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Francesco Pichi, MD

Associate Staff Physician, Retina & Uveitis, Eye Institute



BIOGRAPHY

Francesco Pichi, MD, is a Clinical Associate in the Eye Institute at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. He is also an associate Professor at Case Western Reserve University and subspecializes in diseases of the retina, uveitis, ocular inflammations and infections.

Dr. Pichi's experience in both Europe and the US has contributed to his diverse expertise in disease presentations in the fields of retina & uveitis. His clinical and research work has contributed to innovations in the fields of retinal imaging and the treatment of inflammatory eye diseases. He was part of the European Study Group that discovered the application of mineralocorticoid receptors antagonists for the oral treatment of central serous chorioretinopathy. He was also a leader in employing a non-invasive new imaging modality, such as Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography, to assess the status of the iris vessels in patients with vascular diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and vasculitis.

Dr. Pichi graduated summa cum laude from the Alma Mater Studiorum of the University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy and went on to pursue his Ophthalmology residency at the University of Milan in Italy, where he trained in Cataract Surgery. During his training, he developed an interest in the fields of medical retina & uveitis and completed his internship at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, UK.

He underwent a preceptorship in Uveitis and Ocular Immunology at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami, US. He also pursued a two year fellowship at the Cole Eye Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, US in uveitis, ocular inflammations and infections.

His current research interest is the use of multimodal imaging of the retina in order to understand the etiology of various pathologies and to accurately guide treatment. In the fields of uveitis and ocular inflammation, his efforts are in creating objective ways of measuring inflammation, which would provide a better outcome for patients.

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YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE

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Achievements & Career Highlights

- Received the Achievement Award, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2018
- Received the International Ophthalmology Educational Award, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2017
- Received the Gold Medal, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2016
- Awarded with the EURETINA Grant, European Retina Society, 2015
- Received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Best Paper Award, 2015
- Received the Association for Research and Vision in Ophthalmology Best Poster Award, 2014
- Awarded the Best Surgical Procedure, Italian Society of Ophthalmology, 2012
- Visiting professor of Ophthalmology at the University Eye Clinic of Milan, Italy
- Delivered presentations at both international and national conferences
- Authored over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts with special expertise in imaging, treatment of retinal diseases and novel drug treatment for ocular inflammations
- Reviewer of more than 10 ophthalmic journals including Retina, Ocular Immunology and Inflammation, Saudi Journal of Ophthalmology and European Journal of Ophthalmology
- Lead guest editor for Journal of Ophthalmology section editor of International Ophthalmology

2004

2004 - 2010

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, BOLOGNA, ITALY

Doctor of Medicine, MD

FELLOWSHIP

2015

2015 - 2017

CLEVELAND CLINIC, CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

Fellow, Uveitis and Inflammatory Eye Diseases, Cole Eye Institute

RESIDENCY

2011

2011 - 2015

UNIVERSITY OF MILAN, MILAN, ITALY

Resident, San Giuseppe Hospital

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013

2013 - 2014

CLEVELAND CLINIC, CLEVELAND, OHIO, US

Researcher, Uveitis and Intraocular inflammations, Cole Eye Institute

2012

2012 - 2013

BASCOM PALMER EYE INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MILLER SCHOOL MIAMI, FLORIDA, US

Intern, Uveitis and Inflammatory Eye Diseases

2008

2008 - 2009

MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL, LONDON, UK

Intern, Medical Retina

- Served as a consultant in the European Study Group and was responsible for developing new oral treatments for Central Serous Chorioretinopathy
- Created a patent for automated analysis of the vessels of the iris in normal and inflamed eyes, without the need for dye injection



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