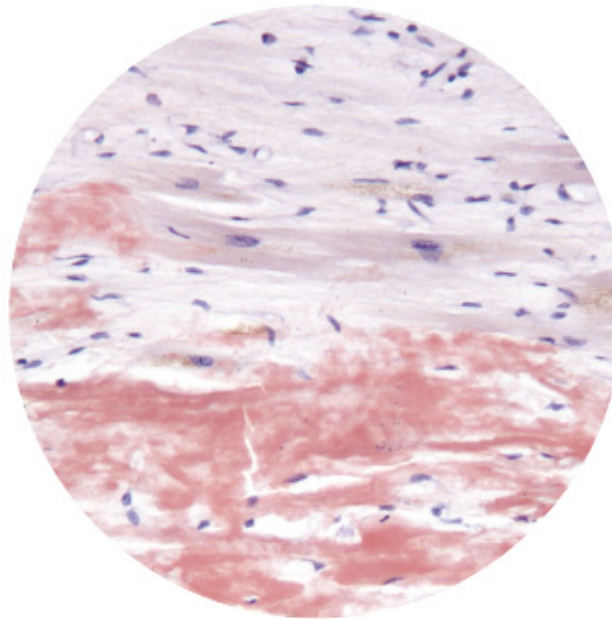


# II JORNADAS AMILOIDOSIS HEREDITARIA por TRANSTIRRETINA (AhTTR)



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# EARLY DIAGNOSIS IN hATTR AMYLOIDOSIS: A MULTISYSTEMIC DISEASE

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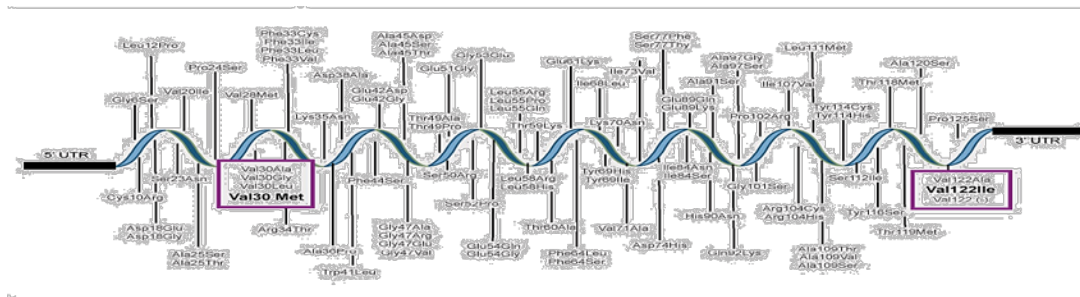
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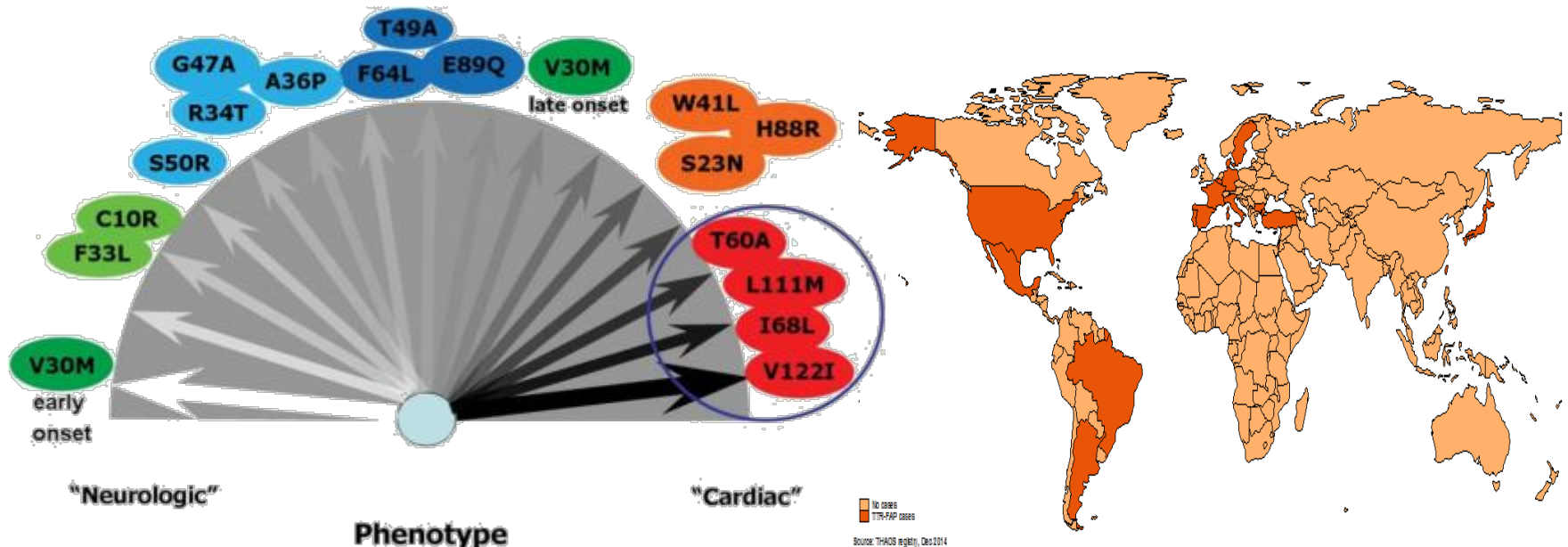
- An autosomal-dominant, adult-onset disorder associated with over 130 different mutations in the transthyretin (TTR) gene



- TTR protein deposits as amyloid in peripheral and autonomic nerves, heart, gastrointestinal (GI) tract, kidneys, eyes, and connective tissue of the transversal carpal ligament<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- This results in progressive organ dysfunction as a multisystemic disease leading to death within an average of 10 years<sup>1</sup>

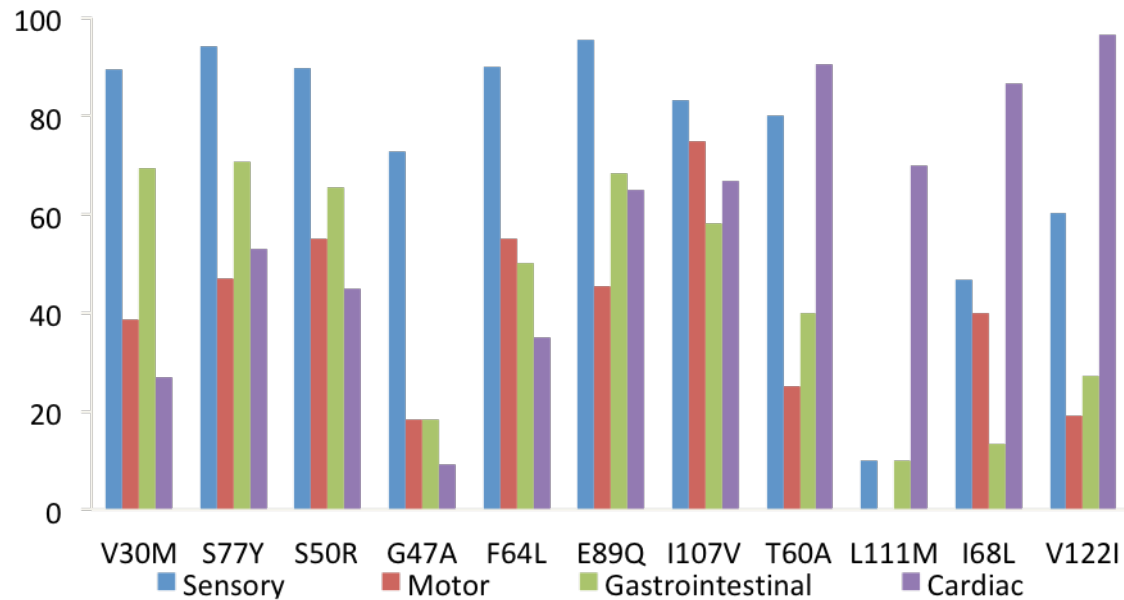
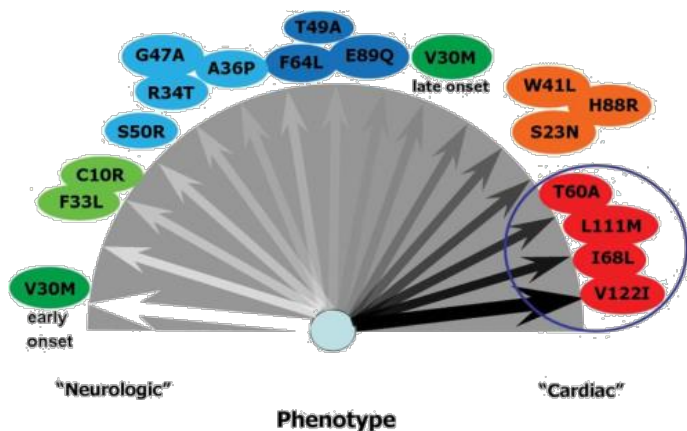
# hATTR Amyloidosis

- The low prevalence of hATTR Amyloidosis worldwide and the high variation in both genotype and phenotypic expression of the disease can lead to difficulty in identifying symptoms outside of a specialized diagnostic environment.



# Hereditary ATTR amyloidosis

- A clear cut-off point for the diagnosis of active disease is usually difficult to achieved due to some confounding factors:
  - Genotype/phenotype variability
  - Phenotype variability within the same mutation



Neurologic

Cardiac

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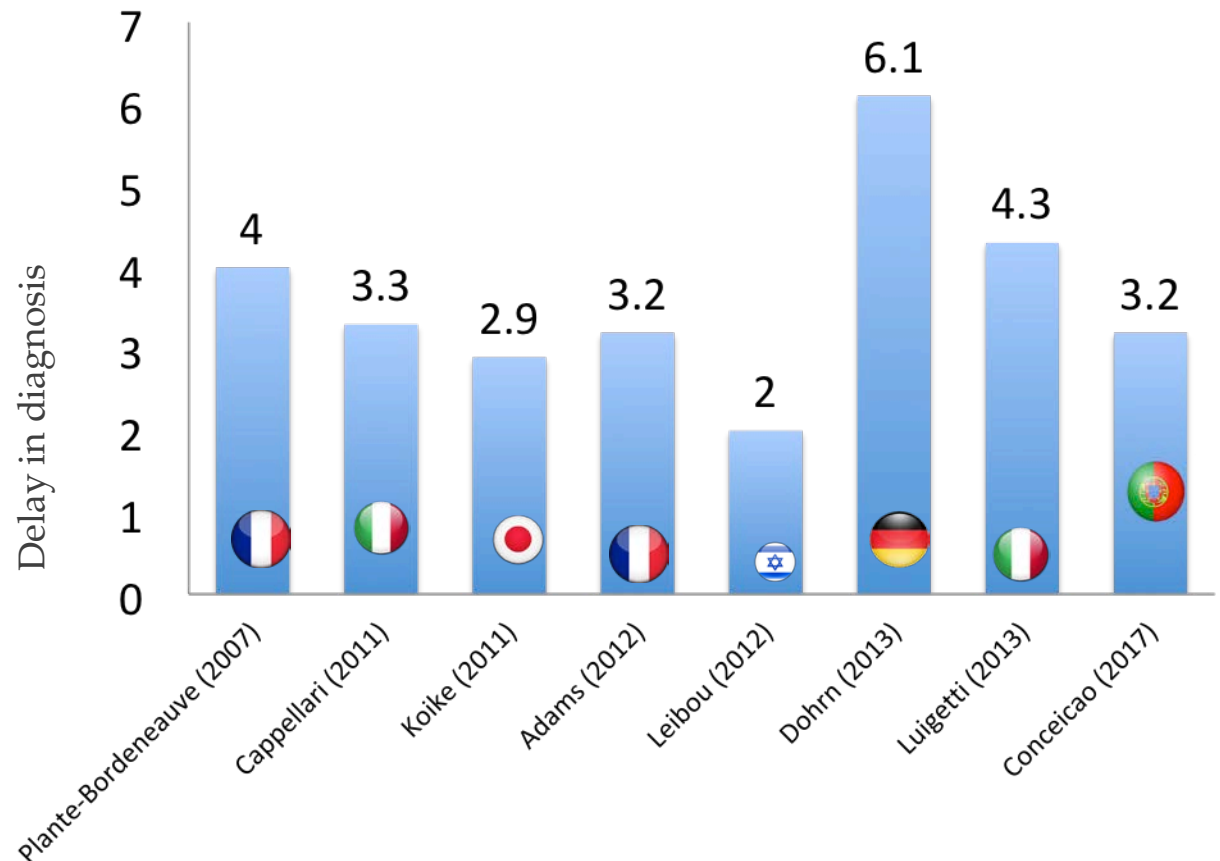
## hATTR-Amyloidosis: misdiagnosis

- In sporadic or scattered cases, the lack of awareness among physicians of variable clinical features and limited access to diagnostic tools can contribute to high rates of misdiagnosis.
- In general, early and late-onset variants of hATTR-Amyloidosis, found within endemic and nonendemic regions, present several additional diagnostic challenges

## hATTR-Amyloidosis

Early and accurate diagnosis of TTR-FAP represents one of the major challenges faced by physicians when caring for patients with idiopathic progressive neuropathy.

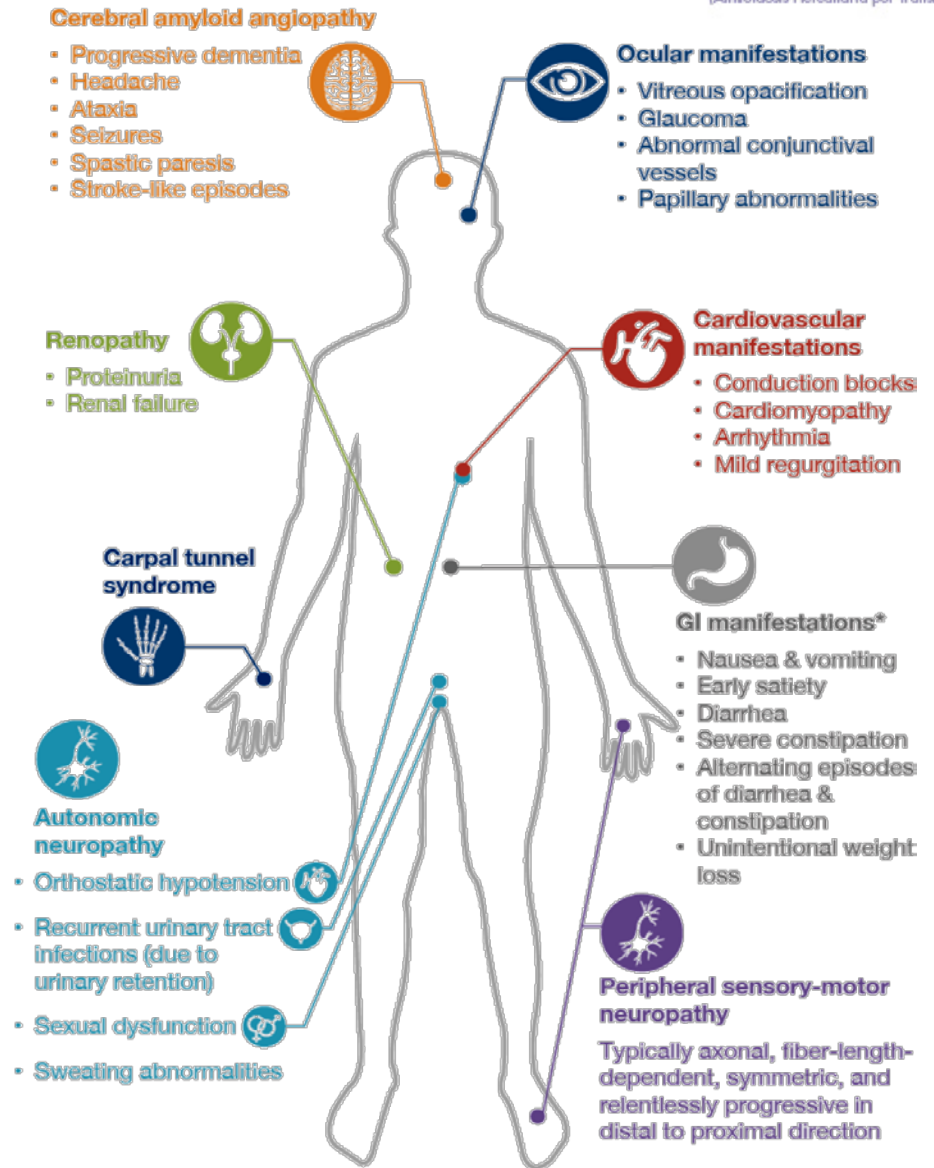
Accurate diagnosis of TTR-FAP is often delayed for years<sup>1-4</sup>



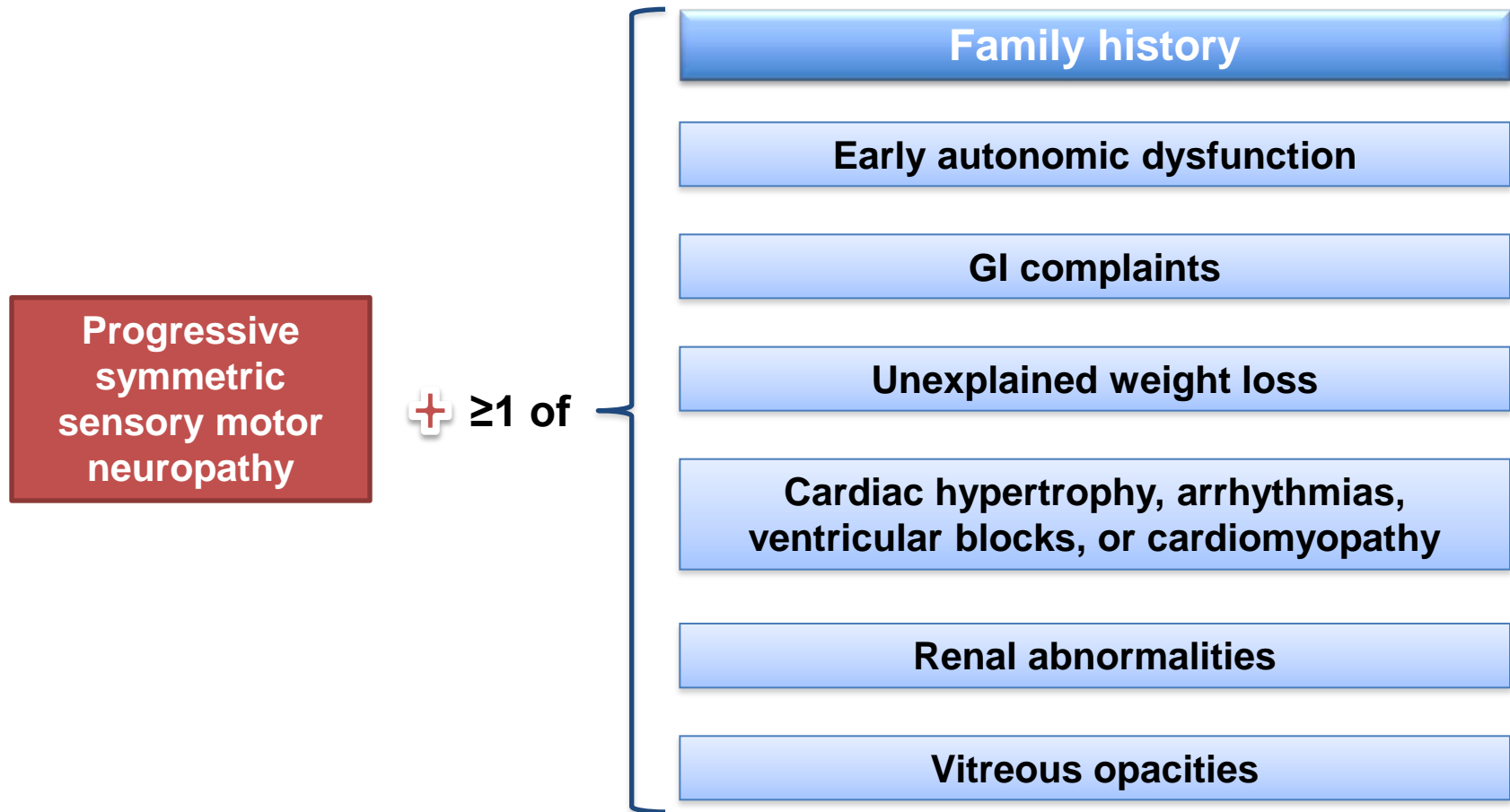


# hATTR-Amyloidosis

- An heterogeneous disease associated with a wide range of clinical manifestations, which leads to the phenotypic heterogeneity that characterizes the disease.



## **“Red Flag” Symptom Cluster Recommended for hATTR Amyloidosis Presenting with Polyneuropathy**



### **Additional alert signs:**

- Rapid disease progression
- Lack of response to prior therapies

## TTR-FAP THE NEUROPATHY...

### “EARLY-ONSET (<50 Y) V30M

- **Length dependent progressive sensory-motor and autonomic neuropathy**
  - First, small fiber involvement (decrease in pain and temperature sensation + neuropathic pain)
  - Larger fiber involvement occur later in disease (decrease in proprioception + motor weakness)
- **Autonomic neuropathy** can be the clinical presentation

### LATE ONSET DISEASE (>50 Y)

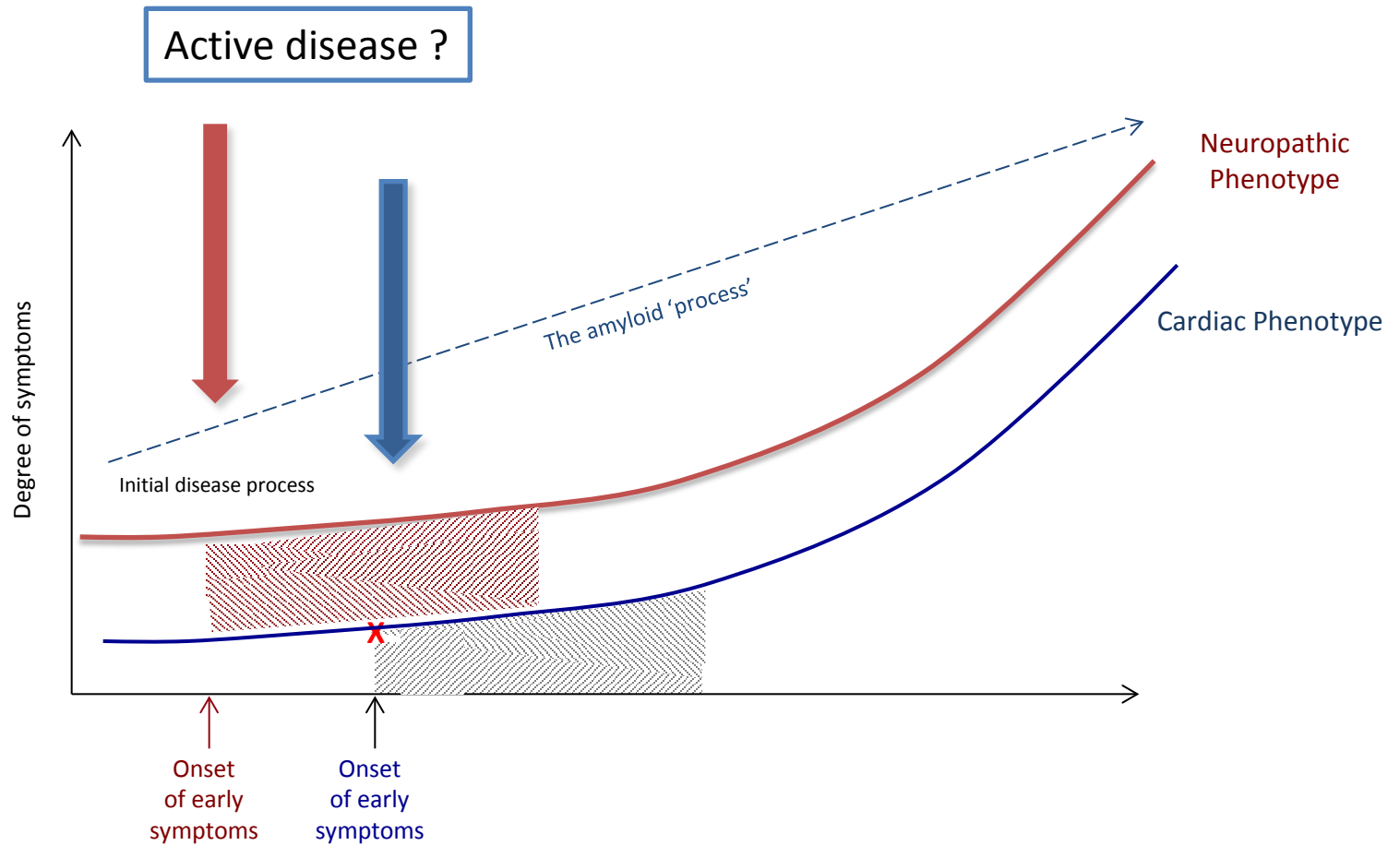
- **Male predominance** and an apparently sporadic disease presentation.
- **NEUROPATHY** - characterized by relative preservation of unmyelinated nerve fibers
  - **Larger fibers** more rapidly affected than in early onset cases
  - **Sensory and motor neuropathy symptoms of both upper and lower extremities** may appear within a short period or even simultaneously
  - Impaired superficial and deep sensation
  - Severe neuropathic pain
  - Early distal motor involvement,
- **Mild autonomic symptoms**

# hATTR amyloidosis- initial clinical manifestations

Phenotype	Neuropathic symptoms		Bilateral CTS	Autonomic	GI	Cardiac	
	Positive	Negative				Conduction/rhythm disturbances	Cardiomyopathy
Val30M early onset	+++	++	±	+++	+++	++	±
Val30M late onset	+	++	+	±	±	++	+++
Non V30M/Cardiac Phenotype	±	±	+	+	±	++	+++
Mixed phenotype	+	+	±	+	+	+	+

# hTTR-Amyloidosis: diagnosis

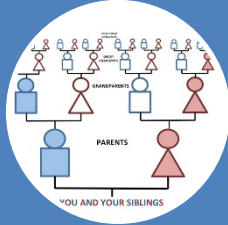
- Diagnosis of symptomatic disease in TTR gene mutation carriers should occur upon manifestation of the earliest detectable disease sign/symptom<sup>1</sup>
- Diagnosis in the early stages of disease is essential to allow for timely treatment to prevent or delay disease progression.
  - Pre-symptomatic treatment of gene mutation carriers is not an accepted indication at this time<sup>2</sup>
- Due to the highly heterogeneous, multi-systemic nature, and nonspecific symptoms of TTR-FAP, to define a gene carrier as symptomatic can occasionally be a challenge<sup>2</sup>



## Assessments to support diagnosis of hATTR amyloidosis<sup>1,2</sup>



**Clinical  
Assessment**  
(Onset of  
symptoms and/or  
signs)



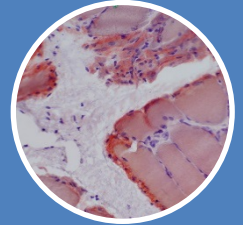
**Family history**



**TTR  
genotyping**



**Changes in  
neurophysiologic  
tests vs baseline**



**Biopsy evidence  
of amyloid**

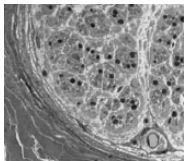


**Confirmation of diagnosis is by TTR genotyping<sup>3</sup> alone or with tissue biopsy<sup>4</sup>**

# Clinical Tools for Diagnosis and Monitoring of hATTR Amyloidosis: Invasive Tests

## Sensitivity of biopsy can vary significantly by biopsy site and center

Biopsy site	Sensitivity
Abdominal fat pad biopsy	20–83% <sup>1–4</sup>
Salivary gland biopsy	75–91% <sup>5,6</sup>
Nerve biopsy	55–92% <sup>1,2,7,8</sup>
Cardiac biopsy	~100% <sup>9</sup>



## Amyloid deposition can be missing in biopsy sample, due to patchy deposition<sup>3,10</sup>

- A positive biopsy confirms the presence of systemic amyloidosis
- A negative finding should not exclude the diagnosis



# Clinical Tools for Diagnosis and Monitoring of hATTR Amyloidosis: Non- invasive Tests

## Genetic Molecular Test

- Full sequence of TTR gene

## Neuropathy assessment

- Compass31; Norfolk QOL
- NIS assessment
- Electromyography with Nerve Conduction Studies
- Sudomotor tests (Sudscan; Sympathetic Skin Response; QSART)
- Quantitative Sensory Tests (QST)
- Postural blood pressure, HRdB

## Cardiac assessment

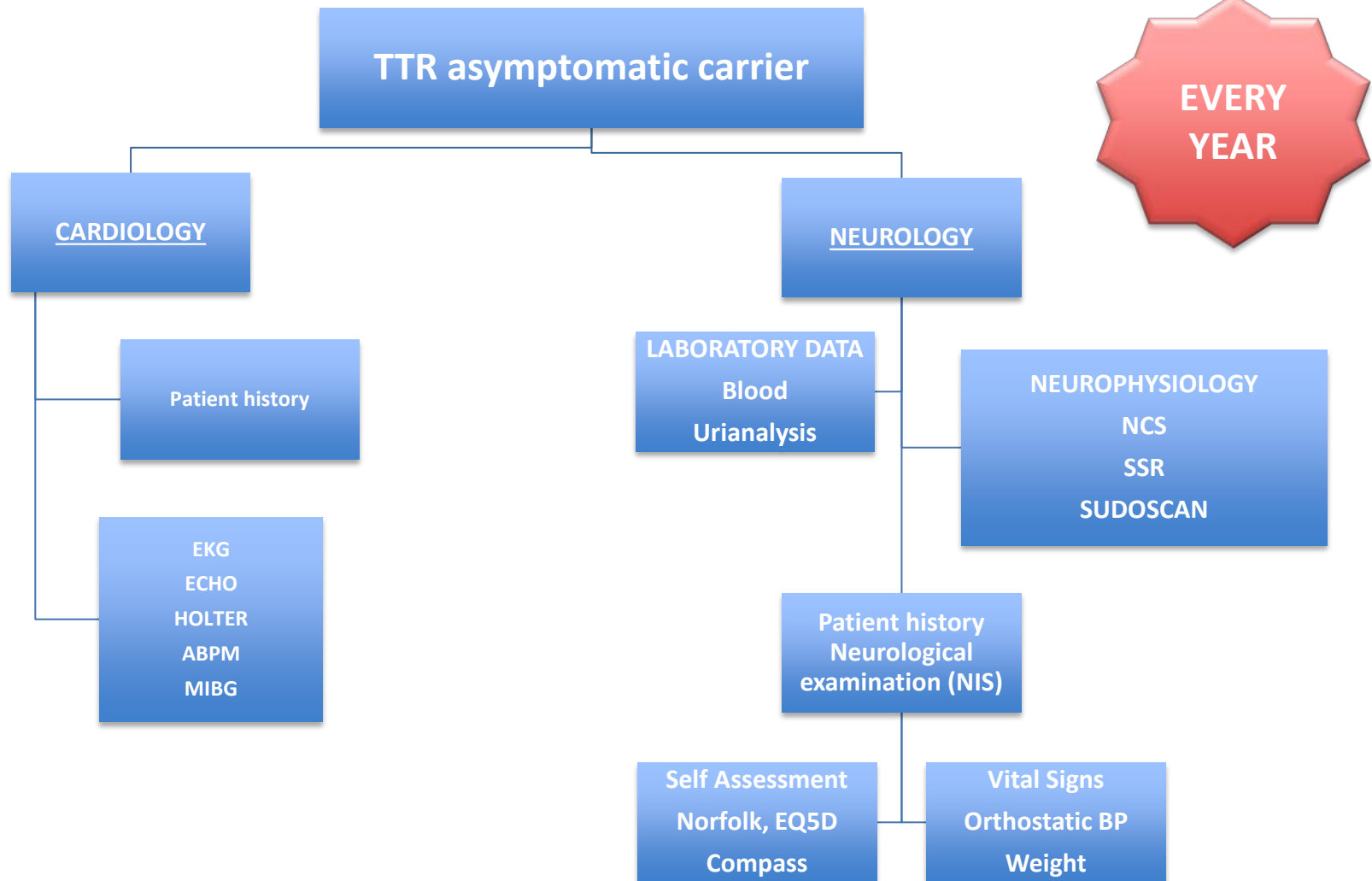
- ECG and echocardiography
- CMRI
- Nuclear scintigraphic imaging
- Serum cardiac biomarkers

# Clinical Tools for Diagnosis of hATTR Amyloidosis

	Clinical Evaluation			Neurophysiology				Biomarkers			Cardiac evaluation			
	NIS	BP supine vs orthostatic	BMI	NCS	Sudomotor (SSR/Sudosc an)	hRDB RR	QST	NT- proBNP	Troponi n	Blood/Urine sample	Scintigraphy <sup>99m</sup> Tc-DPD	MRI	Echo	ECG
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<sup>99m</sup>Tc-DPD, technetium-99m-3,3-diphosphono-1,2 propanodicarboxylic acid; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; NIS, Neuropathy Impairment Score; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide.

# The practical approach: asymptomatic carrier



# Proposed Diagnosis Criteria

**At least one quantified/objective sign or symptom definitely related to onset of ATTR amyloidosis disease**

- sensorimotor neuropathy (change from baseline)
- Autonomic neuropathy
- Cardiac involvement
- Renal or ocular involvement

**OR**

**Any symptom possibly related to ATTR amyloidosis disease in the absence of objective signs**

**+**

**at least 1 abnormal test finding**

**OR**

**Absence of symptoms possibly related to ATTR disease**

**+**

**at least 2 abnormal test findings**

# hATTR Amyloidosis : the early diagnosis

- Diagnosis of symptomatic hATTR amyloidosis and treatment initiation in gene mutation carriers should occur upon manifestation of the earliest detectable disease sign/symptom.
- Decision of first disease manifestation should be done based on a set of clinical symptoms and signs
- Objective evidence of neuropathy, such as a change from baseline, can be considered sufficient to reach a diagnosis of hATTR amyloidosis in gene carriers.

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