

# CURRENT CONCEPTS IN MS— DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

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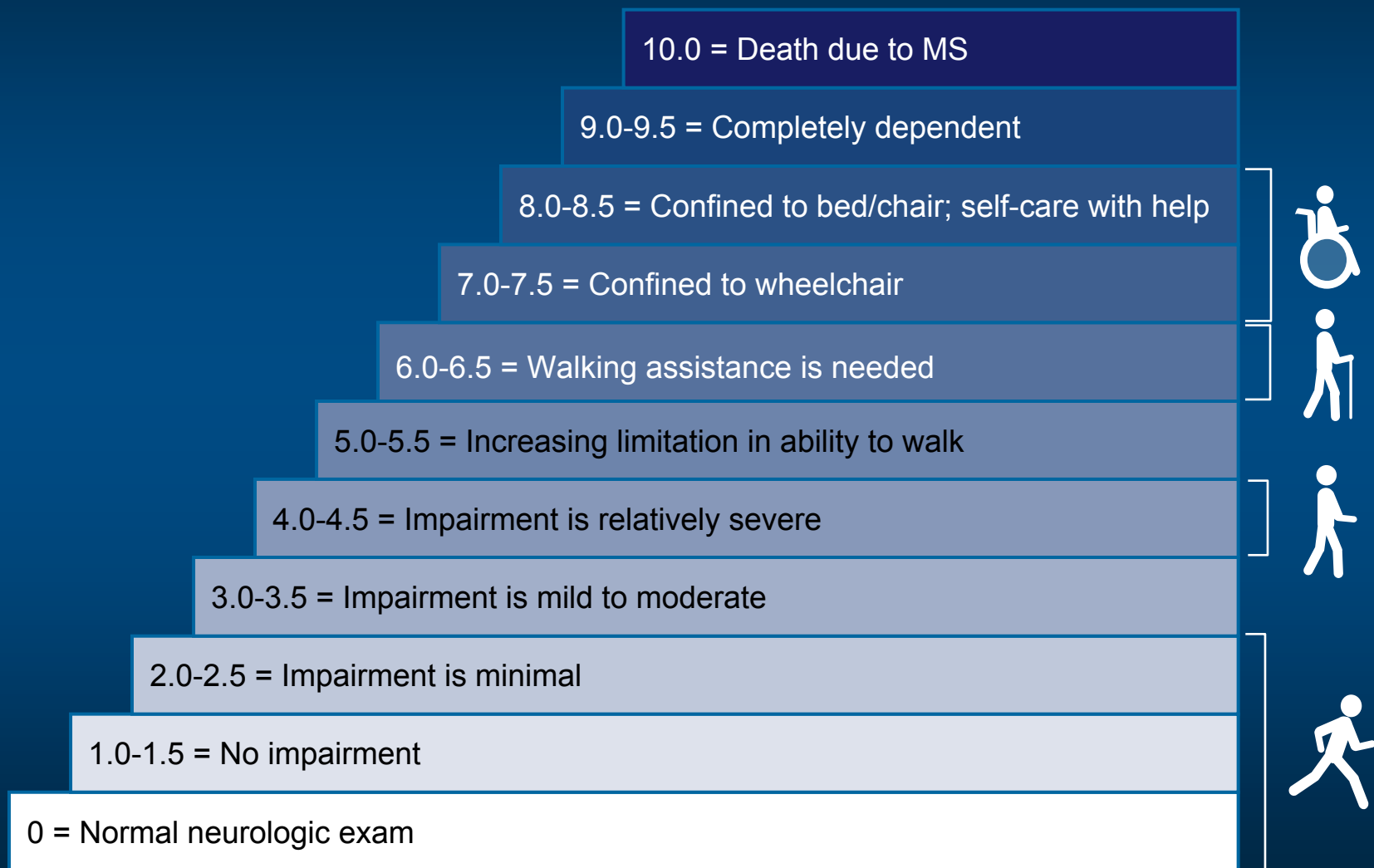
# OUTLINE OF MS TALK

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- SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
- PATHOPHYSIOLOGY
- PART 2
- TREATMENT FORMAT
  - DMT (IMMUNOMODULATORS) EFFICACY, SAFETY, TOLERABILITY
  - DMT (IMMUNOSUPPRESSORS) EFFICACY, SAFETY, TOLERABILITY
  - ALGORITHMS
- FUTURE DRUGS

# EPIDEMIOLOGY OF MS

- 500,000 PEOPLE IN US WITH MS
- 3 MILLION IN WORLD ( + MANY OTHERS)
- 2/3 ONSET BETWEEN 20 & 40; AVERAGE AGE OF ONSET IS 24 YEARS
- RATIO FEMALES TO MALES IS 2 TO 1
- CAUCASIANS MORE LIKELY & NORTHERN AREAS & HIGHER IN EUROPEAN DESENT

# EDSS: Assessing the course of disease



# NATURAL HISTORY OF MS

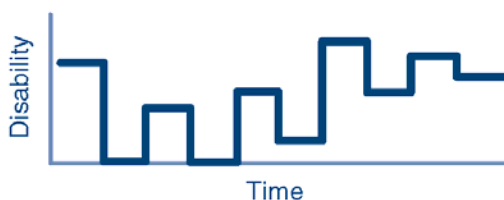
- RELAPSES & REMISSIONS; VARIABLE DEGREE OF RECOVERY (25% WITH 1 POINT INCREASE OF EDSS & 50% WITH .5 INCREASE)
- MRI---FOR EVERY CLINICALLY ASSOCIATED LESION THERE ARE 5 SILENT LESIONS
- MOST GO ON TO SECONDARY PROGRESSIVE MS (SPMS); AVERAGE AFTER ONSET IS 11 TO 19 YEARS.

# The 4 types of MS<sup>1</sup>

A relapse, or attack, is the period during which your symptoms worsen, or new symptoms occur<sup>2</sup>

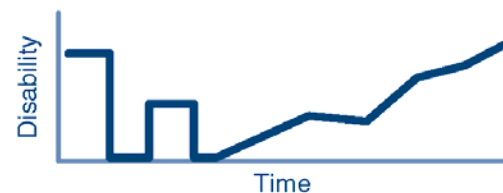
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Relapsing-remitting MS



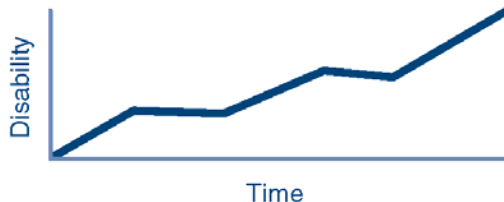
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Secondary-progressive MS



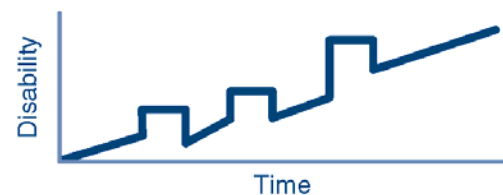
## PPMS

Primary-progressive MS



## PRMS

Progressive-relapsing MS



**References:** 1. Four disease courses of MS. NMSS Web site. <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/about-multiple-sclerosis/what-we-know-about-ms/what-is-ms/four-disease-courses-of-MS/index.aspx>. Accessed January 26, 2010.  
2. Exacerbations. NMSS Web site. <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/about-multiple-sclerosis/what-we-know-about-ms/treatments/exacerbations/index.aspx>. Accessed February 16, 2010.

# Diagnostic criteria for clinically definite MS

- The criteria for a diagnosis of MS have evolved over time
- Poser criteria (1983)<sup>1</sup>
  - 2 attacks and evidence of separate lesions
- McDonald criteria (2001, 2005, 2010)<sup>2</sup>
  - Formally incorporated MRI and lesions into the established diagnostic workup that focuses on neurologic history and examination, and paraclinical laboratory examinations
- Over time, changes in diagnostic criteria have incorporated clinical advances and improvements in imaging technology to allow for earlier diagnosis and treatment
- **ANY TWO IN SPACE & ANY TWO IN TIME, ANY 2 ANY NEW**

# MRI Scan in MS; PERIVENTRICULAR, Juxtacortical, Infratentorial, Gray Matter, Spinal Cord

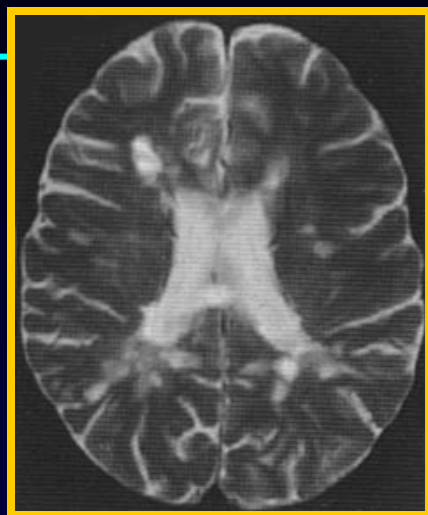
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- T2 – CSF & LESION WHITE
  - Inflammation/edema
  - Demyelination and/or gliosis
  - Axonal loss
- T1 Non-Enhanced: CSF & LESION BLACK
  - Demyelination and/or gliosis (chronic black holes)
  - Axonal loss – within and outside lesions
- T1 Enhanced: WITH CONTRAST, CSF BLACK, LESION WHITE
  - Predominantly acute inflammation, break down in BBB

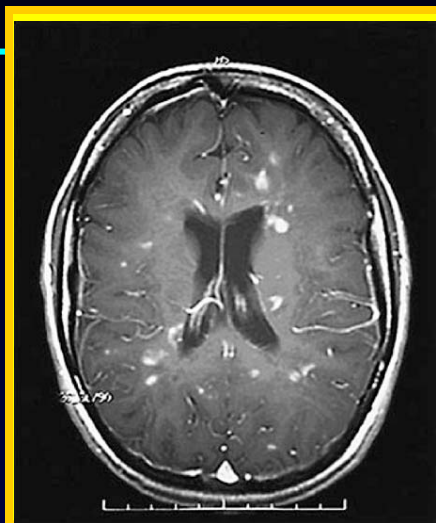


# Conventional MRI in MS Clinical Practice

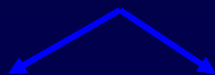
T2  
BOD\*



T1/Gd postcontrast  
Active Inflammation†

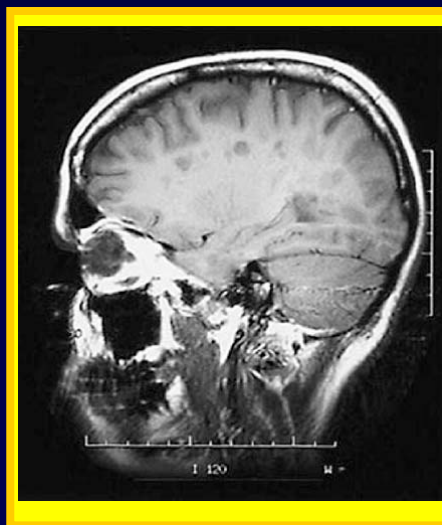


T1 precontrast  
Hypointensities†



Acute  
Hypointensitie

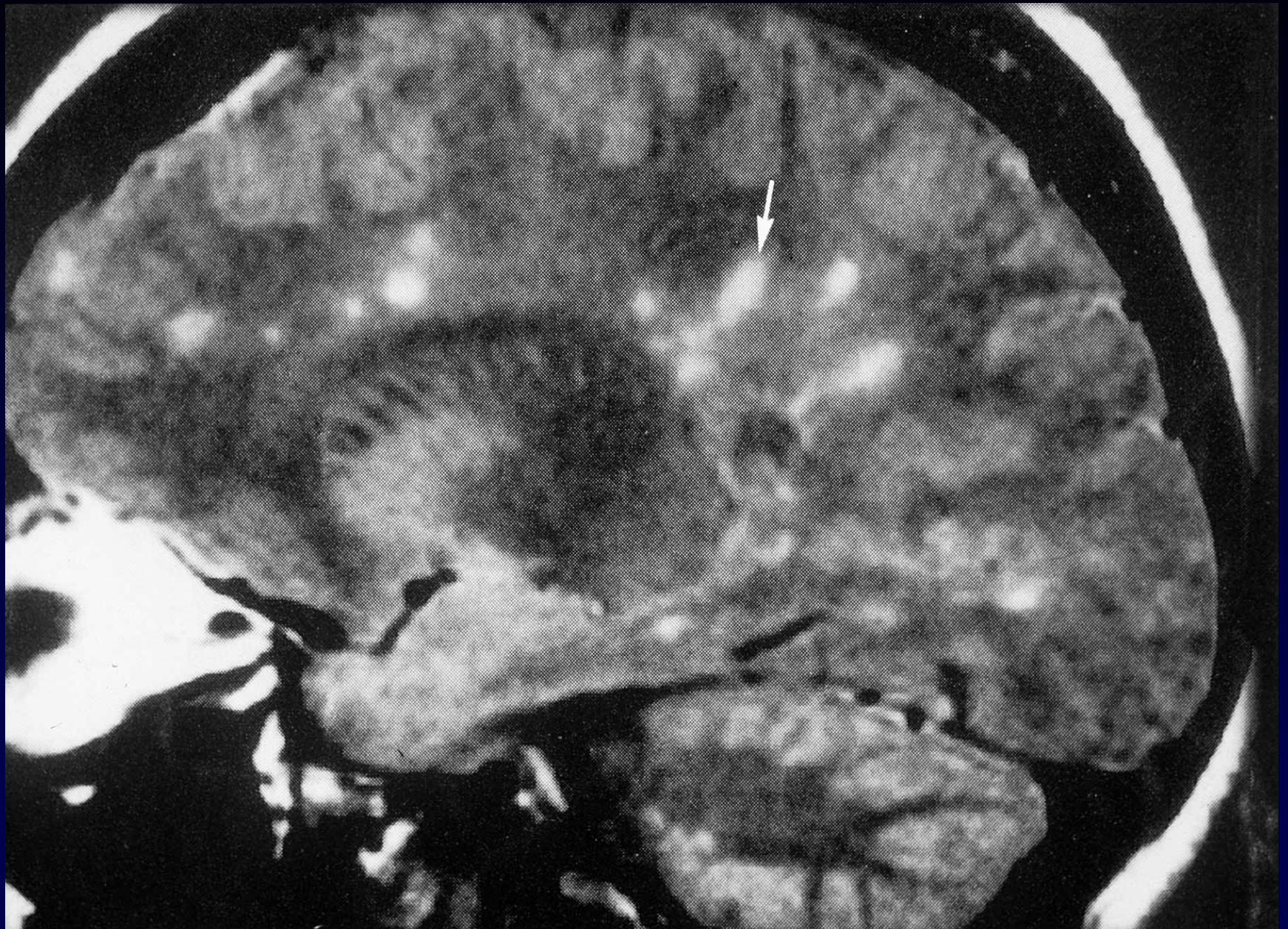
Chronic  
Black Holes



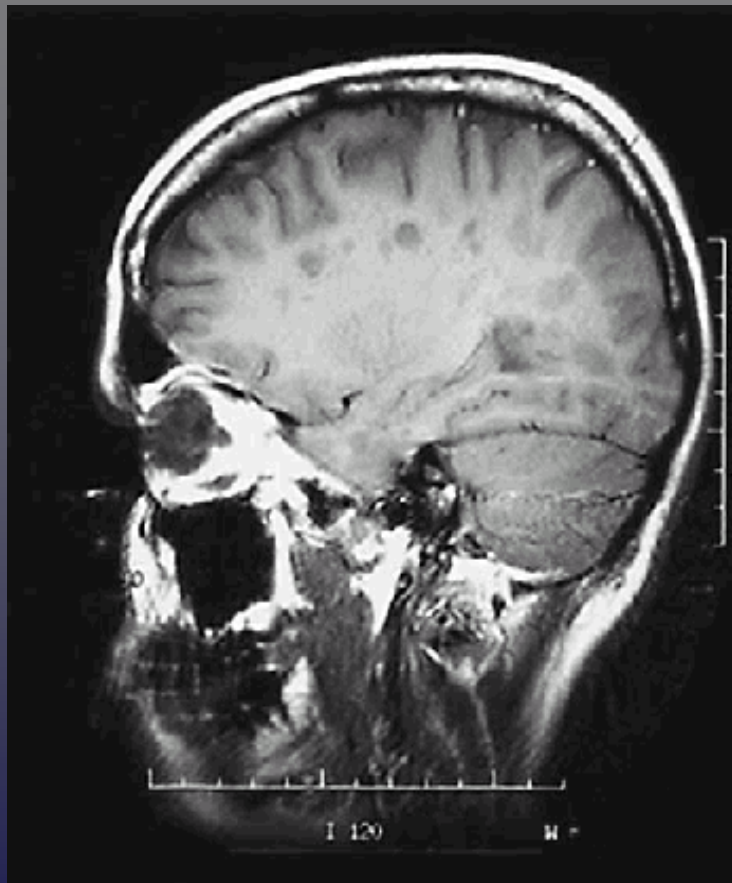
- Strongest correlation with progression of disability
- Correlates with cognition
- Represents most severe tissue destruction

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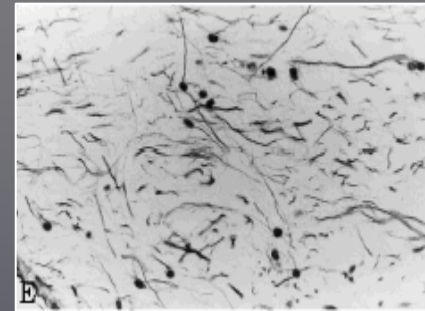


# Histopathologic Correlates of Black Holes: T1 Hypointensity Correlates with Axonal Loss



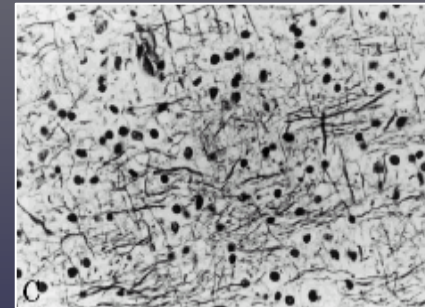
## Bodian axonal density

1. Strongly  
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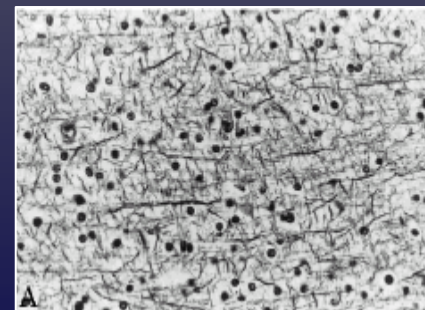
20%

2. Mildly  
hypointense



60%

3. NAWM



100%

# RADIOLOGICAL ISOLATED SYNDROME

- NO SYMPTOMS—OFTEN NOT REALIZED BY PATIENT OR DISCOVERED BY CAREFUL HX
- MRI DONE FOR SOME OTHER SIGN OR SYMPTOM (ER OR OFFICE FOR HEADACHES, TRAUMA, NONSPECIFIC S & S
- MRI—USUALLY T2 LESIONS, MAYBE T1 & RARELY T1 ENHANCED; ANY 2 & ANY NEW

# CLINICAL ISOLATED SYNDROME

## CIS

- SYMPTOM THAT MAY FIT WITH HISTORY OF MS—ONE CLINICAL EVENT BY HISTORY KNOWN
- MRI FINDINGS IN APPROPRIATE AREAS; PERIVENTRICULAR, JUXTACORTICAL, INFRATENTORIAL, GRAY MATTER OR SPINAL CORD
- ANY 2 & ANY NEW

# There are many possible symptoms of MS<sup>1</sup>

- Walking problems
- Coordination problems
- Balance problems
- Depression
- Emotional changes
- Dizziness and vertigo
- Sexual dysfunction
- Fatigue
- Pain
- Changes in cognitive function
- Vision problems
- Numbness
- Bowel/bladder dysfunction
- Spasticity

**Reference: 1.** About MS: symptoms. NMSS Web site. <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/about-multiple-sclerosis/what-we-know-about-MS/symptoms/index.aspx>. Accessed February 12, 2010.

# Patient Profile

- **21-year-old, right-handed female**

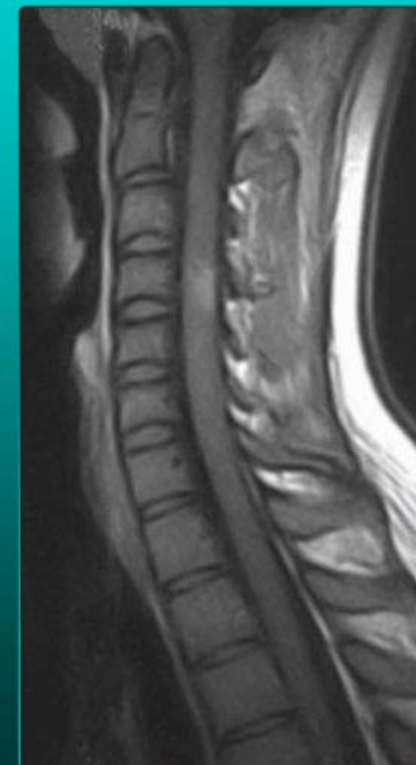
- Has developed painful vision loss in her left eye
- Last year, the patient had numbness in her right leg lasting for 3 weeks
  - Confirmed by neurologist who also found increased reflexes in left arm
  - No treatment offered; numbness resolved completely
- Diagnosed with optic neuritis
- Abnormal MRI brain scan



# Patient Profile

## Returning to our patient profile:

- **Treated with steroids, symptoms resolved after 3 weeks**
- **Patient did well until 10 months later, when she developed vertigo, right facial numbness and tingling, and unsteady gait**
  - Repeat MRI brain scan revealed a new pontine lesion; MRI cervical spine scan was normal
  - Started on Avonex® (interferon beta-1a)
- **After 9 months of treatment with Avonex, patient experienced gait disturbance and right-leg paresis**
  - MRI brain scan: 2 new non-enhancing right parietal subcortical lesions
  - MRI cervical spine scan revealed lesion at C4 with faint Gd+



Gd+=gadolinium enhancement.

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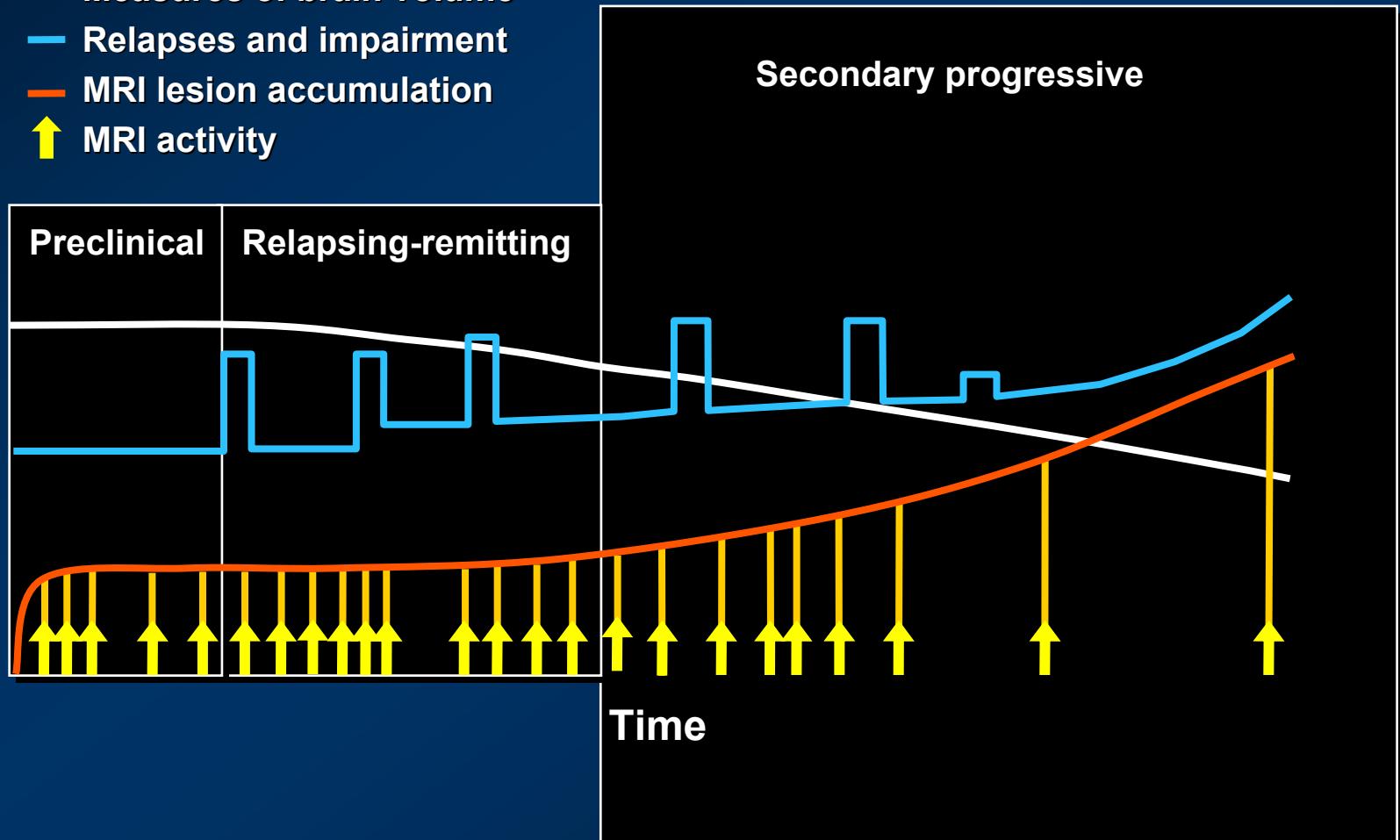
# TREATMENT ALGORITHM

- RIS; DETERMINE CORRECT DX WITH CSF & REPEAT MRI; ? RX IF Gd+ & LOOKS LIKE MS
- CIS; AGGRESSIVE RX WITH DMT'S & CLOSE FOLLOW UP WITH MRI IN 1 YR
- RRMS; DMT'S IMMUNOMODULATORS WITH CLOSE FOLLOW UP & IF RELAPSE & MRI CHANGES (ESPECIALLY IF Gd+) OR NEW # T2 LESIONS ON MRI, CHANGE DMT
- IF RRMS & HIGH BURDEN ON MRI & OR FREQUENT & PROGRESSIVE COURSE, RX WITH NATALIZUMAB, FINGOLIMOD, OR TERIFLUNOMIDE
- USE MP OR ACTHAR IN RELAPSE

# Natural History Of MS

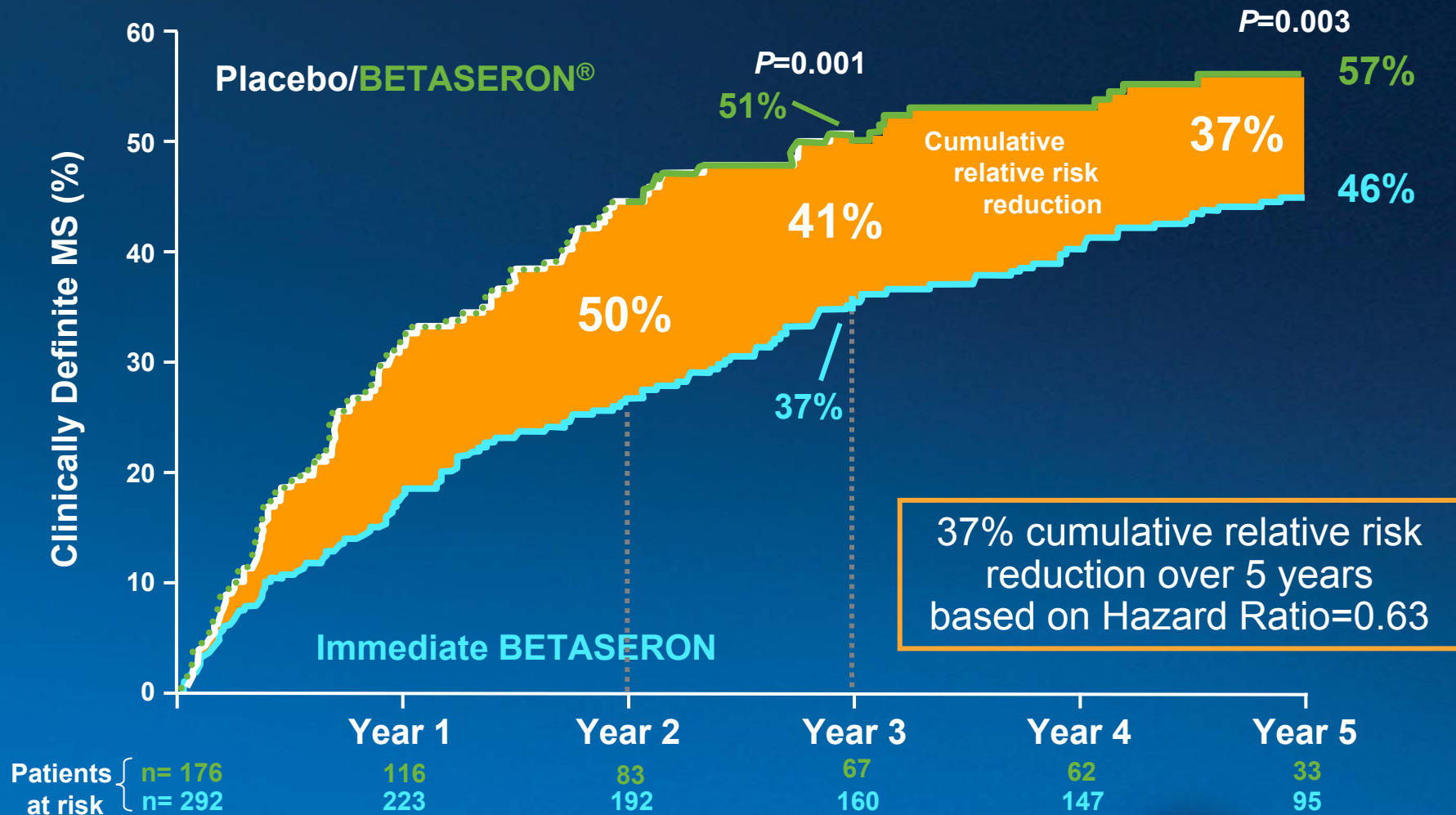
## Clinical and MRI Measures

- Measures of brain volume
- Relapses and impairment
- MRI lesion accumulation
- ↑ MRI activity



# Time to CDMS

## 5 Year Results of the Integrated Data-set

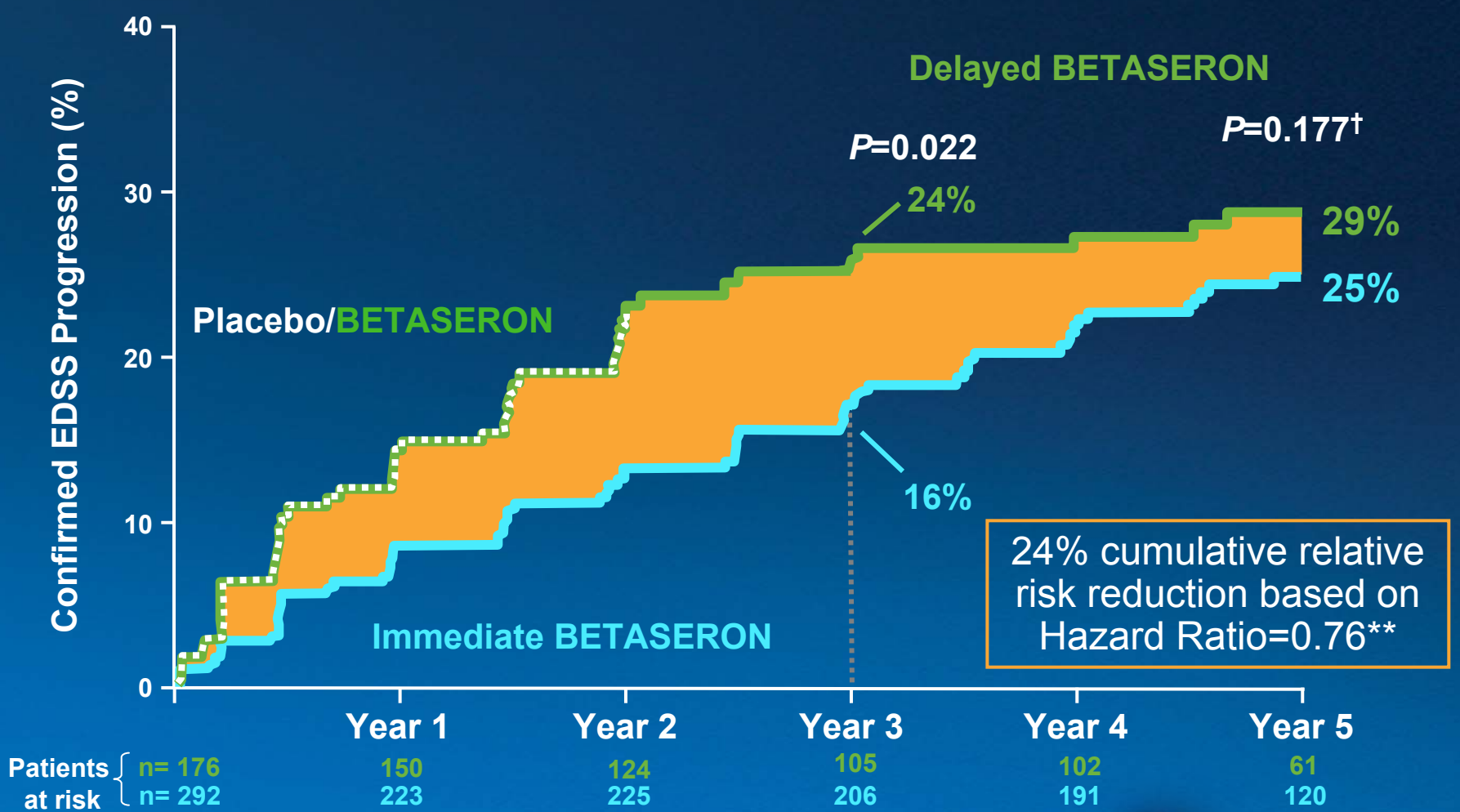


\*By proportional hazards regression adjusted for age/gender/steroids/T2-lesions/Gd-lesions  
 Kappos L, et al. Lancet. 2007;370:389-397; Freedman MS, et al. Poster [P901]ECTRIMS,  
 September, 2008, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



# Time to Confirmed Disease Progression\*

## 5-year Results of the Integrated Data-set



\*Main analysis without unscheduled visits

\*\*By proportional hazards regression adjusted for T2-lesion volume

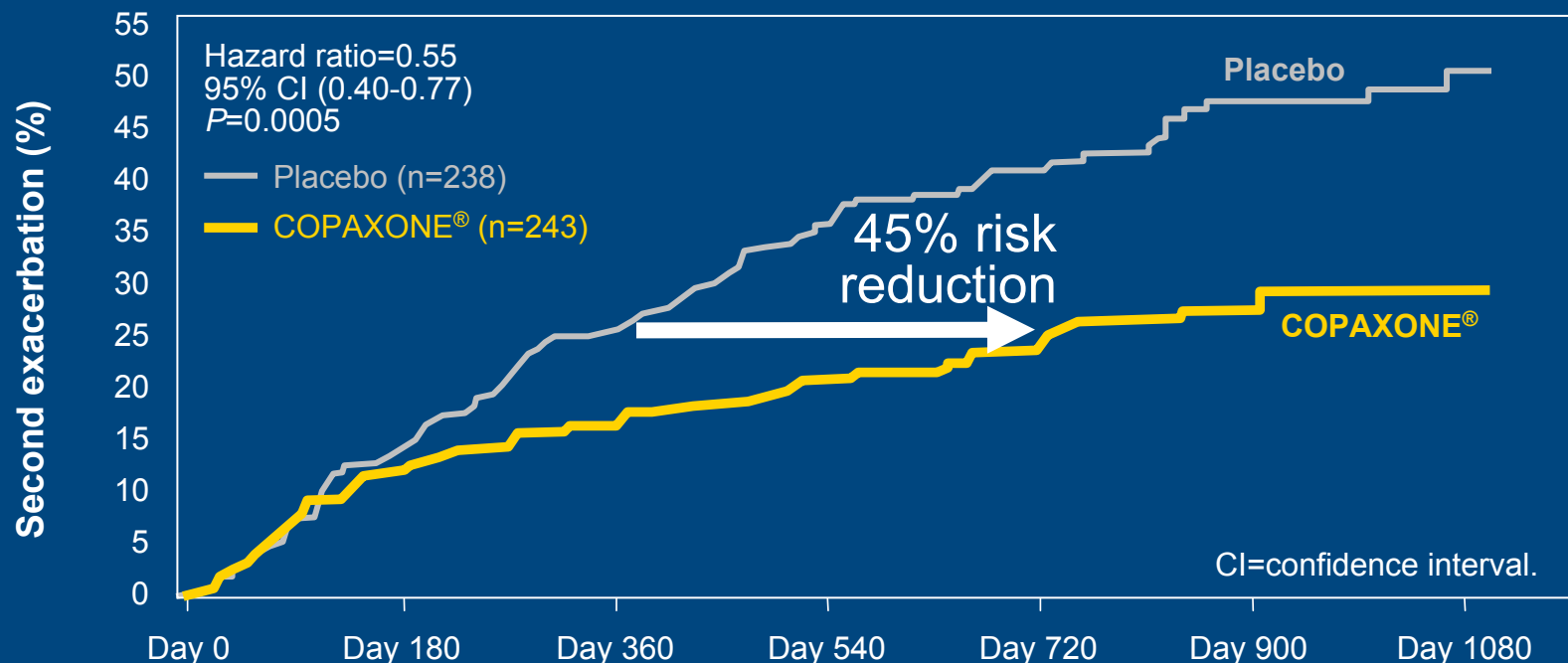
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†Not statistically significant

# PreCISE: Efficacy in clinically isolated syndrome (CIS)

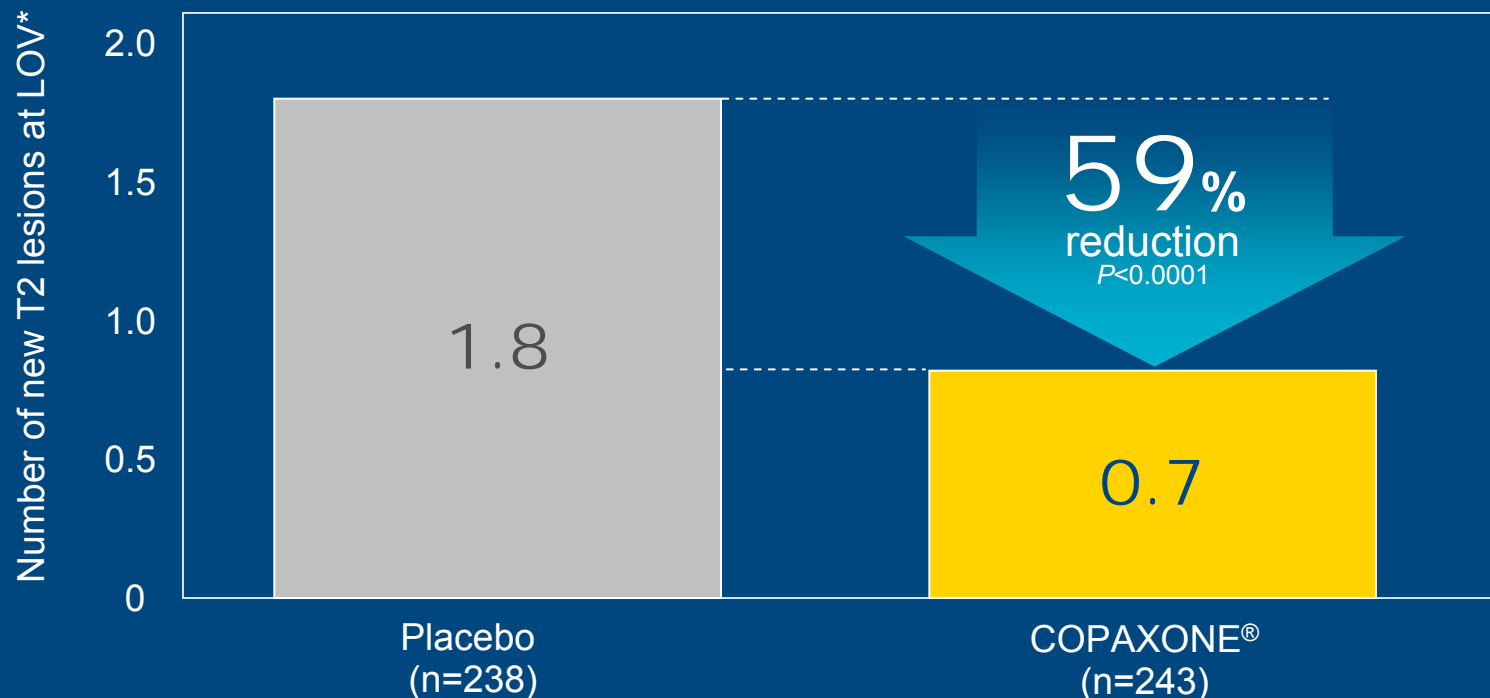
**Primary endpoint: COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate injection) significantly delayed the second clinical event<sup>2,3</sup>**



**PreCISE:** A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in patients presenting with a single, well-defined, unifocal, neurologic event highly suggestive of MS (CIS) and  $\geq 2$  T2 lesions, each  $\geq 6$  mm in diameter. Patients were randomized to receive either COPAXONE® 20 mg SC daily (n=243) or placebo (n=238). The primary endpoint was time from randomization to second clinical event.<sup>3,4</sup>

## PreCISE: T2 lesions

Secondary endpoint: COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate injection) significantly reduced new T2 lesions<sup>2,4</sup>

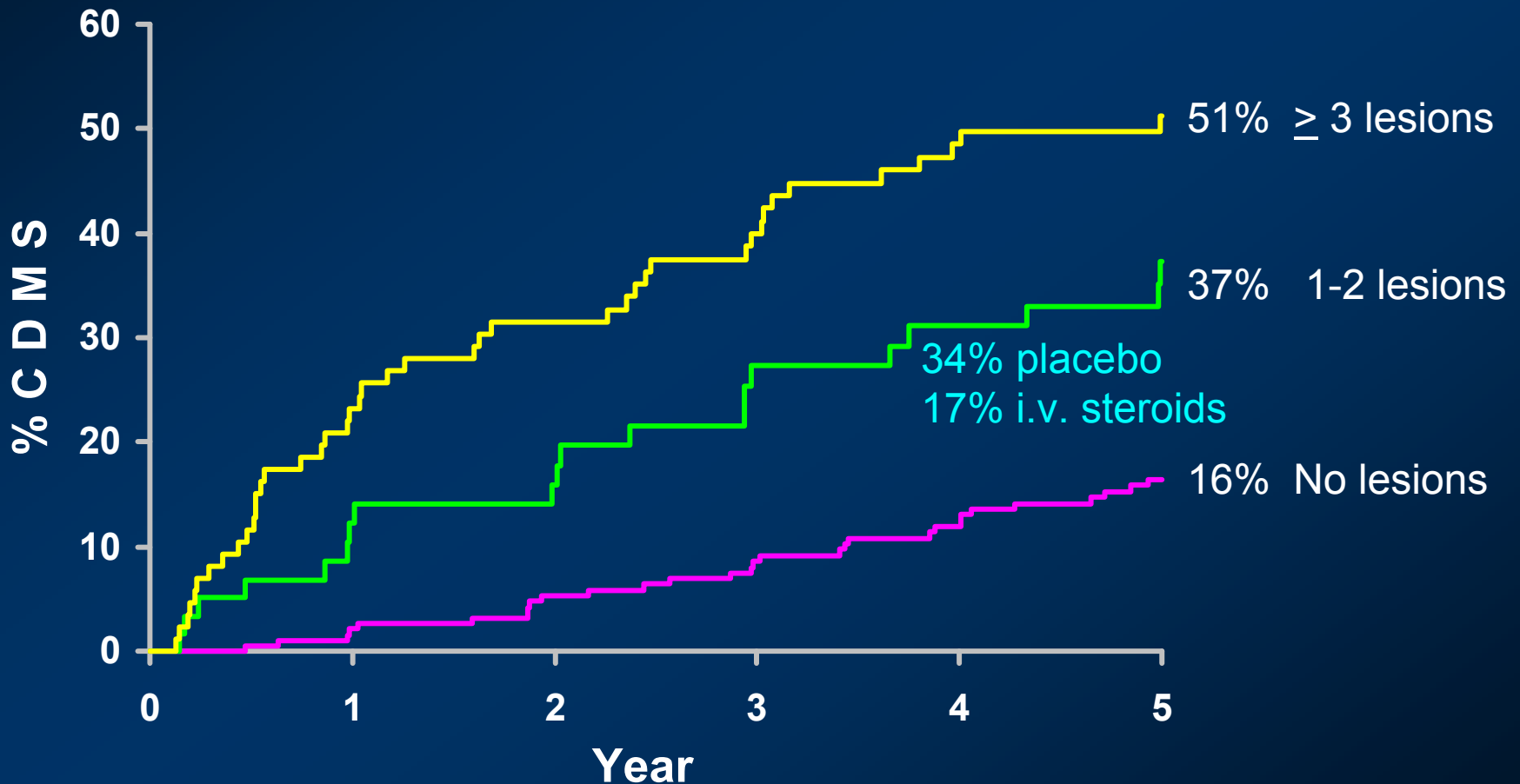


PreCISE: See slide 6 for full study design.

2. COPAXONE® PI. 4. Data on file. Teva Neuroscience, Inc.

\*Last observed value.

# MRI Predicts CDMS Development\*



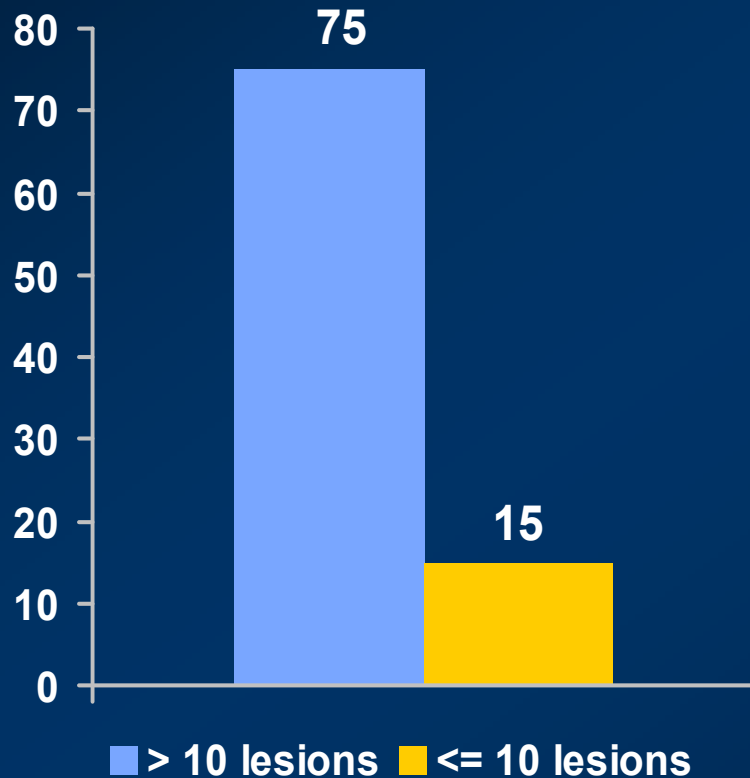
\*ONTT: Optic Neuritis Treatment Trial

The exact relationship between MRI findings and the clinical status of patients is unknown

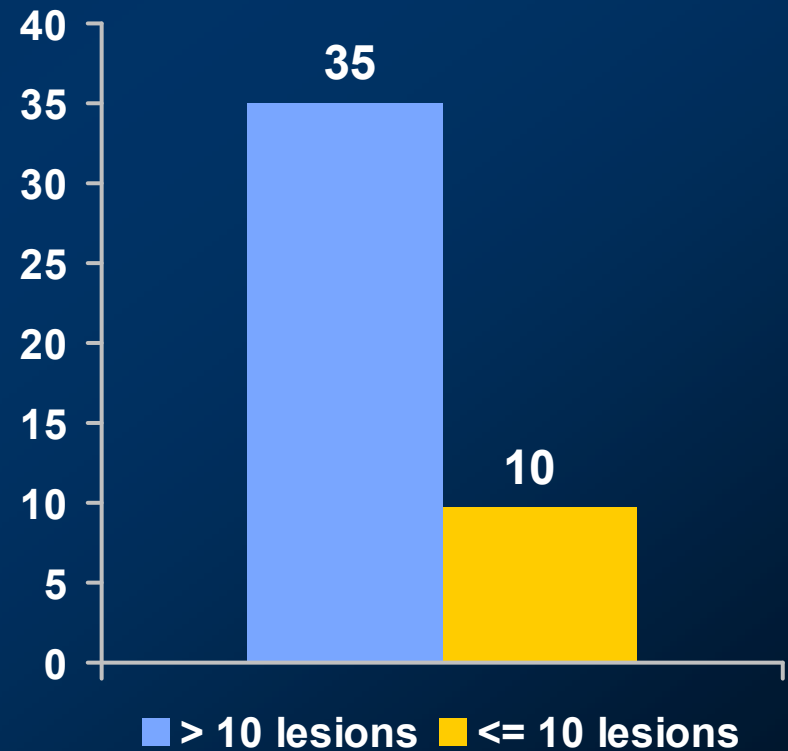
Arch Neurol 1993 Aug;50(8):841-6

# Early MRI Events Correlate with Disease Progression

% Patients With EDSS >3  
After 10 Years



% Patients With EDSS  $\geq$ 6  
After 10 Years



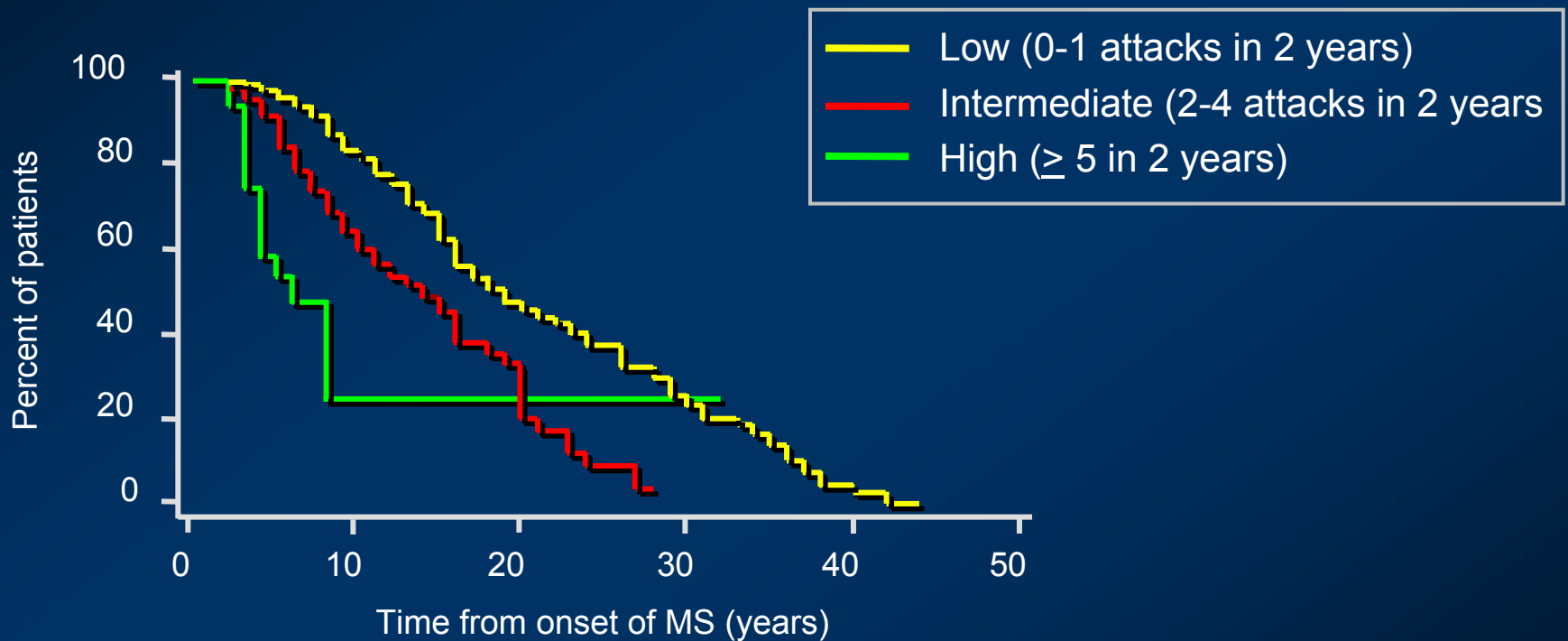
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Brex et al, N. Engl. J. Med, 346, 158-164

O'Riordan, et al. Brain. 1998.



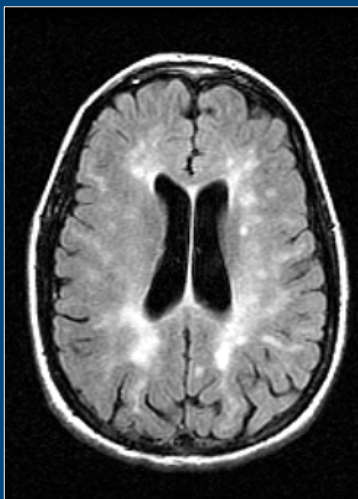
# Early Relapses Affect Long-term Disability



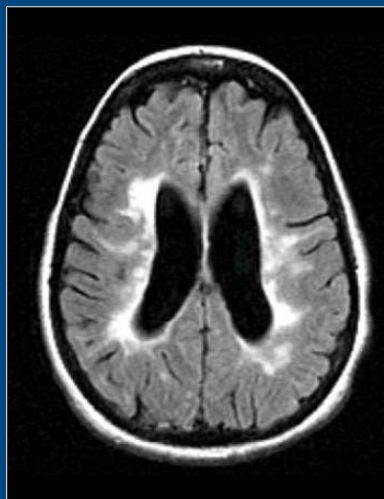
Actuarial analysis of disability: percentage of patients not having reached DSS 6: difference between the groups significant ( $P < 0.0001$ ).

# Brain atrophy: A long-term MRI metric

- Change in EDSS<sup>18</sup>

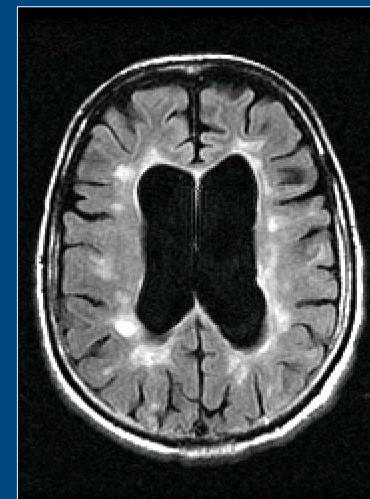


10-year disease duration;  
**EDSS 2.5**



15-year disease duration;  
**EDSS 4.0**

PBVC=6.2% (10-15 years)



20-year disease duration;  
**EDSS 6.5**

PBVC=13.2% (10-20 years)

PBVC=7% (15-20 years)

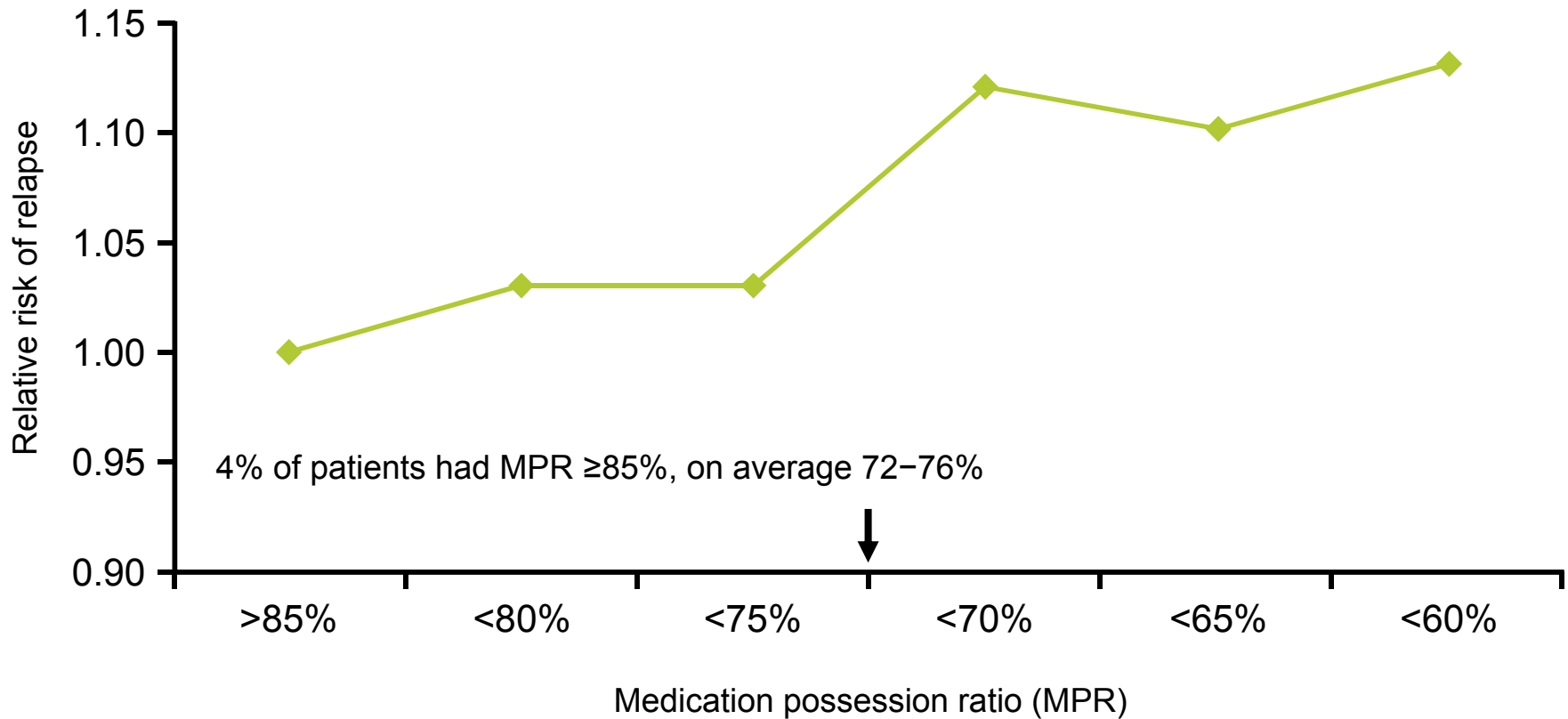
- Cognitive impairment<sup>18</sup>
- Fatigue<sup>19</sup>

Brain atrophy images courtesy of R. Zivadinov. Unpublished data.

18. Barkhof F. *J Neurol*. 2004;251(suppl 4):IV/6-IV/12. 19. Tedeschi G, et al. *J Neurol Sci*. 2007;263:15-19.

# Association Between Non-adherence and Relapse

**Non-experimental, retrospective analysis of pharmacy and medical claims data**  
(includes all licensed IFN $\beta$  drugs excluding Extavia®)



N=1606, 2006–2008  
IFN $\beta$ : interferon-beta  
Steinberg SC, et al. *Clin Drug Investig.* 2010;30:89-100.

# Suggested Indications of a Suboptimal Response

## Indications

- >1 relapse per year or lack of improvement from baseline<sup>1</sup>
- Incomplete recovery from relapses<sup>1</sup>
- Poly-regional neurologic involvement<sup>1</sup>
- Involvement of brainstem or spinal cord lesions<sup>1</sup>
- Loss of neurologic function that disrupts daily activities<sup>1</sup>
- Persistent IFN $\beta$  or natalizumab Nabs<sup>2</sup>
- Patient factors that influence response (non-adherence, ethnicity)<sup>3-5</sup>



## Measures to verify changes

- Established scores (eg, EDSS)<sup>6</sup>
- Repeat MRI scans<sup>2</sup>
- Rule out other causes (eg, urinary tract infection)<sup>7</sup>
- Nab test for patients currently on IFN $\beta$  or natalizumab therapy<sup>2</sup>

Collective results inform the prescriber/patient decision to continue or modify DMT therapy<sup>6</sup>

1. Cohen B, et al. *Neurology*. 2004;63:S33-40; 2. Rudick R, et al. *Lancet Neurol*. 2009;8:545-59; 3. Steinberg SC, et al. *Clin Drug Investig*. 2010;30:89-100.  
4. Cree B, et al. *Arch Neurol*. 2011;68:464-8; 5. Cree B, et al. *Arch Neurol*. 2005;62:1681-3; 6. Rieckmann P, et al. *Ther Adv Neurol Dis*. 2008;1:181-92;  
7. Rantell A. *Br J Nurs*. 2009;18:920-5.

# Use of MRI in MS

- MRI findings may predict relapse rate<sup>1\*</sup>
- Surrogates of disability: MRI activity and relapse<sup>2†</sup>
  - IFN $\beta$  treatment reduced the risk of EDSS worsening by 31%
  - 1-year MRI activity and relapses independently accounted for >60% of the treatment effect
- Further data are needed to validate MRI as a surrogate of disability<sup>3</sup>
  - EDSS can be considered insensitive
  - Need to differentiate between surrogacy and correlation in literature

## MRI predictors of relapse<sup>1\*</sup>

Predictor	Relapse rate P value
Baseline, before treatment	
Presence of Gd+ lesions	0.032
Number of relapses in last 2 years	<0.0001
Baseline T2 lesions, volume	0.010
Black hole lesion volume	0.030
Within 1 year of IFN $\beta$ treatment	
New MRI lesions	0.003

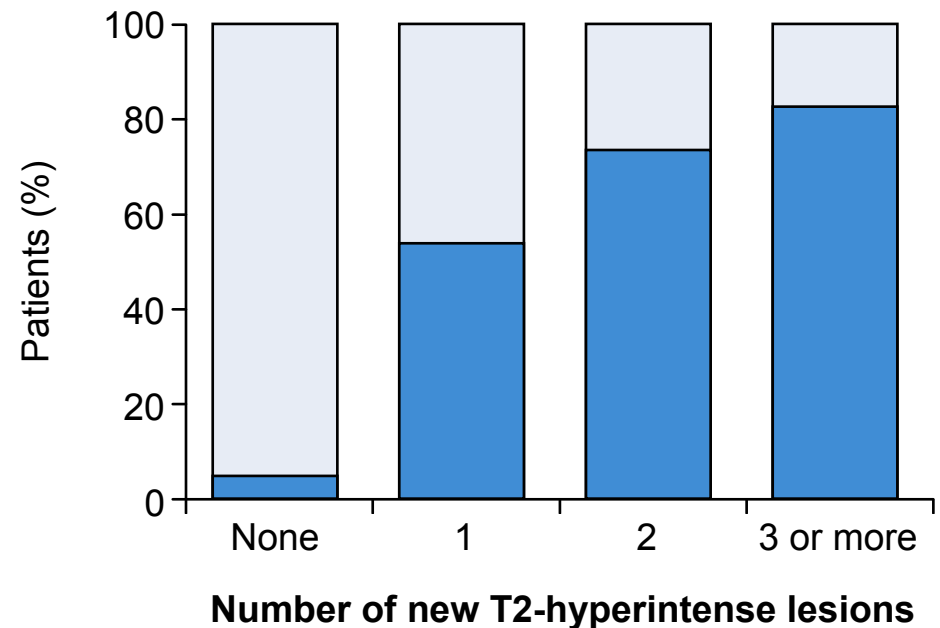
\*Patients (N=857) treated with IFN $\beta$ -1b, parameters obtained before and within the first year of treatment

†Defined as EDSS increase  $\geq 1$  point over 2 years; Combination of 1-year MRI lesion activity and relapses accounted for 100% of the treatment effect on EDSS  
1. Hartung HP, et al. Presented at the American Academy of Neurology, 2012; 2. Sormani M, et al. *Neurology*. 2011;177;1684-90; 3. Ebers G, et al. *Neurology*. 2012;1367 [Letter to the editor in response to Sormani M, et al 2011].

# Predictors of Poor Treatment Response

- New lesions on T2-weighted MRI after 1 year of IFN $\beta$ <sup>1</sup>
- Short-term disease activity<sup>2\*</sup>
  - T2-weighted lesions, Gd+ lesions
  - Relapses

Percentage of patients defined as “Responders” and “Poor Responders”<sup>1</sup>



Responders		228	24	12	10
Poor responders		11	28	33	48

\*Over first 2 years of IFN $\beta$

1. Prosperini L, et al. *Eur J Neurol*. 2009;11:1202-9; 2. Bermel R, et al. Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Triennial Congress of the European and Americas Committees for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis. Poster no. P1011: 2011.

# MRI Measures to Assess Suboptimal Response

## Selected features of MRI measures used in MS and associated pathology<sup>1</sup>

- T2 weighting:
  - New lesions: inflammation, demyelination
  - Enlarging T2 lesions: increasing inflammation, demyelination
  - Chronic lesions: non-specific (eg, demyelination, scarring, tissue destruction)
- T1 weighting:
  - Acute hypointense lesions (black holes): edema associated with inflammation
  - Chronic hypointense lesions: tissue destruction with demyelination and axon loss
- Gd+ enhanced T1 weighting: disruption of the blood-brain barrier
- Magnetization transfer: myelin changes
- MRS
  - NAAP peak: axon integrity
  - Lipid peak: demyelination
- Changes in brain atrophy: brain atrophy that is not specific for cell type

# CSF Biomarkers of MS Activity (Oligoclonal Bands)

- B-cell activation presenting as OCB production<sup>1</sup>
  - Predicts conversion from CIS to MS
  - Correlates with MRI activity, relapse onset, and disability progression
- Presence of OCB at disease onset predicts a more aggressive disease course (EDSS score reaching 4;  $P=0.02$ )<sup>2\*</sup>
- Elevated NFL proteins are associated with conversion to more severe MS<sup>3</sup>

\*Relapsing-onset patients included relapsing-remitting and secondary progressive MS.

CSF: cerebrospinal fluid; OCB: oligoclonal bands; CIS: clinically isolated syndrome; NFL: neurofilament light

1. Disanto G, et al. *Neurology*. 2012;78:823-32; 2. Sola P, et al. *Mult Scler*. 2010;17:303-11; 3. Salzer J, et al. *Mult Scler*. 2010;16:287-92.





# Additional Recommendations to Improve Patient Participation ( INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY & EDUCATION)

- Schedule frequent office visits, particularly during the first year of treatment, to help ensure tolerance and adherence<sup>1,2</sup>
- Improve patient–prescriber and patient–nurse interactions<sup>3</sup>:
  - Understand and identify barriers to adherence
  - Maintain communication
  - Educate resources
  - Improve QoL
  - Schedule manageable visits
- Provide a working definition of relapse during DMT therapy<sup>1</sup>
- Help define realistic expectations (cure versus relieving symptoms)<sup>4</sup>

1. Rieckmann P, et al. *Ther Adv Neurol Discord*. 2008;1:181-92; 2. Rio J, et al. *Mult Scler*. 2005;11:306-9; 3. Lugaresi A, et al. *Patient Prefer Adherence*. 2012;6:143-52; 4. Perrin-Ross A, et al. *Neurology*. 2008;71:S21-S23.

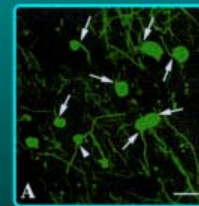
# Summary

- A suboptimal response to DMT may contribute to changes in relapse rate/severity, MRI activity, and disability
- Patient factors such as adherence and individual risk should be considered when assessing treatment response
- Work for individual responsibility & patient & family education
- Patients may not always display or complain of clinical symptoms but may have other markers, such as changes in MRI, indicative of disease activity
- A variety of patient and clinical factors can contribute to suboptimal response; this underlies the importance of a well-defined treatment plan with routine follow-up

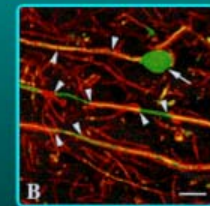
# Pathology of MS Is Continuous and Usually Leads to Permanent Disability



- Inflammatory activity and demyelination occur from the onset of MS<sup>1</sup>
- Repeated inflammatory injury leads to irreversible axonal damage due to formation of demyelinated plaques<sup>1,2</sup>
- Disease pathology is continuous, even during periods of apparent remission<sup>3</sup>
- Axonal transection is abundantly seen in active and chronic active lesions in patients as early as 2 weeks to 27 years from disease onset. Aggressive early treatment should therefore be considered.<sup>2</sup>



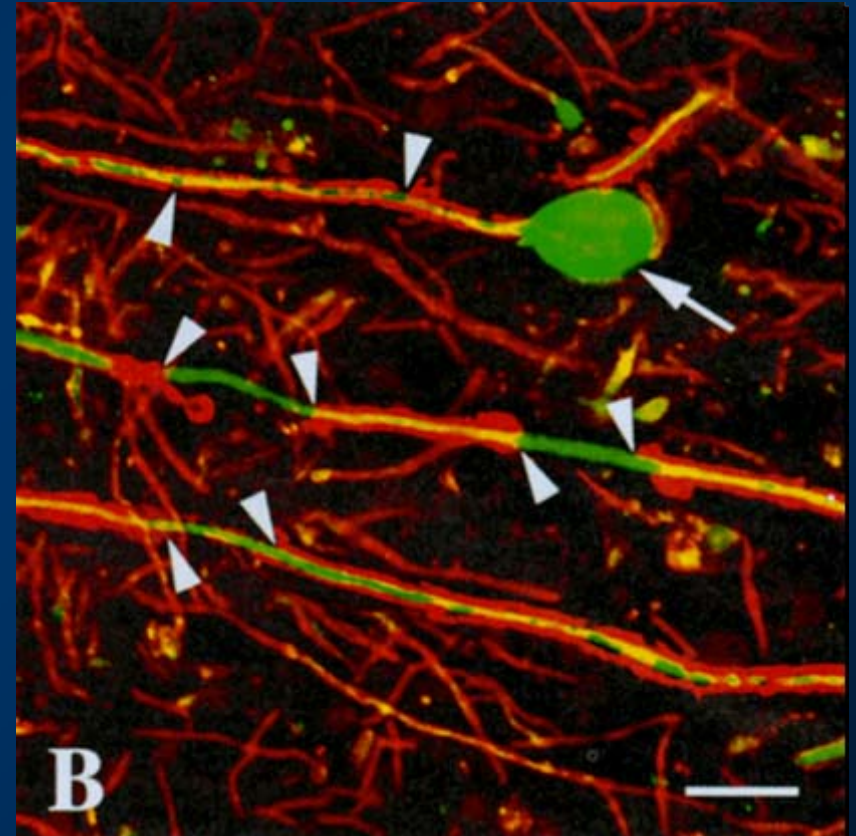
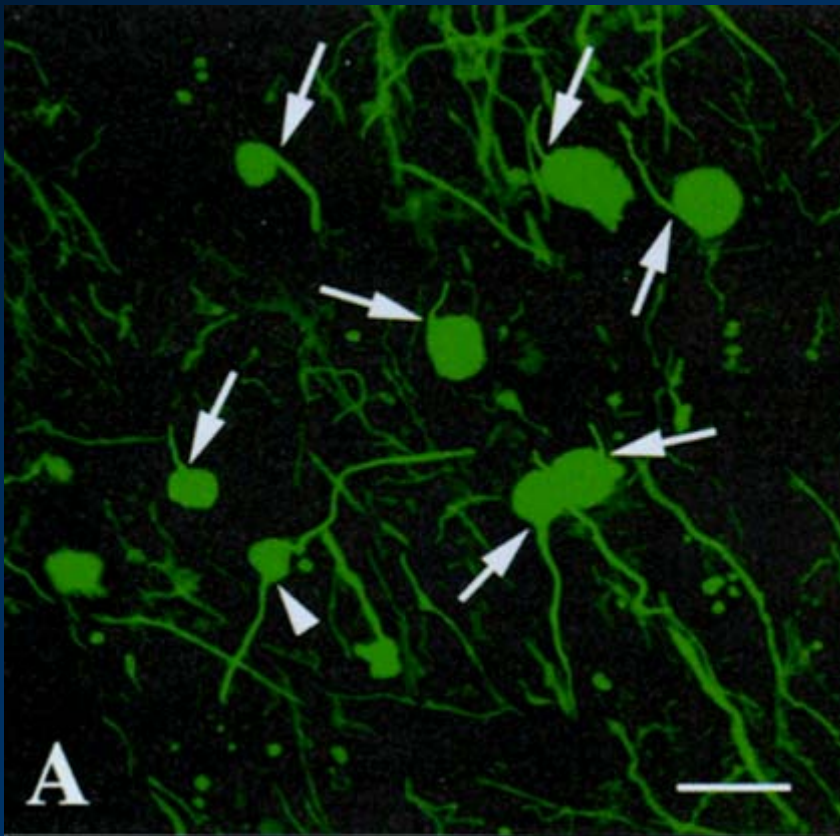
**Transection of axons (arrows)**



**Demyelination (arrowheads)**

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# Axons are Transected in MS Plaques



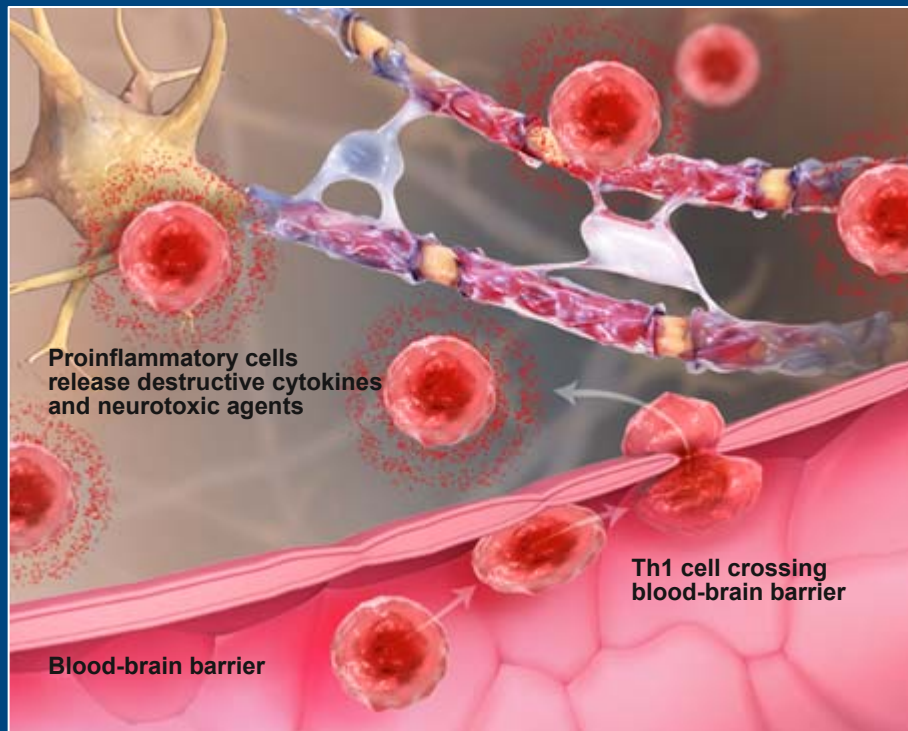
SMI-32 (non-phosphorylated neurofilament)  
-demyelinated axons and swellings MBP intact axons

Trapp BD, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 1998;338:278-285.

# HISTORY OF MS DRUG RELEASE

- BETASERON—1993
- AVONEX—1996
- COPAXONE—1997
- REBIFF—2002
- NAVANTRONE--2006
- TYSABRI--2010
- ESTAVIA--2009
- GILENYA—2011
- AUBAGIO—2012

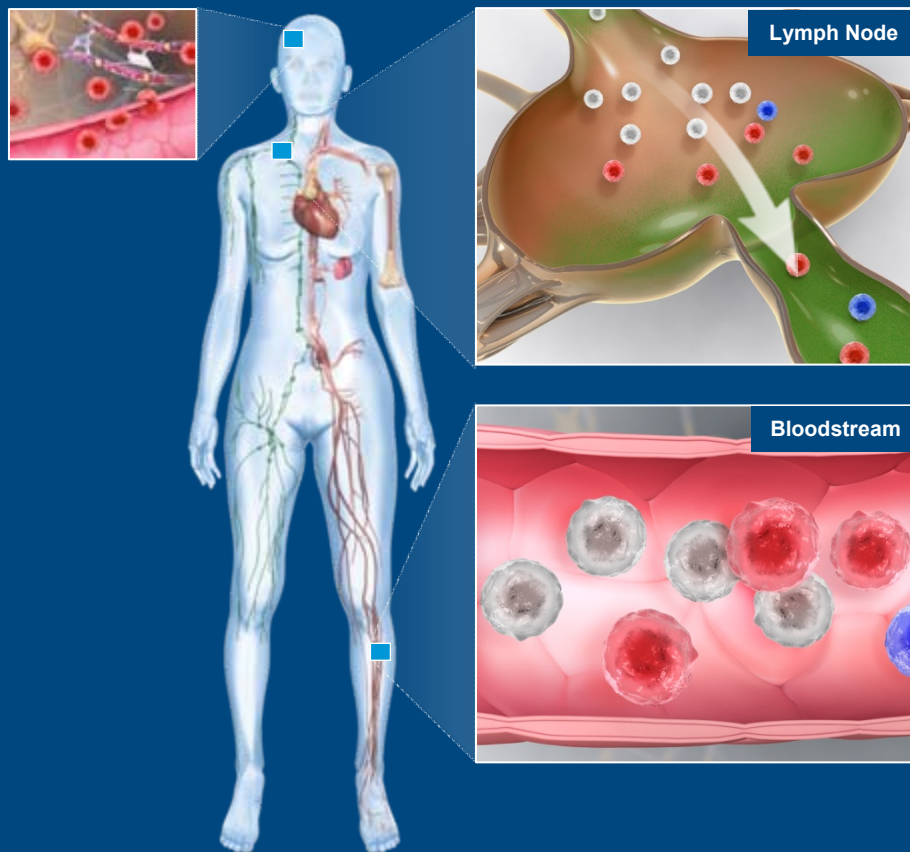
# The pathophysiology of MS<sup>1-4</sup>



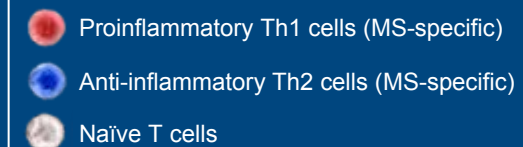
MS-specific proinflammatory immune cells cross from the bloodstream into the central nervous system (CNS) secreting proinflammatory cytokines, and eventually destroy myelin and facilitate neuronal death.

● Proinflammatory Th1 cells (MS-specific)      ● Proinflammatory cytokines

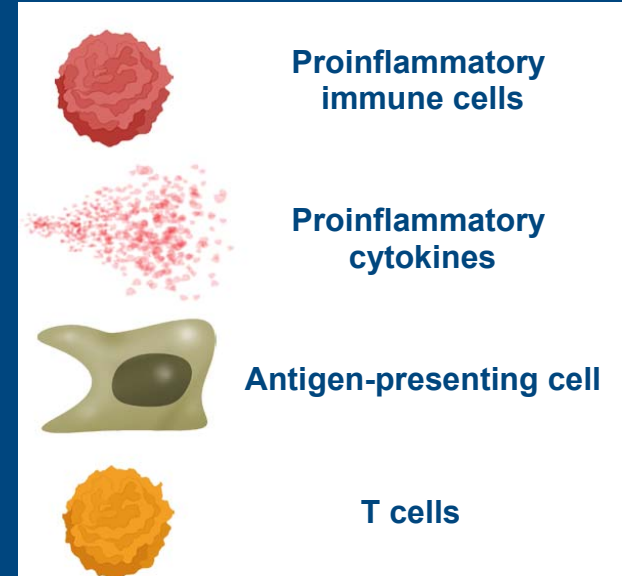
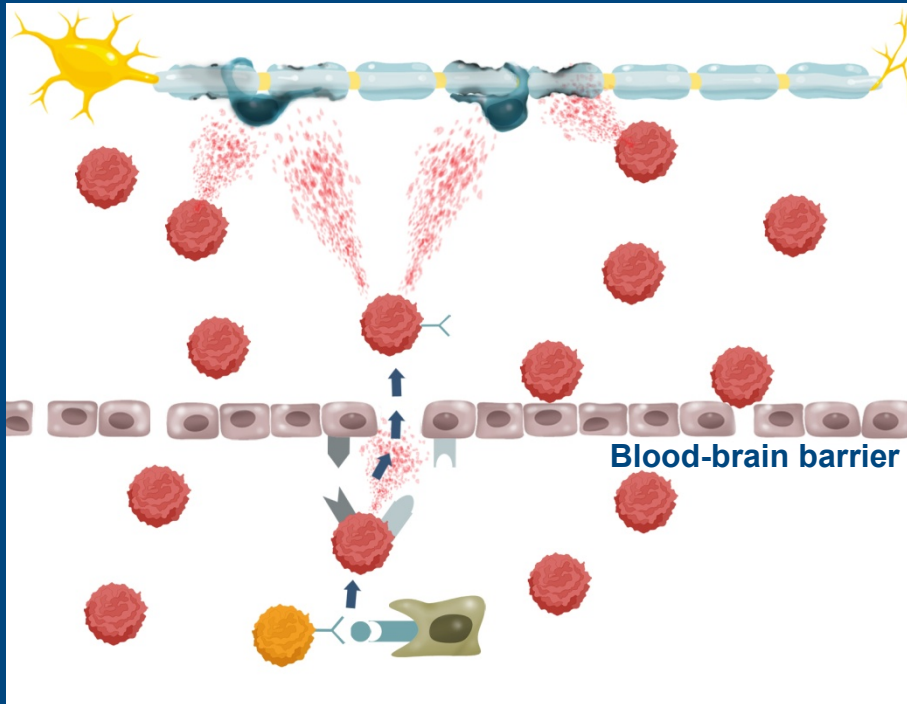
# Impact on the immune system in MS: Expanding our view beyond the CNS<sup>1-6</sup>



- MS is a debilitating autoimmune disease characterized by both inflammation and axonal degeneration<sup>1</sup>
- In order to regulate CNS damage, treatment of MS is focused on restoring immune system balance<sup>2-5</sup>
- It is important to expand our view to consider treatment impact on the overall immune response

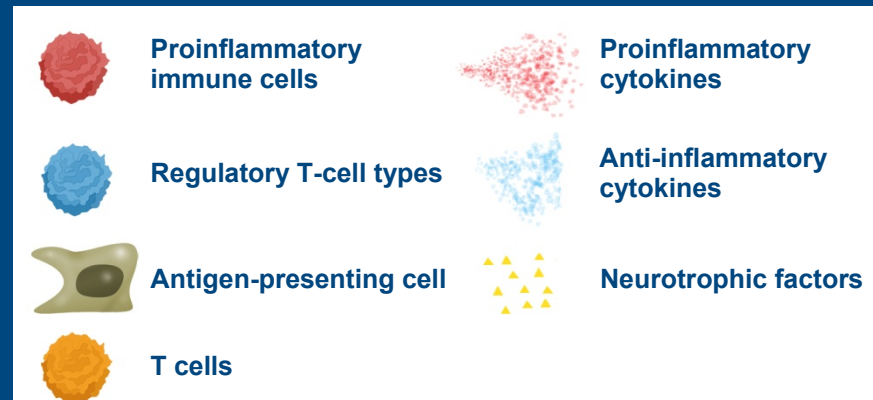
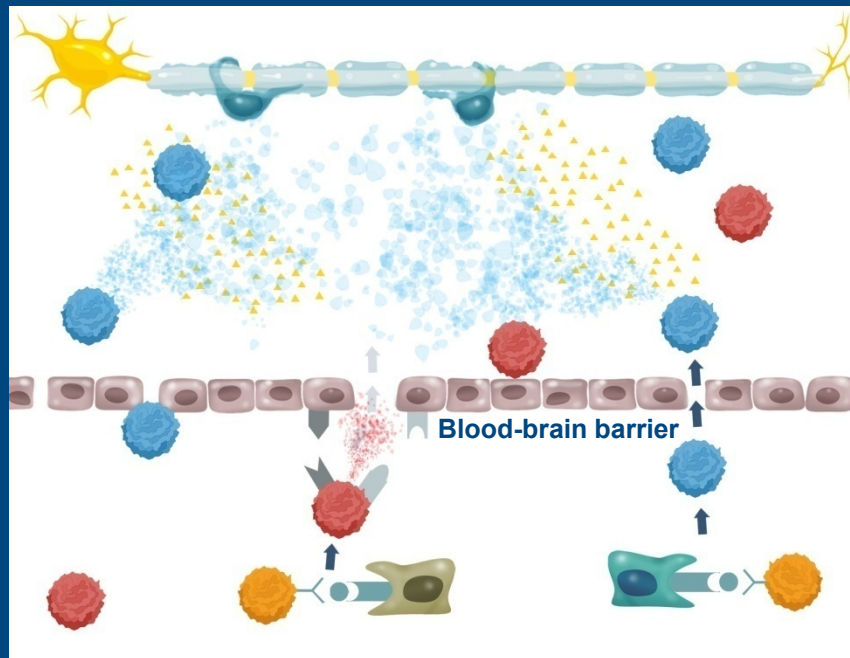


# MS: Immune dysfunction<sup>1-4</sup>





# Presumed MOA of COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate injection): Immunomodulation<sup>36,37</sup>



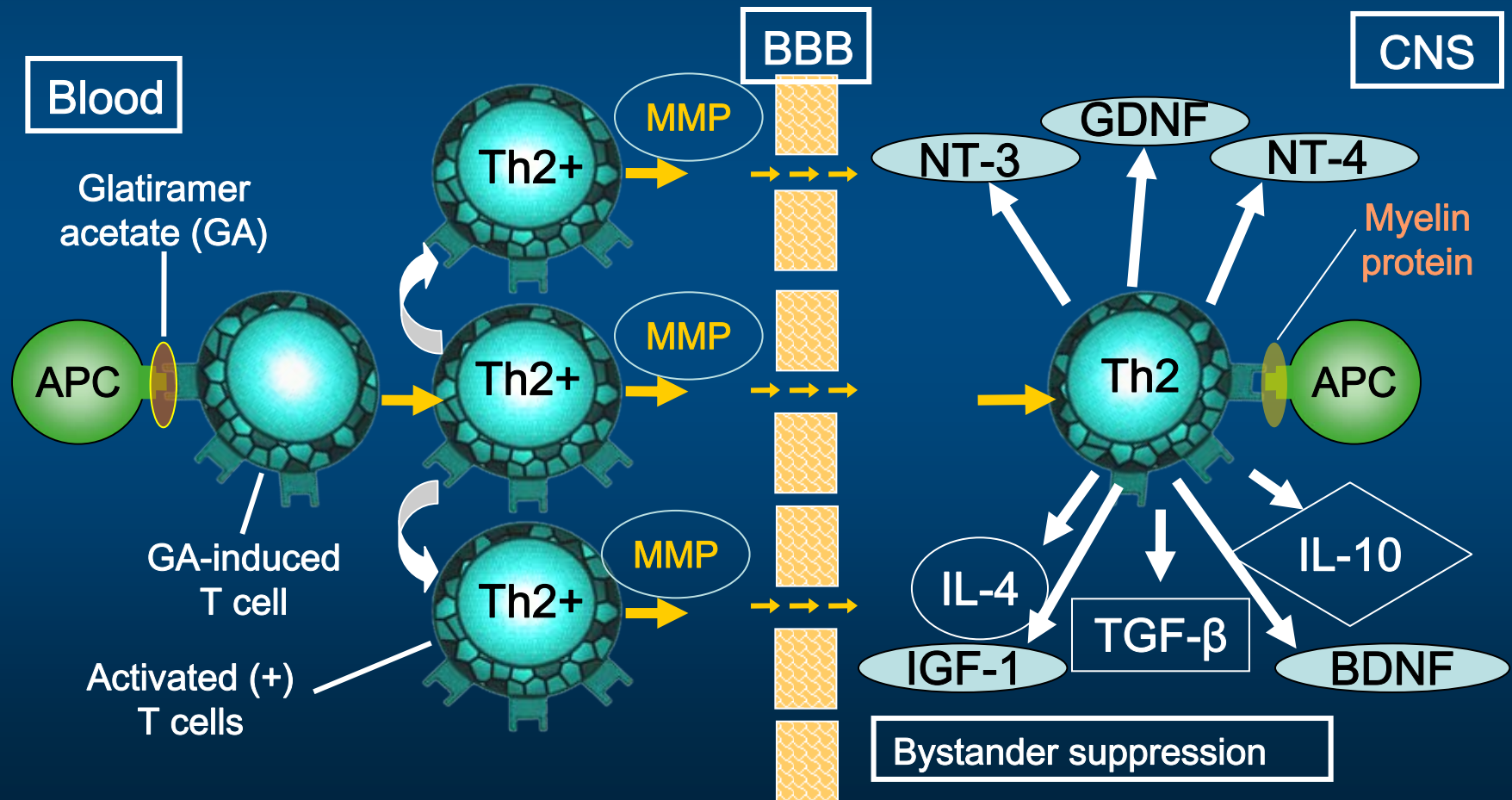
- Induces a population of regulatory T-cell types (Th2, Treg)
- Anti-inflammatory cytokines and neurotrophic factors are released
- May prevent nerve damage and lead to remyelination\*

\* It is not known if these effects play an important role in the observed clinical activity of COPAXONE® in MS. T cells derived from MS patients receiving therapy with COPAXONE® have been shown to produce neurotrophic factors, including brain-derived neurotrophic factor, and to prevent nerve damage and enhance in situ remyelination and repair in animal models.

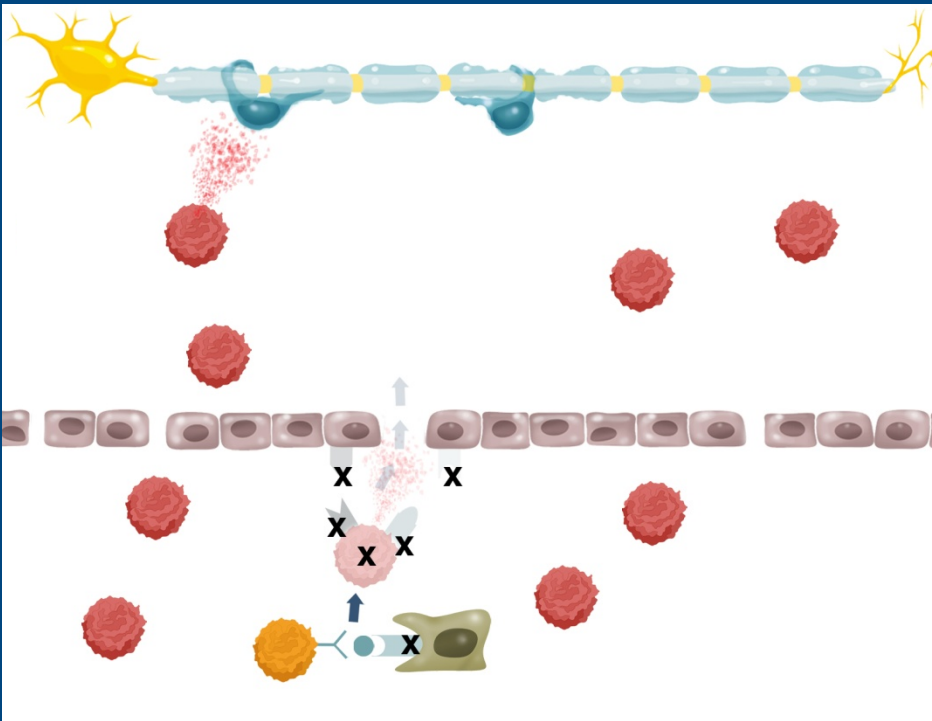
36. Weber MS, et al. *Neurotherapeutics*. 2007;4:647-653.






37. Aharoni R, et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2008;105:11358-11363.

# Glatiramer acetate-induced Cytokines and Neurotrophic Factors



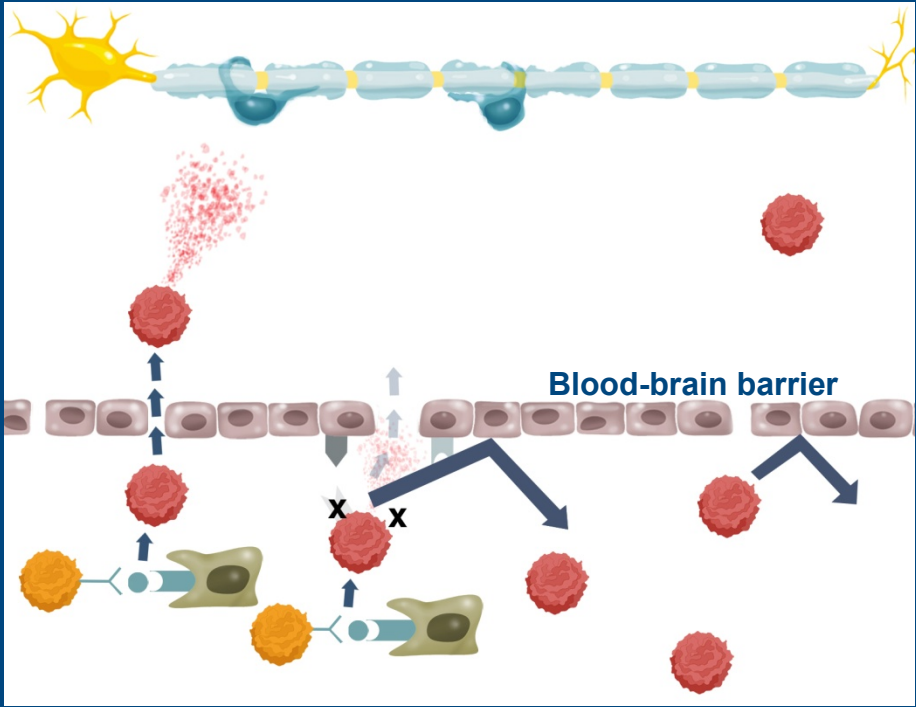
# Presumed MOA of IFNβ: Immunomodulation<sup>38</sup>







	Proinflammatory immune cells		Proinflammatory cytokines
	Eliminated immune cell		T cells
	Antigen-presenting cell		

- Reduces proinflammatory cytokine levels
- Reduces lymphocyte trafficking into the central nervous system (CNS)

# Presumed MOA of Natalizumab: Reduction of cell trafficking<sup>19</sup>

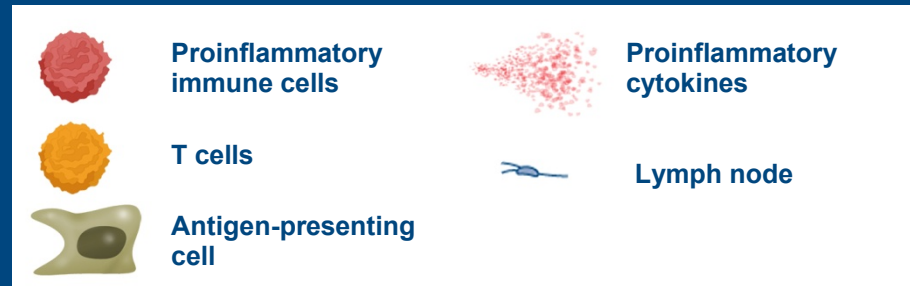
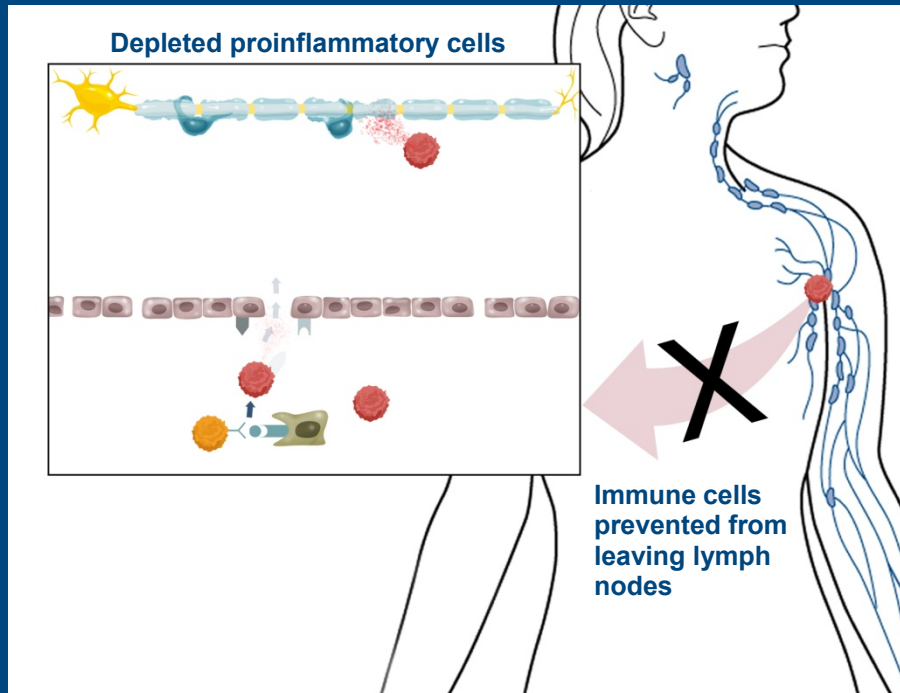


-  Proinflammatory immune cells
-  Proinflammatory cytokines
-  Antigen-presenting cells
-  T cells

- Inhibits the  $\alpha 4$ -mediated adhesion of leukocytes to vascular cell adhesion molecule-1
- Strongly reduces proinflammatory cell recruitment to the CNS

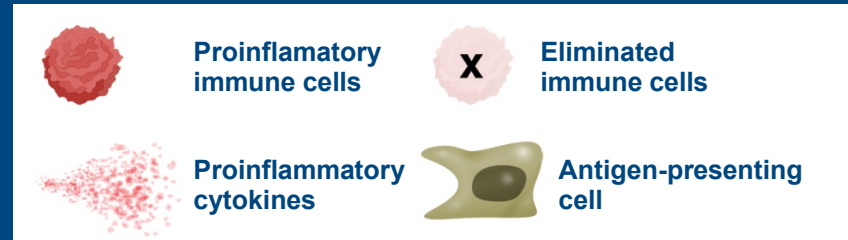
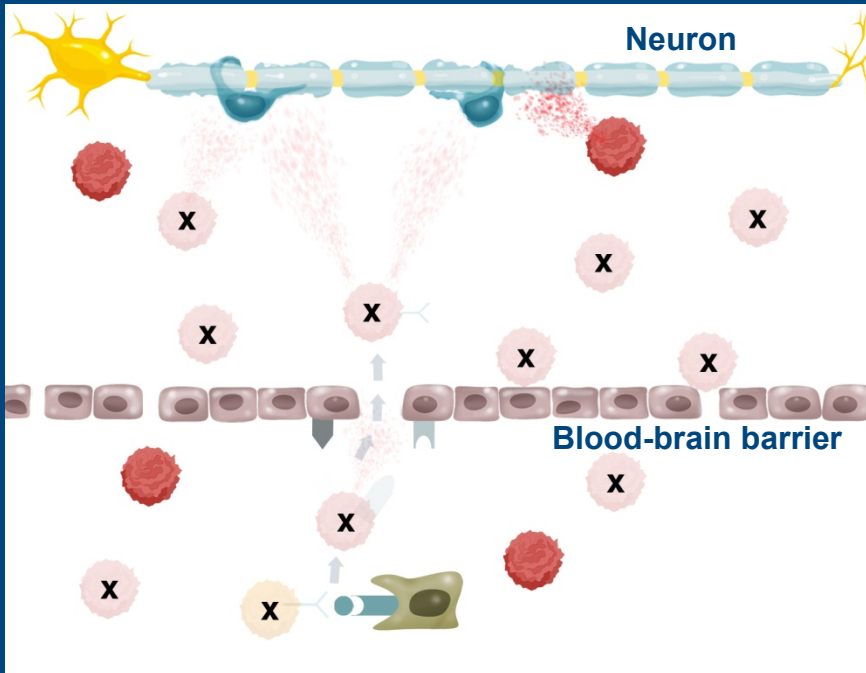
19. Tysabri® (natalizumab) prescribing information. Biogen Idec Inc.

# Presumed MOA of Fingolimod (FTY720): Immune cell sequestration<sup>24,44</sup>



- Believed to modulate sphingosine 1-phosphate receptors on lymphocytes
- Prevents lymphocytes from leaving the lymph nodes and entering the bloodstream and CNS compartment
- Still allows memory effector cells (lymphocytes) to be in plasma; lymphocytes may go to 70% of baseline

# Presumed MOA of oral Cladribine: Immune cell ablation<sup>39-43</sup>



- **Believed to be cytotoxic to proinflammatory immune cells**
  - Passively crosses immune cell membrane and accumulates inside cell
  - Inhibits DNA synthesis and repair
  - Reduces number of blood-cell types implicated in the pathogenesis of MS

# PIVATOL TRIALS

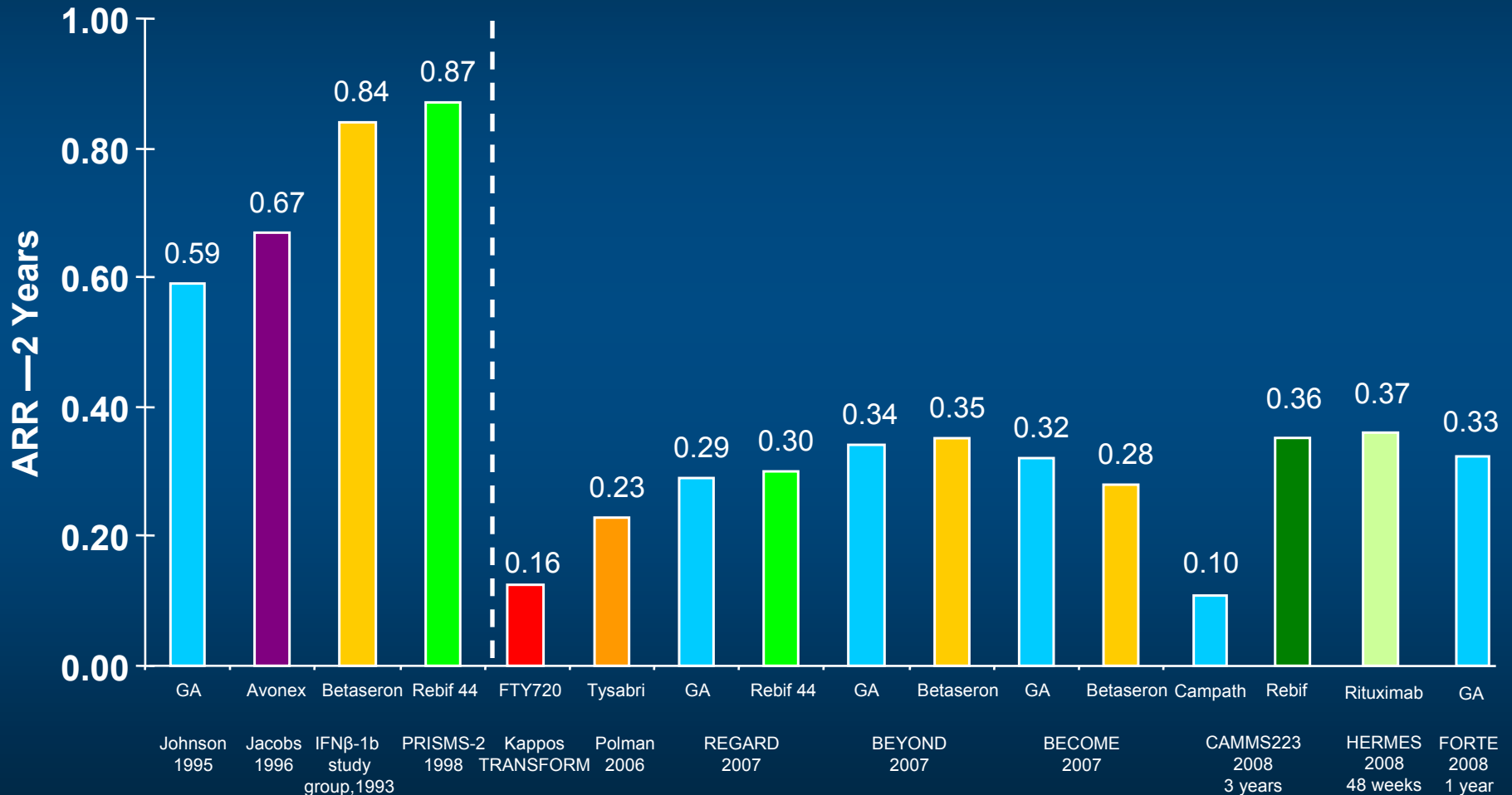
**TRIALS STARTED IN LATE 1980'S—  
COMPLETED IN MID 1990'S**

**MOST MS PATIENTS HAD DISEASE FOR  
5 TO 7 YRS—HENCE DISEASE  
BURDEN SIGNIFICANT**

**DEMYELINATION & AXONAL LOSS**

**NATURAL HISTORY WAS ARR OF 1.7**

# Trends Across Clinical Trials: Annual Relapse Rate

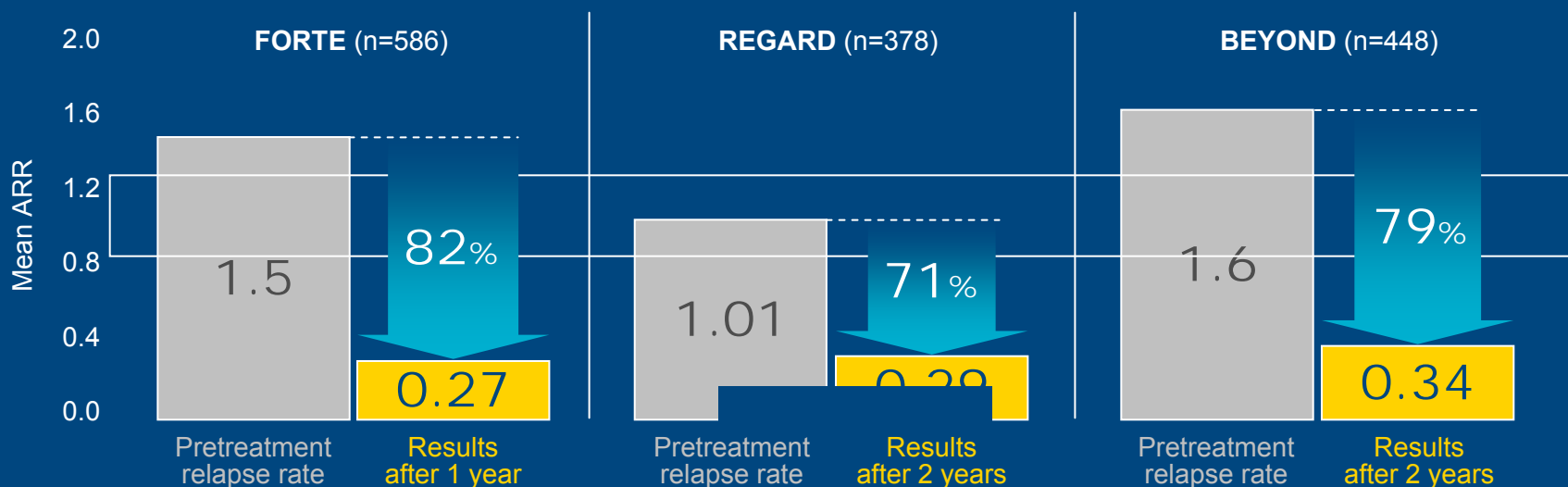


ARR=annualized relapse rate.



## Recent studies: Relapse rates

### ARR in patients treated with COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate injection) 20 mg qd<sup>4,13,16</sup>



- During a double-blind, placebo-controlled pivotal trial, COPAXONE® reduced relapses by 29% vs placebo over 2 years (1.19 vs 1.68;  $P=0.055$ ) in patients with RRMS diagnosed using Poser criteria<sup>8</sup>

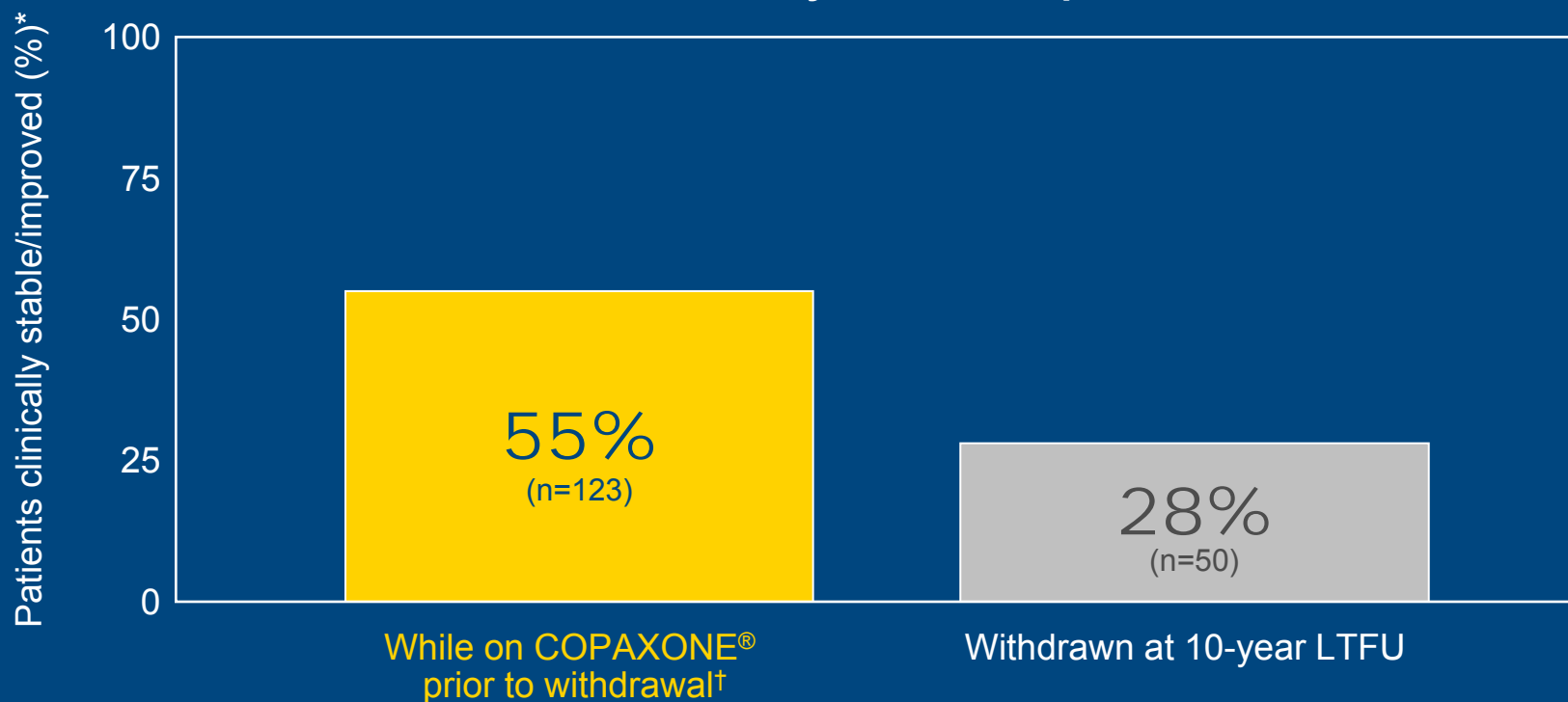
**FORTE:** Randomized, double-blind study designed to assess the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of COPAXONE® 40 mg SC daily compared with the currently approved COPAXONE® 20 mg SC daily in 1155 patients with McDonald-diagnosed RRMS. The 40-mg dose did not demonstrate increased efficacy in rate of confirmed relapses as the primary endpoint. COPAXONE® 40 mg SC is not an FDA-approved dose for the treatment of RRMS.

REGARD: See full study design on slide 12.

BEYOND: See full study design on slide 13.

# After discontinuing COPAXONE® (glatiramer acetate injection), withdrawn patients worsened

Data from 10-year follow-up<sup>21</sup>



**Pivotal trial and open-label follow-up:** See full study design on slide 19.

COPAXONE® exposure (years; mean ± SD): 4.26 ± 3.13.

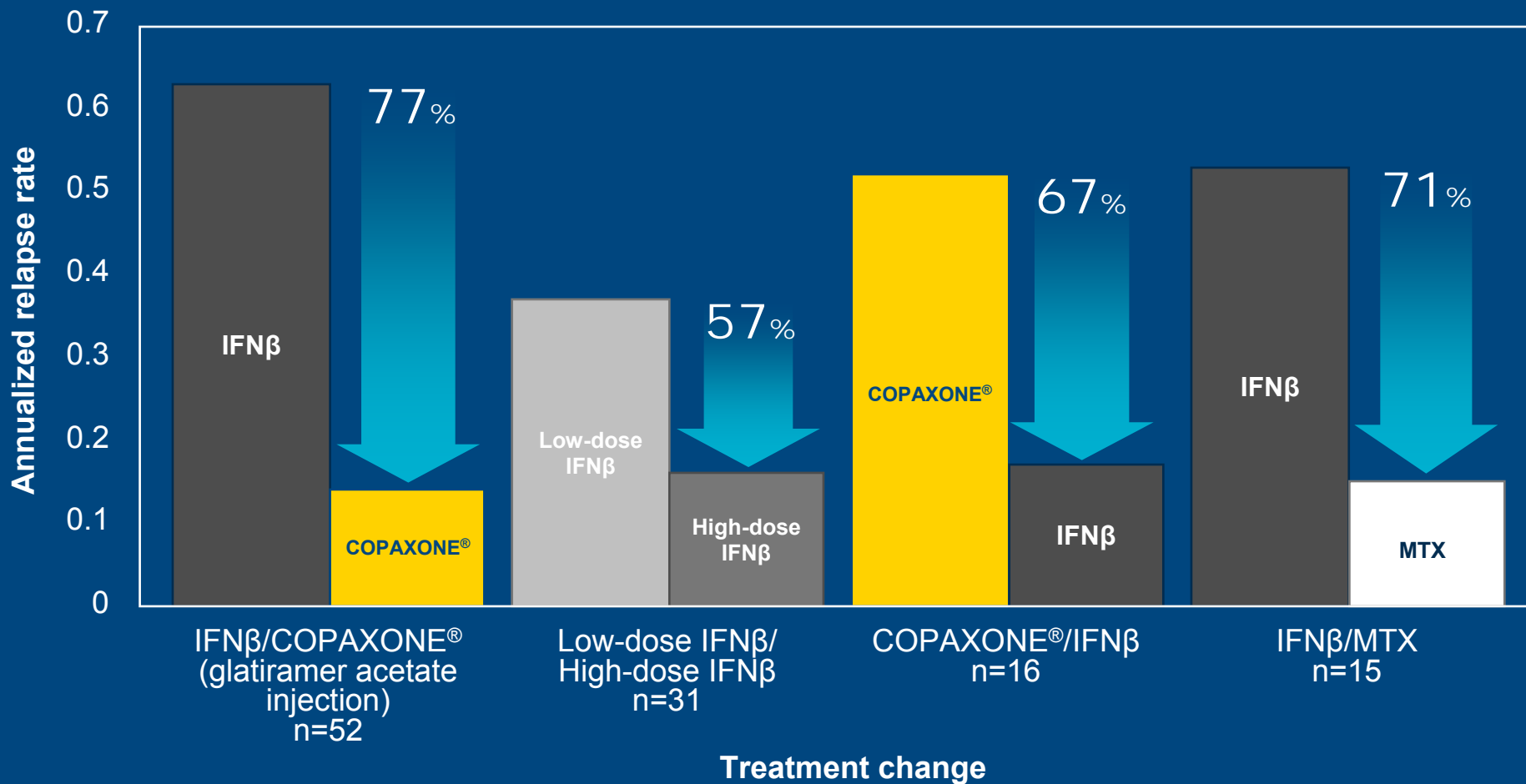
The labeling for COPAXONE® does not include an indication for slowing progression of disability.

\*EDSS increase ≤0.5 points.

†One patient received 1 dose and never returned for evaluation.

21. Ford CC, et al. *Mult Scler*. 2006;12:309-320.

# Carrá: Relapse rate reduction following change in therapy<sup>7,11</sup>



7. Carrá A, et al. *Eur J Neurol.* 2008;15:386-393.

11. COPAXONE<sup>®</sup> PI.

# Copaxone<sup>®</sup> (glatiramer acetate injection): PEPTIDE COPOLYMER (MIMICS MBP) Safety information

## Copaxone<sup>®</sup> is associated with

- Immediate postinjection reactions
- Injection-site reactions
- Lipoatrophy

## Copaxone<sup>®</sup> is NOT associated with

- Immunosuppression/serious infections\*
  - Pneumonia
  - Urinary tract infections
- PML\*
- IFN $\beta$ -related flu-like symptoms
- Depression\*
- Severe hepatic injury\*
- NABs
- Anaphylaxis\*

\*Copaxone<sup>®</sup> has no warnings or precautions for these serious adverse events.

## Copaxone<sup>®</sup> is pregnancy category B

No evidence of risk in humans. Animal studies have failed to demonstrate a risk to the fetus, and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women.

# High-dose Interferon- $\beta$ : Safety Information

## High-dose Interferon- $\beta$ <sup>®</sup> is associated with

- Injection-site reactions
- IFN $\beta$ -related flu-like symptoms
- Depression\*
- Severe hepatic injury (Rebif<sup>®</sup> [IFN $\beta$ -1a] only)\*
- Anaphylaxis\*
- NABs

\*High-dose IFN $\beta$  has warnings or precautions for these serious adverse events.

## High-dose Interferon- $\beta$ is not associated with

- Immunosuppression/serious infections
  - Pneumonia
  - Urinary tract infections
- IPIRs
- Lipoatrophy
- PML

## High-dose Interferon- $\beta$ is pregnancy category C

Evidence suggests a possible risk in humans. Animal studies have demonstrated potential hazards to the fetus, and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women.



# Tysabri<sup>®</sup> (natalizumab): Safety Information

## Tysabri<sup>®</sup> is associated with

- Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML)\*
- Immunosuppression/serious infections\*
  - Pneumonia
  - Urinary tract infections
- Clinically significant hepatic injury\*
- Anaphylaxis\*
- Neutralizing antibodies (NAbs)\*

\*Tysabri<sup>®</sup> (natalizumab) has warnings or precautions for these serious adverse events.

## Tysabri<sup>®</sup> is not associated with

- Depression
- Injection-site reactions
- IFN $\beta$ -related flu-like symptoms
- Immediate postinjection reactions (IPIRs)
- Lipoatrophy

## Tysabri<sup>®</sup> is pregnancy category C

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# **NATALIZUMAB (TYSABRI) AFFIRM**

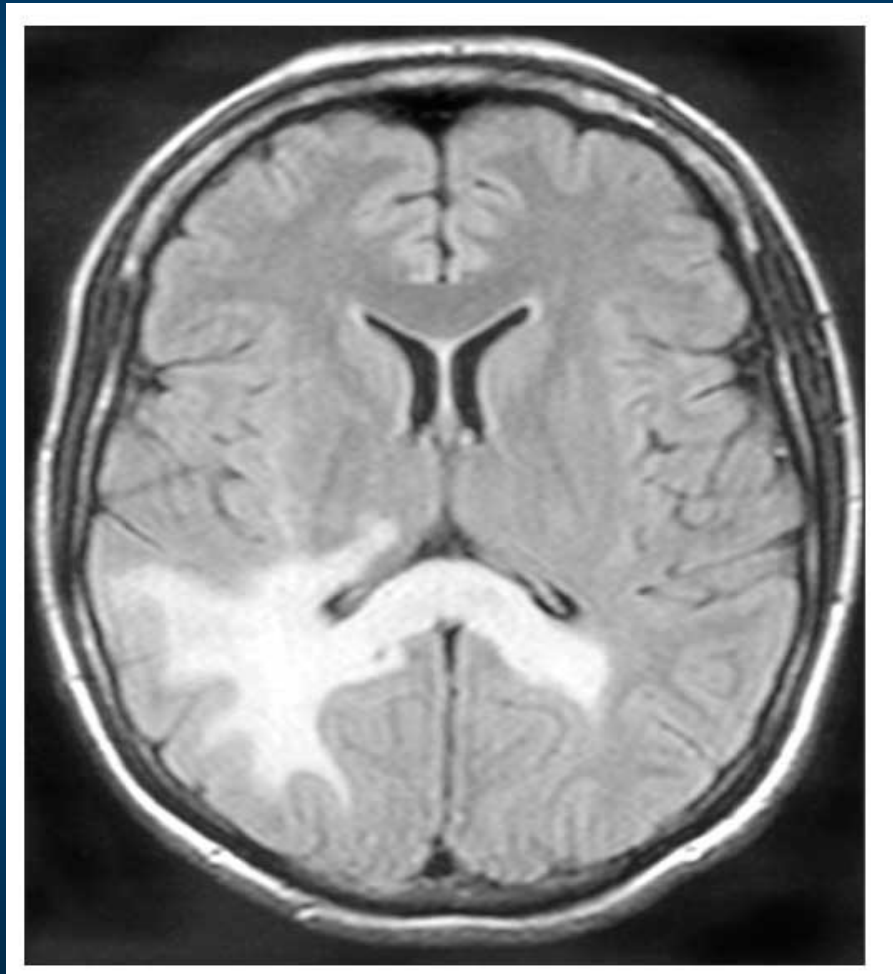
- **942 PATIENTS, 2 TO 1, INFUSION EVERY 4 WEEKS UP TO 116 WEEKS**
- **ARR AT 2 YRS; P 0.67 & N 0.22 (67% LESS)**
- **Gd+ LESIONS AT 2 YEARS; DOWN 92%**
- **42% LESS INCREASED PHYSICAL DISABILITY SUSTAINED FOR 12 WEEK**
- **NO RELAPSES AT 2 YRS; N 67% VS P 41%**
- **FREE OF Gd+ LESIONS; N 97% VS P 72%**
- **NO NEW NO ENLARGING T2: N 57% VS P 15%**

# **NATALIZUMAB (TYSABRI)**

- **104,300 PATIENT EXPOSURES**
- **PML 285 CASES; 62 DIED, SURVIVAL RATE 78%; 1/3 MILD, 1/3 M; 1/3 SEVERE**
- **3 RISK FACTORS; + JCV, PRIOR IMMUNO SUPPRESSANT MEDS, > 24 MONTHS RX,**
- **ANTI-JCV ANTIBODY TITER @ 6 MONTHS**
- **PML S&S; CHANGE IN SPEECH & BEHAVIOR, MRI CHANGES(40% Gd+)**
- **EXCLUSION REQUIRES NEGATIVE JCV DNA IN CSF & NO PROGRESSION; REPEAT CSF QUANTITATIVE PCR ASSAY FOR JCV DNA**

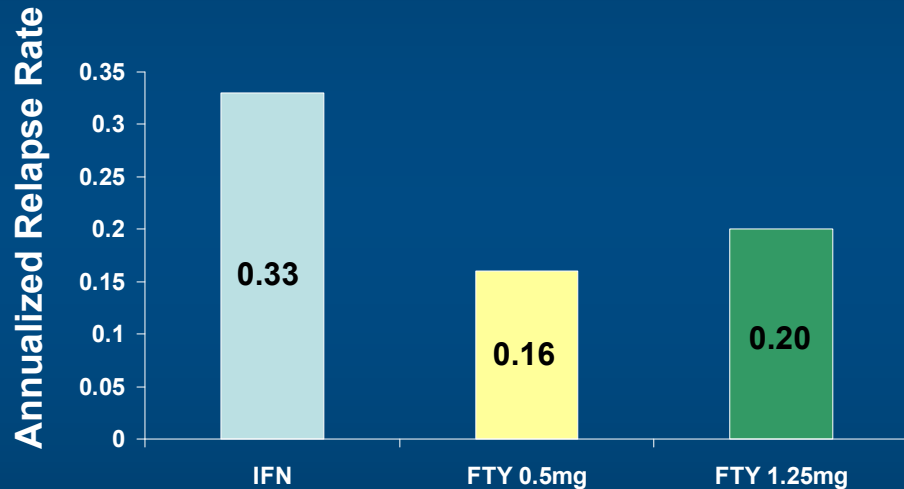


# MRI & PML



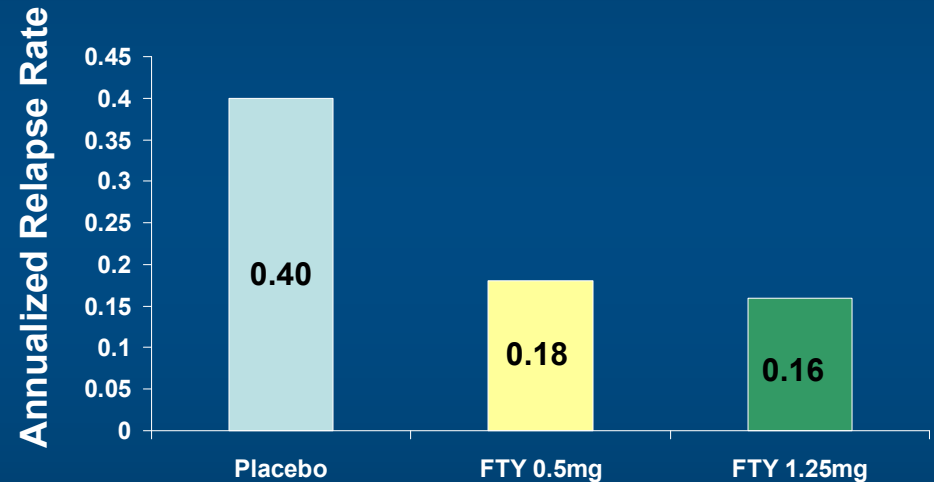
# Fingolimod Efficacy: ARR

## TRANSFORMS



**P<0.001 for both doses vs IFN;  
values represent reductions in ARR  
of 52% and 38% vs IFNb-1a**

## FREEDOMS



**P<0.001 for both doses vs placebo;  
values represent reductions in ARR  
of 54% and 60% vs PBO**

# FINGOLIMOD--FREEDOMS

- 1272 PATIENTS, 2 YRS, ORAL, P VS 0.5MG, 1.25MG
- DATA COMPARED TO 0.5 MG
- REDUCED ARR BY 54% FOR 0.5 MG
- RELAPSE FREE, P 46% VS F 70%, 52% REDUCTION
- # T2 LESIONS REDUCED, P 9.8 VS N 2.5, ABSOLUTE REDUCTION WAS 7.3 LESIONS
- 30% REDUCTION IS CONFIRMED PHYSICAL DISABILITY AT 3 MONTHS

# FINGOLIMOD--TRANSFORMS

- 1292 PATIENTS, 1 YR, ORAL INTERFERON BETA-1a IM, 0.5MG, 1.25MG
- DATA COMPARED TO 0.5MG
- ARR, P 0.33 VS F 0.16, 52% REDUCTION
- RELAPSE FREE, P 70% VS F 83%, 19% REDUCTION
- T2 LESIONS REDUCED, P 2.6 VS F 1.6,

# FINGOLIMOD(GILENYA) PRECAUTIONS

- CARDIAC—LOW HEART RATE(MONITOR FOR 6 HOURS), LOW BP; LUNGS---SOB; LIVER; ELEVATED ENZYMES,EKG BASE LINE, THEN DAY OF AND AT 6 HOURS (QT<sub>c</sub> INTERVAL)
- MACULAR EDEMA—1 IN 500, VISUAL LOSS; MONITOR BEFORE & AT 3 MONTHS; HIGHER RISK IN DIABETICS & UVEITIS
- INFECTIONS---2 DEATHS IN HIGHER DOSE(1.25); NEED HX OF CP OR GET VZV VACCINATION & WAIT ONE MONTH.
- WBC LOWER; AFTER DC NORMAL IN 1 TO 2 MONTHS
- CATEGORY C FOR PREGNANCY
- AE---HA, FLU LIKE S & S, BRONCHITIS, BACK PAIN, DIARRHEA
- DEATHS; 30 REASON UNCERTAIN

# TERIFLUNOMIDE (AUBAGIO)--TEMSO

- FDA APPROVED ON 9/12/12, AVAILABLE 10/1/12
- 1088 PT IN STUDY, ORAL, P VS 7MG & 14MG (MORE ROBUST EFFICACY WITH 14MG, SIMILAR AE'S)
- ANNUALIZED RELAPSE RATE (ARR)
  - AT 2YR: P 0.54 VS 0.37 FOR 7MG & 14MG, REDUCED BY 31%
  - AT 5 YR EXTENSION: 0.234 FOR 7MG AND 0.206 FOR 14MG
- 3-MONTH SUSTAINED DISABILITY PROGRESSION:
  - AT 2YR: P 27.3% VS 20.2% FOR 14MG, REDUCED BY 30%

# TERIFLUNOMIDE (AUBAGIO) - TEMSO

- TOTAL LESION VOLUME (T1 HYPOINTENSE PLUS T2 HYERINTENSE):
  - 69% RELATIVE RISK REDUCTION BY 14MG VS PLACEBO
- T1 GD-ENHANCING LESIONS:
  - 80% RELATIVE RISK REDUCTION BY 14MG VS PLACEBO

# TERIFLUNOMIDE (AUBAGIO) - TEMSO

- SIMILAR AE'S, SERIOUS AE'S, AND AE'S LEADING TO RX DISCONTINUATION FOR PLACEBO VS TERIFLUNOMIDE
- PREGNANCY CATEGORY X: BASED ON ANIMAL DATA
  - PREGNANCY REGISTRY: 12 LIVE BIRTHS ON TERI, ALL HEALTHY WITH NO STRUCTURAL OR FUNCTIONAL DEFECTS
- COMMON AE'S:
  - DIARRHEA: P 9% , 15% 7MG, 18% 14MG (1 PT D/C IN EACH T ARM)
  - NAUSEA: P 7% , 9% 7MG, 14% 14MG (1 PT D/C IN 7MG)
  - INCREASED ALT: P 7% , 12% 7MG, 14% 14MG
    - ALT>3X ULN SIMILAR FOR P VS T; SIMILAR D/C RATE
  - HAIR THINING: P 3% VS 10-13% T (WITH 1% D/C ON T). PEAK 3-6MO. CAN RECOVER SPONTANEOUSLY EVEN WHILE ON RX, 94% RECOVER WITH OUT SEQUELAE, 2% RECOVER WITH SEQUELAE



# TERIFLUNOMIDE (AUBAGIO) - TENERE

- 324 PTS, INF $\beta$ -1A (REBIF 44MCG TIW) VS TERIFLUNOMIDE 7MG & 14MG
- PRIMARY ENDPOINT (TIME TO FAILURE = CONFIRMED RELAPSE OR PERMANENT RX D/C)
  - 37.8% FOR 14MG VS 42.3% FOR REBIF (NS)
- ARR: 0.26 FOR 14MG VS 0.22 FOR REBIF (NS)
- TREATMENT D/C DUE TO AE:
  - 10.9% FOR 14MG VS 21.8% FOR REBIF
- ALT INCREASED: 10.9% FOR 14MG VS 30.7% REBIF

# BG-12 (DIMETHYL FUMARATE) DEFINE 2 YR VS P; NOT APPROVED BY FDA YET

- 1237 PATIENTS, ORAL, 240MG 2 X'S(BID) OR 3 X'S(TID) A DAY
- ARR REDUCED FOR 2X'S WAS BY 53%, FOR 3X'S WAS BY 48%
- REDUCED RISK OF RELAPSE FOR 2X'S WAS 49%, FOR 3X'S WAS 50 %
- Gd+ LESIONS REDUCED FOR 2X'S WAS 90%, FOR 3X'S WAS 73%
- T2 NEW OR ENLARGING LESIONS REDUCED FOR 2X'S WAS 85%, FOR 3X'S WAS 74%
- T1 NEW HYPOTENSE REDUCED FOR 2X'S WAS 72 %, 3X'S WAS 63%
- REDUCED DISABILITY PROGRESSION FOR 2X'S BY 38%  
, FOR 3X'S WAS 34 %; FREE OF Gd+ LESIONS
- AE—FLUSHING, HEADACHE, DIARRHEA, FATIGUE, NAUSEA, NASOPHARYNGITIS ( NO INCREASED INFECTIONS)
- PREGNANCY CATEGORY ?

# BG-12 (DIMETHYL FUMARATE) CONFIRM—2 YEAR TO P & WITH GA

- ARR REDUCED FOR 2 X'S WAS 44%, 3X'S WAS 51%, & GA WAS 29%
- % OF PATIENTS THAT RELAPSED FOR 2X'S WAS 34%, 3X'S WAS 45% & GA WAS 29%
- REDUCED DISABILITY PROGRESSION FOR 2X'S WAS 21%, 3X'S WAS 24% & FOR GA WAS 7%
- T2 NEW OR ENLARGING REDUCED FOR 2X'S WAS 71%, FOR 3X'S WAS 73 % & GA WAS 54%
- T1 NEW HYPOINTENSE REDUCED FOR 2X'S WAS 57%, 3X'S WAS 73% & FOR GA WAS 41%

# BG-12 DIMETHYL FUMARATE (MECHANISM OF ACTION?)

- ORAL
- ACTIVATES THE Nrf2 PATHWAY WHICH ?  
REDUCES THE IMPACT OF INFLAMMATORY  
CELL ON CNS
- INDUCES DIRECT CYTOPROTECTIVE  
RESPONSES IN CELLS & BALANCES THE  
PROINFLAMMATORY & OXIDATIVE STATE

# TREATMENT ALGORITHM

- RIS; DETERMINE CORRECT DX WITH CSF & REPEAT MRI; ? RX IF Gd+ & LOOKS LIKE MS
- CIS; AGGRESSIVE DMA'S & CLOSE FOLLOW UP WITH MRI IN 1 YR
- RRMS; DMA'S IMMUNOMODULATORS WITH CLOSE FOLLOW UP & IF RELAPSE & MRI CHANGES (ESPECIALLY IF Gd+) OR NEW ?# T2 LESIONS ON MRI, CHANGE DMT
- IF RRMS & HIGH BURDEN ON MRI & OR FREQUENT & PROGRESSIVE COURSE, RX WITH NATALIZUMAB OR FINGOLIMOD, OR TRIFLUNOMIDE
- USE MP OR ACTHAR AS INDICATED

# RESCUE RX FOR ACUTE RELAPSE

- M P 1000MG IV FOR 3 TO 5 DAYS
- ORAL PREDNISONE—60 TO 100MGS FOR 5 TO 7 DAYS
  - 30 TO 40% OF RYED RELAPSE CASES ARE NOT IMPROVED WITH THE ABOVE RESCUE RX.
- ACTHAR—GEL; 80 TO 120 UNITS SUBQ OR IM SELF ADMINISTERED DAILY FOR 2 TO 3 WEEKS OR LESS—BINDS TO MELANOCORTIN RECEPTORS IN BRAIN—SUPPRESSES CYTOKINES

# FUTURE DRUGS PHASE 3 TRIALS

- ALEMTUZUMAL—MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY; TARGETS CD52 ANTIGEN AND B & T CELLS
  - CNS INFECTIONS, INFUSION REACTIONS
- LAQUINIMOD—ORAL, SHIFTS TH1 CELLS TO TH2
  - AE—GBS, RA
- MORE MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES
- STEM CELLS
- OTHER AVAILABLE DRUGS; AMPURA (10MG BID); NEUDEXTA (10 MG BID FOR PBA); ACEI
- EXERCISE; MAY SLOW PROGRESSION OF MS

# OUTLINE OF MS TALK

- PART 1
- EPIDEMIOLOGY
- SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
- PATHOPHYSIOLOGY
- PART 2
- TREATMENT FORMAT
  - DMT (IMMUNOMODULATORS) EFFICACY, SAFETY, TOLERABILITY
  - DMT (IMMUNOSUPPRESSORS) EFFICACY, SAFETY, TOLERABILITY
  - ALGORITHMS
- FUTURE DRUGS