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Expert in biomedical sciences, specialized in translational cancer research, personalized preclinical models and development of new cancer therapies. Author of 70 publications in international scientific journals (including Nature, Science, Blood, Cell Stem Cell) and member of the Scientific Board of the Italian Association for Cancer Research (AIRC), Dr. Zeuner was team leader in 21 research projects funded by national and international Institutions and filed 3 patents for new oncological therapies. She has been director of the Biotechnology Division at the Department of Oncology and Molecular Medicine (Istituto Superiore di Sanità), manager of a multicentric AIRC “5xmille” program and coordinator of an international network of centers working on colorectal cancer in the Mediterranean area (COLOMED, Italian Ministry of Health). She obtained a Master’s degree in Science Communication at the International School of Advanced Studies (ISAS/SISSA) in Trieste and combines research work with a constant dissemination activity in the field of cancer prevention and therapy.

CURRENT POSITION

Research Director and Head of the Unit "Preclinical Models and Clinical Trials in Hematology and Oncology" at the Department of Oncology and Molecular Medicine, Italian National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS).

EDUCATION

1989: High school diploma, Liceo Classico Pilo Albertelli, Rome, Italy. Grade 60/60.

1994: University degree (five-years course): Biological Sciences, specialization: Molecular Immunology. University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy. Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude honours.

1998: PhD in Immunology, University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy, Grade: 30/30.

2009: Master Degree in Science Communication, International School of Advanced Studies (ISAS/SISSA), Trieste, Italy. Grade: 30/30.

WORK HISTORY

- 1995-1997: PhD student. Laboratory of Immunology, National Research Council (CNR), Tor Vergata University and Umberto I Hospital, Rome, Italy.

- 1997: Visiting scientist, Kimmel Cancer Center, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA.
- 1998- 2005: Researcher, Department of Hematology, Oncology and Molecular Medicine, National Institute of Health, Rome, Italy.
- 2003-2006: Consultant, Department of Experimental Oncology, Mediterranean Institute of Oncology, Catania, Italy.
- 2006-today: First Researcher, Department of Hematology, Oncology and Molecular Medicine, ISS.
- 2008-2017: Head of the Biotechnology Unit at the Department of Oncology and Molecular Medicine, Italian National Institute of Health (ISS).
- 2012-2015: Project Manager of the “5xmille” Molecular Clinical Oncology Program "Development of effective cancer therapies based on functional proteomics and Cancer Stem Cell targeting" (Italian Association for Cancer Research).
- 2016-2018: Coordinator of an international network of clinical and research centers working on COLOrectal cancer in the MEDiterranean area (COLOMED, Italian Ministry of Health).
- 2008-2017: Director, Biotechnology Unit, Department of Hematology, Oncology and Molecular Medicine, National Institute of Health (ISS).
- 2017-2021: First researcher and team leader, Department of Oncology and Molecular Medicine, ISS.
- 2022-today: Research Director and Head of the Unit "Preclinical Models and Clinical Trials in Hematology and Oncology” at the Department of Oncology and Molecular Medicine, Italian National Institute of Health (ISS).

AREAS OF INTEREST

Lung, breast and colorectal cancer. Precision Medicine (organoid technology, liquid biopsy, personalized anticancer therapies), molecular oncology, cancer immunology, identification of new therapeutic targets and mechanisms of therapy resistance, preclinical evaluation of novel antitumor agents and cancer stem cells. New targeted drugs for solid tumors. Stem cells in normal tissues and cancer.

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, PROGETTI PNRR M6C2:** Years 2022-2025. Title: Deconstructing cancer therapy resistance: integration of advanced in vitro, in vivo and in silico models to dissect patient-specific mechanisms of chemo/immunotherapy resistance, identify

novel therapeutic vulnerabilities and generate personalized strategies to target relapse-inducing cancer cells. Role: Principal Investigator.

- **MINISTERO DELL'UNIVERSITA' E DELLA RICERCA, PROGETTI PNRR D3-4-HEALTH:** Years 2022-2026: "Digital Driven Diagnostics, prognostics and therapeutics for sustainable Health care" (Working Group ISS), coordinator Prof. Catalano.

- **MINISTERO DELL'UNIVERSITA' E DELLA RICERCA, PROGETTI PNRR HEAL ITALIA:** Years 2022-2024 (Working Group ISS), coordinator Palermo University.

- **ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA PER LA RICERCA SUL CANCRO (AIRC), Investigator Grant N. 20744:** Years: 2018-2023. Title: Silent seeds at the root of cancer: targeting quiescent therapy-resistant stem cells in lung and colorectal tumors. Role: Principal Investigator.

- **ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA PER LA RICERCA SUL CANCRO (AIRC), Investigator Grant N. 15749.** Years: 2015-2017. Title: The dark side of silence: stem cell quiescence as a therapeutic target in colorectal tumors. Role: Principal Investigator.

- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE Progetto EUROMED.** Years: 2016-2018. Title: Creazione di una rete di coordinamento fra laboratori e centri clinici dedicati alla ricerca e terapia del tumore del colon-retto nei Paesi dell'area Mediterranea (COLOMED). Role: Principal Investigator.

- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, PROGRAMMA ONCOTECNOLOGICO FASE II, PROGETTO N. 15ONC4.** Years: 2015-2016. Title: Generazione di anticorpi monoclonali diretti contro le cellule staminali tumorali di tumori solidi come potenziali strumenti diagnostici e terapeutici. Role: Principal Investigator.

- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, Programma per la Ricerca Finalizzata Prog. RF-ISS-2008-1237436.** Years: 2009-2011. Title: Targeting survival and metastasis pathways in cancer stem cells: a molecular and translational approach. Role: Principal Investigator.

- **ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA PER LA RICERCA SUL CANCRO (AIRC), Investigator Grant N. 5717:** Years: 2009-2011. Title: Cytokines and beyond: exploring the effects of supportive therapies on tumor-initiating cells. Role: Principal Investigator.

- **ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA PER LA RICERCA SUL CANCRO (AIRC), Investigator Grant N. 1405.** Years: 2006-2008. Title: Control of myeloid cell expansion in normal and neoplastic hematopoiesis. Role: Principal Investigator.

- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, PROGRAMMA COOPERATIVO ITALIA-USA PER LA TERAPIA DEI TUMORI.** Years: 2001-2003. Title: Molecular targets in polycythemia vera. Role: Principal Investigator.

- **EUROPEAN COMMISSION EU FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME HORIZON 2020, ERA-NET TRANSCAN-2 (JTC 2014).** Years: 2016-2019. Title: Targeting Colon Tumor Initiating Cell Heterogeneity (TACTIC). Coordinator Prof. J.P. Medema (Amsterdam Medical Center, Olanda).
- **PON PER LA SCUOLA (Fondi Strutturali Europei Programmazione 2014-2020) Progetto N.10.2.5A-FSEPON-LA-2017-56.** Year: 2019. Title: Dalla ricerca alla terapia: il ruolo della sperimentazione contro i tumori. Coordinator Dott.ssa Cristina Agresti (ISS).
- **UNIVERSITA' LA SAPIENZA PROGETTI AWARDS Rif. RM11715C81FC7E53.** Year: 2017. Title: Characterization and targeting of therapy-resistant quiescent stem cells in colorectal cancers. Coordinator Prof. Vito D'Andrea (Università la Sapienza, Roma).
- **UNIVERSITA' LA SAPIENZA PROGETTI AWARDS Rif. C26H15ZKWL.** Year: 2015. Title: Development on new therapies based on colorectal cancer stem cell targeting. Coordinator Prof. F. La Torre (Università la Sapienza, Roma).
- **ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITA', Dipartimento di Oncologia e Medicina Molecolare, Progetti di Ricerca Corrente 2020.** Year: 2020. Title: Analisi dell'effetto preventivo e terapeutico di una nuova formulazione di fenretinide sui carcinomi spontanei della mammella. Coordinator Dott.ssa Marta Baiocchi (ISS).
- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, Bando Malattie Rare Rif. N. RF-ISS-2008-1222648.** Years: 2008-2010. Title: New therapeutic approaches in the human beta-thalassemia treatment: *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies. Coordinator Dott. M. Gabbianelli (ISS).
- **REGIONE UMBRIA, PROGRAMMA RICERCA ONCOLOGICA Rif. N. RF-2016-02362990.** Years: 2008-2011. Title: Trapianto di cellule staminali ematopoietiche allogeniche nella terapia delle emopatie maligne e delle neoplasie solide. Coordinator Prof. M. M. Martelli (Università di Perugia).
- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, PROGRAMMA INTEGRATO ONCOLOGIA Rif. N. RFPS-2006-3-342493.** Years: 2009-2011. Title: Improving hematopoietic cell transplantation through the inhibition of apoptotic pathways. Coordinator Prof. R. De Maria (ISS).
- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, Programma per la Ricerca Finalizzata 2003.** Years: 2003-2004. Title: il pathway IGF-1/PI3K/Akt nello scompenso cardiaco e nelle malattie cardiovascolari. Coordinator Prof. Gianluigi Condorelli (S. Raffaele, Roma)..
- **MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE, Programma per la Ricerca Finalizzata 2003.** Years: 2003-2004. Title: Basi molecolari della carcinogenesi e della progressione neoplastica". Coordinator Prof. R. De Maria (Istituto Oncologico del Mediterraneo).

PATENTS

- **International Patent N. US7994125B2** 8/9/2011: Ann Pegna Zeuner, Ruggero De Maria (Istituto Superiore di Sanità) entitled “Stem cell factor for preventing chemotherapy-induced depletion of blood cells”.
- **National Patent N. 102014902292046** 9/11/2016: Ann Pegna Zeuner, Isabella Orienti, Ruggero De Maria (Istituti Fisioterapici Ospedalieri) entitled “Fenretinide Complexes” and PCT N. WO2016038534A1.
- **National Patent N. 102018000006278** 8/7/2020: Ann Pegna Zeuner, Adriana Eramo, Isabella Orienti (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Alma Mater Studiorum Università degli Studi Bologna) entitled “Bionanofenretinide new antitumor formulation”.

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- Relucenti M, Francescangeli F, De Angelis ML, D'Andrea V, Miglietta S, Donfrancesco O, Li X, Chen R, **Zeuner A.** Familiari G. A Different Exosome Secretion Pattern Characterizes Patient-Derived Colorectal Cancer Multicellular Spheroids and Their Mouse Xenografts. *Biology (Basel).* 2022 Sep 29;11(10):1427.
- Rossi R, De Angelis ML, Xhelili E, Sette G, Eramo A, Francescangeli F, **Zeuner A.** Lung cancer organoids: promises and challenges on the path to personalized medicine. *Cancers (Basel).* 2022 Jul 29;14(15):3703
- De Angelis ML, Francescangeli F, Nicolazzo C, Xhelili E, La Torre F, Colace L, Bruselles A, Macchia D, Vitale S, Gazzaniga P, Baiocchi M, **Zeuner A.** An orthotopic patient-derived xenograft (PDX) model allows the analysis of metastasis-associated features in colorectal cancer. *Front Oncol.* 2022 Jun 28;12:869485.
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- De Angelis ML, Francescangeli F, Nicolazzo C, Signore M, Giuliani A, Colace L, Boe A, Magri V, Baiocchi M, Ciardi A, Scarola F, Spada M, La Torre F, Gazzaniga P, Biffoni M, De Maria R, **Zeuner A.** An organoid model of colorectal circulating tumor cells with stem cell features, hybrid EMT state and distinctive therapy response profile. *J Exp Clin Cancer Res.* 2022 Mar 8;41(1):86.
- De Angelis ML, Francescangeli F, **Zeuner A.** Baiocchi M. Orthotopic Xenografts of Colorectal Cancer Stem Cells. *Methods Mol Biol.* 2022;2429:555-565

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- De Angelis ML, Francescangeli F, **Zeuner A**, Baiocchi M. Colorectal Cancer Stem Cells: An Overview of Evolving Methods and Concepts. *Cancers (Basel)*. 2021 Nov 24;13(23):5910.
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4. 1/1/2021: **Member of the Scientific Board of the Italian Association for Cancer Research (AIRC)**.
5. 1/10/2011: **Editorial Board Member, Frontiers in Molecular Targets and Therapeutics**.
6. 3/13/2013: **Editorial Board member, Notiziario dell'Istituto Superiore di Sanità**.
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- Referee for Swiss Cancer League, Switzerland.
- Referee for Agency for Health Quality and Assessment of Catalonia, Spagna.
- Referee for National Science Centre, Cracovia, Poland.
- Referee for French National Research Agency, France.

PLENARY LECTURES, CONFERENCES AND MEETING PRESENTATIONS

- **Istituto Superiore di Sanità**, presentation entitled: "Stress and cancer, molecular liaisons", meeting epiWE, epigenetics of women violence, 08/11/2022. Chairman Dr. S. Gaudi.
- **Istituto Superiore di Sanità**, presentation entitled: "Stress, PTSD and gynecologic cancers: molecular mechanisms and preventive strategies", meeting epiWE, epigenetics of women violence, 12/02/2019. Chairman Dr. S. Gaudi.
- **Università di Catania**, *plenary lecture* entitled "Cancer stem cells", 8/4/2016. Chairman Prof. M. Gulisano.
- **University of Bern, Department of Pharmacology**, plenary lecture entitled "Regulatory mechanisms in Normal and Neoplastic Hematopoiesis", 2/3/2005. Chairman Prof. H.U. Simon.

- **Associazione Donatrici Italiane Sangue di Cordone Ombelicale (ADISCO)**, plenary lecture entitled “Cord Blood Stem Cells”, 12/12/2008.
- **Comune di Sambuca (PA)**, conference entitled “Prevenire In Cancro Nella Vita Quotidiana: Una Scelta di Salute”, 22/2/2018.
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7/4/2016: Science course for the Lincei Academy (Polo Catania-Messina) entitled “Stem Cells, the new frontier of Biomedical research”.

10/7/2017-12/7/2017: Managing director and teacher of the international course “Colorectal cancer and stem cells: from theory to practice”, Istituto Superiore di Sanità.

29/6/2017-1/7/2017: Teacher at the Post-lauream Superior School of Catania (University of Catania) with a course entitled “Frontiers in Stem Cells, Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine”. Coordinators Proff. M. Gulisano and F. Sinatra.

20/5/2014: Course at Liceo Scientifico B. Croce (Roma) entitled “La ricerca sulle cellule staminali: stato dell’arte e questioni etiche”.

13/4/2016: Course at Liceo Statale M. Montessori (Roma) organized by Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca sul Cancro in collaboration with Ministero dell’Istruzione, dell’Università e della Ricerca (MIUR) and Associazione Nazionale Dirigenti Pubblici e Alte Professionalità della Scuola (ANP).

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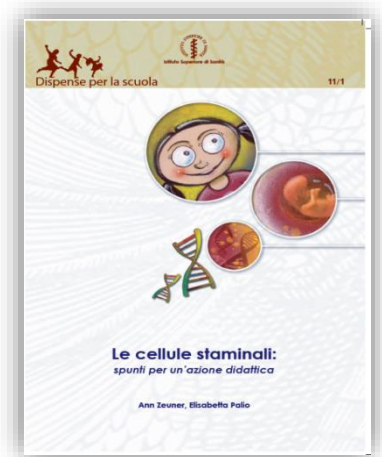
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CREATION AND COORDINATION OF INTERNET SITES

- **Creation and coordination of the COLOMED Project website**, www.colomed.it. The site, in Italian and English, consists of 14 sections, 8 of which are dedicated to the prevention and treatment of colorectal cancer. The site includes information material on cancer prevention in 7 languages for citizens of European and North African countries.
- **Creation and coordination of the AIRC 5 per mille project website** "Development of effective cancer therapies based on functional proteomics and Cancer Stem Cell targeting", www.airc5x1000staminali.it. The website (no longer active) contained medical-scientific information on cancers of the colorectal and lung cancer and updates on the related AIRC project.

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

They include the publication of articles in newspapers, weekly and specialized magazines, the creation of scientific dissemination websites, webinars, radio and television interviews. Since 2018, Dr. Zeuner has been called to be part of the "100 EXPERTS" project conceived by the Pavia Observatory and the Gi.U.Li.A Association and developed with the Bracco Foundation with the support of the Representation in Italy of the European Commission, which brings together the leading Italian experts in scientific areas with the aim of giving visibility to authoritative female voices.