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CURRENT POSITION	Full Professor of Paediatrics
<p>EDUCATION OTHER QUALIFICATIONS</p>	<p>(Medical Degree (University of Messina, July 2009) Paediatric Residency (University of Messina & University of Pavia, Italy, May 2015) Pediatric Neurology Fellowship (Imperial College, September 2014) Master of Philosophy (University College London, November 2018)</p>
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<p>Honorary Lecturer of Pediatric Neurogenetics, Institute of Neurology, University College London (UCL), London, UK (December 2018 till now) Associate Professor of Paediatrics, University of Genoa and Children's Hospital "Istituto Giannina Gaslini", Genoa, Italy (December 2021) Full Professor of Paediatrics, University of L'Aquila, L'Aquila (April 2022)</p>
CLINIC APPOINTMENTS	<p>Head of the Outpatient clinic for "Neurodevelopmental Disorders Genomics" in Gaslini Children's Hospital, University of Genoa, Italy (2019-2021)</p> <p>Head of the Pediatric Outpatient and Inpatient Department at the University of L'Aquila, University Hospital "San Salvatore" (since April 2022).</p>



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<p>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</p>	<p>Mentoring medical students or Master students from University College London during their attendance in the Department of Molecular Neuroscience or in the Neurogenetics Clinic (UCLH) (since September 2015 till December 2018).</p> <p>Lectures of paediatric neurology and neurogenetics to medical students and residents of different specialties in University of Genoa since January 2019</p> <p>Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (2018-2021) and Associate Professor of Pediatrics (since December 2021) in the University of Genoa, Italy and Children's Hospital "G. Gaslini".</p> <p>Full Professor of Pediatrics (since April 2022) in the University of L'Aquila</p> <p>Activities include mentoring and teaching of medical students, paediatrics Residents, PhD Students, and support in the preparation of scientific manuscripts or Thesis.</p>
<p>RESEARCH ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>I am a Paediatrician and a Professor of Pediatrics with a special clinical and academic interest in Paediatric Neurology and Neurogenetics. I completed my Medical studies in Italy (University of Messina) in 2009 and my training as a Paediatrician and a Paediatric Neurologist between Italy (University of Messina, University of Pavia; period: 2010-2015) and United Kingdom (Imperial College London; period: 2013-2014). Between September 2013 and September 2014, I attended the Molecular Biomedicine Lab at the Department of Medicine, Imperial College London as part of my Clinical Research Fellowship in Paediatric Neurology and Neurosciences. Since July 2015, I was appointed as Clinical Research Associate of Neurogenetics at the Department of Molecular Neuroscience in the Institute of Neurology, University College London (UCL) where I worked with Prof. Henry Houlden and Prof. James E. Rothman until December 2018.</p> <p>Since January 2019, I have been appointed as an University Lecturer of Pediatrics and Paediatric Neurology in the Children's Hospital "Istituto Giannina Gaslini", University of Genoa in Italy where I became Associate Professor in 2021. Also, I hold a double affiliation working part-time as Honorary Clinical senior Lecturer at the Department of Neuromuscular diseases in the Institute of Neurology, UCL, London. Since April 2022 I moved to Abruzzo in Central Italy and was appointed as a Full Professor of Pediatrics in the University of L'Aquila. My research work is mostly focused on investigating the genetic alterations causing inherited neurological disorders in children. I have identified (as Principal Investigator/First Author) mutations in the genes <i>VAMP1</i> and <i>VAMP2</i> associated with novel childhood-onset neuromuscular and central synaptopathies (Salpietro et al., Ann Neurol 2017, Salpietro et al., Am J Hum Genet 2019). I also identified a novel gene causing PEHO syndrome (Salpietro et al., Brain 2017), a novel</p>



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	<p>gene responsible for a phenotype of combined inherited neuropathy, polydactyly and epilepsy (Salpietro et al., Hum Mut 2017), a new gene responsible for chorea and dystonia (Salpietro et al., Mov Dis 2017). I recently identified a novel genetic neurodevelopmental disorder associated with genetically determined defects of the GluA2 subunit of the AMPA receptor, the main receptor involved in brain fast synaptic excitatory transmission (Salpietro et al., Nat Comm 2019). I also identified mutations in the novel channel KCNA6 underlying distinct epileptic phenotypes in children (Salpietro V et al., Epilepsia 2023) and mutations in the GTPBP genes in patients affected with ectodermal neurodevelopmental disorders (Salpietro V et al, under preparation).</p> <p>In a number of these newly discovered genes and phenotypes I collaborated with different labs in establishing animal models mimicking the novel human genetic diseases, using either knock-out mice (Salpietro et al., Ann Neurol. 2017) or hypomorphic Drosophila Melanogaster (fruit-flies) models (Salpietro et al., Hum Mut. 2017). Currently, I am working in elucidating the genetic and metabolic molecular basis of a number of other rare neurological disorders, including epileptic encephalopathies, childhood-onset movement disorders, familial sleep disorders and developmental synaptopathies with epilepsy and autistic features. As the result of my research work, I published during the last 5 years >100 full-length manuscripts in international peer reviewed journals.</p>
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<p>RESPONSIBILITY IN ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>Full Professor of Pediatrics in Italy International Coordinator of “SYNaPS Study Group” (based in London, UK)</p>
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<p>EDITORIAL BOARD, EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES, SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>Frontiers in Neurology (Indexed in Pubmed/Medline) Position: Associate Editor. Neuropediatrics Specialty Section (web link: http://www.frontiersin.org/Neuropediatrics/editorialboard?field=Neurology)</p> <p>Frontiers in Pediatrics (Indexed in Pubmed/Medline) Position: Associate Editor. Neuropediatrics Specialty Section (web link: http://www.frontiersin.org/Neuropediatrics/editorialboard?field=Neurology) Journal of Pediatric Neurology (Indexed in Scopus/Embase) Position: Associate Editor</p> <p>Former member of “The Genetics Society” (UK) till 2021</p> <p>Current Member of the Italian Society of Pediatrics and the International Child Neurology Association</p>
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