

**PERSONAL INFORMATION** Antonella Cerchiari



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**PERSONAL STATMENT** Speech Language Pathologist with a strong background in pediatric feeding disorders, 30 years of clinical experience and 24 years of experience in university teaching. Numerous scientific publication in the field of pediatric dysphagia. First-year PhD student in Neuroscience.

**CURRENT JOB** **Speech Language Pathologist  
Program and Clinical Coordinator “Feeding and Swallowing Service”**  
Bambino Gesù Children Hospital  
Department of Neurosciences and Neurorehabilitation

**Didactic Coordinator** of the master’ degree program in pediatric deglutology at “Tor Vergata “  
University of Rome.

**EDUCATION**

- JULY 1999 **Direct school for special purposes in technical speech therapy and phoniatrics**  
Sapienza Università di Roma  
Final Mark: 110/110 cum laude. Deafness in the elderly patient
- OCTOBER 2000 **Certificate of Completion** Nourishing the whole child in the development of oral feeding skills  
University of Virginia
- JULY 2002 **Certificate of Completion** Evidence based Dysphagia treatment in Adults and Children.  
(33 contact Hours)  
FDI faculty: Drs J. Arvedson, M. Cray, M. Groher , G. Mann; R. Miller, J. Rosenbek  
Florida Dysphagia Institute
- JANUARY 2003. **Certificate BOBATH N.D.M.** Course BOBATH “Feeding Disorders in Cerebral Palcy” (48h)  
The BOBATH Centre (BBC) Brussels- Belgium.
- SEPTEMBER 2005 **BSc in Speech Language Therapy**  
“Tor Vergata” University of Rome.  
Final Mark: 110/110 cum laude. VIDEOFLUOROSCOPY IN PEDIATRIC AGE
- MAY 2006 **Certificate of Completion Northern Speech Services, Inc, National Rehabilitation Services NSSNRS**  
“Identifyng Anatomy And Swallowing Disorders in Children And Adults From Videofluorography And Treatment Palnning . (11 h)  
Faculty: J.A. Logemann, J. Arvedson  
Cleveland, OH
- MAY 2006 **Certificate of Completion.** Training on thr KayPentax Digital Swallowing Workstation, Model 7200.  
KeyPentax , A division of PENTAX Medical Company. Lincoln Park , New Jersey
- APRIL 2007 **Certificate of Completion Northern Speech Services, Inc, National Rehabilitation Services NSSNRS**

- "Dysphagia assessment , update on Evaluation Options to Ensure Best Practice"  
(15 h)  
Faculty: Multiply  
Chicago, IL
- OCTOBER 2010 **Master I level in Coordination of health professions.**  
"La Sapienza" University Rome
- NOVEMBER 2010 **Certificate of course** Pediatric Tracheostomy For Speech And language Therapist.  
Great Ormond Street for Children UCL Institute of Child Health. London
- NOVEMBER 2011 **Certificate of course** Pediatric Dysphagia Videofluoroscopy Swallow Study Course.  
Great Ormond Street for Children UCL Institute of Child Health. London
- OCTOBER 2015 **Master I level in Clinical research assistant.**  
Sacred Heart Catholic University Rome
- MAY 2018. **Certificate of Achievement** Introduction to PROMPT: technique Workshop (18h)  
The PROMPT Institute Certificate ID: 52400547-8003 Rome
- MAY 2019. **Certificate of Achievement** training course on the registered Behavior technician task list (40h).  
Social cooperative "Steps ABA" Onlus Rome
- OCTOBER 2022. **MSC in Rehabilitation Science for Health Professions**  
"La Sapienza" University Rome  
Final Mark 110/110 cum Laude  
**"The Pediatric Screening–Priority Evaluation Dysphagia (PS–PED)"**
- OCTOBER 2025 Started PhD in Neurosciences.  
Sacred Heart Catholic University Rome

## MAIN JOB EXPERIENCE

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- MAY 1994 – APRIL 1997 Speech language Therapist  
Freelance speech therapist IRCCS Santa Lucia Hospital Rome.
- MARCH 1997 – AUGUST 1998 Speech language Therapist  
part-time, permanent contract  
IRCCS Santa Lucia Hospital Rome.
- SEPTEMBER 1998 - JULY 2009 Speech Pathologist, Program Coordinator Dysphagia Service  
Full-time, permanent contract  
IRCCS Bambin Gesù Children Hospital Rome
- SEPTEMBER 2006 – JULY 2010. Director of the degree program in speech therapy at the un University of Rome "La Sapienza"
- APRILE 2024 – MAY 2025 Director of master degree in neonatal and pediatric deglutology at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata"

## PUBBLICATION

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Cerchiari, A., and D. Tufarelli. "La riabilitazione della disfagia nel bambino affetto da paralisi cerebrale infantile." *ACTA PHONIATRICA LATINA* 29.3/4 (2007): 335.

Tufarelli, D., and A. Cerchiari. "Verso una valutazione strumentale non invasiva." *ACTA PHONIATRICA LATINA* 29.3/4 (2007): 255.

Conforti A, Valfré L, Falbo M, Bagolan P, Cerchiari A. Feeding and Swallowing Disorders in Esophageal Atresia Patients: A Review of a Critical Issue. *Eur J Pediatr Surg.* 2015 Aug;25(4):318-25. doi: 10.1055/s-0035-1559819. Epub 2015 Aug 26. PMID: 26309244.

Leoni C, Gordon CT, Della Marca G, Giorgio V, Onesimo R, Perrino F, Cianfoni A, Cerchiari A, Amiel J, Zampino G. Respiratory and gastrointestinal dysfunctions associated with auriculo-condylar syndrome and a homozygous *PLCB4* loss-of-function mutation. *Am J Med Genet A.* 2016 Jun;170(6):1471-8. doi: 10.1002/ajmg.a.37625. Epub 2016 Mar 23. PMID: 27007857.

Berti B, Fanelli L, de Sanctis R, Onesimo R, Palermo C, Leone D, Carnicella S, Norcia G, Forcina N, Coratti G, Giorgio V, Cerchiarì A, Lucibello S, Finkel R, Pane M, Mercuri E. Oral and Swallowing Abilities Tool (OrSAT) for Type 1 SMA Patients: Development of a New Module. *J Neuromuscul Dis.* 2021;8(4):589-601. doi: 10.3233/JND-200614. PMID: 34024771; PMCID: PMC8385514.

De Peppo F, Caccamo R, Garganese MC, Ceriati E, Marchetti P, Adorasio OD, Cerchiarì A, Battaglia S. Subtotal functional sialoadenectomy vs four-duct ligation for the treatment of drooling in neurologically impaired children: Long-term follow-up. *Clin Otolaryngol.* 2021 Jan;46(1):222-228. doi: 10.1111/coa.13650. Epub 2020 Oct 8. PMID: 32961630.

Banzato A, Cerchiarì A, Pezzola S, Ranucci M, Scarfò E, Berardi A, Tofani M, Galeoto G. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Functional Chewing Training Compared with Standard Treatment in a Population of Children with Cerebral Palsy: A Systematic Review of Randomized Controlled Trials. *Children (Basel).* 2022 Nov 30;9(12):1876. doi: 10.3390/children9121876. PMID: 36553319; PMCID: PMC9776831.

Sforza E, Onesimo R, Leoni C, Giorgio V, Proli F, Notaro F, Kuczynska EM, Cerchiarì A, Selicorni A, Rigante D, Zampino G. Drooling outcome measures in paediatric disability: a systematic review. *Eur J Pediatr.* 2022 Jul;181(7):2575-2592. doi: 10.1007/s00431-022-04460-5. Epub 2022 Apr 20. PMID: 35441248; PMCID: PMC9192436.

Banzato A, Cerchiarì A, Pezzola S, Ranucci M, Scarfò E, Berardi A, Tofani M, Galeoto G. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Functional Chewing Training Compared with Standard Treatment in a Population of Children with Cerebral Palsy: A Systematic Review of Randomized Controlled Trials. *Children (Basel).* 2022 Nov 30;9(12):1876. doi: 10.3390/children9121876. PMID: 36553319; PMCID: PMC9776831.

Cerchiarì A, Tofani M, Giordani C, Franceschetti S, Capuano E, Pizza F, Della Bella G, Raponi M, Biondo G. Development and Pilot Study of a Pediatric Screening for Feeding and Swallowing Disorders in Infants and Children: The Pediatric Screening-Priority Evaluation Dysphagia (PS-PED). *Children (Basel).* 2023 Mar 29;10(4):638. doi: 10.3390/children10040638. PMID: 37189887; PMCID: PMC10136650.

Diamanti A, Capriati T, Mosca A, Trovato CM, Laureti F, Mazzoli B, Bolasco G, Caldaro T, De Peppo F, Staccioli S, Papa RE, Cerchiarì A, De Angelis P, Maggiore G. Neurological impairment and malnutrition in children: The role of home enteral nutrition in real life. *Front Nutr.* 2023 Mar 22;10:1087603. doi: 10.3389/fnut.2023.1087603. PMID: 37032763; PMCID: PMC10073451.

Onesimo R, Sforza E, Triumbari EKA, Proli F, Leoni C, Giorgio V, Rigante D, Trevisan V, De Rose C, Kuczynska EM, Cerchiarì A, Pane M, Mercuri E, Belafsky P, Zampino G. Validation and cross-cultural adaptation of the Italian version of the paediatric eating assessment tool (I-PEDI-EAT-10) in genetic syndromes. *Int J Lang Commun Disord.* 2024 May-Jun;59(3):1152-1162. doi: 10.1111/1460-6984.12986. Epub 2023 Nov 19. PMID: 37982346.

Onesimo R, Sforza E, Giorgio V, Viscogliosi G, Kuczynska EM, Margiotta G, Perri L, Limongelli D, Proli F, De Rose C, Rigante D, Cerchiarì A, Tartaglia M, Leoni C, Zampino G. The "FEEDS (FEeding Eating Deglutition Skills)" over Time Study in Cardiofaciocutaneous Syndrome. *Genes (Basel).* 2023 Jun 25;14(7):1338. doi: 10.3390/genes14071338. PMID: 37510243; PMCID: PMC10379052.

Cerchiarì A, Giordani C, Franceschetti S, Mazzafoglia S, Carosi F, Pizza F, Bella GD, Raponi M, Tofani M. The Efficacy of the Global Intensive Feeding Therapy on Feeding and Swallowing Abilities in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Pilot Study. *Children (Basel).* 2023 Jul 19;10(7):1241. doi: 10.3390/children10071241. PMID: 37508738; PMCID: PMC10377905.

Onesimo R, Sforza E, Giorgio V, Rigante D, Kuczynska E, Leoni C, Proli F, Agazzi C, Limongelli D, Cerchiarì A, Tartaglia M, Zampino G. Predicting the clinical trajectory of feeding and swallowing abilities in CHARGE syndrome. *Eur J Pediatr.* 2023 Apr;182(4):1869-1877. doi: 10.1007/s00431-023-04841-4. Epub 2023 Feb 17. PMID: 36800035; PMCID: PMC10167171.

McGrattan K, Cerchiarì A, Conway E, Berti B, Finkel R, Muntoni F, Mercuri E; iSMAC working group. Bulbar function in spinal muscular atrophy (SMA): State of art and new challenges. 21st July 2023, Rome, Italy. *Neuromuscul Disord.* 2024 May;38:44-50. doi: 10.1016/j.nmd.2024.02.003. Epub 2024 Mar 8. PMID: 38565000.

Pane M, Stanca G, Coratti G, D' Amico A, Sansone VA, Berti B, Fanelli L, Albamonte E, Ausili Cefaro C, Cerchiarì A, Catteruccia M, De Sanctis R, Leone D, Palermo C, Buchignani B, Onesimo R, Kuczynska EM, Tosi M, Pera MC, Bravetti C, Tiziano FD, Bertini E, Mercuri E. Prognostic factors for tube feeding in type I SMA patients treated with disease-modifying therapies: a cohort study. *Eur J Pediatr.* 2024 Nov;183(11):4735-4745. doi: 10.1007/s00431-024-05735-9. Epub 2024 Aug 29. PMID: 39210071; PMCID: PMC11473555.

Franceschetti S, Tofani M, Mazzafoglia S, Pizza F, Capuano E, Raponi M, Della Bella G, Cerchiari A. Assessment and Rehabilitation Intervention of Feeding and Swallowing Skills in Children with Down Syndrome Using the Global Intensive Feeding Therapy (GIFT). *Children (Basel)*. 2024 Jul 12;11(7):847. doi: 10.3390/children11070847. PMID: 39062296; PMCID: PMC11275020.

Pizza F, Tofani M, Biondo G, Giordani C, Murgioni C, Raponi M, Della Bella G, Cerchiari A. Translation, Cross-Cultural Adaptation and Validation of the Karaduman Chewing Performance Scale for the Italian Paediatric Population. *J Eval Clin Pract*. 2025 Feb;31(1):e14283. doi: 10.1111/jep.14283. PMID: 39704056.

Marozzi N, Moscati C, Tofani M, Giordani C, Petroni A, Pizza F, Bella GD, Raponi M, Cerchiari A. Effectiveness of Global Intensive Feeding Therapy (GIFT) in a Child With Skraban-Deardorff Syndrome: A Case Report. *J Oral Rehabil*. 2025 Feb 14. doi: 10.1111/joor.13951. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39952789.

Antonella Cerchiari, Francesca Pizza, Giorgia Biondo, Carolina Giordani, Martina De Paolis, Gessica Della Bella, Massimiliano Raponi and Marco Tofani  
Evaluating the Global Intensive Feeding Therapy (GIFT) for Children with CHARGE Syndrome: A Quasi-Experimental Study . *Children* 2025, 12, 362 doi:/10.3390/children12030362 PMID

Cerchiari A, Biondo G, Fassari FM, Pizza F, Giordani C, Falbo M, Bella GD, Raponi M, Tofani M. The Pediatric Screening-Priority Evaluation Dysphagia: Validation of a new tool for screening swallowing disorders in infants and children. *Dev Med Child Neurol*. 2025 Jun 20. doi: 10.1111/dmcn.16390. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 40542510.

Azzurra Speroni, Gessica Della Bella, Antonella Cerchiari, Ester Mignolli, Marco Tofani  
Reliability and Construct Validity of the Communication Function Classification System (CFCS) in an Italian Population of Children with Cerebral Palsy , *Children* 2025 December , doi.org/10.3390/children13010012

#### OTHER PUBLICATION.

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1998 Let's set out to discover the voice. Prevention campaign on voice disorders in elementary schools ARLL (Associazione Regionale Logopedisti Lazio).

1998 The rehabilitation of dysphagia in the post-comatose patient - Acta Foniiatrica Latina Proceedings of the SIFER conference - R.Formisano, A. Amitrano, A. Cerchiari, A.

2001 The development of oral motor skills in children with PCI. Proceedings of the SIFEL XCXXV° conference, Cerchiari, E. Tariciotti

2002 "Myofunctional reeducation in children's swallowing and prelanguage disorders" The Physiotherapist DOC. A. Cerchiari

2002. "The assessment of feeding skills in pediatric dysphagia."  
A. Cerchiari Ed. Tosinvest healthcare, Rome

2007. "The re-education of dysphagia in children with PCI" A. Cerchiari, D. Tufarelli  
*Acta Phoniatria Latina* Vol 29, No. ¾ pp 267 - 274

2009. "Dysphagia in Pediatric Age" Chapter of Fundamentals of Rehabilitation in the Developmental age" Edited by Donatella Valente - Ed. Carrocci Faber Editore

#### CONGRESS PARTICIPATION AS A SPEAKER AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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November 29 1997. S. Raffaele Rehabilitation Clinic, Rome (Italy). Congress" Rehabilitation aspects in Brain Injury". "Dysphagia in the head-traumatized person"

June 12 1999. Tuscan Speech Therapist Association, Florence (Italy). Seminar (6h) "Swallowing disorders" For Speech Language Therapist.

February 12 2000. Regional Association of Speech Language therapists Lazio, Rome Italy. Seminar (8h) " Dysfunctional swallowing in pediatric age". For Speech Language Therapist

April 10 – 12; May 12- 14; June 12 – 14 2000. Bambin Gesù Children Hospital Rome (Italy) Seminar ( 48 h) "Rehabilitation of feeding and swallowing function in the neurological child". For Speech Language Therapist and physiotherapists

November 8 2000. Hospital Company "S. Camillo – Forlanini Rome (Italy). Seminar (8h) "Feeding and swallowing disorders in the preterm infant". For Speech Language Therapist, physiotherapists and nurses.

November 18 2000. Regional Association of Speech Language therapists Lazio, Rome Italy. Seminar (8h) " Myofunctional reeducation in swallowing and pre-speech disorders in the neurological child.". For Speech Language Therapist and Speech Language Therapist students.

Dicember 6 2000. Coordination on Rehabilitation in Lazio CRL. Group meeting on the Rehabilitation Medical Record project. structure referent

June 9 2001 Tuscan Speech Therapist Association, Florence (Italy). Seminar (7h) "DYSPHAGIA" For Speech Language Therapist.

March 16 2001. Coordination on Rehabilitation in Lazio CRL. Group meeting on the Rehabilitation Medical Record project. structure referent

January 28 2001. Coordination on Rehabilitation in Lazio CRL. Group meeting on the Rehabilitation Medical Record project. structure referent

October 3 2002. Lazio Mutolese Association . Rome (Italy) Seminar (12h) "Feeding and swallowing disorders in Infant and children" For Speech Language Therapist, physiotherapists and nurses.

October 10 – 12 2002. Sapienza University of Rome , Rome (Italy) "Advance Residential Specialization Course in Pediatric gastroenterology"

Novembre 28 – 29 2002. Company USLL9 Treviso (Italy). Residentia Course (16h) "The Dysphagic patient. Clinical-diagnostic rehabilitation"

October 21 2003. S. Raffaele Rehabilitation Clinic, Rome (Italy). Scientific Meeting "Rehabilitation of childhood Dysphagia". For Speech Language Therapist and Physiotherapists.

July 19 – 20 2004. O.S.M.A.I.R.M. Rehabilitation Clinic, Sicily (Italy). Seminar (16 h) Rehabilitation in Pediatric Dysphagia" .

June 5 – 6 2004. Sicilian association of speech therapists. Course ( 16 h) "Dysphagia: Clinical , diagnostic and rehabilitative framing in children and adults." For Speech Language Therapist and Physiotherapists.

November 30 2007. Rome Rehabilitation Congress. Rome (Italy). "Report on "The rehabilitation of the Pediatric dysphagia"

October 12- 13 2007. Italian Dysphagia Group (GISD) , III Congress GISD. " Pediatric Dysphagia" Milan (Italy)

November 21 – 24 2007. XLI National Congress italian society of phoniatics and speech therapy- Cervia (Italy). Report on "Feeding and swallowing disorders in rare diseases"

June 4 – 25 2008. OSA Cooperative Rome (Italy) . Scientific Meeting "Management of the Dysphagic Patient: evaluation and care issues" For Speech Language Therapist, physiotherapists and nurses.

June 21 2008. Italian Dysphagia Group (GISD) , IV Congress GISD. " Pediatric Dysphagia" Turin (Italy)

October 2.- 4 2008. XV National Congress SIGENP. Florence (Italy). Gastroenterology disorders in Pediatric age" Report on "Gastritis disorders and the development of feeding skills".

September 23 – 26 2009. Italian Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (SIOP). National Congress of the Italian Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology. Ariccia, Rome (Italy). Report on the Pediatric Dysphagia Rehabilitation.

September 19 2009. Italian Dysphagia Group (GISD) , V Congress GISD. "Feeding disorders in Children with Down Syndrome " Rimini (Italy). Report on "Feeding Abilities in children with Down Syndrome".

October 12 – 14 2009. National Congress SIMMESN – SIMGePED Cagliari (Italy). “Early Diagnosis of genetic and metabolic diseases between new treatment perspectives and bioethical issues” . Report on “The development of feeding and swallowing skills in the 0-3 year old child”

June 24 2010. XLIV National Congress Italian Society of Phoniatics and Speech Therapy (SIFEL) Rome (Italy). Repor on “Rehabilitation in Children with feeding Disorders”.

June 25 2010. XLIV National Congress Italian Society of Phoniatics and Speech Therapy (SIFEL) Rome (Italy). Participation as moderator in the panel discussion on pediatric dysphagia

June 18 2011 Bambin Gesù Children Hospital Rome (Italy) . Pediatric update days. Scientific Meeting on feeding and swallowing disorders. For Pediatric Physicians Speech Language Therapist, physiotherapists and nurses.

October 5 – 8 2011. XXXIII National Congress of the Italian Society of Audiology and Phoniatics Bari (Italy) “Audiology and Phoniatics and Related Sciences” Invitaed to the Round Table: Feeding and swallowing disorders in Pediatric patients”

November 18 2011 Conference ULSS 20 Verona (Italy) Organization. “Abi-rehabilitative support for pediatric oral function” .

January 23 – 24 2012. I Practical Pediatric Laryngology Course Modena (Italy) . Report On Dysphagia in children with laryngeal malformations.

March 30 – 31 2012. Carlo Gnocchi Onlus, E. Begnamini Center . Seminar (16h) “Pediatric dysphagia: Assessment, treatment, and management of the patient with congenital and acquired disability”. For Speech Language Therapist, physiotherapists and nurses.

November 8 – 10 2012. Italian Dysphagia Group (GSD) , VII Congress GSD. Report on “Feeding disorders in Children with cerebral palcy” Rome (Italy).

January 28 – 29 2013. II Practical Pediatric Laryngology Course Modena (Italy) . Report On “Laryngeal stenoses and decannulation pathway”.

April 20 2013. Pisa University Hospital Company. Pisa (Italy) “Cleft palate: United unzipped smiles, special needs, special smiles”. Report on “Feeding disorders in Cleft Palate”.

May 24 – 25 2013. Bambin Gesù Children Hospital and AIDEL22 Parents Association. Rome (Italy) “ “The words of the 22nd”. Multispecialty approach to the care of children, adolescents and young adults with Di George syndrome” . Report on “feeding and swallowing disorders in infants and children with Di George syndrome.

September 20 2013. Conference Parents Association “Amici di Magu” Bologna (Italy). “ The birth of a child with cleft palate: feeding, swallowing, and language. Report on “Feeding disorders in Cleft Palate”.

September 12 – 14 2013 Italian Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology. Alba (Italy). XXII National Congress . “The rehabilitation of pediatric OSA”.

March 29 2014. Italian Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology (SIOP) Rome (Italy) Scientific meeting “Some nights”. Report on “The rehabilitation of OSA in pediatric age”.

October 18 2014. Tuscany Health Service. Grosseto (Italy) Scientific Meeting “Caring for the Child and Adolescent with Multiple Disabilities, Needs and Best Practices” Report on “Best practices in the rehabilitation of feeding and swallowing disorders in children with complex disabilities”.

November 11. 2014. Insubriae studiorum Universitas, Hospital of Circle Lombardy Region. Varese (Italy). “A cradle for life”. Report on “ feeding disorders in preterm babies”.

October 20 – 24 2015. I meeting between otolaryngology disciplines. Lecce (Italy) Scientific Meeting. Report on “Swallowing in the child with conductive deafness”.

February 2- 3 2015. IV Practical Pediatric Laryngology Course. Rome (Italy) . Report On “Laryngeal stenoses and swallowing disorders”.

July 9-10 2015. SIN SINGENP Congress “Pediatric gastroenterology meets pediatric

neurology: the support of nutrition” Rome (Italy) Report on “Gastrointestinal disorders in the child with disabilities”

October 8 – 9 – 10 2015. Dysphagia 2015. International Conference “Screening, framing and treatment of neurogenic dysphagia”. Pavia (Italy) report on Swallowing assessment in children with cerebral palsy”

November 28 – 30 2016. Campus bio medico University Rome (Italy). II Course on cleft lip and palate. “Multidisciplinary and surgical approach. From prenatal diagnosis to adulthood”. Topics on “Intervention of the speech-language pathologist in palatine clefts”.

November 5 – 7 2015. XXIII National Congress of the Italian Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology. Rome (Italy). Report on “Pediatric Dysphagia Rehabilitation”.

May 5 2016. Italian Dysphagia Group (GISD) , IX Congress GISD. Modena (Italy). “ What pathways in the radiation and neurological oncology patient” Report on “Oncological pathology in posterior cranial fossa” .

October 12 – 14 . 2016. Insubriae studiorum Universitas, Varese (Italy). IV National Conference. “The individual with down syndrome: meeting the future”. Report on “Feeding and swallowing disorders in infants and children with Down Syndrome: future perspectives”.

Dicember 12 – 13 2016. Inter-rsocietal conference SINPIA – SINFER. Brescia (Italy) “The rehabilitation of adaptive functions in developmental age.” Invited to the Round table “feeding and swallowing disorders in infants and children”.

June 24 2017. Open day BABIS ONLUS Parents Association. Rome (Italy) “Cleft palate”. Report on: “ Palatine clefts: feeding strategies”.

March 6 2017. European Speech Therapy Day. Rome (Italy). Topic: “Swallowing disorders”. Report on: “The development of feeding and swallowing skills in the 0-3 year old child”

March 6 2017. European Speech Therapy Day. Rome (Italy). Topic: “Swallowing disorders”. Participation as moderator in the panel discussion on pediatric dysphagia.

May 25 – 27 2018. VII Conference Mitocon “Mitochondrial diseases” Rome (Italy). Report on “Dysphagia in Children with Mitochondrial diseases”.

September 17-18 2018. Bambin Gesù Children Hospital Rome (Italy) . Rehabilitation update days.” The rehabilitation of postural control of the child with brain injury”. Report on “Pediatric dysphagia : rehabilitation strategies in the child don brain injury”.

July 7 2018. Open day BABIS ONLUS Parents Association. Rome (Italy) “Cleft palate and Caniostenosis ”. Report on: “feeding strategies in children with Crouzon Syndrome ”.

June – October 2018. Hippocrates Project Association. Naples (Italy) Seminar (8h) “Overview and management of swallowing disorders in adult and pediatric-adolescent patients” Report on “Overview and management of swallowing disorders in pediatric-adolescent patients”. For Speech Language Therapist, physiotherapists and nurses.

October 29 – 30 2018. Scientific Meeting “Pediatric respiratory obstructions” Meyer Children's Hospital Florence (Italy). Report on “ Respiratory obstructions and delgutorial disorders”.

November 30 2018. Bambin Gesù Children Hospital Rome (Italy). Congress “Sequenza Pierre Robin: standard di cura dalla nascita a 1 anno di età” Report on “Pierre Robine sequence: standard of care from birth to 1 year of age for delgutization rehabilitation”.

Dicember 3 – 6 2018 Bambin Gesù Children Hospital Rome (Italy). Congress “IV cleft palate course: multidisciplinary and surgical approach from prenatal diagnosis to adulthood” Report on “Feeding in children with cleft palate and genetic syndrome”.

May 29 – 31 2019. Congress Pediatria on line in tour Marsala (Italy). Report on: T”he development of feeding skills. infant aids” . For for pediatricians.

June 24 – 28 2019. International Conference on Oesophageal atresia INoEA. Rome (Italy). Report on “Feeding and Swallowing Disorders in Esophageal Atresia Patients”.

June 26 – 27 2019. International Meeting on Pediatric Airway teams . Rome (Italy). Report on “Swallowing disorders in children with tracheostomy cannula”.

October 10 – 12 2019. Congress Pediatria on line in tour, Rome days. Rome (Italy). Report on “Sucking and Swallowing: what we need to know”. For for pediatricians.

November 30 2019. Bambin Gesù Children Hospital Rome (Italy) . Rehabilitation update days.” Gastrointestinal disorders in the child with disabilities”. Report on “Gastrointestinal disorders and Developmental delay in feeding skills”.

November 2019 Dysphagia GNAO 01 I European Conference gene mutation GNAO 01. Rome (Italy) Parents Association. Report on: “Feeding and Swallowing disorders in GNAO 1”.

January 28 2020. Bambin Gesù Children Hospital Rome (Italy) . Course “Care and management of the tracheostomized child undergoing long-term home mechanical ventilation”. Report on “Care and management of the tracheostomized child undergoing long-term home mechanical ventilation with feeding disorders”.

May 12 2020. Parents Association “Michele per tutti” Meeting online (5h) “The development of feeding and swallowing skills in the child from 0 - 3 years old.” Training for parents.

June 10 – 11 2022. Italian Association Rett Syndrome. National Conference AiRETT Verona (Italy). Report on “Feeding and swallowing disorder in ReTT syndrome “

Dicember 3. 2022. “SMAnia di gusto” on the road Rome (Italy) Biogen. Scientific Meeting. Report on: “Habilitation and rehabilitation of feeding and swallowing skills in sma children: it's possible!”

March 8 2023. SMAKERS Let's make the future of SMA together Turin (Italy). Scientific Meeting. Report on “SMA: Swallowing and rehabilitation aspects”.

June 6. 2023 Open day BABIS ONLUS Parents Association. Rome (Italy) “Cleft palate and Nevo”. Report on: “Labio-palato-schisis: Rehabilitation Strategies and Techniques in Feeding and Swallowing Disorders”

July 21 2023. *Ismac International* Scientific Meeting “Bulbar function in SMA” Rome (Italy) . Report on: “SALT Rehabilitation”, “SALT assessments of bulbar function “ and “Videofluoroscopy Overview and Protocols”

October 20 2023. Italian Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology. Rome (Italy) Congress.” Early intervention in pediatric speech, voice, and swallowing disorders . Role and responsibilities of the different figures involved” Report on: Oral motor skills: Development (milestones) Intervention guidelines: when and how to recognize red flags.

January 27 2004. Planet SMA SMAsterclass on Patient Management. Milan (Italy) Scientific Meeting. Report on “Nutrition/Bulbar Functions.Clinical cases”

May 8 – 9 2024. SMAKERS Crossing a new path together.Milan (Italy). Scientific Meeting. Workshop on feeding and swallowing disorders.

June 18. 2024. SMArt Rising Together. Scientific Meeting (Milan Italy) “The voice of emerging specialists in SMA care” . Report on “How speech rehabilitation is changing.”

July 6. 2024. Open day BABIS ONLUS Parents Association. Rome (Italy) “Cleft palate and microsurgery ”. Report on: “Labio-palato-schisis: Rehabilitation Strategies and Techniques in Feeding and Swallowing Disorders”

July 13. 2024. Vivisol Cooperative and Tor Vergata University. Scientific Meeting. Report on “Speech therapy approach to the child with feeding and swallowing disorders in the home setting.” For Speech Language Therapist, physiotherapists, nurses and Speech Language Therapist Students.

October 10 – 11 – 12. 2024 Dysphagia 2024 IX Edition, Congress. Pavia. “Screening , assessment and treatment neurological Dysphagia”.

January 24, 2025 and January 25, Spinal Muscular Atrophy: Evaluating Bulbar Function in the Era of Disease Modifying Treatments Stanford University.

20-21 june 2025 Cologne. Gnao 1 European Conference.  
The title of report is: "Rehabilitation of feeding and swallowing disorders in GNAO1. The title of report is: Correlation between Feeding and Swallowing disorders and GNAO 1: A preliminary study.

8th-10th July 2025. Prague, Czech Republic. The TREAT-NMD Spinal Muscular Atrophy and Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Expert Masterclasses. The title of report is: Bulbar Function in SMA

Roma 25 – 27 settembre XXIII Congresso SIGENP “la ricerca è uno sguardo al futuro” . The title of reported is valutazione clinica e radiologica dei disordini di alimentazione e di deglutizione e percorso riabilitativo.

ROMA, **26 - 27 SETTEMBRE 2025 XLVIII** CONVEGNO NAZIONALE DI AGGIORNAMENTO. The Title reported is **“LA GESTIONE DELLE OSTRUZIONI ACUTE E CRONICHE DELLE VIE AEREE SUPERIORI IN ETA’ PEDIATRICA”**.

3th -8th October 2025 Meeting Italian Dysphagia -Montefiore dell’Aso.- the title is report is “ Neurologic dysphagia in development age” .

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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A.A. 1996/1997 Mentoring and supervision for speech therapy students University Diploma of SpeechTherapy of Rome's University of “Tor Vergata” at Santa Lucia Hospital

A.A. 1997/1998  
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Tempory Professore for speech therapy students University Diploma of SpeechTherapy of Rome's University of “Tor Vergata”.

A.A. 2003/2004  
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Mentoring and supervision for speech therapy students University Diploma of Speech Therapy of Rome's University “La Sapienza”at Santa Lucia Hospital

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A.A. 2012/2013  
A.A. 2013/2014

Tempory Professore MED/50 for speech therapy students of Rome's University “La Sapienza”” sede IRCCS San Raffaele Pisana.

- A.A. 2004/2005 Mentoring and supervision for speech therapy students of Rome's University "La Sapienza"
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- A.A. 2013/2014
  
- A.A. 2018/2019 Mentoring and supervision for speech therapy students of Lumsa University , Master' I Livell in clinical speech therapy in developmental age
- A.A. 2019/2020
- A.A. 2021/2021
- A.A. 2022/2023
- A.A. 2023/2024
- A.A. 2024/2025
  
- A.A. 2019/2020 Tempory Professore MED/50 for speech therapy students of Pavia's University
- A.A. 2020/2021
  
- A.A. 2020/2021 Tempory Professore MED/50. **Master I livell** online in Swallowing Disorders. Saint Camillus International University of health and Medical Sciences
- A.A. 2021/2122
  
- A.A. 2024/2025 Tempory Professore MED/50 **Master I livell** in neonatal and pediatric deglutology at the University of Rome " Tor Vergata"

**OTHER ACTIVITIES EDUCATIONAL**

FROM 2022 TO PRESENT THERAPY

Sole lecturer of theoretical-practical courses ECM (AGENAS) for Speech LANGUAGE

COURSE

"The reeducation of facio - oro - deglutition functions. Breathing, feeling, sucking , chewing, swallowing, phonation and articulation. A theoretical-practical pathway through assessment modalities and rehabilitation techniques." 16 hours , 17 Training Credits

"Feeding and swallowing disorders in pediatric age" 16 hours, 17 Training credits

"Feeding and swallowing disorders in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: evaluative and rehabilitative intervention" 18 hours, 21 training credits

"FOD functions in the child with Down syndrome" . 16 hours, 16 training credits

**PERSONAL COMPETENCE**

Mother Tongue Italian  
Other English

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18 December 2025

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