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CURRENT POSITION

• Date (from –to)	16/03/2019 – TODAY
	Attending in General Surgeon Unit of Hepato-Bilio-Pancreatic and Digestive Surgery Department of Health Sciences University of Milan San Paolo Hospital Via Di Rudinì 8, 20142 Milan, Italy
• Professional experiences	Experience in open and minimally invasive liver resections.

ACADEMIC TITLES

• Date (from – to)	09 /11/2020- TODAY
	Professor of second band
	National Italian Scientific Qualification (ASN) as Professor of second band in General Surgery, achieved in the 2020 and published on 09/11/2020.

• Date (from – to)	01 /10/2017- 04/02/2021
	PhD degree – Translational Biomedicine XXXIII cycle - University of Catania
	PhD degree achieved on 11/02/2021, discussing the thesis entitled “ <i>The role of E-cadherin expression in the treatment of western undifferentiated early gastric cancer: Can a biological factor predict lymph node metastasis?</i> ”

• Date (from – to)	01 /07/2009- 07/10/2015
	Postgraduate medical specialty in General Surgery – University of Catania
	Postgraduate medical specialty in General Surgery awarded on 07.10.2015 discussing the thesis entitled " <i>News & Prospective about the management of the incidental gallbladder: Clinical Experience</i> ".

• Date (from – to)	FROM OCTOBER 2003 To JUNE 2008 (6 YEARS)
	Degree in Medicine and Surgery - Medical School – University of Catania
	Degree in Medicine and Surgery, Class n ° 46 / D.M 28/11/2000; achieved on 28/10/2008 discussing the thesis entitled: ‘ <i>The Ogilvie’s syndrome: review and current surgical indications</i> ’.
	110/110 cum Laude

TRAINING

From –September 2014 to July 2015	I.S.M.E.T.T- UPMC - University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Director: Prof. Bruno Gridelli, MD, PhD
	Experience in organ procurement from cadaver donors (kidney, liver) and participation to liver and Kidney transplantation. Participation to research and multidisciplinary Meeting (Tumor Board, Liver Meeting).

From –September 2013 to August 2014	Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Integrata - Università degli Studi di Verona. Dipartimento ad Attività Integrata di Chirurgia Generale ed Oncologica. U.O.C di Chirurgia Generale A e d.U, Sezione di Chirurgia Oncologica Epato-Bilio-Pancreatica, Piazzale A. Scuro n° 10, 37134, Borgo Roma, Verona. Direttore: Prof. Alfredo Guglielmi.
	Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Integrata
	<p>Experience in hepato-pancreatobiliary surgery with laparotomy, laparoscopic and robotic approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major liver resections • Mesoepatectomy • duodenocefalopancreatectomy • Central Pancreasectomy <p>Participation to clinical activities of the intensive care units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-operative management of the patients undergoing to pancreatic and major liver resections. - Management of post-operative complications: duodenum-pancreatic fistula, post-hepatectomy liver failure (PHLF), systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS), failure multi- organ (MOF).

Research interests:

- Laparoscopic liver surgery
- Pancreatobiliary surgery
- Liver Transplantation
- ICG Guided Surgery

Attività Didattica:

- **Attività di tutoraggio** nel Reparto di Chirurgia Generale e Senologia (Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Policlinico Vittorio Emanuele, Università degli Studi di Catania), di studenti interni, tirocinanti pre e post-Laurea.
- Nel 2019 **Docente** per gli Studenti del Corso di Laurea in Medicina e Chirurgia, Università degli Studi di Milano , Polo San Paolo (Attività Didattica Elettiva): Traumi addominali.
- **Tutor e Relatore** insieme al Prof Enrico Opocher della Tesi di Specializzazione in Chirurgia Generale, Università degli Studi di Milano.
Specializzanda (Dott.ssa Lorenza Zampino).
Titolo della tesi: “Il ruolo dell’espressione dell’E-Caderine nel trattamento degli “Early Gastric Cancer” Occidentali.

Editorial Board Member for International Journals:

- **Associate Editorial Board Member of Recent Patents on Anti-Cancer Drug Discovery.**
Rivista indicizzata su Scopus e su Web of Science con Impact Factor: 2.121.
- **Associated Editorial Board Member of Current Medical Imaging**
Rivista indicizzata su Scopus e su Web of Science con Impact Factor: 0.812.
- **Associate Editorial Board Member of Current Cancer Therapy and Review**

Peer Review for International Journals:

- **Peer Review for Medical Journal - OMICS Publishing Group (from 03-01-2014 to present)**
- **Peer Review for World Journal of Gastroenterology; Number ID 02953899 (19 scientific papers reviewed, from 06-05-2014 to today)**
- **Peer Review for Annals of Hepatology (6 scientific papers reviewed on behalf of the journal from 11-03-2017 to today)**
- **Peer Review for Frontiers of Medicine - Springer (from 20-05-2014 to today)**
- **Peer Review for BMJ Case Report (from 27-06-2015 to today)**
- **Peer Review for Surgical Oncology (from 14-06-2018 to today)**
- **Peer Review for World Journal of Surgery (from 29-10-2018 to today)**
- **Peer Review for Chronic Diseases and Translational Medicine (from 04-12-2018 to today)**

Organizzazione o partecipazione come relatore a convegni di carattere scientifico in Italia o all'estero:

Relatore al 54° CONGRESSO REGIONALE DELLA SOCIETÀ SICILIANA DI CHIRURGIA dal 05-04-2013 al 06-04-2013

Relatore al Congresso S.I.CO - SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI CHIRURGIA ONCOLOGICA "LA CHIRURGIA FUTURIBILE" del 2012 dal 05-04-2013 al 06-04-2013

Relatore al 121° CONGRESSO DELLA SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI CHIRURGIA. Titolo: Indocyanine green fluorescence guided surgery for wedge liver resection of hepatocellular carcinoma at segment 6 dal 07-10-2019 al 07-10-2019

Direzione o partecipazione alle attività di un gruppo di ricerca caratterizzato da collaborazioni a livello nazionale o internazionale:

- Partecipazione alle attività del gruppo di Ricerca dell'**European Society of Coloproctology (ESCP)** per lo studio multicentrico internazionale: **Ileus MAnagement INtErnational, IMAGINE-EuroSurg** (study protocol IMAGINE_v2.1-1).

I cui risultati sono stati oggetto di pubblicazioni su riviste con impact factor:

1. Safety and efficacy of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to reduce ileus after colorectal surgery. **BRITISH JOURNAL OF SURGERY**, vol. 107, p. E161-E169, ISSN: 0007-1323, doi: 10.1002/bjs.11326.

2. Safety of hospital discharge before return of bowel function after elective colorectal surgery. **BRITISH JOURNAL OF SURGERY**, Apr;107(5):552-559, ISSN: 0007-1323, doi: 10.1002/bjs.11422. dal 01-09-2019 al 24-01-2020

3. Timing of nasogastric tube insertion and the risk of postoperative pneumonia: an international, prospective cohort study. **Colorectal Dis.** 2020 Dec;22(12):2288-2297.

- Partecipazione alle attività del gruppo di Ricerca dell'**World Scientific and Emergency Society (WSES)** per lo studio multicentrico internazionale: cholecystitis under COVID-19 pandemic: a multicenter WSES prospective study NCT04542512.

I cui risultati sono in fase di pubblicazione.

- Partecipazione alle attività del gruppo di Ricerca dell'**European-African Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (E-AHPBA)** per lo studio multicentrico internazionale: **bilobar liver metastases from priary colorectal camcer (BiCRLM**, study protocol v1.1)

I cui risultati sono in fase di pubblicazione.

- Partecipazione alle attività del gruppo di Ricerca dell'**European-African Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (E-AHPBA)** per lo studio multicentrico internazionale: The Operative Management of resectalbel GAllbladder cancer OMEGA.

I cui risultati sono in fase di pubblicazione.

Conseguimento di premi e riconoscimenti per l'attività scientifica.

Premio per la migliore Comunicazione in ambito Oncologico rilasciato dalla **Società Italiana di Chirurgia** (117° Congresso Nazionale della SIC, Milano 2015): "Could the dosage of cadherins be useful in planning the surgical strategy for early gastric cancer?"
dal 23-10-2015 al 23-10-2015

Member of Scientific Societies:

- Società Italiana di Chirurgia (SIC)
- European Fluorescence Imaging-Guided Surgery EURO-FIGS
- The International Society for Fluorescence Guided Surgery ISFGS

Author of the following 47 publications (from 2008 to 2021) published in international scientific journals with Impact Factor; total number of 760 citations recorded on SCOPUS (H-Index 15)

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Publications

1. Pesce A, **Piccolo G**, Lecchi F, Fabbri N, Diana M, Feo C.V Fluorescent cholangiography: An up-to-date overview twelve years after the first clinical application. *World Journal of Gastroenterology* 2021. 27(36):5989-6003.
2. **Piccolo G**, Barabino, M, Diana M, Lo Menzo E, Epifani AG, Lecchi F, Santambrogio R, Opocher E. Application of indocyanine green fluorescence (ICG) as an adjuvant to laparoscopic ultrasound in minimally invasive liver resection. *J Laparoendosc Adv Surg Tech A*. 2021. May;31(5):517-523.
3. Barabino M, **Piccolo G**, Trizzino A, Fedele V, Ferrari C, Nicastro V, Pisani Ceretti A, De Nicola E, Mariani NM, Giovenzana M, Scifo G, Mazza M, Vercelli R, Santambrogio R, Luigiano C, Opocher E. COVID-19 outbreak and acute cholecystitis in a Hub Hospital in Milan: wider indications for percutaneous cholecystostomy. *BMC Surg*. 2021 Apr 6;21(1):180.
4. Mantovani S, Varchetta S, Mele D, Donadon M, Torzilli G, Soldani C, Franceschini B, Porta C, Chiellino S, Pedrazzoli P, Santambrogio R, Barabino M, Cigala C, **Piccolo G**, Opocher E, Maestri M, Sangiovanni A, Bernuzzi S, Lhospice F, Kraiem M, Mondelli MU, Oliviero B. An Anti-MICA/B Antibody and IL-15 Rescue Altered NKG2D-Dependent NK Cell Responses in Hepatocellular Carcinoma. *Cancers (Basel)*. 2020 Nov 30;12(12):3583.
5. Barabino M, **Piccolo G**, Tosi D, Masserano R, Santambrogio R, Piozzi G, Cigala C, Luigiano C, Codecà C, Ferrari D, Ierardi AM, Bulfamante G, Carrafiello G, Opocher E. Immunohistochemical evaluation of microsatellite instability in resected colorectal liver metastases: a preliminary experience. *Med Oncol*. 2020 Jun 17;37(7):63.
6. Santambrogio R, Barabino M, D'Alessandro V, Galfrascoli E, Zappa MA, **Piccolo G**, Zuin M, Opocher E. Laparoscopic thermoablation for hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with liver cirrhosis: an effective procedure for tricky tumors. *Med Oncol*. 2020 Mar 19;37(4):32.
7. Italian Association of HepatoBilioPancreatic Surgeons-AICEP: **Piccolo G** (2020). Perspectives from Italy during the COVID-19 pandemic: nationwide survey-based focus on minimally invasive HPB surgery. *Updates Surg*. 2020 Jun;72(2):241-247.
8. **Piccolo G**, Zanghì A, Di Vita M, Bisagni P, Lecchi F, Cavallaro A, Cardì F, Lo Menzo E, Cappellani A. The role of E-cadherin expression in the treatment of western undifferentiated early gastric cancer: Can a biological factor predict lymph node metastasis? *PLoS One* . 2020 Apr 29;15(4):e0232429.
9. EuroSurg Collaborative: **Piccolo G** (2020). Timing of nasogastric tube

insertion and the risk of postoperative pneumonia: an international, prospective cohort study. *Colorectal Disease*, 2020, 22(12), pp. 2288–2297

10. EuroSurg Collaborative: **Piccolo G** (2020). Safety of hospital discharge before return of bowel function after elective colorectal surgery. *BRITISH JOURNAL OF SURGERY*, Apr;107(5):552-559.
11. EuroSurg Collaborative: **Piccolo G** (2020). Safety and efficacy of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to reduce ileus after colorectal surgery. *BRITISH JOURNAL OF SURGERY*, vol. 107, p. E161-E169.
12. **Piccolo G**, Ratti F, Cipriani F, Catena M, Paganelli M, **Aldrighetti L**. Totally Laparoscopic Radical Cholecystectomy for Gallbladder Cancer: A Single Center Experience. *J Laparoendosc Adv Surg Tech A*. 2019 Jun;29(6):741-746.
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