

**CURRICULUM VITAE
ROBERTO VERZARO, MD, PhD**

BIOGRAPHICAL

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

UNDERGRADUATE:
Classic Studies Diploma
1981

GRADUATE:
Medical School, University of Rome La Sapienza, Rome Italy
1981-1988

POSTGRADUATE:

1988-1993: GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENCY
University of Rome La Sapienza, Rome Italy

January –June 1994: RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN COLORECTAL SURGERY
Cleveland Clinic Florida, Fort Lauderdale, Florida USA

1997-2000: CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP IN TRANSPLANTATION

Jackson memorial Hospital, University of Miami, Florida USA

June 2000: PhD in Intestinal Transplantation. University of Rome La Sapienza.

APPOINTMENTS and POSITIONS

ACADEMIC

1994-1997: Staff Surgeon, Department of Surgery, University of L'Aquila Italy

1997-2000: Clinical Fellow, Department of Surgery, Division of Transplantation University of Miami, Miami Florida USA

2000-2002: Staff Surgeon Department of Surgery, Division of Transplantation University of L'Aquila Italy

2003- present: Attending Surgeon at IsMeTT UPMC-Italy, Palermo. Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

CERTIFICATION and LICENSURE

SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION:

1993: Italian Board of General Surgery

MEDICAL LICENSURE:

June 1988: Medical License for Italy

May 1996: ECFMG certificate

June 2000: PhD in Intestinal Transplantation. University of Rome La Sapienza.

May 2003-2004: Institutional license Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine, License number: LT 000532

MEMBERSHIP in PROFESSIONAL and SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2003- present: American Society of Transplant Surgeons

2007 to present: United States Military Cancer Institute

CLINICAL ACTIVITY

Dr Verzaro regularly performs as first operator major abdominal surgeries such as liver, pancreas and kidney transplants as well as liver resections, pancreas resections and many other surgical oncology procedures. He has primary independent responsibility for the surgical treatment of patients.

At IsMeTT where he is currently working as staff surgeon, he started the pancreas transplant program and the loco-regional treatment for unresectable tumors performing Isolated Hepatic Perfusion, and Hyperthermic perfusion of the peritoneum associated with cytoreduction (HIPEC) .

PUBLICATIONS

Index Medicus Articles: 45

Book Chapters: 2

1. Laparoscopic colorectal Surgery in: Laparo-Endoscopic Surgery. Editor Iris B. Brune. Blackwell Science. Second Edition. 1996.
2. Vascular Complications. **IN INTESTINAL AND MULTIVISCERAL TRANSPLANTATION.** Editors: A Tzakis, Molmenti E. (In press)

Published abstracts: 38

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN GENERAL SURGERY

1. Retractable mesenteritis involving the colon. Eur J Surg. 1994 Sep;160(9):523-4.
Verzaro R, Guadagni S, Agnifili A, Ibi I, Leocata P, De Bernarinis G
2. Enhancing cosmesis in laparoscopic colon and rectal surgery. Dis Colon Rectum. 1995 Feb;38(2):213-4.
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3. Patterns of anismus and the relation to biofeedback therapy. Dis Colon Rectum. 1996 Jul;39(7):768-73.
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4. Port site fascia closure in laparoscopic assisted colectomy: a simple technique. J Laparoendosc Surg. 1995 Oct;5(5):335-7.
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5. Anoplasty for stenosis and other anorectal defects.
Am Surg. 1995 Jun;61(6):526-9.
*Gonzales A, De Oliverira OG, **Verzaro R**, Nogueras J, Wexner Sd*
6. Juvenile polyposis: case report and assessment of the neoplastic risk in 271 patients reported in the literature.
Dig Surg. 1999; 16(2):161-6. Review.
*Agnifili A, **Verzaro R**, Gola P, Marino M, Mancini E, Carducci G, Ibi I*
7. N-nitroso compounds in the gastric juice of normal controls, patients with partial gastrectomies, and gastric cancer patients.
J Surg Oncol. 1996 Dec;63(4):226-33.
*Guadagni S, Walters CL, Smith PL, **Verzaro R**, Valenti M, Reed PI.*
8. An original reconstructive method after pylorus-preserving pancreatoduodenectomy.
Surg Today. 1993;23(6):481-5.
*De Bernardinis G, Agnifili A, Gola P, Gianfelice F, Ibi I, **Verzaro R***
9. The role and timing of surgery in the treatment of pseudomembranous colitis. A case complicated by toxic megacolon.
Hepatogastroenterology. 1994 Aug;41(4):394-6.
*Agnifili A, Gola P, Marino M, Ibi I, Carducci G, **Verzaro R***

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPLANTATION

- 1) Brittle type I diabetes mellitus. *Curr Med Chem* 2007; 14 (16): 1739-44
Bertuzzi F, Verzaro R, Provenzano V, Ricordi C
- 2) Acute appendicitis in a kidney-pancreas transplant recipient report of a case. *Transpl. Proc.* 2006; 38: 3144-3146
Verzaro R, Falcone J, Thai N, Khan A, Shapiro R.
- 3) Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt in adult liver recipient with delayed graft function.
Transplant Proc. 2005 Jul-Aug; 37(6):2626-8.
Vasta F, Luca A, Miraglia R, Spada M, Gruttadauria S, Verzaro R, Cintonino D, Mandala L, Arcadipane A, Vizzini G, Gridelli B.
- 4) Basiliximab in a triple-drug regimen with tacrolimus and steroids in liver transplantation.
Transplant Proc. 2005 Jul-Aug;37(6):2611-3.
Gruttadauria S, Vasta F, Mandala L, Cintonino D, Piazza T, Spada M, Verzaro R, Gridelli B.
- 5) Pediatric Liver Transplantation: Preliminary Results at Istituto Mediterraneo Trapianti e Terapie ad Alta Specializzazione.
Transplant Proc. 2005 Jul-Aug;37(6):2597-8.
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- 6) Acceptance of marginal liver donors increases the volume of liver transplant: early results of a single-center experience.
Transplant Proc. 2005 Jul-Aug;37(6):2567-8.
Gruttadauria S, Cintonino D, Mandala' L, Musumeci A, Volpes R, Vizzini GB, Palazzo U, Spada M, Verzaro R, Gridelli B.
- 7) Use of circular stapler for enteric drainage of the pancreatic graft.
J Am Coll Surg. 2004 Sep; 199(3):518.
Verzaro R, de Simone P.
- 8) Right colon perforation in a lung graft patient.
Transplantation. 2004 Jun 27;77(12):1919-20.
De Simone P, Journe S, Feron P, Gelin M, Verzaro R.
- 9) Nephron-sparing surgery for de novo renal cell carcinoma in a 19-year-old transplanted kidney.

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*De Simone P, Antonacci V, Rosa F, **Verzaro R**.*
- 10) Outcomes in 139 cases of biliary tract reconstructions from a transplant surgery center.
Exp Clin Transplant. 2003 Dec;1(2):73-8.
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- 11) Artificial organs as a bridge to transplantation.
Artif Cells Blood Substit Immobil Biotechnol. 2003 May;31(2):163-8.
*Famulari A, De Simone P, **Verzaro R**, Iaria G, Polisetti F, Rascente M, Aureli A.*
- 12) Sirolimus (rapamycin)-based rescue treatment following chronic rejection after liver transplantation.
Transplant Proc. 2001 Feb-Mar;33(1-2):1495
*Nishida S, Pinna A, **Verzaro R**, Levi D, Kato T, Khan F, Nery J, Weppler D, Tzakis A.*
- 13) Thoracoabdominal bypass graft with liver retransplantation for the treatment of a pseudoaneurysm of the supraceliac aorta after liver transplantation.
Pediatr Transplant. 2001 Feb;5(1):64-8.
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- 14) Domino liver transplantation with end-to-side infrahepatic vena cavo-cavostomy.
J Am Coll Surg. 2001 Feb;192(2):237-40.
*Nishida S, Pinna A, **Verzaro R**, Levi D, Kato T, Nery JR, Yamamoto S, Reddy RK, Ruiz P, Tzakis AG.*
- 15) En bloc heterotopic auxiliary liver and bilateral renal transplant in a patient with homozygous protein C deficiency.
Pediatr. 2001 Jan;138(1):120-2.
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- 16) Partial abdominal exenteration, ex vivo resection of a large mesenteric fibroma, and successful orthotopic intestinal autotransplantation.
Surgery. 2000 Sep;128(3):486-9.
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- 17) Intestinal transplantation for short gut syndrome attributable to necrotizing enterocolitis.
Pediatrics. 2000 Feb;105(2):E25.

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Pediatr Transplant. 1999 Aug;3(3):210-4.
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- 19)** Multivisceral transplantation for megacystis microcolon intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome.
Transplantation. 1999 Jul 27;68(2):228-32.
*Masetti M, Rodriguez MM, Thompson JF, Pinna AD, Kato T, Romaguera RL, Nery JR, DeFaria W, Khan MF, **Verzaro R**, Ruiz P, Tzakis AG.*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teaching:

- 1992-1993:** University of L'Aquila School of Medicine: General Surgery.
- 1995-1996:** University of L'Aquila School of Medicine General Surgery.
- 2002:** University of L'Aquila School of Medicine: Vascular Surgery Residency program in Vascular Surgery.: Vascular accesses.
- 2003-present:** University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine: tutoring and teaching medical students and residents rotating at IsMeTT UPMC-Italy

Invited lectures:

- 1) January 18 2006. University of Arizona, Health Sciences Center. Grand Rounds:
"Isolated hepatic Perfusion for Unresectable Liver Metastases"
- 2) November 22 2006. Palermo, Villa Igiea. Meeting on Infectious complications in transplant patients:
"Update on kidney and pancreas transplantation"
- 3) May 14 2007. Walter Reed Medical army medical Center. Washington DC, USA. "Regional Cancer Therapies for Hepatic Malignancies"

Recently presented Abstract:

"New Technique of Isolated Hepatic Perfusion". Second International Symposium on Regional Cancer therapies. San Juan Puerto Rico, February 24-27, 2007

Scientific Committees

- 1) Second International Symposium on Regional Cancer Therapies. San Juan, Puerto Rico. February 2007.
- 2) 6th International Islet Isolation Workshop. Network of Islet Centers in Europe. Palermo Italy. October 8-10, 2007
- 3) Third International Symposium on Regional Cancer Therapies. Palm Springs California USA. February 15-18, 2008

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:

At IsMeTT Palermo and University of Pittsburgh medical Center:

- Isolated Hepatic Perfusion for the treatment of unresectable liver metastases
- Pancreas Transplantation
- Split Liver Transplantation
- Liver transplantation

Extra curriculum

- Dr Verzaro occasionally writes articles on national newspapers about health issues.
- Consultant for surgical-related issues for the website *www.portalediabete.org*
- Surgical consultant and promoter of the Not-for-Profit international organization: ***Envision***