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Prof. Savino M. Di Stasi graduated from University of L'Aquila Medical School (1986) and completed his urology training in 1989 at The University of Bari. He subsequently spent a year as a Fellow at National Cancer Institute in Milan (1990). He earned his PhD-degree in "Diagnostic and operative technologies in urology" at University of Perugia (1991-1994), with his dissertation: "A laboratory model to study intravesical therapy". In 1992 he became a Fellow of The European Board of Urology. He is now the Chief of the Operative Unit of Urologic Oncology and Associate Professor of Urology within the Department of Surgery at Tor Vergata University of Rome. His clinical practice is in urologic oncology and neuro-urology, with research interests in bladder cancer, prostate cancer and neurological voiding dysfunctions.

Education and Academic Degrees

2005-present. Chair of the Operative Unit of Urologic Oncology, "Tor Vergata", University of Rome, Italy.

2004-present. Associate Professor of Urology, Department of Surgery, "Tor Vergata", University of Rome, Italy.

1994. Researcher, Department of Surgery/Urology, "Tor Vergata", University of Rome, Italy.

1994. Ph.D. in "Urological Diagnostic and Operative Technologies", University of Perugia, Italy.

1993. Lecturer in "Experimental Urological Oncology", "Tor Vergata", University of Rome, Italy.

1986. Degree in Medicine and Surgery, University of L'Aquila, Italy, July 1986.

Licenses and Professional Experiences

2005-present. Chair of the Operative Unit of Urologic Oncology, "Tor Vergata" University of Rome, Italy.

1994-2004. Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery/Urology, "Tor Vergata" University of Rome, Italy.

1992. Fellow of The European Board of Urology, Genova, Italy.

1991-1992. Fellow, Department of Urology, University of Perugia, Italy.

1990. Fellow, Division of Urological Surgical Oncology, National Cancer Institute, Milan, Italy.

1989. Diploma in Urology, University of Bari, Italy.

1986-1989. Residency at Department of Urology, University of Perugia, Italy.

Memberships

2003-present. European Society for Urological Research

2002-present. Italian Society of Urodynamic

2000-present. International Continence Society

2000-present. European Association of Urology

1996-present. American Urological Association

1991-present. Italian Society of Urology

1991-present. Italian Society of Urological Oncology

Awards

2006. "Best Poster Presentation Award" Session "Urothelial tumours: management of superficial tumours" paper "Long-term follow-up of a randomized trial comparing sequential bacillus Calmette-Guerin and electromotive mitomycin C with bacillus Calmette-Guerin alone in high risk superficial bladder cancer", XXI Congress European Association of Urology, Paris (France) 2006.

2005. "Best Poster Presentation Award" Session "Localised prostate cancer II" paper "General and disease specific health related quality of life after radical prostatectomy or external beam radiotherapy for localized prostate cancer: a controlled prospective study", XX Congress European Association of Urology, Istanbul (Turchia) 2005.

2004. "2004 AUA/Yamanouchi Best Abstract Award" Session "Incontinence Category" paper "Intravesical resiniferatoxin versus botulinum-A toxin injections in patients with neurogenic detrusor overactivity: a prospective randomized study", American Urological Association (AUA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco (USA), 2004.

2002. "Best Poster Presentation Award", Session "Advances in the treatment of superficial bladder tumours" paper "Intravesical Bacillus Calmette-Guerin vs passive diffusion and electromotive administration of Mitomycin C in patients with carcinoma in situ of the bladder: A randomized cross over study", XVII Congress European Association of Urology, Birmingham (UK), 2002.

1993. First Prize "Medas", Italian Society of Urology, Annual Meeting, Poster Contest, Bologna, Italy.

1993. "Italian Foundation for Cancer Research" Award.

1993. "Europe against cancer" Fellowship.

1990. "Leo Tarlantini" Award, European School of Oncology, Milan, Italy.

Research Activities and Publications

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- Carosa E, Martini P, Brandetti F, Lenzi A, Di Stasi SM, Lombardo F, Jannini EA. Type V phosphodiesterase inhibitor treatment for erectile dysfunction increase testosterone levels. *Clin Endocrinol* 2004, 61: 382-386.
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