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Professor Giuseppe Viale earned his MD degree at the University of Milan in 1976. He became a specialist in pathology in 1979, and professor of Pathology at the University of Milan School of Medicine in 1987. He is the Chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the European Institute of Oncology in Milan since 1994. A member from 1987, he was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPATH) in 1997.

He is the chairman of the Central Pathology Office of the International Breast Cancer Study Group (IBCSG) and of the Pathology Board of the Michelangelo Foundation, and lead pathologist of the Breast International Group (BIG). Professor Viale is the head of the central reference laboratory for several International randomized clinical trials of targeted therapies and immunotherapies for patients with early and advanced breast cancer.

Professor Viale has devoted most of his research activity in the last decades to breast cancer. His achievements in translational research include the identification of P63 as a marker of myoepithelial cells and of NUMB as a tumour-suppressor gene, the clinical validation of a gene expression signature based on a “stemness” module, the development of a risk score to predict the relative benefit of letrozole over tamoxifen in the post-menopausal population of patients participating in the BIG-1/98 trial and the benefit of adjuvant exemestane plus ovarian function suppression in the pre-menopausal population of patients participating in the SOFT trial, the validation of Ki-67 as a prognostic marker, and the validation of the Amsterdam 70 genes signature for patients with node-negative and node-positive disease.

He has contributed to International efforts towards harmonisation of the biological characterization of breast cancer as an active member of:

- the ASCO-CAP committee for ER and PgR testing guidelines
 - the ASCO-CAP committee for HER2 testing guidelines
 - the International Ki67 in Breast Cancer Working Group
 - the International Immuno-Oncology Biomarker Working Group on Breast Cancer
 - the BIG-NABCG working group for the characterization of residual disease after neo-adjuvant chemotherapy
 - the Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group Steering Committee
- He was also a founding member of the International Sentinel Node Society.

Professor Viale has been awarded the European Institute of Oncology Breast Cancer Therapy Award, and the Gold Medal “Oncologist of the Year” from the Gruppo Oncologico Italia Meridionale (GOIM). He was the Chair of the 9th European Breast Cancer Conference (EBCC-9) held in Glasgow, and visiting Professor at the University of Jiujiang (China, 2015-17). He is also an honorary member of the Italian Society of Medical Oncology (AIOM).

Professor Viale has presented his work nationally and internationally and has authored 655 publications in peer-reviewed international journals and 41 chapters in books. He is listed among the “Highly Cited Researchers in the field of Clinical Medicine” (Clarivate, 2016-22).