



# TERAPIE INTEGRATE

Associazione di interventi farmacologici e non  
farmacologici nel trattamento dei disturbi  
mentali gravi

*Interventi farmacologici e non farmacologici  
per giovani pazienti a rischio di sviluppare  
disturbi dello spettro psicotico*

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# High Risk State

## Definition

### **The Psychosis High-Risk State:**

#### **A Comprehensive State-of-the-Art Review**

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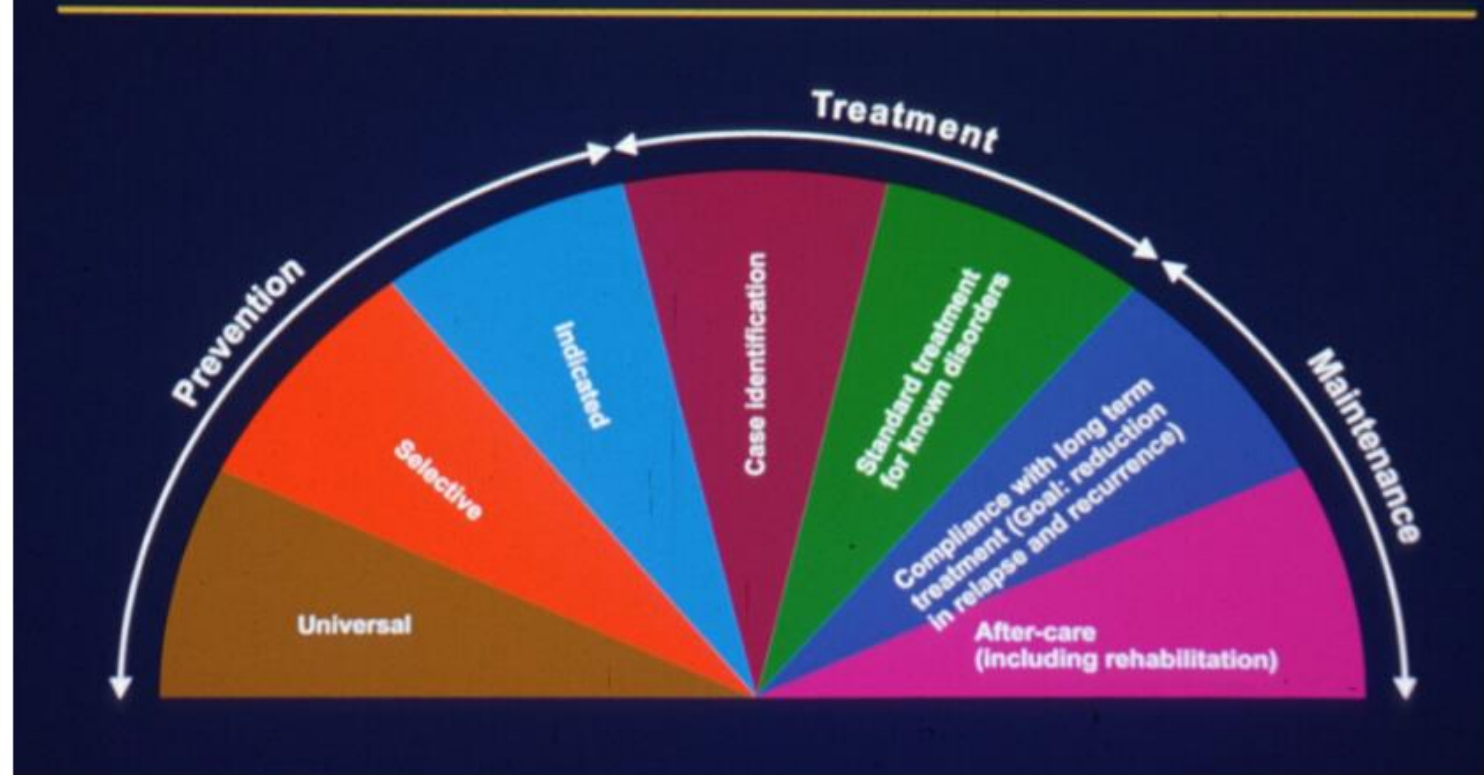
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- During the last 2 decades significant improvements have been done regarding detection of early signs of psychosis, the most significant one being the development and validation of standardized instruments to define the prodromal phase of psychotic disorders
- However, these instruments showed a great ability to rule out, but not to rule in psychosis in help seeking individuals. There is an increasing need to better define the characteristics of those people that will develop frank psychosis, adding to risk algorithm other relevant domains of interest, such as socio-demographic, familiar risk, neurocognitive, neuroimaging risk factors.

Treatments?

(three largest trials - Omega 3 Mc Gorry; Family-aided assertive community treatment Mc Farlan ; Morrison CBT)

## The mental health intervention spectrum for mental disorders



Mrazek P & Haggerty R, ed (1994) Washington D.C.: National Academy Press

# Indicated prevention

“Targeted to high risk individuals with minimal but detectable signs or symptoms foreshadowing mental disorders...but who do not meet diagnostic level at the current time”

Mrazek and Haggerty -1994

# Indicated prevention

Targets:

- 1) Psychosis onset
- 2) Functional decline

# Indicated prevention

## 1) Psychosis onset

- Psychotherapy
- Antipsychotics
- Integrated therapy
- Experimental therapeutics

# RCTs: Psychotherapy

Author & year	Treatment description	Control description	p-value (transition)
Morrison, 2004	Cognitive therapy	monitoring	p= 0.028
Addington, 2011	CBT	supportive therapy	p= 0.059
Morrison, 2012	Cognitive therapy + monitoring	monitoring	p=0.452
Bechdolf, 2012	Integrated Psychological interventions (CBT, group skills training, cognitive remediation, multifamily psychoeducation)	supportive counselling	p=0.008
Van der Gaag, 2012 (Ising, 2016)	CBT-uhr (CBT specifically targeted at cognitive biases combined with TAU)	TAU	p=0.032
Miklowitz, 2014	family-focused treatment (psychoeducation, problem-solving, stress control and better communication)	enhanced care, psychoeducation for symptom prevention	n.s
Stain, 2016	CBT	non-directive reflective listening	n.s.
McGorry, 2013 (Yung, 2010)	Cognitive therapy + placebo	supportive therapy + placebo	n.s.
McFarlane, 2015 [*Not an RCT]	Family-aided Assertive Community Treatment (FACT: case management, supportive counselling, psychoed in multi-family groups, supported employment/ed., medication management)	monitoring	n.s

# RCTs: antipsychotics

Author	Treatment	Control	Duration of treatment	Total N	RR (95%CI) p-value [transition]
McGlashan, 2006	Olanzapine (5-15mg/day)	Placebo	12m	50	0.43 (0.17- 1.08) p=0.07
Yung et al, 2010	Cognitive therapy + Risperidone (0.5-2 mg/day)	Cognitive therapy + placebo	6m	87	0.51 (0.1- 2.65) p=0.42
McGorry, 2013 [FU Yung, 2010]	Cognitive therapy + Risperidone (0.5-2 mg/day)	Cognitive therapy + placebo	12m	87	1.02 (0.38- 2.67) p=0.96
Ruhrmann, 2007	Needs-focused intervention + Amisulpride (50-800mg/day)	Needs-focused intervention	3m treatment, FU=24m.	124	- Both groups: improved BAPPSS (Basic and Positive Symptoms) scores. - Lower PANSS-pos in treatment vs control (p<.001) by endpoint.

Additional open-label studies conducted but not reported here...



# RCTs: combined psychotherapy/APD

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Yung et al, 2010	Cognitive therapy + Risperidone (0.5-2 mg/day)	Supportive therapy + placebo	12m	6m	71	0.65 (0.10– 4.36) p=0.66
McGorry, 2013 [FU Yung, 2010]	Cognitive therapy + Risperidone (0.5-2 mg/day)	Supportive therapy + placebo	12m	12m	71	0.76 (0.28-2.03) p=0.58
McGorry, 2002	(Specific Preventive Intervention, SPI): Risperidone (1-2mg/day) + CBT	Needs based intervention (NBI)	Both interventions 6m, then NBI offered 6m	6m	59	0.27 (0.08-0.89) p=0.03
McGorry, 2002	(SPI) Risperidone (1-2mg/day) + CBT	Needs based intervention (NBI)	Both interventions 6m, then NBI offered 6m	12m	59	0.54 (0.23- 1.30) p=0.17
Phillips, 2007 [FU McGorry]	(Specific Preventive Intervention, SPI): Risperidone (1-2mg/day) + CBT	Needs based intervention (NBI)	Both interventions 6m, then NBI offered 6m	36-48m	59	0.75 (0.39-1.46) p=0.40


# RCTs: experimental therapeutics

Author	Treatment	Control	Duration of treatment	FU period reported	Total N	RR (95%CI) p-value [transition]
Amminger, 2010	Omega-3 PUFAs (1200mg/day)	Placebo	12 weeks	6m	81	0.10 (0.01-0.72) p=0.02
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McGorry, 2017	Omega-3 PUFAs (1.4g/day) + cognitive-behavioural case management (CBCM)	Placebo + CBCM	6m	6m, 12m	304	<i>Kaplan-Maier (12m)</i> 11.2% vs 11.5%, <b>NS</b> .

Woods, 2013 [PILOT RCT]	Glycine (0.8g/kd/day)	Placebo	12 weeks, then 12 weeks open	12w, 24w	<b>8</b>	-Reduced symptoms (MDRS, p<.05) -Possibly improved cognition
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## RESEARCH

# Early interventions to prevent psychosis: systematic review and meta-analysis

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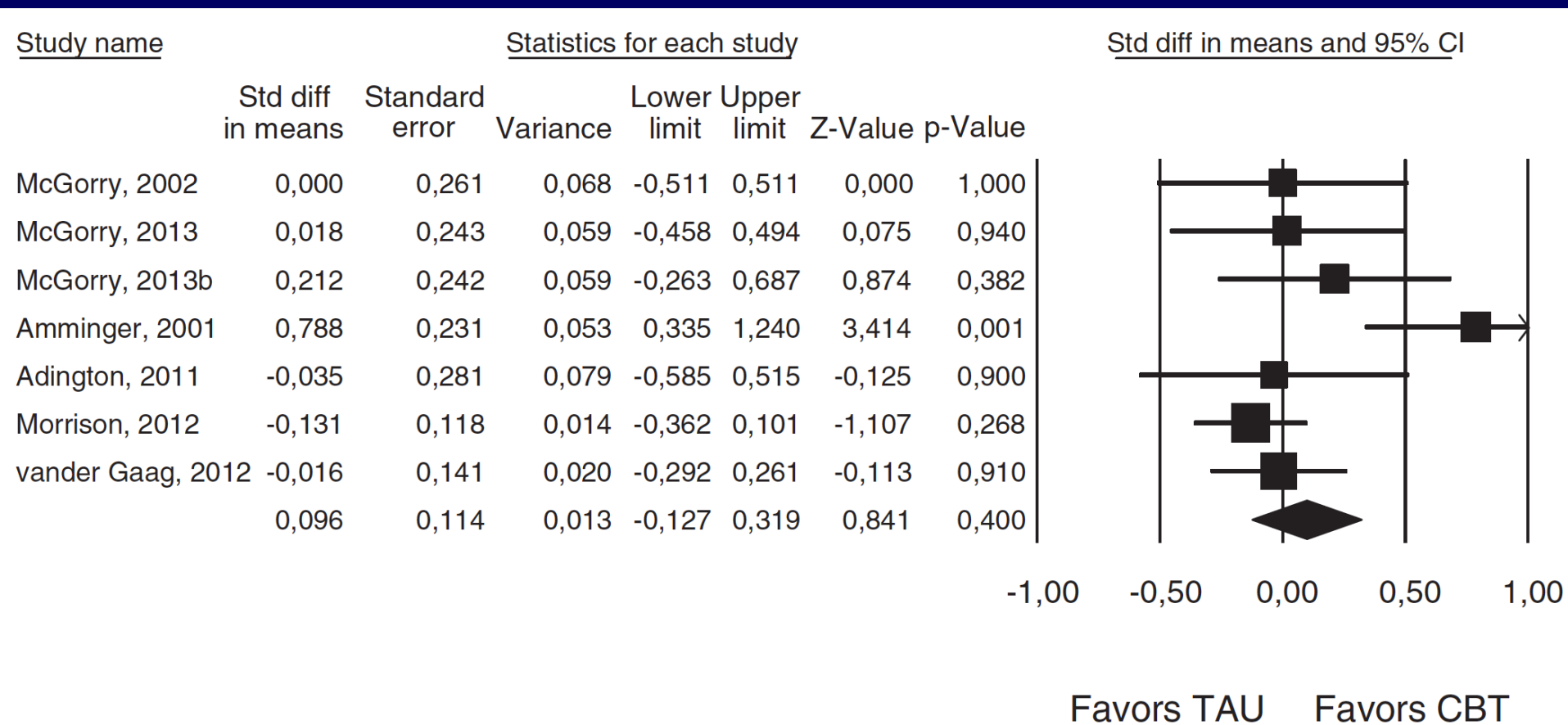
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- Moderate quality evidence for CBT (RR 0.54)
- Very low quality evidence for omega-3 FA
- Low to very low quality evidence for integrated psychotherapy

# Indicated prevention

## 2) Functional Decline

# Social Functioning (GAF and SOFAS): CBT vs TAU, 12m FU



# Need for:

1)Redefinition of the At Risk Mental  
State

1)More targeted interventions

# 1. Redefinition of the At Risk Mental State

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## The Clinical High-Risk State for Psychosis (CHR-P), Version II

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Clinical Stage	Definition	Definition in the Clinical Staging Model	Possible Interventions
0	Asymptomatic genetic risk	Premorbid	Improved mental health literacy, family psychoeducation
1a	Negative and cognitive symptoms	CHR-P	As for 0 plus active reduction of substance misuse
1b	Attenuated Psychotic Symptoms (APS)	CHR-P	As for 1a plus individual psychological therapies
1c	Short-lived remitting psychotic episodes (BLIPS/BIPS) <sup>a</sup>	CHR-P	As for 1c plus close-in monitoring and prevention of psychosis recurrence
2	Full-threshold first-episode psychosis (FEP)	FEP	As for 1c plus antipsychotics and vocational rehabilitation

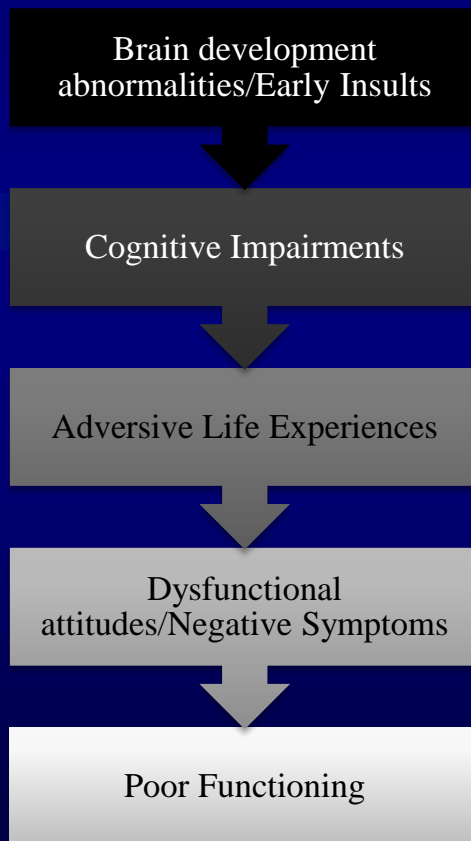
## 2. More targeted interventions

- Identification and intervention on key determinants:
  - Neurocognition
  - Theory of Mind
  - Experiential Negative Symptoms
- Transdiagnostic approach



# Functional decline

NIMH – Functioning working group



M. Green et al. 2012

A. T. Beck et al. 2006

B. Cornblatt et al. 2013

# 2) Functional decline

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## From neurological soft signs to functional outcome in young individuals in treatment with secondary services for non-psychotic disorders: a path analysis

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# Functional decline



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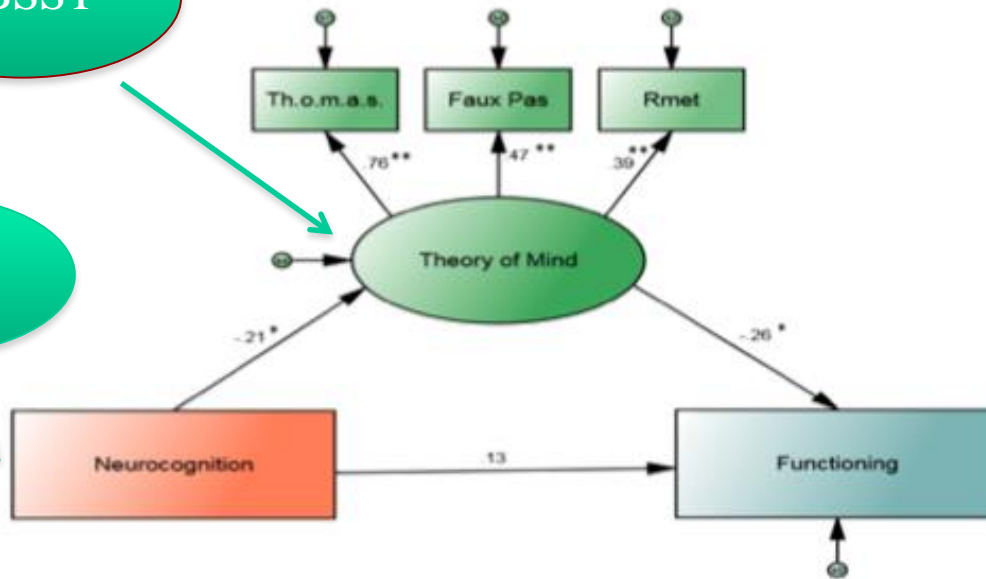
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**Mediation model.** \* $p < 0.05$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$ . The ellipse represents the unobserved latent variable ToM. Rectangles represent observed measured variables. Values are standardized path coefficients

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*Aim*

*Improving the outcomes*

