

Curriculum Vitae

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FORMAZIONE TITOLI

- Diploma di Maturità Classica presso il Collegio S. Carlo di Milano nel Luglio 1970
- Laurea in Medicina e Chirurgia presso l'Università di Pavia il 23.7.1976 con voti 110/110 e lode
- Specializzazione in Medicina Interna presso l'Università di Pavia il 23.10.1981 con voti 50/50 e lode
- Specializzazione in Gastroenterologia ed Endoscopia Digestiva nel novembre 1987 con il massimo dei voti.

E' stato titolare dopo la Laurea di:

- Borsa di formazione scientifica del Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche bandita il 27.10.1977 che ha usufruito per il periodo 1.3.1979/31.7.1980 agli effetti giuridici e dal 30.9.1981 ai fini economici presso la Clinica Medica I "A. Ferrata" dell'Università di Pavia sotto la direzione del Prof. Edoardo Ascari.
- Nel marzo 1981, dopo aver superato il giudizio di idoneità, è diventato Ricercatore Universitario Confermato presso la Clinica Medica I della Università di Pavia con decorrenza, ai fini giuridici, dall' 1.8.1980.
- Nel marzo 1985 è stato trasferito dall' Università di Pavia e quella di Palermo presso la Cattedra di Clinica Medica (R) diretta dal Prof. Luigi Pagliaro nell' Istituto di Medicina Generale e Pneumologia.
- Dal marzo 1996 presta servizio presso la Divisione di Medicina Generale e Gastroenterologia, Cattedra di Medicina Interna (C.L.O.), Direttore Prof. Antonio Craxì, dell' Istituto di Clinica Medica I dell'Università di Palermo.
- In data 30 aprile 2000 ha acquisito l'idoneità a Professore Associato in Gastroenterologia (S.S.D. F07D); dall' 1/11/2000 ha preso servizio con tale qualifica presso la Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia presso l'Università di Palermo.

ATTIVITA' DIDATTICA

Attività didattica presso corsi di studio per il conseguimento di diploma universitario, di laurea o di specializzazione ovvero presso scuole per la formazione di personale sanitario con indicazione delle ore annue di insegnamento;

- 1992/93-2003/04: **insegnamento di Statistica e Matematica** per il Corso di Laurea in Medicina e Chirurgia – Università di Palermo. Ore annue: 60
- 1992/93-2002/03: **insegnamento di Statistica** presso la scuola di Specializzazione in Patologia Clinica dell' Istituto di Patologia Generale dell' Università di Palermo. Ore annue: 20
- 1994/95-2002/03: **insegnamento di Statistica Medica ed Informatica Generale** nel Corso di Diploma Universitario per Ortottista ed Assistente di Oftalmologia e quello di Statistica ed Informatica Medica nel Corso di Diploma Universitario in Dietologia e Dietetica Applicata. Ore annue 20.
- 1995/96-2002/03: **insegnamento di Statistica Medica ed Informatica Generale** nel Corso di Diploma Universitario in Terapia della Riabilitazione e della Neuro e Psicomotricità dell' Età Evolutiva. Ore annue 20.
- Dall' A.A. 1995/96 sino all'A.A. 2002-03 è stato **docente di Statistica Medica** presso la scuola di Specializzazione in Radiologia dell' Università di Palermo.
- Dall' A.A. 1997/98 sino all'A.A. 2002-03 è stato **docente di Statistica Medica** presso le scuole di Specializzazione in Ortopedia, Cardiologia, Chirurgia Pediatrica, Medicina della Sport, Otorinolaringoiatria.
- 2000/02-2001/02: **insegnamento di Gastroenterologia** secondo il nuovo ordinamento didattico (Tab. XVIII) presso il Polo Didattico di Caltanissetta della Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia di Palermo. Ore annue 60.
- 2003/04-2007/08: **insegnamento di Gastroenterologia** nel Corso Corso integrato n. 12: Scienze cliniche nel corso di Laurea in Igiene Dentale della Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia di Palermo. Ore annue 15.
- 2003/04-2007/08: **insegnamento di Gastroenterologia** nel Corso Integrato n. 15: Scienze Mediche di Base II nel Corso di Laurea in Odontostomatologia giene Dentale della Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia di Palermo. Ore annue: 20.
- 2009/09 ad oggi: **insegnamento di Gastroenterologia** nel Corso Integrato Patologia Sistemica II nel Corso di Laurea in Medicina e Chirurgia della Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia di Palermo. Ore annue: 60.

INCARICHI / CONSULENZE

Svolge funzioni di "editorial referee" per numerose riviste, fra cui:

- Journal of Viral Hepatitis
- Digestive Diseases and Sciences
- Digestive and Liver Diseases

- Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics
- Journal of Hepatology

E' Associated Editor della rivista Hepatitis Research and Treatment

ASSOCIAZIONI SCIENTIFICHE

E' membro delle seguenti Società Scientifiche:

- A.I.S.F. (Associazione Italiana per lo Studio del Fegato)
- S.I.G.E. (Società Italiana di Gastro-Enterologia)
- E.A.S.L. (European Association for the Study of the Liver)

Ha presentato e discusso la propria attività di ricerca a Società Scientifiche nazionali ed internazionali, fra cui: European Association for the Study of the Liver; American Association for the Study of Liver Disease;

Ha inoltre tenuto, su invito, conferenze presso Società Scientifiche nazionali ed internazionali.

La maggior parte delle ricerche svolte è stata pubblicata su riviste internazionali o sotto forma di contributi monografici a volumi di diffusione internazionale.

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- storia naturale della malattia epatica cronica
- carcinoma epatocellulare
- siderosi e danni al fegato
- epatopatie autoimmuni