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*L'ospedalizzazione domiciliare per l'anziano fragile.*

*L'esperienza di Barcellona*

*In: Demenza, percorsi di prevenzione e cura*

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# Conflitto di interessi

Nessuno relativo a questa materia.

Per il resto, solo alcuni conflitti linguistici!

# Ritorno alle origini



# L'Ospedale a Domicilio (OaD) al Parc Sanitari Pere Virgili di Barcellona, parte di una strategia piú ampia

Azienda pubblica, 850 persone di staff

Specializzandi: 3 geriatria, 2 infermeria geriatrica, 4 medicina e 4 infermeria familiare e comunitaria



## Ospedale

- 365 letti di cure intermedie (subacuti, riab. geriatrica, cure palliative, oncogeriatrica, lungodegenza)
- Day-hospital di riabilitazione, Ambulatori demenze e geriatria
  - programma di fragilità comunitario +AGIL
- 45 letti virtuali di OaD, 2 unità domiciliari di cure palliative

## Cure primarie

- 4 centri di cure primarie (Aree di Base di Salute) per circa 100.000 cittadini
- 1 pronto soccorso di cure primarie
- 1 centro di riabilitazione territoriale (generale)
- 1 unità geriatrica per RSA («medicina-geriatria di base in RSA»)

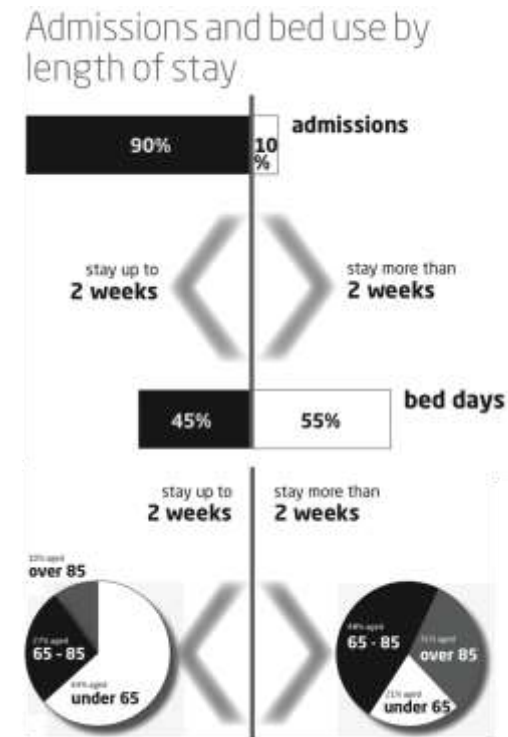




# Dove vorreste vivere quando invecchiate?



# Cosa fare per il sistema sanitario?



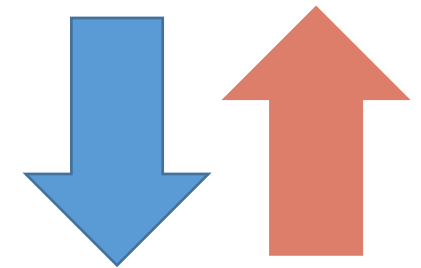
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# Modelli internazionali di OaD



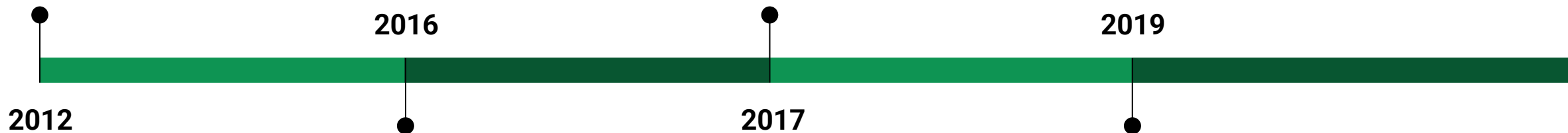
**Step-down  
(dimissione precoce)**



**Step-up  
(prevenzione del  
ricovero)**



Name	Main H@H strategy	Geriatrician-led MD teams & staff members
<b>Hospital-at-home Torino (Italy)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission avoidance <b>dementia</b></li> <li>• Admission avoidance <b>heart Failure</b></li> <li>• Admission avoidance <b>COPD</b></li> <li>• Admission avoidance <b>stroke</b></li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Physician, nurse, physiotherapist, social worker, assistant, dietician</p>
<b>Hospital-in-the home Sydney (Australia)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Admission avoidance</b> from Emergency Department</li> <li>• <b>Early discharge</b> from hospital wards</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists</p>
<b>Home hospitalization (Israel)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Admission avoidance</b> in medical patients</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Physicians, nurses, physiotherapists occupational therapists and social workers</p>
<b>Hospital-at-home John Hopkins University (US)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Admission avoidance</b> in medical patients</li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Physicians and nurses</p>



**A critical review of Early Supported Discharge for stroke patients: from evidence to implementation into practice**



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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**HOME AS A PLACE FOR CARE OF THE OLDEST STROKE PATIENTS: A PILOT FROM THE CATALAN STROKE PROGRAM**

Mas MA, Closa C, Gámez S, Inzitari M, Ribera A, Santaeugenia SJ, Gallofré M, JAGS 2019

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Hospital-at-home integrated care programme for older patients with orthopaedic conditions: Early community reintegration maximising phy

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Miquel À. Mas MD, PhD<sup>a,b,c,\*</sup>, Sebastia J. Santaeugènia MD, PhD<sup>d</sup>, Francisco J. Tarazona-Santabalbina MD, PhD<sup>e,f</sup>, Sara Gámez RN<sup>a</sup>, Marco Inzitari MD, PhD<sup>b,g</sup>

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Original Study

**Effectiveness of a Hospital-at-Home Integrated Care Program as Alternative Resource for Medical Crises Care in Older Adults With Complex Chronic Conditions**



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**Hospital-at-home Integrated Care Programme for the management of disabling health crises in older patients: comparison with bed-based Intermediate Care**

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# Is Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment Admission Avoidance Hospital at Home an Alternative to Hospital Admission for Older Persons?

## A Randomized Trial

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**Design:** Multisite randomized trial. (ISRCTN registry number: ISRCTN60477865)

**Setting:** 9 hospital and community sites in the United Kingdom.

**Patients:** 1055 older persons who were medically unwell, were physiologically stable, and were referred for a hospital admission.

**Intervention:** Admission avoidance HAH with CGA versus hospital admission with CGA when available using 2:1 randomization.

**Measurements:** The primary outcome of living at home was measured at 6 months. Secondary outcomes were new admission to long-term residential care, death, health status, delirium, and patient satisfaction.

Table 2. Unadjusted and Adjusted Relative Risks for the Primary and Secondary Outcomes

Outcome	CGA HAH (n = 687), n (%)	Hospital (n = 345), n (%)	Unadjusted Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value	Adjusted Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value
<b>Primary outcome</b>						
Living at home at 6 mo*	528 (78.6)	247 (75.3)	1.04 (0.94-1.16)	0.44	1.05 (0.95-1.15)	0.36
Missing	15	17				
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>						
Living at home at 12 mo*	443 (66.1)	219 (67.4)	0.98 (0.88-1.10)	0.72	0.99 (0.89-1.10)	0.80
Missing	17	20				
Death at 6 mo†	114 (16.9)	58 (17.7)	0.98 (0.65-1.49)	0.94	0.98 (0.65-1.47)	0.92
Missing	15	17				
Death at 12 mo†	188 (28.1)	82 (25.2)	1.14 (0.80-1.63)	0.47	1.14 (0.80-1.62)	0.47
Missing	17	20				
Long-term residential care at 6 mo†	37 (5.7)	27 (8.7)	0.54 (0.43-0.69)	<0.001	0.58 (0.45-0.76)	<0.001
Missing	41	34				
Long-term residential care at 12 mo†	39 (6.0)	27 (8.7)	0.57 (0.45-0.73)	<0.001	0.61 (0.46-0.82)	<0.001
Missing	41	34				
Readmission or transfer to hospital at 1 mo†	173 (25.7)	64 (19.4)	1.33 (1.07-1.65)	0.011	1.32 (1.06-1.64)	0.012
Missing	15	15				
Readmission or transfer to hospital at 6 mo†	343 (54.4)	171 (56.6)	0.96 (0.86-1.08)	0.49	0.95 (0.86-1.06)	0.40
Missing	56	43				

CGA = Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment; HAH = hospital at home; IQCODE = Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly.

Table 3. Presence of Delirium\* Measured by CAM at 3 Days, 5 Days, and 1 Month

Presence of Delirium (CAM)	CGA HAH (n = 687), n (%)	Hospital (n = 345), n (%)	Adjusted Relative Risk† (95% CI)	P Value
Baseline	46 (6.7)	24 (7.0)	—	—
Missing	1	2		
3 d	25 (3.9)	11 (3.5)	1.12 (0.94-2.29)	0.76
Missing	42	33		
5 d	17 (2.7)	9 (3.0)	0.93 (0.34-2.47)	0.87
Missing	49	37		
1 mo	10 (1.7)	13 (4.4)	0.38 (0.19-0.76)	0.006
Missing	85	48		

CAM = Confusion Assessment Method; CGA = Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment; HAH = hospital at home; IQCODE = Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly.

\* Log-Poisson generalized linear mixed-effects model with robust SEs and site as random effect was fitted separately for each time point. Baseline covariates (sex and IQCODE score) were not fitted to the model because of a small number of events.

† 16 participants were diagnosed with delirium from the CAM at both baseline and 3 d (CGA HAH = 9; hospital = 7), 12 participants at both 3 d and 5 d (CGA HAH = 8; hospital = 4), and 3 participants at both 5 d and 1 mo (CGA HAH = 2; hospital = 1).





	Dimissione precoce <b>Step-down</b>	Prevenzione del ricovero <b>Step-up</b>
Vs ricovero	<b>Risultati simili o migliorati: tassi di mortalità e riammissioni, degenza ospedaliera più breve e alti livelli di soddisfazione del paziente</b>	
Mortalità	Simile	Simile o minore
Riammissione	Simile	Simile o minore
Eventi avversi	Pochi dati	Minori rispetto a step-down
Degenza totale	Simile	Minore rispetto a step-down
<b>Costo beneficio</b>	Dati non concludenti	Superiore a step-down

*Quing Leon M, et al. BMJ Open 2021*



## OaD a PSPV

Attiva da dicembre 2017

### Obiettivo

Implementare un'alternativa alle cure intermedie convenzionali e alla riabilitazione geriatrica a domicilio.

### Teoria del cambiamento

Cambiamento nel modello di cure che prevede un'assistenza step-down+step-up a casa.

Benefici per:

- il paziente: più comfort, più contestualizzazione della riabilitazione, meno complicanze ospedaliere
- il sistema: aumento della capacità di cura, riduzione dei costi





## Pazienti

- Anziani con processo acuto ben diagnosticato o scompenso di patologia cronica
- + perdita funzionale secondaria
  
- Stabilità emodinamica
- Presenza di un caregiver valido al domicilio
  
- Dimesso dall'ospedale (step-down)
- Ricoverato da casa (o DEA) (step-up)





## Intervento



## Interdisciplinario

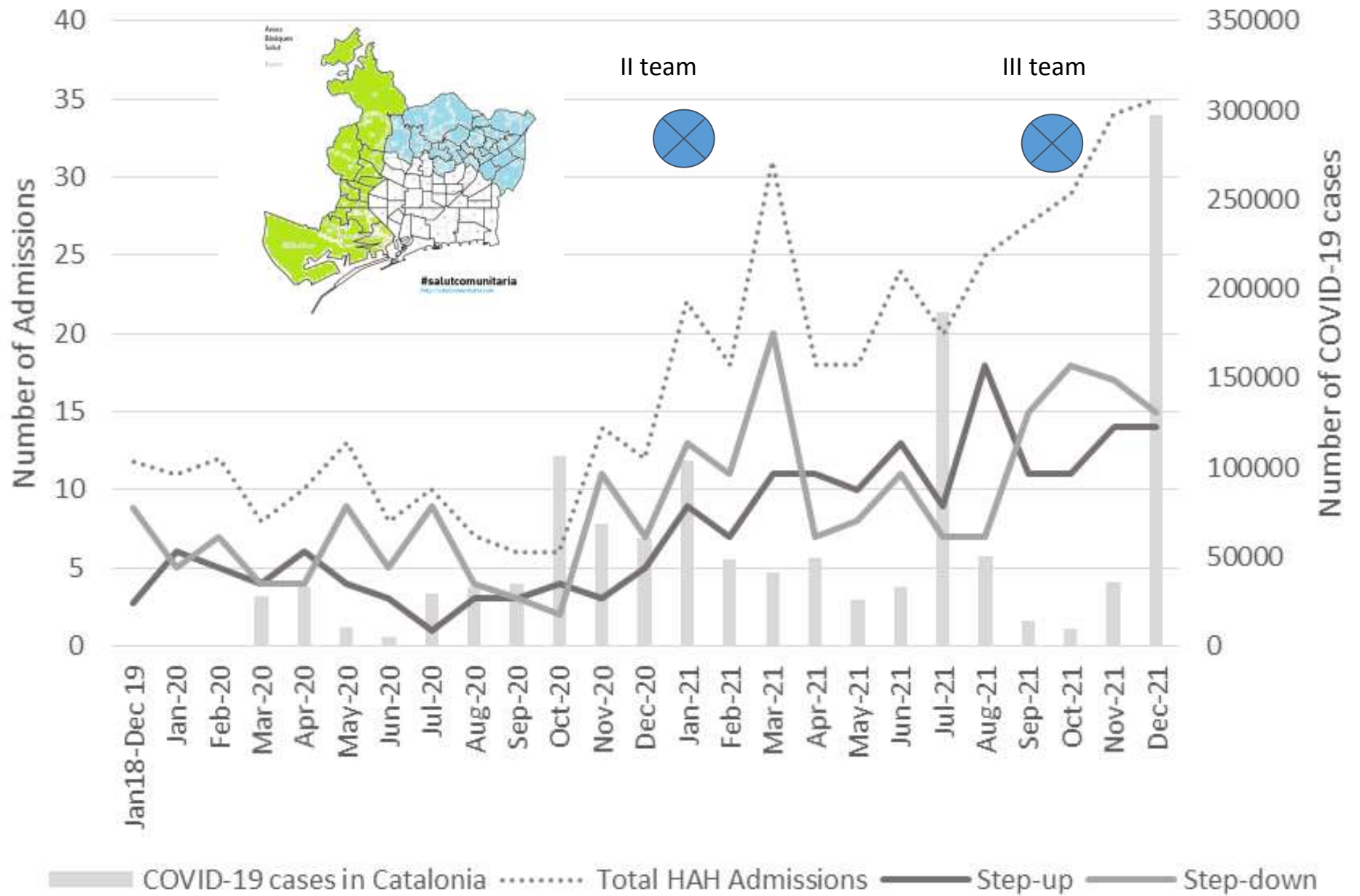
- 1/15 “letti”: Geriatra, Infermeria Geriatrica, Fisioterapista, T. Occupazionale, Ass. Sociale
- Logopedista e farmacista (remoto)
- Formazione internazionale



## VGI e piano di cure individualizzato

### Risorse

- trattamenti e.v., prove laboratorio, ECG, RX (in ospedale), ecografia portatile
- Prima visita 24-48h post-ricovero (visita pre-dimissione prima della pandemia)
- Copertura 7\*24: A domicilio, 13h/giorno (8-21); Remota, notte, telefono della guardia in ospedale + emergenze





# L'impatto della pandemia sulle cure acute e croniche

Adaptation to the pandemic

Stroke

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

## Acute Stroke Care Is at Risk in the Era of COVID-19

Experience at a Comprehensive Stroke Center in Barcelona

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Check for updates

Review

## Stroke network performance during the first COVID-19 pandemic stage: A meta-analysis based on stroke network models

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Il nostro OaD ha continuato a funzionare ininterrottamente e progressivamente é stato potenziato.

Obiettivo:

Valutare e studiare se l'OaD fosse un servizio adattabile alla pandemia

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## COVID-19: maintaining essential rehabilitation services across the care continuum

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




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## Caratteristiche dei pazienti, evoluzione nel tempo

		2018-19				
	<b>Total, n= 688</b>	<b>Pre- Pandemic, n=307</b>	<b>Pandemic 2020, n=159</b>	<b>Pandemic 2021, n=222</b>		<b>p-value</b>
<b>Age, mean (SD)</b>	<b>82.5 (9.6)</b>	82.0 (8.8)	81.9 (10.2)	83.5 (10.2)		0.012
Women, % (n)	<b>58.6 (391)</b>	55.7 (171)	56.6 (90)	58.6 (130)		0.517
Living situation, % (n)						
<b>Living with family</b>	<b>85.5 (588)</b>	85.0 (261)	88.7 (141)	83.8 (186)		0.664
Living with a caregiver	10.6 (73)	10.8 (33)	8.2 (13)	12.2 (27)		
Nursing home	3.9 (27)	4.2 (13)	3.1 (5)	4.1 (9)		
<b>Formal caregiver, % (n)</b>	<b>31.5 (216)</b>	31.2 (95)	27.2 (43)	35.1 (78)		0.386
<b>Source of referral, % (n)</b>						<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Primary care teams	<b>36.6 (252)</b>	<b>26.1(80)</b>	<b>40.9 (65)</b>	<b>48.2 (107)</b> 		
Intermediate Care	14.1 (97)	14.0 (43)	15.7 (25)	13.1 (29)		
Acute Hospitals	<b>49.3 (339)</b>	<b>59.9 (184)</b>	<b>43.4 (69)</b>	<b>38.7 (86)</b> 		
Charlson I., mean (SD)	2.2 (1.8)	2.0 (1.7)	2.5 (2.1)	2.2 (1.8)		0.068
<b>Barthel I. pre-admission, mean (SD)</b>	76.4 (24.9)	77.4 (23.4)	77.1 (25.9)	74.6 (26.2)		0.532
Barthel I. (admission), mean (SD)	53.2 (23.5)	52.7 (22.0)	54.8 (24.7)	52.8 (24.7)		0.788

Results: pazienti dimessi



## Caratteristiche dei pazienti, evoluzione nel tempo



	Total, n= 688	Pre- Pandemic, n=307	Pandemic 2020, n=159	Pandemic 2021, n=222	p-value
<b>Most Prevalent Geriatric syndromes, % (n)</b>					
<b>Dementia</b>	28.2 (194)	29.6 (91)	25.8 (41)	<b>27.9 (62)</b>	<b>0.624</b>
<b>Delirium (acute episode)</b>	14.5 (100)	21.5 (66)	9.4 (15)	<b>8.5 (19)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Walking impairment</b>	39.7 (273)	21.2 (65)	54.7 (87)	<b>54.5 (121)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Falls (past 6 months)</b>	55.8 (363)	65.3 (186)	46.4 (71)	<b>49.8 (106)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Polypharmacy	62.4 (429)	65.8 (202)	61.0 (97)	58.6 (130)	0.085
Sensory deficits	46.7 (321)	49.8 (153)	46.5 (74)	42.3 (94)	0.089
Urinary incontinence	50.4 (347)	50.8 (156)	42.8 (68)	55.4 (123)	0.386
<b>Diagnosis at admission, % (n)</b>					
<b>Post-surgery</b>	1.7 (12)	3.6 (11)	0.6 (1)	1. (0)	<b>0.001</b>
<b>Orthogeriatric</b>	33.4 (230)	41.3 (127)	28.9 (46)	<b>25.7 (57)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Medical event	50.4 (347)	47.6 (146)	57.2 (91)	49.6 (110)	0.546
<b>Stroke</b>	6.0 (41)	2.9 (9)	6.9 (11)	<b>9.5 (21)</b>	<b>0.002</b>
Skin ulcers	5.5 (38)	4.6 (14)	3.8 (6)	8.1 (18)	0.095
<b>COVID-19</b>	2.9 (20)	0.0 (0)	2.5 (4)	7.2 (16)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Length of stay, mean (SD)</b>	36.1 (21.7)	33.0(19.3)	36.3(24.3)	38.9(21.5)	<b>0.018</b>
<b>Readmission to acute hospital, % (n)</b>	13.7 (94)	15.0(46)	10.1(16)	14.4(32)	0.760



Results: caratteristiche di base



## Confronto Step-up Vs Step-down



	Total, n= 688	Step-up, n=307	Step-down, n=351	p-value
<b>Age, mean (SD)</b>	82.7 (9.2)	<b>85.0 (8.3)</b>	81.0 (10.0)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Female, % (n)	56.5(372)	58.7 (148)	55.7 (243)	0.445
Diagnosis at admission, % (n)				
Post-surgery	1.8 (12)	0.8 (2)	2.3 (10)	0.148
Orthogeriatric	32.2 (212)	13.5 (34)	45.0 (196)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Medical event	51.5 (339)	70.6 (178)	38.8 (169)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Stroke	6.1 (40)	4.4 (11)	6.9 (30)	0.179
Pressure/vascular ulcers	5.5 (36)	9.9 (25)	3.0 (13)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
COVID-19/ post-COVID-19	2.9 (19)	0.8 (2)	4.1 (18)	0.012
Charlson Index, mean (SD)	2.2 (1.8)	2.2 (1.6)	2.2 (1.9)	0.985
Demencia or MCI	28.4 (187)	34.5 (86)	24.8 (108)	0.009
Cardiovascular disease	83.9 (552)	88.1 (222)	81.4 (355)	0.022
COPD	19.9 (131)	24.6 (62)	16.3 (71)	0.008
Barthel I. pre-admission	76.4 (24.9)	67.7 (27.8)	81.3 (21.6)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Barthel I. (admission)	53.2 (23.5)	51.7 (25.9)	54.0 (21.9)	0.230
Most prevalent geriatric syndroms				
Falls (past 6 months)	55.8 (363)	41.5 (95)	63.5 (268)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Sensory deficits	46.7 (321)	54.0 (136)	42.4 (185)	0.003
Urinary incontinence	50.4 (347)	57.1 (144)	46.6 (203)	0.007



Risultati alla dimissione, comparando i due “pathways”

Absolute gain in Barthel index in the whole sample: 11.1 – 9.6 – 9.9.

No differences in functional improvement or mortality across waves (adjusted models)

When comparing step-up and step-down models:

REGRESSION MODELS	Barthel improvement			Death		
	Linear regression			Logistic regression		
	$\beta$	95% C.I.	p-value	OR	95% C.I.	p-value
<b>Adjusted</b>						
Step-up	ref			ref		
Step-down	4.12	1.44 , 6.82	<b>0.003</b>	0.46	0.18 ; 1.15	0.098
Age	-0.05	-0.19 ; 0.08	0.452	1.07	1.00 ; 1.13	<b>0.036</b>
Female	2.99	0.54 ; 5.43	<b>0.017</b>	0.99	0.42 ; 2.34	0.987
Formal caregiver	-1.67	-4.37 ; 1.04	0.226	0.88	0.38 ; 2.04	0.759
Cardiovascular disease	-1.52	-4.68 ; 1.63	0.343	1.53	0.33 ; 7.11	0.585
Dementia or Cognitive impairment	1.84	-4.59 ; 0.91	0.189	0.80	0.32 ; 1.98	0.625





# Elementi di supporto: il sistema d'informazione e la connessione col territorio





# Conclusioni

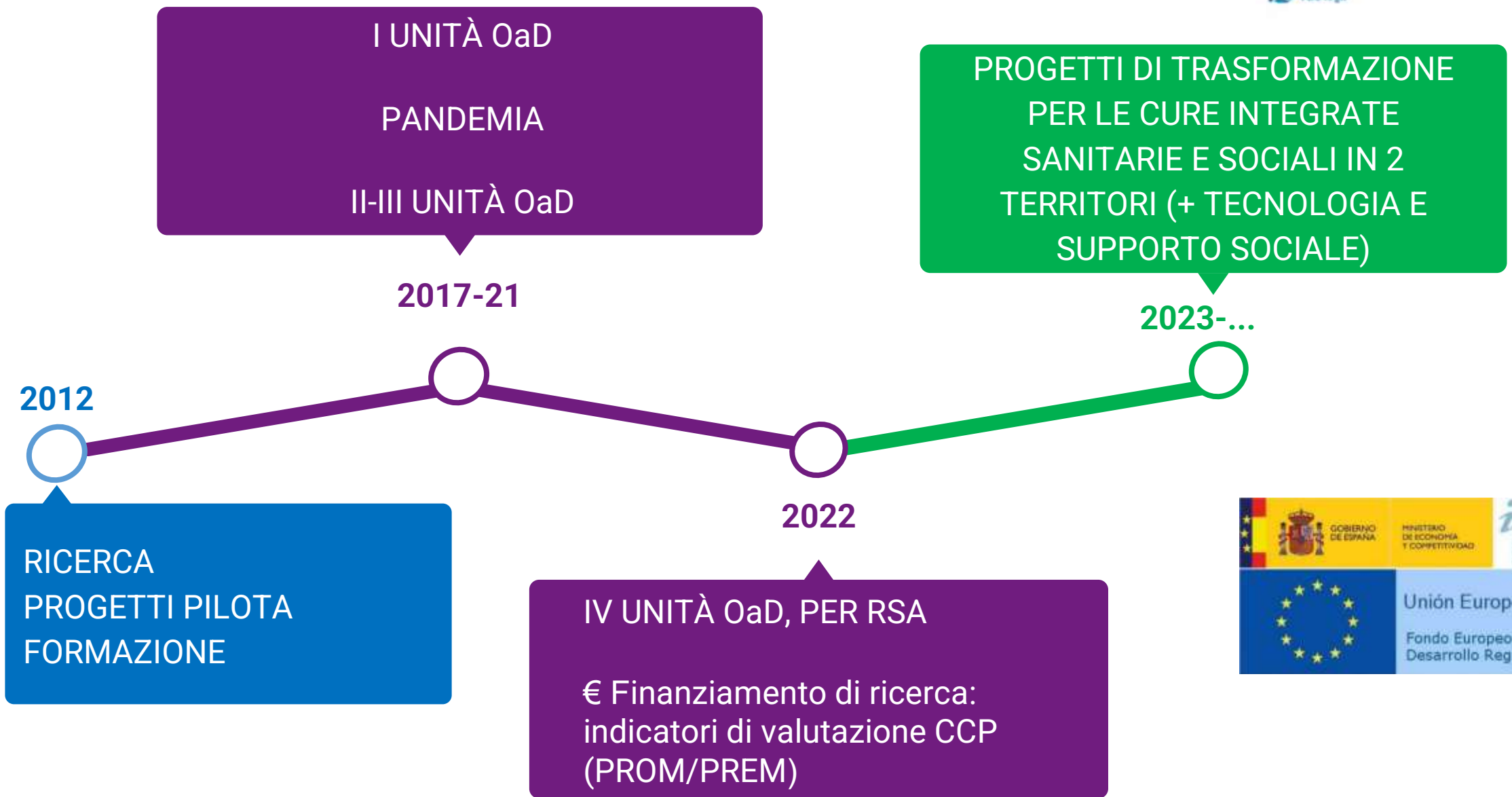
- ✓ OaD geriatrico **sembra un modello efficace** per trattare i pazienti più anziani **con condizioni croniche o acute che causano una compromissione funzionale.**
- ✓ Questa risorsa sembra altamente **adattabile** a una situazione avversa come la pandemia, per la sua capacità di **combinare diverse modalità** (step-down + step-up) e **competenze.**
- ✓ I pazienti ricoverati attraverso il percorso di **step-up erano più complessi** e hanno ottenuto un miglioramento funzionale ridotto, mentre non si sono riscontrate differenze nella mortalità.
- ✓ Se inserito in un contesto più ampio di cure integrate, l'OaD può diventare una risorsa utile anche per le **persone affette da demenza nella comunità.**



C'è evidenza ma anche il problema della “adoption” e “scale-up”

Direzioni future:

- Valutazione / ricerca (inclusi costi)  
→ Disseminazione dei risultati
- Componente tecnologica
- OaD nelle cure integrate (salute e sociale)





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