

# SIFILIDE

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# Modalità di trasmissione

- \* MTS
- \* Trasfusioni ( non più)
- \* Trasmissione verticale
- \* Professionale (non più)

# Classificazione

- \* Primaria compare dopo 2, 3 settimane (10 -90 giorni) dal contagio
- \* Secondaria compare dopo 2, 3 mesi dal contagio in 1/3 dei casi
- \* Latente precoce fino ad 1 anno dal contagio
- \* Latente tardiva dopo 1 anno dal contagio
- \* Sifilide tardiva 1/10 dei casi

# Sifiloderma secondario



# Secondaria

- \* Sifiloderma secondario
- \* Epatite
- \* Periostite
- \* Linfoadenite sistemica
- \* Sindrome nefrosica (rara)
- \* Uveite
- \* Meningite (quasi sempre asintomatica)

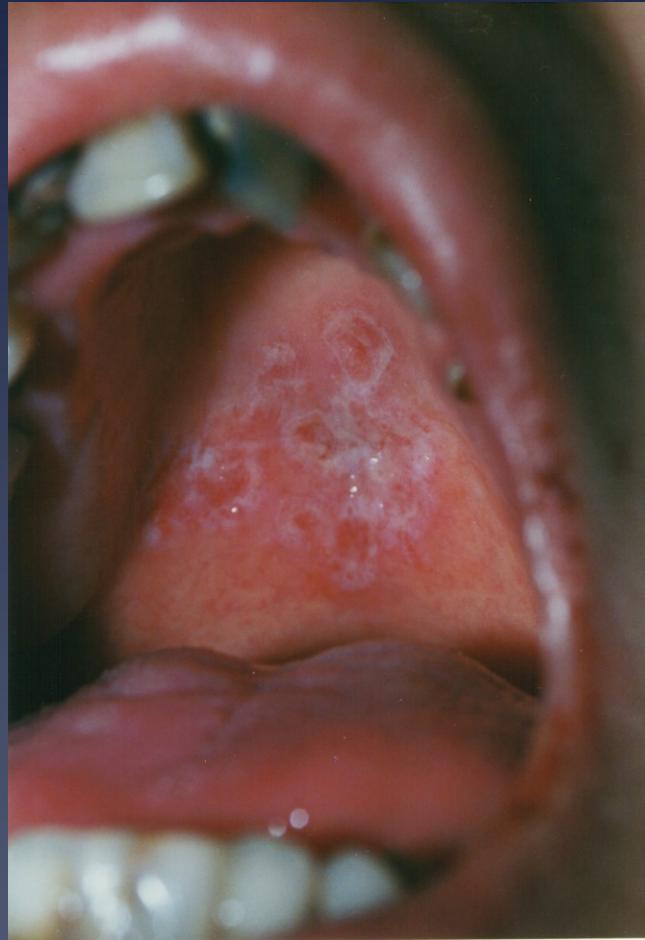
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# Lue terziaria (tardiva)

- \* Neurosifilide asintomatica early/late
  - \* Meningovascolare 2 – 7 anni
  - \* Paralisi Progressiva 10 – 20 anni
  - \* Tabe dorsale 15 – 25 anni
  - \* Cardiovascolare 10 – 30 anni
  - \* Gomme 1 – 46 anni (media 15)

# UK National Guidelines on the management of syphilis

## 2008

### **CLASSIFICATION**

Syphilis is classified as acquired or congenital. Acquired syphilis is divided into early (primary, secondary and early latent <2 years of infection) and tertiary including gummatous, cardiovascular and neurological) syphilis. Congenital syphilis is divided into early (diagnosed in the first two years of life) and late (presenting after two years).

# IUSTI

*International Union Against Sexually Transmitted Infections*

Latent syphilis, early and late: positive serological tests for syphilis with no clinical evidence of treponemal infection. This is classified (ECDC definition) as early latent if the infection was acquired <1 year previously and as

Amplified definition of early latent syphilis: individuals who have had negative syphilis serology within one year of a syphilis diagnosis and who have no symptoms or signs of HIV disease, or individuals with positive syphilis serology who have unequivocal evidence that they have acquired syphilis in the previous twelve months.

# Tests

- \* Esame diretto in campo oscuro: desueto
- \* Biopsia: solo raramente
- \* PCR: specifico ma non distingue i treponemi vivi da quelli morti. Delicato.
- \* RIT
- \* Tests sierologici: Treponemici e non treponemici

# PCR

- \* Among primary syphilis, real-time PCR positivity was 80% in lesion swabs and 55% in serum, while among secondary syphilis it was 100% in plasma samples (Gayet-Ageron et al., 2009).

# NTT

- \* The mean sensitivities of the VDRL during primary syphilis, secondary, latent and late latent are 78%, 100%, 95% and 71%, respectively;
- \* sensitivities of RPR are 86%, 100%, 98% and 73%. The mean specificities of both tests are 98% (Larsen et al., 1995).

# TPHA

- \* The mean sensitivities of the TPHA during primary syphilis, secondary and latent syphilis are 88%, 100% and 98%, respectively, while the mean specificities are 95% (Pope et al., 2000).

# FTA abs

- \* The mean sensitivities of the FTA-ABS during primary syphilis and late latent are 84% and 96%, respectively; while the sensitivities during secondary and recent latent syphilis are 100%. The mean specificities are 97%(Larsen et al., 1995). Until recently, FTA-ABS was considered the “gold standard” serological test for laboratorial diagnosis of syphilis.

# WB

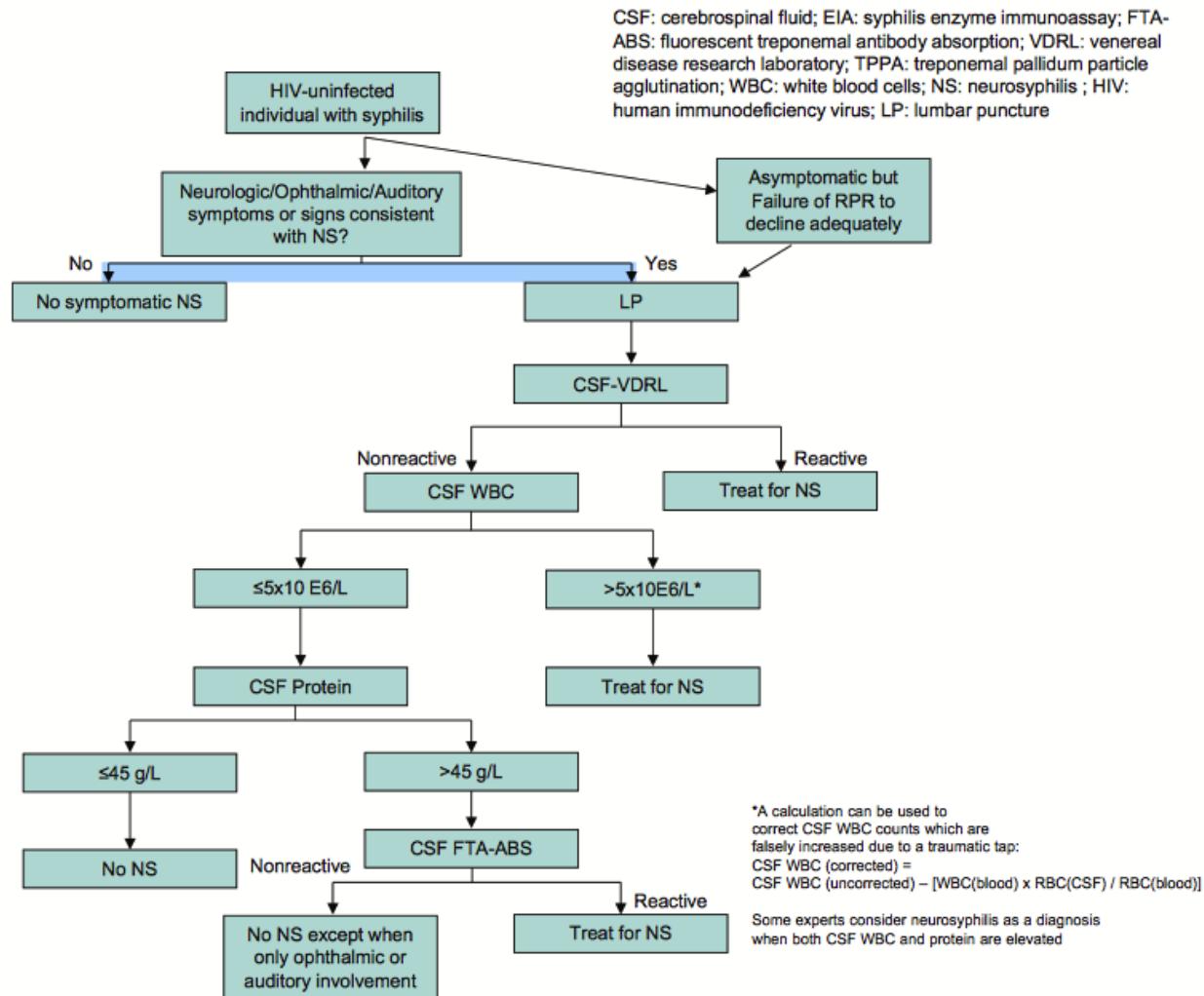
- \* The sensitivity were 92.3%, 100%, 94.4% and 94.1%, respectively for primary, secondary, early latent and latent of unknown duration clinical stages of syphilis (Lam et al., 2010).

# RPR/VDRL

- \* Test fondamentali per la prognosi e la terapia
- \* Importanza del titolo e non dei +++
- \* Compare generalmente 6 settimane dall'infezione e 10 -15 giorni dopo il sifiloma, raggiungendo il picco a 1-2 anni per poi ridursi lentamente
- \* Negativizzazione nel 50% entro 12 mesi nella primaria
- \* Nelle forme recenti riduzione del titolo di 4 volte a 6 mesi, **8 volte a 12 mesi e 12 volte a 24 mesi**
- \* Se non si riduce il titolo entro 6 – 12 mesi: CSF ed eventuale ritrattamento (standard)

# RPR/VDRL

- \* Negativizzazione entro 5 anni nella latente tardiva
- \* Il follow up va dato fino a negativizzazione/basso valore sostenuto
- \* In qualche caso non si negativizza mai (serofast reactor)
- \* In qualche caso negativizzazione spontanea



Adapted from Marra C.M.: *Neurosyphilis: Uptodate on line*, version 19.06.2013.

# Lue in gravidanza

Diagnosi Materna

Passaggio transplacentare

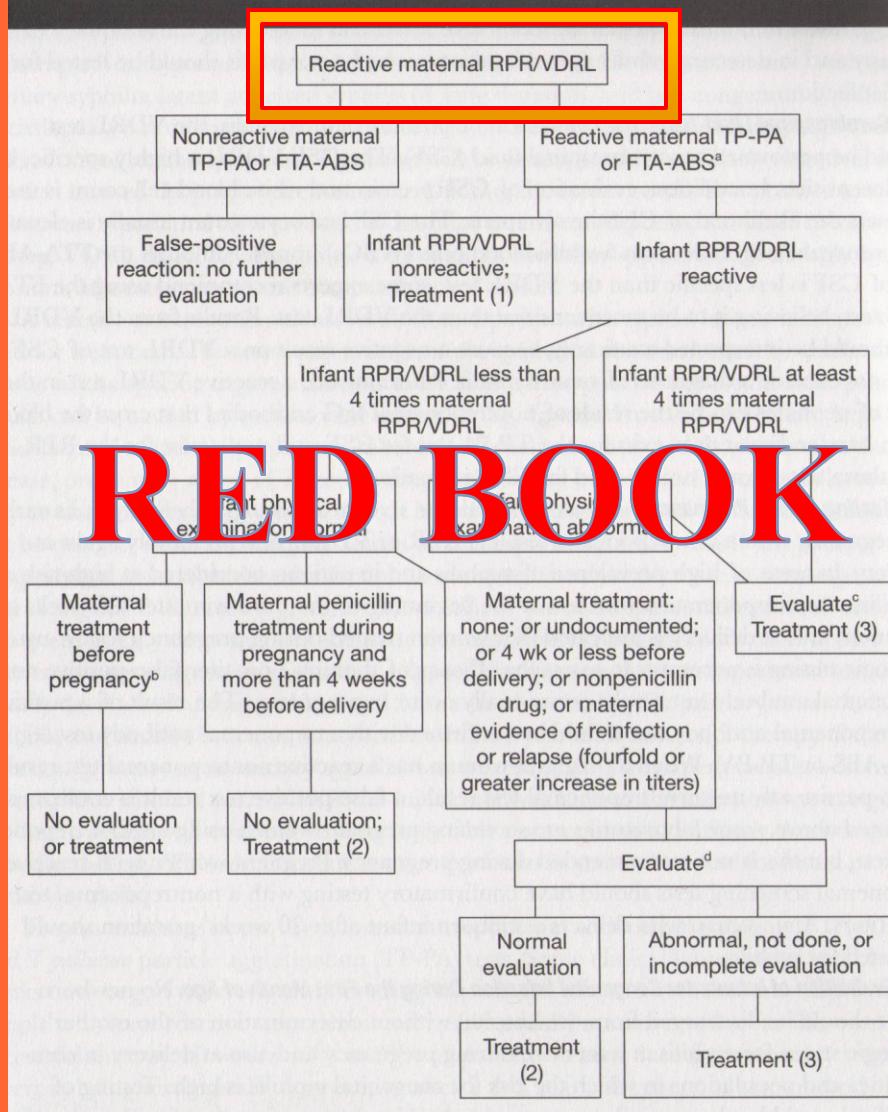
Diagnosi Fetale

Terapia

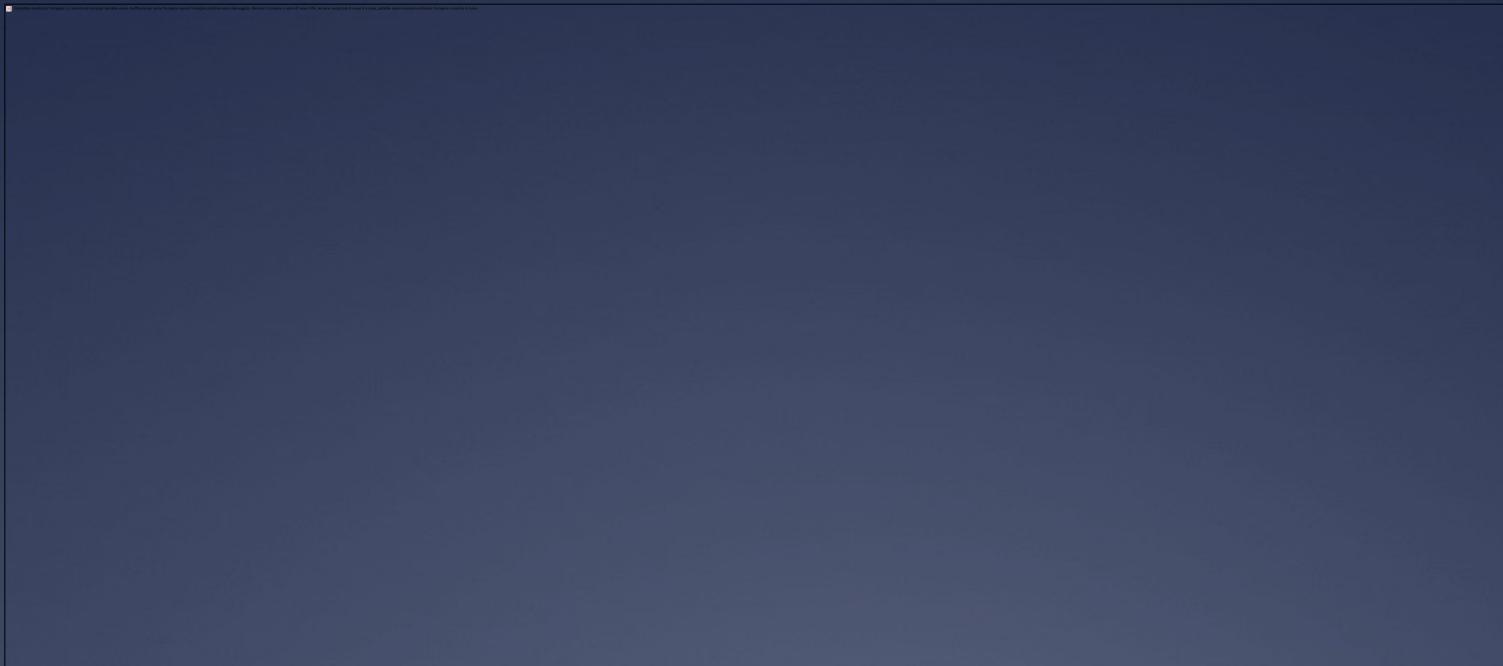
Outcome neonatale

# Diagnosi materna

**FIG 3.6. ALGORITHM FOR EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF INFANTS BORN TO MOTHERS WITH REACTIVE SEROLOGIC TESTS FOR SYPHILIS.**



# Remington e Klein (Infectious Diseases of the Fetus and Newborn Infant)



The VDRL/RPR and EIA-IgM<sup>27</sup> are often negative in late syphilis but this does not exclude the need for treatment.

27 Michelow IC, Wendel GD, Norgard MV, et al. Central nervous system infection in congenital syphilis. *New Engl J Med* 2002;346:1792–8

# In europa

- \* Primary screening test  
Option 1: a TT (TPHA, MHA-TP, TPPA or EIA/CIA)
- \* Option 2: a NTT (ideally quantitative) (RPR or VDRL)
- \* Option 3: both a TT and a NTT
- \* Option 1: another TT of a different type AND a quantitative NTT if second TT is positive
- \* Option 2: a TT
  
- \* Option 3: NTT must be performed quantitatively