

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
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Born 31/03/1965 Rome-ITALY	POSITION TITLE Assistant Professor in Gastroenterology University of Rome "Tor Vergata" Via Montpellier 1-00133, Rome-ITALY
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EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Rome "La Sapienza"	MD	1985-1991	Medicine
University of Rome "La Sapienza"	Specialist	1992-96	Gastroenterology
University of Rome "Tor Vergata"	PhD	1996-2000	Public health and therapy
Harvard University, Boston (USA)	Research fellow	1992	Liver disease
University of Birmingham, UK.	Research fellow and visiting Registrar	1996	Liver disease and transplantation
Texas A & M University, Temple, TX (USA)	Assistant Professor	1997-1999	Digestive Diseases

A. Positions and Honors

Positions:

- 2000 to present Board Member in the PhD course in "Public Health and Therapy" University of Rome "Tor Vergata"
- 2002 to present Assistant Professor in Gastroenterology, Hepatology Unit, University of Rome "Tor Vergata".
- 2005 to present Aggregate Professor in Gastroenterology, University of Rome "Tor Vergata".
- 2007 to present Professor of Gastroenterology "Università Nostra Signora del Buon Consiglio" Tirana, Albania

Memberships:

- Member-Italian association for the study of liver (AISF)
- Member – European Association for Study of Liver Disease (EASL)
- Regional Secretary- Italian Society for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy (SIGE)

Service to Professional Journals

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Liver Transplantation*, *Digestive and Liver Disease*, *Journal of Infection*, *European Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology*, *Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, *Hepatology*.

Research activities

Scientific Interest

1) Physio-pathology of bile secretion.

In regard to this issue I had gathered experience in both human and animal experimental models during my stages in US. My research is focused in clarifying the role of bile acids on bile duct cells during cholestasis and in normal conditions. I extended my interest focusing recently on the mechanisms affecting the liver during ischemia-reperfusion injury and the possible beneficial effect of hydrophilic bile acids.

2) Clinical issues in liver transplantation.

This line of research was developed after my stay in Birmingham UK. I was involved and conducted studies regarding: i) recurrence of hepatitis C in transplanted patients, ii) cholestasis after transplant; iii) effect of different immunosuppressive regimens on transplanted patients.

3) Treatment of hepatitis C.

I recently opened a new line of research in the field of outcome predictor to antiviral therapy, in patients affected by HCV hepatitis. My data are mainly focused on the level of ribavirin in both serum and erythrocyte during therapy, as indicator of viral clearance.

Total IF of publications >250. H-index 21