

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### FORMAZIONE

1976 Laurea in Medicina e Chirurgia (110/110 e lode), Università di Messina  
1980 Specializzazione in Neurologia (50/50 e lode), Università di Messina  
1989 Idoneità a Primario di Neurologia (100/100)

### POSIZIONI

Dal 1994 Professore Ordinario di Neurologia, Università di Messina  
2000-2009 Direttore dell'U.O.S. di Neurobiologia Clinica e Malattie Neuromuscolari, AOU Policlinico di Messina  
Dal 2009 Direttore dell'U.O.C. di Neurologia e Malattie Neuromuscolari  
2009-2016 Direttore del D.A.I. di Neuroscienze, AOU Policlinico di Messina  
2006-2012 Direttore del Dipartimento di Neuroscienze, Scienze Psichiatriche ed Anestesiologiche dell'Università di Messina  
2012-2015 Direttore del Dipartimento di Neuroscienze dell'Università di Messina

### STAGES ALL' ESTERO

1978 – 1979 Research Fellow, Muscular Dystrophy Group Laboratory, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Inghilterra  
1985 - 1986 Post-doctoral Certification in Neuromuscular Diseases, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA

### INCARICHI SCIENTIFICI

2000-2003 Presidente dell'Associazione Italiana di Miologia  
2001-2002 Presidente dell'Associazione Italiana di Neuropatologia  
2007-2010 Membro del Executive Board della World Muscle Society  
2008-2012 Presidente della Associazione Italiana per lo studio del Sistema Neurovegetativo  
Dal 2000 Corresponding Member of the American Neurological Association  
Dal 2010 Associate Editor della Rivista "Neurological Sciences"  
Dal 2014 Consulente Scientifico, Fondazione Aurora ONLUS – Centro Nemo Sud

Responsabile di Unità di Ricerca in numerosi programmi finanziati dalla Fondazione Telethon, AIFA, Ministero della Salute, MIUR e Commissione Europea-6° Programma Quadro.  
Responsabile del progetto didattico internazionale TEMPUS MEDA "Education Curricula Project In Rehabilitation", finanziato dalla Commissione Europea (2006-2009).



### ESPERIENZE DI TRIAL CLINICI (ultimi 15 anni)

SMART Study: Spinal muscular atrophy randomised clinical trial with gabapentin (phase II)  
Double blind clinical study with triButyrate in patients with spinal muscular atrophy (phase II)  
CMT-TRIAAL: Multicentre, randomised, double blind, placebo-controlled trial of long-term ascorbic acid treatment in Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease type 1A  
Phase II, randomized double blind placebo-controlled study of tolerance and efficacy of salbutamol in adult patients with spinal muscular atrophy type III  
A phase III, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial to assess the efficacy and safety of multiple subcutaneous doses of GSK2402968 in subjects with Duchenne muscular dystrophy  
Phase II, multicenter, randomized, adaptive, double-blind, placebo controlled study to assess safety and efficacy of olesoxime (TRO19622) in 3-25 year-old Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) patients  
An open pilot trial to test the safety and tolerability of flavocoxid (Limbrel®) in Duchenne MD  
An open-label extension study of the long-term safety, tolerability and efficacy of GSK2402968 in subjects with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD114349)  
A two-part study to assess the safety and tolerability, pharmacokinetics, and effects on histology and different clinical parameters of Givinostat in ambulant children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy  
Duchenne muscular dystrophy: double-blind randomized trial to find optimum steroid regimen (FOR-DMD)  
A phase 3 efficacy and safety study of Ataluren (PTC124) in patients with nonsense mutation dystrophinopathy  
A Phase 2/3 Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of ISIS 420915 in Patients with Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy (+ OLE study)  
APOLLO: A Phase 3 Multicenter, Multinational, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of ALN-TTR02 in Transthyretin (TTR)-Mediated Polyneuropathy (Familial Amyloidotic Polyneuropathy-FAP) (+ OLE study)

### ATTIVITA' SCIENTIFICA

Autore di oltre 200 pubblicazioni su riviste con impact factor, con particolare riguardo alle seguenti tematiche: malattie neuromuscolari, distrofie muscolari, miopatie congenite, miopatie metaboliche, miopatie mitocondriali, meccanismi patogenetici delle malattie dei muscoli e dei nervi periferici, atrofie muscolari spinali, neuropatie genetiche ed acquisite, neuropatie vegetative.

**Il sottoscritto, ai sensi art. 2 legge 15/68, art. 3, comma 3 e 10, legge 127/97, art. 1 DPR 403/98, dichiara che quanto indicato nel Curriculum Vitae corrisponde al vero.**

**Il sottoscritto autorizza al trattamento dei dati personali secondo quanto previsto dal D.L. 196/03 e dichiara di aver eseguito studi clinici secondo GCP.**

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## PRINCIPALI PUBBLICAZIONI DEGLI ANNI 2012-2016

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2. Musumeci O, Bruno C, Mongini T, Rodolico C, Aguenouz M, Barca E, Amati A, Cassandrini D, Serlenga L, Vita G, Toscano A. Clinical features and new molecular findings in muscle phosphofructokinase deficiency (GSD type VII). **Neuromuscular Disorders** 2012;22:325-330.
3. Gaeta M, Messina S, Mileto A, Vita GL, Ascenti G, Vinci S, Bottari A, Vita G, Settineri N, Bruschetta D, Racchiusa S, Minutoli F. Muscle fat-fraction and mapping in Duchenne muscular dystrophy: evaluation of disease distribution and correlation with clinical assessments. **Skeletal Radiology** 2012;41:955-961.
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7. Stancanelli C, Taioli F, Testi S, Fabrizi GM, Arena MG, Granata F, Russo M, Gentile L, Vita G, Mazzeo A. Unusual features of central nervous system involvement in CMTX associated with a novel mutation of GJB1 gene. **Journal of the Peripheral Nervous System** 2012;17:407-411.
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