



Partner Profile

The Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA) is the regulatory authority for drug in Italy, it is a public body operating autonomously, transparently and according to cost-effectiveness criteria, under the direction of the Ministry of Health and under the vigilance of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Economy. The main tasks of the AIFA Mission are: assure quality safety and efficacy of medicines; promote good health through medicines; set fair pharmaceutical policies and assure their consistent application nationwide, manage the value and cost of medicines; promote pharmaceutical research and development; demonstrate independence and leadership both at home and internationally.

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Role in the ADVANCE Project

AIFA as Associated Partner in ADVANCE project will contribute at the WP1 and WP4 in the development and finalization of:

- Best practice and code of conduct for benefit/risk monitoring of vaccines
- Methods for burden of disease, vaccination coverage, vaccine safety & effectiveness, impact and benefit-risk monitoring

Key People



Giuseppe Pimpinella Head of AIFA Pharmacovigilance Office. Degree of Pharmaceutical Chemistry (1989), PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (1993), Specialization Diploma in Pharmacology - Toxicology Section (2000). Contract Professor of Toxicology (2005). Former Head of the GMP inspectorate, he's expert in quality and safety of biological medicines.



Patrizia Felicetti Degree of Pharmaceutical Chemistry (1990), Specialization Diploma in Hospital Pharmacy (2004). From October 2011 – Present, Italian Medicines Agency (Italy) Pharmacovigilance Office – Pharmacovigilance assessor: evaluation of risks and benefits of vaccines, pharmacovigilance data review, monitoring national network of Pharmacovigilance, Eudravigilance and VigiBase, evaluation of Periodic Safety Update Reports, RMPs, involvement in detection and assessment of vaccine safety signals, communication of safety issues.



Carmela Santuccio, Coordinator of the vaccine monitoring team at the Pharmacovigilance Office of AIFA. She is a medical doctor with Specializations in Pediatrics (1987) and Hygiene and Preventive Medicine (public health)(1993). She worked at the Ministry of Health in the International Relation Office between 1987- 1994 and then in Pharmacovigilance until 2003. From 2004 she works at the Pharmacovigilance Office of the Italian Medicines Agency mainly involved in post-marketing surveillance of vaccines.



Francesco Trotta Degree in Pharmacy (2001), PhD in Pharmacology (2005) Specialization Diploma in Health Statistics and Epidemiology (2009). From October 2006 at the Italian Medicines Agency (Italy). Currently he works in the Pharmacovigilance Office as Pharmacovigilance assessor.
