

CURRICULUM VITAE



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WORK

• From December 2018 - present

Full Professor of Rheumatology, University degli Studi della Campania L. Vanvitelli, Naples, Italy. Head Section of Rheumatology, AOU Vanvitelli, Naples, Italy

From October 2017 to December 2018

Head, Section of Clinical and experimental Rheumatology
University of Palermo, Palermo, Italy

• From May 2009 to December 2018

Assistant Professor of Rheumatology,
University of Palermo, Italy
Dipartimento Biomedico di Medicina Interna e Specialistica (DIBIMIS)
University of Palermo, Palermo, Italy

From January 2007 to May 2009

Hospital, physician, Emergency Unit
San Raffaele "G. Giglio" Hospital
Cefalù, Italy

EDUCATION AND TRAINING TITLES

• November 2018

Winner of the selection procedure for covering a position of Professor of Rheumatology at the University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli", Naples, Italy

2018

National Scientific Qualification: suitable for the role of Full Professor

2017

National Scientific Qualification: suitable for the role of Associate Professor

• 2007

PhD
Dipartimento Biomedico di Medicina Interna e Specialistica (DIBIMIS)
University of Palermo, Italy

• 2004

Specialization in Internal Medicine
University of Palermo, Italy

• from 01-02-2003 to 20-12-2003

• 1999

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ATTIVITÀ CLINICA

• Consensus conference

Research Fellow

Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital, King's College, London UK

Italian national qualification to practice the profession of physician

Degree in medicine and surgery; Voting 110/110 cum laude
University of Palermo, Italy

Professor Francesco Ciccia carries out his clinical and scientific research activity as Director at the Rheumatology Unit of the L. Vanvitelli University Hospital in Naples, the regional reference center for classification, diagnosis, treatment and the follow-up of systemic autoimmune and inflammatory rheumatologic diseases and rare rheumatological diseases.

He has extensive experience in the indication, use and short- and long-term management of therapies of the rheumatologic patient, with both traditional therapeutic approaches and with biotechnological drugs, in indication, experimental and off-label, and in numerous Experimental Studies that leads as Principal Investigator.

He has decades of experience in the diagnosis and treatment of seronegative spondyloarthritis, taking care, as Head of the Spondylitis Clinic, of the outpatient activity dedicated to patients with seronegative spondyloarthritis, aimed at guaranteeing an early diagnostic classification and the management of the articular and extra-articular clinical manifestations in an integrated clinical-scientific approach and in the context of updated diagnostic and instrumental pathways adapted to the type of patient, with consequent optimization of therapeutic management and follow-up of the patients themselves.

Ha partecipato attivamente a Consensus conferences in qualità di Esperto per la stesura di linee guida di trattamento e management delle malattie reumatiche e autoimmuni.

- **International workshop "From pathology to treatment: what evidence in rheumatic and autoimmune diseases?" Consensus conference**, October 2015, Francavilla al Mare (Chieti), Italy

Hesitated in the publication:

Giacomelli R, et al. *Autoimmun Rev.* 2017 Jul 10. doi: 10.1016/j.autrev.2017.07.012. [Epub ahead of print] Review.

- **International workshop "From pathology to treatment: what evidence in rheumatic and autoimmune diseases?" Consensus conference**, October 2017, Francavilla al Mare (Chieti), Italy

Hesitated in the publication:

Giacomelli R et al. *Autoimmun Rev.* 2017 Sep;16(9):911-924. doi: 10.1016/j.autrev.2017.07.012. Epub 2017 Jul 11. Review.

- **The growing role of precision medicine for the treatment of autoimmune diseases; results of a systematic review of literature and Experts' Consensus.**

Giacomelli R et al. *Autoimmun Rev.* 2021 Feb;20(2):102738.

• Clinical trials

He has extensive experience in conducting experimental clinical trials on rheumatologic, international and national, randomized controlled, blind and placebo, observational diseases, according to the rules of good clinical practice (Good Clinical

Practice, certified training), also covering the role of Principal Investigator and actively participating in international and national Investigator meetings.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

The main field of scientific interest of Professor Francesco Ciccia is the immunopathology of seronegative spondyloarthritis, especially of ankylosing spondylitis (AS), a field in which he carries out research focused on the study of innate immunity mechanisms underlying the pathogenesis of AS, the regulation of Interleukin 23 production and the immunological link between subclinical intestinal inflammation and axial joint inflammation in AS. It has also contributed significantly to the elucidation of the pathogenetic mechanisms underlying other rheumatological diseases, such as psoriatic arthritis, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic vasculitis, in particular of giant-cell arteritis (GCA), and other systemic inflammatory diseases.

He conducted in these areas basic and translational scientific research, as well as clinical research, which resulted in the production of numerous scientific publications in high impact factor scientific journals, in the acceptance and presentation of scientific contributions (oral communications, posters) to the main Congresses Rheumatology and in the wide recognition in the international scientific community of his position of Expert with invitations to talk to the most authoritative national international Congresses of the sector as invited guest speaker and awarding of prizes.

It has established fruitful collaborations with international and national research groups, carrying out activities of direction, coordination, organization and planning of activities in the context of hesitant research projects, also obtaining funding on the basis of competitive calls for proposals involving peer review.

In 2017 he hosted in Palermo, taking care of the Scientific Program as Chair, the prestigious Congress of the Consortium IGAS (International Genetics of Ankylosing Spondylitis) of Genetics Experts and immunological bases of AS. He also organized and presided over the "International Meeting on Spondyloarthritis" Congress in 2013 and 2015, bringing together the highest experts in the sector in Palermo.

Since 2016 he is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Spondyloarthritides Congress, the most important international meeting on spondyloarthritis organized every two years in Gent, and has actively participated in the organization of the Scientific Program of the 2016 and 2018 and 2020 meetings.

Since 2018 he is a full member of the ASAS working group.

Since 2017 is member of the scientific committee of the Italian foundation for the research in Arthritis

He is a member of the scientific committee of the EWRR 2020 to be held in Leuven.

<p>TEACHING ACTIVITY</p>	<p>Professor Ciccia was Professor of Rheumatology in the Degree Course in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Palermo and Caltanissetta, Italy, from September 2017 and from September 2010 respectively until December 2018.</p> <p>From January 2019 he is Professor of Rheumatology in the Degree Course in Medicine and Surgery of the University of Campania L. Vanvitelli, Naples, Italy.</p> <p>He has performed and is a lecturer in the following research doctorates accepted by the Ministry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Diseases of well-being, nutrogeomics and degenerative diseases" Cycle: XXXIII From June 2017. - "International Doctorate in Immunopharmacology" Cycle: XXVI From 10-30-2012 to 10-30-2015 – - "PhD in Translational Medicine "Cycle XXVI <p>He was appointed external member of the Commission for Research Doctorates at foreign universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Univeristy of Leuven, Belgium, 21 dicembre 2016 -Instute Pasteur, Paris, France, 21 settembre 2017
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<p>OTHER LANGUAGES</p>	<p>ENGLISH</p>
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