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Educational Background

- 1997 **Medical Degree**
Catholic University Medical School, Rome, Italy.
- 1998 **Internship and Medical Board Certification**
- 2003 **PhD in molecular and cellular biology**
Open University, London, UK.
European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy

Research Experience

- 1991-1997 **Medical Student**
Catholic University Medical School, Rome, Italy.
M.D. awarded in July 1997 with distinction *summa cum laude*.
Laboratory of Giovanni Neri.
Thesis: Cloning and characterization of alternative isoforms of the *Mlh1* and *Msh2* genes.
- 1995 **Visiting Student**
University of California, San Diego, USA
Laboratory of Richard Boland
- 1998 **Part-time research work.**
Istituto Mario Negri Sud, Chieti, Italy
Laboratory of Dr. Arturo Sala.
Title: Regulation of the MYB oncogene
- 1999-2003 **Graduate Student**
Open University, London, UK.
European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy
Laboratory of Pier Giuseppe Pelicci
Title: Transcriptional regulation and subcellular localization of SHC isoforms.
- 2003-2008 **Postdoctoral Fellow**
MIT
Center for Cancer Research, Cambridge, MA
Laboratory of Tyler Jacks
Title: Modeling tumor suppressor gene reactivation and defining the biological functions of an oncogenic polycistronic miRNA cluster.

Professional Positions and Employment

- 2018-present **Member**
Cancer Biology and Genetics Program
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY 10065
- 2018-present **Professor**
Cell & Developmental Biology
Weill Cornell Medicine, NY 10065

- 2014–present **Associate Member**
Cancer Biology and Genetics Program
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY 10065
- 2014–present **Associate Professor**
Cell & Developmental Biology
Weill Cornell Medicine, NY 10065
- 2008–2014 **Assistant Member**
Cancer Biology and Genetics Program
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY 10065
- 2008–2014 **Assistant Professor**
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Awards, Honors and Patents

- 2016 Pershing Square Sohn Cancer Research Alliance Award
- 2013 Lumera d'argento award, Roccalumera, Italy
- 2009 Sidney Kimmel Scholar Award
- 2008–2013 Geoffrey Beene Junior Investigator Chair
- 2007 Forbeck Scholar Award
- 2004–5 Postdoctoral Fellowship American Italian Cancer Research Foundation
- 2000–2 Research fellowship from Italian Association for Cancer Research

Teaching

- 2024–present Mouse model of cancer lecture series for the Cancer Engineering Program, MSKCC.
- 2017–2020 Summer School on Cancer Biology, Lipari, Italy.
- 2010–present Cancer Genetic Lecture for the Molecular Genetics Course at WCMS
- 2015 GSK Core Course: Mouse models of human cancer
- 2013 GSK Core Course: Methods of experimental perturbation of gene expression and function in culture.
- 2005 Undergraduate course on RNAi at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Academic Service

- 2017–present Director, Mouse Genetics Services
- 2016–2018 Advisory Board Yale Lung SPORE
- 2013–present GES Core Oversight Committee Member
- 2017 RSVP SKI Working Group Member
- 2009–present GSK graduate student program interviewer
- 2009–present Tri-I MD-PhD program interviewer

Presentations (limited to the period 2010–2025)

- 2025 AACR annual meeting, Chicago. Invited Speaker.**
Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam. Invited Speaker.
EACR annual meeting, Lisbon. Invited Speaker.
Pancreatic Cancer Meeting, Lisbon. Invited Speaker.
IFOM, Milan. Invited Speaker.
CMRT meeting, Utah. Invited Speaker
Francis Crick Institute, London. Invited Speaker.

University of Rome, La Sapienza. Invited Speaker.
 Institute Champolimaud for Cancer Research, Lisbon. Invited Speaker.

- 2024** **Cancer Gran Challenge Annual Meeting. London. Invited Speaker.**
 Dark genome conference, NY, invited speaker
 Genentech. Invited speaker.
 Summer School of Cancer Biology, Lisbon, Portugal. Invited speaker and lecturer.
 Catholic University Medical School. Rome. Invited Seminar Speaker
 Bicocca University, Milan, Invited Speaker.
 Moffit Cancer Center. Invited Seminar Speaker.
- 2023** **Structural Variants and Repetitive Sequences Meeting. Stanford, CA. Invited Speaker.**
 Fusion Conference on Mouse Models of Cancer. Lisbon, Portugal. Invited Speaker.
- 2022** **Aegean Conference on the short and long of non-coding RNAs. Invited Speaker.**
 Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Invited Speaker.
 Italian Society of Biophysics and Molecular Biology Meeting. Rome. Invited Speaker.
- 2021** **Harvard University, Beth Israel Hospital. RNA Medicine Symposium, invited speaker.**
- 2020** **AACR: Mouse models of cancer meeting. Sand Diego, Cal. Invited Speaker**
 Sensei Life Sciences Symposium. Kyoto. Japan. Invited Speaker
 University of Virginia (UVA). Invited speaker.
- 2019** **Aspen Cancer Symposium. Aspen, Colorado. Invited Speaker**
 2019 Aegean Conference on non-coding RNAs. Invited Speaker.
 Lipari Summer School of Cancer Biology. Co-organizer and teacher.
 Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Invited Speaker.
 University of Messina, Italy. Invited Speaker.
- 2018** **AACR: annual meeting. Chicago, Ill. Invited Speaker and Workshop organizer.**
 University of Colorado. Denver. Keynote speaker at Annual Postdoctoral Symposium
 UTSW, Dallas/ TX. Invited Speaker.
 Lipari Summer School on Cancer Biology/ Co-organizer and lecturer.
 European Institute of Oncology, Milan. Invited Speaker
 University of Massachusetts, Worcester. Seminar Series. Invited Speaker.
 New York University. Nanoseminaries. Invited Speaker.
 Princess Takamatsu Symposium. Tokyo, Japan. Invited Speaker.
- 2017** **AACR: Special Conference on Advances in Modeling Cancer in Mice: Technology, Biology, and Beyond. Orland, Florida. Invited Speaker**
 Moffit Cancer Center, Tampa, FL – Seminar Speaker
 Purdue University, Purdue, IN – Seminar Speaker
 Non coding RNAs in metabolism and diseases conference, Baeza, Spain. Invited Speaker
 2nd Aegean Conference on and long and short of non-coding RNAs. Heraclion, Greece – Invited Speaker
 Lipari Summer School on cancer Biology, Lipari, Sicily – Co-organizer and speaker
 Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia – Seminar Speaker
- 2016** **Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening – 5th Annual International Conference and Exhibition (San Diego, CA; invited speaker)**

- Indiana University Simon Cancer Center – Grand Rounds seminar (Indianapolis, IN; seminar speaker)
NYU Langone Medical Center – Perlmutter Cancer Center Research Seminar Series (New York, NY; seminar speaker)
Stanford University Medical School – Cancer Biology Seminar (Stanford, CA; seminar speaker)
Gordon Research Conference – DNA Damage, Mutation, & Cancer (Ventura, CA; invited speaker)
Yale University – Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Seminar (New Haven, CT; seminar speaker)
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill – Department of Pharmacology Spring Seminar (Chapel Hill, NC; seminar speaker)
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai – Practical Cancer Genomics lecture (New York, NY; seminar speaker)
Microbiology and Microbiome-Based Medicine Meeting (Lipari Island, Italy; invited speaker)
MD Anderson Cancer Center – Experimental Therapeutics Seminar (Houston, TX; seminar speaker)
- 2015** **CSHL symposium on CRISPR genome editing. Invited speaker.**
Novartis, Switzerland. Invited Speaker.
Summer School on RNA as targets and therapeutics, Saas-Fee, Switzerland. Invited speaker.
Mount Sinai Medical School, New York, NY, (invited speaker)
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Seattle, WA (invited speaker)
St. Jude's Cancer Center, Memphis (invited speaker)
AACR meeting (Philadelphia; invited speaker)
NKI Symposium (Amsterdam; invited speaker)
Aegean Conference on non-coding RNAs. Chania, Greece. Invited speaker.
Keystone Symposium on non-coding RNAs and cancer. Invited speaker.
AACR Symposium on non-coding RNAs, Boston. Invited Speaker.
- 2014** **Scripps Research Institute (invited speaker)**
International Conference “Non-coding RNA – from Basic Mechanisms to Cancer”.
Heidelberg, Germany. Invited Speaker.
University of Messina, Italy. Invited speaker.
ASRI Conference. New York. Invited Speaker.
International Meeting for the German Society for Cell Biology (DGZ). Regensburg, Germany. Invited Speaker.
Harvard University. Boston, MA. Seminar
MMHCC January 2014 Steering Committee Meeting. Rockville, MD. Invited Speaker.
- 2013** **International Annual Meeting of Cochin Institute. Paris, France. Invited Speaker.**
STARR Symposium. CSHL. Platform presentation.
Genentech, San Francisco. Invited Speaker.
BRIC Institute. Copenhagen, Denmark. Invited Speaker.
Italian Institute of Technology. Milan. Italy. Invited Speaker.
AEGH Annual Meeting. Madrid, Spain. Invited Speaker.
AACR Annual Meeting. Washington. Invited Speaker.
Keystone Symposium “non-coding RNAs and cancer”. Vancouver, Canada. Invited Speaker.
- 2012** **Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics. San Francisco. Invited Speaker.**
Rutgers University. Seminar.
New York University Medical School. Seminar.
Albert Einstein University. Seminar.

UNJMS Seminar speaker.

- 2011 Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Seminars in Oncology. Invited speaker.**
 OTS meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark. Invited Speaker.
 Leuven University. Belgium. Invited Speaker.
 Life Science Symposium. Lausanne, Switzerland. Invited Speaker.
 XXI Nikolas Symposium. Greece. Invited Speaker.
 2nd mid-Atlantic MicroRNA Mini-Symposium. Philadelphia. Invited speaker.
 Keystone Symposium on non-coding RNAs and Cancer, Banff, Canada. Invited Speaker.
 Mount Sinai Medical School. Invited Speaker.
- 2010 Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea. Invited Speaker.**
 Forbeck Scholar Retreat. Speaker.
 Carnegie Institution. Invited seminar speaker.
 NRCI, Liverpool Cancer Meeting. Invited Speaker.
 CSHL Mechanism and Models of Cancer. Invited Speaker.
 American Association for Cancer Research Meeting. Washington DC. Invited Speaker.
 University of North Carolina. Non-coding RNAs Symposium. Invited Speaker.
 MicroRNAs and human diseases. Saint Kitts. Invited Speaker.
 University College of London. microRNAs and Cancer. Invited Speaker.

Grants Reviews and Study Sections

- 2020 NIH/ PAR- 20-085: Pilot Centers for Precision Disease Modeling (U54). Ad hoc Member.
 2017 NIH/NCI CAMP Meeting 2017/05 ZCA1-RPRB-O-M1. Ad hoc Member.
 2016 NIH/NCI CSR Meeting 2017/01 CAMP. Ad hoc Member.
 2016 NIH/NCI Meeting 2016/05 ZCA1-RPRB-C-M1. Ad hoc Member.
 2015 NIH.NCI R03 & R21 study section. Study Section Member.
 2013 NIH/NIEHS ES12-006 (R21) and ES12-007(R01). Study Section Member.
 2011 American Cancer Society. Grants and fellowship reviewer.
 2010 NCI/NIH Molecular Oncology PO1 Study Section. Ad hoc member.
 2009 NCI/NIH Molecular Oncology PO1 Study Section. Ad hoc member.

Publications (Published and in press)

Original research

1. Henri Schmidt, Minsi Zhang, Dimitar Chakarov, Vineet Bansal, Haralambos Mourelatos, Francisco J Sánchez-Rivera, Scott W Lowe, Andrea Ventura, Christina S Leslie, Yuri Pritykin. Genome-wide CRISPR guide RNA design and specificity analysis with GuideScan2. *Genome Biology* 26, 41 (2025).
2. Imran Noorani, Magnus Haughey, Jens Luebeck, Andrew Rowan, Eva Grönroos, Francesco Terenzi, Ivy Tsz-Lo Wong, Davide Pradella, Marta Lisi, Jeanette Kittel, Natasha Sharma, Chris Bailey, Clare E Weeden, Donald M Bell, Eric Joo, Vittorio Barbè, Matthew G Jones, King L Hung, Emma L Nye, Mary Green, Lucy Meader, Emma J Norton, Mark Fabian, Nnennaya Kanu, Mariam Jamal-Hanjani, Thomas Santarius, Andrea Ventura, James AR Nicoll, Delphine Boche, Howard Y Chang, Vineet Bafna, Weini Huang, Paul S Mischel, Charles Swanton, Benjamin Werner. Extrachromosomal DNA–Driven Oncogene Spatial Heterogeneity and Evolution in Glioblastoma. *Cancer Discovery* (2025) 15 (10): 2078–2095.
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- Dengler-Crish, Kenneth Y Tsai, Elsa R Flores, Andrea Ventura, Joseph L Kissil. *Cancer Discovery* 2026;XX:1–11.
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 5. Davide Pradella, Minsi Zhang¹, Rui Gao, Melissa A. Yao, Katarzyna M. Gluchowska, Ylenia Cendon-Florez, Tanmay Mishra, Gaspere La Rocca, Moritz Weigl, Ziqi Jiao, Hieu H. M. Nguyen, Marta Lisi, Mateusz M. Ozimek, Chiara Mastroleo, Kevin Chen, Felix Grimm, Jens Luebeck, Shu Zhang, Andrea Alice Zolli, Eric G. Sun, Bhargavi Dameracharla, Zhengqiao Zhao, Yuri Pritykin, Carlie Sigel, Howard Y. Chang, Paul S. Mischel, Vineet Bafna, Cristina R. Antonescu & Andrea Ventura. Engineered extrachromosomal oncogene amplifications promote tumorigenesis. *Nature* 637, 955–964 (2025). PMID: 39695225.
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 7. Zhen Qin, Meiting Yue, Shijie Tang, Fengying Wu, Honghua Sun, Yuan Li, Yongchang Zhang, Hiroki Izumi, Hsinyi Huang, Wanying Wang, Yun Xue, Xinyuan Tong, Shunta Mori, Tetsuro Taki, Koichi Goto, Yajuan Jin, Fei Li, Fu-Ming Li, Yijun Gao, Zhaoyuan Fang, Yisheng Fang, Liang Hu, Xiumin Yan, Guoliang Xu, Haiquan Chen, Susumu S Kobayashi, Andrea Ventura, Kwok-Kin Wong, Xueliang Zhu, Liang Chen, Shengxiang Ren, Luo-Nan Chen, Hongbin Ji. EML4-ALK fusions drive lung adeno-to-squamous transition through JAK-STAT activation. *Journal of Experimental Medicine* 2024;221(3):e20232028.
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