

**Sarcopenia and sarcopenic obesity – one old and one new ageing problem**

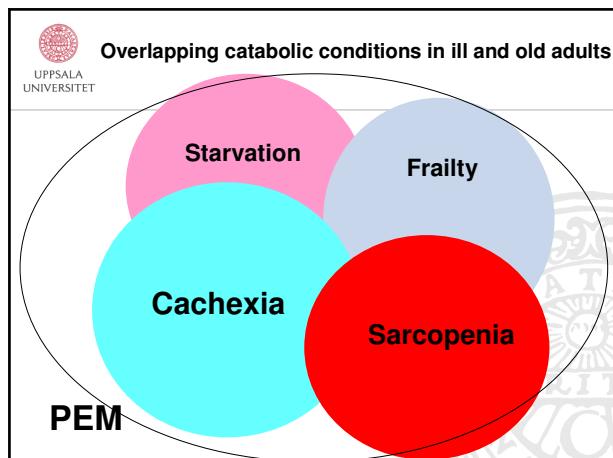
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**Overlapping catabolic conditions in ill and old adults**

**Starvation**

**Sarcopenia**

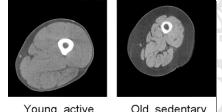
**Operational definitions for clinical use and for research are needed**

**Sarcopenia – a novel concept for an old problem**

**Loss of muscle – I Rosenberg 1989**  
**"Muscle loss steals the freedom of the old"**

- starts at 30 y
- muscle mass decrease by
  - ~50% from 20 to 90 y
  - 1-2%/y after 50 y
- selective typ II fibre atrophy
- muscle strength↓ by
  - 15% / 10 y between 50 and 70 y
  - 30% / 10 y thereafter

**Sarcopenia is a syndrome characterized by progressive loss of muscle mass and strength with a risk of adverse outcomes**  
 Cruz-Jentoft et al. Age Aging 2010;39:412-23

  
 Young, active      Old, sedentary

Marzetti. Exp Gerontol 2006;41:1234-8

**Current efforts to define sarcopenia**

Table 1 Current efforts to define sarcopenia and suggested diagnostic criteria		
Study Group	Definition	Criteria
The European Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Special Interest Groups	*Sarcopenia is a condition characterized by loss of muscle mass and muscle strength, although sarcopenia is primarily used to describe the condition's development may be associated with conditions that are not exclusively seen in older persons, like sarcopenia in younger patients with cancer or sarcopenia. It can also be seen in younger patients such as those with chronic diseases.	• Low muscle mass, e.g. percentage of muscle mass < 2 SDs below mean in individuals aged 18-39 years, based on the National Health and Examination Survey III cohort.
ESPN -10		• Walking speed <0.8 m/s in the 4-m test or reduced performance in any functional test used for the comprehensive geriatric assessment
The European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People		
EUGMS -10		
The International Working Group on Sarcopenia		
EU-US -11		
The Society of Sarcopenia, Cachexia and Wasting Disorders		
SCWD, subm.		
The Biomarkers Consortium		
NIA -12?		

**• muscle mass ↓**  
**• walking speed ↓**

\*Sarcopenia are multi-factorial and can include disease, altered endocrine function, chronic diseases, inflammation, insulin resistance, and nutritional deficiencies. In addition, sarcopenia and sarcopenic obesity are not the same.<sup>55</sup>

• Low muscle mass, e.g. appendicular mass relative to height squared, i.e., >7.23 kg/m<sup>2</sup> in men and >5.67 kg/m<sup>2</sup> in women

• Walking speed < 1 m/s or walking distance <400 m during a 6-min walk

• A lean appendicular mass corrected for height squared of >2 SDs below the mean of healthy persons aged between 20 and 30 y of the same ethnic group

To be announced

Cederholm et al. Clin Ger Med 2011, in press

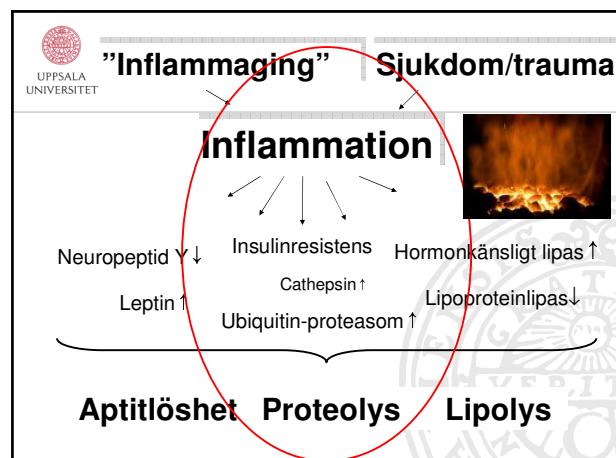
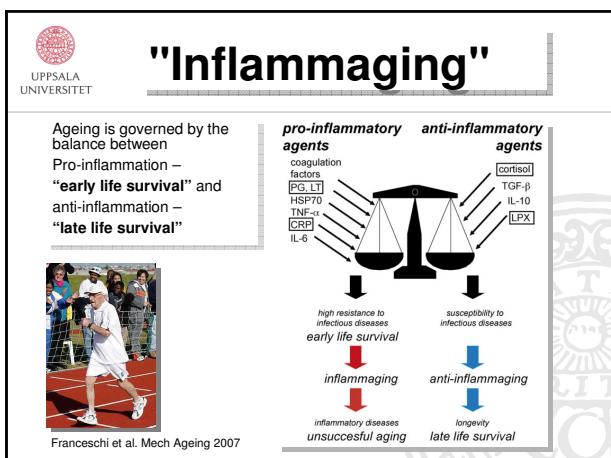
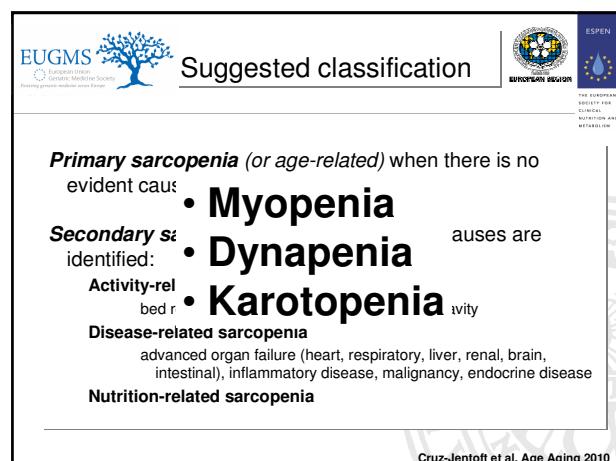
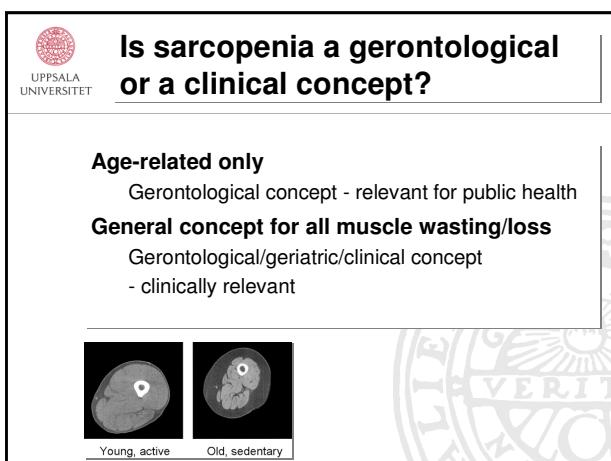
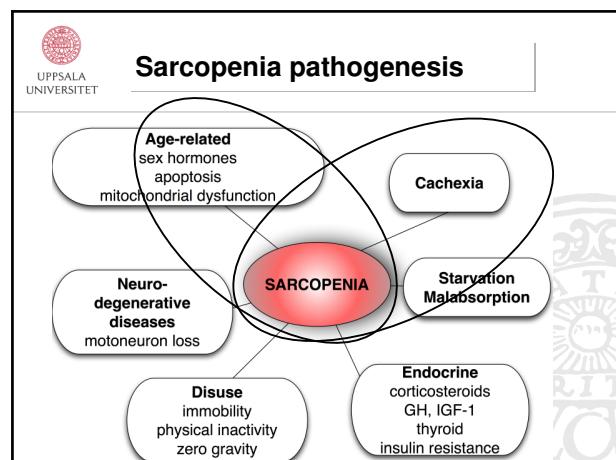
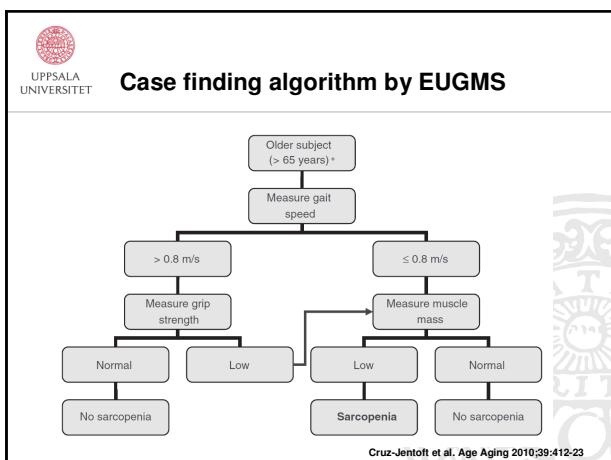
**Criteria for sarcopenia - adopted by ESPEN/EUGMS/IGAG/IANA**

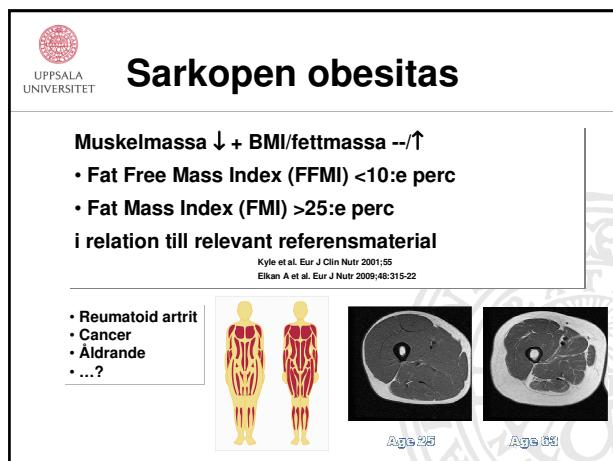
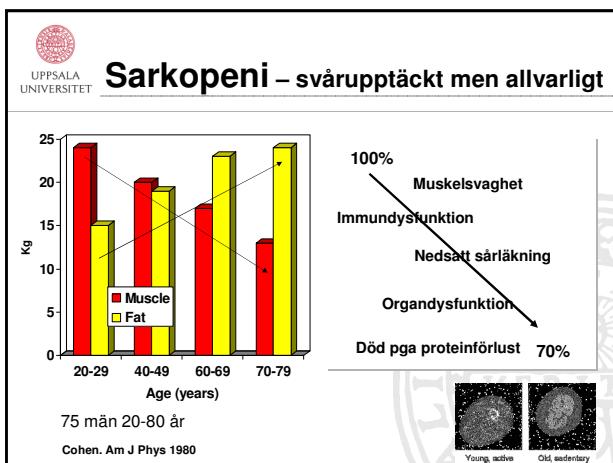
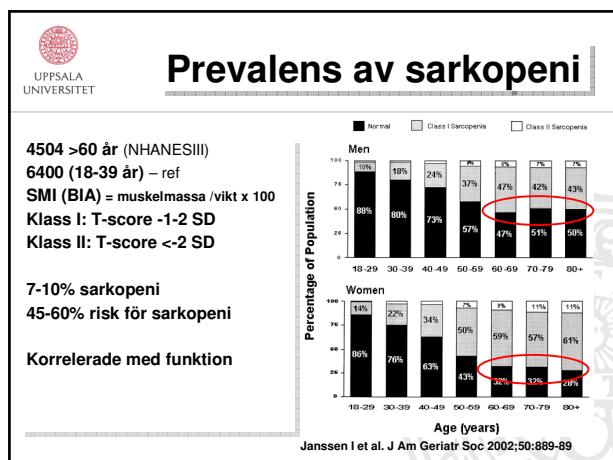
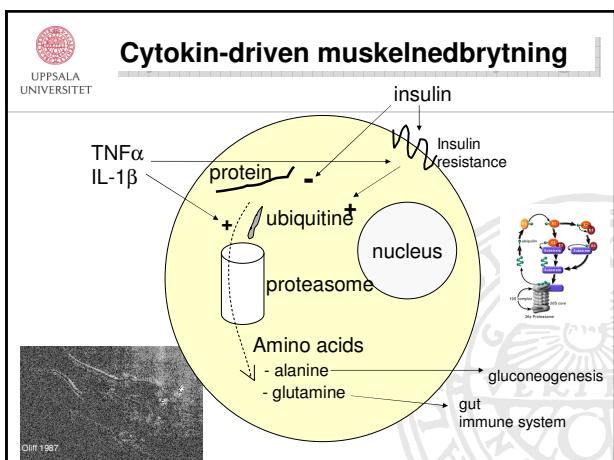
**Reduced muscle mass**  
 $\geq 2 \text{ SD}$  below mean of % muscle mass (in young adults in NHANES)

Janssen I et al, JAGS 2002;50:889-896.

**Impaired muscle function**  
 4 m walking speed <0.8-1 m/sec or reduced hand grip strength

Guralnik JM et al. J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci 2000; 55: M221-231.





**Ökar fetma/sarkopen obesitas hos sjukhemboende?**

	1996 (n=166)	2010 (n=172)
	166 (61% kv)	172 (70% kv)
<b>Ålder</b>	83.8 ± 8.2	86.3 ± 7.7**
<b>Vikt (kg)</b>	59.1 ± 12.0	62.9 ± 15.0*
<b>BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	22.3 ± 4.2	23.7 ± 5.1**

J Törmä 2011, abstr ESPEN

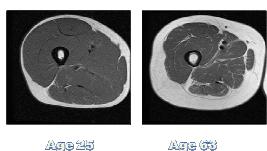
**BMI/fetma ökar hos sjukhemboende!?**

	1996 (n=166)	2010 (n=172)
<b>BMI &lt;22</b>	45%	41%
<b>BMI 22-24</b>	28%	23%
<b>BMI 25-29</b>	22%	26%
<b>BMI ≥30</b>	5%	10%

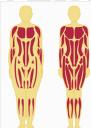
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## RA som modell för tidigt åldrande och sarkopen obesitas

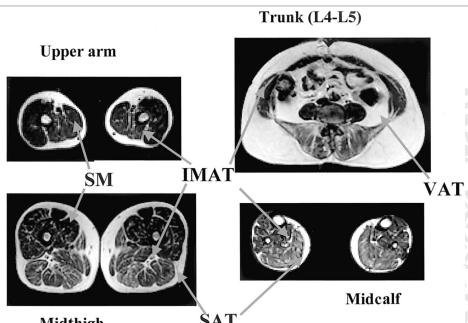
Inflammation → muskelkatabolism↑  
 Perifer insulinresistens → muskelanabolism↓  
 Fysisk aktivitet↓  
 IGF-1↓



Age 25      Age 63



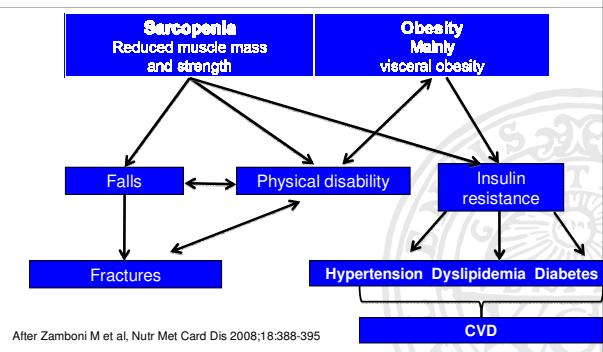
## Myosteatos och ektopisk fettansamling



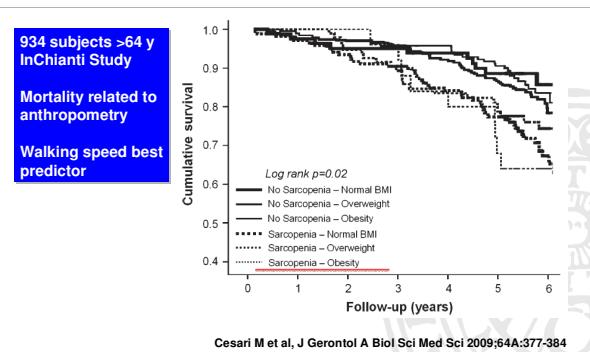
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Song M et al. Am J Clin Nutr 2004;79:874-880

## Possible consequences of sarcopenic obesity in older persons



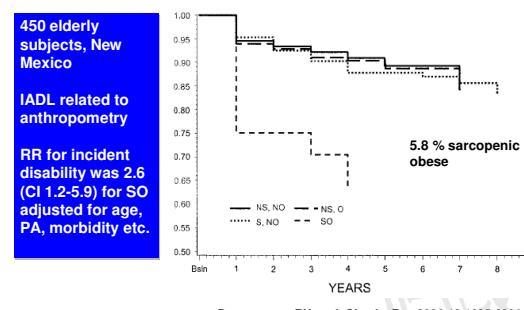
## Sarcopenic obesity and mortality



## Sarcopenic obesity – risk for mortality or for disability?

- Sarcopenic obesity has not been associated with a significantly increased risk of mortality
- Strength measures and functional parameters are much more relevant in this regard

## Sarcopenic obesity predicts drop in IADL

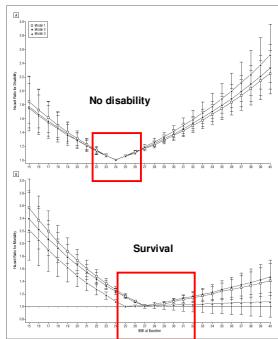




## Optimal BMI for function and survival

~13000 >65 y  
7 y follow-up  
Function: BMI~25  
Survival: BMI ~25-30

AI Snih S et al. Arch Intern Med 2007;167:774-80



## Dynapenic obesity and functionality

2,039 men/women, aged >55 years, from the 1999 – 2002 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). Classification based on fat mass and leg strength tertiles

	Non-dynapenic and Non-obese	Obese Alone	Dynapenic Alone	Dynapenic-Obese
<b>Men</b>	<i>n</i> = 437	<i>n</i> = 247	<i>n</i> = 246	<i>n</i> = 95
Walking speed (m/s)				
Nonadjusted	1.09 ± 0.20	1.03 ± 0.18	0.99 ± 0.22	0.93 ± 0.21
Adjusted*	0.94 ± 0.38 <sup>a,b,c</sup>	0.89 ± 0.32 <sup>a,d</sup>	0.87 ± 0.30 <sup>a,d</sup>	0.81 ± 0.24 <sup>a,b,c</sup>
Adjusted**	0.96 ± 0.42 <sup>b,c,d</sup>	0.91 ± 0.31 <sup>a,d</sup>	0.89 ± 0.31 <sup>a,d</sup>	0.82 ± 0.29 <sup>a,b,c</sup>
Global subjective score (0-15)				
Nonadjusted	14.34 ± 3.19	13.80 ± 2.15	13.02 ± 2.54	12.42 ± 1.29
Adjusted*	12.95 ± 4.50 <sup>a,b,c</sup>	12.32 ± 3.78 <sup>a,d</sup>	11.90 ± 2.54 <sup>a</sup>	11.33 ± 1.29 <sup>a,b,c</sup>
Adjusted**	13.08 ± 4.69 <sup>a,b,c,d</sup>	12.52 ± 3.93 <sup>a,d</sup>	12.17 ± 3.61 <sup>a</sup>	11.55 ± 2.92 <sup>a,b,c</sup>
<b>Women</b>	<i>n</i> = 427	<i>n</i> = 249	<i>n</i> = 249	<i>n</i> = 89
Walking speed (m/s)				
Nonadjusted	1.03 ± 0.23	0.97 ± 0.28	0.95 ± 0.24	0.84 ± 0.20
Adjusted*	0.95 ± 0.33 <sup>a,b,c</sup>	0.88 ± 0.32 <sup>a,d</sup>	0.86 ± 0.30 <sup>a,d</sup>	0.80 ± 0.35 <sup>a,b,c</sup>
Adjusted**	0.98 ± 0.36 <sup>b,c,d</sup>	0.92 ± 0.37 <sup>a,d</sup>	0.90 ± 0.47 <sup>a,d</sup>	0.82 ± 0.28 <sup>a,b,c</sup>
Global subjective score (0-15)				
Nonadjusted	13.61 ± 3.87	12.01 ± 3.29	12.37 ± 3.29	10.53 ± 2.33
Adjusted*	12.10 ± 7.58 <sup>a,b,c</sup>	10.86 ± 6.20 <sup>a,d</sup>	11.22 ± 6.07 <sup>a,d</sup>	9.57 ± 4.22 <sup>a,b,c</sup>
Adjusted**	12.46 ± 9.09 <sup>a,b,c,d</sup>	11.43 ± 6.31 <sup>a,d</sup>	11.64 ± 6.00 <sup>a,d</sup>	10.14 ± 4.15 <sup>a,b,c</sup>

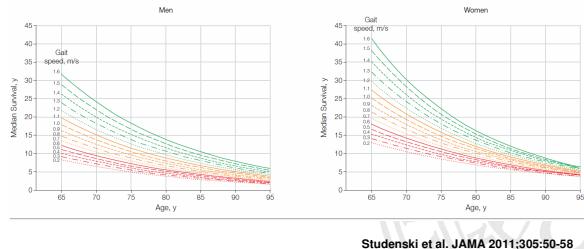
Bouchard DR et al. J Gerontol Biol Sci Med Sci 2010;65A:71–77



## Gait Speed and Survival in Older Adults

Pooled analyses of 9 cohorts; 34500 community-dwelling old adults, 74 y, 60% w  
Follow-up 6-21 years, 17500 deaths  
HR for death was 0.88 (95%CI 0.87-0.90) per 0.1 m/s faster gait

Figure 2. Predicted Median Life Expectancy by Age and Gait Speed



Studenski et al. JAMA 2011;305:50-58



## Therapy of sarcopenic obesity?

- Should we focus on dynapenic obesity rather than sarcopenic obesity?
- Weight loss in older individuals has always to be combined with physical exercise, especially in the sarcopenic obese.

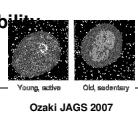


## The Japanese Centenarian Study

➤ 1907 100-year-olds, 10% were independent, i.e. preserved ADL, intact cognition & high social status

### Variables Linked to Successful Aging

- Good vision
- Protein intake↑
- No falls
- Regular training
- No alcohol
- Good chewing ability
- Regular sleep
- Male



Ozaki JAGS 2007



## The beauty of knowledge revealed - The Creation of Adam - Michelangelo



