

Personal information

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Citizenship: Italian

Profession: Medical doctor, specialist in dentistry, qualified in
aesthetic medicine. Tenured Associate Professor in Oral Diseases

Professional experience

Date: 1 oct 2025 - present

Position: Full Professor in Oral Diseases, Director, Independent Unit of Pediatric Dentistry and
Dental Hygiene

At: IRCCS Sacro Cuore Hospital, Negrar - Teaching and Clinical Center of the University
of Verona

Date: 2024 - 30 sept 2025

Position: Tenured Associate Professor in Oral Diseases, Director, Independent Unit of
Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

At: IRCCS Sacro Cuore Hospital, Negrar - Teaching and Clinical Center of the University
of Verona

Date: 2012 - 2023

Position: Tenured Associate Professor in Oral Diseases

At: Integrated University Hospital of Verona - Complex Operative Unit of Maxillofacial
Surgery and Dentistry

Date: from 2000 to 2012

Position: Tenured Associate Professor in Oral Diseases

At: University of Ferrara

Date: from 1993 to 2000

Position: University Researcher

At: Clinical University Hospital of Verona - Italy

Date: from 1991 to 1993

Position: Full-time medical senior assistant

At: Clinical University Hospital of Verona - Italy

Date: from 1988 to 1991

Position: Full-time medical assistant

At: Clinical University Hospital of Verona - Italy

Date: from 1985 to 1988

Position: Postgraduate Doctor specializing in Stomatology and Dentistry

At: Clinical University Hospital of Verona - Italy

Education and training

Date: July 1978

Qualification: Italian Scientific High school diploma

At: Liceo scientifico statale G. Fracastoro, Verona - Italy

Date: 24 July 1984

Qualification: Degree in Medicine and Surgery summa cum laude
At: University of Verona - Italy
Date: October 1987
Qualification: Specialization in Stomatology and Dentistry summa cum laude
At: University of Verona - Italy
Date: October 1992
Qualification: Master's degree in Interceptive Orthodontics
At: University of Cagliari - Italy
Date: December 2004
Qualification: Master's degree in Craniomandibular Disorders
At: University of Udine - Italy
Date: December 2005
Qualification: Master's degree in Paediatric Dentistry
At: University of Udine - Italy
Date: December 2006
Qualification: Master's degree in Oral Surgery and Prosthetics Implant
At: University of Udine - Italy
Date: from September 2011 to September 2015
Qualification: Postgraduate Four-year Diploma in Aesthetic Medicine
At: International School of Aesthetic Medicine
Fondazione Fatebenefratelli, Roma - Italy

Current position

Full Professor in Oral Diseases, Director, Independent Unit of Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Hygiene
At: University of Verona - IRCCS Sacro Cuore Hospital, Negrar - Teaching and Clinical Center of the University of Verona

Main professional skills

Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Health
Dental Traumatology
Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics
Aesthetic and Cosmetic Dentistry
Gnathology and Occlusal Rehabilitation
Prosthodontics and Implant-Prosthodontics
Oral Pathology and Oral Surgery
Traditional and Digital Interceptive Orthodontics
Preventive and Community Dentistry
Oral Hygiene and Prevention
Ergonomics in Dentistry
Aesthetic Medicine
Digital Dentistry

Teaching and tutorial activity

Date: from 1987 to 2000
At: UNIVERSITY OF VERONA - ITALY Faculty of Medicine and Surgery
Degree Course in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics:
Date: 1987-1991 Practical exercises and lessons in Conservative dentistry - II°, III° and IV° year students
Date: 1990 - 1992 Practical exercises in Clinical dentistry - V° year students

Date: 1990 - 1992 Pedodontics course - V^o year students
 Date: 1992 - 1997 Supplementary teaching, as a Researcher - V^o year Pedodontics course
 Date: 1997 - 2000 Pedodontics course - V^o year students
 Date: 1992 - 1993 Supplementary course in Traumatology in pedodontics - V^o year students
 Date: 1993 - 2000 Practical exercises
 Date: 1987 - 2000 Part of the examining board for exams in Conservative Dentistry, Pedodontics, Orthognatodontic and Oral Pathologies
 Advanced course in Endodontics:
 Date: 1991 -1994 Lecturer responsible for courses in Filling techniques.
 1995 - 1996 Pathological anatomy of dental pulp and parodontal tissues
 Advanced course in Conservative Dentistry and Dental Traumatology:
 Date: 1994 - 1996 Lecturer responsible for course in Materials used in Conservative Dentistry: fillings in classes I, II, III, IV and V
 Date: 1994 -1996 Lecturer responsible for course in Dental traumatology: diagnosis, treatment and aesthetic restorative
 Date: 1994 - 1996 Lecturer responsible for course in Reconstruction of lateral sectors.
 Undergraduate degree course in Medicine and Surgery:
 Date: 1999 - 2000 Lecturer responsible for elective course in Medicine on the women side
 Post-graduate course in Maxillofacial surgery:
 Date: 1987 - 1988 Practical exercises with III^o and IV^o year students
 Post-graduate course in Stomatology and Dentistry:
 Date: 1987 - 1988 Practical exercises - I^o - II^o - III^o year students
 Date: 1989 -1990 Practical exercises - I^o - II^o year students
 Date: 1990 - 1993 Practical exercises - II^o year students
 Date: 1988 - 1991 Conservative dentistry - I^o year students
 Date: 1988 - 1991 Conservative dentistry II - II^o year students
 Date: 1989 - 1994 Pediatric dentistry - II^o year students
 Date: 1991 - 1994 Preventive stomatology and dentistry - II^o year students
 Post-graduate course in Pediatrics:
 Date: 1993 - 2000 Lecturer responsible for the course in Stomatology - IV^o year students

 Date: from 2000 to 2012
 At: UNIVERSITY OF FERRARA - ITALY Faculty of Medicine and Surgery
 Degree Course in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics:
 Date: 1993 - 1996 Lectures and seminars on Conservative Dentistry and on Endodontics and Dental Traumatology to II^o and II^o year students
 Date: 2000 - 2010 Special pathologies of the oral cavity - IV year students
 Date: 2004 - 2012 Pedodontics - V year students
 Date: 2011 - 2012 Conservative Dentistry II year and Conservative Dentistry III year students
 Date: 2011 - 2012 Principles of Dentistry - Clinical Introduction module - II year students
 Postgraduate course in Orthodontics:
 Date: 2004 - 2012 Pedodontics - V years students
 Degree Course for Dental Hygienists:
 Date: 2006 - 2013 Orthodontics and Paediatric Dentistry - Pedodontics module
 Date: 2006 - 2013 Dental Traumatology: implications for the maintenance of oral hygiene

Date: 2006 – 2013 Oral pathologies in children and adolescents. Diagnosis and management of oral hygiene

Date: 2013 – present

At: UNIVERSITY OF VERONA

Degree course in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics:

Date: 2012 – present Pedodontics - V year students

Date: 2012 – 2023 Practical activities in Pedodontics - V and VI year students

Date: 2012 – present Cosmetic Dentistry – II year students, integrated with Aesthetic Medical Principles (2024 – present)

Date: 2012 – 2015 Clinical Introduction - II year students

Date: 2012 – 2014 Practical activities in the Clinical Introduction course

Date: 2012 – 2015 Preventive and community-based Dentistry

Date: 2012 – 2014 Gnatology

Date: 2012 – 2014 Practical activities in Gnatology

Date: 2014 – 2016 Restorative Dentistry

Date: 2014 – 2016 Practical Activities in Restorative Dentistry – IV year students

Date: 2014 – 2016 Endodontics

Date: 2014 – 2016 Practical Activities in Endodontics – IV year students

Date: 2014 – 2016 Practical Activities in Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics – III year students

Degree Course for Dental Hygienists (at Ala/Rovereto)

Date: 2011 – 2018 Pedodontics – III year students

Date: 2011 – 2012 Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics – II year students

Degree Course for Dental Hygienists (at Verona)

Date: 2014/15 - 2025 – present Community Dentistry

Date: 2015/16 -18/19 – 20/21 – present Pedodontics

Date: 2025 – present Ergonomics in Dentistry

Date: 2025 – present Ortodontics

Date: 2025 – present Prothesis

Date: 2025 – present Teaching methods for oral hygiene in pediatric dentistry

Date: 2025 – present University/company tutor for annual clinical internships in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years

Post Graduated Course in Maxillo-facial Surgery

Date: 2018-2022 Aesthetic medicine I-II-III- IV- V years students

Doctoral School, XXXIII Cycle, Life and Health Sciences

Date: 2022-2024 Oral Microbiota and Cancer: From Clinical Practice to Research

Master's Degree

Date: 2013-2014 Master's Degree in Pediatric Dentistry

Date: 2013-2014 Master's Degree in Dental Hygiene and Prevention of Oral Diseases in Pediatric Dentistry

Date: 2013-2014 Master's Degree in Pediatric Dental Traumatology

ACTIVITIES and SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION:

More than 130 articles in national and international academic journals, over 100 in impacted journals.

Papers presented at more than 160 national and international seminars and conferences

Supervision and examination of more than 100 undergraduate and postgraduate theses

One book about Clinical gnathology

One booklet of lecture notes on Paediatric Dentistry, Oral Pathologies, Prevention of Oral Cavity Tumours

One chapter in a book about Paediatric Traumatology

Associate Editor del Journal of Minerva Dental and Oral Science

Direttore Editoriale di Univrmagazine

Creator of the visual and editorial content and Editor of the book Univr: "2019-2025 - The Six Years of the Nocini Rectorate. Six Years of Vision, Growth, and Renewal"

Research areas

Clinical research in pediatric dentistry.

Prevention and treatment strategies for early childhood caries with innovative protocols, materials, and techniques.

Innovative protocols and methods in pediatric dental trauma.

Treatment protocols with innovative materials and techniques in the endodontic treatment of primary teeth.

Epidemiology of pediatric oral disease in a multiethnic population.

Pharmacological sedation protocols in outpatient dental treatment of early childhood.

Minimally invasive approach: slow pediatric dentistry - the Hall technique.

Dental erosions, white enamel lesions, and MIH (molar incisor hypomineralization). Prevention and early treatment of malocclusions in children and adolescents, including through digital interceptive orthodontics.

Amelogenesis and dentinogenesis imperfecta. Complex rehabilitation.

Bruxism and sleep apnea in children.

Dental problems and prevention protocols in children with disabilities, rare diseases, special needs patients, and autism spectrum disorders.

Oral and pharyngeal cancer: early prevention and correlation with the oral microbiota.

Prevention and treatment of skin blemishes in the head and neck area.

Innovative teaching methods.

Clinical work

Specialized dental and oral health care activities carried out on a daily basis at the Institute of Clinical Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Verona during the following academic years and positions:

1984-1987 Resident in Dentistry;

1988-1991 Full-time Hospital Assistant;

1991-1993 Full-time Hospital Assistant;

1993-2000 University Researcher at the University of Verona with the duties of Assistant for care purposes, pursuant to Article 102 of Presidential Decree 382/80 and Dental Consultant for the Pediatric Clinic for oral cavity pathologies of pediatric patients.

Description of practice: Specialist dental practice, both outpatient and in-patient, with on-call duties and day and night shifts. Clinical specialties include the diagnosis and treatment of oral, dental, soft tissue, temporomandibular joint disorders, and occlusion; traumatic dentoskeletal disorders; and aesthetic, conservative, prosthetic, and orthodontic dental rehabilitation.

Specialist dental practice is carried out continuously at the University of Ferrara at the Dental Clinic and the School of Specialization in Orthodontics, during the academic years and qualifications indicated below:

2000-2012 Associate Professor of Odontostomatological Diseases confirmed and integrated as a teaching assistant.

Description of activity: Outpatient specialist odontostomatological activity according to the teaching needs of clinical internships related to the subjects taught, examining and caring for patients requiring treatment for oral, dental, soft tissue, temporomandibular joint, occlusion, and traumatic dentoskeletal disorders, through their aesthetic, conservative, prosthetic, and orthodontic rehabilitation and follow-up.

Specialized dental practice performed daily and continuously at the Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry Unit (UOC) of the University Hospital (AOUI) of Verona during the academic years and qualifications indicated below:

2012-2023 Associate Professor of Odontostomatological Diseases

confirmed and integrated into the nursing department at the Integrated Hospital University of Verona.

2012-2019 Appointment as medical director, jointly with the Director of the Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry Unit, of the "Pedodontics" Department.

2019-2022 Appointment as HIGH SPECIALIZATION in "Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Traumatology"

2022-2023 Appointment as Unit Manager (SU) in "Pedodontics and Dental Traumatology" pursuing the following objectives: primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention of the most common oral diseases in pediatric age, from birth to

adolescence, particularly caries and periodontal disease, dentoalveolar traumatic disease, and malocclusions in primary and mixed dentition. Educational activities

for families, particularly those who are economically and socially disadvantaged, on maintaining oral health through instruction in the methods and use of preventive devices, as well as proper dietary habits that counteract the onset and progression of tooth decay, which still represents the most common chronic disease in pediatric

age, including in Italy, affecting 20 to 70% of subjects depending on age, but is also one of the theoretically most preventable chronic childhood diseases. To serve as a point of reference for pediatric dentistry and dental traumatology for local specialists.

Description of activity: Specialized care primarily for a large multicultural pediatric population, focusing on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of dental and surgical conditions on an outpatient basis and requiring hospitalization, including initial admission services, under a divisional and private practice regime.

The assignment of positions in pediatric dentistry and dental traumatology stems from specific training, attested by over thirty years of clinical and outpatient activity, carried out continuously since 1987, and accompanied by academic, teaching, and research activities, from her appointment as a researcher at the University of Verona in 1993, to

associate professor at the University of Ferrara from 2000 to 2012, and subsequently at the University of Verona from 2012 to the present.

From January 2024 to present: Director of the Independent Pediatric Dentistry and Dental Hygiene Unit at the IRCSS Sacro Cuore Hospital in Negrar, the first clinical educational training center of the University of Verona, located in Negrar at the Hospital and in Verona at the IRCSS Sacro Cuore outpatient clinic complex.

Description of Pediatric Dentistry: specialized care primarily aimed at primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of dental diseases in children and adolescents. The care plan encompasses the entire process, from the first visit to the care of pediatric patients for all dental pathologies, including the most common ones such as caries,

malocclusions, dental trauma, and periodontal disease, as well as the rarer anomalies of number, shape, structure, and malformations of teeth, temporomandibular joint disorders, oral soft tissue disorders, and rare osteogenetic diseases.

Regarding early caries, which affects the first years of life, the Independent Unit is becoming a point of reference for patients from outside the region as well.

Care activities include patients with special needs, vulnerable individuals, and those with autism spectrum disorders. Dental care aimed at the early correction of malocclusions includes modern Digital Orthodontics methods normally used for permanent dentition, also applied to early deciduous and mixed dentition.

Description of Dental Hygiene activity: tutoring and coordination of clinical hygiene protocols for the various pediatric, adult, and geriatric age groups. With particular attention to early childhood, to actively contribute to the primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention of caries and periodontal disease and to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable age groups.

Coordination of students and dental hygienists in training in the early detection of precancerous lesions and soft tissue tumors of the oral cavity.

CLINICAL CARE TUTORING

1987-2000 Responsible for the clinical tutoring of residents in Dentistry (from 1987 to 1994) and students in the Degree Program in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics (from 1987 to 2000) at the Institute of Clinical Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery of the University of Verona.

2000-2012 Responsible for the clinical tutoring of students in the Degree Program in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics in the fifth and sixth years for the clinical internships in Pedodontics. Contributes to the clinical tutoring of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth years for the internships in conservative dentistry, endodontics, special odontostomatological pathology, and orthodontics at the Dental Clinic at the University campuses of the Arci Sant'Anna Hospital on Corso Giovecca and the School of Specialization in Orthodontics on Via Montebello.

2012-2023 Responsible for the clinical tutoring of the students of the Degree in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics program in the fifth and sixth' years for the clinical internships in Pedodontics. Contributes to the clinical tutoring of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth years for the internships in clinical dentistry, conservative dentistry, endodontics, and orthodontics at the Maxillofacial Surgery and Dentistry Unit of the University Hospital of Verona.

2024-present: Responsible for clinical tutoring of students in the Bachelor's Degree Program in Dental Hygiene (1st, 2nd, and 3rd years). Contributes to the internships of students in the 5th and 6th years of the Degree Program in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics, particularly those writing their thesis in Pediatric Dentistry, at the clinics of the Autonomous Unit located at the IRCSS Sacro Cuore Hospital in Negrar and at the Polyclinics of the Verona University Teaching Center on Via San Marco.

Linguistic competence

Mother tongue Italian

Other languages English

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1998-2000 Research Representative, University of Verona

1996-1999 Member of the Equal Opportunities Committee
of the University of Verona

1999-2000 President of the Equal Opportunities Committee, University of Verona
2010-2012 Deputy President of the Degree Course in Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics,
University of Ferrara
2013-2015 President of the Teaching Committee, Degree Course in Dentistry and
Dental Prosthetics, University of Verona
2013-2015 and 2024-2026 President of the Teaching Committee, Degree Course in
Dental Hygiene, University of Verona with campuses in Verona and Rovereto
2013-2015 Deputy President of the School of Medicine and Surgery University of Verona
2016-2018 Triennium: Deputy Chairman of the Teaching Committee, Degree Course in
Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics, University of Verona
2019-2022 Member of the Spin-off Commission and the Intellectual Property
Commission of the University of Verona
2019-2022 Member of the Joint Project Commission of the University of Verona
2019-2025 Rector's Delegate for Communication and Institutional Relations
2019-2025 Coordinator of the Rector's delegates
2020-2023 Member of the University Crisis Unit established by the Rector for the entire COVID-
19 period.
Three-year period 2022-2024 Representative of the Associate Professors of the Department of
Surgical, Odontostomatological and Maternal Sciences Pediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine and
Surgery of the University of Verona
2023-2024 Member of the University Commission for preparation of the ANVUR CEV visit
2024 to date Rector's Delegate for POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION
2025 - present Rector's Representative of External Healthcare Relations

International cooperation

Visiting professor at the Dental School of the University of Geneva, at the
University of Copenhagen and at Loma Linda University, Los Angeles.

Academic organizations

Active member of the European Academy of Pediatric Dentistry,
Italian Society of Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery,
International Association of Dental Traumatology,
Italian Society of Oral Surgery.
Current President and Founder member of the Italian Society of Dental Traumatology,
Active member and coordinator for the Veneto Region (2020-2025) of the Italian Society of
Aesthetic Medicine.

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