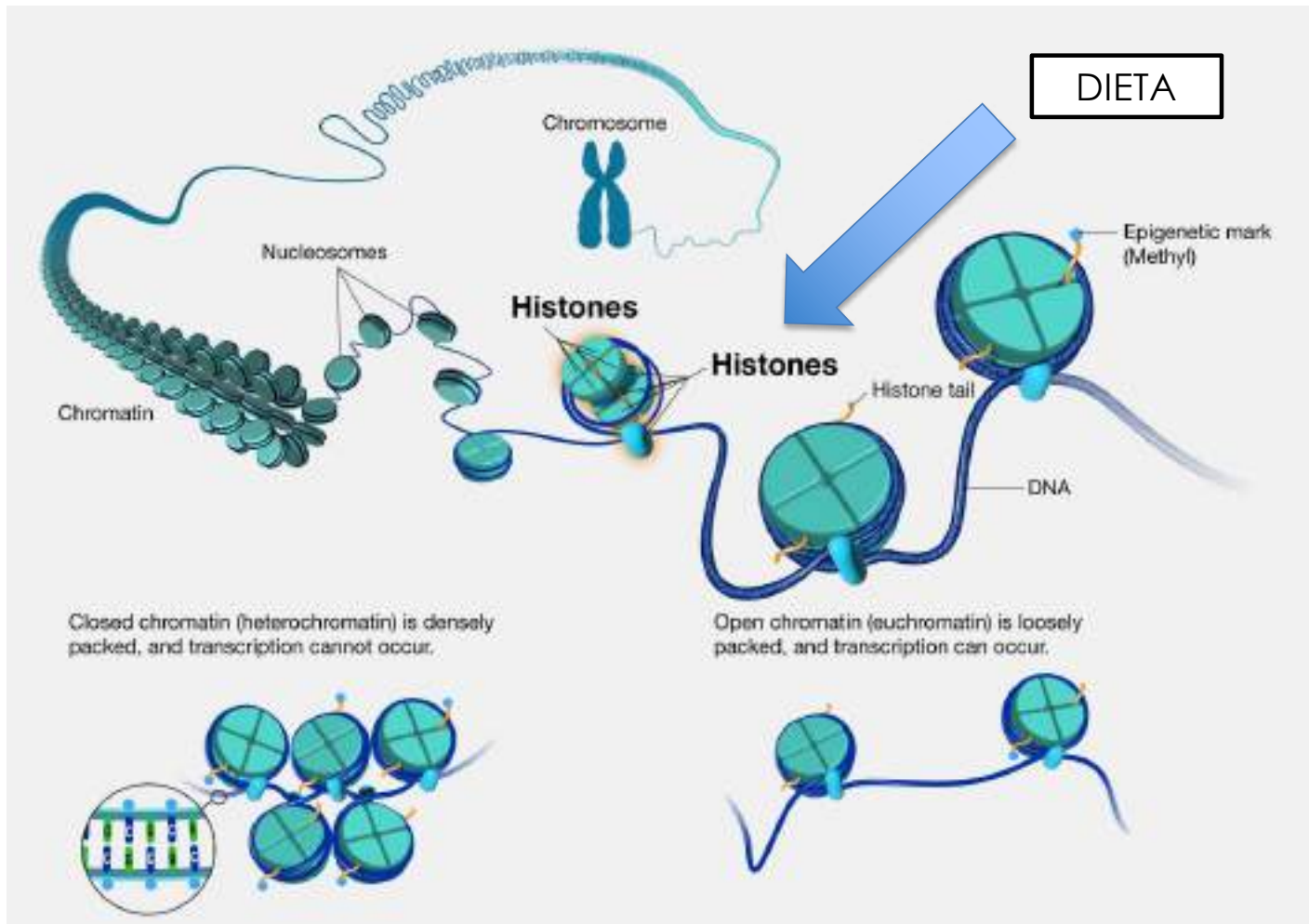
Ad esempio, la formazione di loop di cromatina o cambiamenti nella posizione dei cromosomi può influenzare l'accessibilità del DNA e la sua espressione genica.

Ruolo dell'epigenetica

The human exposome and health in the Anthropocene



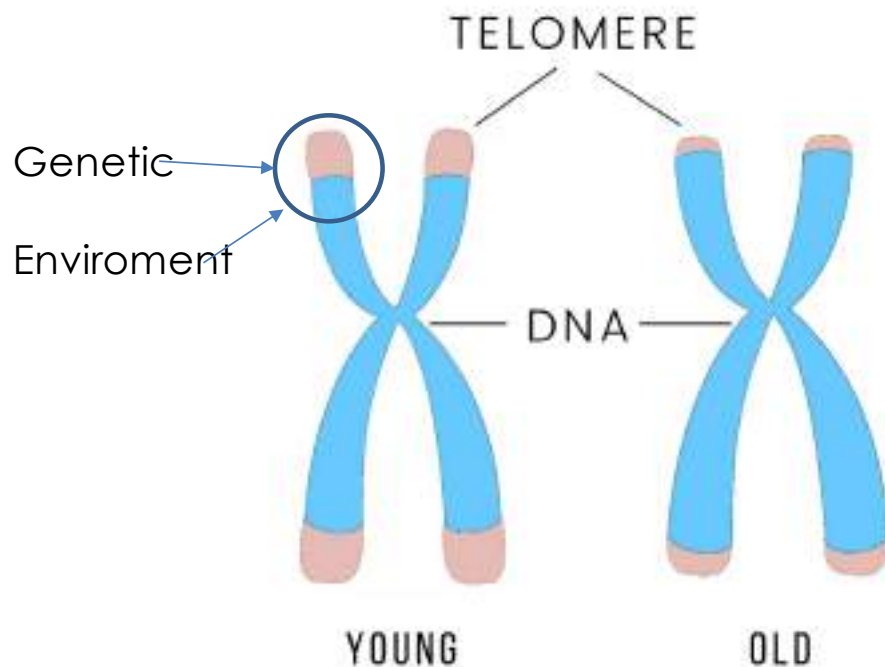
Ruolo dell'epigenetica



I telomeri

telomeri sono formati da ripetizioni TTAGGG in tandem del DNA alle estremità dei cromosomi.

Anello protettivo contro la fusione e la degradazione dei cromosomi.



TELOMERE shortening causes:

Dysfunctional cells;
Apoptosis;
Cell senescence;
Death.

Factors associated with TELOMERE shortening:

Oxidative stress
Inflammation
Psychosocial, environmental, and behavioral factors



Stile di vita ed aging clocks

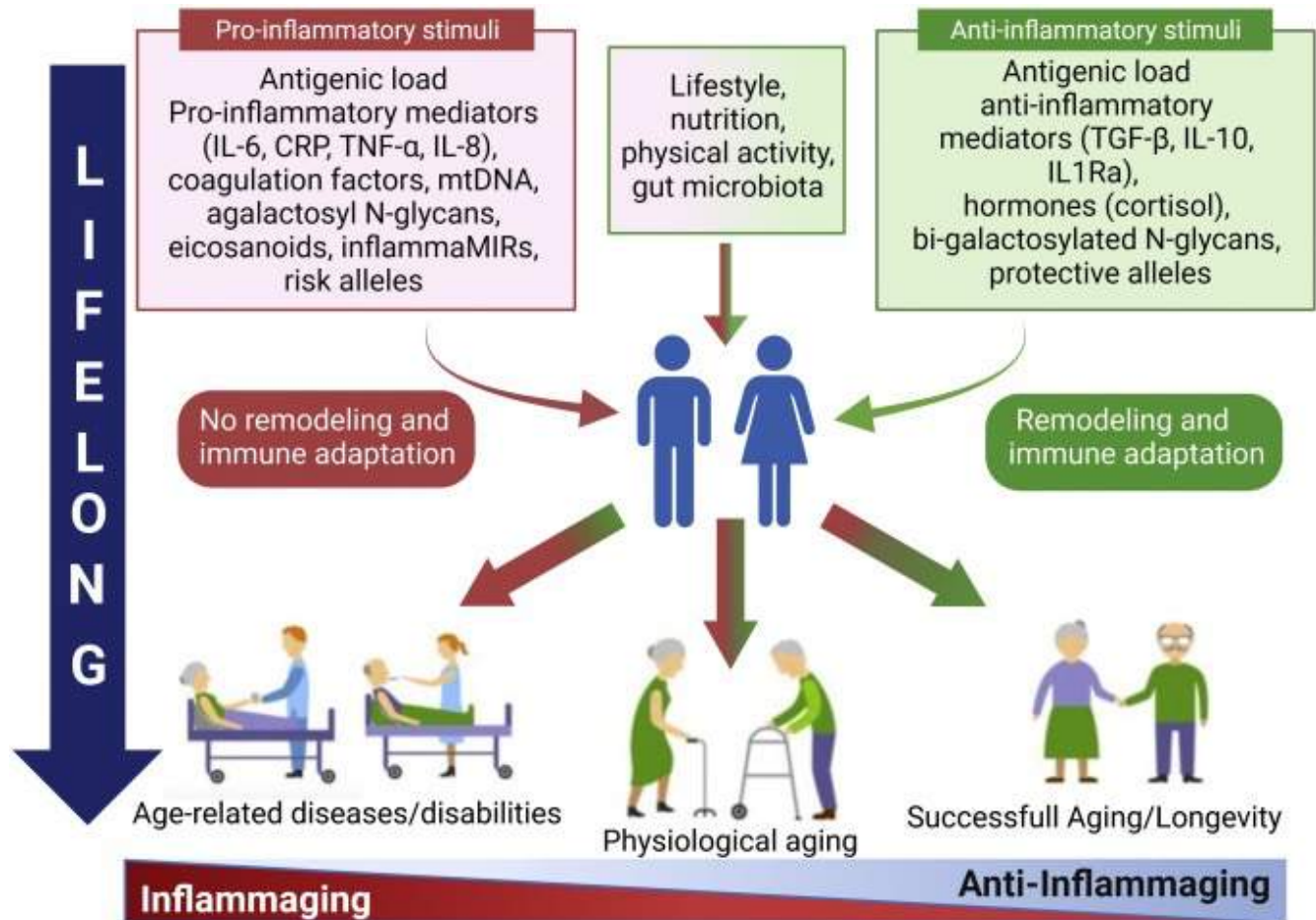
TABLE 2 Factors associated with a slower aging clock in humans

Factor(s)	Aging clock(s) used	Cohort size	Age information (years)	Tissue/data analyzed	Study reference
Fatty fish consumption, coffee consumption, exercise	Erroth et al. (2015)	976	14–94	Plasma	Erroth et al. (2015)
Smoking cessation	Horvath (2013) and Hannum et al. (2013)	22	46.77 ± 6.99	Blood	Lai et al. (2017)
Poultry intake, fish intake, markers of vegetable/fruit consumption, education, income, exercise, alcohol consumption	Horvath (2013) and Hannum et al. (2013)	4575	30–100	Blood	Quach et al. (2017)
Markers of vegetable/fruit consumption, nut consumption, education, income, exercise, alcohol consumption	PhenoAge (M. E. Levine et al. 2018)	4207	50–79	Blood	M. E. Levine et al. (2018)
Omega-3 supplementation, carbohydrate intake, dairy intake, whole grain intake, markers of vegetable/fruit consumption, education, income, exercise, alcohol consumption	GrimAge (A. T. Lu, Quach, et al. 2019)	2174	59–73*	Blood	A. T. Lu, Quach, et al. (2019)
Aerobic exercise	Leholler (Leholler et al. 2020)	47	19–77	Plasma	Leholler et al. (2020)
Calcium alpha-ketoglutarate	TruAge (Demidenko et al. 2021)	42	43–72	Saliva	Demidenko et al. (2021)
Leisure-time physical activity	GrimAge (A. T. Lu, Quach, et al. 2019)	1040	21–74	Blood	Konkaempit et al. (2021)
Docusate, fiber intake, magnesium intake, vitamin E intake	MoveAge (McIntyre et al. 2021)	5139	18–85+	Accelerometer data	McIntyre et al. (2021)
Lifestyle factors, including physical activity, intake of vegetables and fruits, and moderate drinking	LIU, Li et al. 2018	286	48.9 ± 10.6	Blood	Peng et al. (2021)
Cardiovascular health factors, including diet, smoking status, and physical activity	Horvath (Horvath, 2013) and Hannum (Hannum et al. 2013)	2170	64.19 ± 7.06	Blood	Pottinger et al. (2021)
Mediterranean diet, Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension diet	Esposito (Esposito et al. 2022)	4510	±20	Blood	Esposito et al. (2022)
Sleep quality	Klemera-Doubal Method (Klemera & Doubal 2006) and PhenoAge (M. E. Levine et al. 2018)	363,686	56.5 ± 8.1	Blood	Gao et al. (2022)
Higher diet quality	DuredinPoAm (Belsky et al. 2020), GrimAge (A. T. Lu, Quach, et al. 2019), and PhenoAge (M. E. Levine et al. 2018)	1995	67 ± 9	Blood	Y. Kim et al. (2022)
Higher diet quality	Hannum (Hannum et al. 2013), PhenoAge (M. E. Levine et al. 2018), and GrimAge (A. T. Lu, Quach, et al. 2019)	2694	56 ± 9	Blood	Kresovich et al. (2022)
Light alcohol consumption	MonoDNAmAge (Liang et al. 2022), Horvath (Horvath, 2013), Hannum (Hannum et al. 2013), PhenoAge (M. E. Levine et al. 2018), and GrimAge (A. T. Lu, Quach, et al. 2019)	2242	18–83	Monocytes, blood, and peripheral blood mononuclear cells	Liang et al. (2022)
Serum zinc levels	Horvath (2013)	10	37.83 ± 12.06	Blood leukocytes	Noorhfa et al. (2022)
Vitamin D supplementation	Horvath (2013) and Vetter et al. (2019)	1036	68.28 ± 5.49	Blood	Vetter et al. (2022)

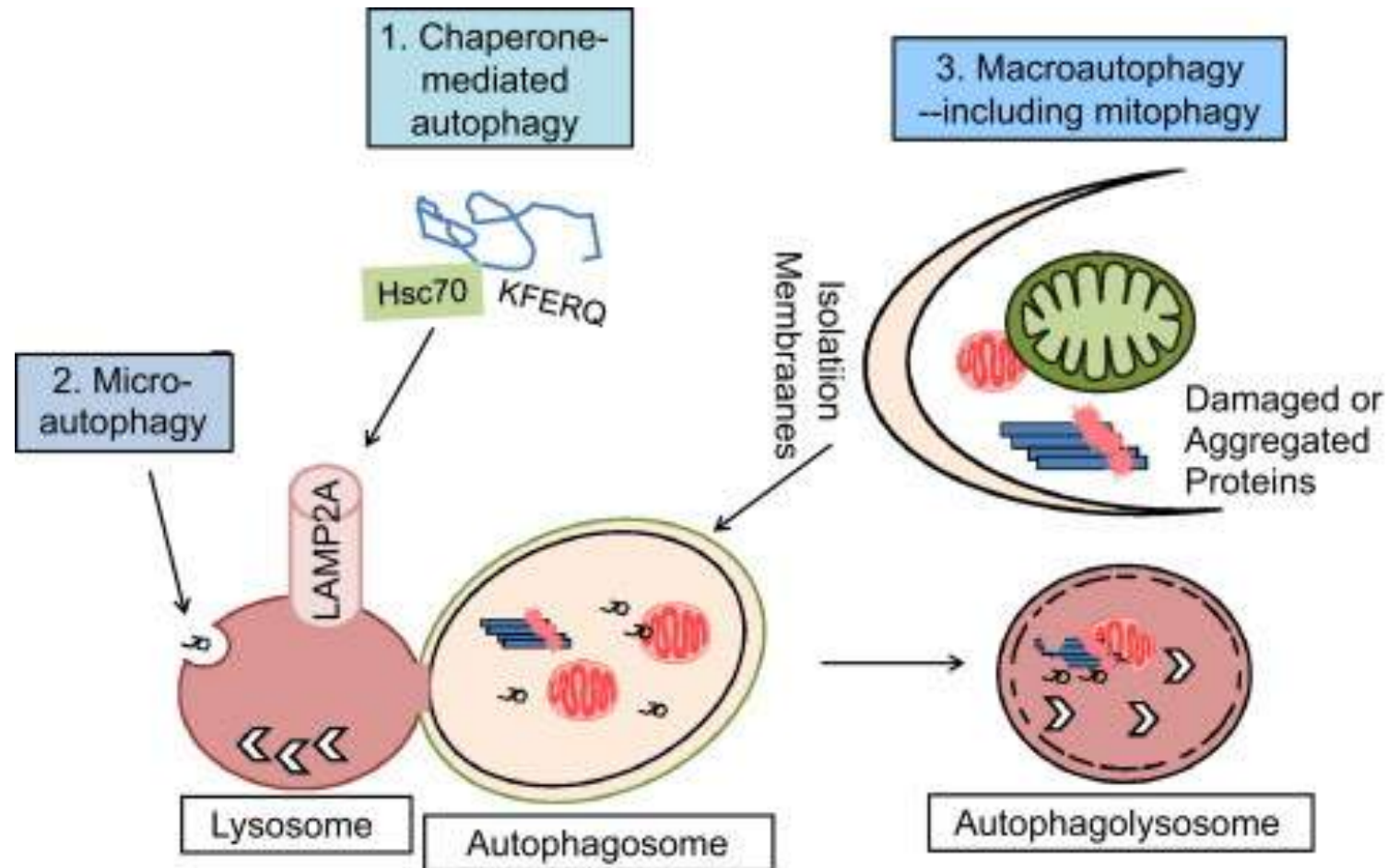
*Self-reported omega-3 intake data was available for 2174 members of a larger cohort composed of 2356 people. The age range provided is for the full cohort (n = 2356).



Invecchiamento e infiammazione



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