

Personal information

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Education

1998: Medical Doctor's Degree summa cum laude, University of Bologna
 2004: Internal Medicine Specialist Degree summa cum laude, University of Bologna
 2009: Academic Doctorate (PhD) in Ultrasound in Medicine, University of Bologna 2009-2010: Master in Research in Liver Diseases, University of Barcelona, Spain
 2011: Post-graduate certificate in Methodology in Biostatistic, Autonom University of Barcelona (UAB)
 2012: Academic Doctorate (PhD) in Medicine (Hepatology) summa cum laude and special mention prize, University of Barcelona. Title of the thesis: "Novel non-invasive methods for cirrhosis and portal hypertension"
 2012: Italian National Academic Qualification as Associate Professor in Gastroenterology and in Internal Medicine
 16.03.2016-: Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Berne
 October 2016-: Visiting Professor at the University of Belgrade, Serbia.

Employment history

10.1999 to 10.2004: Resident in Internal Medicine, hired based on a competitive selection, Policlinico S. Orsola-Malpighi (University Hospital), Bologna, Italy
 12.2004 to 11.2006: Specialist in internal medicine for in- and outpatients care. Policlinico S.Orsola-Malpighi (University Hospital), Bologna, Italy. The contract complemented the pre-doctoral research grant obtained in the same institution (see line below).
 06.12.2004 to 28.11.2008: Pre-doctoral research fellow, University of Bologna, Policlinico S.Orsola-Malpighi Bologna, Italy
 11.2008 to 09.2012: MD Specialist in ultrasound imaging (40%), Hospital Clinic, Barcelona, Spain.
 12.2008 to 03.2009: Pre-doctoral research fellow (60%); Hepatic Hemodynamic Laboratory, Fundació Clínic per a la Recerca Biomèdica (FCRB), Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona, Spain
 04.2009 to 10.2013: Post-doctoral research fellow, Hepatic Hemodynamic Laboratory, Fundació Clínic per a la Recerca Biomèdica, Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona, Spain
 10.2013 to 11.2014: Post-doctoral research contract (100%), Hepatic Hemodynamic Laboratory, Hospital Clinic, Barcelona, CIBERehd, Spain
 12.2014-12.2015: Attending Physician in Hepatology (Oberärztin II; 100%), University Clinic of Visceral Surgery and Medicine, Inselspital, Berne, Switzerland
 01.2016-08.2016: Attending Physician in Hepatology (Oberärztin I; 100%), University Clinic of Visceral Surgery and Medicine, Inselspital, Berne, Switzerland
 09/2016-present: Senior Attending Physician (Leitenderärztin; 100%), Hepatology, University Clinic of Visceral Surgery and Medicine, Inselspital, Berne, Switzerland.

Institutional responsibilities

2016-2020: Committee for management of inpatients at the University Clinic of Visceral Surgery and Medicine, Inselspital, Berne, Switzerland
 06/2019-: Steering Committee of the Interdisciplinary Center for Intervention (IZI), Inselspital, Berne, Switzerland
 2020-: Committee for management of outpatients at the Bauchzentrum, University Clinic of Visceral Surgery and Medicine, Inselspital, Berne, Switzerland

Ongoing competitive research projects

1. Bern Center for Precision Medicine Grant 2019 "Predictive factors of cirrhosis regression in patients with advanced chronic liver disease". Role: principal investigator. 12 months Grant (Sept. 2019-Sept 2020).
2. - Swiss National Science Foundation 320030_189252. Inhibition of the stiffness-derived molecular axis to improve liver cirrhosis and portal hypertension. Role: principal investigator (Co-PI: Jordi Gracia-Sancho). 36 months grant (November 2019-October 2022).
3. National Institute of Health (US) NIH R01-CA215520-02. Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound Evaluation of focal liver lesions in patients with cirrhosis or other risk factors for developing HCC. Role: Site main investigator. PI: A. Lyshchik (Jefferson University). 32 months grant (January 2019- August 2021).
4. Swiss Cancer Research KFS-4131-02-2017. Effect of direct acting antiviral drugs on the occurrence of intra- and extra-hepatic malignancies in patients with chronic hepatitis C. Role: principal investigator. 36 months grant (July 2017-August 2020, postponed to August 2021).

Teaching activities

2019-: Coordinator of the thematic block "diseases of the gastrointestinal system, liver and

metabolism”, third year of medical studies, University of Bern

2018-: coordinator of the Liver Module of the Master in Biomedicine, University of Bern

2015-: faculty member, liver module, M Master in Biomedicine, University of Bern

2016-2019: Tutor, Problem Based Learning, Themenblock 5, 6 und 7 (2016); Tutorenblock 5 (2017-19)

2018-2020: Vertiefungsseminar (4 h/year in 2018 and 2019, 2 h/year 2020)

2020: frontal lecture and Themenblock summary, third year of medical studies.

Supervisor of Dissertation: Jacqueline De Gottardi (2019); Cristina Margini (2020, submitted); Valerie Will (in preparation).

Academic Supervisor of the following Excellence Government Scholarship/PhD Students: Yuly Mendoza (Colombia; 2018-2019); Sonia Salicean (Romania; 2019-2021); Ahmed Elmahdi (Egypt; 2019-2020)

Academic Supervisor of the following Chinese Government Scholarships Students: Tao Wan (2018-2020); Cong Wang (2018-2021).

Memberships in panels, boards, and individual scientific reviewing activities

2010-present: reviewer for: Hepatology, Journal of Hepatology, American Journal of Gastroenterology, Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Liver International, JCU, EJU, JUM.

2013-2015: Member of the Annual Meeting Education Committee of the American Association for the Study of the Liver (AASLD).

2015: Member of the Scientific Committee of the Baveno VI consensus conference

2014-2016: Expert Reviewer for the International Liver Congress™ of the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL).

2014-2015: Expert reviewer for Horizon 2020 projects of the European Commission

2016-2019: Member of the Scientific Committee, Governing Board of European association for the study of the liver (EASL)

2017-2018: Editorial Board – Hepatology; 2020-: Editorial Board – Liver International

2016-2019: Associate Editor- Digestive and Liver Disease

2016-: Associate Editor- Seminars in Liver Disease.

04/2019-: Associate Editor - Journal of Hepatology.

Active memberships in scientific societies: EASL, AASLD, EFSUMB, Swiss Association for the study of the liver (SASL), Spanish Assoc. for the study of the liver (AEEH). Women in Hepatology.

Organization of conferences

2019: Post-graduate course of the Swiss association for the study of the liver (SASL), Vevey, Switzerland.

2019: Post-graduate course on “Endstage Liver Disease”, International Liver Congress EASL, Vienna (Austria) April 2019;

2018: EASL clinical school “Vascular Liver Diseases”, Berne (Switzerland), November 23-24th, 2018. Co-organizers: Prof. Jean-François Dufour, Prof. Andrea De Gottardi. This is an event supported by EASL according to a competitive application

2018: International Course-Euroson School (EFSUMB) “Contrast-enhanced ultrasound in hepatology”, Berne (Switzerland), October 5-6th, 2018. First international course on contrast-enhanced ultrasound organized in Switzerland, and has been supported by the SNSF (scientific exchange program). Co-organizer: Prof. N. Semmo.

2017: Post-graduate course of the Swiss association for the study of the liver (SASL), Wolfsberg, Switzerland.

Since 2014 (ongoing): Program director, “Ultrasound and elastography in liver disease”, AEEH.

Prizes, awards, fellowships

2018: first winner of the Stern-Gattiker Prize, Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences

2013: Special Prize “Premio extraordinario de Doctorado” of the University of Barcelona for the scientific quality of the doctoral thesis. 2013: Prize “Rising Star in Gastroenterology and Hepatology”, Sociedad Española de Patología Digestiva (SEPD).

2019-2020: Participant to the High Potential University Leaders Identity & Skills Training Program - Gender Sensitive Leaders in Academia

Scientific interest and output

Main interests: cirrhosis; portal hypertension; non-invasive methods for the assessment of liver disease. Output: 158 ISI indexed peer-reviewed publications. 20 Book chapters; 1 Book as Editor, published in 2018 (“Diagnostic methods in cirrhosis and portal hypertension”. Berzigotti A and Bosch J Editors. Springer Publisher).

Bibliometrics (Google Scholar, accessed on 07.03.2020): H-index 48; i-10 Index: 107; total cites 9590.

Link to a comprehensive publication list:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=berzigotti+a>