

Speaker Biography



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Dr Francesco Patalano is currently heading the Patient-Reported Outcomes and the Pediatric Centers-of- Excellence in Novartis Clinical Development.

Francesco has extensive background in drug development. As Novartis Global Program Head, Francesco has cumulated a track record of several approvals for the programs under his responsibility. Prior to Novartis, Francesco has managed R&D and manufacturing organizations in Europe and Canada and has served as Chairman or Director in boards of Swiss, French and Canadian organizations.

Francesco is an MD by training, with specialization in Respiratory Medicine and Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

Francesco has been among the initiators and is EFPIA co-leader of two IMI projects: EU-PEARL (Definition of an ecosystem and a sustainable infrastructure to conduct cross companies Platform Studies) and H2O (Health Observatories to monitor effectiveness of health care intervention based on patient-centered outcomes).

EU-PEARL ambition has been to change current approach for clinical research, facilitating implementation of Integrated Research Platforms and collaborative Platform Studies. The project is now concluded, and the full output delivered is becoming publicly available. In addition, Integrated Research Platforms in four indications (Major Depressive Disorders, Treatment Resistant TB, NASH and Neurofibromatosis) are now “implementation- ready”.