

# **Transthyretin (ATTR) Amyloidosis:**

*tricks and treats*

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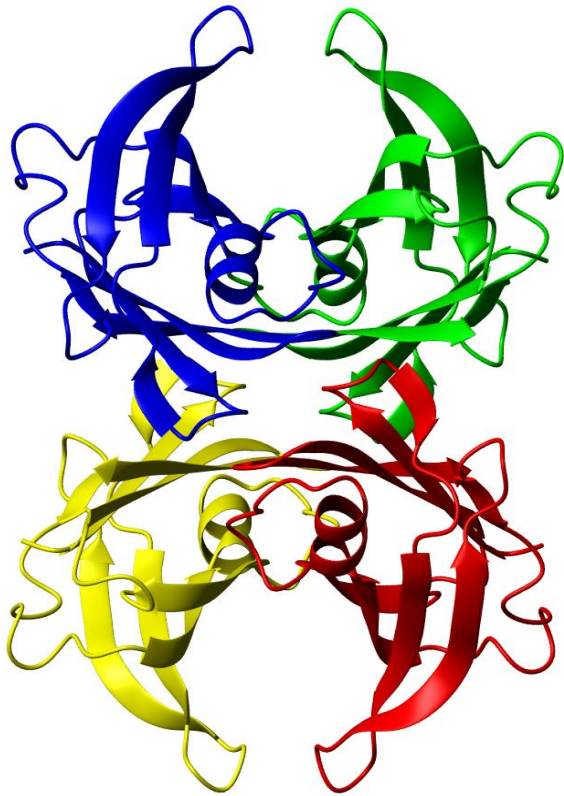
# Inherited Amyloidoses

Subunit	Type	Source	Comment
Transthyretin	ATTR	Liver	PN/ANS, heart, GI, rarely kidney
Apolipoprotein AI/AII	AApoAI/AII	Liver/GI	Kidney, heart, PN (AI)
Fibrinogen A $\alpha$ chain	AFib	Liver	Kidney
Lysozyme	ALys	GI tract	Kidney, liver, spleen
Gelsolin	AGel		Cranial neuropathy/lattice dystrophy

- Autosomal dominant genetics
- Slow clinical progression
- Solid organ transplantation



# Transthyretin (TTR)



- 127 amino acid chain
- Primarily produced by liver (eye, brain)
- > 120 TTR mutations (amino acid substitutions)
- Untreated, people live 7-15 YRS after presentation
- Affects ~10-15,000 world-wide

# Mutant (ATTRm) vs Wild-type (ATTRwt)

	ATTRm	ATTRwt
TTR Protein	Abnorm	Norm
Onset Age (YRS)	30-75	>60
Female	40%	<5%
Carpal Tunnel	+++	++++
Auto Neuropathy	+++	
Periph Neuropathy	++++	+
GI Motility	+++	
Cardiomyopathy	+++	+++++
Survival (YRS)	7-15	<5

# Nomenclature for ATTRm



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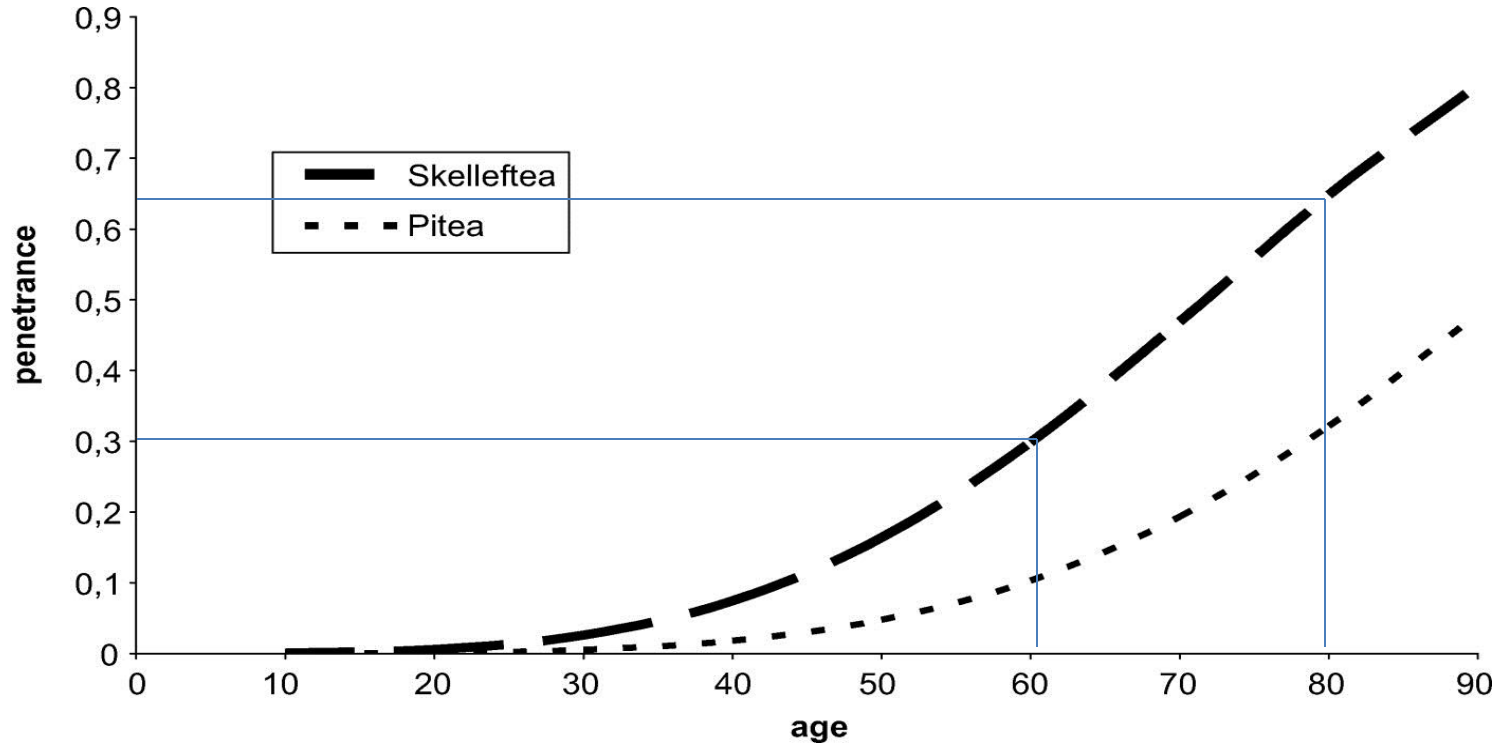
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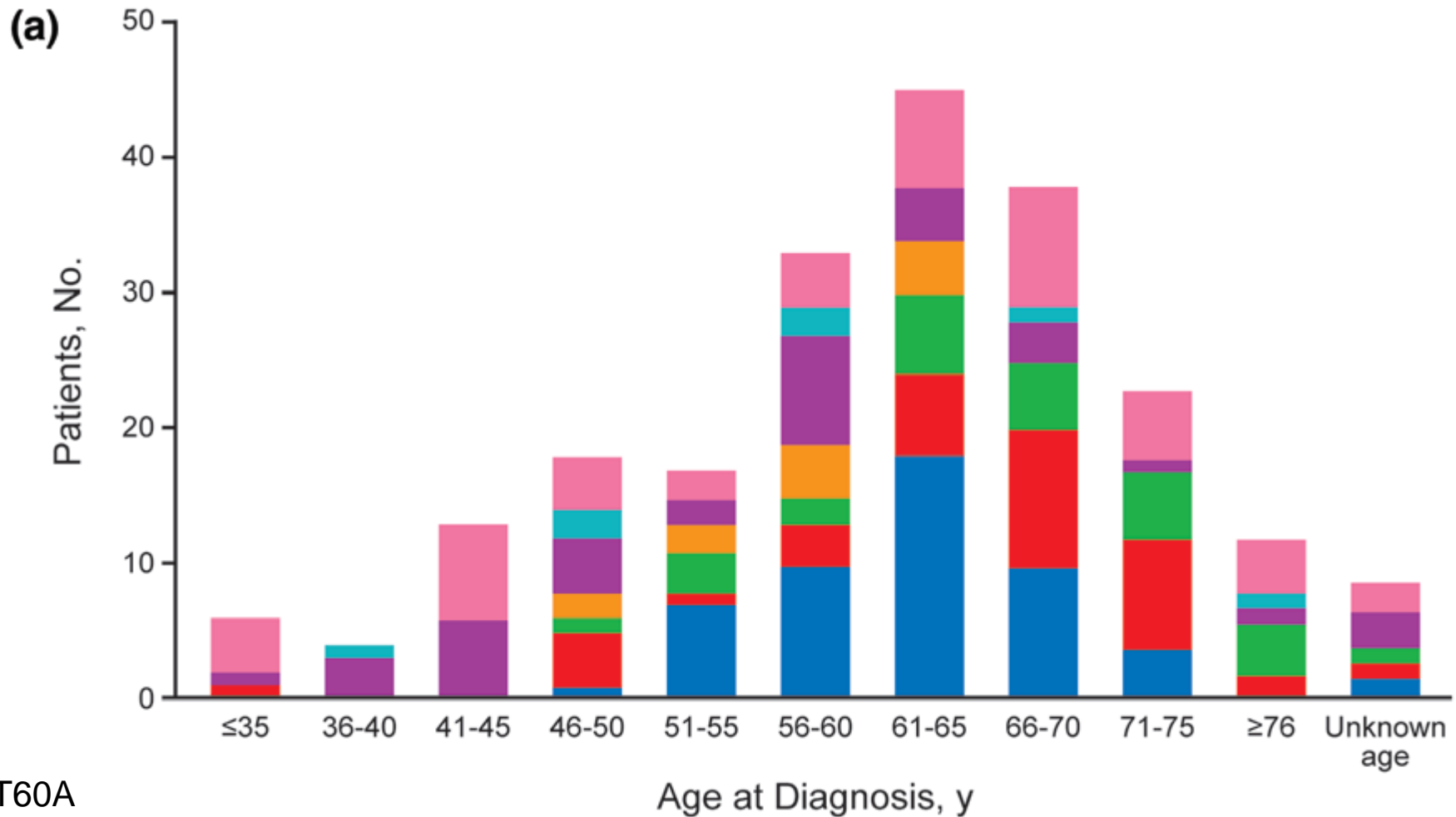
Abbreviation: **V30M ATTR**

# Penetrance: Will I get the disease?

77 Swedish families  
235 affected  
1353 family members



# Age of Onset in ATTRm



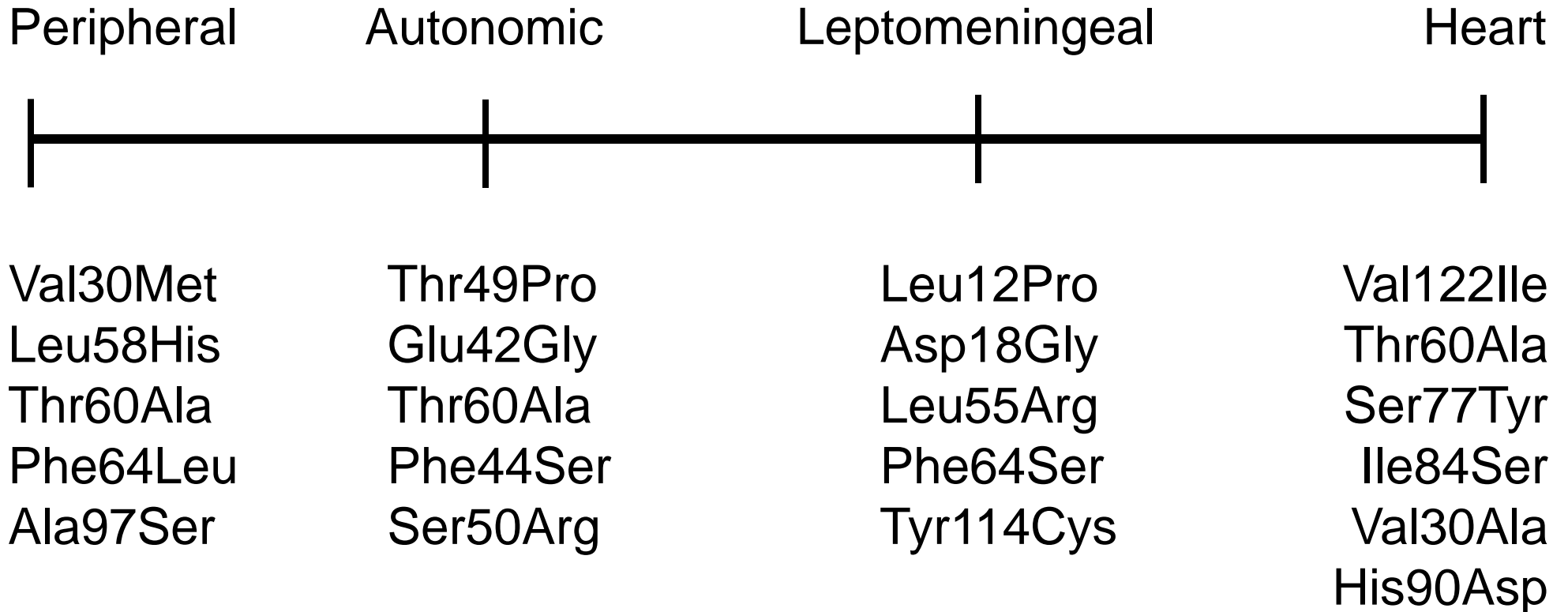
B = T60A  
R = V30M  
G = V122I

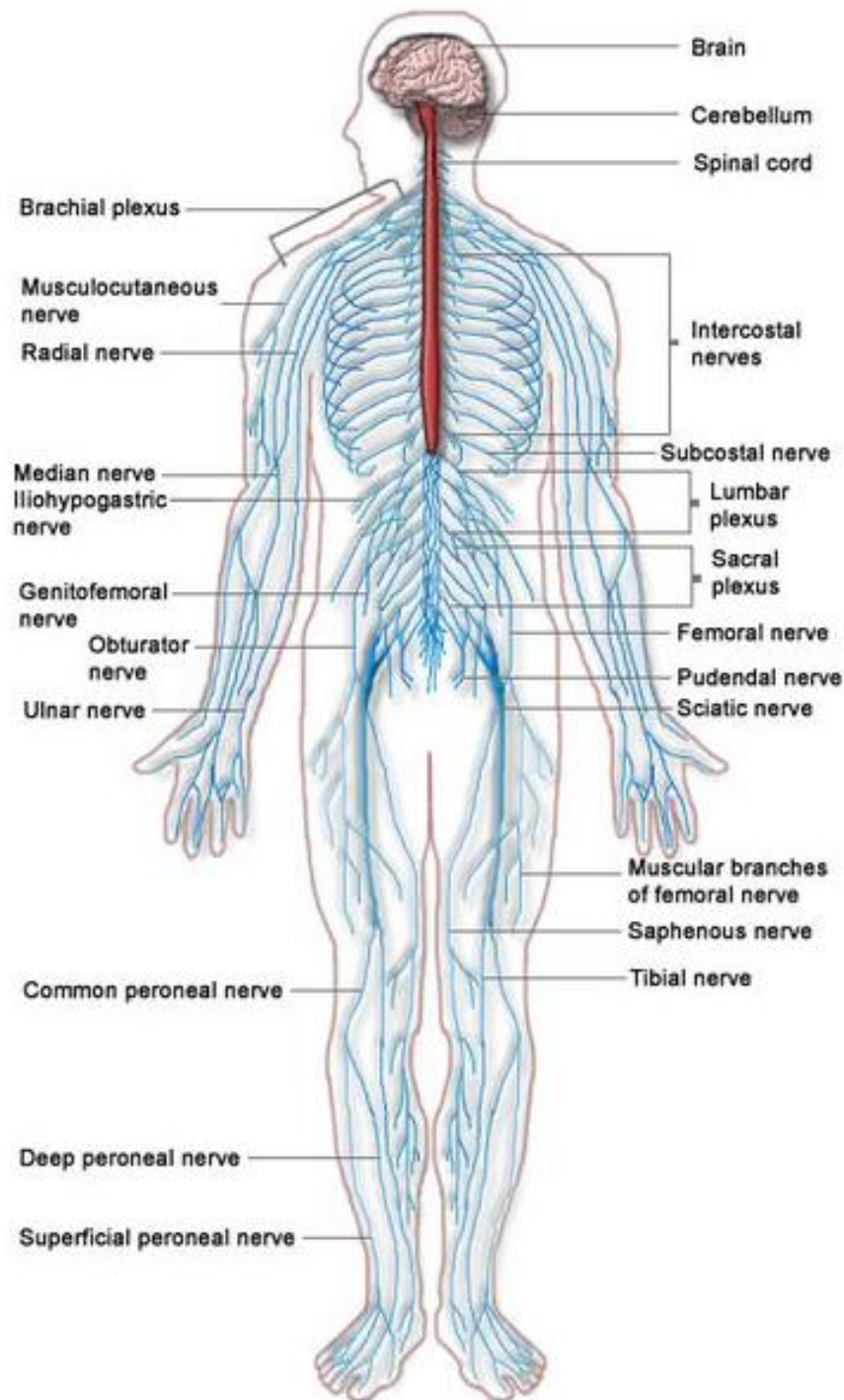
# Most prevalent ATTRm in the USA

- V30M Peripheral neuropathy
- T60A Heart/Peripheral neuropathy
- V122I Heart/Peripheral neuropathy
- L58H Soft tissue/PN/Heart
- S77Y Heart/PN/Soft tissue
- I84S Heart/PN
- T49P PN/Heart/Soft tissue



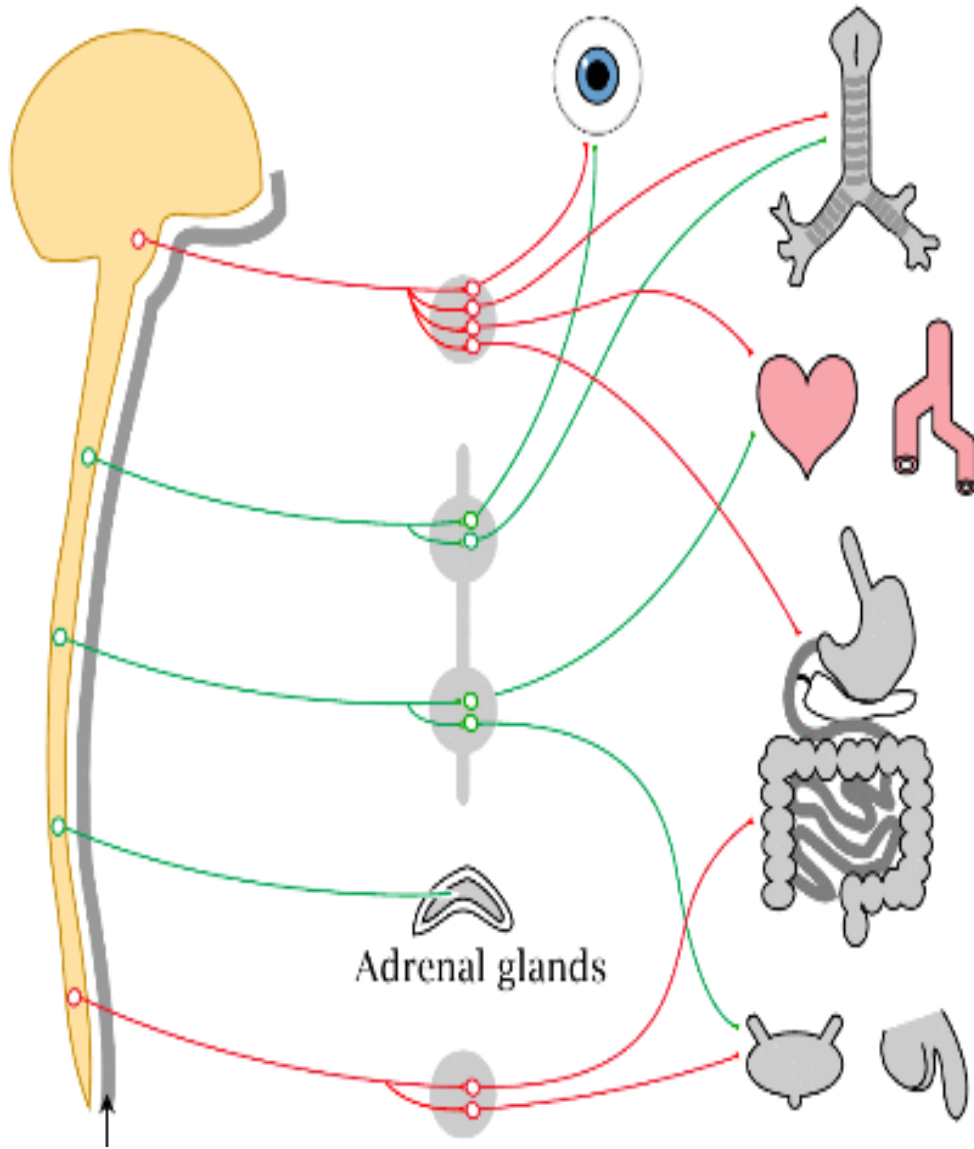
# ATTRm Spectrum of Disease





## Peripheral Nervous System

- Ascending numbness, etc.
- Cold insensitivity
- Muscle weakness
- Stork walk (steppage gait)
- Inability to rise from seat
- Muscle atrophy



## Autonomic Nervous System

- Dry eyes, mouth
- Altered sweating
- Blunted heart rate
- (near) blackouts
- Diarrhea/constipation
- Bladder dysfunction
- Erectile dysfunction

# ATTRm: How many are we?

**World wide**

~10-15,000

**United States**

1:million to 1:100,000

300 to 3,000 Dx

African-Americans (3.9%)

~1.4 million gene (+)

>65 year old (3-4%)

90,000-135,000 gene (+)

ATTR cardiomyopathy (7%)

<10,000

# ATTRwt: How many are we?

## Sweden

85 consec autopsies >80 yo	25% hearts (+) ATTR
LV involvement	16%
Significant amyloid	~8%

## Finland

256 autopsies	
TTR amyloid	25%
Mod/Severe amyloid	5.5%

## US 2010 Census

Men >80 years	4.08 million
ATTR cardiomyopathy	~ 250,000 men (6.5%)

# Amyloid Treatment Strategies

- prevent protein misfolding
- suppress amyloidogenic protein production
- destabilizing amyloid deposits