

CRSwNP training session

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Definition: Chronic rhinosinusitis and nasal polyps¹⁻⁵



Chronic Rhinosinusitis is a chronic inflammatory condition¹ of nose, paranasal sinuses and upper airways with persistent symptoms for ≥ 12 weeks^{2,3}

EPOS 2020 defines **Chronic rhinosinusitis (with or without nasal polyps)** in adults as presence of ≥ 2 symptoms for ≥ 12 weeks³:

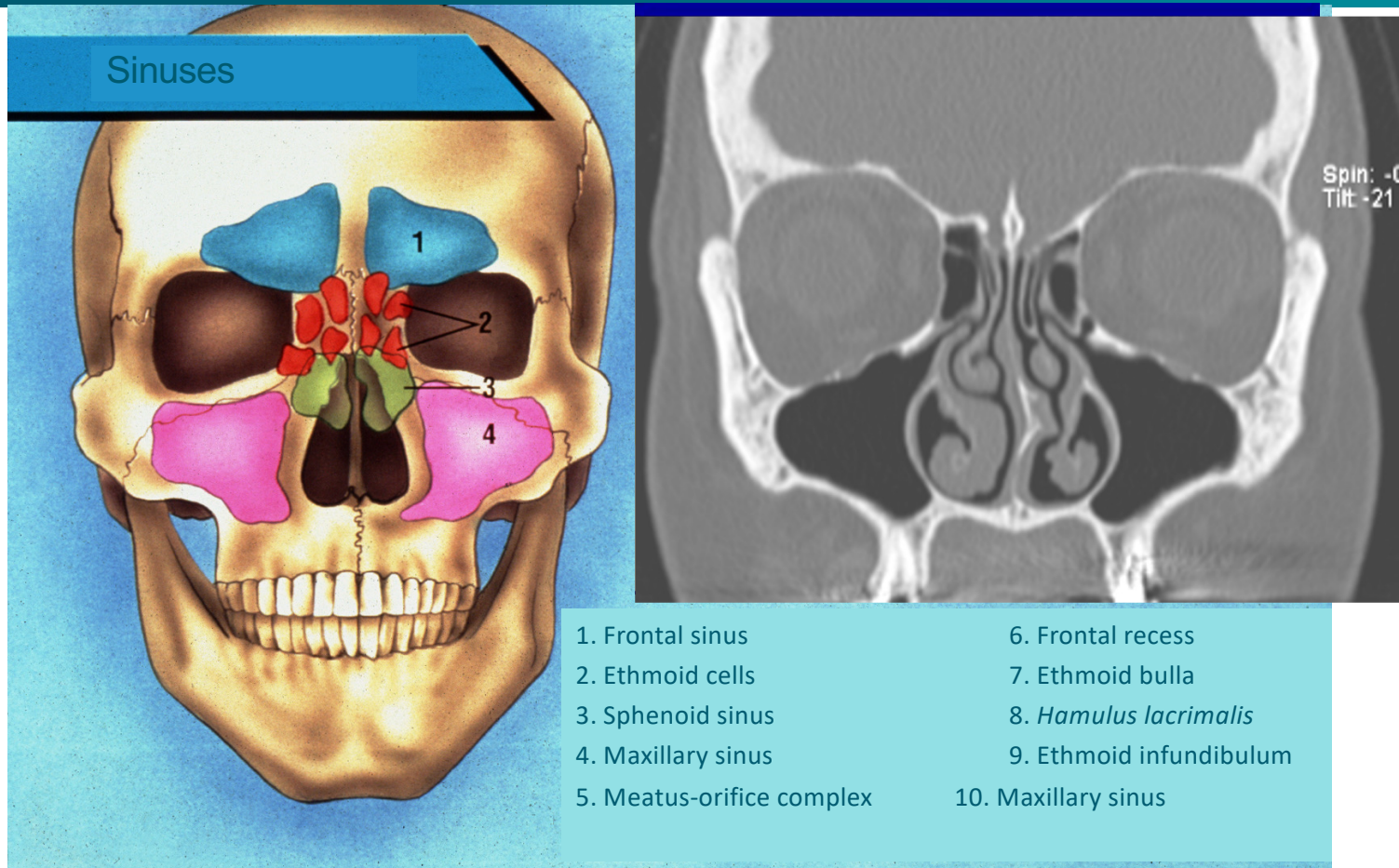
- Either nasal obstruction / congestion or nasal discharge (anterior / posterior nasal drip)
- Other symptoms could be:
 - facial pain / pressure
 - reduction or loss of smell

Nasal polyps constitute a **subtype of CRS^{4,5}** and refers to the **benign inflammatory masses**, arising from the mucosa of the nose and paranasal sinuses⁵

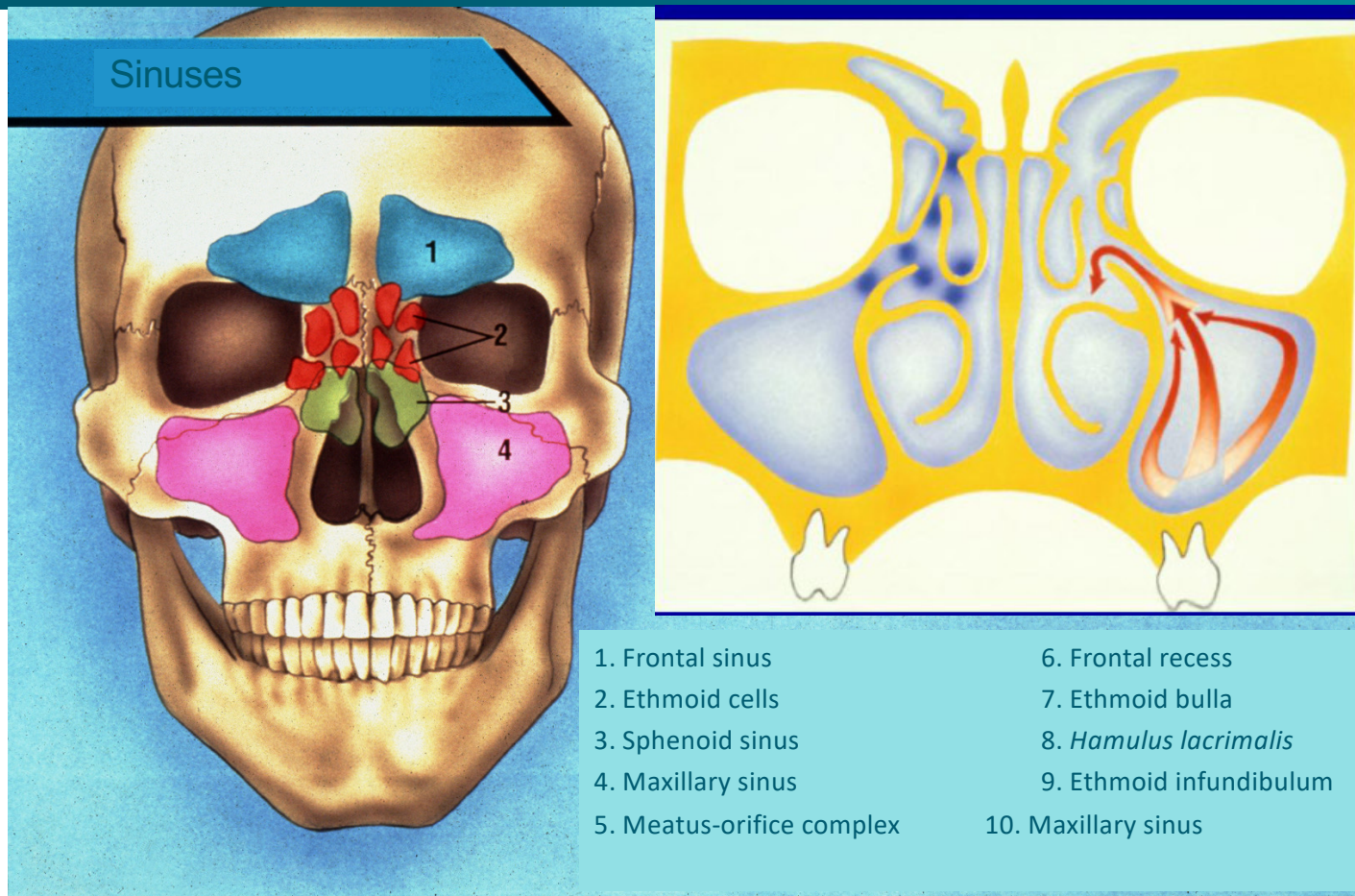
CRS: chronic rhinosinusitis; EPOS: European position paper on rhinosinusitis and nasal polyps

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Anatomy and physiology



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Diagnosis of CRS

Symptoms

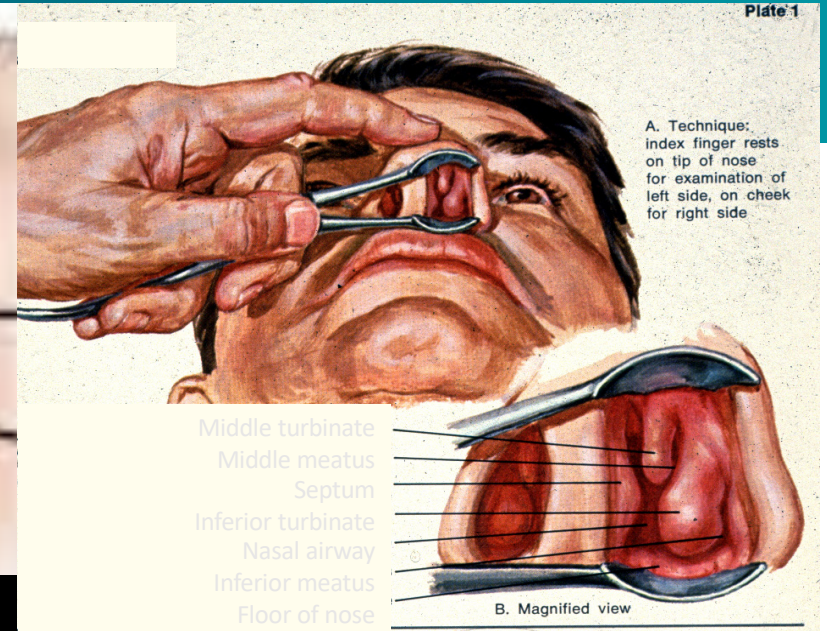
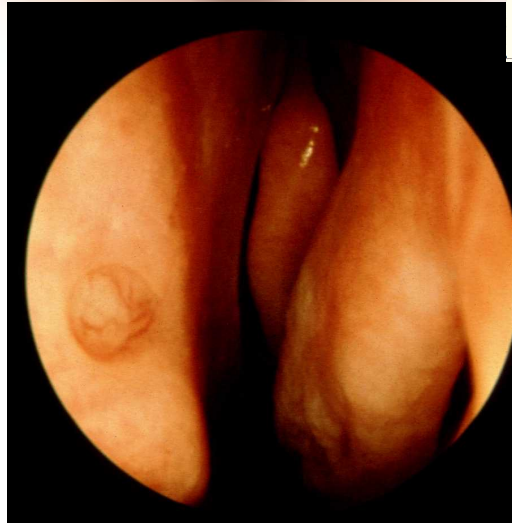
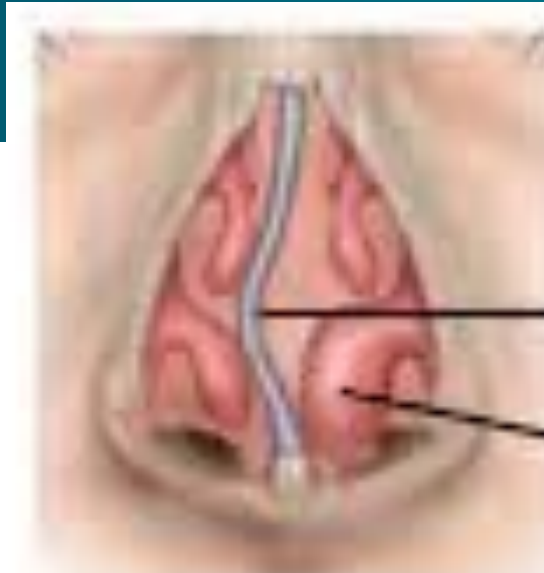
- Nasal obstruction
- Facial pain / pressure
- Secretions: Anterior or posterior
- Recurrent infections
- Anosmia
- AND at least 1 objective finding
 - Endoscopy
 - Radiology

Nasal examination

Examiner et cherchez
à identifier un site
offensif

Décongestionner si
possible

Otoscope peut
remplacer lampe
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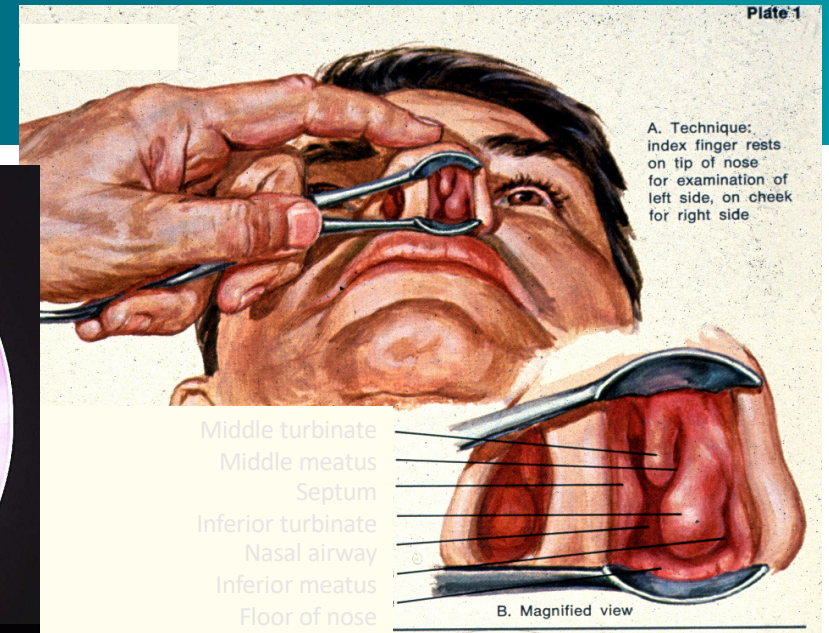
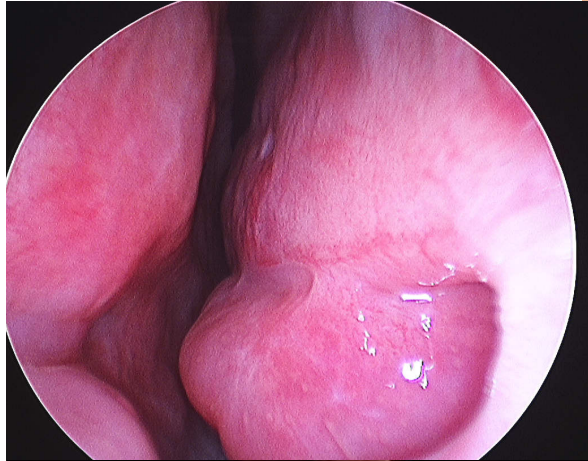


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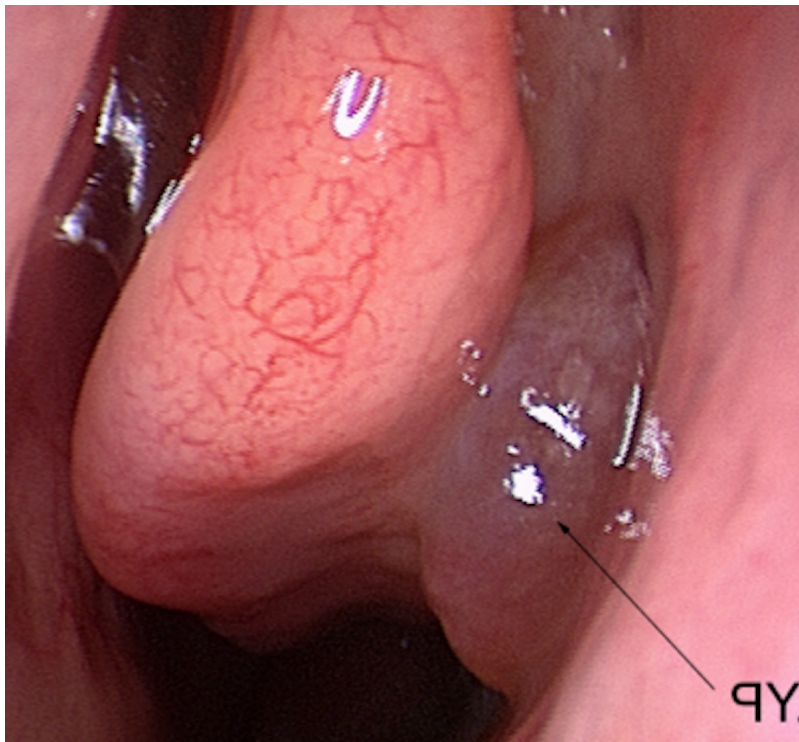
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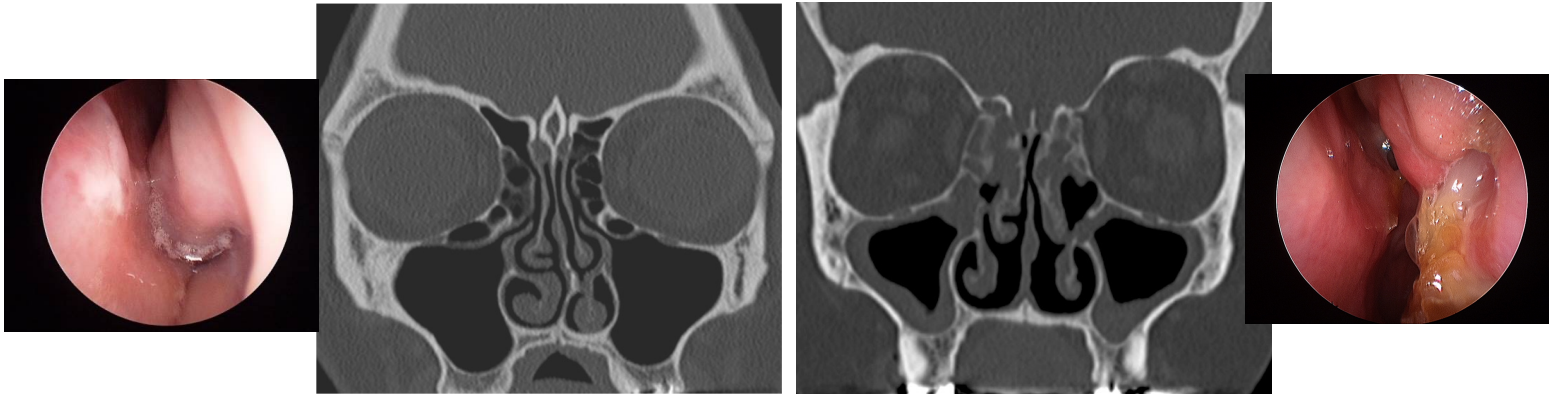
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Nasal examination



Is It Rhinitis or Rhinosinusitis?



RHINITIS: Only nasal compartment is involved

SINUSITIS: Affects lining of sinuses as well

Swelling of sinus mucosa may protrude into nasal passages (nasal polyps)

CRSwNP

Characterized by

- Mucopurulent drainage
- Nasal obstruction
- **Hyposmia**

Diagnosis requires

- At least 2 major symptoms
- Bilateral polyps in the middle meatus (on exam or endoscopy)
- Bilateral mucosal disease (CT scan)

CRSsNP

Characterized by

- Mucopurulent drainage
- Nasal obstruction
- Facial pain / pressure / fullness

Diagnosis requires

- At least 2 major symptoms
- Inflammation (endoscopy)
- Absence of polyps (endoscopy)
- Purulence from osteomeatal complex (endoscopy) or rhinosinusitis (CT)

Radiologic Imaging

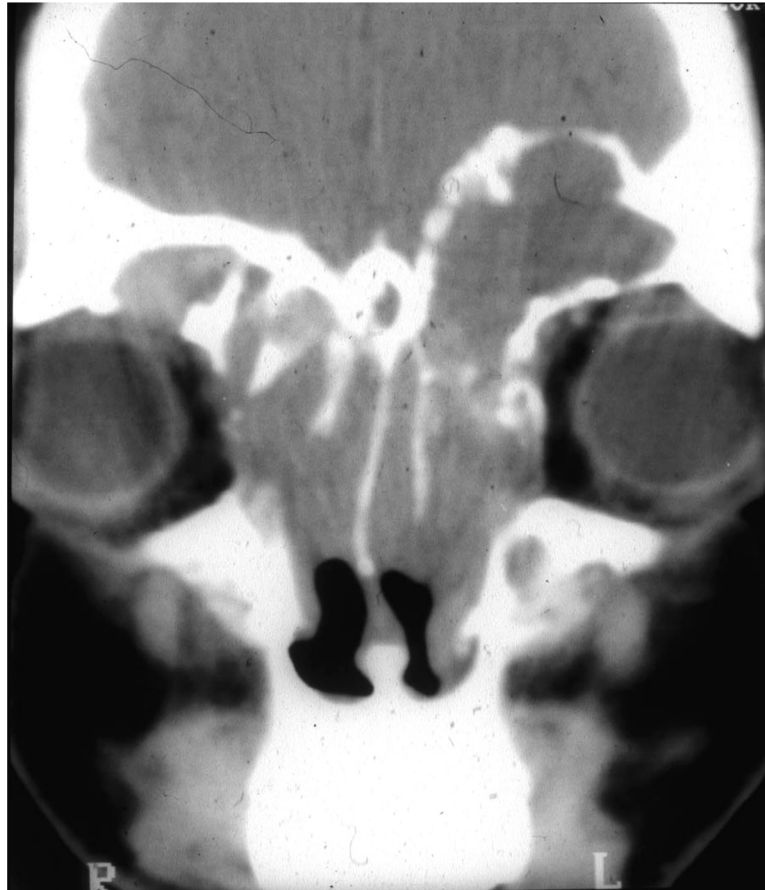
Seeks to identify patterns of disease not consistent with standard sinus disease

AFS appearance may be more difficult to treat

Beware of patients with maxillary-centric disease



Complications



CRS management strategies¹

CRS therapy centers on corticosteroids and antibiotics

Chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS)



Medical therapy



Topical and oral corticosteroids
Antibiotics

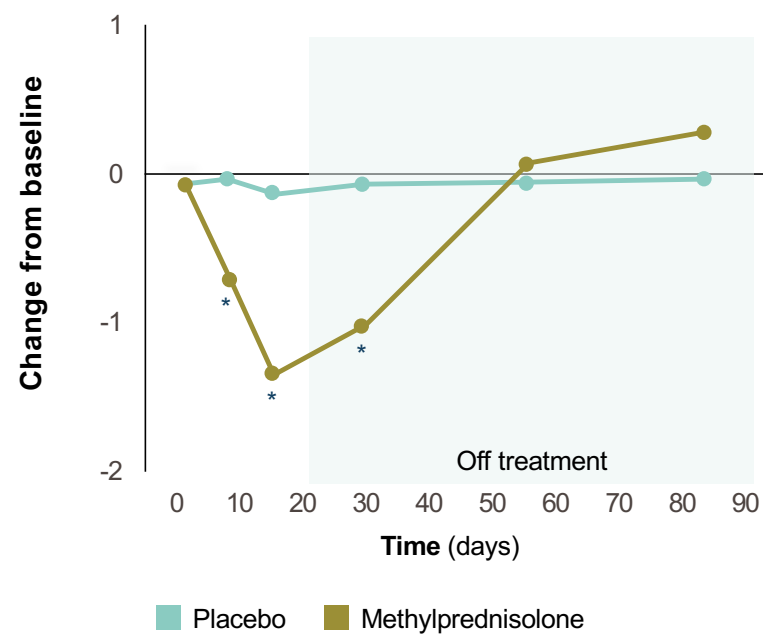
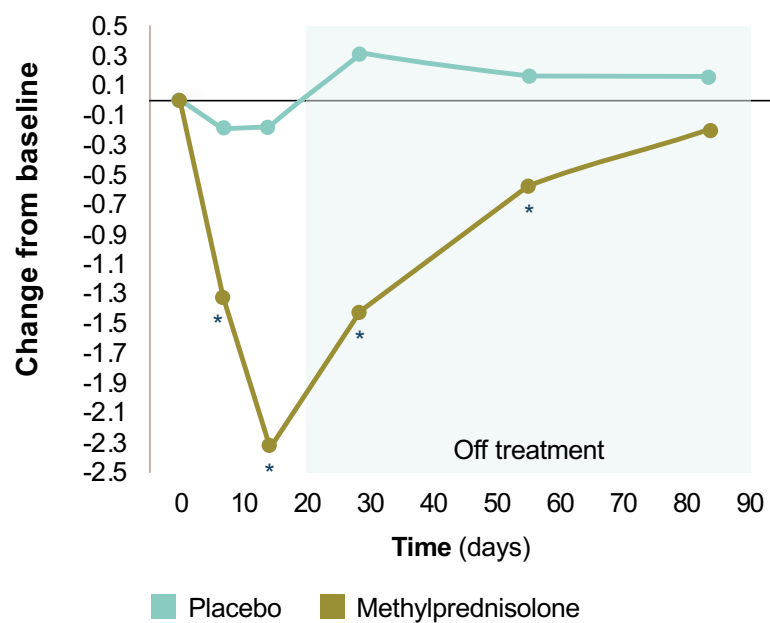
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Systemic Corticosteroids Do Not Provide Long-Term Control

Patients with CRSwNP (n=47)

Nasal polyp score

Loss of sense of smell



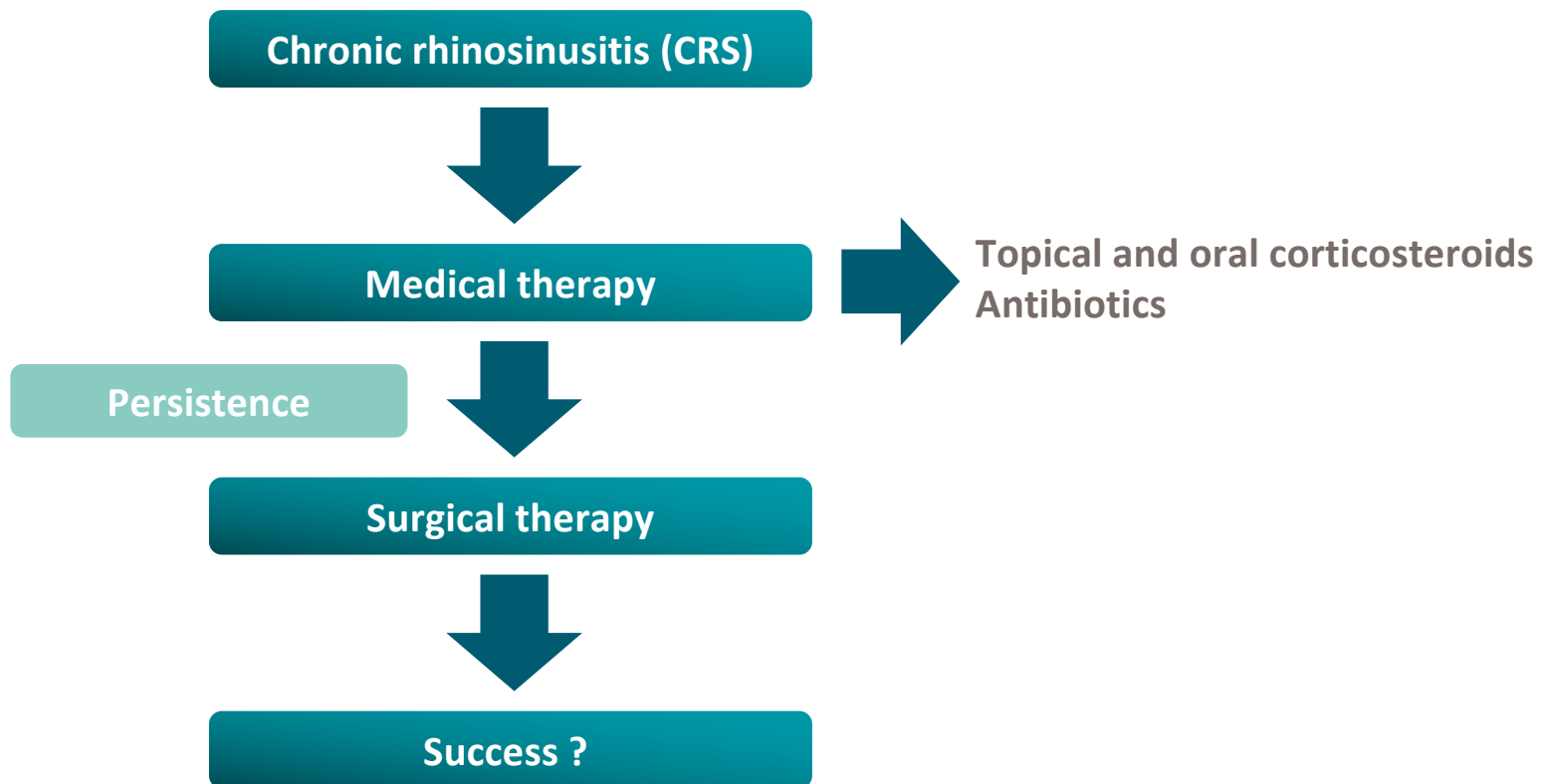
CRSwNP=chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps.

*P<0.05, methylprednisolone versus placebo.

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Surgery for chronic rhinosinusitis^{1,2}

>500,000 sinus surgeries/year in US¹

Goals of surgery²

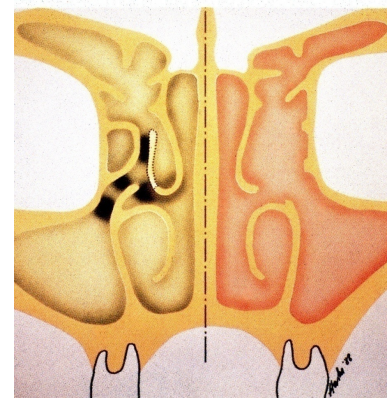
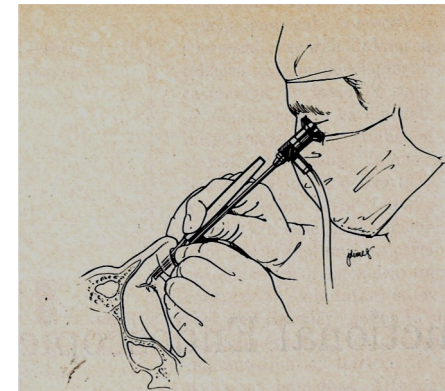
- Improve nasal airflow and relieve sinus outflow obstruction
- Open sinuses for delivery of postoperative intranasal corticosteroids

When to consider surgery?²

- Surgery is indicated when symptoms persist despite appropriate medical therapy
- Minimum duration of medical therapy trial before considering surgery: 3–4 weeks

1. Soler AM. J Rhinol. 2008

2. Orlandi RR, et al. Int Forum Allergy Rhinol. 2016;6 Suppl1:S22-209.








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Objectives in managing CRSwNP with ESS: Canadian Experts Perspective

WHAT IS THE OPTIMAL OUTCOME AFTER ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY IN THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC RHINOSINUSITIS? A CONSULTATION OF CANADIAN EXPERTS

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INTRODUCTION	METHODS
 Optimal outcomes for endoscopic sinus surgery (ESS) in CRS are poorly defined in the literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12 subspecialty rhinologists• Semi-structured interviews eliciting definition of operative success in CRS 
RESULTS	RESULTS
 Patient-reported treatment success = improvement in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• chief complaint• quality of life• overall symptom control 	Endoscopic evaluation of treatment success = <ul style="list-style-type: none">• adequate mucus outflow• healthy mucosa• patency of all explored cavities or ostia 

ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME:

- Subjective improvement of at least the minimal clinically improvement difference (MCID) of a validated patient reported outcome questionnaire, along with a satisfactory endoscopic result.
- Complete subjective resolution with a sub-optimal endoscopy.

Objectives in managing CRSwNP with ESS: Canadian Experts Perspective

		Nasal Endoscopy		
		<i>Optimal</i>	<i>Sub-Optimal</i>	<i>Bad</i>
Validated Patient-Reported Outcome Measures Questionnaire	<i>Completely resolved</i>	Optimal outcome	Acceptable success	Impending failure
	<i>Improved above MCID</i>	Acceptable success	Acceptable success	Imminent failure
	<i>Minimal or no improvement</i>	Consider other etiology for symptoms	Failure	Failure

MCID: Minimal Clinically Important Difference

ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME:

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Managing T2 inflammation Intranasal Corticosteroids:

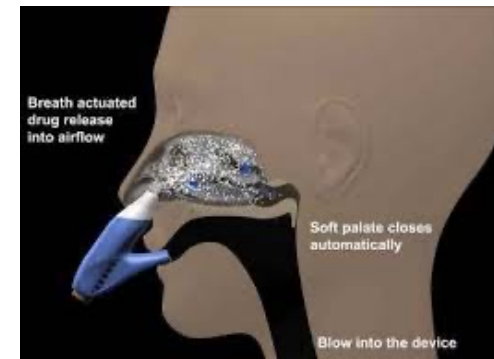
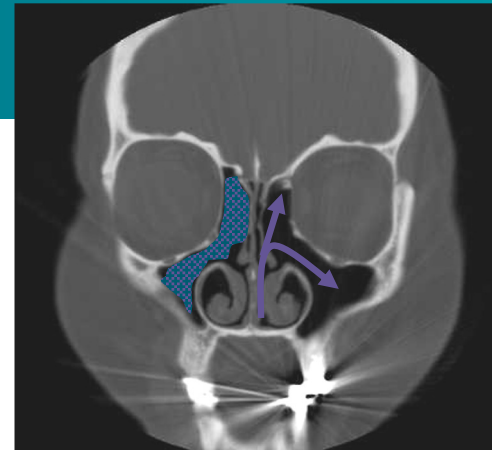
Safety profile is improved by **intranasal administration**

Sprays have limited distribution in the nose and may lack efficiency.

Can be improved by enhancing distribution

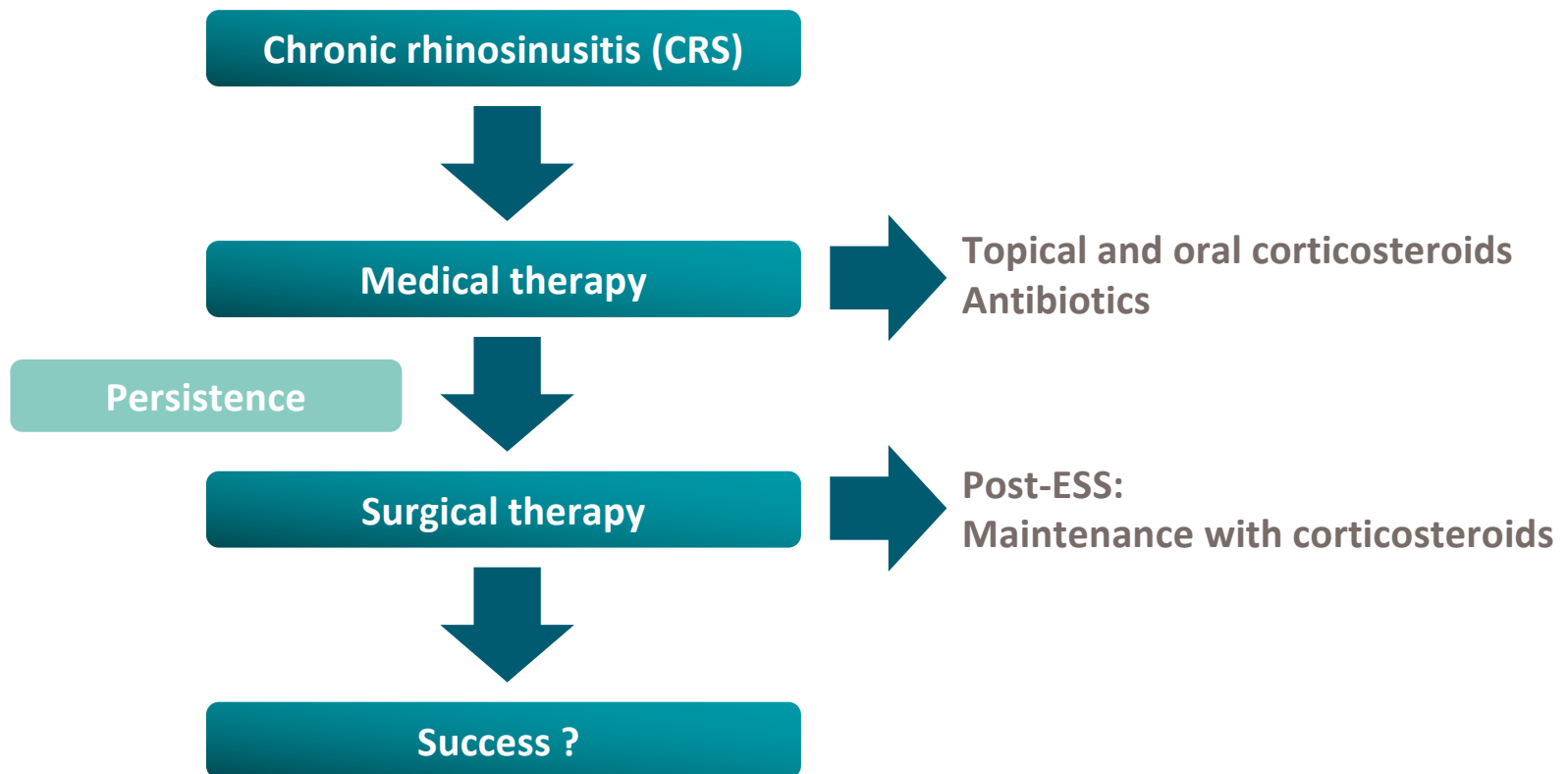
- Nasal washes; OptiNose (EXHANCE)

These remain of limited effectiveness in the patient with severe polyps or those already having failed these approaches.



CRS management strategies¹

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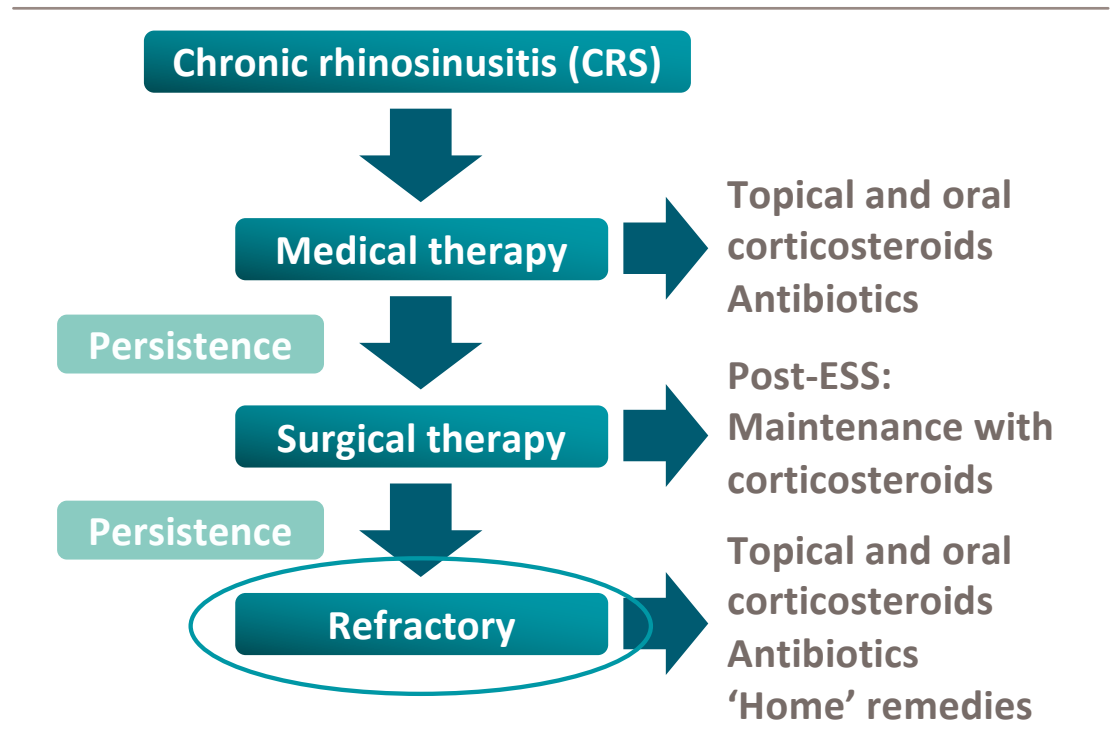


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There is still room for improvement^{1,2}

Polyp recurrence following ESS is common

- 35% of patients have polyp recurrence by 6 months¹
- 70% of patients have mucosal oedema by 6 months¹
- Need for a second surgery within 5 years for 20% of patients who receive surgical treatment.²

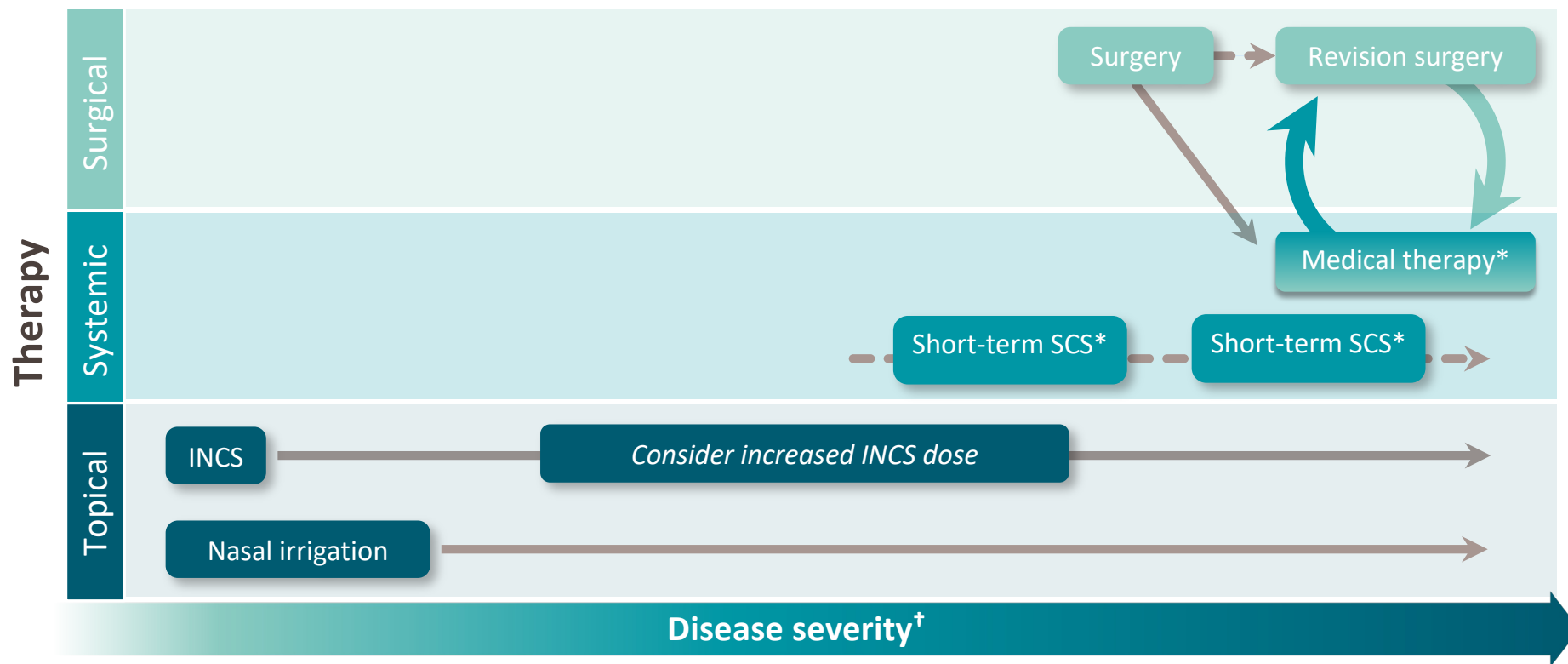


Limited options available for the 'refractory' patient beyond surgery and prednisone

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Severe disease leads to vicious cycle of treatment¹⁻³



INCS=intranasal corticosteroid; SCS=systemic corticosteroid; VAS=visual analogue scale.

*INCS (consider increased dose), SCS, and/or nasal irrigation.² †Disease severity can be divided into mild, moderate, and severe based on total severity VAS score (1 to 10 cm).^{1,2}

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Etiology and pathogenesis of CRS¹⁻³

CRS is a complex inflammatory disease with multifactorial etiology resulting from dysfunctional interaction between genetic, environmental factors and host immune system, contributing to its pathogenesis^{1,2,3}



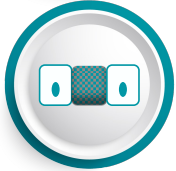
Genetic predisposition: CRS is estimated to exhibit heritability of 13-53% based on family studies, with highest heritability seen in Samter's triad. Asthma has an even higher heritability and is reported to occur in 20-31.9% of CRS subjects¹



Fungus and bacteria: Pathogenic role for fungus and staphylococcus aureus as a trigger of CRS was proposed^{2,3} though clinical studies cast significant doubt on role in etiology of CRS³



Microbial dysbiosis: The abnormalities and pathogenicity of collective microbial community in the nasal cavity may propagate sinonasal inflammation at anatomically vulnerable sites²



Epithelial Barrier and mucociliary dysfunction: CRS features dysfunctional sinonasal mucosa in which defects at epithelial surface, narrowing of sinuses³ and mucociliary dysfunction may underlie its etiology²

CRS: chronic rhinosinusitis

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What's wrong in CRSwNP

- 1) Mix of Type 2 and non-Type 2 Inflammation
- 2) Dysbiotic microbiome
- 3) Perturbed epithelial structure and function

Need to consider all three simultaneously

- Immune
- Microbiome
- Epithelial barrier

Isolated models (aka culture plate) may not reflect complexity of disease model

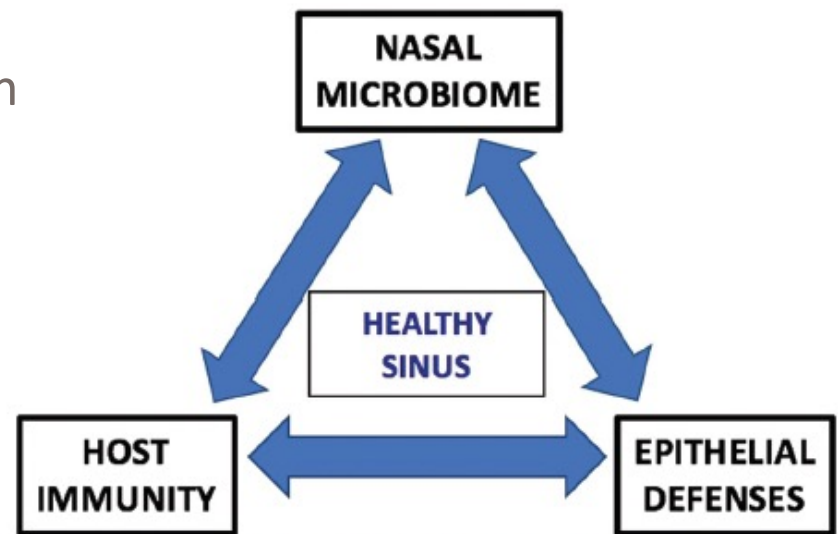
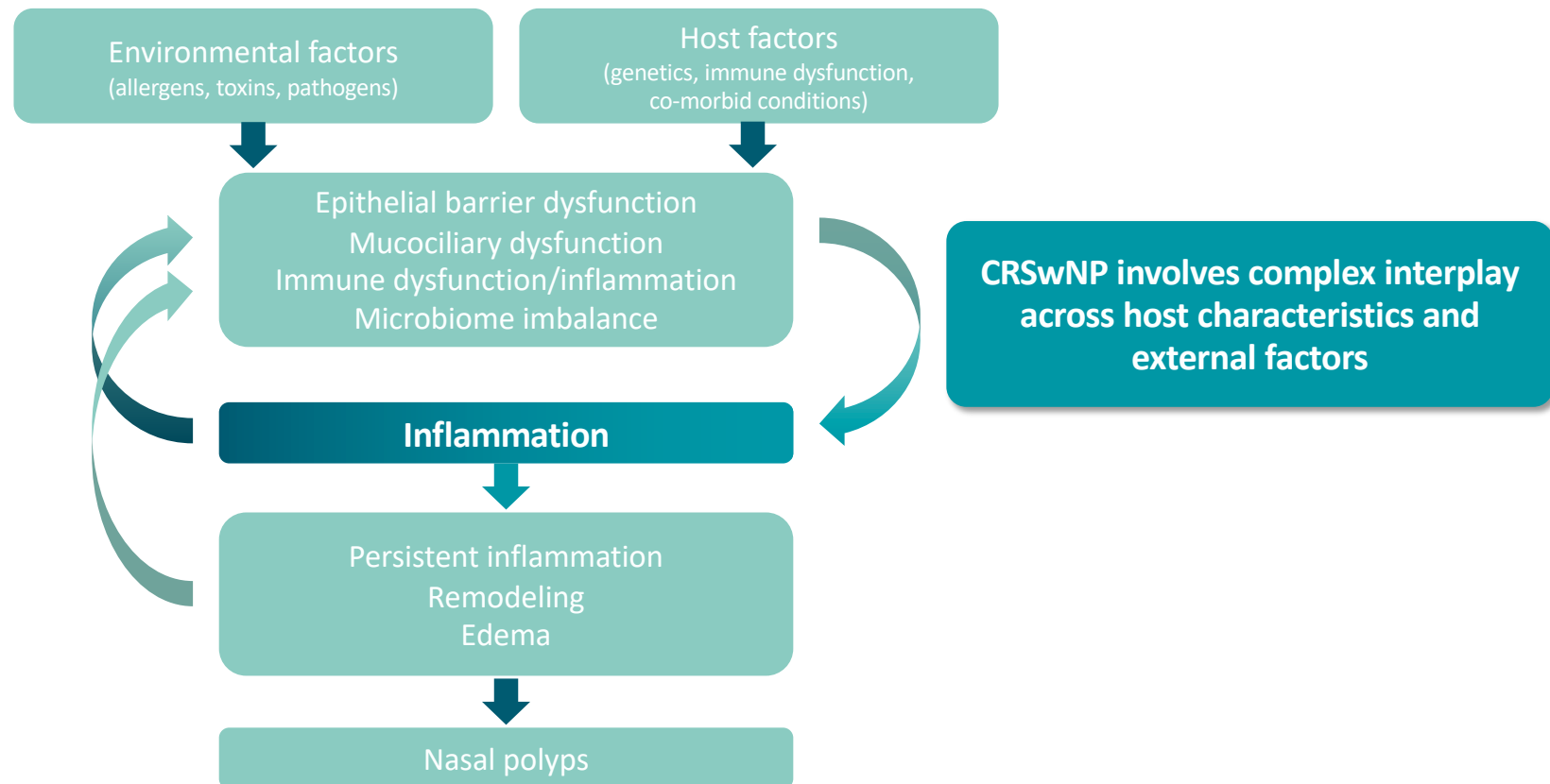


Figure 1. Major factors influencing chronic rhinosinusitis.

Inflammation is central to the multifactorial etiology of CRS¹⁻⁵



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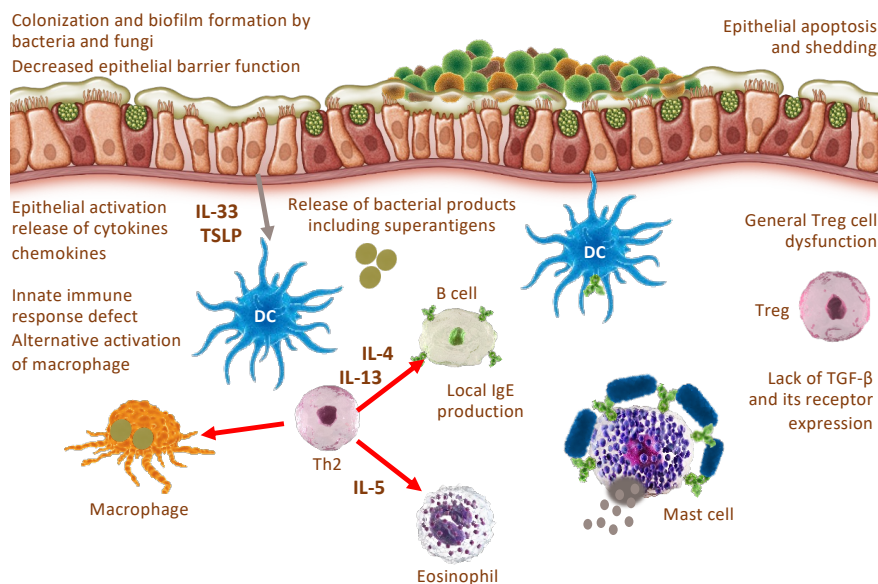
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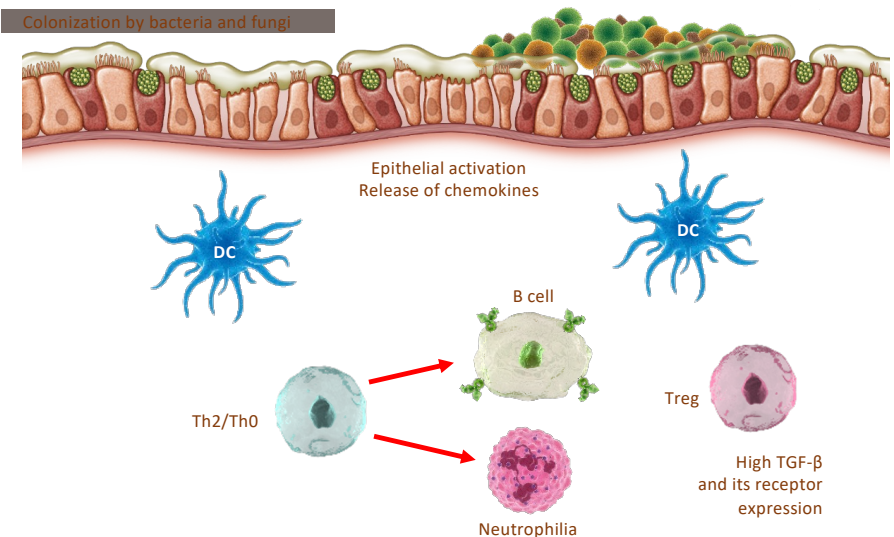
CRS is Frequently Associated with a Type 2 Inflammation



Type 2 inflammatory response



Non-Type 2 inflammatory response



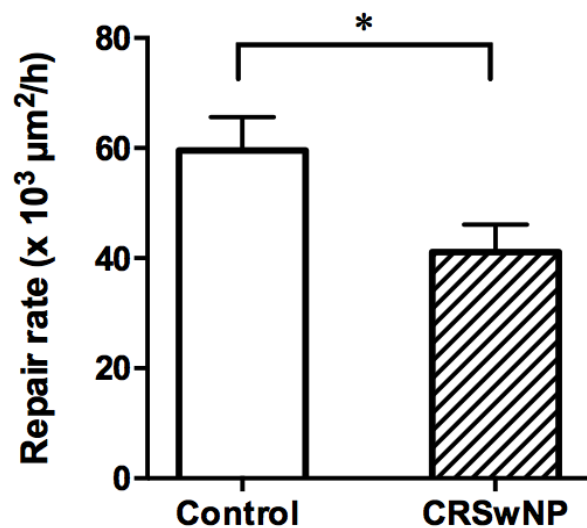
CRSwNP is associated with a Type 2 inflammatory signature in approximately 80% of cases²⁻⁵

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4. Gandhi NA, et al. *Nat Rev Drug Discov.* 2016;15:35–50;
5. Shaw JL, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2013;188:432–439

DC, dendritic cell; IL, interleukin; TGF- β , transforming growth factor beta; Th, T helper; Th0, naïve T helper; Th1, Type 1 helper; Th2, Type 2 helper; Treg, regulatory T cell; TSLP, thymic stromal lymphopoietin

Epithelial repair is impaired in CRSwNP

- CRS epithelium repairs poorly after injury
- S Aureus toxins aggravates this
- Worse in CRS PEC's



Decreased speed of wound closure indicates impaired epithelial regeneration

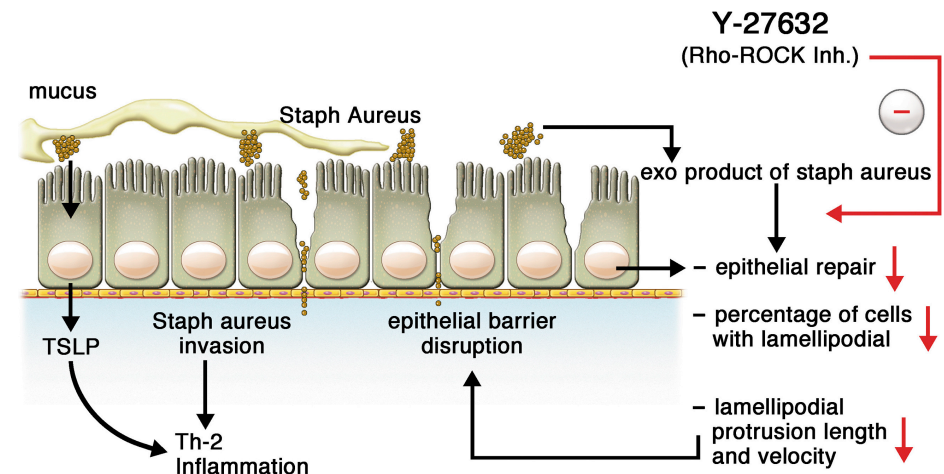
Primary sinonasal epithelial cells in ALI (*Air:Liquid Interface*)

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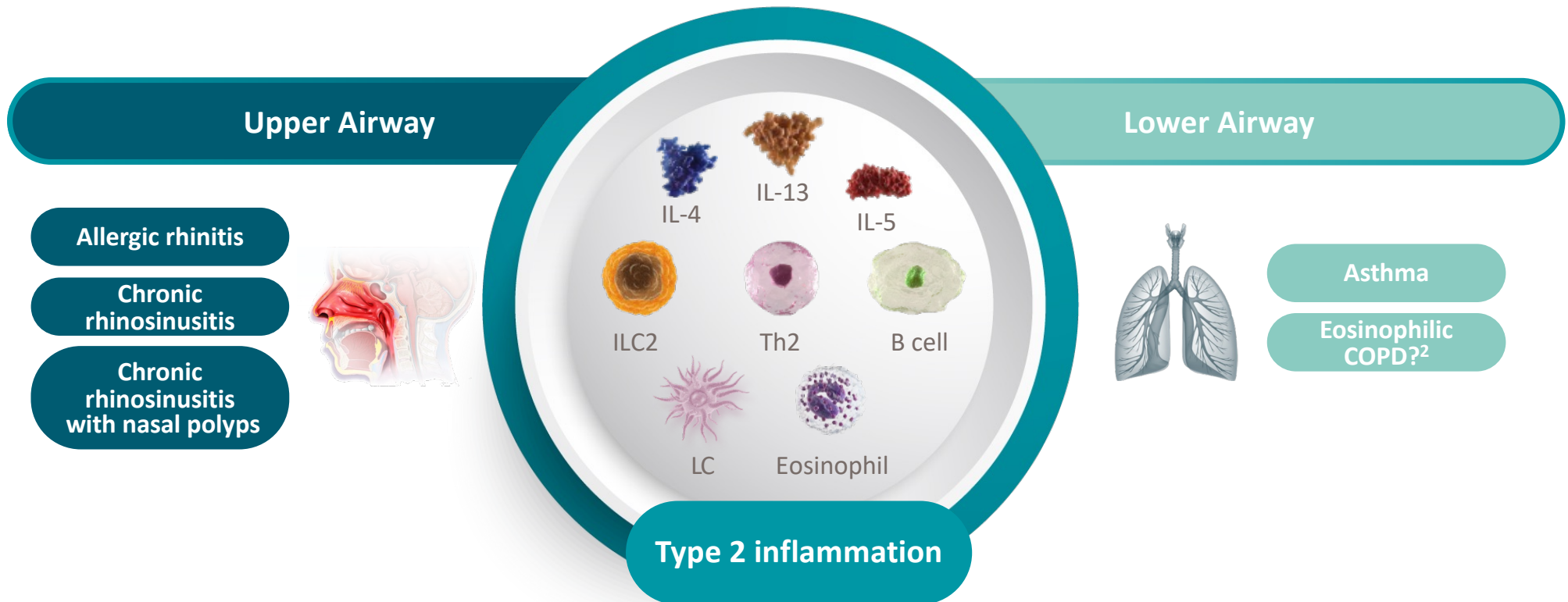
Editorial

***Staphylococcus aureus*, epithelial disruption, and nasal polyps: Are we one step ahead in combatting this foe?**

Mahboobeh Mahdavinia, MD, PhD,^{a,c} and Pete S. Batra, MD, FACS^{b,c} Chicago, Ill



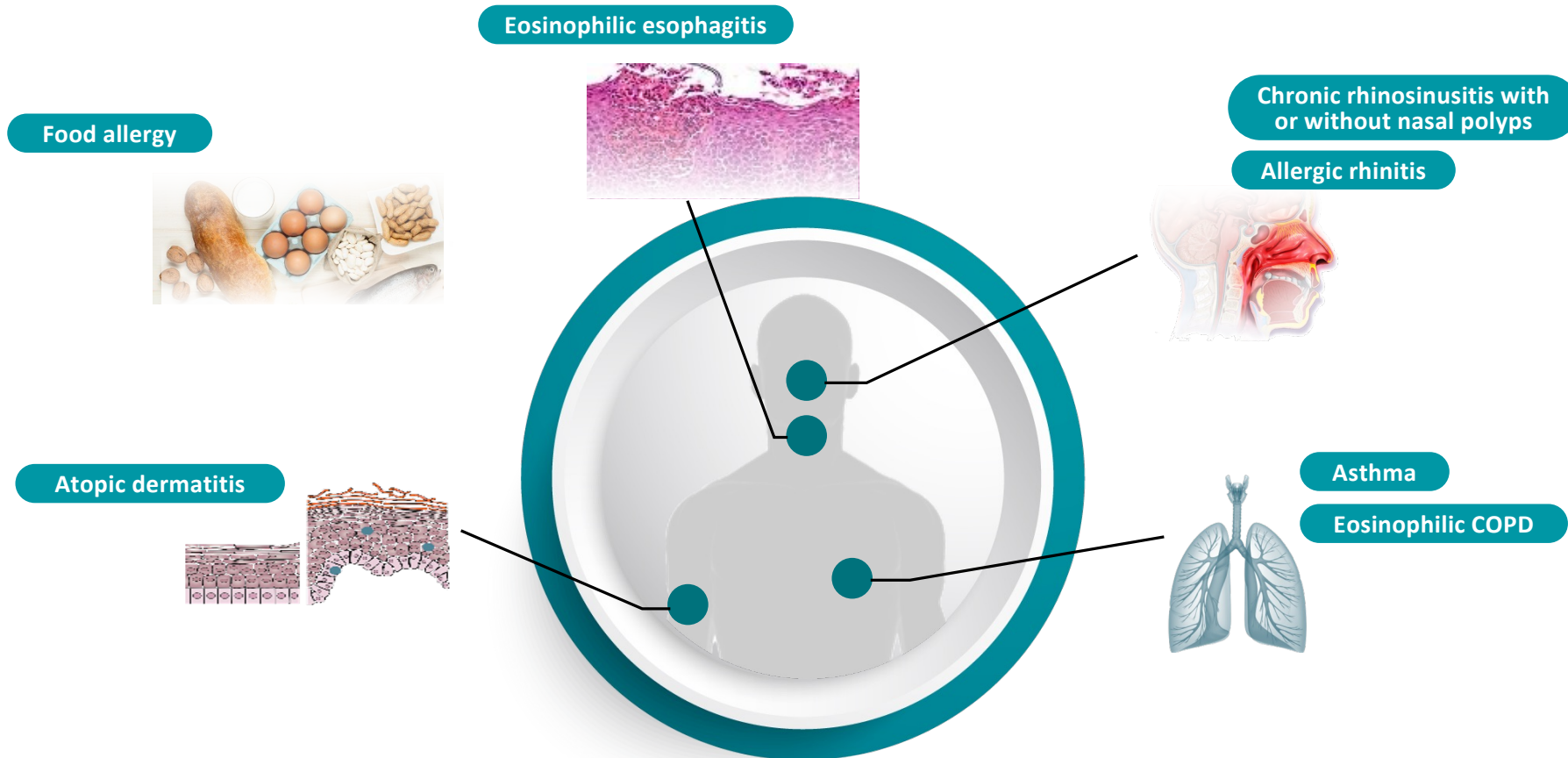
Chronic inflammatory airway diseases are frequently driven by type 2 inflammation^{1,2}



COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; IL, interleukin; ILC2, type 2 innate lymphoid cell; LC, langerhans cell; Th2, type 2 helper

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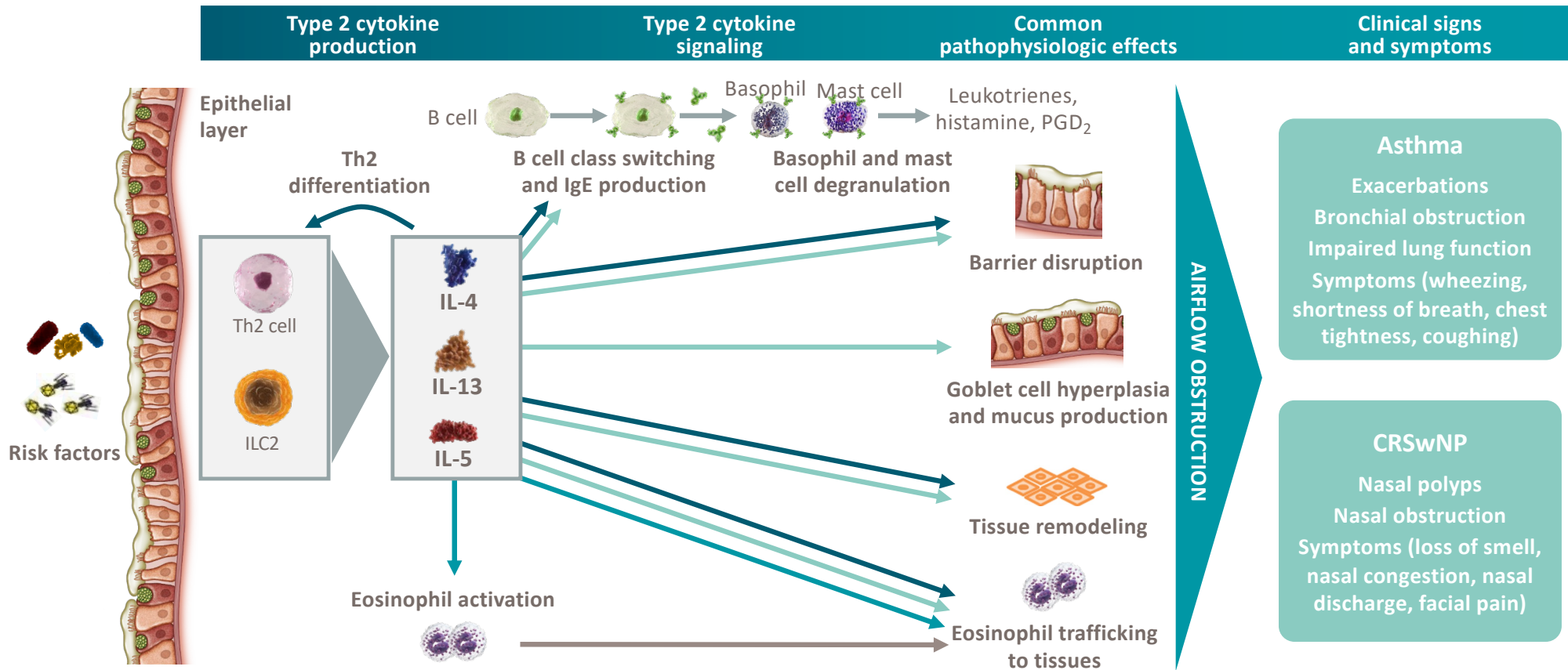
Type 2 inflammation underpins disease pathology across a range of organs¹⁻³



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The pathophysiologic features driven by IL-4 and IL-13 underpin the clinical manifestations of type 2 inflammatory airway diseases¹⁻⁴



CRSwNP, chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps; IL, interleukin; ILC2, group 2 innate lymphoid cell; PGD₂, prostaglandin D₂; Th2, type 2 helper

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What would we like a Medication to do in CRS?

- 1) Control dysbiosis; restore healthy flora
- 2) Modulate Inflammation
- 3) Restore epithelium

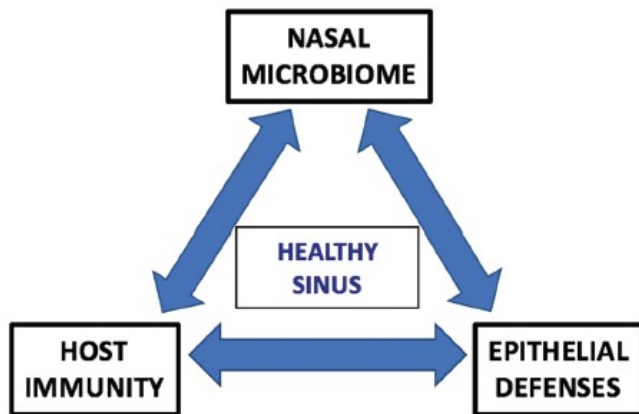


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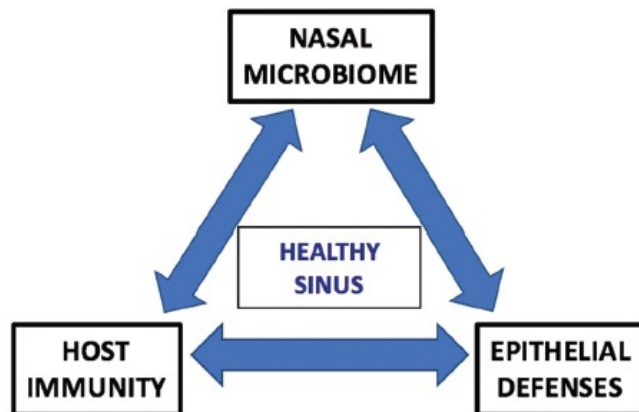


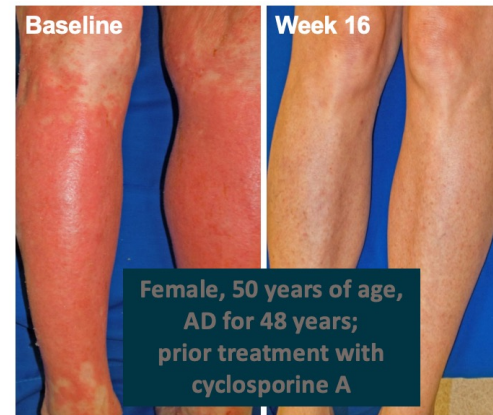
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Baseline
•IGA score: 4
•BSA affected: 86.5%
•EASI score: 51.5
•Pruritus NRS: 7

Example of a patient who achieved the primary end point. Photo used with permission.



Week 16
•IGA score: 1
•BSA affected: 2.5%
•EASI score: 3.1
•Pruritus NRS: 1.6

Parameters measured in CRSwNP studies¹

Co-primary endpoints

Change from baseline at Week 24 in nasal congestion and obstruction severity

Ranges from 0–3, is the monthly average of the daily morning AM patient-assessed daily symptom severity on the e-diary

0=no symptoms,

1=mild symptoms,

2=moderate symptoms and

3=severe symptoms

Change from baseline at Week 24 in endoscopic NPS

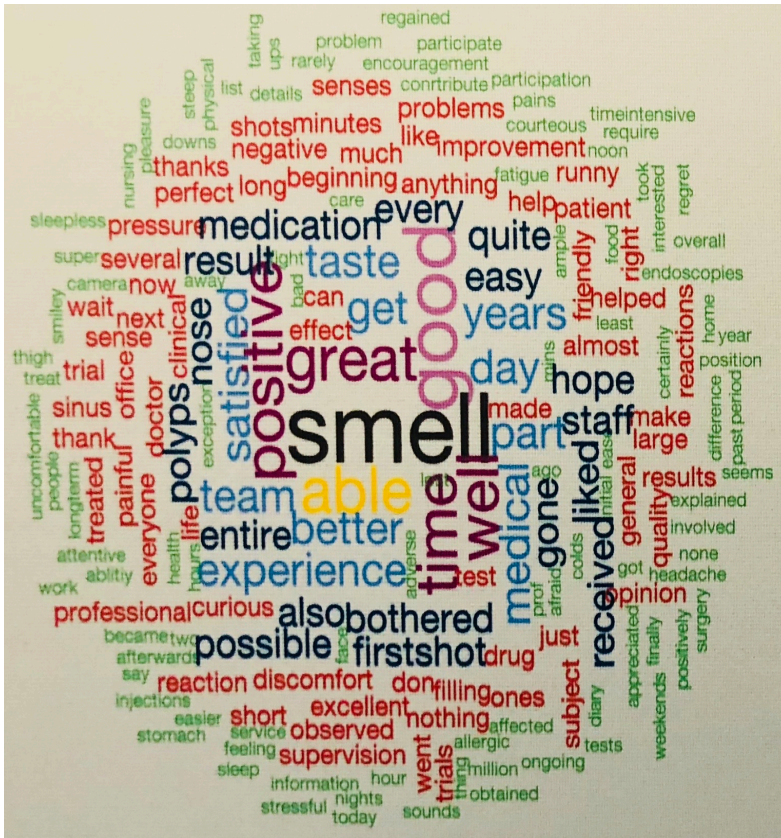
Score	Endoscopic appearance (right side)
No polyps 0	No polyps
1	Small polyps in the middle meatus not reaching below the inferior border of the middle turbinate
2	Polyps reaching below the lower border of the middle turbinate
3	Large polyps reaching the lower border of the inferior turbinate or polyps medial to the middle turbinate
Severe disease 4	Large polyps causing complete obstruction of the inferior nasal cavity



AM, ante meridiem; MFNS, mometasone furoate nasal spray; Q2W, every 2 weeks.

1. Bachert C, Lancet 2019; published online Sept 19. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(19\)31881-1](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(19)31881-1).

Never underestimate the importance of sense of smell for the patient...



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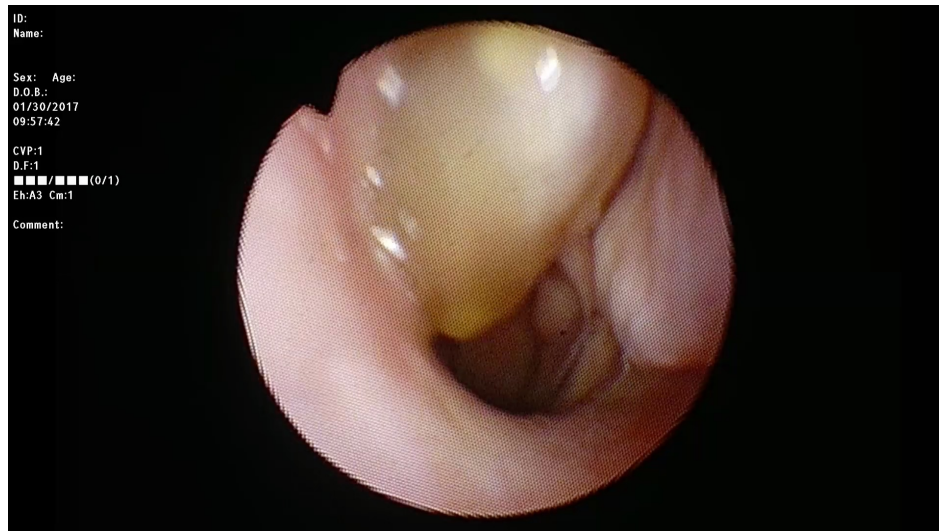
I CAN SMELL!!!! 🎉🎈🎊

3 weeks post op today. I have the flu and my asthma has been triggered bad so I am back on steroids which I think has cleared up the remainin... [See More](#)

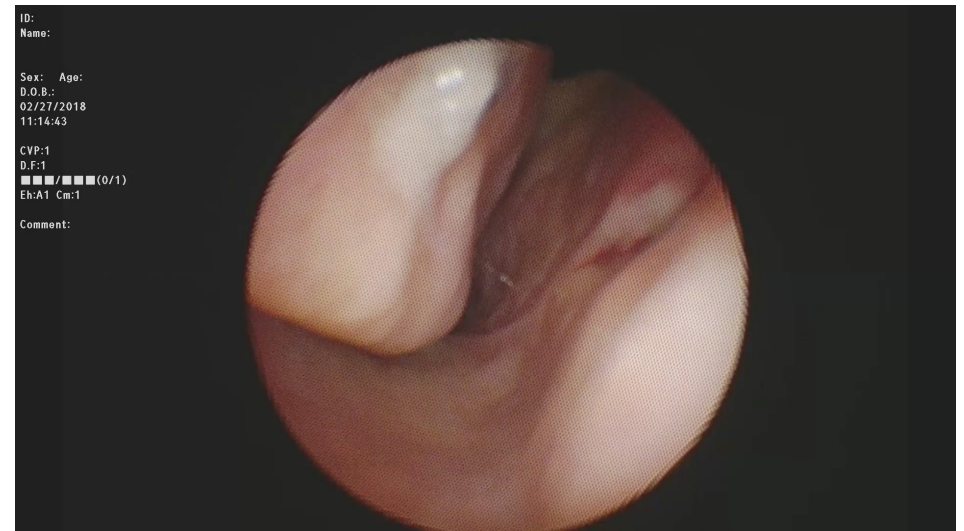


Example of T2 biologic effect on CRSwNP

Pre-Study



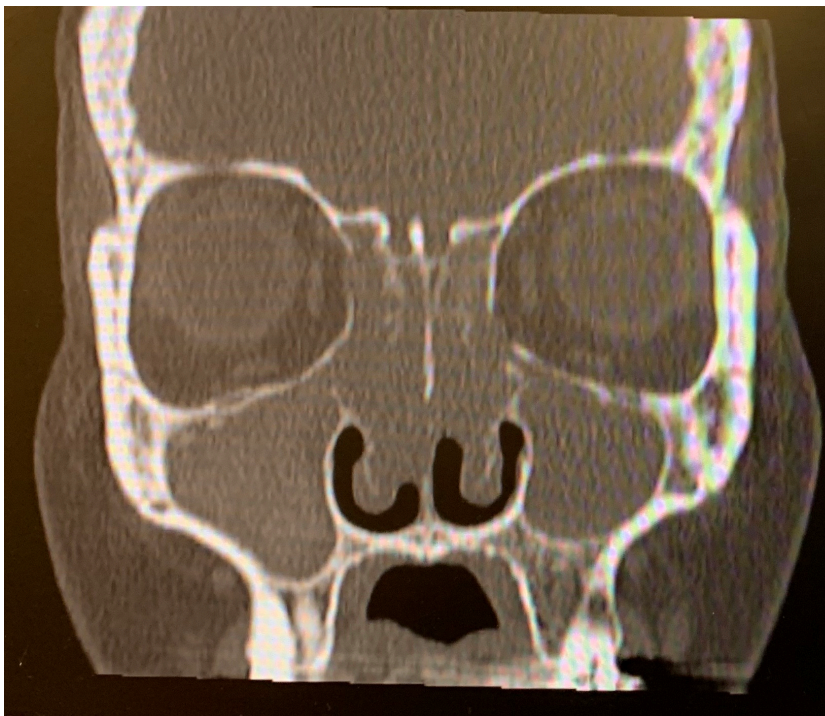
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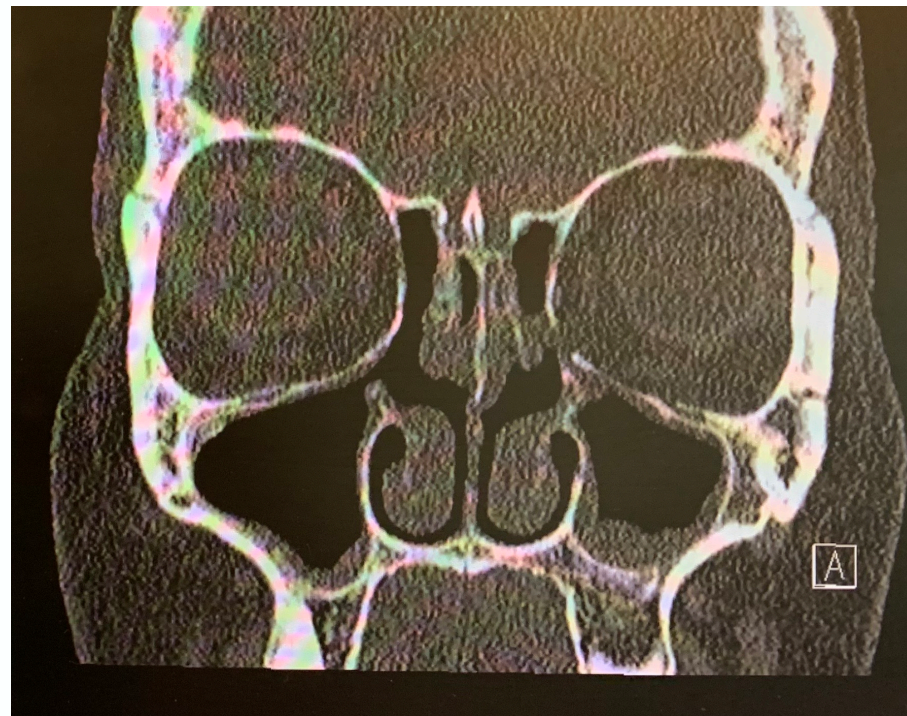
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Dupilumab is a dual inhibitor of IL-4 and IL-13 signaling pathways^{1,2}

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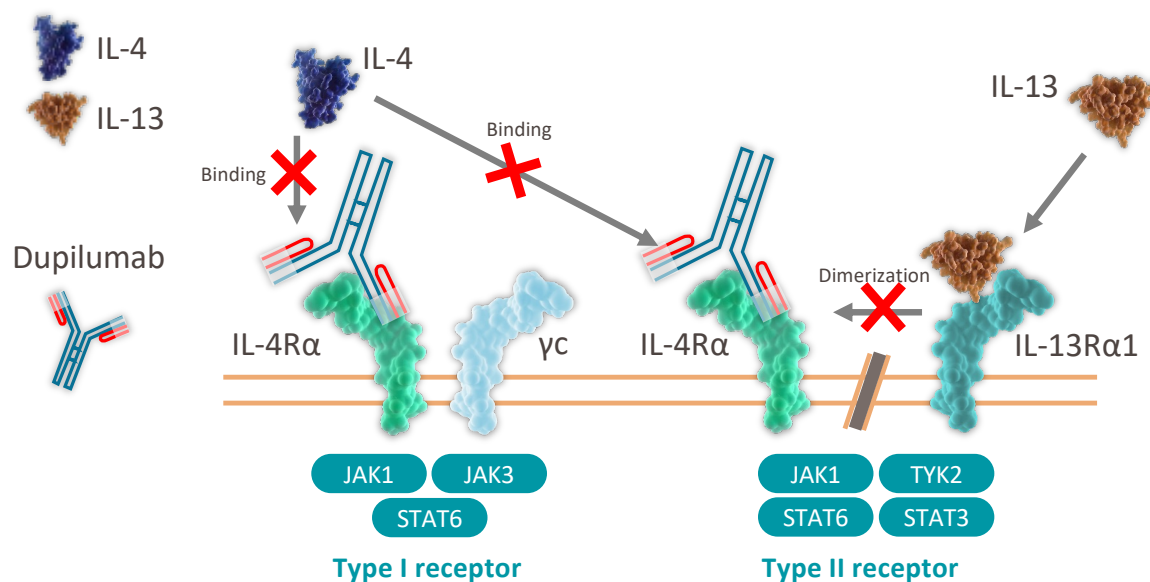
IL-4 and IL-13 bind to receptors containing a shared subunit, IL-4R α ^{1,2}

2

Dupilumab is a human monoclonal antibody that binds specifically to IL-4R α , the shared receptor subunit for IL-4 and IL-13, thus inhibiting the dual signaling pathways of both IL-4 and IL-13^{1,2}

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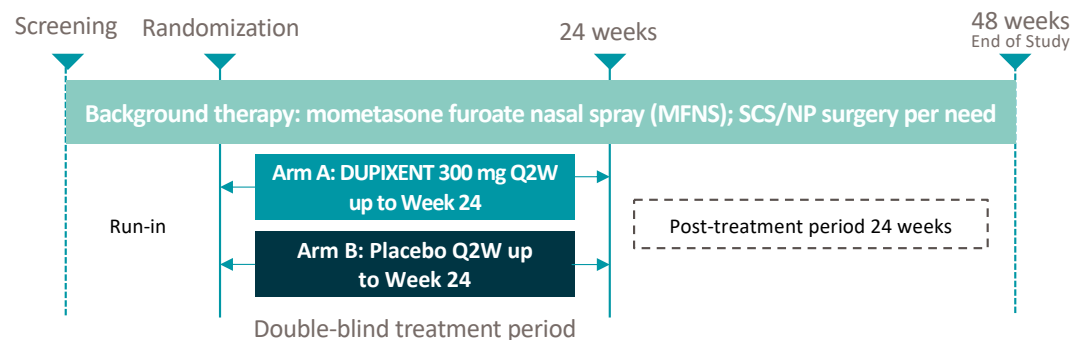
Dupilumab inhibits IL-4 signaling via the type I receptor and both IL-4 and IL-13 signaling through the type II receptor^{1,2}



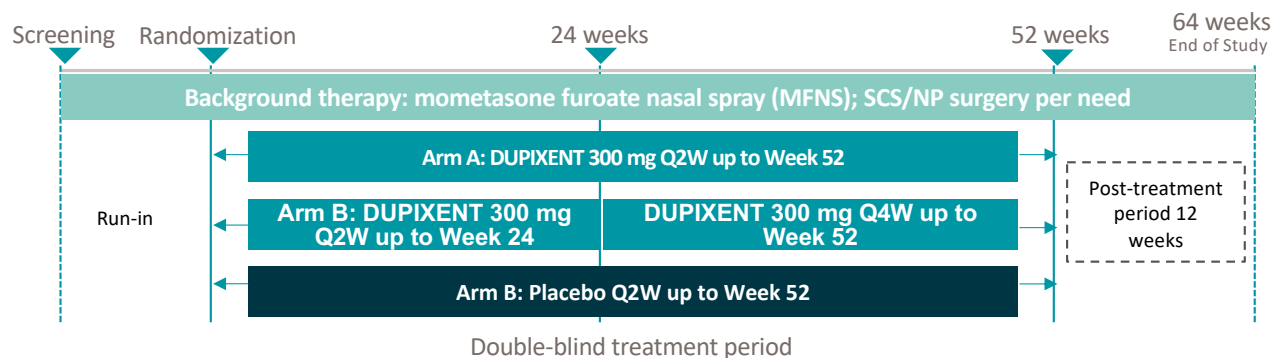
Expression of type 2 cytokines and chemokines and activation of additional inflammatory signaling pathways

Phase III trials design in CRSwNP¹

SINUS-24 (EFC14146)
N=276 (1:1)



SINUS-52
(EFC14280)
N=448 (1:1:1)



Primary endpoints

- NC at Week 24
- NPS at Week 24

Selected key secondary endpoints

- LMK at Week 24
- TSS at Week 24
- UPSIT at Week 24
- Loss of smell at Week 24
- NPS at Week 52
- NC at Week 52
- SNOT-22 at Week 52

Pre-specified pooled analysis

- Proportion of patients requiring rescue with SCS or NP surgery
- FEV1 at w24

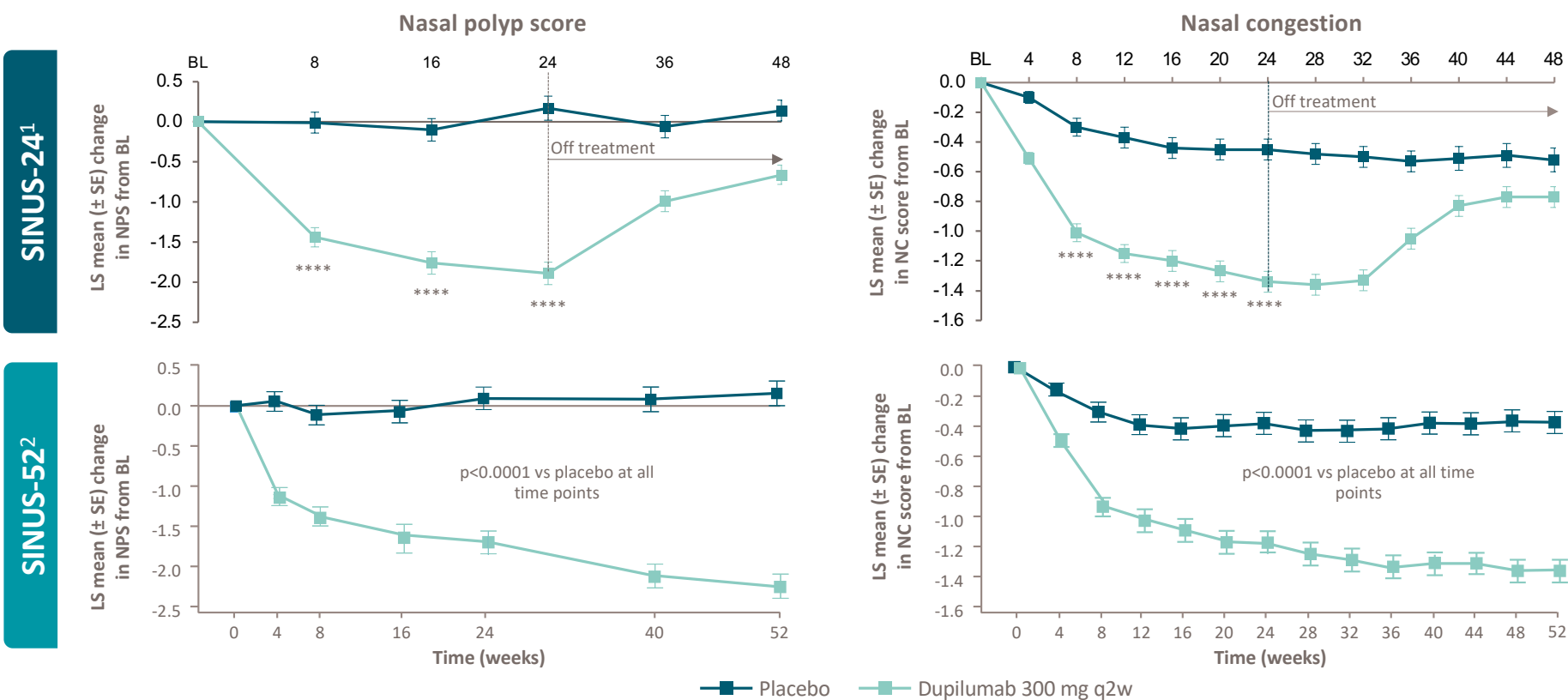
Stratification factors

- Comorbid asthma (including NSAID-ERD)
- Prior surgery
- Country

*co-primary endpoint for Japan; **only available for SINUS-52

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Dupilumab improved nasal polyp size and nasal congestion in patients with severe CRSwNP¹



**** $p < 0.0001$

BL, baseline; CRSwNP, chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps; LS, least squares; NC, nasal congestion; NPS, nasal polyp score; q2w, every 2 weeks; SE, standard error

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Response criteria for biologicals in the treatment of CRS¹

Defining response to biological treatment in CRSwNP

Evaluation of 5 criteria

- Reduced nasal polyp size
- Reduced need for systemic corticosteroids
- Improved quality of life
- Improved sense of smell
- Reduced impact of co-morbidities

Excellent response
5 criteria

Moderate response
3-4 criteria

Poor response
1-2 criteria

No response
0 criteria

Evaluate treatment response **after 16 weeks**



Evaluate treatment response **after 1 year**



Discontinue treatment if no response in any of the criteria



Positioning biologics: Who is the ideal patient?

- For the moment, suggested would be recurrent nasal polyposis despite surgery and therapy
 - Optimal medical treatment must remain within indications
- Demonstrated compliance with prior therapy
- Adequate surgery
- Trial period to assess effectiveness: Duration?
- What/when do we define failure and stop?
- Future: Biomarkers or optimal patient profiles