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Professional Profile

Gastroenterologist with expertise in **inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)**, **intestinal ultrasound (IUS)**, and **endoscopy**, with extensive involvement in **international education, clinical trials, and research collaborations**.

Active member and **Chair of the Educational Committee of the International Bowel Ultrasound Group (IBUS)** with strong commitment to expanding global education and standardization of intestinal ultrasound training.

Current Positions

Assistant Gastroenterologist

Istituti Ospedalieri Bergamaschi (IOB), Italy (2024–present)

Researcher (RTT)

Vita-Salute San Raffaele University / IRCCS San Raffaele Hospital, Milan (2024–present)

Clinical activities include:

- Management of patients with **inflammatory bowel disease**
- **Bowel and abdominal ultrasound**
- **Endoscopy and capsule endoscopy**
- **Clinical trials PI and sub-investigator** (experience since 2011; >40 Phase II–III trials)
- Central reader for **endoscopy and bowel ultrasound in clinical trials**

Previous Positions

Assistant Gastroenterologist

IRCCS San Raffaele Hospital, Milan (2022–2024)

Assistant Gastroenterologist

Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan (2015–2022)

Consultant Gastroenterologist

Luigi Sacco Hospital, Milan (2012–2015)

On-call Physician

ASP Messina, Italy (2009–2011)

Education

PhD – Experimental Biomedical and Clinical Sciences

University of Milan (2015)

Specialization in Gastroenterology

University of Messina – 50/50 (2011)

MD – Medicine and Surgery

University of Messina – 110/110 cum laude (2007)

Leadership and Professional Roles

- **Chair, Educational Committee – International Bowel Ultrasound Group (IBUS)** (2024–present)
- Member, Educational Committee – IBUS (since 2023)
- Member, Educational Committee – Italian Group for the Study of IBD (IG-IBD) (2024–2026)
- Regional Representative Lombardy – IG-IBD (2022–2023)

Educational Activity

- Organizer of multiple **international courses and congresses on IBD and intestinal ultrasound**
- Director and faculty of training programs on intestinal ultrasound
- Tutor in **IBUS Module 1, XP and advanced courses** internationally
- Lecturer in master programs on **IBD and intestinal ultrasound** internationally

Research Activity

Active participation in international research initiatives including:

- **EXTENT Delphi Consensus** on ultrasound parameters for Crohn's disease damage
- ECCO guideline projects
- Multicenter IBD studies and international collaborations

Author/co-author of **numerous peer-reviewed publications** and international abstracts in IBD and intestinal ultrasound.

Reviewer for several journals including:

- Journal of Crohn's and Colitis
- United European Gastroenterology Journal
- Digestive and Liver Disease
- Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics

International Teaching and Scientific Activity

Speaker, tutor or moderator at **>100 national and international meetings**, including:

- ECCO Congress

- ESGAR
- IBUS international workshops
- International IBD educational programs

Certifications and Skills

- SIUMB Diploma in Basic Ultrasound
- Good Clinical Practice certification
- Advanced expertise in **intestinal ultrasound, IBD management, and clinical research**

Languages:

- Italian (native)
- English (B1)