



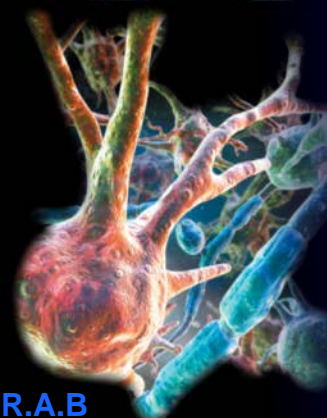
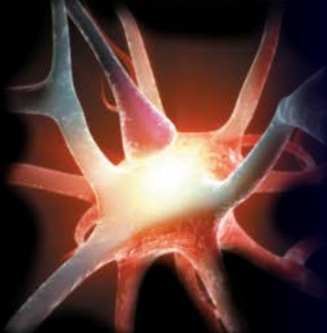
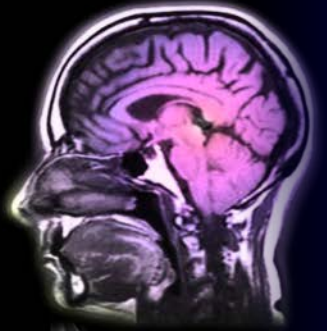
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Neurodegenerative disorders

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Characteristics

- **Def: Neurodegenerative disorders** = group of chronic, progressive **uncaurable** CNS diseases discovered obviously later in life and characterized by various pathoanatomic findings including massive death of neurons (nerve cells) = gray matter. + axons = pathways (white matter).
- Manifestations widely differ and depend on particular CNS area affected
- Symptoms that worsen over time and typically appear.
- Causes: combination of genetic, environmental, and age-related factors, and they share features like selective vulnerability of specific neuron populations.
- The causes are multiple - **hereditary, acquired**
- Macroscopic manifestations are different - **visible (ACH) <-> less obvious**
- Molecular mechanisms - known to many, unknown elsewhere → protein accumulations identified in deposits;
- Symptomatology may be heterogeneous
- Different categorization, **100-unit units; diversification continues**

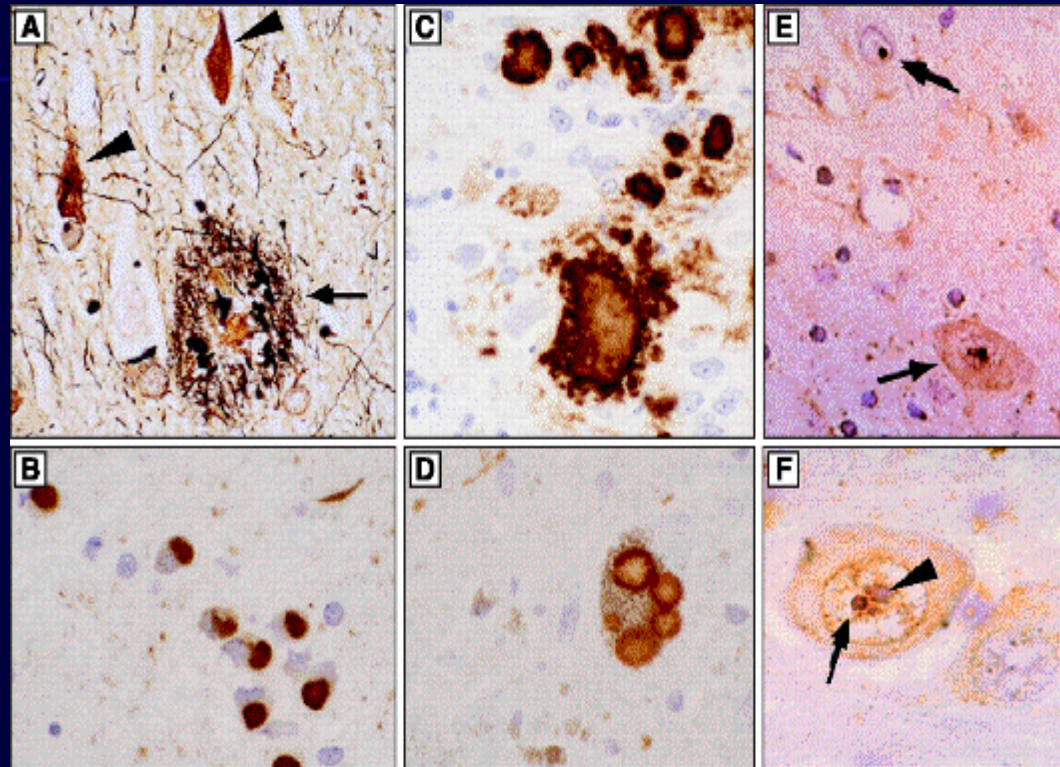


Neurodegenerative disorders

- Path.: **Miscroscopic findings**
- progressive neurodegeneration,, not uniform but targets specific neuron types and brain regions.
- **Neuronal loss and atrophy:** Shrinkage and death of neurons.
 - grey matter <-> grey and white matter
 - focal <-> mutifocal <-> diffuse (global)
 - specific areas <-> no specificity
 - only brain <-> brain and spinal cord <-> CNS and PNS
- **Reactive gliosis:** Proliferation of astrocytes and microglia as a response to injury, contributing to inflammation.
- **Synaptic and network dysfunction:** Early loss of synapses and disrupted neural circuits before widespread cell death.
- **Protein aggregates/inclusions:** Misfolded proteins that accumulate intracellularly or extracellularly (detailed below). Other common features:
- **Cytoskeletal abnormalities**, altered energy metabolism, DNA/RNA defects, and chronic inflammation

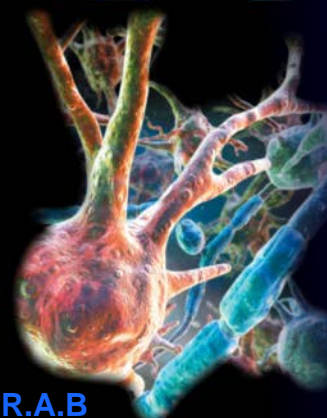
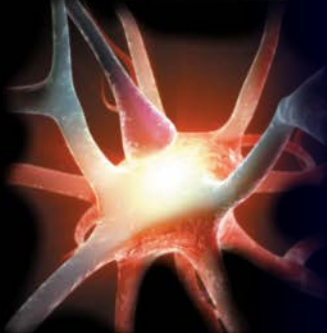
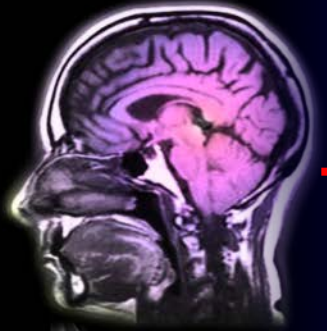
Intra & extracellular inclusions

- Senile plaques-outside the cell
- Amyloid plaques-outside the cell
- Neurofibrillary tangles - in the cytoplasm
- Levy bodies - in the cytoplasm
- Spheroids - in the cytoplasm
- Glial cytoplasmic inclusions – in the cytoplasm
- Inclusions – at the core
- Lafora bodies - in the cytoplasm



- (A) **Alzheimer's disease**. neurofibrillary tangles + extracellular amyloid plaque(arr)
- (B) **Pick's disease** - Fibrillar tau inclusions
- (C) **Prion disease** PrPSc amyloid deposition in
- (D) **Parkinson's disease** - multiple Lewy bodies in a nigral neuron
- (E) **Machado-Joseph's disease** - neuronal intranuclear inclusions **ataxin-3** in.
- (F) Mutant **ataxin-3**, demonstrating that it is distinct from the nucleolus.

Aggregates of proteins



- Amyloid-beta protein
- Alpha-synuclein protein
- Hyperphosphorylated tau protein
- Prion protein
- Superoxide dismutase
- Huntingtin
- Atrophin
- Ataxin
- Laforin
- Glial fibrillary acidic protein
- Proteolipid protein
- Polyglucosan
- Neuroserpin

Accumulation disorders

Principal Protein

Disease

Amyloid-beta protein
Amyloidoses

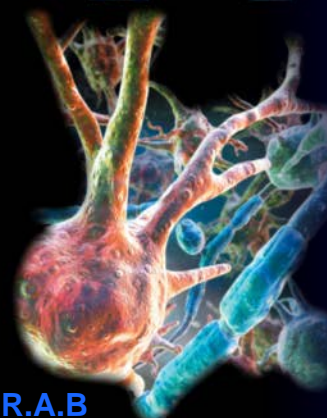
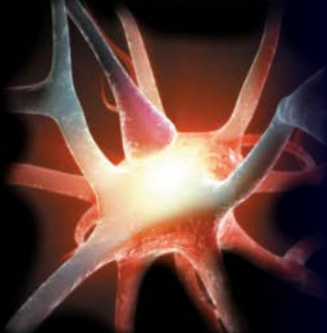
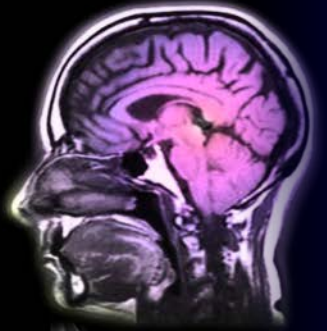
Alzheimer's disease
Down's syndrome
Dementia with Lewy bodies

Alpha-synuclein protein
Synucleinopathies

Parkinson's disease
Dementia with Lewy bodies
Cortical Lewy body disease
Multiple system atrophy
Neurodegeneration with brain iron accumulation

Prion protein
Prionoses

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Kuru
Fatal familial insomnia
Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker disease



Accumulation disorders

Taopaties

Hyperfosphorylated tau

Alzheimer's disease

Down syndrome

Frontotemporal degeneration (M. Pick)

Progressive supranuclear palsy

Sy.Guam (parkinson-dementia complex)

Corticobasal degeneration

Palidopontonigral degeneration

Niemann-Pick disease Type C

Ataxinopatie

Ataxín 1 6p22.3

Ataxín 2 12q24.12

Ataxín 3 14q32.12

Ataxín 7 3p14.1

Ataxín 8 AD 13q21

Spinocerebellar ataxia type 1 (SCA1) AD 6p22. 3

Spinocerebellar ataxia type 2 (SCA2) AD 12q24. 12

Congenital predisposition to ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). sclerosis, AD)

Disposition for Parkinson's disease (AD)

Machad-Joseph disease AD 14Q32. 1

Spinocerebellar ataxia type 7 AD 3p14. 1

Spinocerebellar ataxia type 8 AD 13q21

Spinocerebellar ataxia type 10 AD 22q13. 31

Accumulation disorders

Principal Protein

Disease

Superoxide dismutase

Familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

Huntingtin

Huntington's disease

Atrophin 1 (ATB1)

Dentatorubral-pallidoluysian atrophy (DRPLA),

Laforin

Lafora's progressive myoclonus epilepsy

Glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP)

Adult Alexander disease
Alzheimer's disease (AD)

Proteolipid protein

Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease

Polyglucosan

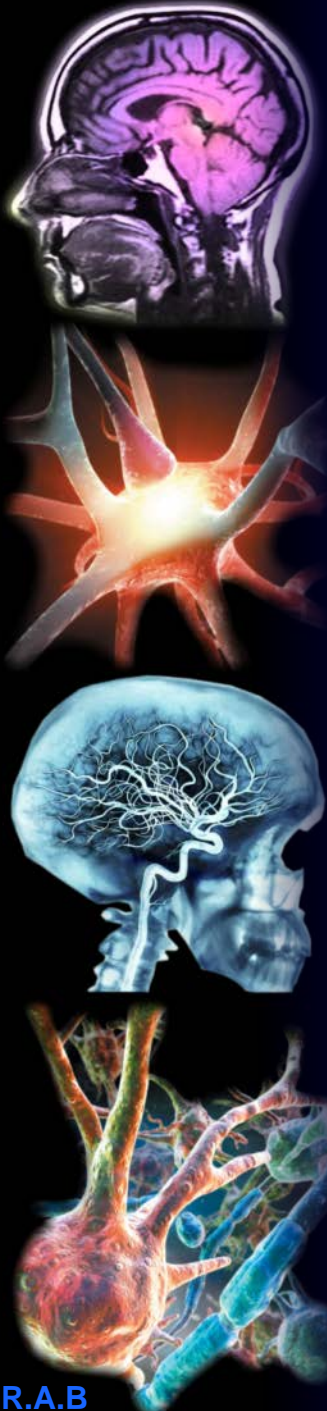
Polyglucosan body disease

Neuroserpin

Familial encephalopathy with neuroserpin inclusion bodies (FENIB)

Frataxin

Friedreich's Ataxia (FRDA)



Plausible mechanisms

Endoplasmic reticulum stress

Incorrectly conformed proteins studied in more detail in connection with prionoses + taopathioes

- Primary protein disorder (mutation) allowing the formation of bonds (pairs) between neighboring proteins of the same type
- The protein is all right, the transport system with the maintenance of conformation is defective – chaperones, chaperonins
- Why do proteins form insoluble clusters, why can not they be degraded

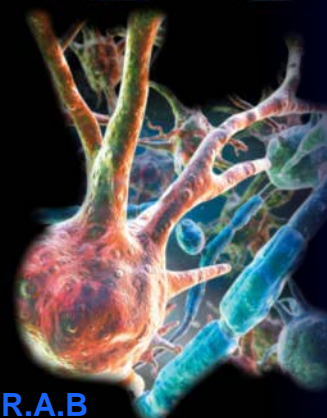
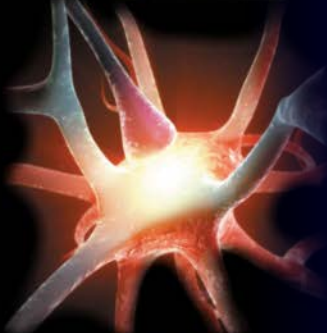
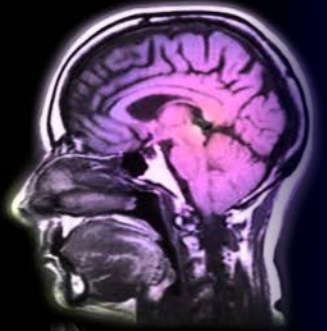
Trinucleotide repeat mutations

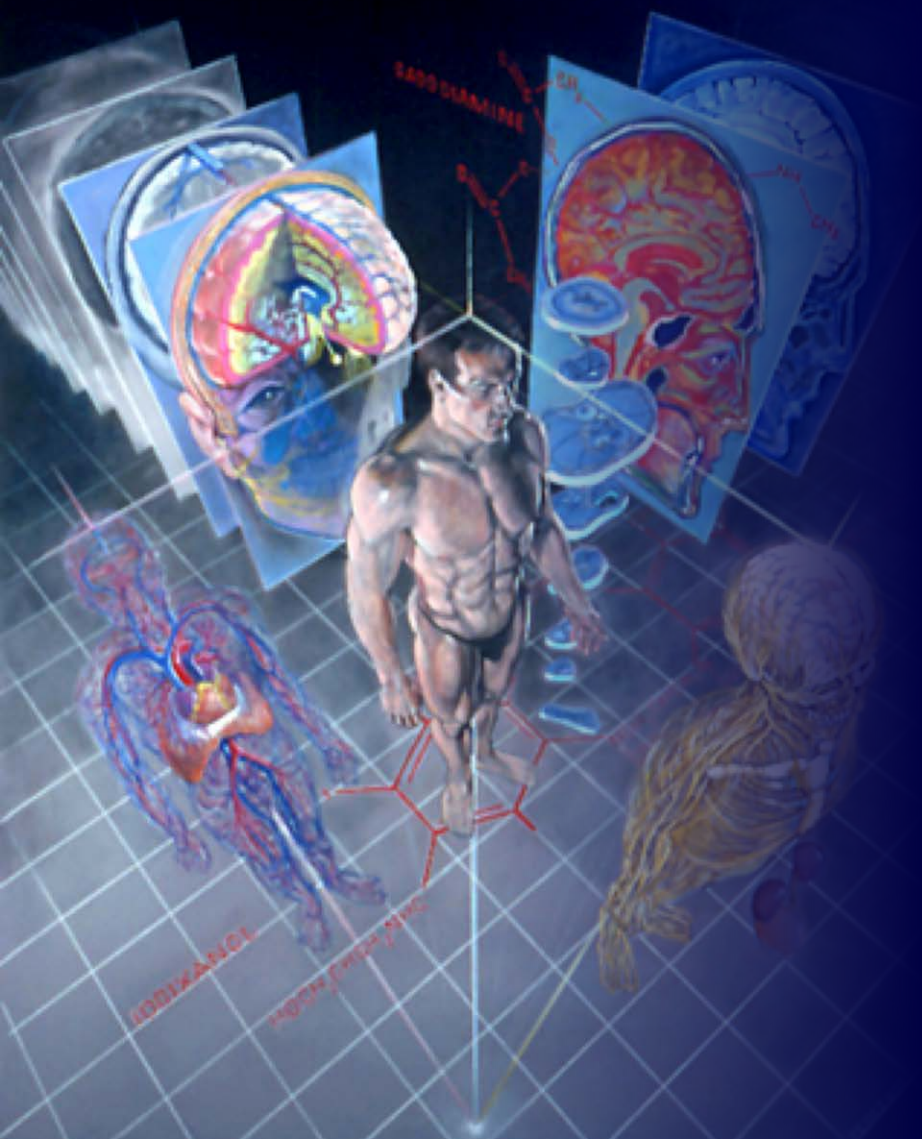
- 14 known, first described in Fragile X chromosome

- Why do they exist ? A small number is normal and necessary
- Diseases are all Neurological + to a greater or lesser extent mental degradation or dementia is present

Role of ncRNA

- miR-7/miR-153 in regulation of α -synuklein (SNCA)





EXAMPLES OF DISEASES

Neurodegenerative disorders 1

1. Degenerative diseases with impaired cortex

M. Alzheimer (demencia presenilis, sy. Heidenheim)

M. Pick (demencia presenilis, atrophia Pick)

M. Mast (degeneratio corticis fronto-parietalis)

M. Mills (degeneratio corticis frontosagittalis, hemiplegia ascendens)

Sy. Nevin (atrophia cerebri spongiformis presenilis)

M. Holmes (degeneratio corticis parieto-occipitalis)

2. Degenerative diseases with a predominant lesion of the cortex and subcortical structures (prosencephalodiencephalic)

M. Huntington (chorea hereditaria progressiva)

M. Heidenheim (subakútna spongiformná encefalopatia)

M. Vogt (chorea congenita)

M. Creutzfeld-Jacob (degeneratio cortico-striato-spinalis)

M. Biswanger (progresívna subkortikálna encefalopatia)

M. Marchiafava-Bignami (degeneratio corporis callosi)

M. Menkes (atrophia pallido-cerebellaris)

M. Minor (degeneratio corporis striati)

M. Hallerworden-Spatz (degeneratio globi pallidi progressiva)

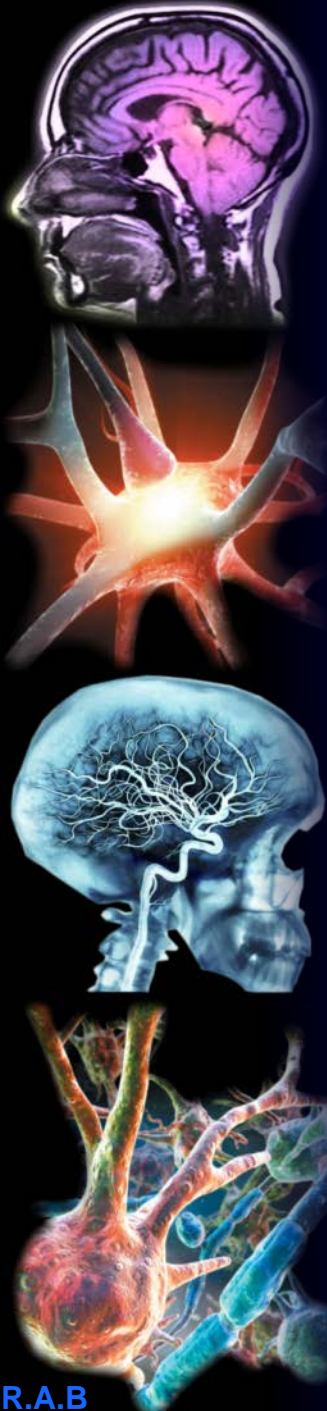
M. kuru (sy. usmievajúcej sa smrti)

Sy. Alpers (deg. cortico-striato-cerebellaris)

Sy. Lhermitte-McAlpin (degeneratio pallido-cerebello-pyramidalis)

M. Hammond (athetosis idiopathica, deg. cortico-striata)

M. Homen (degeneratio nuclei lentiformis)



Neurodegenerative disorders 2

A) with extrapyramidal symptomatology

M. Parkinson (paralysis agitans)

Sy. Hunt (paralysis agitans juvenilis (degeneratio globus pallidum))

Sy. Ziehen-Oppenheim (dystonia musculorum deformans)

M. Wilson (degeneratio hepatolenticularis)

Familiárna benígna chorea

B) with pyramidal or vegetative symptomatology

Sy. Ferguson-Critchey (hered. spast. paraplegia, extrapyramid. sy.)

Sy. Seligmüller (hereditárna dystonic paraplegia)

Sy. Barnard-Scholz (Kjellinov sy.) (hered. spast. paraplegia)

Sy. Sjögren-Larsson (kongenitálna ichthyosis with spasticity and oligophrenia)

Sy. Shy-Drager (primary orthostatic hypotension)

M. Poskanzer (sy. pf hemiatrophy and hemihypertrophy)

c) with progressive extensive ophthalmoplegia, PEO

- Sy. Wood-Schaumburg (nigro-spino-dentátovovu degeneráciou)

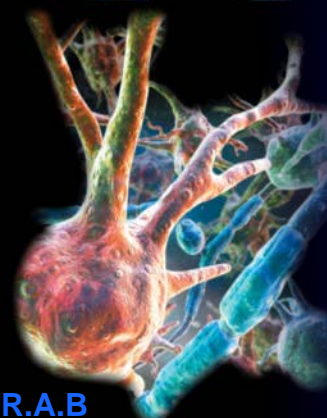
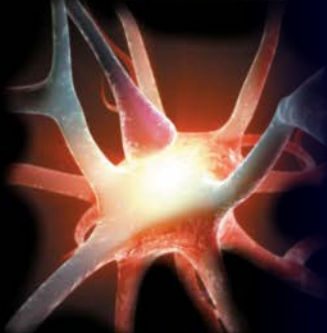
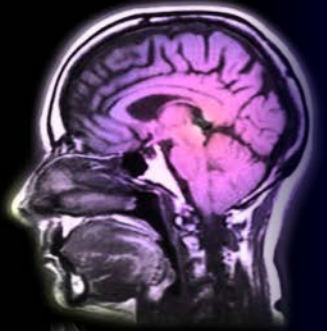
-- Sy. Sanger -Brown (with spinocerebelárnou atrophy)

- Sy. Bassen-Kornzweig (abetalipoproteinemia)

- Sy. Refsum

- M. Refsum -Thiébaud (heredopathia atactica polynuriformis)

- Sy. Laurence-Moon-Biedl (degeneratio diencephaloretinalis)



Neurodegenerative disorders 3

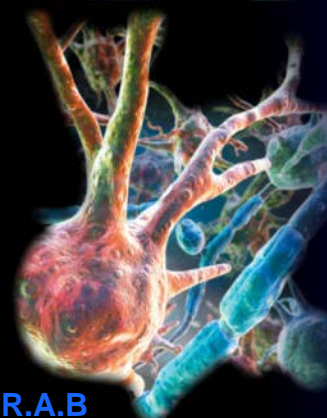
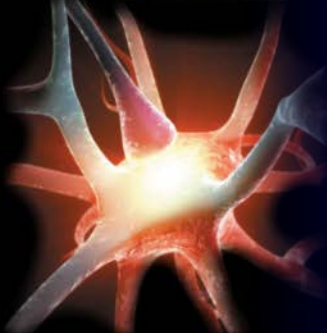
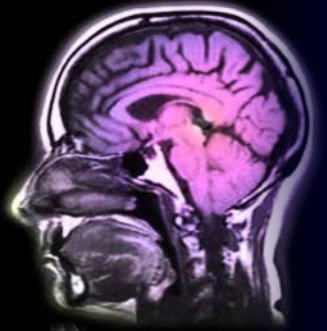
Spino-cerebellar degeneration

Familial spino-cerebellar degeneration in kids)

- ataxia telangiectasia (M. Lous-Barr-Henner)
- cerebellar ataxia with optic atrophy
- cerebellar ataxia with retinal degeneration
- congenital granulocellular hypoplasia
- cerebellum hyperplasia with congenital cataract (sy. Marrinesco-Sjögren)

Familial spino-cerebellar degeneration in adults

- hereditary spinocerebellar ataxia (M. Friedreich)
- hereditary areflectoric dystaxia (sy. Roussy-Lévy)
- hereditary spastic ataxia (sy. Pierre-Marie)
- hereditary spastic paraplegia
- olivo-ponto-cerebellar degeneration (M. Menzel)
- cortico-cerebellar degeneration (M. Holmes)
- dyssynergia cerebellaris myoclonica (M. Ramsay-Hunt)
- cerebrocerebellar degeneration
- acute intermittent cerebellar ataxia
- vestibulocerebellar ataxia
- Sy. van Bogaert (deg. spino-cerebello-olive)
- Sy. Mr Déjerine-Thomas (deg. olivo-ponto-cerebellaris)
- Sy. Guillain (deg. olivo-ponto-cerebello-spinalis)
- Sy. Sanger-Brown (deg. dpino-celebellaris)



Neurodegenerative disorders 2

Progressive bulbar paralysis (PBP)

- classic type (Duchenne paralysis, sy. Duchenne)
- infantile type (M. Fazio-Londe)
- PBP with dementia complex and extrapyr. sy. (sy. Guam)
- PBP with deafness and optic atrophy (M. Bown)
- PBP with corneal dystrophy, spastic paralysis

Amyotrofická laterálna skleróza (ALS)

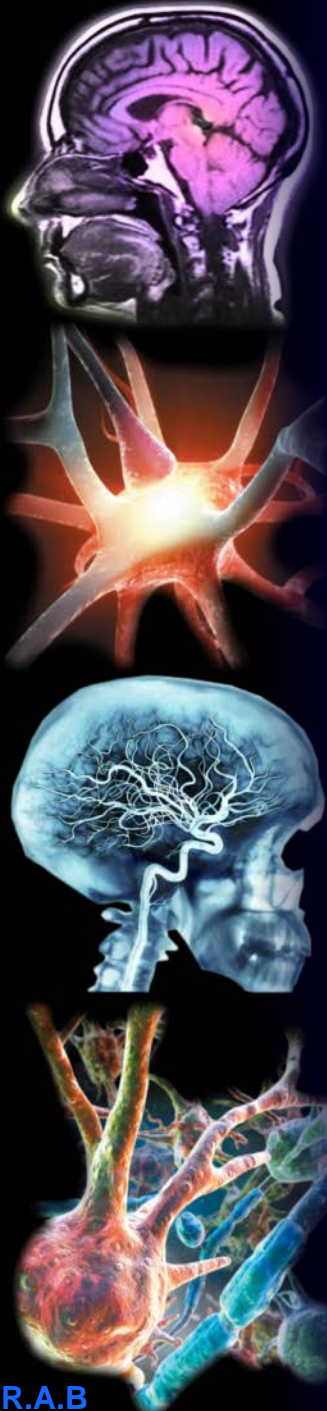
- ALS with dementia (and extrapyramidal sy.) (type Guam)
- ALS with posterior cord involvement

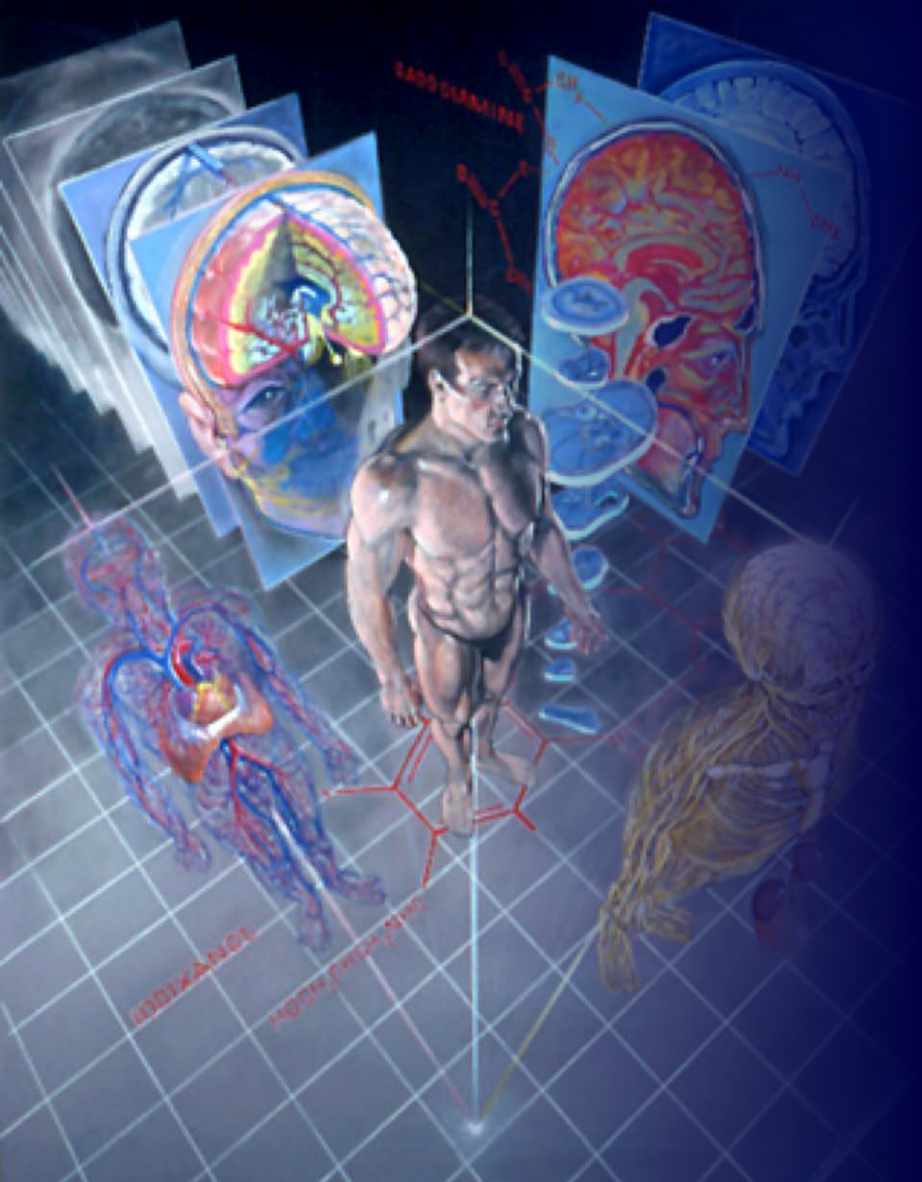
Progressive spinal muscular atrophy (PSMA)

- atrophy spinalis progressiva infantilis (M. Werding-Hoffman)
- juvenile scapulohumeral atrophy (M. Kugelberg-Welander)
- adult scapulohumeral atrophy (sy. Vulpian-Bernhard)
- distal muscle atrophy (M. Aran-Duchenne)

Spinal atrophy-sensory (ganglia)

- Sy. Biemondov (ataxia of posterior cords)
- Sy. Peron-Droquet-Coulon (hereditárna sensoric neuropathy)
- Sy. Morvan (neuropatia senzoria radiculata hereditaria)
- M. Morvan (neuropatia sensoria progressiva infantum)





Alzheimer disease

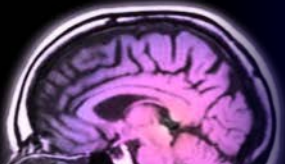
Alzheimer disease



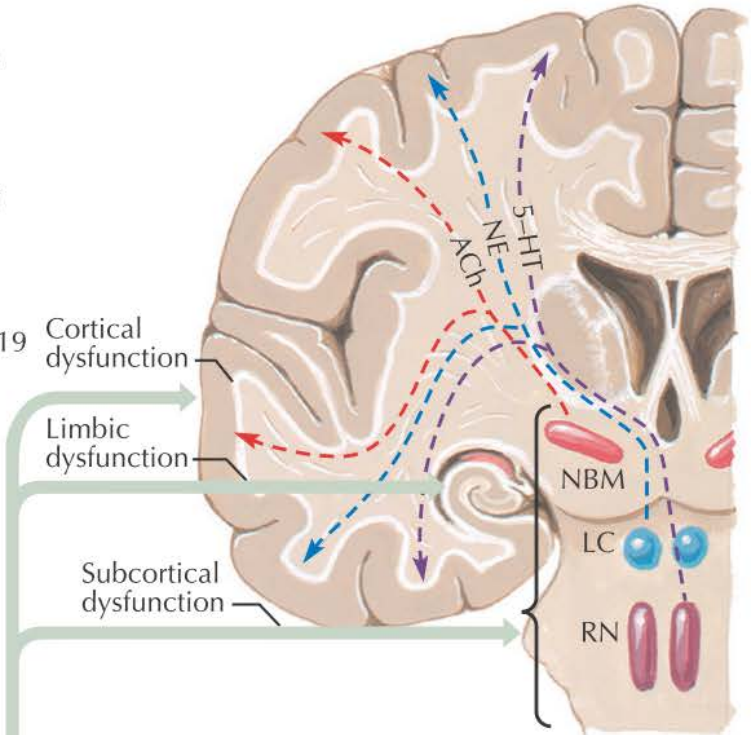
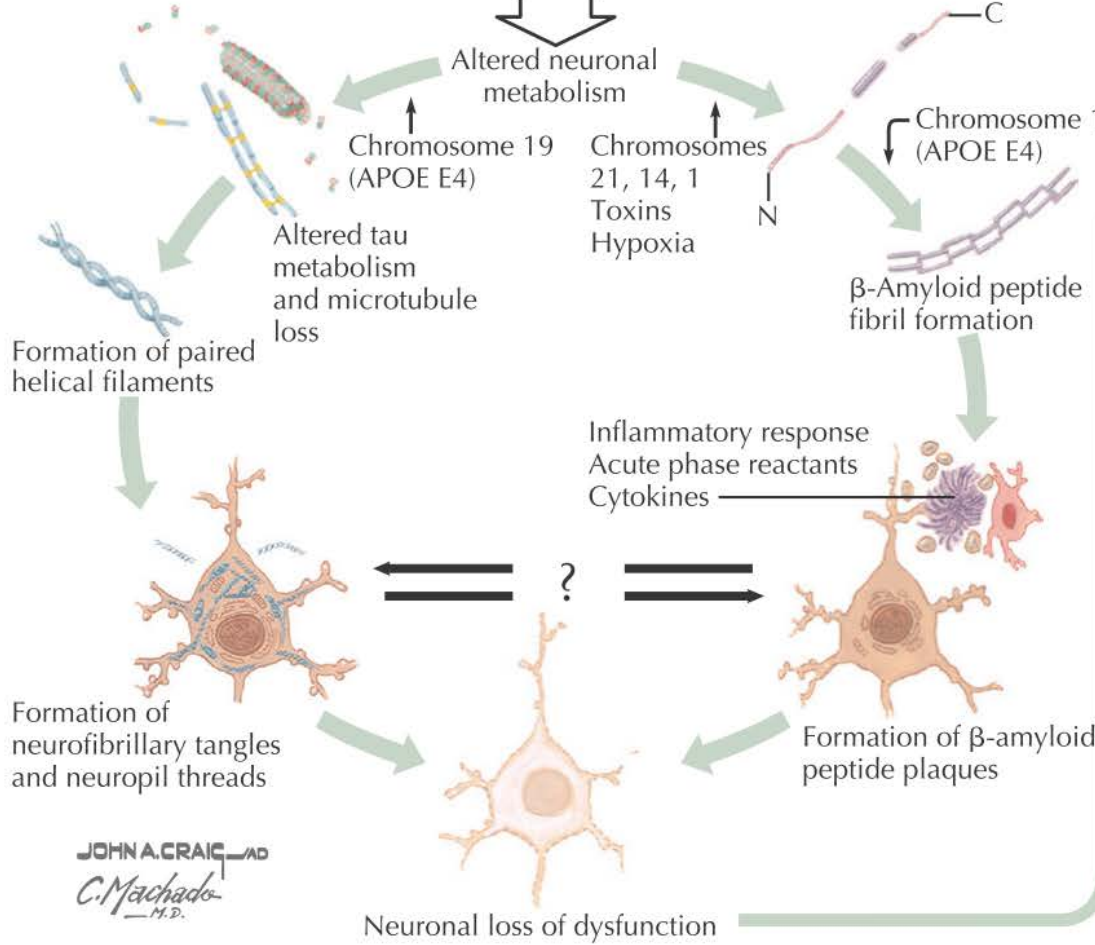
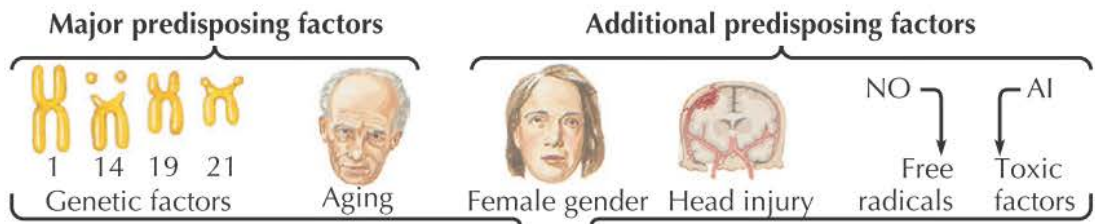
- **Definition:** Progressive degenerative brain disease characterized by decline in cognitive functions sufficient to cause impairment in social and occupational performance
 - Increasing memory loss (declarative -> implicit)
 - Cognitive decline (reasoning)
 - Changes in behavior, personality, judgment
- **Occ:** most common cause of dementia among people > 65y; Typical late onset - 65+ yrs (< 10% of cases earlier, mostly caused by a specific gene mutation) approximately 50% aged 85 years Incidence: 5 millions in US; 1 millions in Germany; the risk doubles every 5 years, beginning at 65 years of age. increases exponentially with age; AD affects future AD prevalence show a 4x increase 2050; health care costs, morbidity, mortality, Of the 5 million cases, 3 mill are diagnosed and 1 mil receive treatment.
- Either sex affected - **women 2-3 x often**; when diagnosed they are in more progressive state (? longer life span) Women live longer with symptoms until diagnosis (they live alone lacking social and instrumental support triggering diagnosis)
- **Prognosis:** terminal illness with survival ~ 8 yrs post-diagnosis (women live longer) AD can't be diagnosed for certain until death
- Currently linked to several genes (transgenic mouse models)



Auguste D, 51 years, 1906

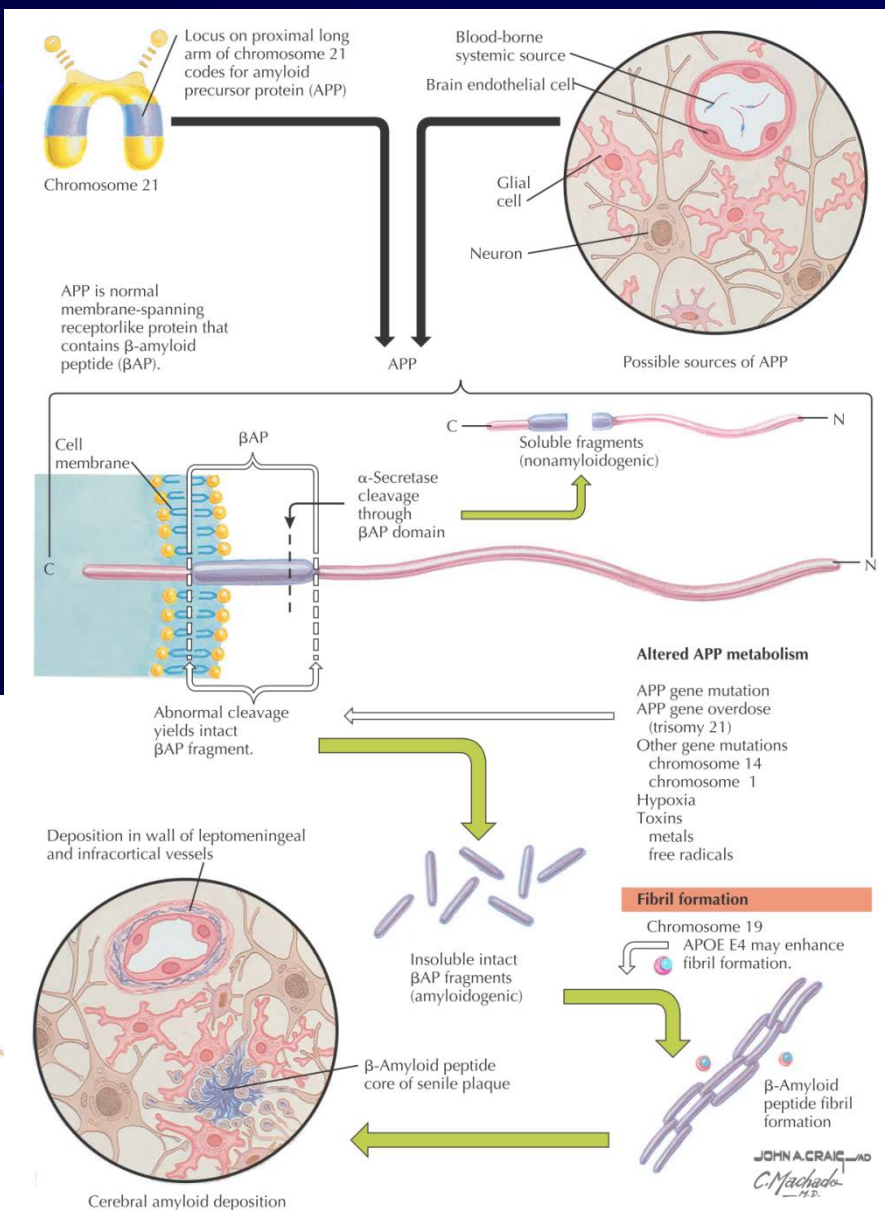
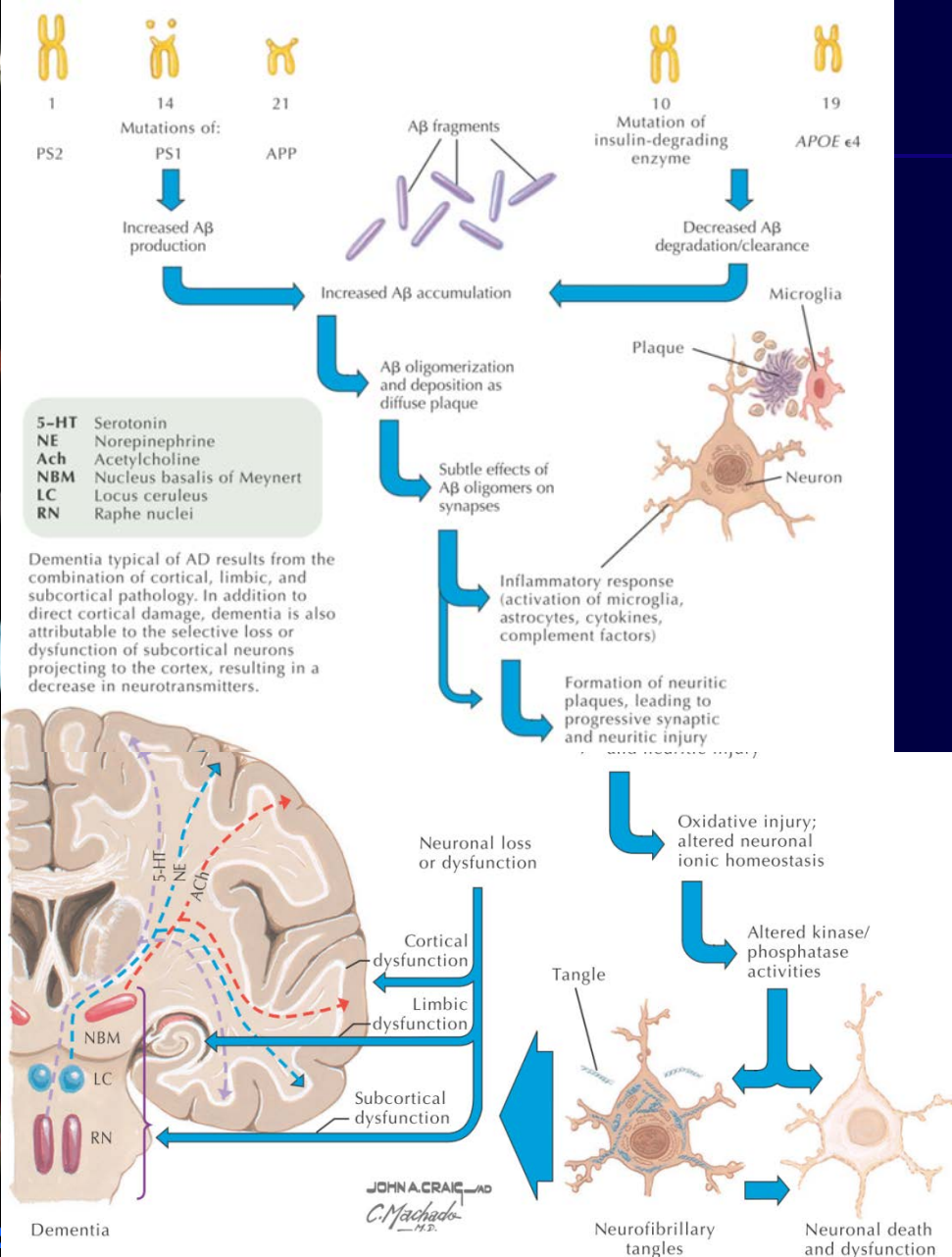
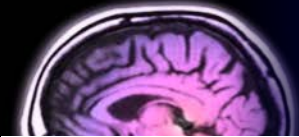


Combined pathology



Dementia typical of Alzheimer disease may result from selective loss or dysfunction of projection neurons, resulting in cortical, limbic, and subcortical dysfunction and decrease in neurotransmitters.

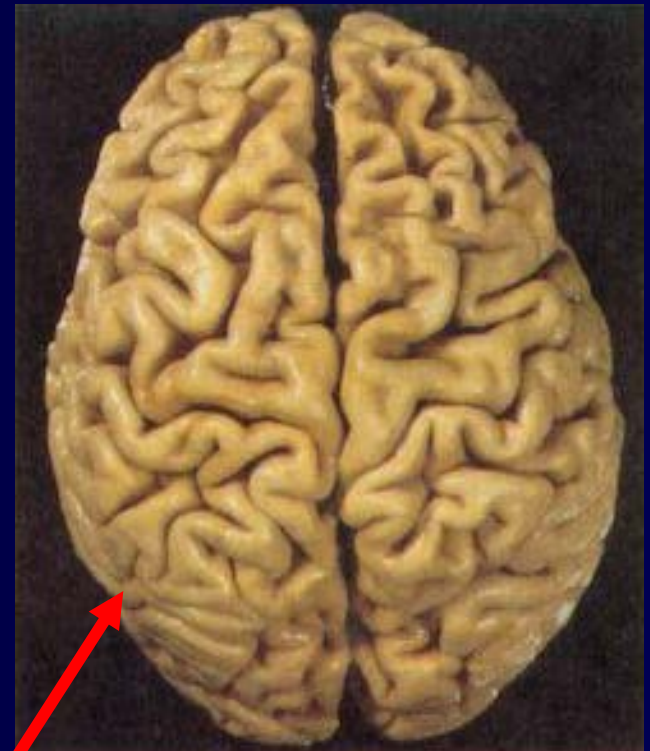
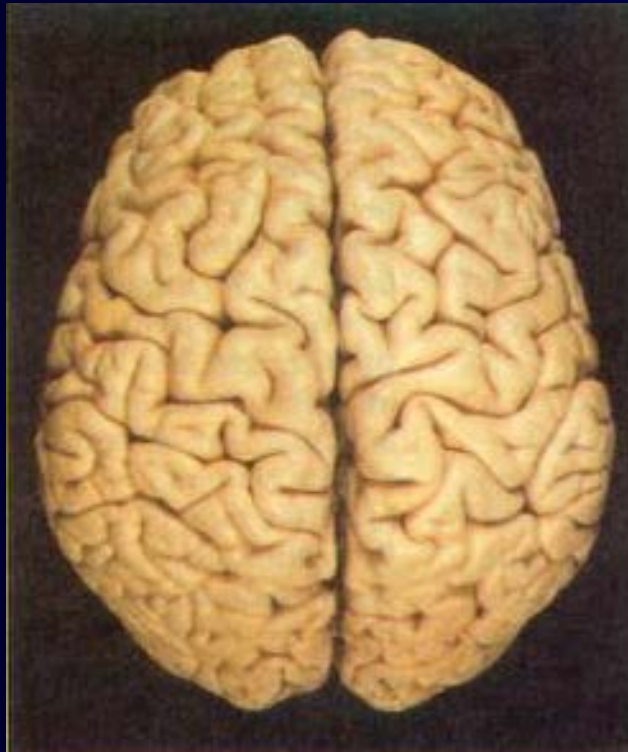
- 5-HT Serotonin
- NE Norepinephrine
- Ach Acetylcholine
- NBM Nucleus basalis of Meynert
- LC Locus ceruleus
- RN Raphe nuclei



Macroscopic view

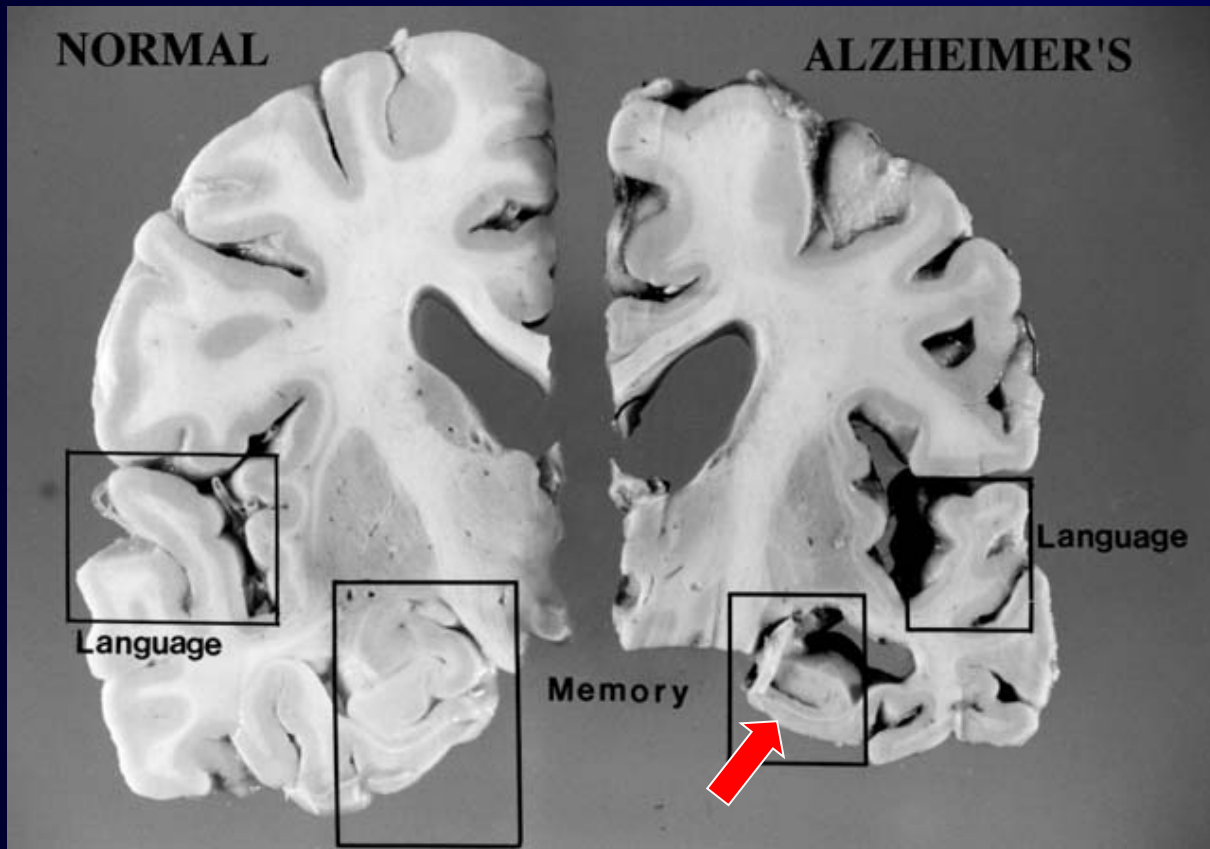
• Normal brain

• Brain in AD patient



Shrinking of the brain gyri, Decrease of brain weight, Enlargement of ventricles, narrowing of gray matter

Macromorphological view



- Pathologic substrate for dementia may differ for men and women
- Women likely have greater losses of hippocampal pyramidal neurons

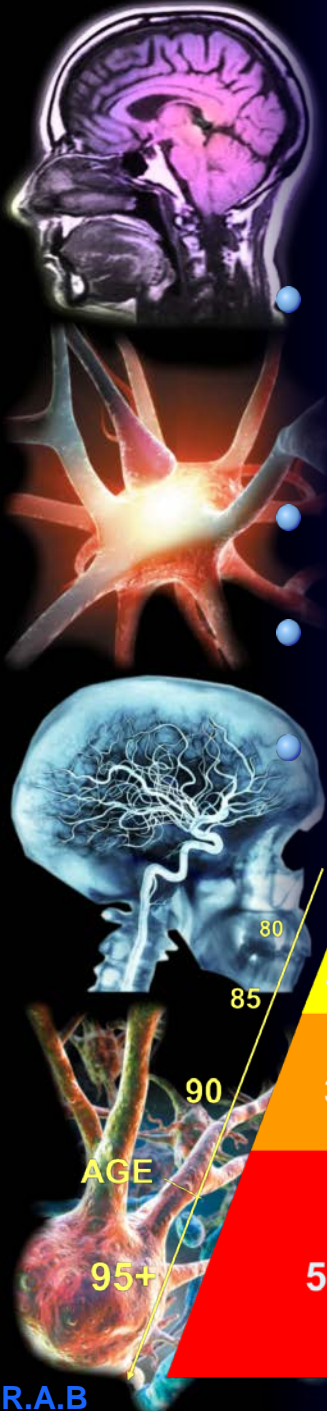
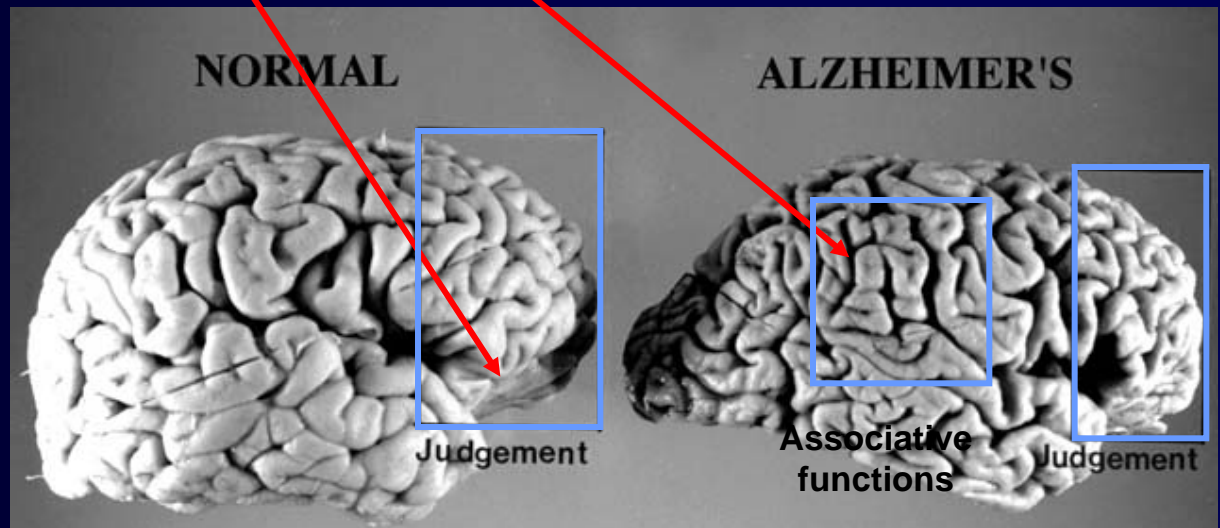
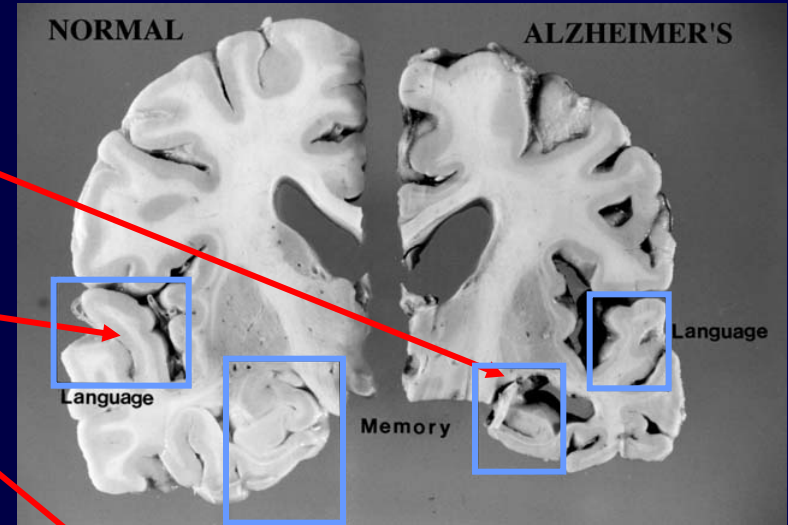
Areas with accumulations

- **Memory**-related areas (enthorhinal/perienthorinal parahippocampal ctx, hippocampus)

- **Language** – related areas (temporo-parietal ctx)

- **Thinking** - associative func. (frontal ctx, parietal ctx)

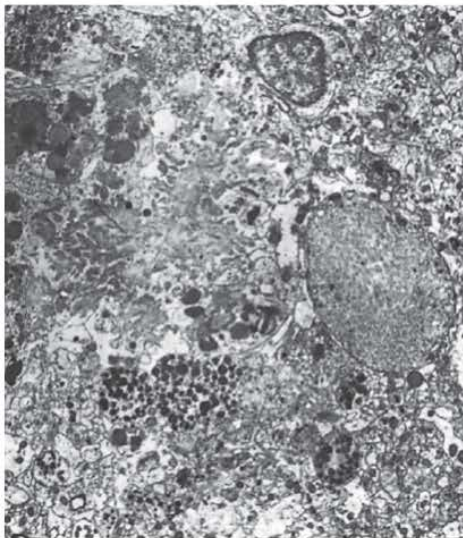
- **Personality** (frontopolar, frontobasal ctx)



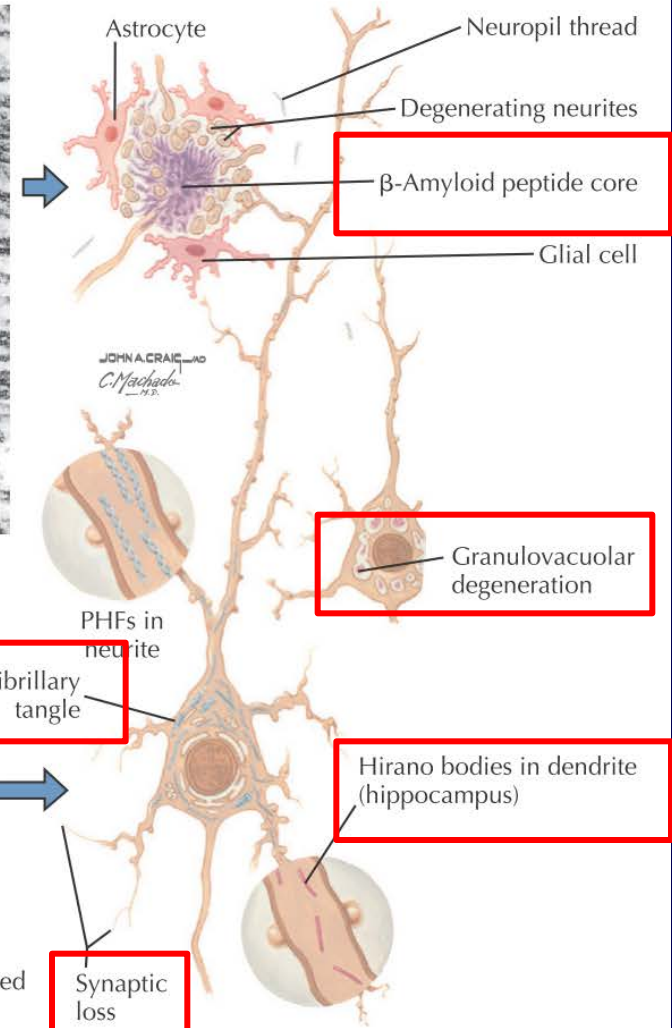
Microscopic pathology

Senile plaque composed of dystrophic neuritic process, β -amyloid peptide, microglial cells, and astrocytes and their processes

- Senile plaques
- Neurofibrillary tangles
- Hirano bodies
- Granulovascular degeneration
- Synaptic loss



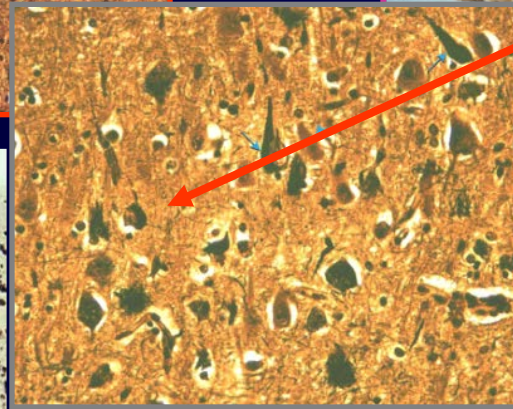
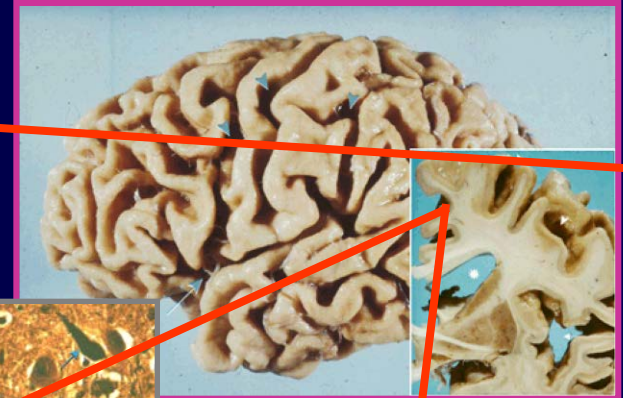
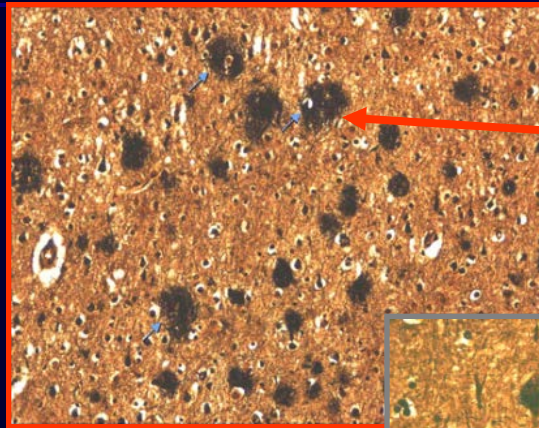
Neurofibrillary tangle composed of paired helical filaments (PHFs) of hyperphosphorylated tau protein



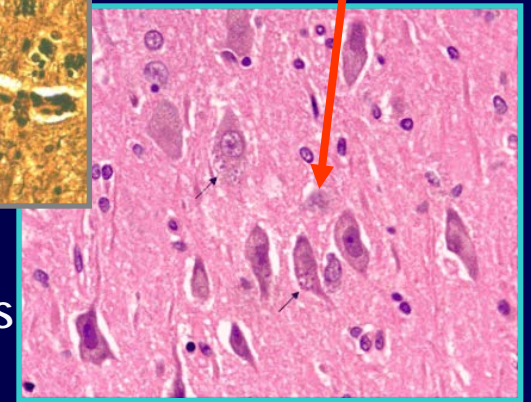
Microscopic alterations in AD



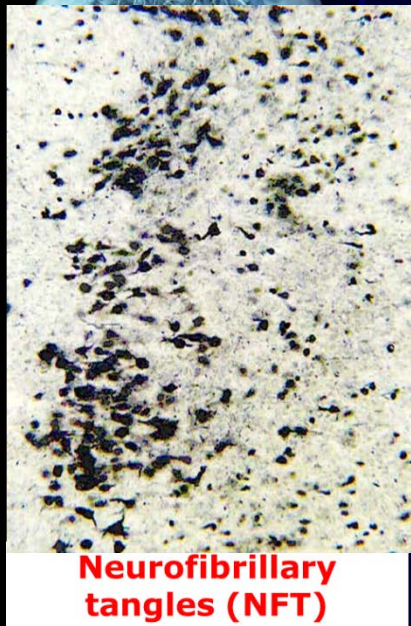
Amyloid plaques
(senile, neuritic)



Neurofibrillary tangles
-filamentous inclusions



Granulovacuolar
Degeneration

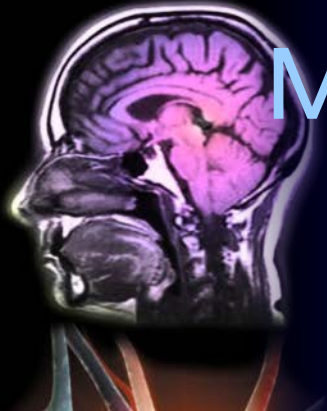


Neurofibrillary
tangles (NFT)

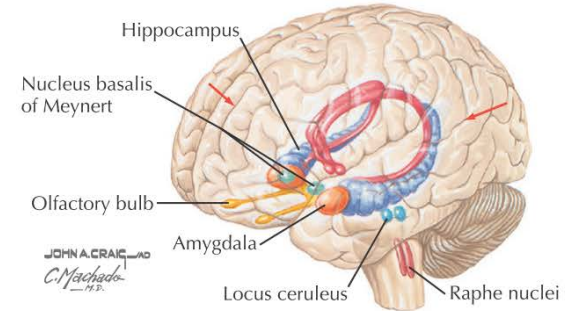


Amyloid- β deposition
(A β)

Micromorphologic view



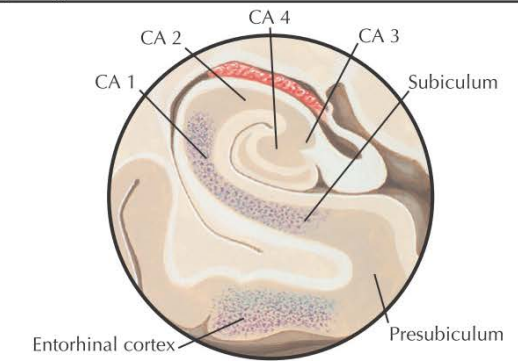
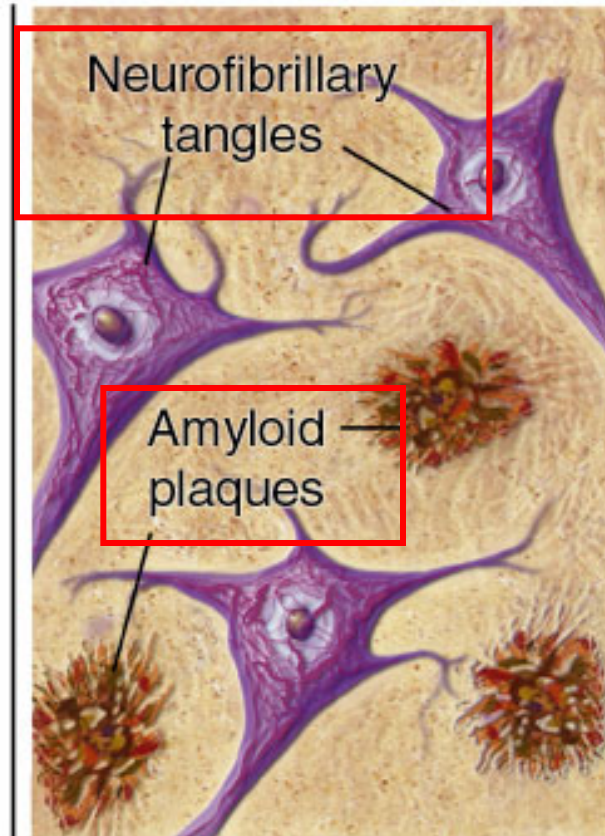
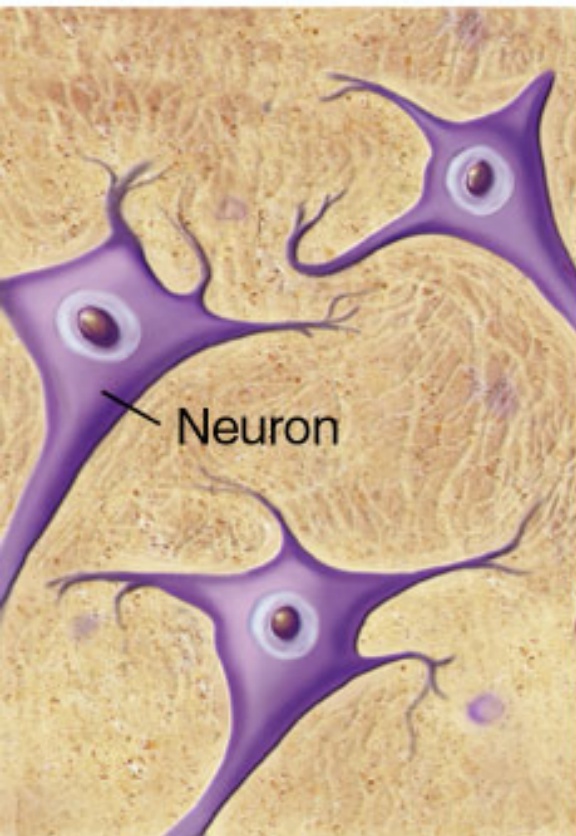
In neocortex, primary involvement of association areas (especially temporoparietal and frontal) with relative sparing of primary sensory cortices (except olfactory) and motor cortices



Pathologic involvement of limbic system and subcortical nuclei projecting to cortex

Normal

Alzheimer's



In hippocampus, neurofibrillary tangles, neuronal loss, and senile plaques primarily located in layer CA1, subiculum, and entorhinal cortex

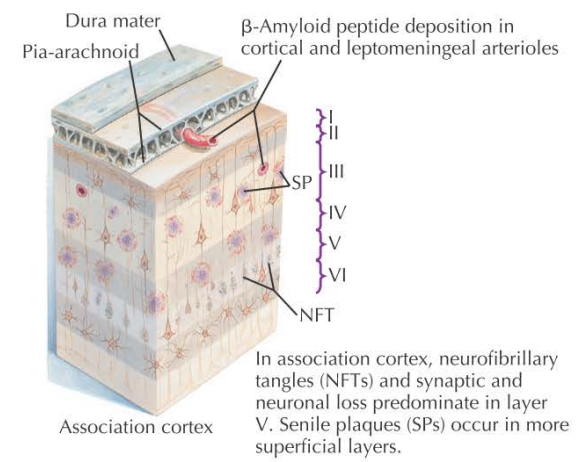


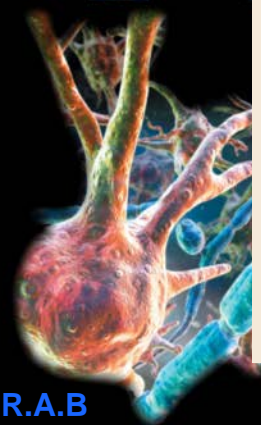
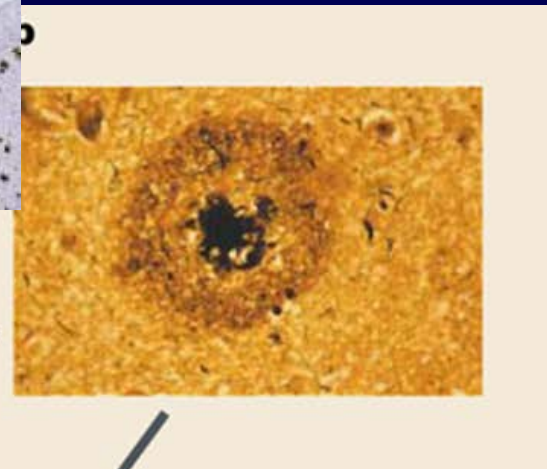
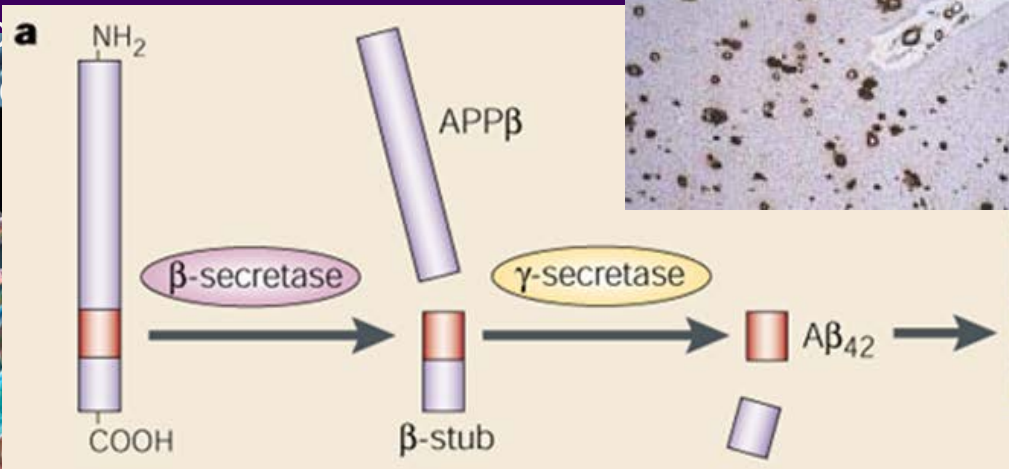
Figure 18-2 Distribution of Pathology in Alzheimer Disease.



Beta amyloid plaque

- 1984 β -Amyloide detected in extracell senile plaques
- β -Amyloid short fragment 40–42 AA \leftarrow amyloid precursor protein (APP) Ch21 (help regulate synaptic function from excitotoxic activity of glutamate)
- APP is processed at membrane by secretases: α -, β -, and γ , : presenilin 1 (Ch14) and presenilin 2 (Ch1) comprise active do secretas

- starting in the hippocampus and basal forebrain correlate with earliest sign= short-term memory loss., gradually spread to gray matter of the temporal, parietal, frontal, and, eventually, occipital cortex.
- Subcortical nuclei become involved relatively late in the process.



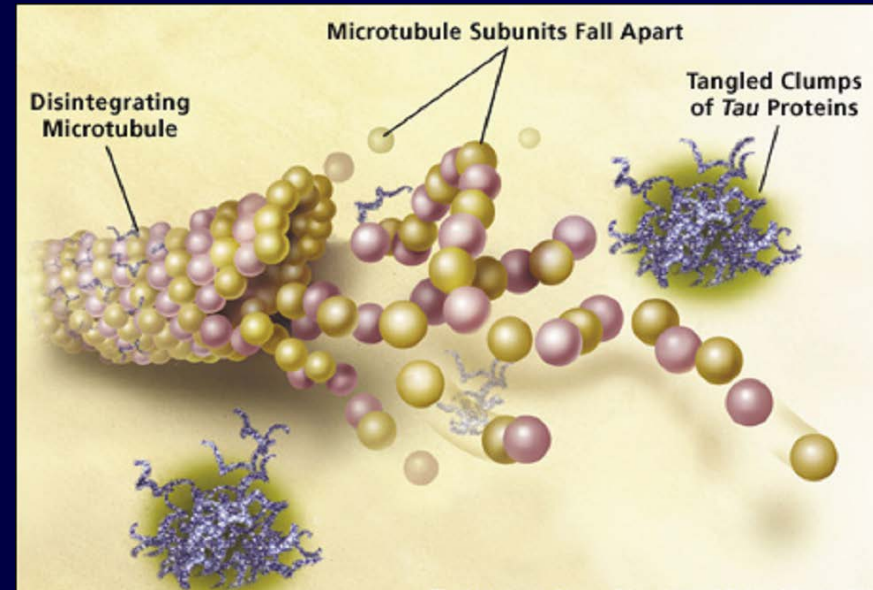


Beta amyloid plaque

- β -Amyloid (fragment of the APP, 40–42 AA) insoluble β -pleated sheet accumulates outside the cell
- (1) Diffuse plaques or immature plaques (silver-staining techniques). are not sufficient to produce dementia; many nondemented elderly patients have substantial depositions of diffuse plaques throughout the cortex, a condition termed pathologic aging.
- (2) Senile neuritic plaques (matured) non diffuse (+ inflammation): dementia becomes more likely; consist of: β -amyloid, central core of β -amyloid surrounded by synaptic proteins, inflammatory proteins, neuritic threads, activated glial cells other substances
- Senile plaque are distributed diffusely in the cortex and correlate with increasing loss of synapses;

Neurofibrillary Tau protein

- Tau protein intracellular, microtubule-associated protein (role in the maintenance of microtubules)
- hyperphosphorylated tau dissociates from cytoskeleton --> accumulate (paired helical filaments) curls & tangles
- Since neurons can't get nutrients down length of axon...die
- Pin-1 (an enzyme), causes the bending of tau in Alz; block Pin-1 --> block problematic tau?



Neurofibrillary tangle' lesions conform to an anatomic pattern that correlates with the clinical syndrome; the number and distribution of tangles are directly related to the severity and clinical features of the dementia.

Biomarkers of AD

Table 1 | Alzheimer disease processes, biomarkers and therapeutic agents

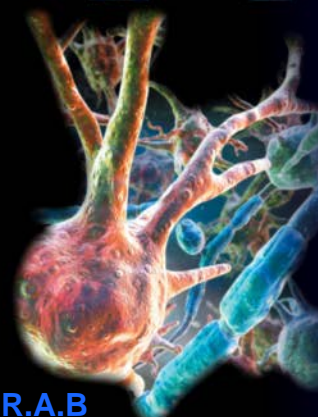
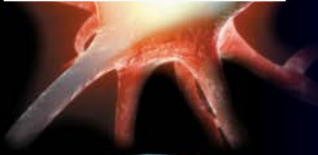
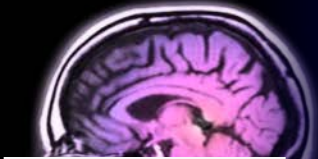
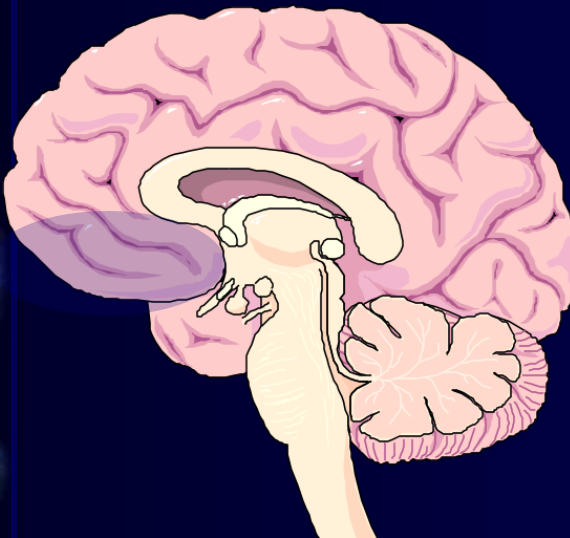
Disease process	Biomarkers	Therapeutic agents
A β pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aβ PET* • CSF Aβ_{42} and Aβ_{40}* • Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibodies and vaccines[†] • BACE inhibitors[†] • γ-Secretase modulators • Anti-aggregants
Tau pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tau PET* • CSF total tau and phospho-tau* • Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibodies[†] • Anti-aggregants
Neurodegeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural MRI* • FDG PET* • Other MRI and PET measures • CSF neurogranin and SNAP-25 • CSF, plasma and serum NfL • Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective agents • Neurotrophic agents • Bioenergetic agents
Neuroinflammation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSPO PET • CSF soluble TREM2 • Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted anti-inflammatory agents
Other processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic tests* • Other imaging measurements • Other CSF, blood and eye tests • Cognitive and behavioural tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synaptic transmission modulators • Brain stimulation • Diets and lifestyles • Repurposed drugs and supplements • Other agents



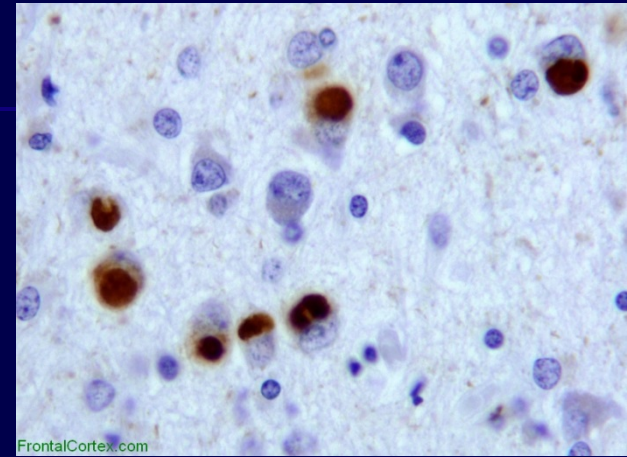
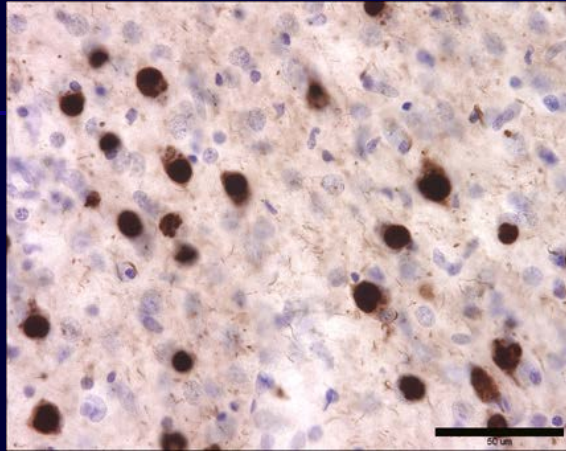
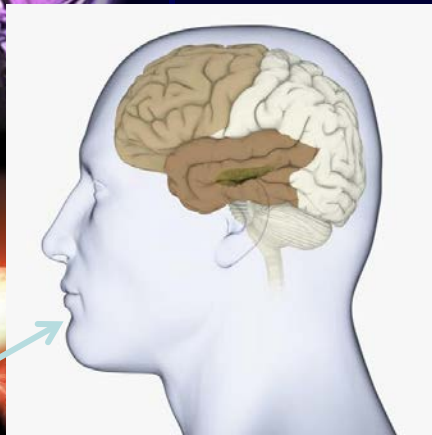
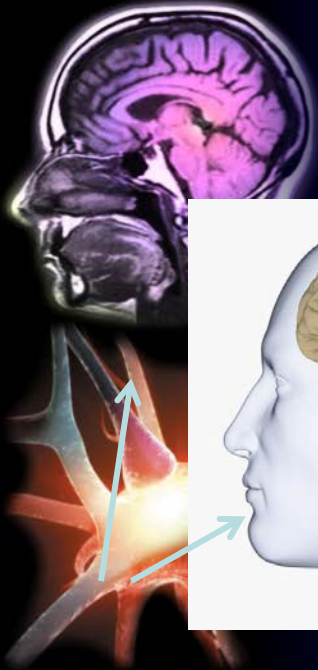
Pick disease

Pick disease

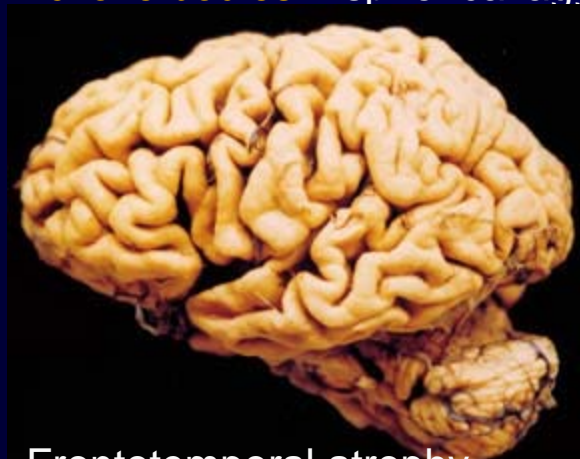
- **Def:** degenerative disease with frontotemporal degeneration
- **Occ:** rare; 40-60r. age, sporadic and hereditary forms (males)
- **Path:** unbalanced, fronto-orbital cortex, temporal-basal
 - - atrophy, gliosis, pick bodies (tau protein)
- **Sy:** in order different from Alzheimer's ch.
 1. Behavioural disturbances (impulse control, Moria, gluttony)
 2. Memory impairment, aphasia (palilalia, echolalia)
 3. Focal manifestations of pyramidal
 4. Deliberation of newborns. reflexes (grasping, sucking...)



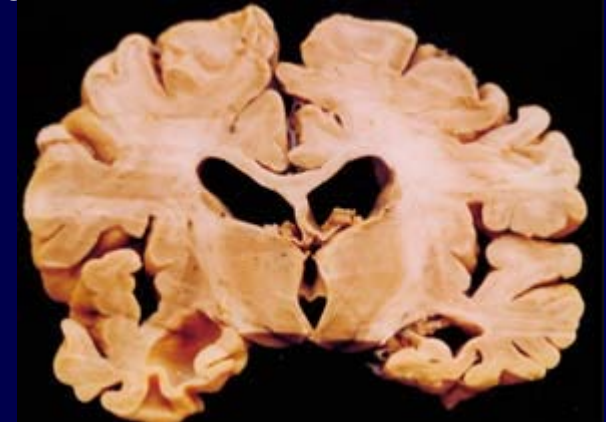
Pick disease



Pickove bodies = spherical aggregates of tau – protein



Frontotemporal atrophy
in left hemisphere



Atrophy of the left
temporal hemisphere





Creutzfeldt - Jacob disease

Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease

- Def: fatal neurodegenerative disease from the group of prionoses (the most significant, the most widespread,
- Other human prion diseases – **Gerstmann-Sträussler-Sheinker syndrome (GSS)**, **fatal familial insomnia (FFI)** Great Britain 1986 epidemic of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE – the disease originates: from scrapie or a sporadic case of BSE
- Forms:
 - **Sporadic CJD (scjd):** (80-85%) origin unclear
 - **Iatrogenic CJD: (1-3%)** : after therapeutic interventions (corneal transplantation; 1985 after growth hormone treatment (France) (extremely long incubation period of tens of years in peripheral disease; after dura mater transplantation (Japan)
 - **Hereditary form: (10-15%)** specific mutations, polymorphisms of the human prion gene (PRNP)
 - **New variant disease (vCJch)** 1996

Creutzfeldova-Jacobova ch.

- **Hereditary form: (10-15%)** specific mutations, polymorphisms of the human prion gene (PRNP)
- **codon 200 (E200K)** the most common and significant mutation (in Slovakia it accounts for up to 75%) - the presence of "healthy" carriers of the e200k mutation or genetic testing of corneal donors
- **codon 129** in the normal population on both alleles Met, or Val (homozygotes), **Met-Met** increases the predisposition to iatrogenic infection; in heterozygotes (**Met-Val**) mutation Met 129 → **fatal familial insomnia**, mutation on the allele with Val → **familial form of CJch**.
- **A new variant of the disease (vCJch)** discovered in 1996 in zoonosis-disease of milled cows; younger age of the affected, longer clinical course, more pronounced psychological changes, persistent pain delayed development of dementia

Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease

- Lab A:

- **CT** → to exclude vascular, tumor, inflammatory, demyelinating) etiology;

- **EEG** finding of 0.5-2Hz generalized, synchronized bi- / triphasic complexes (80% pac.)

- **MRI** - vCJch je so-called. "pulvinar symptom" and for sCJch a conspicuous signal in cauda nc. caudati and in putamen.

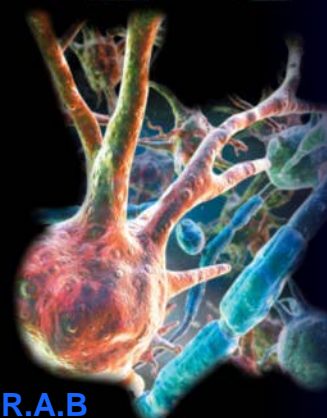
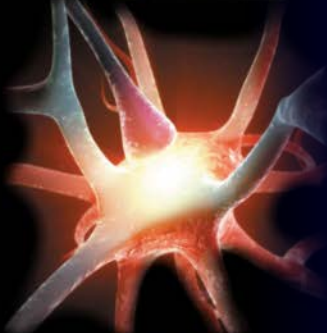
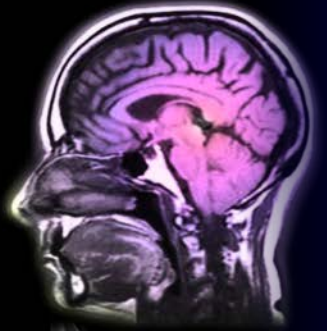
- **CT**

- Lab B:

- **CSM:** examination of protein 14-3-3 in liquor- "marker of neuronal death" (Western blot) specificity and sensitivity of the metode in the range of 78-95% in sCJch. False positives in Alzheimer's ch. and with some encephalitis herpes zoster .

- polymorphism on codon 129.

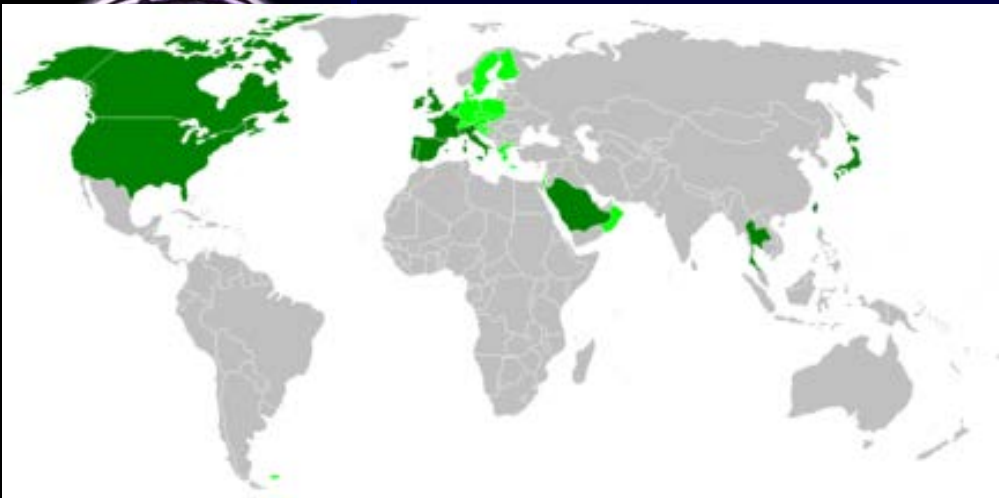
- **Histol:** presence of prion in biopsy tonsil tissue



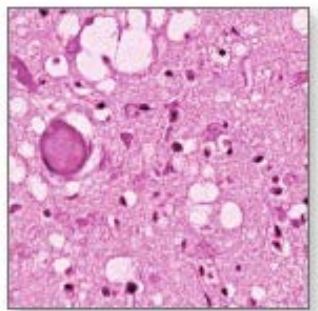
Creutzfeldt – Jacob disease

Manifestations:

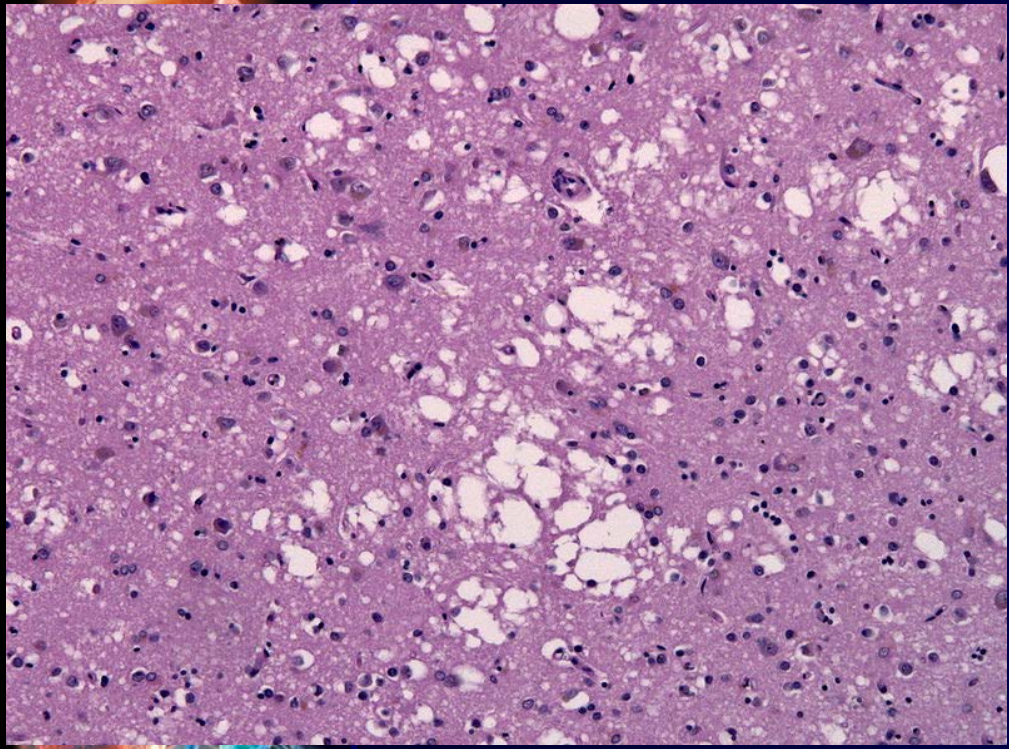
1. In the prodromal stage: **sleep disorders, restlessness, anxiety**, sometimes hallucinations
2. Early variable manifestations: ataxia, visual disturbances, bulimia, which contrasts strikingly with gradual cachectisation; skin itching without superficial finding, similar **to scrapie**
3. The main symptoms: rapidly **progressing dementia (99.9%) and myoclonus (80%)** pyramidal and extrapyramidal symptoms, sometimes **central blindness, rigidity increases**, the patient becomes unable to move and is increasingly dependent on the environment.
4. Terminal manifestations: **akinetic mutism**, death occurs usually as a result of an associated Infection, The Manifest phase of CLD lasts no more than 4.5–5 months, exceptionally longer than a year



Brain shrinkage and deterioration occurs rapidly



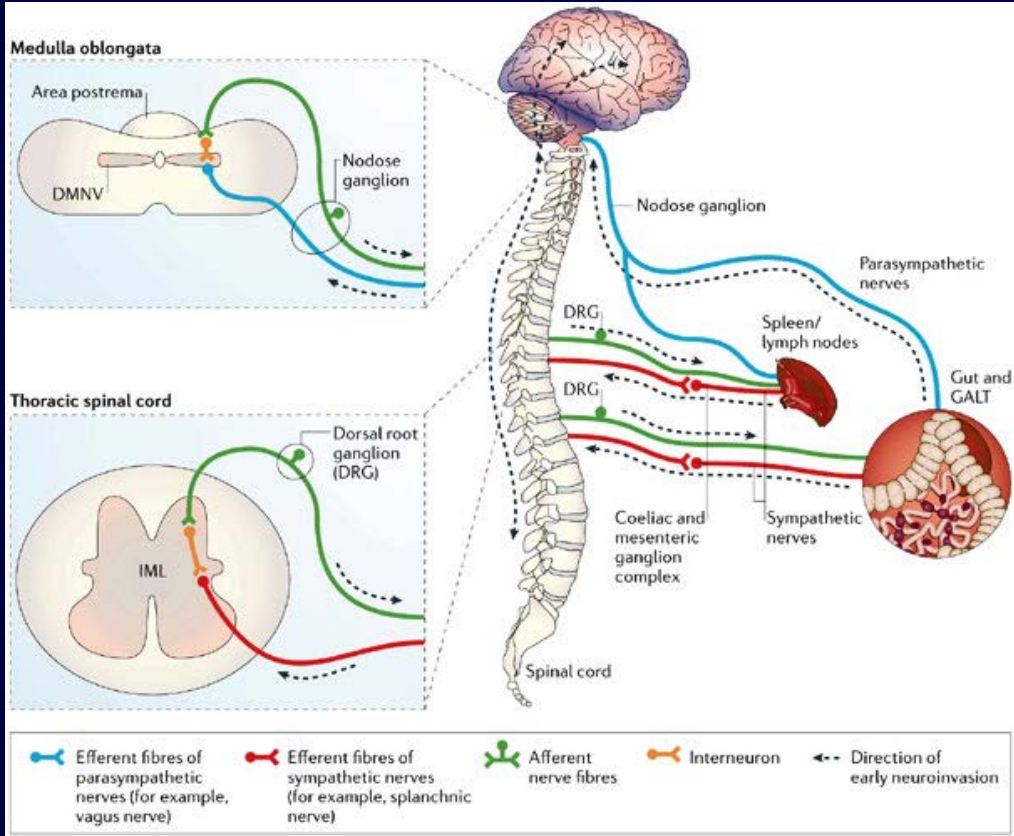
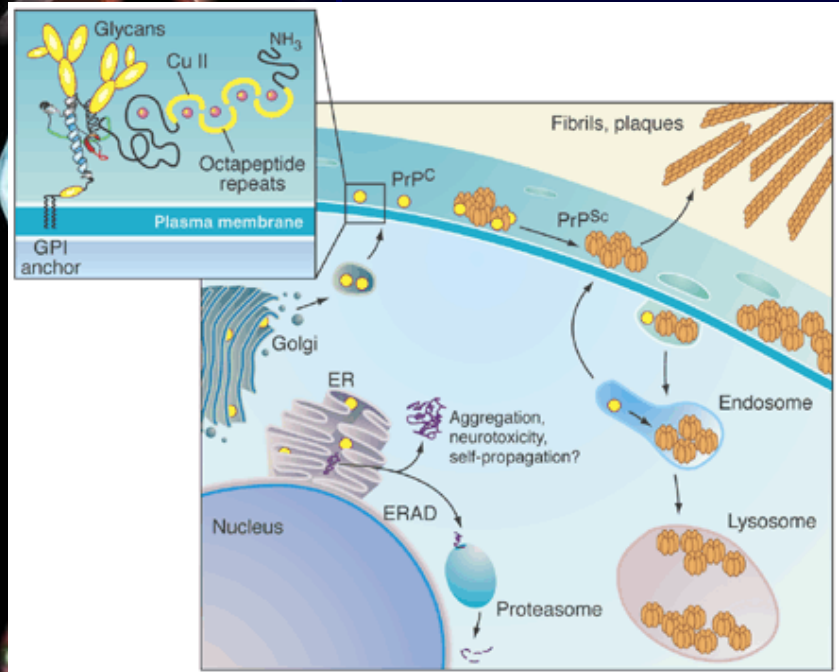
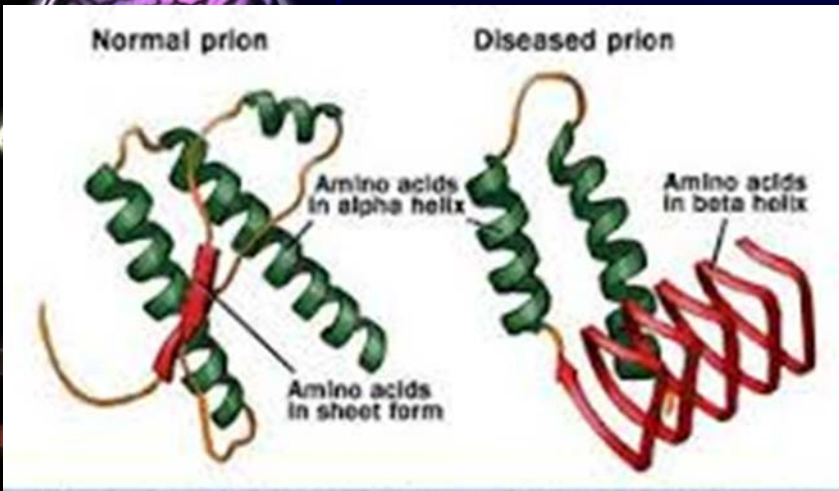
Brain section showing spongiform pathology characteristic of Creutzfeldt-Jakob



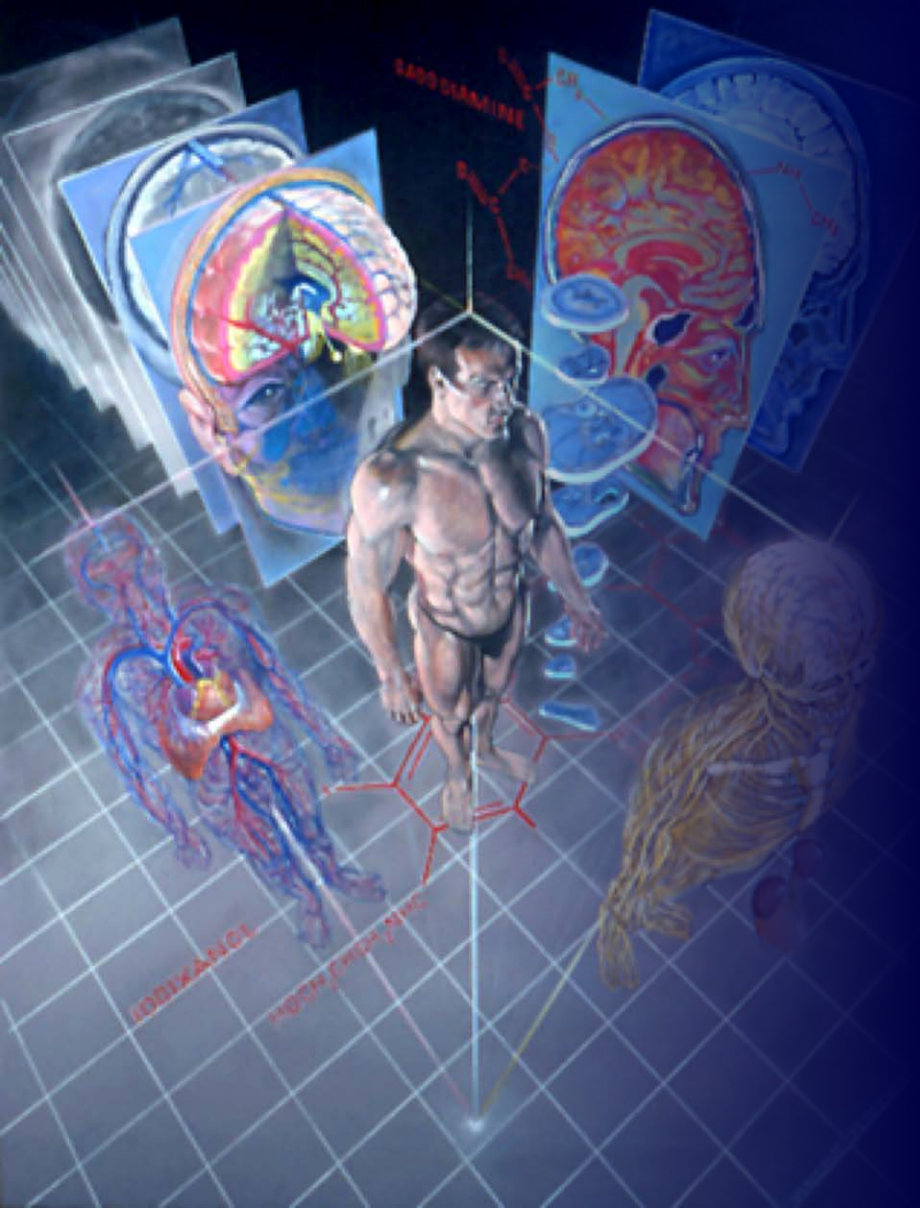
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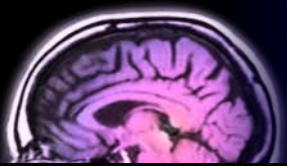
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Prion replication and deposition (Priola et al., 2003 Science).



Huntington disease

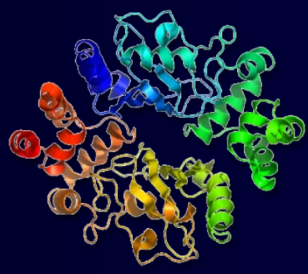


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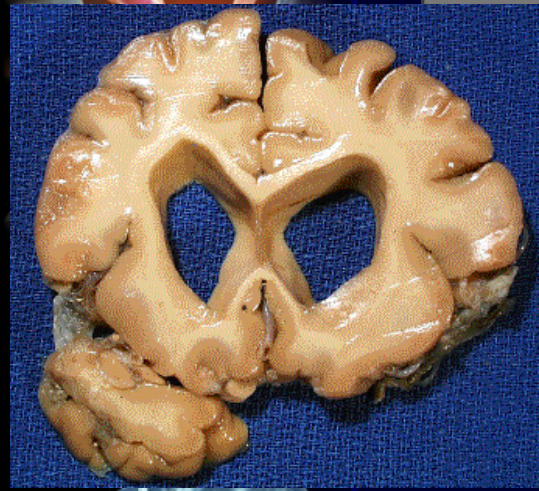


- **Def:** progressive AD-hereditary disease with dementia and chorea..
- **Vy:** : onset in the first 10 years, in others after 60. (average 30-40 r.); death on average 17 years after the appearance of the first symptoms
- **Etio:** dynamic mutations in it15 gene (Ch4p) for huntingtin protein (Htt) (350 kDa, 3144 AK) the gene contains normally 6-35 CAG repeats and thus many polymorphisms
- at the count > 36 and more (up to 250) an abnormal version with the manifestation of the disease arises
- **Pa:**
 - Cortico-Striate degeneration
 - **Intranuclear inclusions** of mutated form of huntingtin
 - aggegation - interacting proteins = **huntingtin- AP: ubiquitin; huntingtin interacting protein 2 (HIP2)**
 - Neurochemistry abundance of dopamine and lack of acetylcholine in striatum

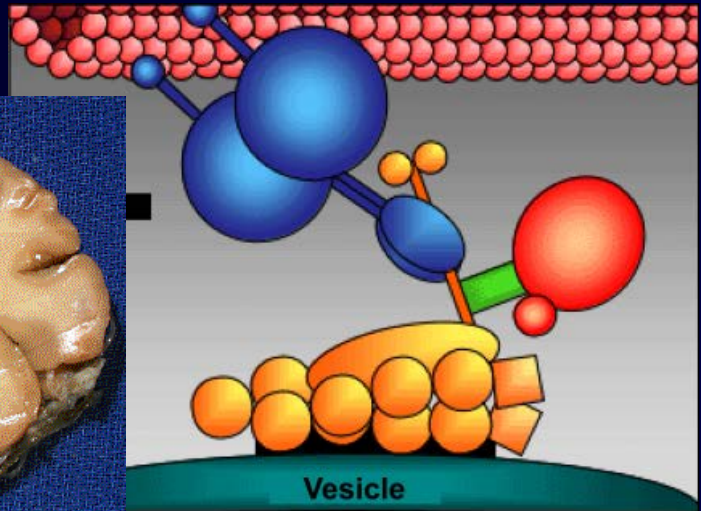




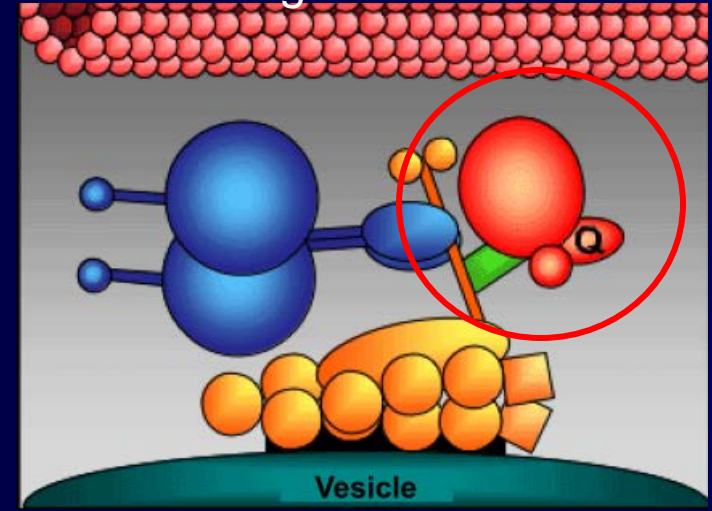
Huntingtin



Normal



Huntington disease



Microtubule

p150^{Glued}

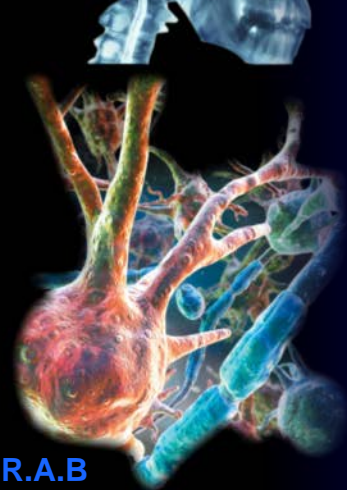
HAP1

Huntingtin

Dynactin

Dynein

- Interruption of axonal transport causes axonal and somatic death
- Huntingtin gene (IT15) - contains a polymorphic trinucleotide (CAG)_n repeat longer than the normal - expanded and unstable. The severity of symptoms and early onset of the disease enhances with the increasing length of CAG repeats.
- HAP1, apopain and GAPD

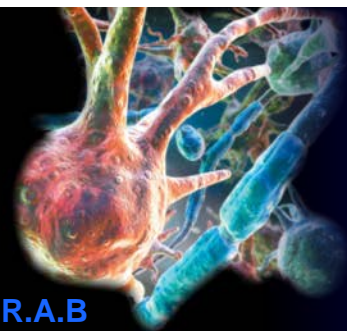
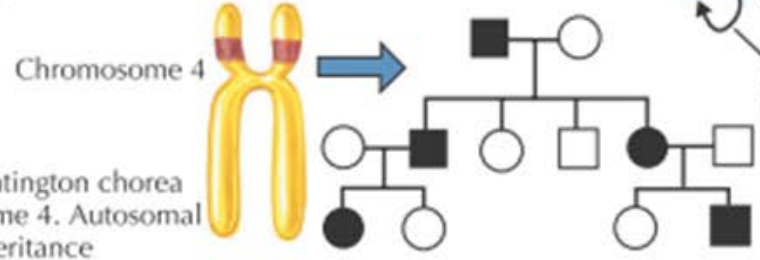
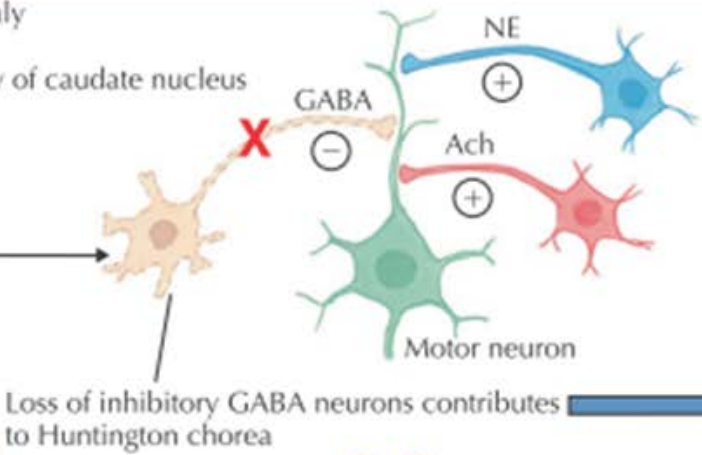
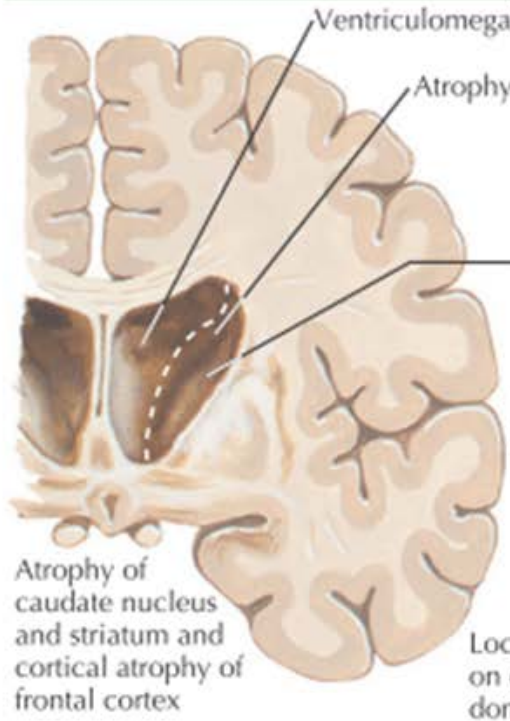


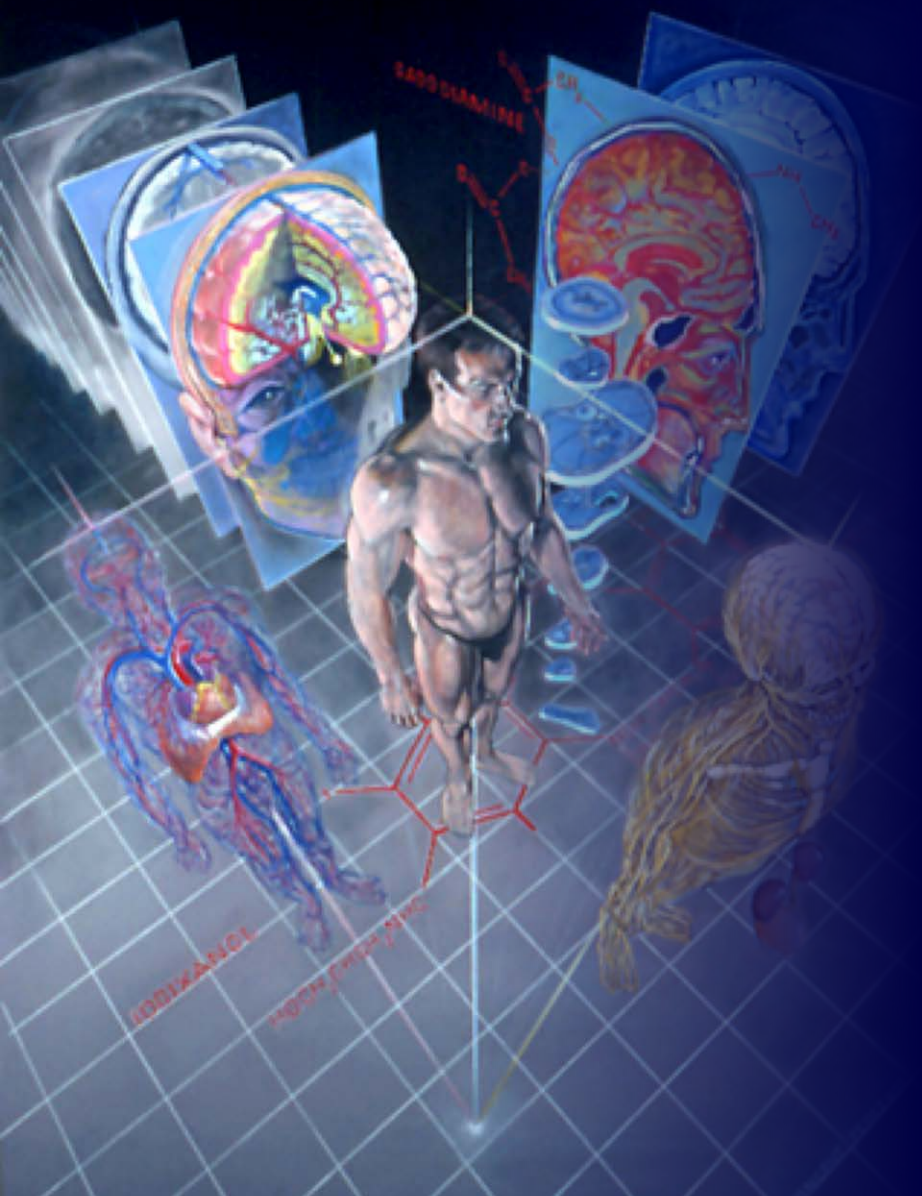
Huntington disease

Manifestations:

- **Psychopathological changes:** > 50% of cases as first personality disorders,
 - Mood swings, aggression and emotivity - higher feelings, depression, anxiety,
 - Changes in personality and behavior-paranoia, hallucinations, suicidal tendencies, loss of self-confidence and concentration, weakening of the intellect;
 - Disorders of cognitive functions: inability to plan and solve, slowed down, inexpedient thinking, decreased judgment, comprehensibility and criticality, disorders of both working and logical memory and learning;
- **Motor** disorders – **chorea** („chorein - dancing“);
 - i **inconspicuous twitching, twisting uncoordinated movements** of the hands,
 - over time, motor restlessness - more intense, rough, impractical involuntary movements disappearing during sleep.
 - **difficulty articulating-unintelligible speech**, involuntary sounds bothering others, difficulty swallowing, groaning (risk of aspiration pneumonia) excessive salivation, sweating,
 - inability to **perform basic work tasks** (writing, buttoning buttons, everything falls out of the patient's hands, ...), walking reminds a drunk
 - **loss of independence, mobility, basic hygiene principles.**
 - **the disease ends in death**

Huntington disease

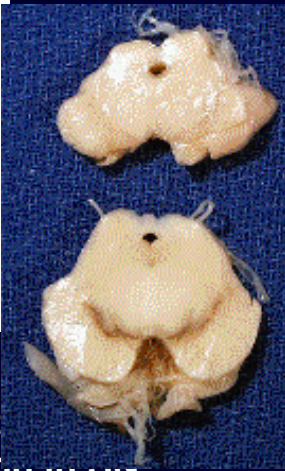
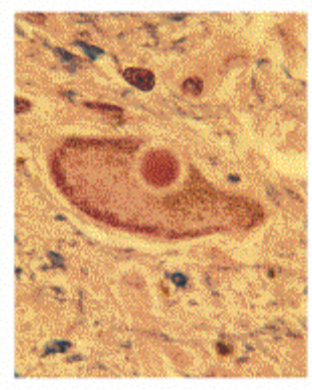




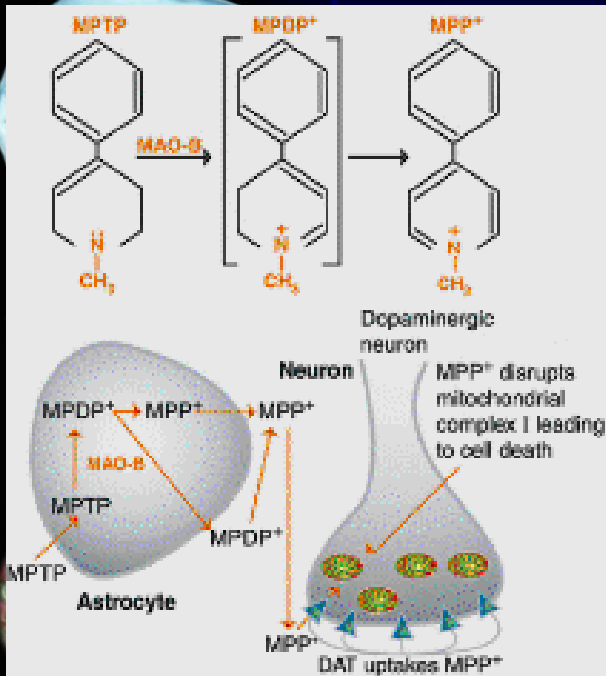
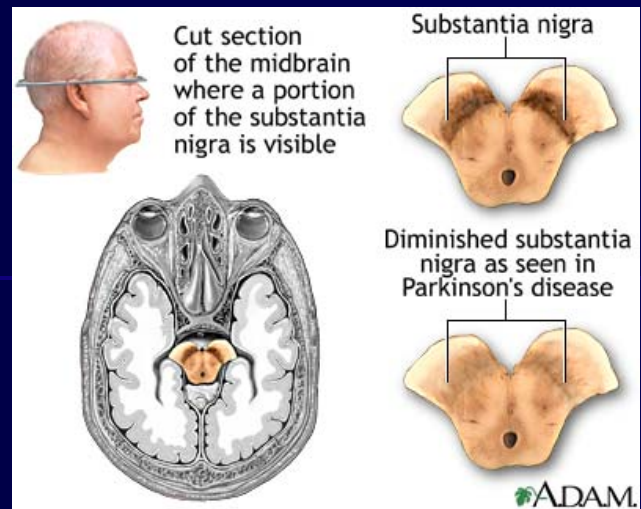
Parkinson disease

Parkinson disease (Paralysis agitans)

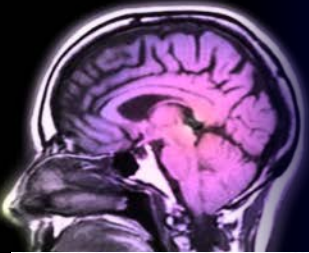
- Def: Progressive neurodegenerative disease with motor, vegetative, cognitive functions(memory impairment), personality and behavioral changes (1817 described by James Parkinson)
- Occ: Men > women; 50.- 60. year of life, progresses 10 - 20 r., affects ~ 0.1-1% of the population in industry. countries ; 3. most often neurol. disease; symptoms only in 60% of those affected; 2 most common neurodegenerative disease
- Etio: inherited cases (hereditary + acquired (environmental))
 - **Inherited form** – early familial form of PD (AD-transmitted; mutated gene for: :
 - **Alfa - synuclein + Kinase rich on leucine motifs type 2 (LRRK2).**
 - **Acquired form** - Ekonomo encefalitis 1920th (infection?) Intoxikacia: Hg, Mn, Fe, Cu, MPTP (N-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine) contaminant in synthetic heroin (1982 San Francisco)
- **Pathology:** degeneration of DA neurons in the pars compacta substantia nigra and ventral tegmentum (symptom. evident after 80% loss)
 - degener. nucl. raphe (serotonin) & locus coeruleus (NA)
 - lesions of the nuclei. subthalamicus (sudden decrease in akinesia-bradykinesia, tremor and rigidity contralaterally)



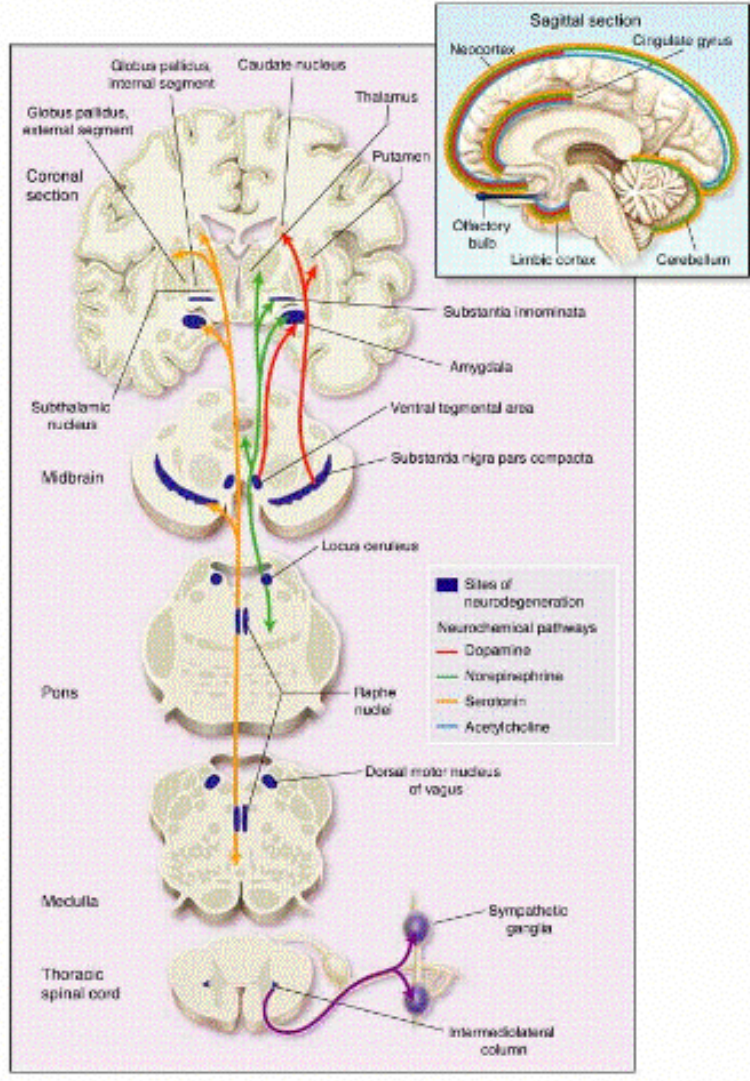
Lewy body in the cytoplasm of pigmented DA neuron in SN



MPTP crosses the blood-brain barrier, it is converted into MPDP⁺, an intermediate product, by the enzyme MAO-B within brain astrocytes. MPDP⁺ can then spontaneously form MPP⁺ either within the astrocyte itself or after diffusion into the extracellular space. MPP⁺ is then specifically taken up into dopaminergic neurons via the dopamine transporter (DAT). Once inside the dopaminergic neuron, MPP⁺ is taken up into the mitochondria via an energy-dependent transport process, where it acts as a specific inhibitor of mitochondrial complex

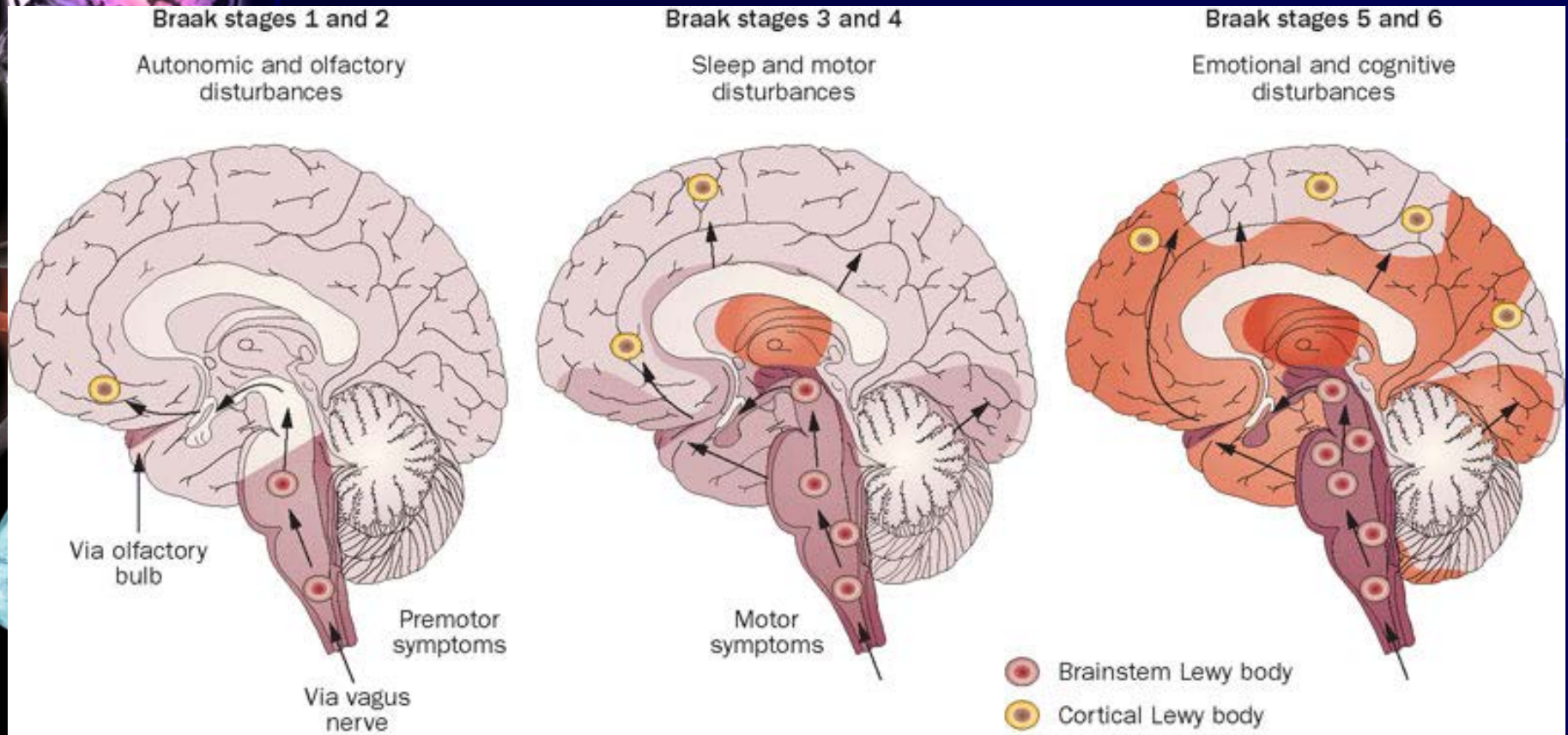


Parkinson's disease

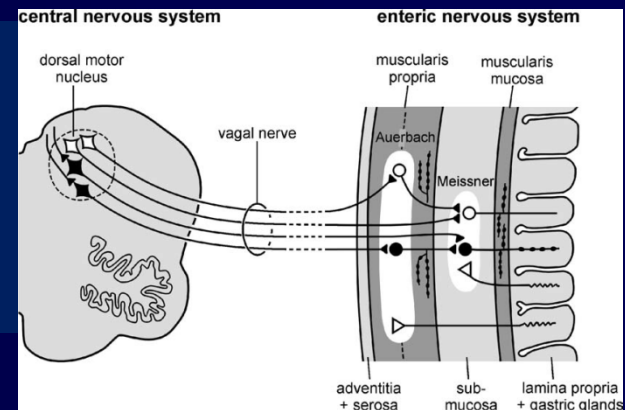


- Dopaminergic defect
- Serotonergic defect
- Noradrenergic defect
- Acetylcholinergic defect
- **substantia nigra pars compacta** - DA - nigrostriatal pathway - striatum **ventral tegmental area** - DA - entorhinal cortex, olfactory tubercle, cingulate gyrus, and frontal cortex.
- **locus ceruleus** - NA - spinal cord, cerebellum, central gray matter of the midbrain, amygdala, substantia innominata, thalamus, limbic cortex
- **raphe nuclei** - SE - spinal cord cerebellum, substantia nigra, amygdala, striatum, and cortex.
- **substantia innominata** - nucleus basalis of Meynert - Ach
- **intermediolateral column** - preganglionic sympathetic fibers

Braak stages of Parkinson disease



- Early stages PCh = disability dorzálne otorické kernel nX □ Pch starts penalties vagovej part of the ANS Braak stages of (Braak et al, 2003). alpha synuclein deposits
- ' gut to brain ' theory; alpha-synuclein in gut biopsies before PCh diagnosis.



Parkinson disease

- Motor manifestations

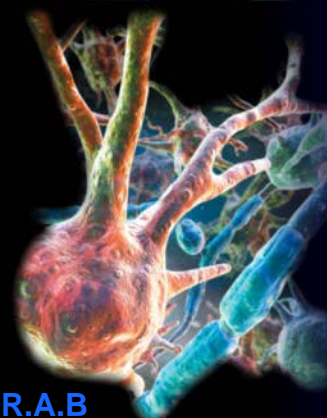
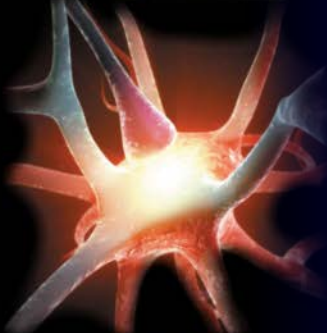
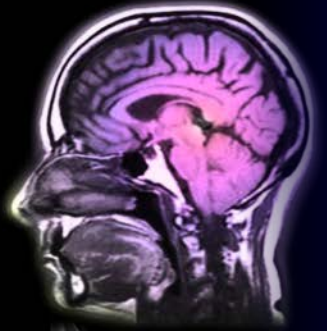
- Akinesia, hypokinesia, propulsions, retropulsions, HK articulation disorder, amimia, bradybasia
- Bradykinesia-micrography, monotonous speech
- Hypertonia-rigidity, gear phenomenon, posture-forward tilt, shoulder flexion
- Quiet route
- Oculomotor disorders, oculogyric crises, blepharospasm, respiratory distress

- Vegetative manifestations

- Seborrhea-oily face, salivation, sweating,
- Upper extremity anaemia, constipation

- Psychological changes

- Affective lability, bradypsychia - > dementia



Parkinson disease

- Parkinsonism

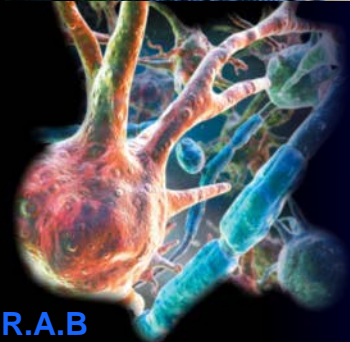
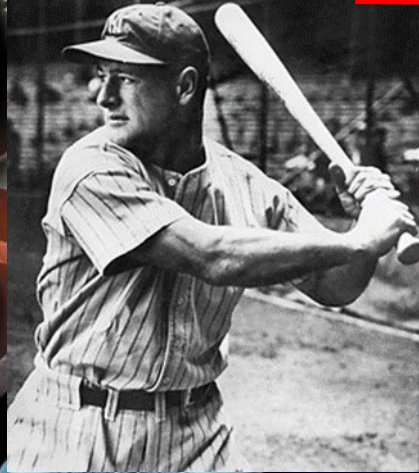
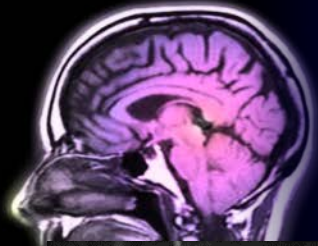
- Parkinson's disease (paralysis agitans) - akinesia + gentle tremor
- Postencephalic Parkinsonism – vegetat. sy + dystonia, visual convulsions, tremor
- Medicamentous Parkinsonism tremor (akinesia, rigor)
- Arteriosclerotic (+idiopathic) Parkinsonism - bradykinesia, the fastest progression
- Post-traumatický parkinsonizmus (punch-drunk)
- Post-traumatic Parkinsonism (punch-drunk)
- Intoxication (including MPTP) - tremor + torpid akinesia, rigor

- Parkinsonism with dementia (M. Guam) rigor, akinesia, dementia
- Parkinsonismus with Levy bodies-dementia



Motor neuron disease

Amyotrophic laterak sclerosis (ALS) Lou Gehring disease



- **Def:** **Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (motor neurone disease (MND))**
 - progressive, fatal, neurodegenerative disease of the brain, causes degeneration of the motor neurons of the trunk and spinal cord with signs of muscle weakness, atrophy, paralysis, with preservation of menstural functions
 - **Occ:** prevalence 6:100000, incidence 2:100000; progression individual; duration of illness prim. 2-5 years, 25% pac. > 5 years, 8-16 % > 10 years, 5 % 20y
 - **Etio:** hereditary + acquired; ; ALS and agricultural pesticides; **A. Sporadic form** - the most common, **B. Familial** 5-10 % M. Guam (v 50.r. 20).
- 1. Early manifestations:** progressive muscle fatigue and weakness in the press and when moving the fingers on the hands, on the legs(dorsiflexia), when speaking (mumbling), swallowing, breathing individual. Pattern different from LMS; paralysis + muscle atrophy+ spasticity

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2. Late manifestations: disorders of chewing and swallowing (dysphagia), respiratory disorders (dyspnea); support needed; bilevel positive airway pressure (BiPAP) support during the night later in the day; threat: aspiration pneumonia;

- about 5% also have frontotemporal dementia.
- Most die from **respiratory failure** or aspiration pneumonia within 3-5 years after the onset of symptoms; the median survival time is 39 months, and only 4% survive longer than 10 years.
- Stephen Hawking - 50 years with the disease; is a rare thing
- **Multisystemic proteinopathy** = rarely ALS in complex with dementia, degen. muscle aches., degen. sick. bones,
- sensory functions preserved: hearing, vision, touch, smell, etc.

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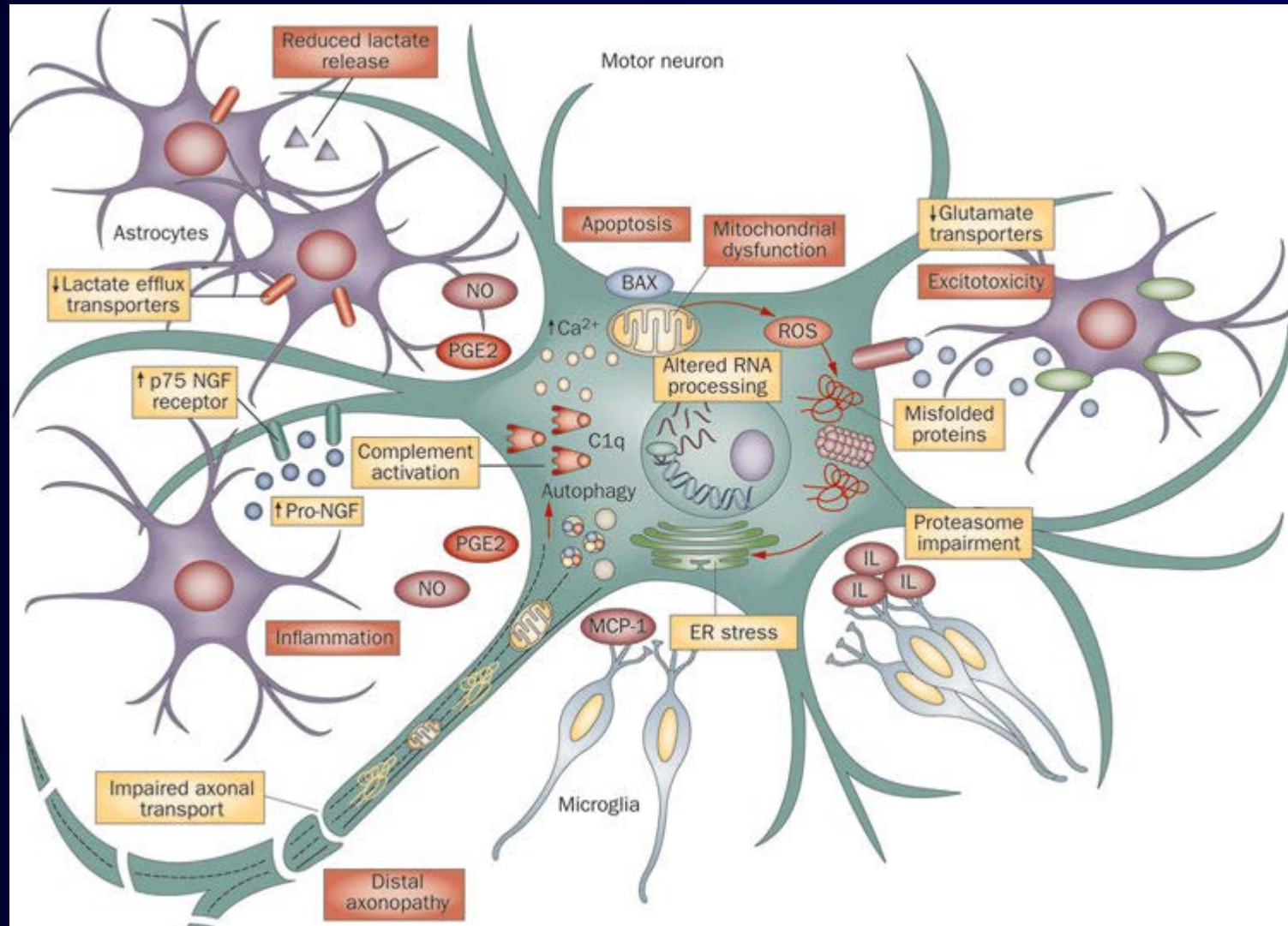
Table 1 | Genes associated with familial ALS

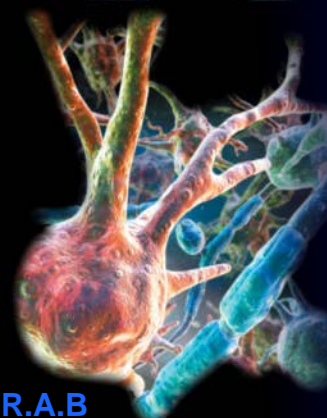
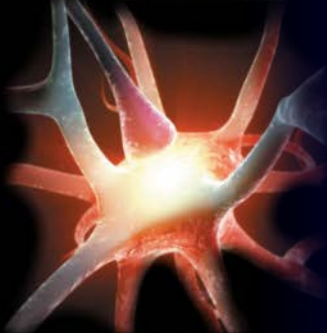
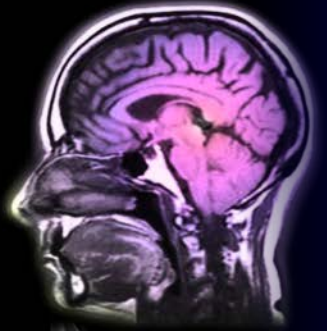
Genetic subtype	Chromosomal locus	Gene	Onset/inheritance	Reference
Oxidative stress				
ALS1	21q22	Superoxide dismutase 1 (<i>SOD1</i>)	Adult/AD	Rosen (1993) ²⁷
RNA processing				
ALS4	9q34	Senataxin (<i>SETX</i>)	Juvenile/AD	Chen <i>et al.</i> (2004) ¹⁶⁴
ALS6	16p11.2	Fused in sarcoma (<i>FUS</i>)	Adult/AD	Kwiatkowski <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹² Vance <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹³
ALS9	14q11.2	Angiogenin (<i>ANG</i>)	Adult/AD	Greenway <i>et al.</i> (2006) ¹⁶¹
ALS10	1p36.2	TAR DNA-binding protein (<i>TARDBP</i>)	Adult/AD	Sreedharan <i>et al.</i> (2008) ⁸⁹
Endosomal trafficking and cell signaling				
ALS2	2q33	Alsin (<i>ALS2</i>)	Juvenile/AR	Yang <i>et al.</i> (2001) ¹⁰²
ALS11	6q21	Polyphosphoinositide phosphatase (<i>FIG4</i>)	Adult/AD	Chow <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁰⁸
ALS8	20q13.3	Vesicle-associated membrane protein-associated protein B (<i>VAPB</i>)	Adult/AD	Nishimura <i>et al.</i> (2004) ¹⁰⁴
ALS12	10p13	Optineurin (<i>OPTN</i>)	Adult/AD and AR	Maruyama <i>et al.</i> (2010) ¹⁰⁵
Glutamate excitotoxicity				
ND	12q24	D-amino acid oxidase (<i>DAO</i>)	Adult/AD	Mitchell <i>et al.</i> (2010) ⁷⁹
Ubiquitin/protein degradation				
ND	9p13–p12	Valosin-containing protein (<i>VCP</i>)	Adult/AD	Johnson <i>et al.</i> (2010) ⁹⁹
ALSX	Xp11	Ubiquilin 2 (<i>UBQLN2</i>)	Adult/X-linked	Deng <i>et al.</i> (2011) ¹⁰¹
Cytoskeleton				
ALS–dementia–PD	17q21	Microtubule-associated protein tau (<i>MAPT</i>)	Adult/AD	Hutton <i>et al.</i> (1998) ¹²⁰
Other genes				
ALS5	15q15–q21	Spatacsin (<i>SPG11</i>)	Juvenile/AR	Orlacchio <i>et al.</i> (2010) ¹⁸⁴
ALS–FTD	9p13.3	σ Non-opioid receptor 1 (<i>SIGMAR1</i>)	Adult/AD Juvenile/AR	Luty <i>et al.</i> (2010) ¹⁸⁵ Al-Saif <i>et al.</i> (2011) ¹⁸⁶
ALS–FTD	9q21–q22	Chromosome 9 open reading frame 72 (<i>C9ORF72</i>)	Adult/AD	Hosler <i>et al.</i> (2000) ²⁴ Renton <i>et al.</i> (2011) ¹⁹⁶ De Jesus-Hernandez <i>et al.</i> (2011) ¹⁹⁷
Unknown genes				
ALS3	18q21	Unknown	Adult/AD	Hand <i>et al.</i> (2002) ¹⁹⁴
ALS7	20pter–p13	Unknown	Adult/AD	Sapp <i>et al.</i> (2003) ¹⁹⁵

Abbreviations: AD, autosomal dominant; ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; AR, autosomal recessive; FTD, frontotemporal dementia; PD, Parkinson disease.

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Transcriptional regulation

- Mutant SOD1 is associated with transcriptional repression
- TDP-43 self-regulates gene expression and has many other targets, including *ACRV1* and *APOA2*
- FUS acts as a transcriptional activator in oncogenic fusions and regulates NF- κ B and *SPT-1*
- SETX is an RNA helicase and component of ribonucleo-protein complexes
- ANG regulates ribosomal RNA transcription

Stress granules
TDP-43 and FUS are found in cytoplasmic stress granules

Alternative splicing
TDP-43 is known to regulate the splicing of multiple transcripts, e.g. *CFTR* and *SMN*

mRNA transport
TDP-43 binds to and stabilizes *NFL* mRNA, allowing spatio-temporal translation of mRNA targets

Nucleus-cytoplasm shuttling
TDP-43 and FUS are found primarily in the nucleus but are also present in the cytoplasm

MicroRNA processing
TDP-43 and FUS are found in complex with Drosha, implicating a role in microRNA processing

