

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION

Child Psychiatrist at Tor Vergata Hospital of Rome

EDUCATION:

1996	M.D. Cum Laude, Tor Vergata University of Rome
2003	Child Neurology and Psychiatry specialisation at the same University
2008-2011	PhD on “Clinical Child Psychopharmacology” at Messina University

CURRENT RESEARCH:

Scientific coordinator for Tor Vergata University in the Italian Project with National Institute of Health (Dr Walter Adriani) “ADHD : new models for symptoms, innovative diagnostic markers, and novel targets for therapy”

Research on reduction in retinal nerve fiber layer thickness in young adults with autism spectrum disorders with Dr. Gialloreti at Tor Vergata University

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Since 1995 she has worked with Prof. Curatolo on different fields of developmental psychopathology, such as diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders, diagnosis and treatment of ADHD, learning disabilities, tics and Tourette syndrome

From September 2010 to June 2011 research grant on “Association between ADHD and obesity” at Robert Debré Hospital in Paris

From December 2007 to July 2008, she worked in a Service in Rome for Autistic Children Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2013

Trainer for parenting program of CoS (Circle off Security)

2005-present

Professor of the on-line Master on “Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders” of Tor Vergata University

2003-present

Professor on developmental psychopathology at Child Therapist Medical School, Tor Vergata University

2004-2008

Trainer of the EINAQ Italian group, on diagnosis and treatment of ADHD for pediatricians and child psychiatrists

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Several oral communications and poster at National and International Meetings:

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