

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

<i>Institution Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:</i>	High school
<i>Date:</i>	1994
	Diploma
<i>Institution Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:</i>	University of Palermo, Italy
<i>Date:</i>	1999
	Degree in Clinical and Community Psychology
<i>Institution Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:</i>	University "Cattolica del Sacro Cuore" of Milan, Italy
<i>Date:</i>	2006
	Postgraduate in Neuropsychological assessment in adults and elderly
<i>Institution Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:</i>	Mediation ARCCA, Italy
<i>Date:</i>	2013
	Trainer of The Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment Program by Reuven Feuerstein (PAS basic)

Membership of professional bodies:

Member of the Psychologists board

Present position: Neuropsychology Laboratory Manager at the "Fondazione Golgi Cenci", Italy

Years within the organisation: 3 years

Key qualifications:

- Responsible of the neuropsychological assessment in InveCe.Ab study, a prospective population-based study on health and aging (NCT01345110 ClinicalTrial.gov). Role: research activities on cognitive and psychological risk factors of brain aging;
- Responsible of the clinical neuropsychology activity in a memory clinic (CeVaC);
- Responsible of the neuropsychological assessment in the Brain Bank. Role: research activities on cognitive, psychological and neuropsychological factors of brain aging in adults and elderly volunteers;
- Psychosocial counseling in "Pronto Alzheimer Abbiategrosso", in collaboration with Alzheimer's Federation, Italy
- Responsible of the cognitive stimulation program in "Allena-Mente" Study: a randomized controlled trial evaluating the efficacy of cognitive stimulation (CS), vs a "sham" intervention,

in elderly participants at risk to develop dementia (NCT01793493 ClinicalTrial.gov). Role: planning of cognitive stimulation sessions and training of the groups.

Roberta Vaccaro is the author of 28 publications in peer-reviewed journals with a current citation record of 38 and an H index of 3.

Professional Experience Record:

Date:	From 2001 to 05/2005
Location	Italy (Palermo)
Company	Freelance consultant
Position	Clinical Psychologist
Date:	From 05/1990 to today
Location	Italy (Abbiategrosso)
Company	Geriatric Institute "C.Golgi"
Position	Neuropsychologist, Clinical Psychologist

Publication record (selected 2009-2015)

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