

Brief Curriculum Vitae

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Degree Summa Cum laude (110 e lode) in Medicine and Surgery (M.D.), Federico II University of Naples, Italy; Board Certification Summa cum Laude (70 e lode) in Cardiology and Angiology, Federico II University of Naples, Italy; Board Certification Summa cum Laude (70 e lode) in Geriatrics and Gerontology, Federico II University of Naples, Italy; Ph.D. Thesis in Neurovegetative Medicine-Cerebrovascular Disease (Ph.D.) Summa cum Honoris, University of Catania, Italy; Master of Ind level Summa cum Laude in Human Bioethics (M.B. Eth.), Ateneo Pontificio, Rome, Italy.

Author of more than 360 papers in extenso in international peer-reviewed journals (including The Lancet, Journal of Clinical Investigation, Cell, Circulation, Circulation Research, ASTVB, JACC, FASEB Journal, Nature Rev Cardiol, Biol Chem, Stem cells, Journal of Hypertension, European Heart Journal, Cardiovascular Research, and PNAS).

TOP Italian Scientist Position #50; SCOPUS web Author ID: 35430280800, Documents: 367, Total citations: 49684, H-index: 64 (Scopus), H-index: 76 (Google Scholar).

Assignments in International Universities: Temple University, PA, US; Boston University, MA, US; San Diego University, CA, US.

Major Research Interest: 1) Cardiovascular Diseases (Atherogenesis, Nitric Oxide); 2) Hematology and Immunoematology (Thalassemia, Coagulation Pathology); 3) Organ Transplantation (Kidney, Heart, Liver).

Major 35 Publications:

- 1 Sommese L, Zullo A, Mancini FP, Fabbricini R, Soricelli A, **Napoli C**. Clinical relevance of epigenetics in the onset and management of type 2 diabetes mellitus. **Epigenetics**. 2017;12(6):401-415.
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