

FRANCESCA DARRA

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Nationality	Italian
Place and date of birth	Verona, 21/04/1966

PROFESSIONAL POSITION	University Researcher of Child Neuropsychiatry at the University of Verona since 31/12/2005
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EDUCATION

• 23/10/1996	Specialization with honours in Child Neuropsychiatry at the University of Verona presenting the thesis: "Assenze tipiche ad esordio nei primi tre anni di vita : studio elettroclinico di 34 casi"
• 16/07/1991	Graduation in Medicine at the University of Verona presenting the thesis: "Epilessie parziali dell'infanzia e crisi inibitorie :a proposito di 20 osservazioni personali"

WORK AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- 03/03/1999 Employed as Medical Doctor specialized in Child Neuropsychiatry at the Child Neuropsychiatry Unit of the Azienda Ospedaliera di Verona.
- June 1997 – Feb 1999 Various research grants by the Azienda Ospedaliera di Verona for research assignments at the Unit of Child Neuropsychiatry
During the same period she also worked that the 2nd Unit of Child Neuropsychiatry of the USL 20 acquiring experience in the diagnosis and management of children with developmental pathologies and behavioral and learning impairment.
- 1997-1998 Winner of a scholarship at the Unit of Child Neuropsychiatry of the Azienda Ospedaliera of Verona for research activity for diagnosis and management of infantile epilepsies.

SCIENTIFIC SKILLS

Speaker Congresses

Since 1998 she has been speaker at more than 30 international and national congresses. She has also made more than 30 presentations and national and international congresses.

She has organized more than 15 congresses and meetings

Drug trials

She has been involved as PI or SI in 20 clinical trials on epilepsy according to the GCP.

Participation in the following research programs

- Development and Epilepsy -strategies for innovative research to improve diagnosis, prevention and treatment in Children with difficult to treat epilepsy-WP2 Identifying genetic causes and pathophysiological mechanisms of epileptic encephalopathies. 7th Programme Framework THEME [HEALTH.2013.2.2.1-4] [Patho-physiology and therapy of epilepsy and epileptiform disorders (2012)
- "Is epileptic encephalopathy a general diagnostic category? Assessing neuropsychology and behaviour in children with severe Myoclonic Epilepsy of Infancy (Dravet syndrome) can demonstrate whether intractable seizures produce progressive disturbance in cerebral function in this disorder" (2008) (progetto Fondazione Mariani)
- "Alterazioni vascolari e neuro infiammazioni nell'epilessia sperimentale ed umana: identificazione di nuovi bersagli farmacologici" (2007) (progetto Cariverona)
- "Progetto epilessie del primo anno di vita: elaborazione di linee guida sui percorsi diagnostico- terapeutici" (2007) (progetto Ricerca Finalizzata Ministero della Salute)
- Satisfaction with antiepileptic treatment in children and adolescents with epilepsy. Incidence and clinical indicators" (2007) (Studio multicentrico dell'istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri Milano)
- Epilessie del primo anno di vita: elaborazione di linee guida sui percorsi diagnostico-terapeutici (2006) (Ricerca Finalizzata Istituto neurologico C. Mondino)
- "Array – CGH: tecnica di elezione per lo studio di malformazioni della corteccia cerebrale e di epilessia" (2005) (PRIN 2005)
- "Epilessia Temporale Mesiale con e senza sclerosi ippocampale: caratterizzazione elettroclinica, prognostica e meccanismi patogenetici" (2003) (PRIN 2003)
- "Mappaggio di geni coinvolti nell'epilessia a parossismi rolandici" (2001) (PRIN 2001)
- "Farmacoresistenza e terapia neurochirurgia delle epilessie parziali e delle encefalopatie epilettiche non evolutive dell'età prescolare" (1999) (PRIN 1999)
- "Epilessie gravi farmacoresistenti del bambino: formulazione di guidelines per la definizione precoce di farmacoresistenza e per le indicazioni al trattamento chirurgico" (1998) (PRIN 1998)

Member of Scientific Societies

She is an active member of the

- Italian Society of Pediatric Neuropsychiatry (SINPIA)
- Italian Society of Neuropediatrics
- Italian Society of Paediatrics
- Italian League against Epilepsy (LICE).

TEACHING SKILLS

Courses and Masters

- Child Neuropsychiatry at the Specialization Schools in Psychiatry, Physiatri, Paediatri and Neurology of the University of Verona.
- "Rehabilitation in Child Neuropsychiatry" at the Graduate School in Physiotherapy of the University of Verona.
- "Psychiatry in childhood 4" at the graduate School of Speech Therapy of the University of Verona.
- Child Neuropsychiatry at the Graduate School of Science of Education of the University of Verona.
- II Level Master in Epileptology of the University of Ferrara
- University of Verona Science of Education Master. Title "MASTER INTERNAZIONALE PRIMO LIVELLO PSICOMOTRICITA"
- Seminars and Courses on Child Neuropsychiatry to the students of Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Verona.
- Elective Course on Paroxysmic Non-Epileptic Events to the students of Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Verona.
- Child Neuropsychiatry at the Post-Graduate Specialization School in Child Neuropsychiatry of the University of Verona

Doctorates

2016	University of VERONA Title: "SCIENZE APPLICATE DELLA VITA E DELLA SALUTE" Starting year: 2016/2017 - Ciclo: XXXII - Duration: 3 years 01/10/2016
2015	University of VERONA Title: "SCIENZE APPLICATE DELLA VITA E DELLA SALUTE" Starting year: 2015/16 - Ciclo: XXXI - Duration: 3 years 01/11/2014-31/12/2016
2014	Università of VERONA Title: "SCIENZE APPLICATE DELLA VITA E DELLA SALUTE" Starting year: 2014/15 - Ciclo: XXX - Duration: 3 years 01/01/2014-31/12/2016
2012	University of VERONA Title: "IMAGING MULTIMODALE IN BIOMEDICINA" Starting year: 2012 - Ciclo: XXVIII - Duration: 3 years 01/01/2012-31/12/2014
2011	University of VERONA Title: "IMAGING MULTIMODALE IN BIOMEDICINA" Starting year: 2011 - Ciclo: XXVII - Duration: 3 years 01/01/2011-31/12/2013
2010	University of VERONA Title: "IMAGING MULTIMODALE IN BIOMEDICINA" Starting year: 2010 - Ciclo: XXVI - Duration: 3 years 01/01/2010-31/12/2012
2009	University of Verona. Title: "IMAGING MULTIMODALE IN BIOMEDICINA" Starting year: 2009 - Ciclo: XXV - Duration: 3 years 01/01/2009-31/12/2011

PUBLICATIONS

She has contributed to the publication of over 60 articles in specialized national and international journals, concerning especially:

- Partial occipital epilepsies in childhood
- Epilepsies in brain malformations
- Infantile epilepsies with unusual ictal manifestations
- Genetic epilepsies

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