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Ageing with a rare disease  
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&  
Working group of ERN-ITHACA  
*on ageing with intellectual disabilities*  
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# AGING WITH A RARE DISEASE

Improving healthcare for adults with rare genetic syndromes



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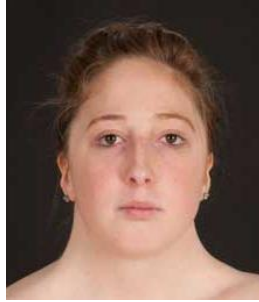


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on Rare Endocrine Conditions

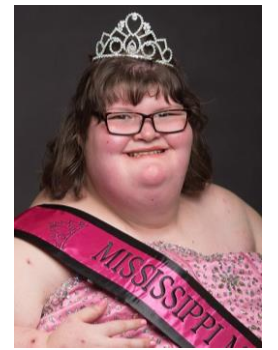


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Paediatric Endocrinology



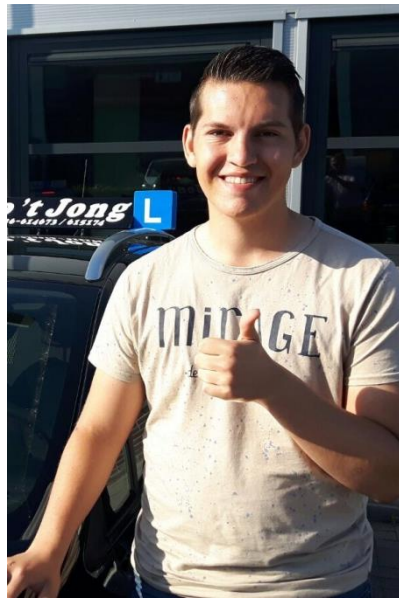
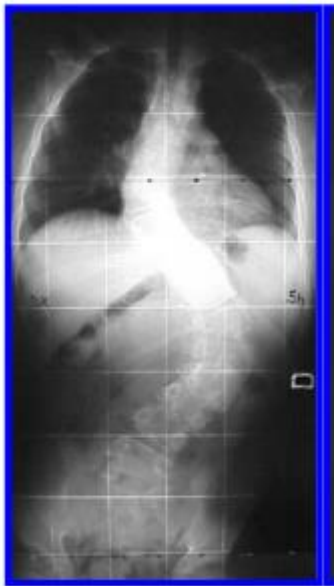


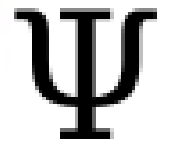
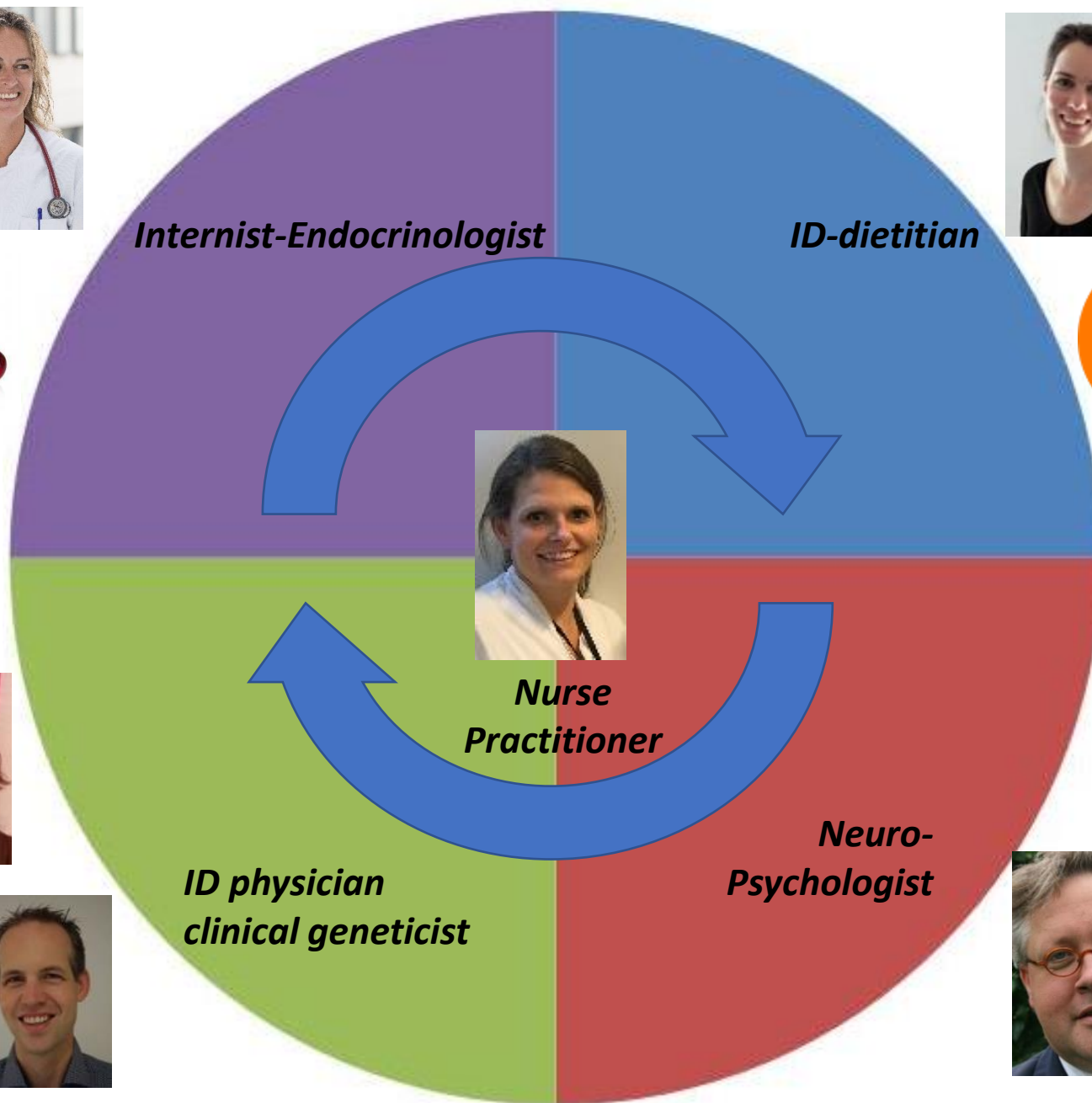
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**Who is responsible for the aging adults with RD?**

# Improved paediatric care





Rare  
Genetic  
Syndromes



Internal Medicine  
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**Which disciplines should take care of aging adults with RD?**

Syndrome
16p11 deletion / 16p11.2 deletion
16p13.11 deletion
17-20 desmolase deficiency and partial 17-hydroxylase deficiency
1q21 microdeletion syndrome
1q25-32 deletion
22q11 deletion
DSD
48,XXY
Adenylsuccinasedeficiency type 1
Adrenogenital syndrome
Albright hereditary osteodystrophy
Allan-Herndon-Dudley syndrome
Alström syndrome
Angelman syndrome
Bardet-Biedl syndrome
Bloom syndrome
Borjeson-Forssman-Lehmann syndrome
CAIS
CAMK2A mutation
CHARGE syndrome
Cockayne syndrome
Cornelia de Lange syndrome
Costello (like) syndrome

Cri du chat syndrome
CTNNB1 syndrome
Dandy Walker syndrome
Trisomy 21
Sex chromosomal mosaicism (45X,46XisodicY)
Gonadal dysgenesis (46X/46XisoYp)
Jacobsen syndrome
Joubert syndrome
JS-X syndrome
Kabuki syndrome
Kallmann syndrome
Kiss1R homozygote variant
L1CAM mutation
Leydig cell hypoplasia
Ohdo syndrome
Myrhe syndroom
Neurofibromatosis type 1
Noonan syndrome
PAIS

PNPLA6 gene mutation
PTEN hamartoma tumor syndrome
Prader-Willi like
Prader-Willi syndrome
Rett syndrome
Rieger syndrome
Ringchromosome 21 syndrome
Saethre-Chatzen syndrome
Sifrim-Hitz-Weis syndrome
Silver-Russel syndrome
Smith-Lemli-Optiz syndrome
Smith Magenis syndrome
Sotos-like syndrome
SRY+XX male
Klinefelter syndrome
Tatton Brown Rahman syndrome
TBLX1 mutation
Tetra-X syndrome
Triple-X syndrome
TRPV4 mutation
Tuberous sclerosis complex
Turner syndrome
Williams-Beuren syndrome
XXYY-syndrome
Unknown syndrome
<b>Total</b>

*Since 2015:*

*>1100 patients*

*>90 syndromes*



16 x

**do the needs of aging adults depend on the type of RD ?**

**○ who is responsible for making guidelines?**





# NVE (Dutch Association of Endocrinology): New network 'Genetic and Developmental Endocrinology'



**NVE**  
NEDERLANDSE VERENIGING  
VOOR ENDOCRINOLOGIE

Home Academy Ziektebeelden Klinische studies Vereniging Nieuws

Naar begin

- Gerelateerde aandoeningen (genetische syndromen)
- Genetische syndromen
- Leden klinisch netwerk
- Genetische syndromen met hormoonstoornissen
- Gerelateerde aandoeningen (Groei)
- Leden klinisch netwerk
- Groei stoornissen

**Prader-Willi**

Overview

Endocrine manifestations

Internal medicine

Other disciplines

Behavioral problems  
High pain threshold  
Intellectual disability  
Psychiatric problems  
Sleep disturbance

Inability to vomit

Hypertension

Hypercholesterolemia  
Hypovitaminosis D

Diabetes mellitus type II

Peripheral edema

Short stature  
Growth hormone deficiency  
Hypothalamic dysfunction

Ocular abnormalities

Sleep apnea  
Hypothyroidism

Heart failure

Central adrenal insufficiency

Osteoporosis  
Constipation

Genital abnormalities  
Hypogonadism

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## What Every Internist-Endocrinologist Should Know about Rare Genetic Syndromes in Order to Prevent Needless Diagnostics, Missed Diagnoses and Medical Complications: Five Years of 'Internal Medicine for Rare Genetic Syndromes'

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Bardet-Biedl syndrome [30,31,32,33,34]	
Bloom syndrome [35]	
Börjeson-Forssman-Lehmann syndrome [36,37]	
CAMK2A variants [38,39]	
CHARGE syndrome [40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51]	
CHD8 syndrome [52,53,54]	
Chromosome 1q21 deletion syndrome [55,56,57]	
Chromosome 1q25-32 deletion [58,59]	
Chromosome 16p11.2 deletion syndrome [60,61,62]	
Chromosome 16p13.11 deletion syndrome [63,64,65]	



# INfoRMEd-PWS

*International Network for Research, Management & Education on adult*



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# Specialized care for adults with Rare Genetic Syndromes

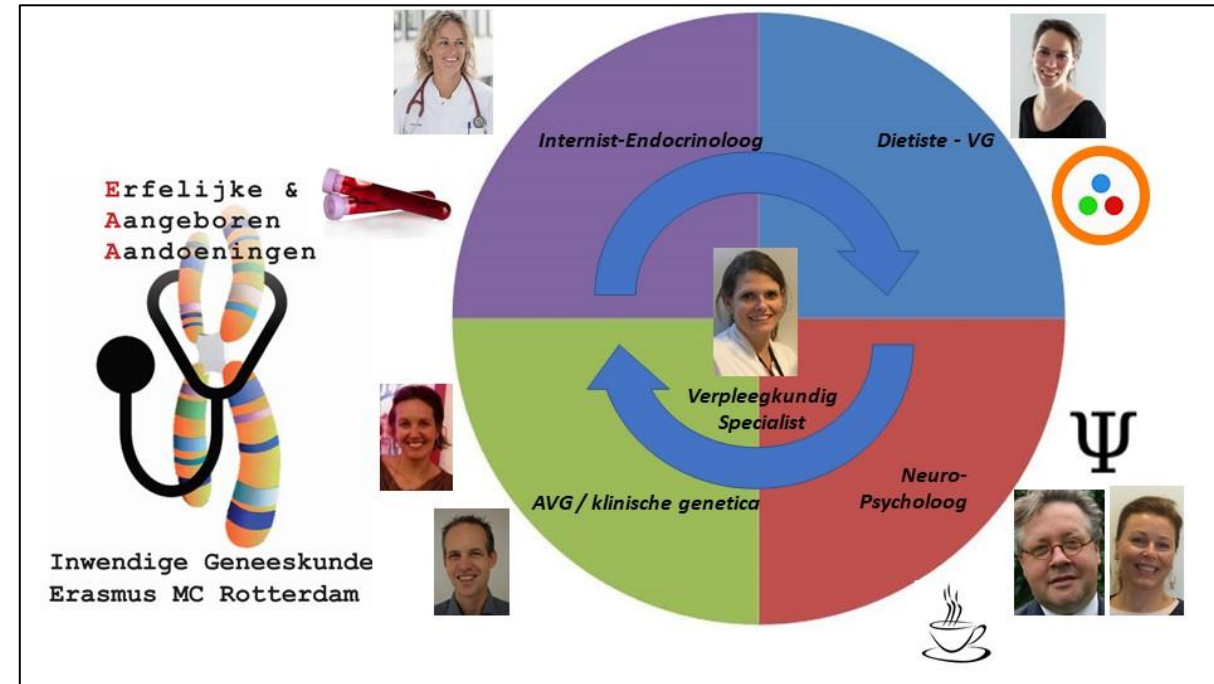
## Improve patient care through

1. Multidisciplinary approach
2. Scientific research
3. Registration of medical problem at adult age

## Prevent

1. Missed diagnoses
2. Complications, mortality
3. Overtreatment
4. Undertreatment

- ➔ Improve medical care (guidelines!)
- ➔ Reduce healthcare costs
- ➔ Improve quality of life



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# ERN-ITHACA

European Reference Network for Rare Malformation Syndromes,  
Intellectual and Other Neurodevelopmental Disorders

WHO WE ARE

***Subnetwork: adults with intellectual disabilities***



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***Guidelines for adults with intellectual disabilities (Williams-Beuren syndrome, PWS, Down syndrome)***

# Geriatric principles

- Normal vs pathological = **spectrum**

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**normal**

**pathology**

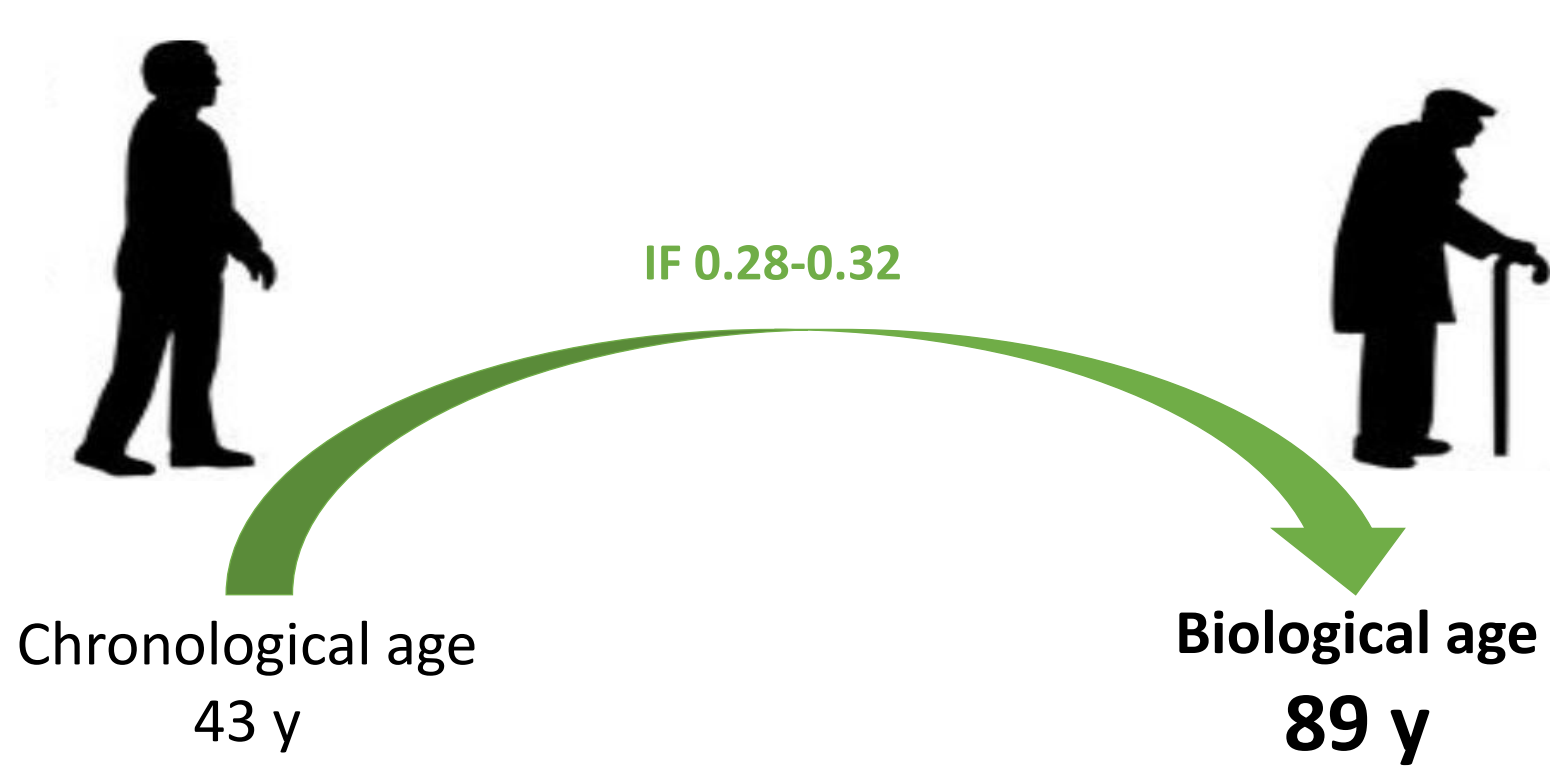
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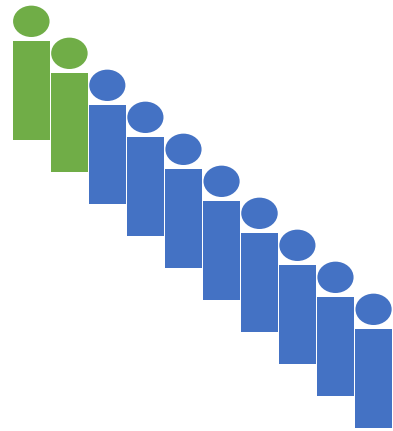
# Fragility in neurodevelopment disorders (NDD)

- biological age in Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) & Intellectual disability (ID)

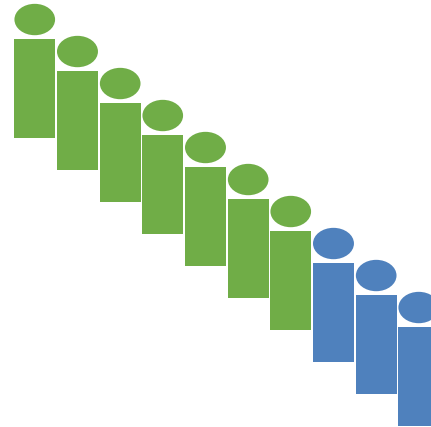


# Aging / Multimorbidity in NDD

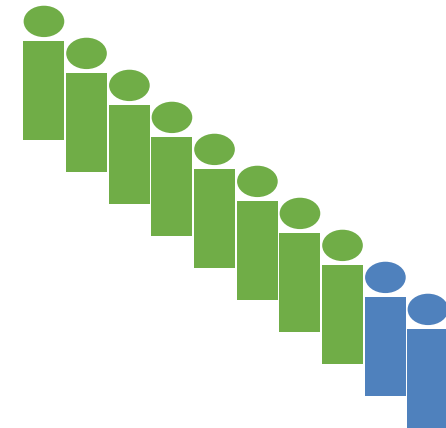
- ↗ accumulation of chronic diseases
- multimorbidity in Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and Intellectual disability (ID)
  - **Earlier and higher** (Cooper, 2015; Miot, 2022)



23.2%  
General population  
*Barnett, 2012*



71-79.8%  
ID  
*Mc Carron, 2013 ; Hermans, 2014*



84.1%  
ASD-ID  
*Miot, 2022*

# Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA)

- ↗ geriatric syndrome prevalence
- ↗ comorbidities burden
- ↗ multimorbidity
- ↗ polypharmacy
- ↗ biological age

- ☑ **Pathological aging**
- ☑ **Specific needs & holistic approach**
- ☑ **Helpers and HCW training**

**Pathological ? earlier aging ?**



**Need Earlier CGA+++**



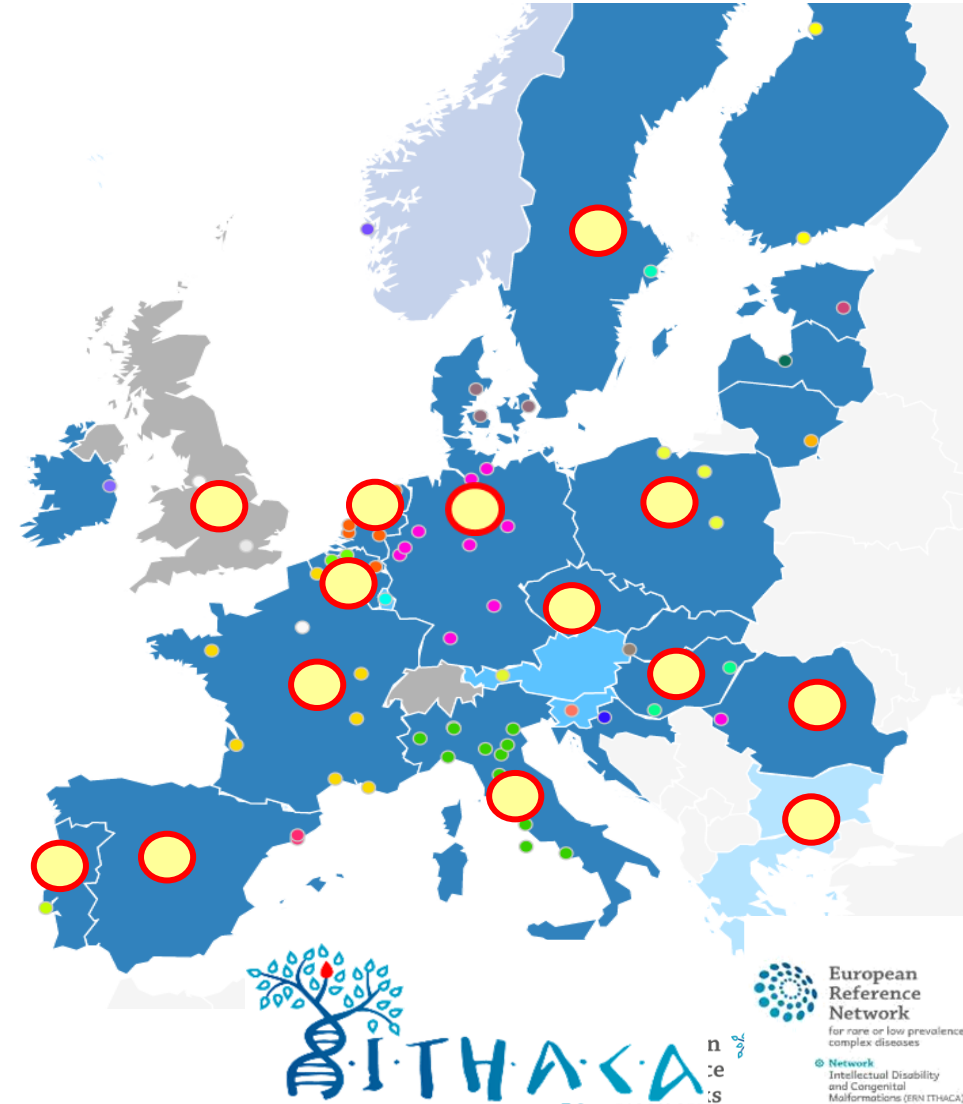
# European Reference Network - ERN ITHACA

Intellectual disabilities, TeleHealth, Autism and Congenital Anomalies

- Pr A. Verloes, Coordination Paris (post-Brexit)
- 71 from 25+1 countries
- HCP : expert genetics centers in teaching hospitals
- Over 5000 RD genetics
- Axes
  - Develomental anomalies
  - Neurodevelopmental disorders NDD (ID, ASD, PIMD SyNDD gene data base)
  - + specific Genetic, multifactorial (e.a. spina bifida) or environmental
- A growing Patient Community, ePAGS

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The Patient Community



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# Task Force (WG) ID Adult “care for adults with ID”

## Work group Chairs

- Miot S. et De Graaff L.
- Hugon A
- **Delivrables : European good practices**
  - Down, Williams-Buren, and Prader-Willi syndromes
  - Generalisations for NDD adults
- ⇒ 2023 – 24 **Practical Recommendations, accessible to all caregivers** Publish at least one paper in 2023 (transition) and one in 2024 (comorbidities)
- ⇒ 2024 -27 **Toolbox to be deployed (dedicated website, testimonials, webinars, etc.)**
- **General objectives**
  - To establish a medical care management for ID adults and older adults, provide best practice, to be used in daily life
  - Improve collaboration & communication between clinician and adult patient’s caregivers / Medical homes



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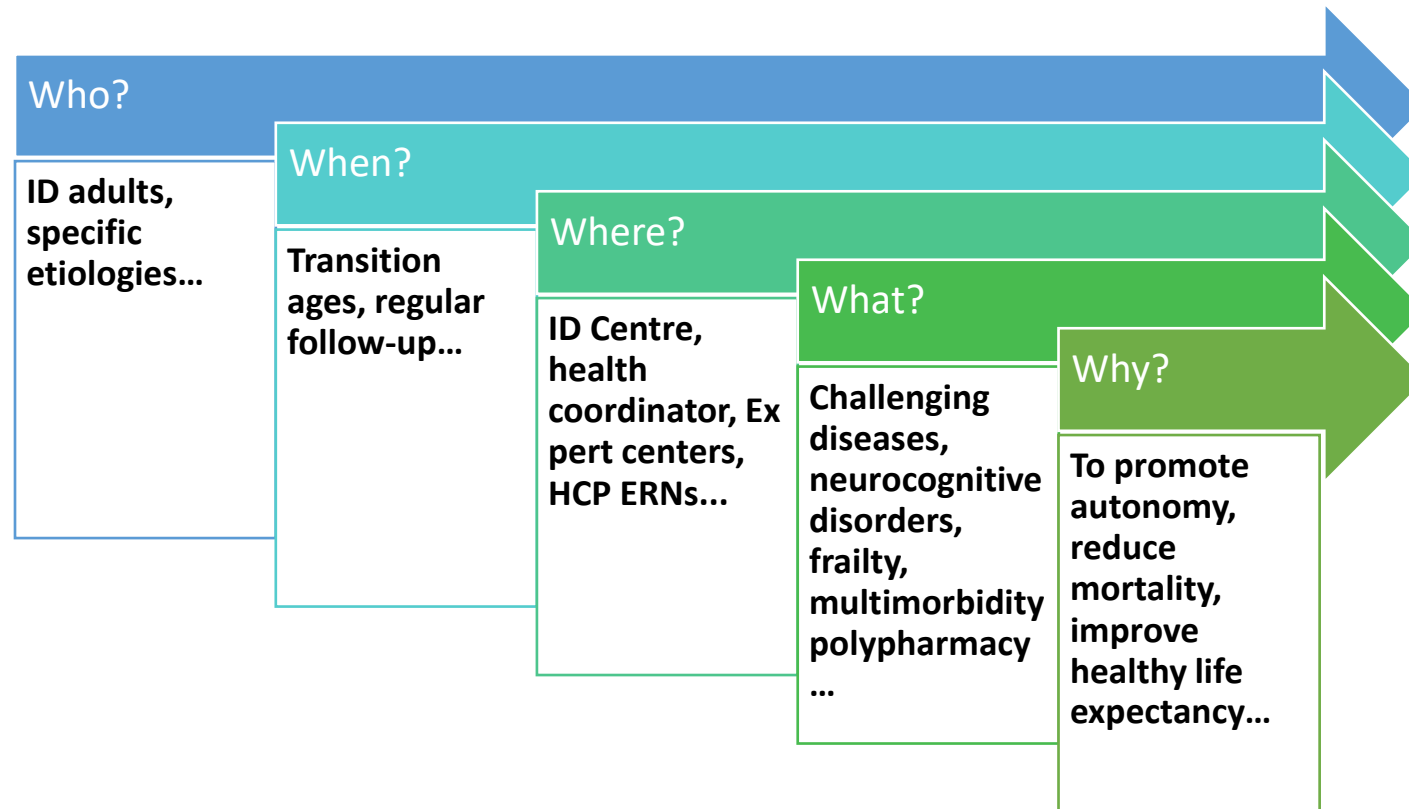
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Experts welcome!

# Task Force (WG) ID Adult “care for adults with ID”

- Define : best practices ‘healthcare for adults with ID’ based on expert panel & literature
- Provide : Assessment tools, Recommendations of good practice for the management of mentally disabled adults with ID

Medical care  
management  
for ID adults



# Why work on “care for ID and ageing adults” ?

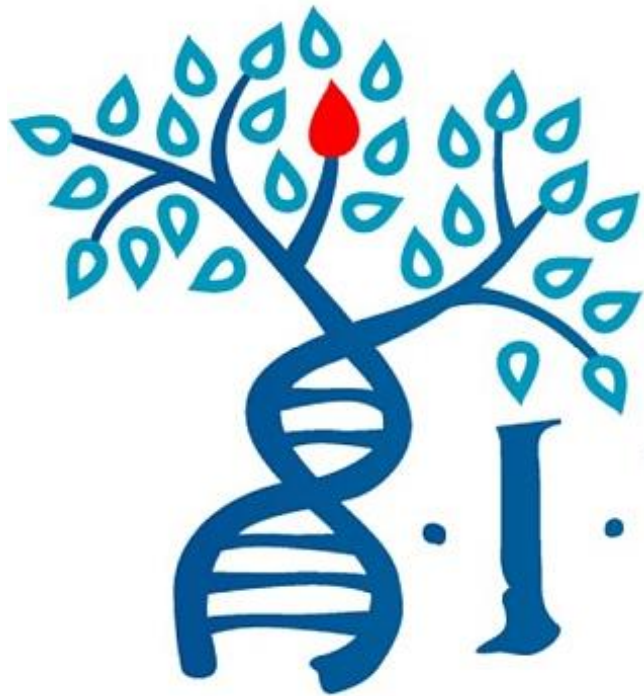
- In summary

- A growing population that has been little studied, yet a literature exists
- Advancing age is little considered, even more so when it is complex
- Reassure, remove prejudices " obstacle "
- Recognise the "preserved" capacities of people
- Need for support for patients and their carers

***It's important to Raise awareness and understanding of the complexity of clinical management difficulties in order to improve management and quality of life over the long term***

*Transmit and share knowledge Be facilitators*

*Holistics care such as Medical + Social + Psychological*



Thanks you for your attention  
<https://ern-ithaca>

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