

**EUROPEAN
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Nationality **Italian**

Date of birth **12/04/1972**

WORK EXPERIENCE

Surgical Clinic of the University of Pavia, in Varese (Director: Prof. Renzo Dionigi), as Medical Student, from October 1995 to October 1997.

Surgical Clinic of the University of Pavia in Varese (Director: Prof. Renzo Dionigi) from November 1997 to July 1998 and Surgical Clinic of the University of Insubria in Varese, from July 1998 to October 1998 as Resident.

Surgical Division of Thoracic Surgery of the University of Pavia in Varese (Director: Prof. Lorenzo Dominioni), from November 1998 to August 2002 as Resident.

Emergency Division; Varese Teaching Hospital, from August 2002 to April 2005, as Surgical Staff.

Surgical Clinic Division of General Surgery of the University of Insubria in Varese from May 2005 to nowadays, as Academic Medical Doctor.

CURRENT POSITION

Full Professor in General Surgery, University of Insubria – Varese since August 2019

Director; Senology Research Center, University of Insubria since November 2007

Director, SSD Breast Unit – ASST-settelaghi Varese Hospital since July 2017

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

She attended Medical School at the University of Pavia (located in Varese) and in 1997 attained a final degree with a thesis on the "Correlation between blood transfusions and postoperative infective complications" with a final evaluation of 110/110 cum Laude.

In 1997 she started her residency in General Surgery, at the University of Insubria-Varese, attending the Department of Surgery under the supervision of Professor Renzo Dionigi.

During these years she participated in several clinical studies involving risk factors for postoperative infections, breast cancer and lung cancer screening.

Between 1997 and 2002, she has actively participated in the lung cancer screening program in the province of Varese.

Since 2002, she actively participates in the breast cancer screening program in the province of Varese

She completed her surgical training in General Surgery in 2003 with a final evaluation of 50/50 cum laude.

ABILITATION

Professional Abilitation to Medical Doctor c/o University of Pavia in the first session of 1998 (May).

Subscribe to the Order of Physicians and Dentists of the Province of Varese in July 1998.

QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

1992: Banca Popolare di Luino e di Varese grant (5.000.000 ITL);

1993: Banca Popolare di Luino e di Varese grant (5.000.000 ITL);

1996: Fondazione Famiglia Legnanese grant (4.000.000 ITL);

1997: AVIS Varese grant (2.000.000 ITL);

2016: Cancro Primo Aiuto Onlus Award.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Prof. Rovera is involved in several clinical research studies regarding breast cancer surgery and radioimmuno-guided node dissection in breast cancer; risk factors for postoperative infections and postoperative sepsis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND APPOINTMENTS

Prof. Francesca Rovera has been appointed as clinical lecturer in Surgery by the University of Insubria in Varese, where she is currently giving lectures to medical students, nurses as well as physiotherapists.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2007-2010: in collaboration with IRCCS of Pavia "High risk women for breast and ovarian cancer".
- 2007-2010: in collaboration with IRCCS of Pavia "Psychological aspects in the relationship among patient, medical doctor and oncologic nurse in surgical patients".
- Principal Investigator at the Varese Hospital for the study coordinated by the International Breast Cancer Study Group (IBCSG) 23-01 on the role of lymphnodal micrometastases in breast cancer.
- Principal Investigator at the Varese Hospital for the study on "Second axillary lymphnode biopsy in local relapse of breast cancer after mastectomy with negative previous sentinel lymphnode".
- Principal Investigator at Varese Hospital for the study on "Second axillary lymphnode biopsy in local relapse of breast cancer after conservative surgery with negative previous sentinel lymphnode".
- Investigator of the study: "Phenotype and functional characterization of peripheral natural killer (NK) cells in cancer patients", in cooperation with the Department of Surgical and Biological Sciences (University of Insubria, Varese) (2010).
- Coordinator of the study "New strategies of tumoral vaccine and immunotherapy, in order to stress Lymphocyte T CD4+ activity against tumoral cells", in cooperation with Surgical and Morphological Department, University of Insubria, Varese (2012).
- Principal Investigator at Varese Hospital for the study on "Breast cancer in elderly: rationalization of the clinical approach", in cooperation with Medical Oncology Unit, A.O. San Paolo, Milano (2012).
- Co-investigator in the study "Analysis of expression of proteins involved in the autophagia in breast cancer", in cooperation with Biological Department, University Tor Vergata, Roma (2012).
- Co-investigator of the study "Evaluation of the effects of a counselling intervention on patient awareness in the decision-making process in breast cancer", Coordinator: Prof. E. Trotti, University of Insubria (2015).
- Co-investigator of the study "Resetting the immunometabolome in chronic degenerative diseases associated with aging", Coordinator: Prof. D. Noonan, University of Insubria (2015).
- Principal Investigator at Circolo Varese Hospital study SINODAR-ONE in collaboration with IRCCS – Humanitas Rozzano, Milano. Principal Investigator Dottor Corrado Tinterri (2015).
- Principal Investigator at Circolo Varese Hospital study "Nucleic acids as prognostic molecular biomarkers in breast cancer patients" (2016).
- Investigator of the study "3D ABUS-Automated Breast Ultrasound as primary test for the diagnosis of breast cancer compared to conventional 2D ultrasound in women under 40 years old" (2019).
- Co-Investigator of the study LN-NEO01 Multicenter retrospective observational study aimed at developing predictive tests of the condition of the axillary cavity after neoadjuvant chemotherapy in the treatment of breast cancer; in collaboration with IRCS Maugeri – Pavia (2020).

VISITING PROFESSOR

- 2008 Istituto Europeo di Oncologia (Milano)
- 2009 Breast Department – Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts USA – Director Kevin Hughes
- 2014 Clinical Observer at Breast Service nel Department of Breast Pathology and Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center,

New York (USA), under the supervision of Adriana D. Corben MD, Assistant Attending in the Department of Pathology, MSKCC.

- 2014 Clinical Observer - Burney Breast Unit at St. Helens Hospital, Liverpool (UK), under the supervision of Professor Riccardo A. Audisio, Consultant Surgical Oncologist – University of Liverpool.

REVIEWER

- Surgical Infection Journal
- The Breast Journal
- The Open Breast Cancer Journal

EDITOR & GUEST EDITOR

- Guest Editor – Surgical Oncology Nov 2007
- Guest Editor – International Journal of Surgery, Vol 6, 2008
- Assistant Editor: New Technologies in Surgery. Editor Renzo Dionigi. Rivista online www.newtechnologiesinsurgery.org (2009)
- Assistant Editor: Recent Advances in Liver Surgery. Editor Renzo Dionigi. Landes Bioscience, Texas 2009
- BMC surgery dal 2009

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- Surgical Infection Society-Europe (SIS-E) dal 1998
- The International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus dal 2001
- Società Lombarda di Chirurgia since 2002
- National Italian Association of Breast Surgeons (A.N.I.S.C.) dal 2006
- European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists (EUSOMA) dal 2008
- Councillor at-large Surgical Infection Society – Europe dal 2007 al 2010
- Member Scientific Council of Research Center on Mini-invasive Surgery University of Insubria since 2007
- Member Scientific Council of Research Center on Endocrine Surgery University of Insubria since 2007
- Member Oncologic Department Varese Province since 2012
- European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) since 2014
- European School of Oncology (ClubESO) since 2012
- Member of American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBS) dal 2014
- Scientific Secretary of Associazione Nazionale Italiana Senologi Chirurghi (A.N.I.S.C.) dal 2016

**PERSONAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**

MOTHER TONGUE

ITALIAN

OTHER LANGUAGES

ENGLISH

- Reading skills
- Writing skills
- Verbal skills

Excellent

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SOCIAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES

TECHNICAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES

ARTISTIC SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES

OTHER SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES

DRIVING LICENCE(S)

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