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Education:

1989-93 Technical Diploma Scientific Lyceum Caserta-Italy (Science)
1993-99 MD Second University of Naples, Caserta- Italy
2003-07 PhD Second University of Naples, Italy (Immunology and Oncology)

Postgraduate Training and Fellowship Appointments:

1999-2003 Resident in Clinical Immunology and Allergy, Second University of Naples-Italy
2003-2007 Research doctoral Fellowship, Second University of Naples, Italy (Immunology and Oncology)
2004-2007 Rheumatology Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia

Appointments:

2007- Associate Director of the Scleroderma Center, Thomas Jefferson University
2007- Assistant Professor, Division of Connective tissue Diseases, Institute of Molecular Medicine - Thomas Jefferson Medical College
2007- Assistant Professor of Cancer Biology, Kimmel Cancer Center, Jefferson Medical College (Secondary Appointment)

Board Certification

1999 Italian Board of Medicine
2003 European board of Clinical Immunology and Allergy
2007 Pennsylvania Board of Medicine - Institutional license

Editorial positions

2007- Peer Reviewer, Arthritis and Rheumatism
2007- Peer Reviewer, Annals of Rheumatic Diseases
2007- Peer Reviewer, Journal of Rheumatology

Awards, Honors and Membership in Honorary Societies

2001 European Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Award
2002 Best Internal Medicine Young Researcher of the Year. Italian Society of Internal Medicine
2006 Penn State, Hershey- Finkelstein Award

- 2007 European Workshop Rheumatology Research Award, Florence-Italy
2007 Best Oral presentation, 2nd Postdoctoral fellow Research Symposium, Thomas Jefferson University
2007 ACR Plenary Session : Insights in autoimmunity

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