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EDUCATION

- 1999: High School Diploma at the Liceo Scientifico Amedeo di Savoia Duca d' Aosta, Pistoia with a score of 98/100.
- 1999: Registration Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Florence.
- 2001-2002: Fellowship at the Institute of General Pathology, University of Florence (Prof. M. Olivotto).
- 2001-2004: Fellowship at the Department of General Surgery, University of Florence (Prof. C. Paparozzi).
- 2003-2005: Fellowship at the Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Rheumatology, University of Florence (Director Prof. M. Matucci Cerinic).
- October 2005: Degree in Medicine and Surgery with a score of 110 /110 cum laude with a thesis entitled "Induced sputum as a technique to evaluate pulmonary involvement in Systemic Sclerosis".
- November 2009: Specialisation in Rheumatology with a score of 70/70 cum laude. Title of the thesis: "High-frequency ultrasound in Juvenile Localized Scleroderma" (University of Florence) (Director Prof M Matucci Cerinic).
- June 2008: Certificate "Basic" EULAR Musculoskeletal Ultrasound.
- June 2009: Certificate "Advanced " EULAR Musculoskeletal Ultrasound.
- June 2010: Master Course in Vascular Ultrasound in Emergency.
- September 2012: First Level Master in Mesotherapy of the Italian School of Mesotherapy.

- June 2015: Level 2 of the EULAR Competency Assessment in MSUS.
- January 2016: II level Master in “clinical problem solving in Reumatologia” (110/110).
- September 2019: Oxygen-Ozone Therapy first level course (SIOOT).

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Since July 2006 to November 2009 at SOD Internal Medicine and Rheumatology AOU Careggi as a Resident.
- ✓ Since April 2011 to April 2014 at the SOD Rheumatology , Department of Biomedicine of the AOU Careggi as Assistant Professor with full care tasks (employed in the inpatient clinic and Head of the Ultrasound and interventional procedures section).
- ✓ Since June 2014 to Dicembre 2015 Research Fellow in the Ultrasound and interventional procedures section of the SOD Rheumatology, Department of Biomedicine of the AOU Careggi.
- ✓ Since September 2010 to June 2011 at the Private Clinic "Poggio Sereno" as Medical Doctor for emergencies in night and afternoon duties in the departments of Psychiatry and Medicine.
- ✓ Since November 2009 to March 2011 at the Private Clinic "I Glicini" as Medical Doctor for emergencies in night and afternoon duties in the departments of Medicine, Neurological Rehabilitation and Cardiological Rehabilitation.
- ✓ Since January 2016 to September 2018 employed in the Internal Medicine dep. Of San Jacopo Hospital, Pistoia as Medical Assistant.
- ✓ Since November 2009 to September 2019 private practice as Rheumatologist and Musculoskeletal Ultrasonographer in several private Medical Centres.
- ✓ Since September 2015 to October 2020 dean of the Rehabilitation center Vitasana Fisiokin in Montecatini Terme.
- ✓ Since September 2019 private practice as Head of Internal Medicine and Rheumatologist. Since April 2023 Medical Director of the center.
- ✓ Since September 2021 Consultant Rheumatologist in the Interdisciplinary Pain Medicine Unit of the Santa Maria Maddalena Hospital in Occhiobello.

TEACHING ACTIVITY

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- Teaching of Rheumatology and Medical semeiotics at the School of Medicine of the University of Florence since 2009 to 2014.
 - Students Tutoring (Semeiotics, Rheumatology, Internal Medicine, postgraduate internship) at the School of Medicine of the University of Florence since 2009 to 2014 (Rheumatology Unit , Director Prof. M. Matucci Cerinic).
 - Lecturer and tutor in several national and international Musculoskeletal and Rheumatological Ultrasound courses since 2010.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND TITLES

- Application of the ultrasound method (musculoskeletal, vascular, skin and lung) in rheumatic diseases.
- Development of musculoskeletal ultrasound in rheumatology setting, defining criteria for the standardization of the method.
- Application of Ultrasound Elastography to the musculoskeletal system and the skin.
- Skin, vascular, cardiac and pulmonary involvement in scleroderma.
- Microcrystalline Arthritis.
- Use of ultrasound of the skin in Juvenile Localized Scleroderma.
- Co-founder and member of the steering committee of the "Study Group for Musculoskeletal Ultrasound of the Italian Society of Rheumatology".
- Co-Author of the recommendations of the European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB) for the definition of the training minimum for the practice of ultrasonography in Europe, with regard to the rheumatology ultrasound (Minimum Training Recommendations for the Practice of Medical Ultrasound in Europe: Rheumatology competency).
- Co-Author of Rheumatology guidelines for the Tuscany Region.
- Member of OMERACT (Outcome measures in Rheumatoid Arthritis for clinical trials) tasks forces for US in CPPD, Lung US and PMR.
- Development and/or evaluation of the EULAR Competency assessment certification process for musculoskeletal ultrasound.
- Founder of the International Society for Ultrasound in Rheumatology and President in 2019-2020.

- Teacher in EULAR online musculoskeletal ultrasound course.

SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Management of Rheumatological and Internistic patients both in inpatient and in outpatient settings.
- Advanced level in musculoskeletal ultrasound.
- Interventional US guided and blind rheumatological procedures, both intra-articular and extra-articular (arthrocentesis, injections, biopsies, articular and bursal lavage, tendon fenestration, dry needling, mesotherapy, calcific tendinopathy needle lithoclasty, percutaneous hydrodissection, PRP administration, oxygen-ozone therapy..).
- Synovial fluid analysis.
- US guided vascular catheterization (central venous catheters, midline catheters, intra-arterial catheters), thoracentesis and paracentesis.
- Pain management in the rheumatological patient.
- Management of sport overuse and non-surgical traumatic musculoskeletal pathology.

LECTURES IN COURSES AND CONGRESSES

1. Master Course of Rheumatology: updates on diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases. 11-14 and 18-21 May 2007, Moscow.
2. 11th EULAR Postgraduate Course in Rheumatology. 28 September- 2 October 2009, Torre del Greco.
3. XLVI Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 4-7 November 2009, Rimini.
4. Clinical Challenge in inflammatory diseases. Annual Course & Masterclass. 17-18 November 2009, Lisbona.
5. XIII Mediterranean Congress of Rheumatology. 18-21 November 2009, Dubrovnik.
6. 17th EULAR Sonography Course. 13-16 June 2010, Rome.
7. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2010”. 16-19 June 2010, Rome.

8. Seminario di Reumatologia: Seminars of the Rheumatic Diseases, Highlights in Rheumatology. 1-2 October 2010, Cagliari.
9. V Congresso Internazionale Multidisciplinare. Approccio Clinico e Riabilitativo in Reumatologia. Terapia farmacologica e non farmacologica: quali sinergie? 6-9 October 2010, Mantova.
10. Campus in Reumatologia: specializzandi alla prova. Diagnosi differenziale: artriti, connettiviti e malattie rare. 22-23 October 2010, Rome.
11. Il dolore: gestione peri e post-operatoria del paziente sottoposto ad intervento di chirurgia protesica mayre. 12 November 2010, Florence.
12. 2nd Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 18-20 November 2010, Belgrade.
13. Ecografia della mano nelle Malattie Reumatiche. 10-11 December 2010, Bologna.
14. 1st Basic Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologists. 3-5 February 2011, Sofia.
15. 1st Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 10-12 March 2011, Bucharest.
16. Ecografia vascolare in emergenza. 9 June 2011, Florence.
17. Mediterranean Musculoskeletal ultrasound course: teach the teachers. 4-6 October 2011, Napoli.
18. XLVIII Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 23-29 November 2011, Rimini.
19. Giornate Mediche Fiorentine 2011. 2-3 December 2011, Florence.
20. L'appropriatezza prescrittiva nella gotta. 17 December 2011, Figline Valdarno (FI).
21. 1st Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 19-21 January 2012, Zagreb.
22. 2nd Systemic Sclerosis World Congress. 2-4 February 2012, Madrid.
23. 2nd Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 8-10 March 2012, Bucharest.
24. 3rd Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 29-31 March 2012, Belgrade.
25. 2° Edizione del Convegno Nazionale "Stato dell'arte sulle applicazioni cliniche dell'ecografia in reumatologia". 19-21 April 2012, Siena.
26. Basic Level Musculoskeletal Sonography Course and Intermediate Level Musculoskeletal sonography course. 14-16 June 2012, Golden Sands (Bulgaria).
27. Malattie autoinfiammatorie ovvero "ma stiamo parlando anche di Behcet?". 26 October 2012, Florence.
28. 2nd Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 31 January-2 February 2013, Zagreb.
29. 3rd Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 7-9 March, Bucharest.
30. 4th Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 9-11 May 2013, Belgrade.
31. The Karolinska University programme – optimizing treatment in RA. 23-24 May 2013, Stockolm.

32. 20th EULAR sonography course. 9-12 June 2013, Madrid.
33. Consensus conference on Complex regional pain syndrome: clinical aspects, diagnostic procedures, treatment. 12 October 2013, Florence.
34. Treat to Target in High Definition. 09 November 2013, Florence.
35. 50° Congresso nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 27-30 November 2013, Napoli.
36. Corso SIR di Ecografia Muscoloscheletrica - Italian Ultrasound Day. 3-4 February 2014, Florence (Lecturer and Scientific responsible).
37. 3rd Systemic Sclerosis World Congress, 6-8 February 2014, Rome.
38. Corso SIR di Ecografia Muscoloscheletrica in Reumatologia. 20-22 February 2014, Rome.
39. Stato dell'arte sulle applicazioni dell'ecografia in reumatologia. 3° edizione. 14-16 April 2014, Siena.
40. 21st EULAR sonography course. 8-11 June 2014, Paris.
41. 3rd Musculoskeletal sonography course for rheumatologists, basic. 30 October-1 November 2014, Zagreb.
42. 1st International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic Level. 6-8 November 2014, Athens.
43. 51° Congresso Nazionale SIR & 17° Congresso Nazionale CROI. 26-29 November 2014, Rimini.
44. 18° Convegno Patologia immune e malattie orfane. 29-31 January 2015, Torino.
45. 5th International sonography course for Rheumatologists, Intermediate level and basic pediatric level. 5-7 March 2015, Belgrade.
46. Educational Course: Musculoskeletal Ultrasound in Rheumatology. 19-21 March 2015, Rome.
47. 22nd EULAR sonography course. 7-10 June 2015, Rome.
48. Corso avanzato di ecografia Reumatologica. 18-20 November 2015, Siena.
49. 2nd International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic level. 17-19 December 2015, Athens.
50. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound course, basic Level. 14-16 January 2016, Plovdiv.
51. 1st Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist, Intermediate. 22-24 January 2016, Zagreb.
52. Corso teorico e pratico sulla tecnica infiltrativa, chirurgica e protesica dell'anca. 10-11 June 2016, Arezzo.
53. The Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course – basic pediatric & intermediate adults- 13-15 October 2016, Bucharest.
54. 53° Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 23-26 November 2016, Rimini.

55. The musculoskeletal Ultrasound courses – basic and intermediate levels. 13-15 January 2017, Sofia.
56. 1st international conference on the clinical application of ultrasonography in Rheumatology. 19-20 January 2017, Siena.
57. 4^o Florence RA Course, The surgical treatment of the rheumatoid upper limb. 23-25 February 2017, Firenze.
58. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound course for Rheumatologists, basic level. 27-29 April 2017, Bucharest.
59. 4th Musculoskeletal sonography course for Rheumatologists. Basic level. 28-30 September 2017, Zagreb.
60. 1th Focussed course on ultrasound-guided procedures. 5-7 October 2017, Belgrade.
61. 6th Musculoskeletal sonography course for Rheumatologists. 5-7 October 2017, Belgrade.
62. 4th International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic and Intermediate level. 30 November-2 December 2017, Athens.
63. Musculoskeletal ultrasound course, intermediate level, and focussed course on ultrasound-guided procedures: fluid aspirations, injections, biopsies and loco-regional anesthesia of peripheral nerves. 29-31 march, Plovdiv.
64. 5th International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic and Intermediate level. 29 November-1 December 2018, Athens.
65. 2nd Sonography Course for Rheumatologists, Intermediate Level. 3-5 December 2018, Zagreb.
66. New Insights in Rheumatoid Arthritis, 5-6 April 2019, Florence.
67. Ultrasound in Rheumatic Diseases: International Masterclass. Module 1: Ultrasound in Rheumatoid Arthritis. 9-11 May 2019, Zagreb.
68. Ecografia e infiltrazioni con acido ialuronico nel paziente artrosico: approccio multidisciplinare integrato. 27-28 September 2019, Bologna.
69. Emocomponenti e loro utilizzo nella guarigione tessutale. 28 September 2019, Pistoia.
70. Pain Medicine: the Challenge. VIII Edizione. Aggiornamenti in Medicina del Dolore. 17-19 October 2019, Rimini.
71. 6th International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic and Intermediate level. 28-30 Novembre 2019, Athens.
72. Corso SIR Ecografia Muscoloscheletrica in Reumatologia, corso base. 16-18 gennaio 2020, Torino.
73. Patient Journey, intorno alle line guida ESCEO. 4 February 2020, Pistoia.
74. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound in degenerative and crystalrelated rheumatic diseases. 28-29 February 2020, Plovdiv.

75. Corso di tecniche infiltrative ecoguidate in Medicina del Dolore. 21 November 2020, (webinar).
76. Roadmap cure chronic inflammatory disease, a multidisciplinary approach - focus on respiratory disease. 25 November 2020, (webinar)
77. Corso di Tecniche infiltrative ecoguidate in Medicina del Dolore. 11-12 September 2021, Rimini.
78. 29 settembre 2021, Firenze AGAVE NERVI
79. Ecografia e infiltrazioni con acido ialuronico nel paziente artrosico: approccio multidisciplinare integrato. 1-2 October 2021, Florence.
80. Pain Medicine: the Challenge. IX Edizione di Aggiornamenti in Medicina del Dolore. 21-23 October 2021, Rimini.
81. IV modulo della Masterclass in Medicina del Dolore: Gestione tecniche ambulatoriali in Medicina del Dolore. 12-14 November 2021, Rimini.
82. 1st Egypt & Pan Arab Congress of Musculoskeletal Neuromuscular e Spine Ultrasound. 2 December 2021, Cairo.
83. 7th International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic and Intermediate level. 9-11 December 2021, Athens.
84. Introduzione alla Medicina del Dolore: dalla diagnosi alla terapia. 28-30 January 2022, Rimini
85. Corso di Tecniche infiltrative ecoguidate in Medicina del Dolore. 26-27 February 2022, Rimini.
86. Craiova Connects congress 7-9 April 2022, Craiova
87. Corso di Tecniche infiltrative ecoguidate in Medicina del Dolore. 16-17 September 2022, Rimini.
88. IX Simposio Nazionale Antiage. 6-7 October 2022, Rome.
89. First ERA-EULAR Intermediate Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course. 7-8 October 2022, Dubai.
90. 1st Rheumaltrasound Hands on Sonography Course MSUS First Level. 13-15 October 2022, Craiova.
91. Pain Medicine: the Challenge. X Edizione di Aggiornamenti in Medicina del Dolore. 3-5 November 2022, Rimini.
92. IV modulo della Masterclass in Medicina del Dolore "Gestione tecniche ambulatoriali in Medicina del Dolore". 18 November 2022, Rimini.
93. Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologists – basic and intermediate levels. 30 March – 1 April 2023, Zagreb.
94. 2st ISUSR Hands on Sonography Course MSUS First Level. 20-22 April 2023, Belgrade

SCIENTIFIC DIRECTION AND ORGANIZATION

1. I Advanced course of MSUS in Tuscany, in cooperation with the colleagues of the Universities of Siena and Pisa.
2. Ultrasound in Rheumatic Diseases: International Masterclass. Module 1: Ultrasound in Rheumatoid Arthritis. 9-11 May 2019, Zagreb.
3. 1st Rheuma ultrasound Hands on Sonography Course MSUS First Level, 13-15 October 2022, Craiova.

UPDATING

1. Nuovi orizzonti nel trattamento dell'artrite reumatoide. 18 November 2004, Florence.
2. Predictive, pathogenesis and protective autoantibodies. 21 October 2005, Florence.
3. Treatment strategies in Early Rheumatoid Arthritis. 6 December 2005, Florence.
4. Impiego dei farmaci miorilassanti nella terapia delle malattie reumatiche. 11e25 January 2006, Florence.
5. Amiloidosi: Dalla ricerca alla Clinica. 14 January 2006, Prato.
6. Novel strategies for the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis. 20 January 2006, Florence.
7. Behcet's disease and familial mediterranean fever. 26 January 2006, Florence.
8. La terapia farmacologica del dolore. 1 e 8 February 2006, Florence.
9. Autoimmunità, autoanticorpi e malattie autoimmuni. 8 February 2006, Florence.
10. Chronic arthritis: from immunology to system biology. 22 February 2006, Florence.
11. Fascite plantare. 1 March 2006, Florence.
12. La prevenzione degli errori di terapia: elaborazione, implementazione e valutazione della scheda terapeutica unica (STU) nei dipartimenti assistenziali integrati dell'AOUC. 24 May- 31 December 2006, Florence.
13. Orthorheumaster 2006: Corso teorico-pratico su cadavere di Chirurgia artroscopica e protesica. 23-25 November 2006, Paris.
14. VI Corso sull'Analisi del Liquido Sinoviale. 19–20 April 2007, Padova.
15. Pain in Rheumatology: from Imaging to Management. 8-9 June 2007, Catania.
16. Emergenze Allergologiche. 10November 2007, Florence.
17. 15th Eular Sonography Course (Basic Level). 8-11 June 2008, Paris.
18. 11° Corso di Ecografia Muscolo-Scheletrica. 25- 27 June 2008, Jesi.
19. L'artrite reumatoide: il linguaggio dei segni. 24-26 September 2008, Jesi.
20. Early Arthritis nell'adulto e in età pediatrica. 30-31 January 2009, Siena.
21. Global Expert Meeting in RA. 20-22 March 2009, Budapest.

22. IV Corso teorico-pratico: la settimana delle malattie rare in Reumatologia, Alessandro Lupoli. 12-16 May 2009, Pisa.
23. Update teorico pratico su artrite psoriasica e spondilite anchilosante. 26-27 May 2009, Reggio Emilia.
24. 16th Eular Sonography Course (Advanced Level). 7-10 June 2009, Copenhagen.
25. Annual European Congress oh Rheumatology “EULAR 2009”. 10-13 June 2009, Copenhagen.
26. Congresso Nazionale “Magenta Osteoarea”. 9-10 October 2009, Milan.
27. Corso di formazione continua del reumatologo. 11 January and 31 March 2010, Florence.
28. 1st Systemic Sclerosis World Congress. 11-13 February 2010, Florence.
29. Stato dell’arte sulle applicazioni cliniche dell’ecografia in ambito reumatologico. 18-19 March 2010, Siena.
30. Corso di Perfezionamento: Ecografia Vascolare in Emergenza. 7-10 June 2010, Florence.
31. Focus sulle terapie Biologiche. 2 July 2010, Florence.
32. The Rheumatic Hand: the bridge between anatomy and pathology. 5-6 July 2010, Barcelona.
33. Up-to-date di Reumatologia Ecografica: corso teorico pratico. 9-11 September 2010, Bergamo.
34. American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting. 6-11 November 2010, Atlanta.
35. XLVII Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 24-27 November 2010, Rimini.
36. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2011”. 25-28 May 2011, London.
37. Unireuma: la scuola di specializzazione in Reumatologia (prospettive alla conclusione della fase sperimentale). 15-16 July 2011, Rome.
38. Masterclass in osteoporosi. 15 October 2011, Rome.
39. The Rheumatology leadeshipseries. 9-10 December 2011, Amsterdam.
40. Ultrasonography course of vascular involvement in rheumatological diseases. 2-5 April 2012, Reggio Emilia.
41. XLIX Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 21-24 November 2012, Milan.
42. Incontro multidisciplinare sulla patologia psoriasi. 28 June 2013, Presidio ospedaliero palagiot (Florence).
43. Incontri di aggiornamento linee guida “reumatologia”. 18-19 November e 3,10,16,20 December 2013, Florence.
44. Corsi RESTARS. 12 May 2017, Padova.
45. 21° Convegno Patologia Immune e malattie orfane: Ecografia in Reumatologia. 24 January 2018, Torino.

46. Innovative Insights into arthritis and its treatment. 2-3 February 2018, Torino.
47. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2019”. 12-15 June 2019, Madrid.
48. Patient Journey, intorno alle line guida ESCEO. 21 June 2019, Napoli.
49. Reuma Florence 2019. 6-7 September 2019, Florence.
50. Corso teorico e pratico di I livello in Ossigeno Ozono Terapia (SIOOT). 14 September 2019, Bergamo.
51. Cadaver Lab in Medicina del Dolore. 28 April 2021.
52. Il dolore neuropatico e nociplastico. 21-23 May 2021, online.
53. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2021”. 2-5 June 2021, online
54. 58° congresso nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 25-27 November 2021, Rimini.
55. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2022”. 1-4 June 2022, Copenhagen.
56. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2023”. 31 May - 3 June 2023, Milan.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

1. Pallanti S, **Porta F**, Salerno L. *Adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in patients with fibromyalgia syndrome: Assessment and disabilities*. J Psychiatr Res. 2021 Apr;136:537-542. doi: 10.1016/j.jpsychires.2020.10.027.
2. Galluccio F, D'Angela D, Polistena B, **Porta F**, Barskova T, Tofani L, Spandonaro F, Matucci-Cerinic M. *Comparison of three treatment protocols with intra-articular low or intermediate molecular weight hyaluronic acid in early symptomatic knee osteoarthritis*. Ther Adv Musculoskelet Dis. 2021 Apr 20;13:1759720X21994024.
3. Abdallah El-Sayed Allam 1, Tolga Ergonenc, Alvaro Garcia Martos, Mario Fajardo Perez, Francesco Perdisa, **Francesco Porta**, Simão Serrano, Andrea Tognù, Felice Galluccio *Ultrasound-Guided Interventions During the COVID-19 Pandemic-A New Challenge* Am J Phys Med Rehabil. 2020 Jul;99(7):580-58
4. Zabotti A, Filippou G, Canzoni M, Adinolfi A, Picerno V, Carrara G, Balint P, Bruyn G, D'Agostino MA, Damjanov N, Delle Sedie A, Filippucci E, Gonzalez Fernandez ML, Hammer HB, Karim Z, Mandl P, Moller I, Morales Lozano MR, Naredo E, **Porta F**, Sakellariou G, Terslev L, Scirè CA, Iagnocco A; OMERACT Ultrasound Task Force members .*OMERACT agreement and reliability study of ultrasonographic elementary lesions in osteoarthritis of the foot*. RMD Open. 2019 Mar 8;5(1):e00079
5. Filippou G, Scirè CA, Adinolfi A, Damjanov NS, Carrara G, Bruyn GAW, Cazenave T, D'Agostino MA, Delle Sedie A, Di Sabatino V, Diaz Cortes ME, Filippucci E, Gandjbakhch F, Gutierrez M, Maccarter DK, Micu M, Möller Parera I, Mouterde G, Mortada MA, Naredo E,

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6. Zabotti A, Piga M, Canzoni M, Sakellariou G, Iagnocco A, Scirè CA; UPSTREAM study group. *Ultrasonography in psoriatic arthritis: which sites should we scan?* Ann Rheum Dis. 2018 Oct;77(10):1537-1538. doi: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2018-213025.
 7. Galluccio F, Bellucci E, **Porta F**, Tofani L, De Paulis A, Bianchedi D, Barskova T, Matucci-Cerinic M. *The waterpolo shoulder paradigm: results of ultrasound surveillance at poolside*. BMJ Open Sport Exerc Med. 2017 Jul 28;3(1):e000211.
 8. Filippou G, Scirè CA, Damjanov N, Adinolfi A, Carrara G, Picerno V, Toscano C, Bruyn GA, D'Agostino MA, Delle Sedie A, Filippucci E, Gutierrez M, Micu M, Möller I, Naredo E, Pineda C, Porta F, Schmidt WA, Terslev L, Vlad V, Zufferey P, Iagnocco A. *Definition and Reliability Assessment of Elementary Ultrasonographic Findings in Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease: A Study by the OMERACT Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease Ultrasound Subtask Force*. J Rheumatol. 2017 Nov;44(11):1744-1749.
 9. Scirè CA, Carrara G, Viroli C, Cimmino MA, Taylor WJ, Manara M, Govoni M, Salaffi F, Punzi L, Montecucco C, Matucci-Cerinic M, Minisola G; **Study Group for the Kick-Off of the Italian Network for Gout Study**. *Development and First Validation of a Disease Activity Score for Gout*. Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken). 2016 Oct;68(10):1530-7. doi: 10.1002/acr.22844. Epub 2016 Sep 6.
 10. Filippou G, Adinolfi A, Delle Sedie A, Filippucci E, Iagnocco A, **Porta F**, Sconfienza LM, Tormenta S, Di Sabatino V, Picerno V, Frediani B. *Radiologists and rheumatologists on performing and reporting shoulder ultrasound: from disagreement to consensus*. Reumatismo. 2014 Nov 6;66(3):233-9.
 11. Scirè CA, Manara M, Cimmino M, Govoni M, Salaffi F, Punzi L, Monti MC, Montecucco CM, Matucci-Cerinic M, Minisola G, Galossi A, Lauriti C, Corvaglia S, Fracassi E, Selvi E, Tirri E, Furini F, Inverardi F, **Porta F**, Venturino F, Capsoni F, Sebastiani G, Fabbriani G, D'Avola G, Botticella G, Seminara G, Alessandro D, Carrara G, Santo L, Longato L, Sinigaglia L, Atteritano M, Brogginini M, Caprioli M, Favero M, Salli S, Parisi S, Veneto V. *Gout impacts on function and health-related quality of life beyond associated risk factors and medical conditions. Results from the Observational KING Study of the Italian Society for Rheumatology (SIR)*. Arthritis Res Ther. 2013 Aug 23;15(5):R101
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13. Iagnocco AM; **Porta F**; Cuomo G; DelleSedie A; Filippucci E; Grassi W; Sakellariou G; Epis O; Adinolfi A; Ceccarelli F; De Lucia O; Di Geso L; Di Sabatino V; Gabba A; Gattamelata A; Gutierrez M; Massaro L; Massarotti M; Perricone C; Picerno V; Ravagnani V; Riente L; Scioscia C; Naredo E; Filippou, G. ***The Italian MSUS Study Group Recommendations for the format and content of the report and documentation in MSUS in Rheumatology***" Rheumatology (Oxford). 2014 Feb;53(2):367-73
 14. **Porta F**, Damjanov N, Galluccio F, MatucciCerinic M. ***Ultrasound elastography (UE) is a reproducible and feasible tool for the evaluation of the patellar tendon in healthy subjects.*** Int J Rheum Dis. 2013 Nov 29
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