

EAA Andrology Training Center
History of the Centre

2019



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History of Centre

The University of Catania Medical School founded the Andrology Center in 1982.

The need for an excellence in clinical and research center was due to the increase in the prevalence of andrological and sexological diseases since, at that time, there was no University Center in the whole Sicily and in the southern regions of Italy.

The Centre is equipped with a clinical unit for the management of andrological and endocrinological diseases, a laboratory for semen analysis, molecular biology and flow cytometric analysis and sperm banking. To meet the needs of patients with andrological diseases and couple infertility, the Centre collaborates with public and private IVF Centers and many Divisions of the same teaching hospital of the University of Catania where it is located.

The Andrology Center is a reference point for all patients in Sicily and Calabria being the only one south of Naples accredited by the European Academy of Andrology since 2006.

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Name and address of Centre

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Type of Centre

University
University Hospital
Private Centre

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1. Director

Prof. Aldo E. Calogero

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2. Director (if more Institutions in the Centre)**3. Present Staff** (*Senior Scientists*)

1) Name **Prof. Aldo E. Calogero**
Degree MD
Speciality Endocrinology

Academician

XX

Affiliated
Member

Clinical
Andrologist

2) Name **Prof. Sandro La Vignera**
Degree MD, PhD
Speciality Endocrinology and Ph.D in Andrology

Academician

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Affiliated
Member

Clinical
Andrologist

3) Name **Dr. Rosita A. Condorelli**
Degree MD
Speciality Endocrinology and Ph.D in Andrology

Academician

Affiliated
Member

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Clinical
Andrologist

4) Name **Prof. Salvatore Tumino**
Degree MD
Speciality Endocrinology

Academician

Affiliated
Member

Clinical
Andrologist

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5) Name **Prof. Maurizio Di Mauro**
Degree MD
Speciality Diabetology

Academician

☐Affiliated
Member☐Clinical
Andrologist☐**Additional staff****MD/Biologists/Chemists**

1) Name Dr. Nunziata Barone
 Degree Ph.D.
 Speciality Evolutionist Biology
 Full time/part time Full time

Academician ☐Affiliated Member ☐Clinical Andrologist ☐

2) Name Dr. Nunziatina Burrello
 Degree Ph.D.
 Speciality Embriology
 Full time/part time Full time

Academician ☐Affiliated Member ☐Clinical Andrologist ☐**PhD Students**

1) Name Dr. Laura M. Mongioì

Nurses

1) Name Dr. Concetta Costa
 2) Name Dr. Caterina Leone
 3) Name Laura Pappalardo

Laboratory Technician

1) Name Dr. Filippo Giacone

Clinical fellows of the post-graduate School of Endocrinology

- Dr. Ylenia Duca
- Dr. Rossella Cannarella
- Dr. Giovanni Burgio
- Dr. Michele Compagnone
- Dr. Maria Cristina Magagnini
- Dr. Federica Barbagallo
- Dr. Gabriele Costanzo
- Dr. Andrea Crafa

Other professionals with contract

- Dr. Laura Cimino (Endocrinologist)
- Dr. Carmelo D'Urso (Expert in physical activity)
- Dr. Angela Alamo (Fellow in Clinical Biochemistry and Pathology)

For each staff category please specify changes (increased or decreased since last EAA site visit)

PhysiciansUnchanged ☒Increased ☐Decreased ☐

Please specify _____

Please specify _____

NursesUnchanged ☒Increased ☐Decreased ☐

One unit

Please specify _____

Please specify _____

Laboratory TechniciansUnchanged ☒Increased ☐Decreased ☐

Please specify _____

Please specify _____

Administrative PersonnelUnchanged ☒Increased ☐Decreased ☐

One unit

Please specify _____

Please specify _____

Overall comment – is personnel staff enough for centers activities?

Yes

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No

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Further comment

An increase in staff members would be necessary to meet the increasing demands of the center (physicians, biologists, administrative staff)

4. Clinical activities

The main clinical activities of the Division of Andrology are:

- Male infertility
- Other reproductive problems: cryptorchidism, varicocele, sexually transmitted diseases, gonadal toxin exposure (including phytodrugs, heavy metals, anabolizing steroids)
- Diagnosis and treatment of hypogonadism including late-onset hypogonadism
- Erectile dysfunction and other sexual disorders
- Andrological diseases in systemic medical illnesses (diabetes mellitus, metabolic syndrome, obesity, irritable bowel syndrome, etc.)

Clinical diagnostic tests performed within the Division

- Standard sperm analysis (WHO, 2010)
- Didymo-epididymal and transrectal prostate-vesicular ultrasound
- Echo-color Doppler for varicocele;
- Biofunctional sperm parameters (mitochondrial function, apoptosis and chromatin/DNA integrity) by flow cytometry
- Seminal WBC subpopulations by flow cytometry
- Biochemical seminal plasma markers
- Evaluation of SNP FSH β -211 G/T (rs 10835638), FSHR c. -29 G/A (rs 1394205), FSHR c. 2039 A/G (p. Asp680Ser) (rs 6166)
- Evaluation of blood endothelial progenitor cells and endothelial microparticles by

flow cytometry

A. Outpatients: Consultations per year in the last 3 years

	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018
New patients	1601	1635	1626
Controls	3595	3615	3604

Type of patients in the last years (%)	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018
Infertility	420	430	490
Erectile dysfunction	436	454	460
Hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism	60	62	70
Klinefelter	25	20	28
Gynaecomastia	22	25	39
Varicocele	190	200	250
Cryptorchidism	20	18	27
Male sex accessory gland infections	450	470	480
Testicular tumors	22	22	30
Disorders of gender identity	14	17	17
Other (mainly: LUTS-ED, premature ejaculation, LOH, systemic diseases and male infertility, IPP, hemospermia, HPV, CBAVD)	77	74	108

B. Ultrasound (testis, penis, prostate)

	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018
New patients	198	250	300
Controls	202	232	318

C. Andrological surgery procedures

	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018
Testicular biopsies	////	////	////
Varicocele ligation	////	////	////
Prostate biopsies	////	////	////
BPH	////	////	////
Prostate cancer	////	////	////
Vasectomy	////	////	////
Vaso-vasostomy	////	////	////
Other (diagnostic TESA)	////	////	////

5. A. Andrology laboratory activity

	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018
Semen analyses	880	878	854
Sperm antibodies	0	0	0
Seminal markers	40	0	0

5. B. Andrology laboratory activity

Sperm banking donors Yes ☐ No ☒

Sperm banking cancer patients Yes ☐ No ☒

<i>If yes:</i>			
	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018
Number of samples			

5. C. Hystopathological evaluation of biopsies Yes ☐ No ☒

5. D. Reproductive Hormones Assays Yes ☒ No ☐
 Samples are sent to the central laboratory

If yes please specify type of assays and number of samples in the last year

Reproductive Hormones Assays

(FSH, LH, testosterone, SHBG, prolactin) – about 1000 samples

5. E. Y chromosome microdeletions according to EAA/EMQN guidelines Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes number of tests in the past year

Participation to the EAA quality control scheme? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, specify if available in another lab of the same hospital Yes ☒ No ☐

Blood karyotyping Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, specify if available in another lab of the same hospital Yes ☒ No ☐

Other genetic tests (please specify)

Evaluation of the following SNPs: FSH β -211 G/T (rs 10835638), FSHR c. -29 G/A (rs 1394205), FSHR c. 2039 A/G (p. Asp680Ser) (rs 6166)

CFTR gene mutations and AR polymorphisms in collaboration with the Division of Medical Genetics, University Teaching Hospital “Policlinico-Vittorio-Emanuele”, University of Catania

6. Collaborations with other Clinical Units of the University/Hospital

IVF Unit Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes please specify:

IVF Unit, University Teaching Hospital “Policlinico-Vittorio Emanuele”, University of Catania

Urology Clinic Yes ☒ No ☐

Endocrine Clinic: the Andrology Center is part of an Endocrine Unit Yes ☒ No ☐

Genetics Lab/Unit Yes ☒ No ☐

Pediatric Unit Yes ☒ No ☐

Central Hospital Laboratory Yes ☒ No ☐

Private Centers Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please specific: U.M.R. HERA, Catania Italy

Other public Centers:

- Prof. Vittorio Calabrese, Department of Chemical Sciences, University of Catania
- Prof. Antonio Basile, Radiology Unit, Teaching Hospital “Policlinico-Vittorio Emanuele”

International collaborations

- None

7. Clinical teaching activity

Clinical and Laboratory diagnostic training program

- Andrology outpatient clinic
- Standard sperm analysis (WHO, 2010)
- Evaluation of some biochemical seminal plasma markers
- Uro-genital tract ultrasound (didymo-epididymis, prostate and seminal vesicles)
- Evaluation of the biofunctional sperm parameters (mitochondrial function, apoptosis and chromatin/DNA integrity) by flow cytometry
- Evaluation of endothelial progenitor cells and endothelial microparticles by flow cytometry
- Evaluation of FSHR and FSH β gene polymorphisms

Duration of training (years):

It differs according to the type of trainee/student

	Number
A: Trainees in the last five years	5
B: Trainees who passed EAA-ESAU\exam for Clinical Andrologist in the last 5 yrs	0
C: Trainees working in the centre preparing to pass the EAA-ESAU examination	0
D: Ph.D. Students	3
E: Medical Students	120
F: Other students: post graduate school of specialty in Endocrinology	7

8. Formal Andrology teaching program

Yes ☒

No ☐

If yes: specify duration (years/months):

Years

Months

Andrology is taught to:

1. Students of Catania Medical School, as part of the Endocrine course (Prof. A.E. Calogero; Prof. S. La Vignera);
2. Students of the course in Obstetrics (Prof. A.E. Calogero);

3. physicians of the post-graduate School of specialty in Endocrinology, University of Catania (Prof. A.E. Calogero; Prof. S. La Vignera);
4. Physician of the post-graduate school of specialty in Clinical Biochemistry (Prof. A.E. Calogero; Prof. S. La Vignera);
5. Physician of the post-graduate school of specialty in Neurology (Prof. S. La Vignera).

	Hours of formal teaching per year	Professional training (weeks/months)
Medical Students (n=120)	45	1 week/student
Ph.D. Students	120	11 months/year for 3 years
Post Graduate students	40	11 months/year for 4 years
Trainees	////	////
Other degrees (please specify):		

9. Research activity

- The articles published in journal with impact factor resulting from the research activities of the Andrology Center are listed at the end

Male accessory gland infections (MAGI) and infertility

We have developed several lines of research to better understand the role of MAGI on male infertility:

- *Seminal fluid pro-inflammatory cytokine levels in selected categories of patients with MAGI*
- *Evaluation of the mechanisms through which MAGI cause male infertility*
- *Role of anti-inflammatory/antioxidant compounds on sperm fertilizing ability in patients with MAGI*
- *MAGI and sexual dysfunctions*

Biofunctional sperm parameters and male infertility

We have developed several lines of research to better understand the role of the biofunctional sperm parameters in idiopathic male infertility. This includes the evaluation of mitochondrial membrane potential, degree of chromatin compactness, externalization of phosphatidylserine, late apoptosis, viability, DNA fragmentation, evaluation of leukocyte subpopulation, measurements of mitochondrial superoxide levels and of lipid peroxidation. The main research projects are:

- *Role of biofunctional sperm parameters in idiopathic infertility*
- *Effects of metabolic diseases (diabetes mellitus, obesity, metabolic syndrome etc.) and related oxidative stress on biofunctional sperm parameters and infertility*
- *Varicocele and sperm DNA fragmentation*
- *Environmental pollution and sperm parameters*
- *In vitro studies: effects of nicotine, pollutants and other molecules*
- *Role of antibiotics, anti-inflammatory drugs, and antioxidants on sperm parameters*
- *Relationship between testicular volume and conventional or biofunctional sperm parameters.*

Andrological ultrasonography and its application in several endocrinological and andrological diseases

Didymo-epididymal and transrectal prostate-vesicular ultrasonography have led to different lines of research:

- *Relevance of ultrasound examination in acquired premature ejaculation and MAGI*

- *Usefulness of the ultrasound evaluation in patients with human papilloma virus and MAGI*
- *Ultrasound evaluation in patients with diabetes mellitus*

Late-onset hypogonadism and different therapeutical approaches

Impact of FSHR and FSHB gene polymorphisms on male gonadal function

Evaluation of spermatogenetic failure genes in patients with abnormal sperm parameters

Evaluation of blood endothelial progenitor cells and endothelial microparticles and andrological diseases

- *Functional characterization of platelets in patients with arterial erectile dysfunction*
- *Endothelial progenitor cells and erectile dysfunction: a brief review on diagnostic significance and summary of our experience*
- *Arterial dysfunction in patients with diabetes mellitus: effects of the treatments with PDE5i*
- *Circulating endothelial progenitor cells and endothelial microparticles in patients with arterial erectile dysfunction and metabolic syndrome*

Impact of thyroid disease on the testicular function

Gene and miRNA differential expression in Klinefelter syndrome

The full list of publications (years 2014 - 2018) are presented at the end of this report.

10. Research funding

Year	2016
Total amount (€)	41,000.00 euros
Funding Source(s)	Private drug companies
Year	2017
Total amount (€)	66,500.00 euros
Funding Source(s)	Minister of Instruction, University and Research Private drug companies
Year	2018
Total amount (€)	70,574.00 euros
Funding Source(s)	Minister of Instruction, University and Research Private drug companies

Prof. Aldo E. Calogero



ORGANIZATION CHARTS

Organization charts legend: Department / Unit Structure

Unit Name		Unit name
Head		Head
Staff member 1 Staff member 2 Staff member 3 Staff member 4		Staff members
Outpatient Clinics Embryology Ovarian stimulation Ultrasound Oocyte retrieval Embryo transfer FNA / TESE		Clinical services
Diagnosis of infertility Counseling of infertile couple Ethics in Andrology		Contribution to EAA training

CENTRE PHOTOS

See Photos in the attached file

FULL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS (with IF) of staff members from the last 5 years (2014-2018)

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