

# Simposio REHA TICINO 2023

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Giovedì 27 aprile 2023, dalle 13.00 alle 17.30

L'importanza di un approccio interdisciplinare  
nella presa in carico delle disfunzioni pelvi  
perineali: la nostra esperienza



# La riabilitazione del pavimento pelvico

## *Nel paziente neurologico*

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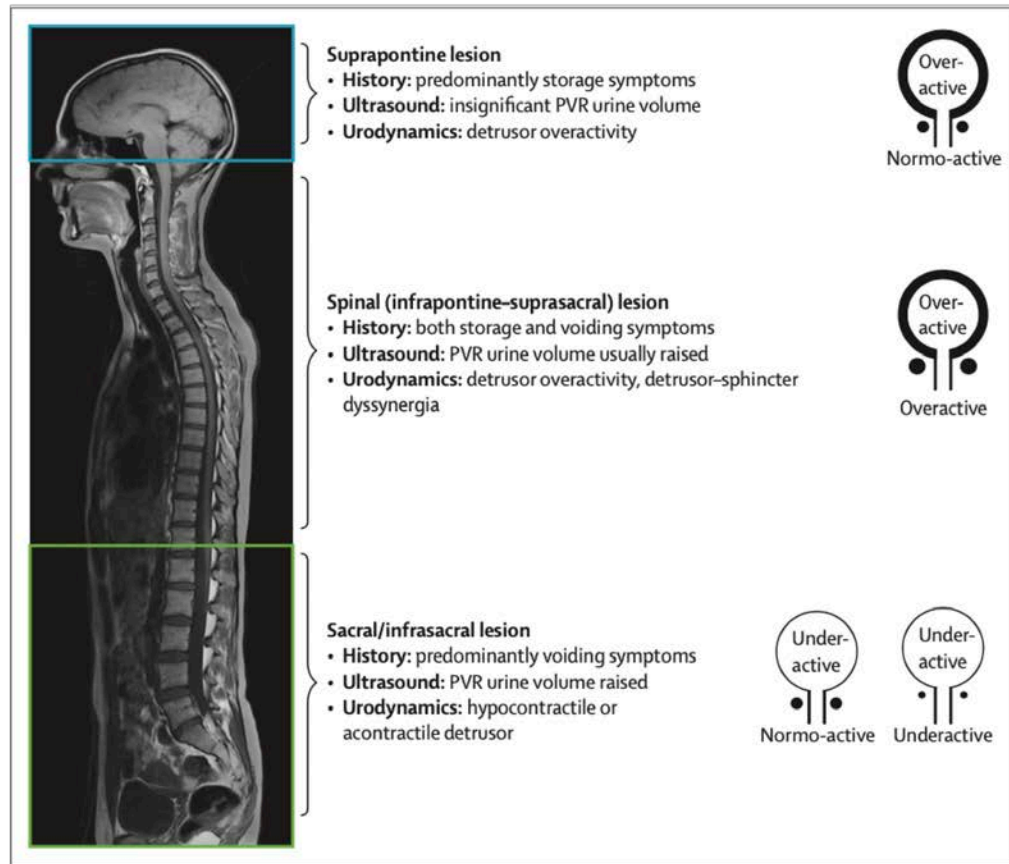
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# Neurofisiopatologia

## I LIVELLI DI LESIONE



## Paziente complesso



Table 2: Therapeutic strategies to address various disabilities resulting from multiple sclerosis

Disability/symptom type	Strategy/activities to address disability
Sensory-motor	Active motor training Sensory stimulation Functional electrostimulation Constraint-induced training Tonus regulation Strength training/aerobic training
Gait	Conventional Treadmill Lokomat
Cognition	Memory/attentional training Perception: neglect-training Visual compensation (Nova-Vision)
Speech	Speech therapy
Eating/swallowing	Speech therapy Swallowing assessment and therapy
Bladder and bowel function	Pelvic floor training
Activities of daily living	Self-care Orientation training
Pain	Cryotherapy Soft tissue mobilisation Graded manual traction Muscular stabilisation exercises Neuromuscular facilitation Psychological techniques: hypnosis and virtual reality interventions
Other support	Technical aids Instruction of patients/caregivers Social service/reintegration

*Disfunzioni urinarie, del colon-retto, sessuali e del pavimento pelvico*

**Lower urinary tract dysfunction in the neurological patient: clinical assessment and management**

Jalesh N Panicker, Clare J Fowler, Thomas M Kessler

THE LANCET  
Neurology

Source: Lo et al., 2008;<sup>46</sup> Renom et al., 2014;<sup>48</sup> Pepping et al., 2013;<sup>47</sup> Langdon, 2011;<sup>45</sup> DasGupta et al., 2003;<sup>49</sup> Buzaid et al., 2013;<sup>49</sup> Khan et al., 2015;<sup>44</sup> Svestkova et al., 2010;<sup>48</sup> National Clinical Guideline Centre, 2014.<sup>47</sup>

# Approccio multidisciplinare

*Nel paziente complesso*

Guidelines

International  
Journal of Stroke WSO

Cochrane  
Library

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

## Canadian stroke best practice recommendations: Stroke rehabilitation practice guidelines, update 2015

International Journal of Stroke  
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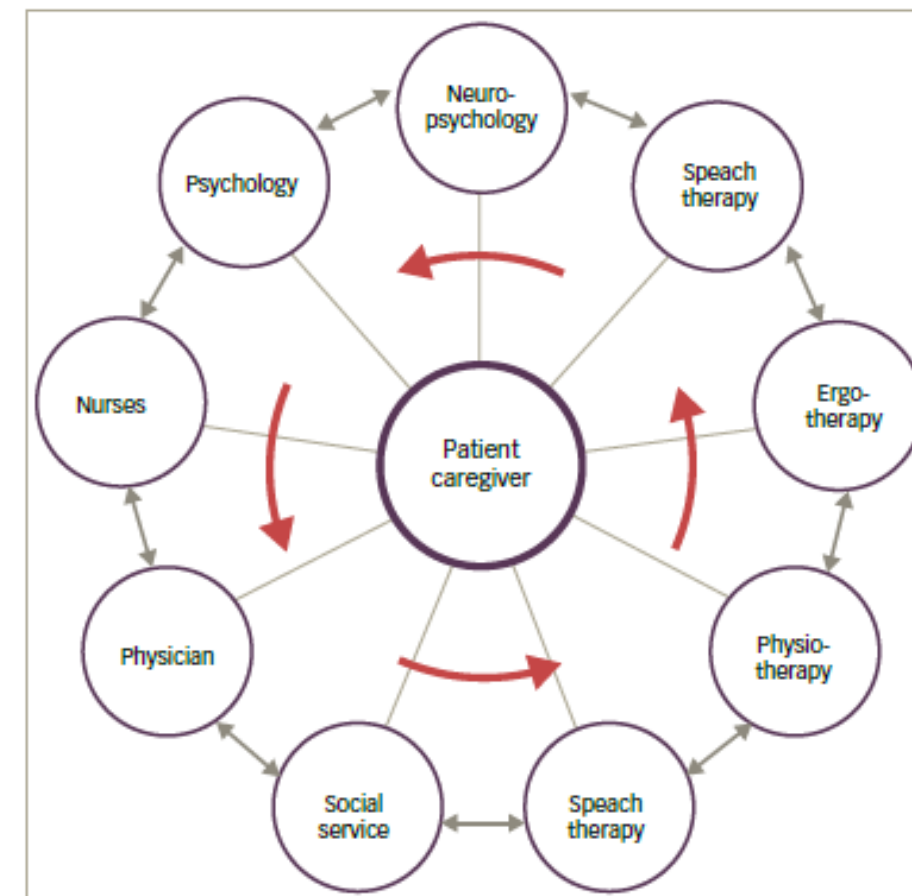
Multidisciplinary rehabilitation for adults with multiple sclerosis  
(Review)

Khan F, Turner-Stokes L, Ng L, Kilpatrick T, Amatyia B

### 2.1 Stroke rehabilitation unit care

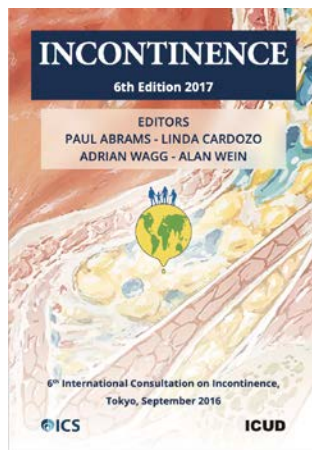
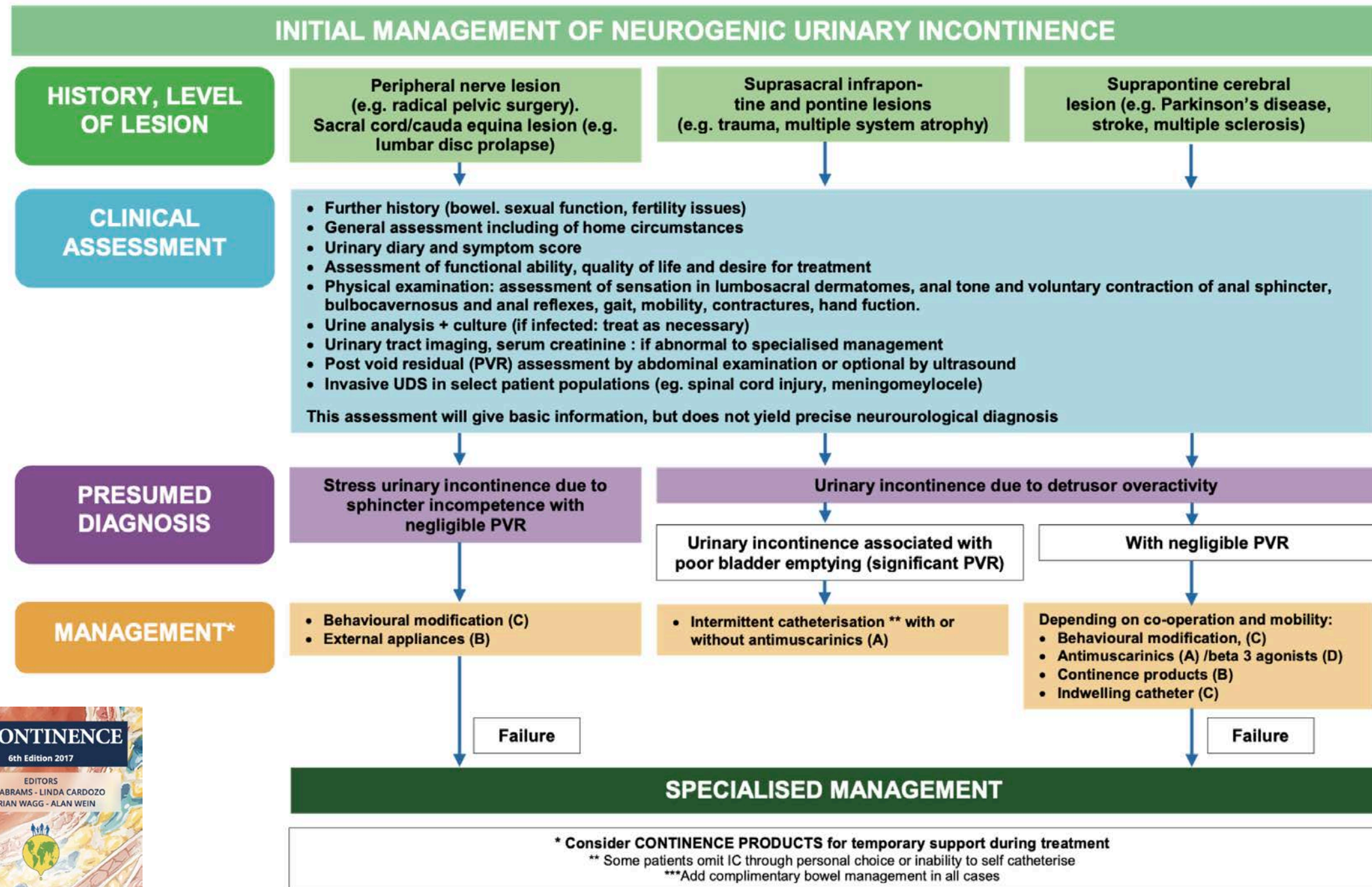
- a. The core rehabilitation professional team should include physiatrists, other physicians with expertise/core training in stroke rehabilitation, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech-language pathologists, nurses, social workers and dietitians (Evidence Level A). The social workers, and clinical dietitians (Evidence Level A).
- d. Additional members of the interprofessional team may include pharmacists, discharge planners or case managers, (neuro) psychologists, palliative care specialists, recreation and vocational therapists, therapy assistants, spiritual care providers, peer supporters and stroke recovery group liaisons (Evidence Level B).
- e. Patients, families and caregivers should have early and active involvement in the rehabilitation process (Evidence Level B).

Figure 2: Coordinated interaction between specialities that is needed in the neurorehabilitation of a patient with multiple sclerosis





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## Obiettivi

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The primary **aims** for treatment of neuro-urological symptoms, and their **priorities**, are:

- Protection of the UUT
- Keeping the detrusor pressure during both the filling and voiding phases within safe limits significantly reduces the mortality from urological causes
- Avoid bladder overdistentions
- Achievement (or maintenance) of urinary continence
- UTI Prevention
- Avoid significant PVR
- **Improvement of the patient's QoL**
- Management of Bowel and Sexual Dysfunctions

## EAU Guidelines on Neuro-Urology

B. Blok (Chair), D. Castro-Diaz,  
G. Del Popolo, J. Groen, R. Hamid, G. Karsenty, T.M. Kessler,  
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# Obiettivi



DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09638288.2019.1652702>

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REVIEW ARTICLE

## Dietary management of neurogenic bowel in adults with spinal cord injury: an integrative review of literature

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- *Self-management of regular and predictable bowel emptying at a socially acceptable time and place;*
- *Using minimal physical and pharmacological interventions to  achieve complete bowel emptying within an acceptable time- frame;*
- *The prevention of bowel accidents, constipation, autonomic dysreflexia (which can be life threatening), and other complications*



# Disfunzioni

- Interventi scelti sulla base delle disfunzioni che presenta il paziente (spesso combinate) e tenendo conto della globalità della persona.

	Storage dysfunction	Voiding dysfunction	
	Urgency, frequency, with or without incontinence	Stress incontinence	
Conservative	Behavioural therapy; antimuscarinic agents; desmopressin; onabotulinumtoxinA into the detrusor; $\beta_3$ -adrenoceptor agonists*; tibial neuromodulation*	Pelvic floor muscle exercises	Intermittent catheterisation; indwelling catheterisation; triggered voiding; $\alpha$ -adrenoceptor blockers*; onabotulinumtoxinA into the external sphincter*
Surgical	Sacral neuromodulation*; bladder augmentation; sacral deafferentation/anterior root stimulation; continent/incontinent urinary diversion	Bulking agents*; autologous/synthetic slings; balloons*; artificial sphincter; continent/incontinent urinary diversion	Sacral neuromodulation*; intraurethral stents*; external sphincter/bladder neck incision; transurethral resection of prostate; continent/incontinent urinary diversion

In the case of combined storage and voiding dysfunction, treat the more dominant component first. \*Treatments for which there is only limited evidence.

**Table 2: Management of lower urinary tract dysfunction in the neurological patient**

- *Disturbi dello svuotamento urinario*
- *Disturbi del riempimento urinario*
- *Stipsi da rallentato transito*
- *Stipsi da defecazione ostruita*
- *Incontinenza fecale*
- *Dolore pelvico*
- *Disturbi della sfera sessuale*
- *Deficit sensitivi dell'area sacrale*
- *Disfunzioni del piano pelvico*



## Lower urinary tract dysfunction in the neurological patient: clinical assessment and management

Jalesh N Panicker, Clare J Fowler, Thomas M Kessler





### **Versione italiana dell'Intermittent Self-Catheterization Questionnaire.**

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Online version at <http://www.minervamedica.it>

Minerva Urologica e Nefrologica 2017 August;69(4):384-90  
DOI: 10.23736/S0393-2249.16.02744-2

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#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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## Development and validation of the Italian version of the Intermittent Self-Catheterization Questionnaire

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*Non solo per fini di ricerca scientifica ma anche perchè sono degli ottimi strumenti per la raccolta dati, utili per impostare il trattamento riabilitativo*

# Alcune proposte terapeutiche

## Diario minzionale e valutazione del RPM tramite Bladder scan

**Valutazione completa dei sintomi e della funzionalità vescicale  
(Stool diary\*)**

**BLADDER DIARY** YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DAY 1 DATE: / /

Please complete this 3 day bladder diary. Enter the following in each column against the time. You can change the specified times if you need to. In the time column, please write **BED** when you went to bed and **WAKE** when you woke up.

**Drinks** Write the amount you had to drink and the type of drink.

**Urine output** Enter the amount of urine you passed in millilitres (mls) in the urine output column, day and night. Any measuring jug will do. If you passed urine but couldn't measure it, put a tick in this column. If you leaked urine at any time write **LEAK** here.

**Bladder sensation** Write a description of how your bladder felt when you went to the toilet using these codes

- 0 - If you had no sensation of needing to pass urine, but passed urine for "social reasons", for example, just before going out, or unsure where the next toilet is.
- 1 - If you had a normal desire to pass urine and no urgency. "Urgency" is different from normal bladder feelings and is the sudden compelling desire to pass urine which is difficult to defer, or a sudden feeling that you need to pass urine and if you don't you will have an accident.
- 2 - If you had urgency but it had passed away before you went to the toilet.
- 3 - If you had urgency but managed to get to the toilet, still with urgency, but did not leak urine.
- 4 - If you had urgency and could not get to the toilet in time so you leaked urine.

**Pads** If you put on or change a pad put a tick in the pads column.

Here is an example of how to complete the diary:

Time	Drinks		Urine output	Bladder sensation	Pads
	Amount	Type			
6am			350ml	2	
7am	300ml	tea	✓	2	
8am					
9am					
10am	cup	water	Leak	3	✓

Time	Drinks Amount	Drinks Type	Urine output (mls)	Bladder sensation	Pads
6am					
7am					
8am					
9am					
10am					
11am					
Midday					
1pm					
2pm					
3pm					
4pm					
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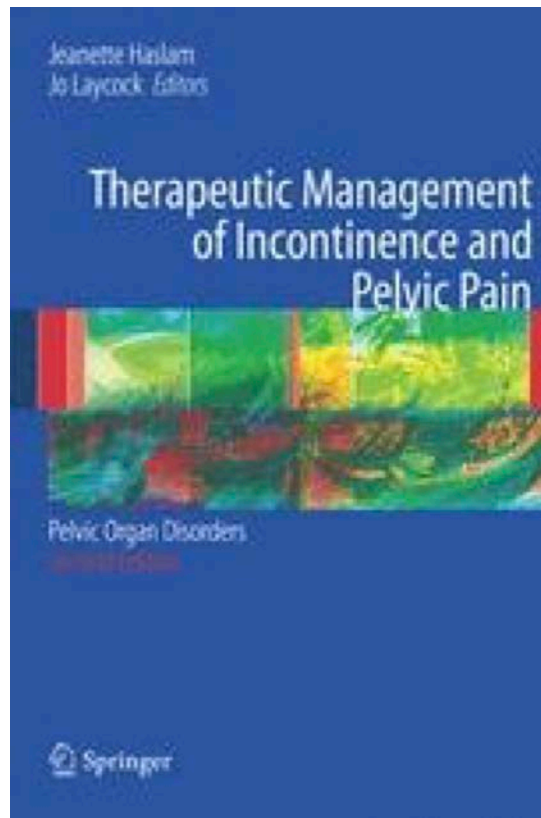


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ICI-Q- Bladder diary

# Alcune proposte terapeutiche

- Counseling riabilitativo
- Counseling sessuologico
- Strategie di coping
- Continenza Products
- Terapia comportamentale



*Prompted voiding*  
*Bladder training*  
*Schedule voiding*  
*Bladder Diet*

Journal of Parkinson's Disease 11 (2021) 857–864  
DOI 10.3233/JPD-202491  
IOS Press

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## Research Report

### Pelvic Floor Health in Women with Parkinson's Disease

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### Behavioral therapy to treat urinary incontinence in Parkinson disease

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J.L. Juncos, MD  
K.L. Burgio, PhD  
P.S. Goode, MD  
R.A. Wolf, MPH  
T.M. Johnson II, MD

This study demonstrates feasibility and efficacy of pelvic floor muscle exercise-based behavioral therapy to treat UI in older patients with PD. These results are promising and should be evaluated in randomized controlled trials.



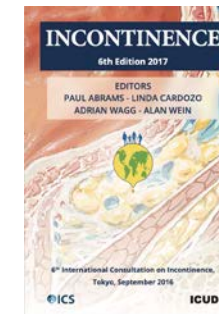
# Alcune proposte terapeutiche

## Training al cateterismo intermittente



E.A.U. Neuro-urology Guideline 2020  
<http://www.uroweb.org/>

Raccomandazioni	Valutazione di forza
Utilizzare il cateterismo intermittente, quando possibile una tecnica asettica, come trattamento standard per i pazienti che non sono in grado di svuotare la vescica.	Forte
Istruire accuratamente i pazienti sulla tecnica e sui rischi del cateterismo intermittente.	Forte
Evitare il cateterismo permanente transuretrale e sovrapubico quando possibile.	Forte



Urinary incontinence associated with poor bladder emptying (significant PVR)

- Intermittent catheterisation \*\* with or without antimuscarinics (A)

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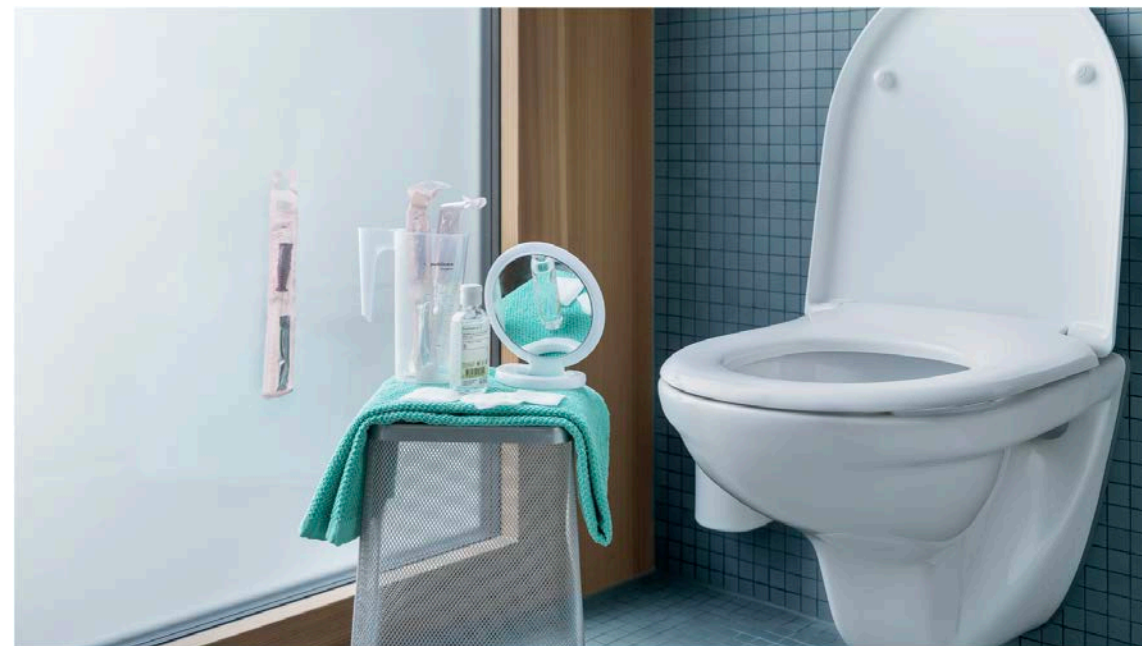


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*Rispettare i tempi dell'elaborazione della perdita di funzione*



# Alcune proposte terapeutiche

## PFMT (Pelvic Floor Muscles Training)

- *Inibitore afferente* → *Almeno 8 secondi contrazione tonica submassimale* → *inibisce lo stimolo*
- *Inibitore efferenze* → *Contrazione PP* → *inibisce la OAB e anticipa la fuga di urina*
- *Aumento della pressione di chiusura uretrale*
- *Impact on functional performance , bowel and sexual function*



ARTICLE ORIGINAL  
**Démonstration neurophysiologique d'un réflexe périnéo-vésico-sensitif inhibiteur**  
*Evidence of sensory bladder inhibitor reflex*

World J Urol (2003) 20: 374-377  
 DOI 10.1007/s00345-002-0309-9

FREE PAPER

Ahmed Shafik · Ismail A. Shafik

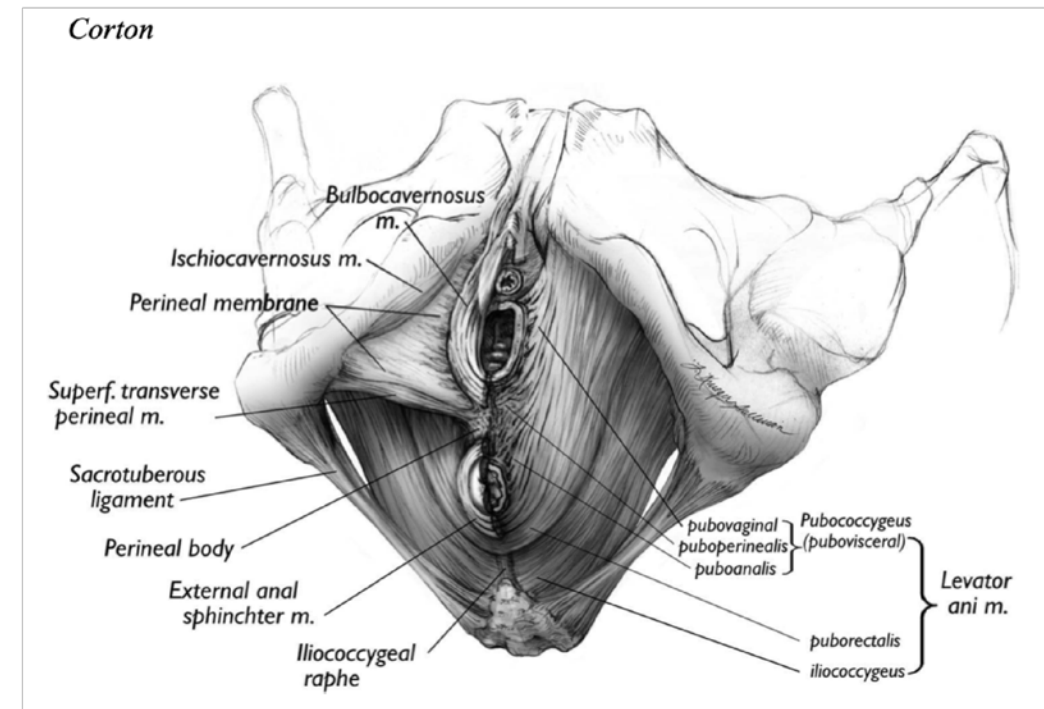
**Overactive bladder inhibition in response to pelvic floor muscle exercises**

Int Urogynecol J (2005) 16: 187-191  
 DOI 10.1007/s00192-004-1232-y

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Kaven Baessler · Kirstin Miska · Ruth Draths  
 Bernhard Schuessler

**Effects of voluntary pelvic floor contraction and relaxation on the urethral closure pressure**



Corton MM. Anatomy of the pelvis: how the pelvis is built for support. Clin Obstet Gynecol. 2005 Sep;48(3):611-26. doi: 10.1097/01.grf.0000170578.24583.64. PMID: 16012229.

International Urology and Nephrology  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11255-021-02804-y>

UROLOGY - ORIGINAL PAPER

**The effect of pelvic floor exercise program on incontinence and sexual dysfunction in multiple sclerosis patients**

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# Alcune proposte terapeutiche

## PTNS(percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation)

Int Urogynecol J  
DOI 10.1007/s00192-015-2814-6



REVIEW ARTICLE

### Posterior tibial nerve stimulation in the management of lower urinary tract symptoms in patients with multiple sclerosis

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*Conclusions: PTNS appears to be an effective and safe treatment option in the management of LUTS in patients with MS*

*Original Research Paper*

### Effectiveness of percutaneous posterior tibial nerve stimulation for the management of bowel dysfunction in multiple sclerosis patients

Rosaria Sacco , Andrea Braga, Giulio Disanto, Giuseppe Alessandro Digesu, Paolo Maino, Eva Koetsier, Giorgio Caccia, Maurizio Serati, Julien Renard, Claudio Gobbi  and Chiara Zecca 

**Conclusion:** PTNS represents a valid minimally invasive alternative treatment for MS patients suffering from NBDs. FI & FC



(Govaert et Al.,2010)

2014 Cochrane review did not find an adequate level of evidence for making any strong recommendations for the management of NBDs in MS patients.<sup>30</sup>

Our study provides supportive evidence for PTNS in the treatment of NBDs in MS. To our knowledge,

Management of faecal incontinence and constipation in adults with central neurological diseases (Review)

Giuseppe M. Neri, C. Goh JD





# Alcune proposte terapeutiche

## Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation (PTNS)

AND

Neurourology and Urodynamics 28:320–324 (2009)

### Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation Produces Effects on Brain Activity: Study on the Modifications of the Long Latency Somatosensory Evoked Potentials

Enrico Finazzi-Agrò,<sup>1,2\*</sup> Camilla Rocchi,<sup>3</sup> Christa Pachatz,<sup>3</sup> Filomena Petta,<sup>1</sup> Enrico Spera,<sup>1,4</sup> Francesco Mori,<sup>3</sup> Francesco Sciobica,<sup>2</sup> and Girolama A. Marfia<sup>3</sup>

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**Objective:** Long-latency somatosensory evoked potentials (LL-SEP) provide information on the function of somatosensory cortical structures. Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation (PTNS) is indicated in the treatment of lower urinary tract dysfunction. Aim of this study was to evaluate LL-SEP in patients with overactive bladder syndrome (OAB) treated by means of PTNS. **Methods:** Sixteen female patients with a diagnosis of pharmacoresistant OAB underwent PTNS while eight female patients with the same diagnosis underwent sham stimulation. LL-SEP were performed at baseline and at the end of PTNS or sham stimulation. Peak latency and peak to peak amplitude of P80, P100, and P200 waves were measured. **Results:** Mean latency of P80, P100, and P200 and mean amplitude of P200 did not show any significant change after both stimulation. Mean amplitude of P80 and P100 waves increased significantly after PTNS while it did not vary after sham stimulation. **Conclusion:** The P80 and P100 amplitude increase might reflect long-term modifications in synaptic efficiency through the somatosensory pathway. The plastic reorganization of cortical network triggered by peripheral neuromodulation can be hypothesized as a mechanism of action of PTNS. Further studies are needed to correlate LL-SEP modifications after PTNS with the success of the treatment. *NeuroUrol. Urodynam. 28:320–324, 2009.* © 2008 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

**Key words:** long term potentiation; neuromodulation; overactive bladder; percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation; somatosensory evoked potentials;

PTNS: the electrical stimulation of the tibial posterior nerve is related to reorganization (neuromodulation) of spinal reflexes and regulation of cortical activity.



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# Alcune proposte terapeutiche

## Sensory re-learning

### Sensory Re-Education after Nerve Repair: Aspects of Timing

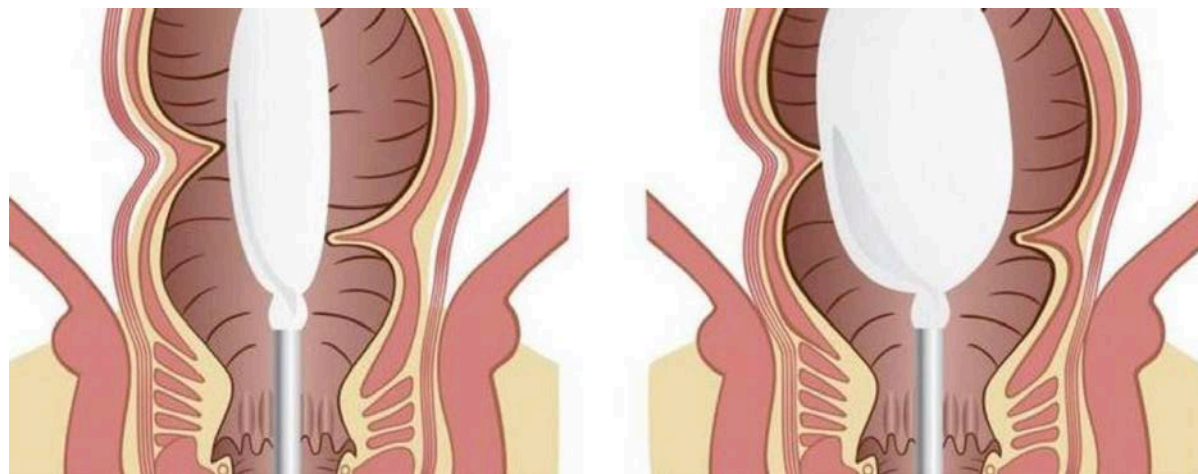
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*Wiederherstellung der Sensibilität und Nervenrekonstruktion:  
zeitliche Aspekte*

Possono verificarsi intorpidimento, formicolio, ipersensibilità, allodinie e vari gradi di perdita sensoriale (Tattile, dolorifica, termica, propriocettiva; perineale ed endocavitaria)

Sensory re-learning is a technique that therapists use in attempt to retrain sensory pathways or stimulate unused pathways (Emotional responses)\*

### Riabilitazione volumetrica

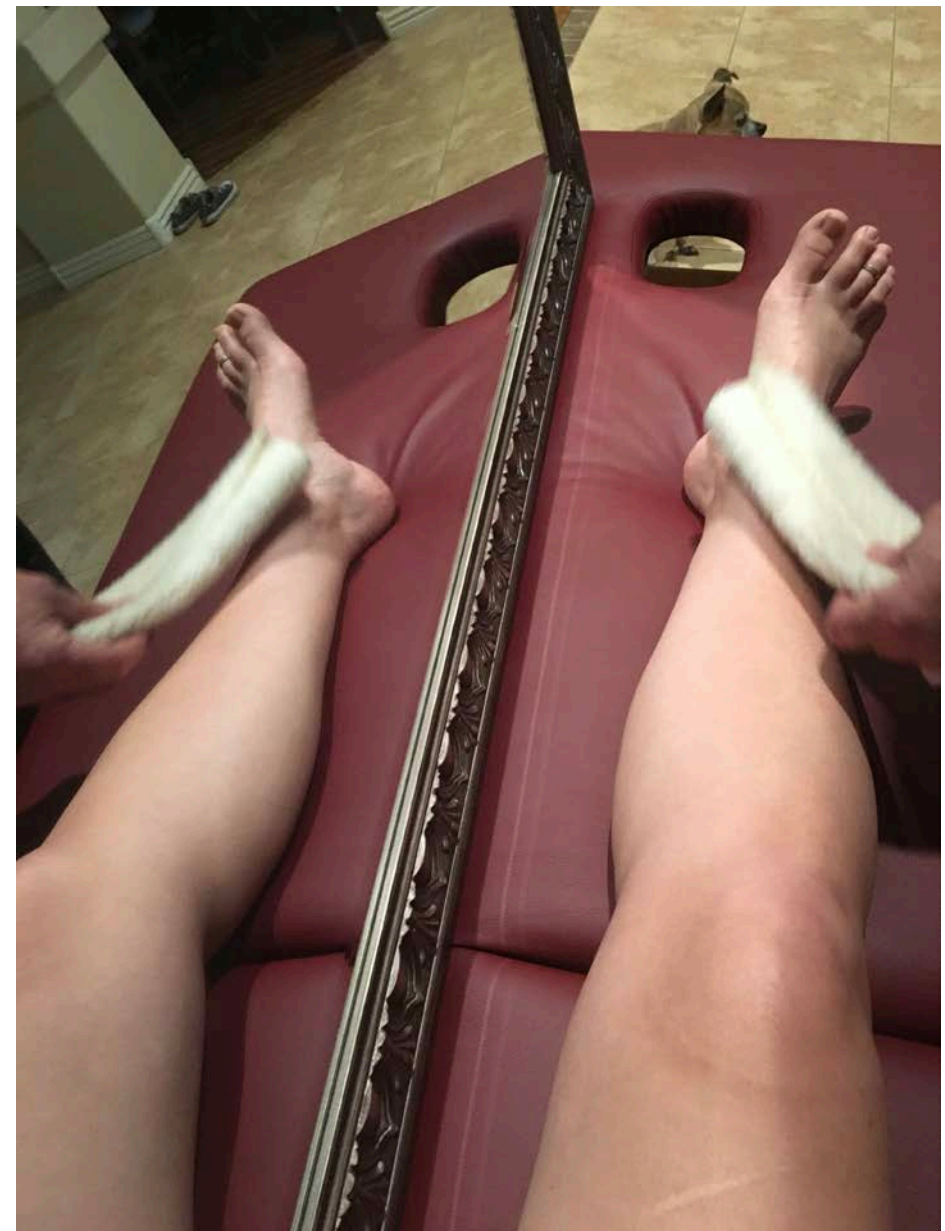


NEUROSCIENCE  
RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Greater Cortical Activation and Motor Recovery Following Mirror Therapy Immediately after Peripheral Nerve Repair of the Forearm



\* Anand KS, Dhikav V. [Hippocampus in health and disease: An overview](#). *Ann Indian Acad Neurol.* 2012;15(4):239-46.  
doi:10.4103/0972-2327.104323

## Clinical Trial TASCI

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journal homepage: [www.europeanurology.com/eufocus](http://www.europeanurology.com/eufocus)



Clinical Studies Update – Neuro-urology

**Update from TASCI, a Nationwide, Randomized, Sham-controlled, Double-blind Clinical Trial on Transcutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation in Patients with Acute Spinal Cord Injury to Prevent Neurogenic Detrusor Overactivity**



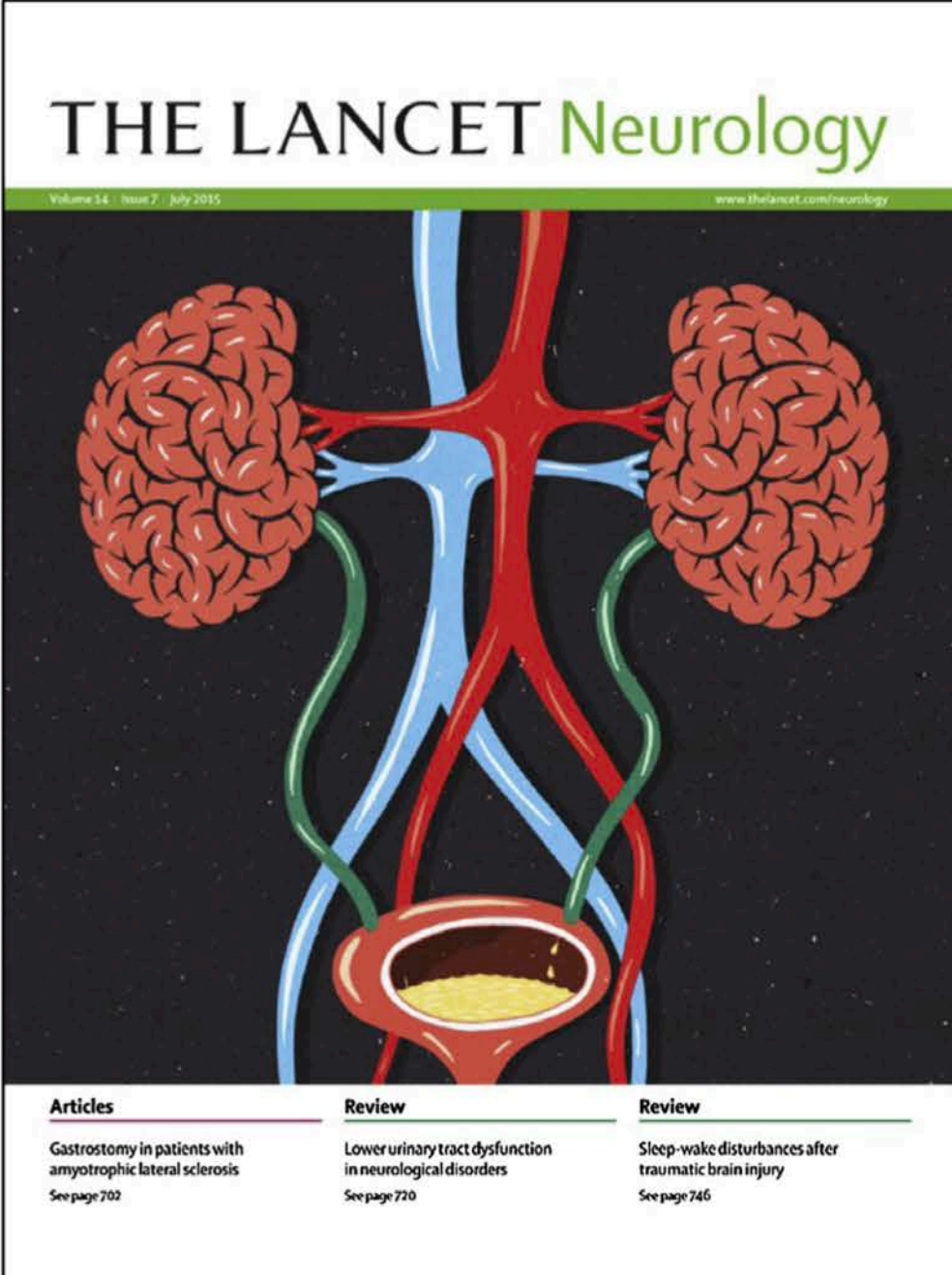
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### “Prevention before treatment”

*L'ipotesi dello studio è che la stimolazione transcutanea precoce del nervo tibiale posteriore possa prevenire l'insorgenza di iperattività detrusoriale neurogena, la dissinergia vescico-sfinterica e il conseguente danno al tratto urinario superiore e l'incontinenza urinaria*



Articles	Review	Review
Gastrostomy in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis See page 702	Lower urinary tract dysfunction in neurological disorders See page 720	Sleep-wake disturbances after traumatic brain injury See page 746

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