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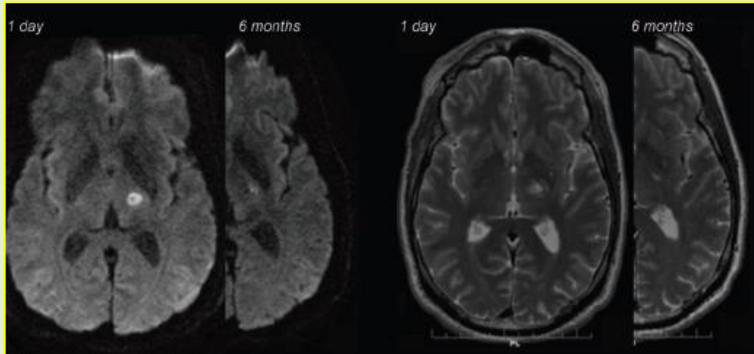
MRg-FUS nel trattamento del Tremore nella Malattia di Parkinson

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the "Sound Therapy"



Gli Ultrasuoni



- *Imaging* diagnostico
- I tessuti attraversati dagli US assorbono energia trasformata in calore
- Trattamenti ripetuti
- Nessun effetto di «accumulo»
- RMN ad alta risoluzione con possibilità di mappe termiche *real-time*

(McDannold NJ, Jolesz FA. **Magnetic resonance image-guided thermal ablations.**Top Magn Reson Imaging 2000)

MRg – *hi*FUS

- E' un trattamento **ablativo mini-invasivo** basato sull'uso di ultrasuoni RM guidati
- L'energia degli ultrasuoni (**HI-FU**) viene **focalizzata** su un volume piccolo di tessuto. Questo determina un aumento della temperatura sufficiente a distruggere (**ablare**) le cellule nel volume bersaglio, senza danneggiare i tessuti circostanti
- La procedura si esegue a **paziente sveglio**, collaborante
- TEAM multi-disciplinare

MRg-FUS: obiettivi terapeutici

Sono definiti in relazione al livello energetico del fascio US

- BASSO → Neuromodulazione
- MODERATO → Variazioni permeabilità BEE
- ALTO → Lesioni cerebrali focali

eNeuro

New Research

Novel Tools and Methods

Cell-Type-Selective Effects of Intramembrane Cavitation as a Unifying Theoretical Framework for Ultrasonic Neuromodulation^{1,2,3}

Michael Plaksin, Eitan Kimmel, and Shy Shoham

J Pharm Pharm Sci (www.cspCanada.org) 17(1) 136-153, 2014

High Intensity Focused Ultrasound Technology, Its Scope and Applications in Therapy and Drug Delivery

Christopher P. Phenix^{1,2,3}, Melissa Togtema^{1,4}, Samuel Pichardo^{5,6}, Ingeborg Zehbe^{1,3,4} and Laura Curiel^{1,6}

MRg-FUS: Applicazioni

CASE STUDY

MRgFUS for desmoid tumors within the thigh: early clinical experiences

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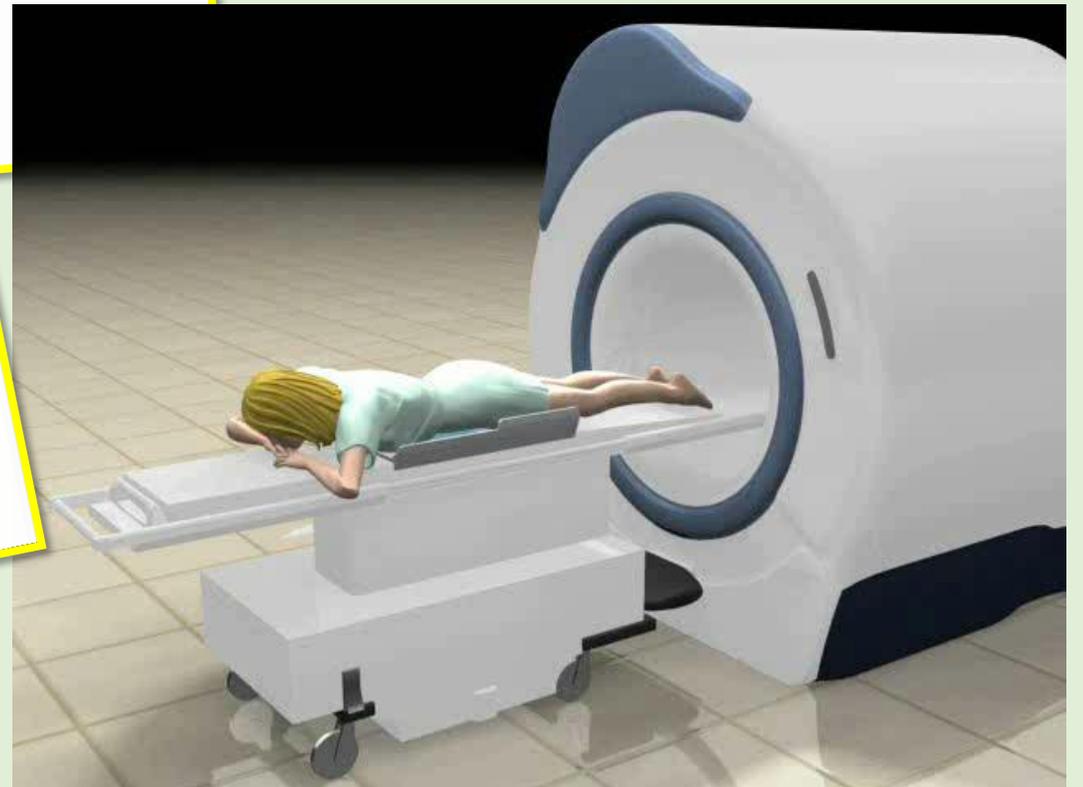
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TECHNICAL NOTE

MR-guided Focused Ultrasound for Uterine Fibroids: A Preliminary Study of Relationship between the Treatment Outcomes and Factors of MR Images Including Elastography

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MRg-FUS in Neurologia

Qualsiasi condizione
susceptibile di lesione
cerebrale stereotassica o
DBS può essere
affrontata mediante
MRgFUS

Reviews

Focused Ultrasound for Essential Tremor: Review of the Evidence and Discussion of Current Hurdles

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New neurosurgical approaches for tremor and Parkinson's disease

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MRI-guided focused ultrasound thalamotomy in non-ET tremor syndromes

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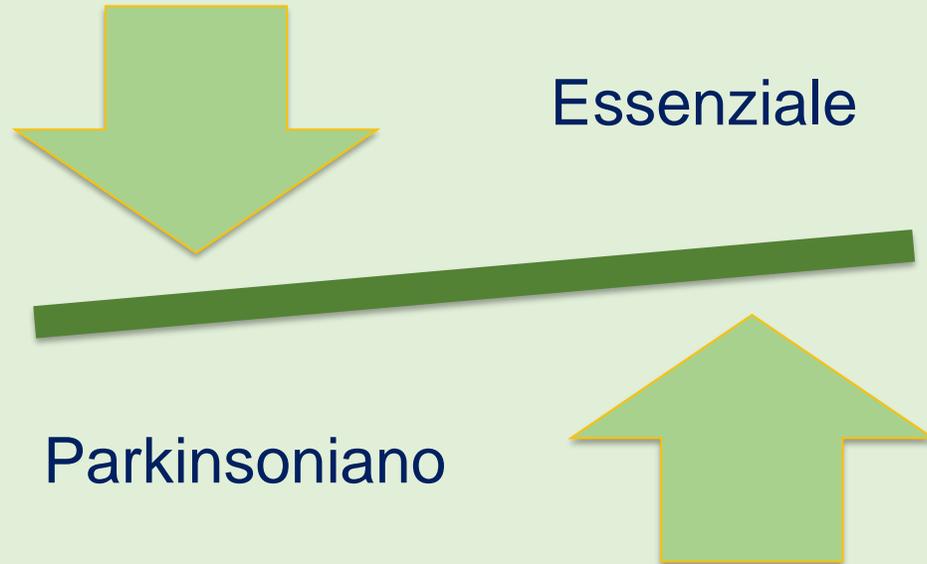
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Randomized Trial of Focused Ultrasound Thalamotomy for Essential Tremor

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MRg-FUS: Indicazioni nei Disordini del Movimento

TREMORE



MRg-FUS: chi ?

Criteri di inclusione

- Età maggiore di 18 anni
- Tremore clinicamente rilevante ed invalidante le ADL
- Tremore refrattario alla terapia farmacologica
- Il paziente presenti controindicazioni alla DBS
- Il paziente abbia rifiutato di sottoporsi ad altre procedure maggiormente invasive

MRg-FUS: chi ?

Criteri di esclusione .1

- Fattori di rischio per sanguinamento e terapia anticoagulante
- Stroke multipli o recenti (6 mesi)
- Malattie neurodegenerative, inclusi parkinsonismi atipici
- Deterioramento cognitivo (demenza)
- Patologie psichiatriche gravi o mal controllate dalla terapia (psicosi, depressione severa)
- Crisi epilettiche recenti (12 mesi)

MRg-FUS: chi ?

Criteria di esclusione .2

- Gravi patologie internistiche
- Patologia cardiaca ed ipertensione severa o instabili
- Neoplasie cerebrali
- Trombosi venosa profonda AA.II.
- Controindicazioni alla risonanza magnetica (RM)

Protocollo standard di trattamento

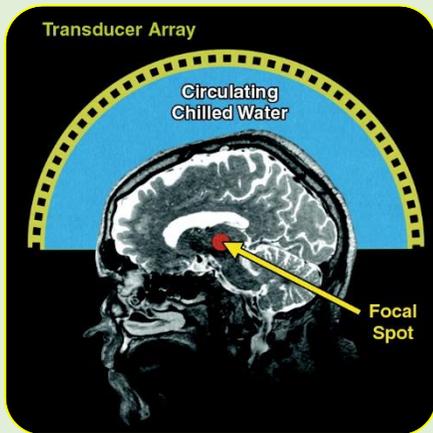
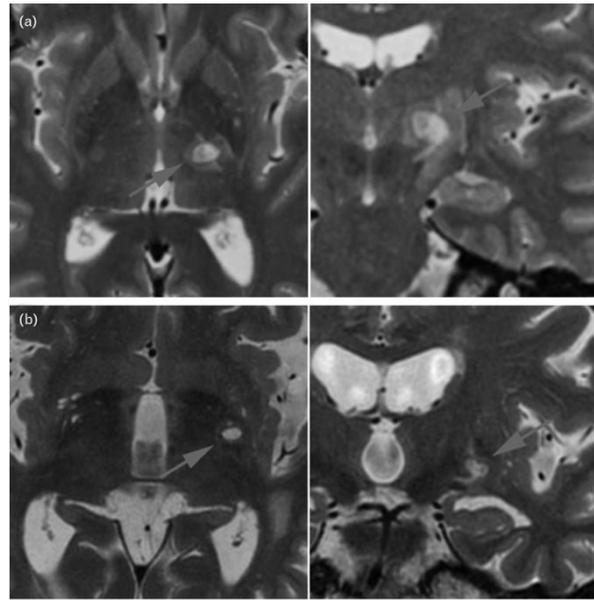
TC ed MRI preoperatorie

Pianificazione del trattamento

Preparazione del paziente

Trattamento

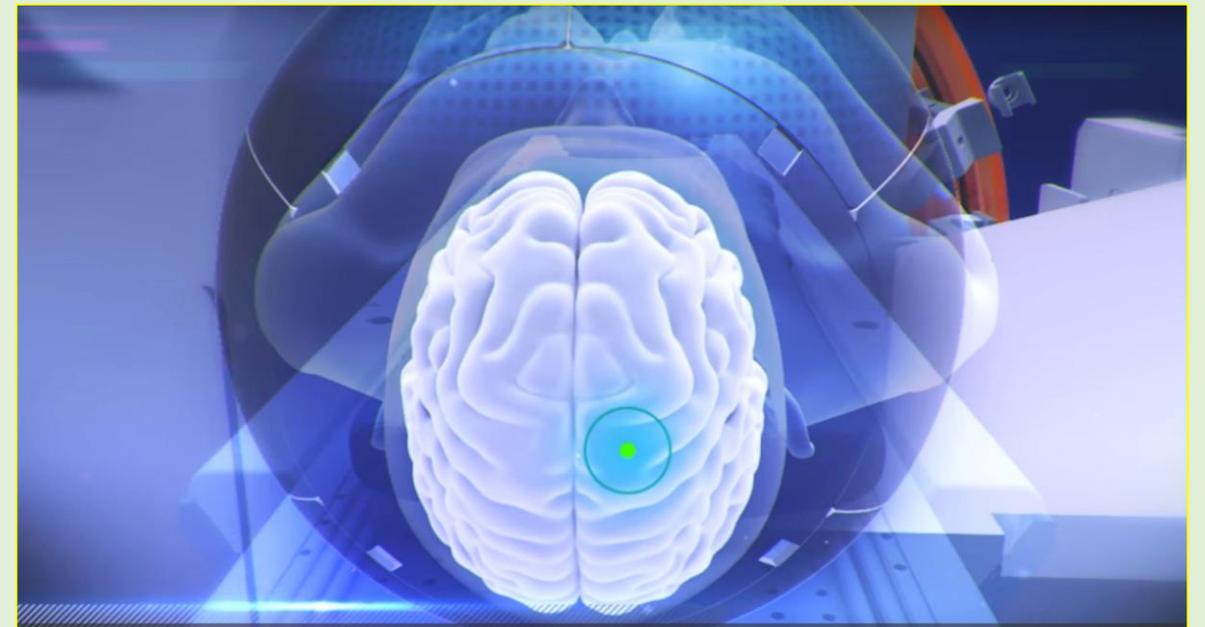
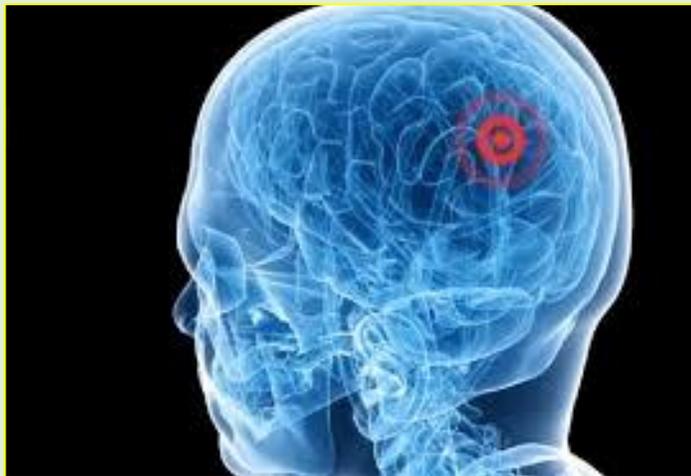
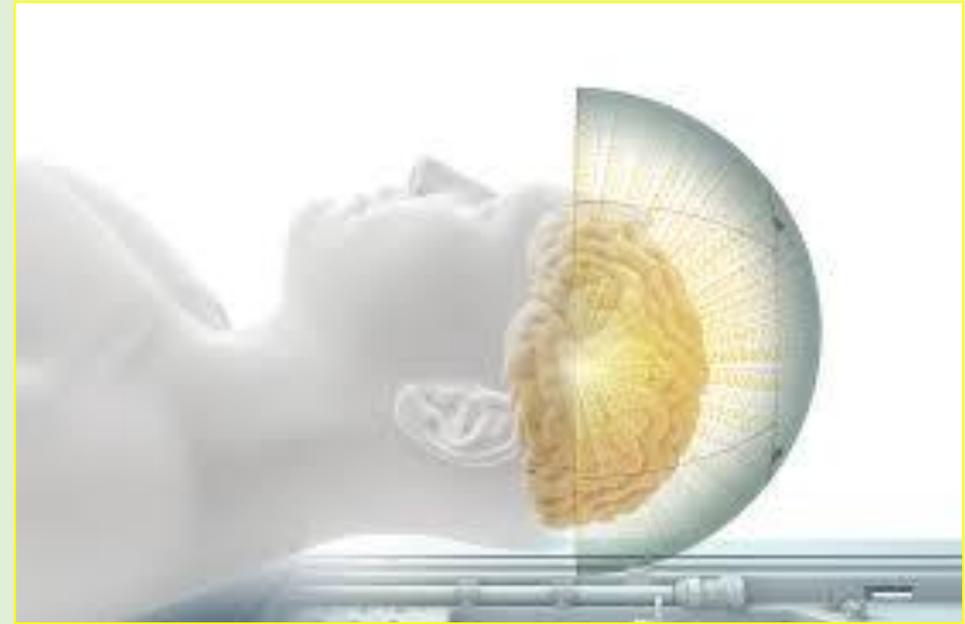
RM post-trattamento





Il paziente sul lettino MR con il capo immobilizzato da un *frame* metallico posto all'interno di un trasduttore di ultrasuoni. Lo spazio tra il capo ed il trasduttore è sigillato da una membrana di silicone ed è riempito di acqua refrigerata

Durante il trattamento il trasduttore genera un punto di energia ultrasonica focalizzata detta ***“sonicazione”***
La temperatura nel focus si incrementerà a causa dell’assorbimento di energia dei tessuti





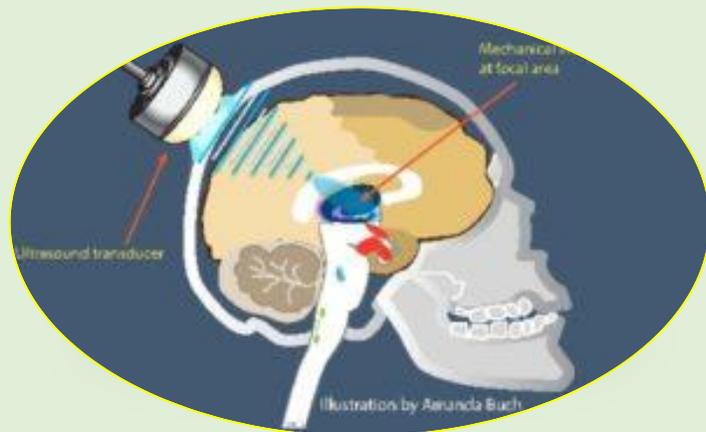
Complessivamente il trattamento dura 3-4 ore

Nella maggior parte dei casi il paziente viene dimesso il giorno successivo



BENEFICI

- Immediato miglioramento del tremore
- Dosi sub-terapeutiche permettono di “refinire” il target
- Monitoraggio e feed-back “real-time”
- Profilo di alta sicurezza con minime complicazioni



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Caratteristiche delle procedure NCH usate nei Disordini del Movimento

	Radiofrequency Lesioning	Deep Brain Stimulation	Gamma Knife Radio Surgery	MR-guided Focused Ultrasound
Technique	A probe inserted into the brain is used to burn neurons in a selected area to create a focal lesion	One or more electrodes are inserted into the brain and are then connected to a implantable pulse generator providing constant electrical stimulation to modulate neuronal activity in the targeted brain region	Ionizing radiations are transmitted through the intact skull to generate a permanent lesion in a specific brain region	Ultrasound waves are transmitted through the intact skull to generate a permanent lesion in a specific brain region
Targeting	Neuroimaging, neuronal recording, intra-operative stimulation, intraoperative test lesions	Neuroimaging, neuronal recording, intra-operative stimulation, (real-time MRI guidance in selected centers)	Neuroimaging	Neuroimaging, thermic maps, real-time MRI guidance, intraoperative test lesions
Worldwide experience	Over 50 years	Over 30 years	Over 15 years	4 years
Ablation (irreversible effects)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Use of general anesthesia	No	Yes	No	No
Invasive/incisions	Yes	Yes	No	No
Possibility of bilateral procedure	No	Yes	No	No
Device implantation	No	Yes	No	No
Benefit onset	Immediate	Delayed (when programming is completed, up to 6 months)	Delayed (up to 1 year)	Immediate

Abbreviation: MRI, Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

MRg-FUS e TE

MR-guided focused ultrasound thalamotomy for essential tremor: a proof-of-concept study



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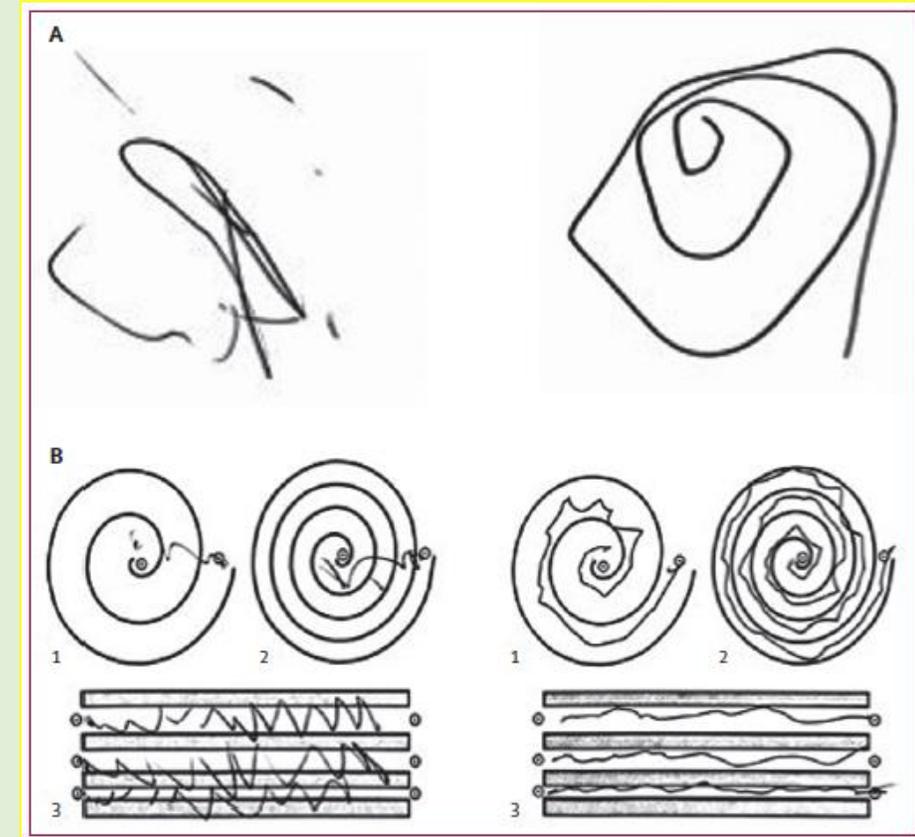
Summary
Background Essential tremor is the most common movement disorder and is often refractory to medical treatment. Surgical therapies, using lesioning and deep brain stimulation in the thalamus, have been used to treat essential tremor that is disabling and resistant to medication. Although often effective, these treatments have risks associated with an open neurosurgical procedure. MR-guided focused ultrasound has been developed as a non-invasive means of generating precisely placed focal lesions. We examined its application to the management of essential tremor.

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	Sex	Treated hand	Age (years)	Illness duration (years)	Medication at surgery	Number of sonications	Maximum temperature achieved (°C)
Patient 1	M	R	71	6	Propranolol Primidone Gabapentin	27	56
Patient 2	M	L	77	25	Primidone Propranolol	22	63
Patient 3	M	R	77	20	Primidone	12	59
Patient 4	M	R	58	20	Propranolol	29	59
Mean			70.8	17.8		22.5	59.3

Table 1: Patient demographics and clinical characteristics

“MR-g FUS might be a **safe and effective approach** to generation of focal intracranial lesions for the management of disabling, medication-resistant essential tremor. If larger trials validate the safety and ascertain the efficacy and durability of this new approach, it might change the way that patients with essential tremor and potentially other disorders are treated”



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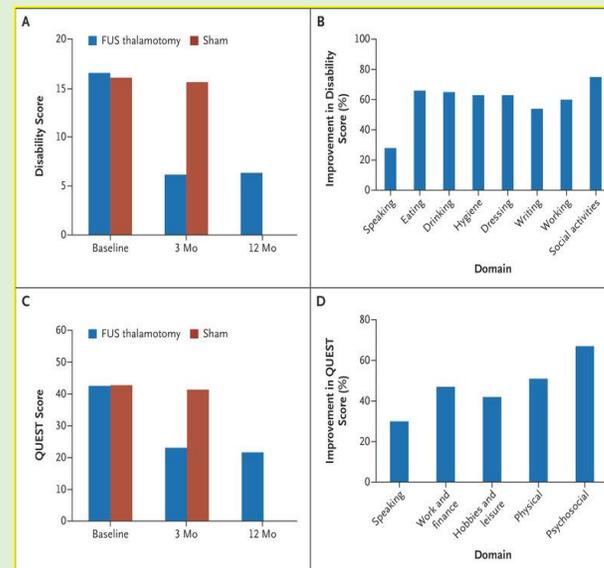
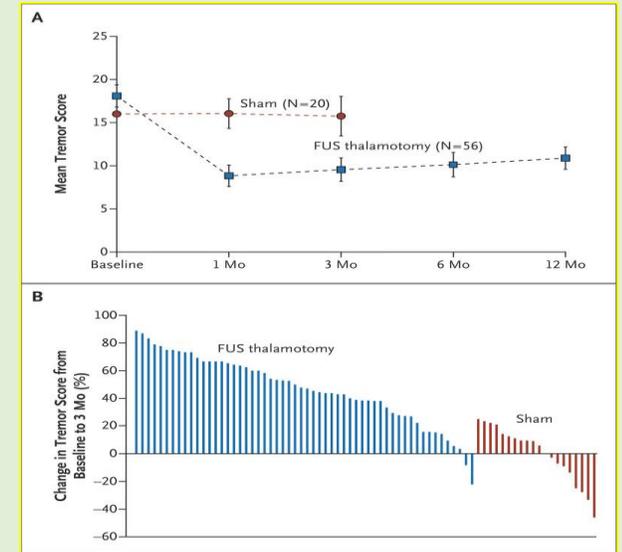
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ABSTRACT

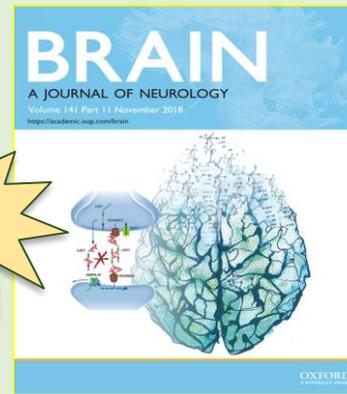
Arruolati 76 pz. con TE moderato-severo

A breve termine:
la riduzione media
del tremore è di circa
il **60%** nel lato trattato
nei 12 mesi successivi
alla procedura



A lungo termine:
recrudescenza
del tremore?

MRg-FUS e TE



- 66 pazienti con TE
- Sottoposti a trattamento MRg-FUS dal 2012 al 2017
- Valutate a 3 mesi le scale per il tremore (CRST)
- Rilevati gli eventi avversi (*sensitivi, motori, linguaggio, marcia e dismetria*) dopo 1 giorno (acuti) e 3 mesi
- L'area di **ottimale** risposta al tremore dopo 3 mesi è stata individuata nella **parte posteriore del VIM**

*“...clinical outcomes of this procedure are highly dependent on the **location** and **size** of lesions. These findings could refine current procedural methods, thereby improving clinical outcomes...”*

MRg-FUS e PD

VIM

Schlesinger I, Eran A, Sinai A, et al.

MRI guided focused ultrasound thalamotomy for moderate-to-severe tremor in Parkinson's disease.

Parkinsons Dis 2015

- 7 pz. con PD severo con tremore farmaco-resistente
- Tremore è scomparso immediatamente in tutti i pz
- In 3 pz ricomparsa di lieve tremore a distanza
- Nessuna efficacia su rigidità e bradicinesia
- Eventi avversi di modesta entità e reversibili
- Limiti dello studio: esiguo n° di casi e breve follow-up

“...Thalamotomy using MRgFUS is safe and effective in PD patients. Large randomized studies are needed to assess prolonged efficacy and safety...”

UPDRS (item 20)

Pre	Post (7 gg)
2,7 ± 1,1	0,0 ± 0,0

Effetti persistenti per almeno 3 mesi successivi al trattamento

MRg-FUS e PD

PTT

Magara A, Buhler R, Moser D, Kowalski M, Pourtehrani P, Jeanmonod D.

First experience with MR-guided focused ultrasound in the treatment of Parkinson's disease

J Ther Ultrasound 2014



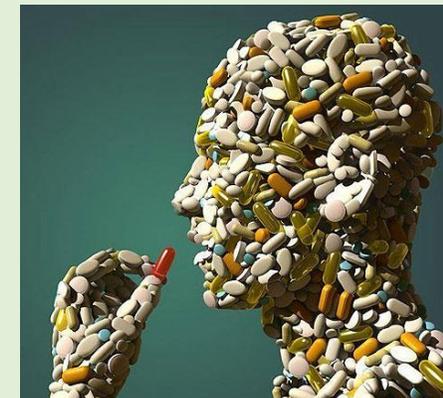
UPDRS e QoL



Disarthria

“...The MRgFUS PTT provided similar clinical improvements to parkinsonian patients as the ones obtained by RF PTT. There were no post-operative neurological side effects...”

	2 Days Post FUS				3 Months Post FUS
	T2-w	T1-w	SWAN	DTI Isotropic	T2-w
Patient 1					
Patient 5					



MRg-FUS e PD **GPi**

Unilateral magnetic resonance imaging-guided focused ultrasound pallidotomy: A novel treatment of Parkinson's disease

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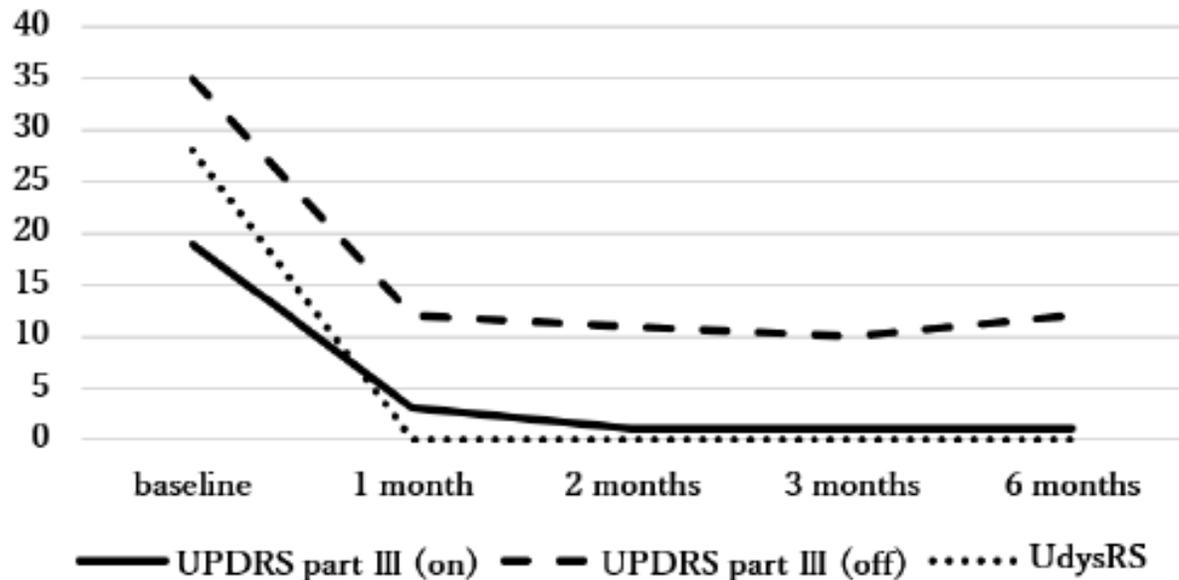
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“ ... Although the efficacy and safety of MRgFUS Gpi pallidotomy for PD remains to be elucidated, it might become one of therapeutic options for PD patients with intractable motor fluctuation. Further investigations with more patients and longer follow-up periods should be necessary...”

UPDRS part III and UdysRS



MRg-FUS e PD

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Focused ultrasound subthalamotomy in patients with asymmetric Parkinson's disease: a pilot study

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Summary

Background Ablative neurosurgery has been used to treat Parkinson's disease for many decades. MRI-guided focused ultrasound allows focal lesions to be made in deep brain structures without skull incision. We investigated the safety and preliminary efficacy of unilateral subthalamotomy by focused ultrasound in Parkinson's disease.

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- Razionale: investigare la **sicurezza** e l'**efficacia** della sub-talamotomia **unilaterale** con Hi-FUS
- Sono stati arruolati **10 pazienti** con PD marcatamente **asimmetrico** scarsamente controllati dalla terapia farmacologica
- Il più frequente evento avverso è stata l'**atassia della marcia** transitoria
- I punteggi MDS-UPDRS III sono mediamente **migliorati** nel lato trattato del 53% in *off-med* e del 47% in *on-med* (6 mesi)
- La procedura è ben tollerata e sembra migliorare la performances motorie nei pazienti trattati

MRg-FUS

*Stereotactic
and Functional
Neurosurgery*

Review

Stereotact Funct Neurosurg 2004;82:115-126
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Center Median-Parafascicular Complex and Pain Control

Review from a Neurosurgical Perspective

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Miglioramento del **dolore**
neuropatico cronico
successivamente a MRgFUS del
talamo centrale

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LITERATURE REVIEW

Dorsal anterior cingulotomy and anterior capsulotomy for severe, refractory obsessive-compulsive disorder: a systematic review of observational studies

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Efficacia della cingulotomia e
capsulotomia mediante
MRgFUS nel trattamento del
DOC grave refrattario.

MRg-FUS: Rischi ed Eventi Avversi

Edema cerebrale:
può essere precoce o tardivo
(fino a 3 mesi)

Eventi Avversi

- Dolore indotto dalle sonicazioni
- Cefalea, anche intensa
- Possibili ustioni cutanee
- Nausea e/o vomito
- Comparsa di brividi

- Disturbi dell'andatura (9%)
- Parestesie (14%)

Problems

- Variable effects on symptoms control
- Decay of tremor control in the short term
- Relatively high number of persistent side effects
- Unpredictable hyper-response of brain tissue
- Not suitable to target both hemispheres
- Not possible in patients with MRI contraindications
- Not possible in patients with high skull thickness
- Not possible in patients with previous brain surgery
- Limited experience
- Patients' misperception of being non-surgical

Unknowns

- Long-term effects
- Re-operation of the same brain area (e.g., in case of tremor recurrence)
- Efficacy of lesioning less centered brain targets (e.g., GPi)
- Safety of bilateral procedures
- Efficacy of DTI MRI to better target brain nuclei/fibers
- Safety of STN lesioning (risk of hemiballismus)
- Bleeding risk in selected populations (e.g., patients on anticoagulants)
- Impact of placebo effect in previous and future RCTs

Possible future applications

- Opening the BBB using moderate-intensity pFUS to improve the delivery of therapeutic agents (growth factors and genes)^{60–68}
- Improving the spread of nanoparticles combined with CED for the delivery of protein and gene therapy to the brain⁶⁹
- Neuromodulation with a high degree of spatial resolution (either activation^{60,70} or suppression of neuronal activity⁷¹) using low-intensity pFUS
- “Enhanced sonication” through inertial cavitation by microbubbles compressed and expanded by FUS⁷²
- Sonothrombolysis of clotted blood in ICH, thereby facilitating minimally invasive evacuation of the clot via craniostomy and aspiration tube⁷³

Abbreviations: BBB, Blood–Brain Barrier; CED, Convection Enhanced Delivery; DTI, Diffusion Tensor Imaging; FUS, Focused Ultrasound; GPi: Globus Pallidus Pars Interna; ICH, Intracerebral Hemorrhage; pFUS, Pulsed-mode Focused Ultrasound; RTC, Randomized Controlled Trial; STN, Subthalamic Nucleus.



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Conclusioni

- MRg-FUS è un **interessante e promettente** approccio, di grande potenziale, per il trattamento di diverse patologie cerebrali
- MRg-FUS una **tecnica mini-invasiva** che può essere usata per «ablare» *target* cerebrali senza danno ai tessuti circostanti
- Ad oggi la Talamotomia MRg-FUS è una **tecnica approvata** per il trattamento del TE e del Tremore nella MP
- Sebbene per l'opinione pubblica ed il paziente venga percepita come un intervento «non chirurgico», **MRg-FUS non è esente da rischi**
- MRg-FUS rappresenta una valida opzione per pazienti che **rifiutano o non siano candidabili** per altre procedure, DBS in particolare

A scenic landscape photograph showing a wide bay or fjord with a small town on the right side. The foreground is a dark, forested hillside. In the background, there are blue mountains under a clear blue sky with a bright sun in the upper right corner, creating a lens flare effect.

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