

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCAZIONE

1976 Laurea in Medicina e Chirurgia (110/110 e lode), Università di Messina  
1980 Specializzazione in Neurologia (50/50 e lode), Università di Messina  
1989 Idoneità a Primario di Neurologia (100/100)

### POSIZIONI

dall'1/11/1994 *Professore Ordinario di Neurologia*, Università di Messina  
2000-2009 *Direttore dell'U.O.S. di Neurobiologia Clinica e Malattie Neuromuscolari*, Azienda Osp. Universitaria Policlinico di Messina  
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2006-2012 *Direttore del Dipartimento di Neuroscienze, Scienze Psichiatriche ed Anestesiologiche dell'Università di Messina*

### STAGES ALL' ESTERO

10/1978 - 7/1979 Research Fellow, Muscular Dystrophy Group Laboratory, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Inghilterra  
10/1985 - 9/1986 Post-doctoral Certification in Neuromuscular Diseases, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA

### INCARICHI SCIENTIFICI

2000-2003 Presidente dell'Associazione Italiana di Miologia  
2001-2002 Presidente dell'Associazione Italiana di Neuropatologia  
2007-2010 Membro del Executive Board della World Muscle Society  
2008-2012 Presidente della Associazione Italiana per lo studio del Sistema Neurovegetativo  
Dal 2000 Corresponding Member of the American Neurological Association  
2002-2008 Esperto del Ministero della Salute per il Programma di ECM  
Dal 2010 Associate Editor della Rivista "Neurological Sciences"  
Dal 2012 Delegato della Società Italiana di Neurologia al panel scientifico CRITICAL CARE dell'European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS).

Responsabile di Unità di Ricerca in programmi finanziati dalla Fondazione Telethon (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008), AIFA (2006, 2008) e dal Ministero della Salute, Ricerca sanitaria finalizzata (2002); Coordinatore Scientifico di programma di ricerca COFIN-MIUR 2004; Partner di Specific Support Action finanziata dalla Commissione Europea, 6° Programma Quadro (2005).

Responsabile del progetto didattico internazionale TEMPUS MEDA "Education Curricula Project In Rehabilitation", finanziato dalla Commissione Europea (2006-2009).

## ESPERIENZE DI TRIAL CLINICI

TACS Study: Ticlopidine and aspirine combination for stroke (phase III)

DESTRO Study: Minor depression in post-stroke (phase III)

SITS-MOST Study: Safe implementation of thrombolysis in stroke monitoring study (phase III)

SMART Study: Spinal muscular atrophy randomised clinical trial with gabapentin (phase II)

Quality of life and disability in patients with Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease: a multicentre and multiperspective follow-up

Double blind clinical study with triButyrate in patients with spinal muscular atrophy (phase II)

CMT-TRIAAL: Multicentre, randomised, double blind, placebo-controlled trial of long-term ascorbic acid treatment in Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease type 1A

Phase II, randomized double blind placebo-controlled study of tolerance and efficacy of salbutamol in adult patients with spinal muscular atrophy type III

A phase III, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial to assess the efficacy and safety of multiple subcutaneous doses of GSK2402968 in subjects with Duchenne muscular dystrophy

Phase II, multicenter, randomized, adaptive, double-blind, placebo controlled study to assess safety and efficacy of olesoxime (TRO19622) in 3-25 year-old Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) patients

An open pilot trial to test the safety and tolerability of flavocoxid (Limbrel®) in Duchenne muscular dystrophy

## ATTIVITA' SCIENTIFICA

Autore di numerose pubblicazioni su riviste con impact factor, con particolare riguardo alle seguenti tematiche: malattie neuromuscolari, distrofie muscolari, miopatie congenite, miopatie metaboliche, miopatie mitocondriali, proteine citoscheletriche della fibra muscolare e del nervo periferico, atrofie muscolari spinali, neuropatie genetiche ed acquisite, neuropatie autonome.

**Il sottoscritto autorizza al trattamento dei dati personali secondo quanto previsto dal D.L. 196/03 e dichiara di aver eseguito studi clinici secondo GCP.**

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Prof. Giuseppe Vita



## PRINCIPALI PUBBLICAZIONI DEGLI ANNI 2008-2012

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5. Angileri FF, Aguenouz M, Conti A, La Torre D, Cardali S, Crupi R, Tomasello C, Germanò A, Vita G, Tomasello F. Nuclear factor-kappaB activation and differential expression of survivin and Bcl-2 in human grade 2-4 astrocytomas. **Cancer** 2008;112:2258-2266.

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