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Francesco Emma received his medical degree from the Catholic University of Louvain, Brussels, Belgium, where he specialized in Pediatrics. He subsequently completed his training in Pediatric Nephrology at Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and moved to the Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital in Rome as a staff member in the Division of Nephrology and Dialysis. There, he served as the Head of the Rare Kidney Disease Clinic before being appointed Head of the Pediatric Nephrology Division in 2005, and has set-up the Nephrology Research Laboratory. He currently holds the position of Head of the Department of Pediatric Subspecialties.

Dr. Emma's primary research interests lie in rare renal diseases, in particular in cystinosis and nephrotic syndrome. He has authored more than 160 research articles in peer-reviewed journals and is the author of several textbook chapters. He has also served in the editorial board of several scientific journals, including Pediatric Nephrology, the Journal of Nephrology and Nephrology Dialysis and Transplantation. He is an editor for the textbook "Pediatric Nephrology".

Among his other appointments, he is the current chair of the Working Group on Inherited Renal Disorders of the European Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ESPN), has been past-secretary of the Working Group on Inherited Kidney diseases of the European Renal Association - European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA-EDTA), the past Chair of the Teaching Course Committee of the International Society of Pediatric Nephrology and the past-President of the Italian Society of Pediatric Nephrology.