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Titles

- Medical specialist in Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Digestive Endoscopy, obtained in August 22nd, 2018 at the University of Genoa, rating: 50/50 cum laude

- Registerd to the "Ordine dei Medici e Chirurghi" of Genoa on March, 5th 2013, registration number 16023

- **Doctor in Medicine and Surgery**, obtained in the University of Genoa on October 31st 2012, rating: 110/110 cum laude

 Doctoral Researcher in Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Genoa, Starting from 1st November 2019

WORK EXPERIENCES

Period 10 June 2020 – present

Employer and company: Humanitas Mirasole s.p.a.

Role: Consultant Hepatologist

• Period 01 November 2019 – present

Employer: University of Genoa

Company: Ospedale Policlinico San Martino

Role: Clinical Research Doctor in Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Research fields: Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) and hepato-cellular

carcinoma.

• Period 2 October 2018 – 31 October 2019

Employer and company: Humanitas Mirasole s.p.a. **Role:** Consultant in Internal Medicine and Hepatology.

Period 8 August 2018 – 30 September 2018
 Employer and Company: ASL4 Chiavarese

Role: Continuity care physician

Period 8 August 2013 – 8 August 2018

Employer: Universita' degli Studi di Genova

Company: Ospedale Policlinico San Martino, Genova, Italy

Role: Gastroenterology trainee

Main activities and responsibilities

• September 2017 – August 2018:

Honorary research fellow at the Royal Free Hospital (affiliated with the University College of London, London): clinical research and training activities in Hepatology.

• August 2014 – September 2017:

Nightshifts in the department of Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine Participation in the educational activity of the Gastroenterology Clinic with discussions of clinical cases and scientific presentations within the intradepartmental Journal Club

• February 2017 – September 2017:

Pre- and Post- Liver Transplant Outpatient Clinic, Hepatocellular carcinoma clinic Hepatocellular Carcinoma Multi-disciplinary meetings .

• August 2016 – January 2017:

General Hepatology Outpatient Clinic. Performed 700 Transient Elastometry scans

• January 2016 – July 2016:

Diagnostic digestive endoscopy training (300 gastroscopies, 250 colonoscopies)

July 2015 – December 2015:

General Gastroenterology Outpatient Clinic

January 2014 – July 2015:

General Gastroenterology and Hepatology Ward

• August 2013 – December 2013:

IBD and Decompensated Cirrhosis Clinic

TRAINING COURSES

| Course title | Organizing company | Duration | Years |
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| AISF Annual Meeting | Italian Association for the Study of the Liver | 3 days | 2019 |
| Sepsis management | Humanitas Reasearch Hospital | 1 day | 2019 |
| ILS (Immediate Life Support) | Humanitas Reasearch Hospital | 1 day | 2019 |
| Academy of Hepatology | Humanitas Reasearch Hospital | 1 day | 2019 |
| Clinical Research Fellowship | University College London – Royal Free Hospital | 11 months | 2017 – 2018 |
| Sheila Sherlock School of Hepatology | University College London – Royal Free Hospital | 3 days | 2018 |
| EASL-International Liver Congresses 2018 - 2020 | EASL | 5 days | 2018 and 2020 |
| EASL - Viral Hepatitis Post Graduate Course | EASL | 2 days | 2018 |
| BASL/BLTG School of Liver Transplantiontion | BASL | 1 day | 2018 |
| Introductory course of medical statistics | National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College london | 2 days | 2017 |
| NEXUS- Hepatitis HCV and comorbidity | ABBVIE-NEXTHEALTH | 1 day | 2016 |
| Endocourse Milan 2015 | San Raffaele University, Milan | 3 days | 2015 |
| Ligurian Congress of Gastroenterology | Realtime Meeting Srl Unipersonal | 1 day | 2013 – 2014 – 2015 – 2016 and 2019 |

PERSONAL SKILLS

Native languages: Italian and Spanish

Foreign languages: English (level: excellent, IELTS Band score 8/9, cathegory C1)

Communication skills: Excellent communication skills with colleagues and patients, team working. Digital skills: Excel, Word, and Power Point Office programs. Basic skills for the SPSS software for

statistical analysis. EndNote software.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

• PROJECT WAFT-C, Imperial College London

O Year: 2017 – 2018

- Goal: Evaluating the effect of anticoagulant therapy with Warfarin on liver fibrosis progression in liver transplant patients with HCV cirrhosis
- VALDIG FONLIVER STUDY, in collaboration with VALDIG and Royal Free Hospital, London
 - o Year: 2018
 - Objective: characterization of liver nodules and predictive factors for their presence in patients undergoing Fontan surgery
- MASCOT STUDY, Royal Free Hospital, London
 - o Year: 2018
 - Goal: evaluation of comorbidity and the portal venous circle in patients suffering from myeloproliferative diseases and thrombosis of the splanchonic venous circle
- Prospective study on morbidity and mortality related with bacterial infections in cirrhotic patients, Royal Free Hospital, London
 - o Year: 2017 2019
 - Goals: Assess the prognostic impact of bacterial infections in cirrhotic patients, in the short and long term
 - Conclusions: Bacterial infectious events correlate with reduced survival in patients with cirrhosis, regardless of the stage of liver disease
- NAFLD- Quality of Life Survey, Royal Free Hospital, London
 - o Year: 2017 2018
 - Goal: Assess the impact of non-alcoholic liver steatosis on the quality of life of patients affected
- Cochrane meta-analysis on primary and secondary prophylaxis for variceal bleeding in patients with cirrhosis, Royal Free Hospital, London
 - o Year: 2017 2018
 - o Goal: assess the best therapeutic strategy for primary and secondary prevention of bleeding from variely esophageal in the cirrhotic population
- Cochrane meta-analysis on the treatment of ascites in patients with cirrhotic portal hypertension, Royal Free Hospital, London
 - o Year: 2017 2018
 - Goal: assess the best therapeutic strategy for the treatment of ascites in the cirrhotic population
- Cochrane meta-analysis on SBP treatment, Royal Free Hospital, London
 - o Year: 2017 2018
 - Goal: assess the best therapeutic strategy for the treatment of spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in cirrhosis

NAFLD-CV risk scores project

• Year: 2019 – ongoing

Goal: assess the risk for cardio-vascular events in a cohort of patients with NAFLD

CGA score in IBD project

• Year: 2019 - ongoing

 Goal: assess the potential usefulness of a specialist geriatric assessment in the therapeutical decision-making for IBD patients aged over 65 years who are at risk of frailty

Publications

- "Low levels of fibrinogen are associated withbleeding after ligature varices in cirrotic patients thrombocytopenic," Ann. Hepatol. 2018 Jun 5;17(5):830-835. doi: 0.5604/01.3001.0012.0775
- 2. "Education and imaging. Hepatiria and pancreatic: a rare cause of portal hypertension.", J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2016 January;31(1):11. doi: 10.1111/jgh.13038
- "Treatment for ascites in adults with decompensated liver cirrhosis: a network meta-analysis",
 Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2020 January 16;1:CD013123. doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD013123.pub2.
- 4. "Mediterranean Diet and NAFLD: What We Know and The Questions That Still Need to Be Solved", Nutrients. 2019 Dec 5;11(12). pii: E2971. doi: 10.3390/nu111222971
- 5. "Corticosteroid treatment at diagnosis: an analysis of relapse, extension of the disease, and chococtomy rate in ulcerative colitis", Dig Dig Sci. doi: 10.1007/s10620-019-05959-y
- 6. "Antibiotictreatment for spontaneous bacterial peritonitis in people with decompensated liver cirrhosis: a network meta-analysis," Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2019 Sep 16;9:CD013120. doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD013120.pub2
- 7. Editorial: Should we abandon the HCV genotype test? Perhaps," Aliment Pharmacol Ther. 2019 Apr;49(8):1097-1098. doi: 10.1111/apt.15194
- 8. "Direct action antivirals for chronic hepatitis C virus genotype 5 and 6infections," Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2019 Jan;4(1):5-6. 10.1016/S2468-1253(18)30378-9. Epub 2018 Dec 6
- 9. « Appropriateness of proton pump inhibitors treatment in clinical practice: Prospective evaluation in outpatients and perspective assessment of drug optimisation ». Dig Liver Dis. 2020;52(8):862-868. doi:10.1016/j.dld.2020.05.005
- Plaz Torres MC, Bodini G, Furnari M, et al. « Surveillance for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Patients with Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: Universal or Selective? ». Cancers (Basel). 2020;12(6):1422. Published 2020 May 31. doi:10.3390/cancers12061422
- 11. Giannini EG, Bodini G, Marabotto E, Plaz Torres MC, Zentilin P, Furnari M. «Risk factors for bleeding following oesophageal band ligation: Providing further evidence to ameliorate clinical practice». Dig Liver Dis. 2020;52(7):792-793. doi:10.1016/j.dld.2020.04.007
- 12. Benmassaoud A, Freeman SC, Roccarina D, et al. « Treatment for ascites in adults with decompensated liver cirrhosis: a network meta-analysis ». Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2020;1(1):CD013123. Published 2020 Jan 16. doi:10.1002/14651858.CD013123.pub2