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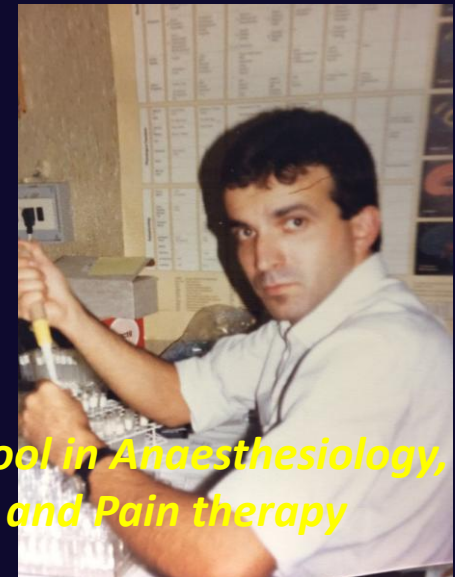
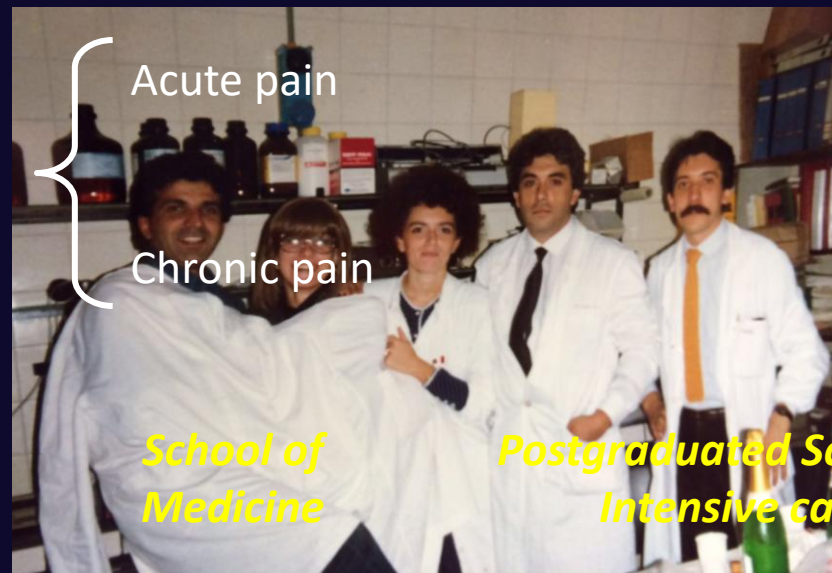
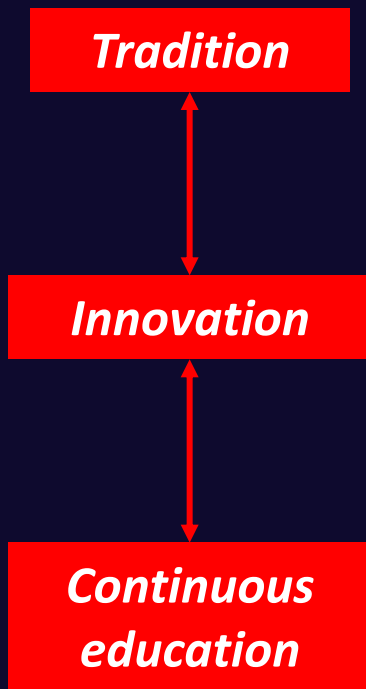


126 Degree courses organised in 10 Schools, with a population of about **51,000 enrolled students**, one-fourth of which come from outside of Tuscany.

Pain management at the University of Florence

The School of Medicine is the academic body responsible for the **training, assessment, practice** and continuing professional development of specialist medical practitioners in the management of pain. It supports a multi-disciplinary approach to pain management informed by evidence-based practice and research.

Pain management at the University of Florence was initiated in 1970 and has gradually expanded since then.



Pain management in Florence

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1,322 beds
15,200 hospital admission/yr
5,200 health care providers

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The Pain Management Unit of Careggi Hospital in Florence offers a comprehensive range of services for patients dealing with acute or chronic pain problems. The team includes anesthesiologists, neurologists, surgeons, psychologists, physical and occupational therapists and nurse practitioners

Acute

Anteoperative pain service

Acute in-hospital pain service

Outpatient hospital pain service

Each year, the Pain Management Unit of Careggi Hospital provides care for more than 3,500 outpatients with acute, chronic, and cancer pain problems.

Chronic

Pain management in Italy

Italian chronic and acute patients are treated on the “Hub and Spoke model” which provide different levels of complex assistance.

Hub

High complexity interventions on an outpatient basis, hospitalization and day hospital

Spoke

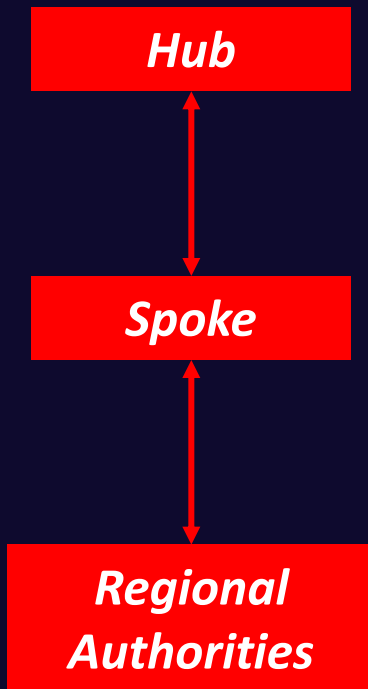
Responsible for making provision for diagnostic, therapeutic, pharmacological, instrumental and surgical interventions differently integrated to reduce pain and disability of assisted persons in outpatient center

Regional Authorities

Peripheral practitioner

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The three levels (Hub, Spoke and Regional authorities) are in direct contact, and interact in the diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitation pathway necessary to the patient, with a first triage performed by a general practitioner who, after listening to the patient, can send him towards the most proper structure to meet his needs.

continuity of care

Pain management in Italy

This model ensures the continuity of care of the patient from the hospital to their home, including in such network the whole set of health care facilities and identifying professionals dedicated to supply palliative care and pain control at all stages of the disease and for any type of patient.

The Italian Law 38/2010 to guarantee the access to palliative and pain treatments

"Measures to ensure access to palliative care and pain therapy"; this law represents a unique example of legislation in the Italian and European panorama.

This law, one of the first in Europe, protects at art. 1 "the right of citizens to have access to palliative care and pain therapy," and detects three networks of treatment dedicated to palliative care, pain therapy and pediatric patient.