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CURRICULUM VITAE SUMMARY

Medical Degree, University of Napoli Medical School, “summa cum laude”, October 1981.
Specialty Degree in “Biologia Clinica (Clinical Biology)”, July 1985.

APPOINTMENTS

3/86-11/88: Visiting Fellow, Laboratory of Genetics, NCI, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA
6/89-7/89 and 6/90-7/90: Guest Researcher, Gene Expression Program, EMBL, Heidelberg.
4/92-10/92: Visiting Scientist, Laboratory of Genetics, NCI, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA
6/06-6/09 Scientific Coordinator of the Italian Space Agency Project “From Molecules to Man”.
2008-To date: Full Professor of Molecular Pathology, University of Udine Medical School
2015-To date: Full Professor of Clinical Pathology, University of Udine Medical School
2001-2009: Director, Unit of Cellular and Molecular Diagnosis and Therapy, University of Udine
Medical Center, Udine, Italy.
2007-2015: Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer, VivaBioCell (VBC), S.p.A.
2009-To date: Chairman, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, University of
Udine Medical Center, Udine, Italy.
2012-To date: Dean, School of Medicine, University of Udine.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Italian Society of Pathology and Traslational Medicine (SIPMeT) – President
Italian Society of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (SIPMeL) – VicePresident
Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)

SELECTED PAPERS (last 5 years):

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- 7) Acellular bone colonization and aggregate culture conditions diversely influence murine periosteum mesenchymal stem cell differentiation potential in long-term in vitro osteoinductive conditions. Ferro F, Spelat R, D'Aurizio F, Falini G, De Pol I, Pandolfi M, Beltrami AP, Cesselli D, Beltrami CA, Curcio F. *Tissue Eng Part A*. 2012 Jul;18(13-14):1509-19. Epub 2012 Jun 13.
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- 9) Dental Pulp Stem Cells Differentiation Reveals New Insights in Oct4A Dynamics. Ferro F, Spelat R, D'Aurizio F, Puppato E, Pandolfi M, Beltrami AP, Cesselli D, Falini G, Beltrami CA, Curcio F. *PLoS One*. 2012;7(7):e41774. Epub 2012 Jul 23.
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