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EDUCATION

- 1999 : High School Diploma at the Liceo Scientifico Amedeo di Savoia Duca d' Aosta, Pistoia with a score of 98/100
- 1999 : Registration Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Florence
- 2001-2002 : Fellowship at the Institute of General Pathology, University of Florence (Prof. M. Olivotto) .
- 2001-2004 : Fellowship at the Department of General Surgery , University of Florence (Prof. C. Paparozzi)
- 2003-2005 : Fellowship at the Department of Internal Medicine , Section of Rheumatology , University of Florence (Director Prof. M. Matucci Cerinic) .
- October 2005: Degree in Medicine and Surgery with a score of 110 /110 cum laude with a thesis entitled " Induced sputum as a technique to evaluate pulmonary involvement in Systemic Sclerosis ."
- November 2009: Specialisation in Rheumatology with a score of 70/70 cum laude. Title of the thesis: "High-frequency ultrasound in Juvenile Localized Scleroderma" (University of Florence) (Director Prof M Matucci Cerinic)
- June 2008: Certificate "Basic" EULAR Musculoskeletal Ultrasound
- June 2009: Certificate "Advanced " EULAR Musculoskeletal Ultrasound
- June 2010: Master Course in Vascular Ultrasound in Emergency.

- September 2012: First Level Master in Mesotherapy of the Italian School of Mesotherapy
- June 2015: Level 2 of the EULAR Competency Assessment in MSUS
- 2016: II level Master in “clinical problem solving in Reumatologia” (110/110)
- September 2019: Oxygen-Ozone Therapy first level course (SIOOT)

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Since July 2006 to November 2009 at SOD Internal Medicine and Rheumatology AOU Careggi as a Resident
- ✓ Since April 2011 to April 2014 at the SOD Rheumatology , Department of Biomedicine of the AOU Careggi as Assistant Professor with full care tasks (employed in the inpatient clinic and Head of the Ultrasound and interventional procedures section)
- ✓ Since June 2014 to December 2015 Research Fellow in the Ultrasound and interventional procedures section of the SOD Rheumatology , Department of Biomedicine of the AOU Careggi
- ✓ Since September 2010 to June 2011 at the Private Clinic " Poggio Sereno " as Medical Doctor for emergencies in night and afternoon duties in the departments of Psychiatry and Medicine
- ✓ Since November 2009 to March 2011 at the Private Clinic " I Glicini " as Medical Doctor for emergencies in night and afternoon duties in the departments of Medicine, Neurological Rehabilitation and Cardiological Rehabilitation
- ✓ Since January 2016 to September 2018 employed in the Internal Medicine dep. Of San Jacopo Hospital, Pistoia as Medical Assistant
- ✓ Since November 2009 to now private practice as Rheumatologist and Musculoskeletal Ultraonographer in several private Medical Centres
- ✓ Since September 2015 dean of the Rehabilitation center Vitasana Fisiokin in Montecatini Terme

TEACHING ACTIVITY

- Teaching of Rheumatology and Medical semeiotics at the School of Medicine of the University of Florence since 2009 to 2014
- Students Tutoring (Semeiotics, Rheumatology, Internal Medicine, postgraduate internship) at the School of Medicine of the University of Florence since 2009 to 2014 (Rheumatology Unit , Director Prof. M.MatucciCerinic)
- Lecturer and tutor in several national and international Musculoskeletal and Rheumatological Ultrasound courses since 2010

RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND TITLES

- Application of the ultrasound method (musculoskeletal , vascular, skin and lung) in rheumatic diseases
- Development of musculoskeletal ultrasound in rheumatology setting, defining criteria for the standardization of the method
- Application of Ultrasound Elastography to the musculoskeletal system and the skin
- Skin , vascular , cardiac and pulmonary involvement in scleroderma
- Microcrystalline Arthritis
- Use of ultrasound of the skin in Juvenile Localized Scleroderma
- Co-founder and member of the steering committee of the " Study Group for Musculoskeletal Ultrasound of the Italian Society of Rheumatology "
- Co- Author of the recommendations of the European Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB) for the definition of the training minimum for the practice of ultrasonography in Europe, with regard to the rheumatology ultrasound (Minimum Training Recommendations for the Practice of Medical Ultrasound in Europe: Rheumatology competency)
- Co- Author of Rheumatology guidelines for the Tuscany Region
- Member of OMERACT (Outcome measures in Rheumatoid Arthritis for clinical trials) tasks forces for US in CPPD, Lung US and PMR
- Development and/or evaluation of the EULAR Competency assessment certification process per l'ecografia muscoloscheletrica
- Founder of the International Society for Ultrasound in Rheumatology and President in 2019-2020

SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Management of Rheumatological and Internistic patients both in inpatient and in outpatient settings
- Advanced level in musculoskeletal ultrasound
- Interventional US guided and blind rheumatological procedures, both intra-articular and extra-articular (arthrocentesis, injections, biopsies, articular and bursal lavage, tendon fenestration, dry needling, mesotherapy, calcific tendinopathy needle lithoclasty, percutaneous hydrodissection, PRP administration, oxygen-ozone therapy..)
- Synovial fluid analysis
- US guided vascular catheterization (central venous catheters, midline catheters, intra-arterial catheters), thoracentesis and paracentesis
- Pain management in the rheumatological patient
- Management of sport overuse and non-surgical traumatic musculoskeletal pathology

LECTURES IN COURSES AND CONGRESSES

1. Master Course of Rheumatology: updates on diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases. 11- 14 and 18– 21 May 2007. Moscow
2. 11th EULAR Postgraduate Course in Rheumatology. 28 September- 2 October 2009. Torre del Greco.
3. XLVI Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 4-7 November 2009. Rimini.
4. Clinical Challenge in inflammatory diseases. Annual Course & Masterclass. 17-18 November 2009. Lisbona
5. XIII Mediterranean Congress of Rheumatology. 18-21 November 2009. Dubrovnik.
6. 17th EULAR Sonography Course. 13-16 June 2010. Roma.
7. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2010”. 16-19 June 2010. Roma

8. Seminario di Reumatologia: Seminars of the Rheumatic Diseases, Highlights in Rheumatology. 1-2 October 2010. Cagliari
9. V Congresso Internazionale Multidisciplinare. Approccio Clinico e Riabilitativo in Reumatologia. Terapia farmacologica e non farmacologica: quali sinergie? 6-9 October 2010. Mantova
10. Campus in Reumatologia: specializzandi alla prova. Diagnosi differenziale: artriti, connettiviti e malattie rare. 22-23 October 2010. Roma
11. Il dolore: gestione peri e post-operatoria del paziente sottoposto ad intervento di chirurgia protesica mayre. 12 November 2010. Florence
12. 2nd Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 18-20 November 2010. Belgrade
13. Ecografia della mano nelle Malattie Reumatiche. 10-11 December 2010. Bologna.
14. 1st Basic Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologists. 5-5 February 2011. Sofia
15. 1st Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 10-12 March 2011. Bucharest
16. Ecografia vascolare in emergenza. 9 June 2011, Florence
17. Mediterranean Musculoskeletal ultrasound course: teach the teachers. 4-6 October 2011, Napoli
18. XLVIII Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 23-29 November 2011, Rimini
19. Giornate Mediche Fiorentine 2011. 2-3 December 2011, Florence
20. L'appropriatezza prescrittiva nella gotta. 17 December 2011, Figline Valdarno (FI)
21. 1st MusculoskeletalSonography Course for Rheumatologist. 19-21 January 2012, Zagreb
22. 2nd SystemicSclerosis World Congress. 2-4 February 2012, Madrid
23. 2nd MusculoskeletalSonography Course for Rheumatologist. 8-10 March 2012, Bucharest
24. 3rd MusculoskeletalSonography Course for Rheumatologist. 29-31 March 2012, Belgrade
25. 2° Edizione del Convegno Nazionale “Stato dell’arte sulle applicazioni cliniche dell’ecografia in reumatologia”. 19-21 April 2012, Siena
26. Malattie autoinfiammatorie ovvero “ma stiamo parlando anche di Behcet?”. 26 October 2012, Florence

27. 2nd Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 31 January-2 February 2013, Zagreb
28. 3rd Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 7-9 March, Bucharest
29. 4th Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist. 9-11 May 2013, Belgrade
30. 20th EULAR sonography course. 9-12 June 2013, Madrid
31. Consensus conference on Complex regional pain syndrome: clinical aspects, diagnostic procedures, treatment. 12 October 2013, Florence
32. Corso SIR di Ecografia Muscoloscheletrica- Italian Ultrasound Day. 3-4 February 2014, Florence (Lecturer and Scientific responsible)
33. 3rd Systemic Sclerosis World Congress, 6-8 February 2014, Roma
34. Corso SIR di Ecografia Muscoloscheletrica in Reumatologia. 20-22 February 2014, Roma
35. Stato dell'arte sulle applicazioni dell'ecografia in reumatologia. 3^o edizione. 14-16 April 2014. Siena
36. 21st EULAR sonography course. 8-11 June 2014. Paris
37. 3rd Musculoskeletal sonography course for rheumatologists, basic. 30 October-1 November 2014. Zagreb
38. 1st International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic Level. 6-8 November 2014. Athens
39. 18^o Convegno Patologia immune e malattie orfane. 29-31 January 2015. Torino
40. 5th International sonography course for Rheumatologists, Intermediate level and basic pediatric level. 5-7 March 2015. Belgrade
41. Educational Course: Musculoskeletal Ultrasound in Rheumatology. 19-21 March 2015. Roma
42. 22nd EULAR sonography course. 7-10 June 2015. Roma
43. Corso avanzato di ecografia Reumatologica. 18-20 November 2015. Siena
44. 2nd International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic level. 17-19 December 2015. Athens
45. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound course, basic Level. 14-16 January 2016. Plovdiv
46. 1st Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist, Intermediate. 22-24 January 2016, Zagreb
47. 1st Musculoskeletal Sonography Course for Rheumatologist, Intermediate. 22-24 January 2016, Zagreb
48. Musculoskeletal Ultrasound course for Rheumatologists, basic level. 27-29 April 2017, Bucharest
49. 4th Musculoskeletal sonography course for Rheumatologists. Basic level. 28-30 September 2017, Zagreb
50. 1st Focussed course on ultrasound-guided procedures. 5-7 October 2017, Belgrade

51. 6th Musculoskeletal sonography course for Rheumatologists. 5-7 October 2017, Belgrade
52. 4th International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic and Intermediate level. 30 November-2 December 2017, Athens
53. Musculoskeletal ultrasound course, intermediate level, and focussed course on ultrasound-guided procedures: fluid aspirations, injections, biopsies and loco-regional anesthesia of peripheral nerves. 29-31 March, Plovdiv
54. 5th International Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Course, Basic and Intermediate level. 29 November-1 December 2018, Athens
55. 2nd Sonography Course for Rheumatologists, Intermediate Level. 3-5 December 2018, Zagreb
56. New Insights in Rheumatoid Arthritis, 5-6 April 2019, Florence
57. Ultrasound in Rheumatic Diseases: International Masterclass. Module 1: Ultrasound in Rheumatoid Arthritis. 9-11 May 2019, Zagreb
58. Ecografia e infiltrazioni con acido ialuronico nel paziente artrosico: approccio multidisciplinare integrato. 27-28 September 2019, Bologna
59. Pain Medicine: the Challenge. VIII Edizione. Aggiornamenti in Medicina del Dolore. 17-19 October 2019, Rimini

SCIENTIFIC DIRECTION AND ORGANIZATION

1. I Advanced course of MSUS in Tuscany, in cooperation with the colleagues of the Universities of Siena and Pisa
2. Ultrasound in Rheumatic Diseases: International Masterclass. Module 1: Ultrasound in Rheumatoid Arthritis. 9-11 May 2019, Zagreb

UPDATING

1. Nuovi orizzonti nel trattamento dell'artrite reumatoide. 18 November 2004. Florence
2. Predictive, pathogenesis and protective autoantibodies. 21 October 2005. Florence
3. Treatment strategies in Early Rheumatoid Arthritis. 6 December 2005. Florence
4. Impiego dei farmaci miorilassanti nella terapia delle malattie reumatiche. 11 e 25 January 2006. Florence
5. Amiloidosi: Dalla ricerca alla Clinica. 14 January 2006. Prato
6. Novel strategies for the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis. 20 January 2006. Florence
7. Behcet's disease and familial Mediterranean fever. 26 January 2006. Florence

8. La terapia farmacologica del dolore. 1 e 8 February 2006. Florence
9. Autoimmunità, autoanticorpi e malattie autoimmuni. 8 February 2006. Florence
10. Chronic arthritis: from immunology to system biology. 22 February 2006. Florence
11. Fascite plantare. 1 March 2006. Florence
12. La prevenzione degli errori di terapia: elaborazione, implementazione e valutazione della scheda terapeutica unica (STU) nei dipartimenti assistenziali integrati dell'AOUC. 24 May- 31 December 2006. Florence
13. Orthorheumaster 2006: Corso teorico-pratico su cadavere di Chirurgia artroscopica e protesica. 23-25 November 2006 Paris
14. VI Corso sull'Analisi del Liquido Sinoviale. 19 – 20 April 2007 Padova
15. Pain in Rheumatology: from Imaging to Management. 8-9 June 2007 Catania
16. Emergenze Allergologiche. 10 November 2007. Florence
17. 15th Eular Sonography Course (Basic Level). 8-11 June 2008. Paris
18. 11° Corso di Ecografia Muscolo-Scheletrica. 25- 27 June 2008. Jesi
19. L'artrite reumatoide: il linguaggio dei segni. 24-26 September 2008. Jesi
20. Early Arthritis nell'adulto e in età pediatrica. 30-31 January 2009. Siena
21. Global Expert Meeting in RA. 20-22 March 2009. Budapest
22. IV Corso teorico-pratico: la settimana delle malattie rare in Reumatologia, Alessandro Lupoli. 12-16 May 2009. Pisa
23. Update teorico pratico su artrite psoriasica e spondilite anchilosante. 26-27 May 2009. Reggio Emilia
24. 16th Eular Sonography Course (Advanced Level). 7-10 June 2009. Copenhagen
25. Annual European Congress oh Rheumatology “EULAR 2009”. 10-13 June 2009. Copenhagen
26. Congresso Nazionale “Magenta Osteoarea”. 9-10 October 2009. Milano
27. 1st Systemic Sclerosis World Congress. 11-13 February 2010. Florence
28. Stato dell'arte sulle applicazioni cliniche dell'ecografia in ambito reumatologico. 18-19 march 2010, Siena
29. Corso di Perfezionamento: Ecografia Vascolare in Emergenza. 7-10 June 2010. Florence
30. Focus sulle terapie Biologiche. 2 July 2010. Florence
31. The Rheumatic Hand: the bridge between anatomy and pathology. 5-6 July 2010. Barcellona

32. Up-to-date di Reumatologia Ecografica: corso teorico pratico. 9-11 September 2010. Bergamo
33. American College of Rheumatology Annual Scientific Meeting. 6-11 November 2010. Atlanta
34. XLVII Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 24-27 November 2010. Rimini
35. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2011”. 25-28 May, Londra
36. Unireuma: la scuola di specializzazione in Reumatologia (prospettive alla conclusione della fase sperimentale). 15-16 July 2011. Roma
37. Masterclass in osteoporosi. 15 October 2011, Roma
38. The Rheumatology leadership series. 9-10 December 2011, Amsterdam
39. Ultrasonography course of vascular involvement in rheumatological diseases. 2-5 april 2012, Reggio Emilia
40. XLIX Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Reumatologia. 21-24 November 2012. Milano
41. Corsi RESTARS. 12 may 2017, PAdova
42. 21° Convegno Patologia Immune e malattie orfane: Ecografia in Reumatologia. 24 January 2018, Torino
43. Innovative Insights into arthritis and its treatment. 2-3 February 2018, Torino
44. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology “EULAR 2019”. 12-15 June, Madrid
45. ReumaFlorence 2019. 6-7 September 2019, Florence
46. Corso teorico e pratico di I livello in Ossigeno Ozono Terapia (SIOOT). 14 September 2019, Bergamo

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

1. Zabotti A, Filippou G, Canzoni M, Adinolfi A, Picerno V, Carrara G, Balint P, Bruyn G, D'Agostino MA, Damjanov N, Delle Sedie A, Filippucci E, Gonzalez Fernandez ML, Hammer HB, Karim Z, Mandl P, Moller I, Morales Lozano MR, Naredo E, **Porta F**, Sakellariou G, Terslev L, Scirè CA, Iagnocco A; OMERACT Ultrasound Task Force members .*OMERACT agreement and reliability study of ultrasonographic elementary lesions in osteoarthritis of the foot*. RMD Open. 2019 Mar 8;5(1):e00079
2. Filippou G, Scirè CA, Adinolfi A, Damjanov NS, Carrara G, Bruyn GAW, Cazenave T, D'Agostino MA, Delle Sedie A, Di Sabatino V, Diaz Cortes ME, Filippucci

- E,Gandjbakhch F, Gutierrez M, Maccarter DK, Micu M, Möller Parera I, Mouterde G,Mortada MA, Naredo E, Pineda C, **Porta F**, Reginato AM, Satulu I, Schmidt WA, Serban T, Terslev L, Vlad V, Vreju FA, Zufferey P, Bozios P, Toscano C, Picerno V, Iagnocco A. **Identification of calcium pyrophosphate deposition disease (CPPD) by ultrasound: reliability of the OMERACT definitions in an extended set of joints-an international multiobserver study by the OMERACT Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease Ultrasound Subtask Force.** Ann Rheum Dis. 2018Aug;77(8):1194-1199.
3. 2: Zabotti A, Piga M, Canzoni M, Sakellariou G, Iagnocco A, Scirè CA; UPSTREAM study group. **Ultrasonography in psoriatic arthritis: which sites should we scan?** Ann Rheum Dis. 2018 Oct;77(10):1537-1538. doi: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2018-213025.
 4. Galluccio F, Bellucci E, **Porta F**, Tofani L, De Paulis A, Bianchedi D, BarskovaT, Matucci-Cerinic M. **The waterpolo shoulder paradigm: results of ultrasound surveillance at poolside.** BMJ Open Sport Exerc Med. 2017 Jul 28;3(1):e000211.
 5. Filippou G, Scirè CA, Damjanov N, Adinolfi A, Carrara G, Picerno V, Toscano C, Bruyn GA, D'Agostino MA, Delle Sedie A, Filippucci E, Gutierrez M, Micu M, Möller I, Naredo E, Pineda C, Porta F, Schmidt WA, Terslev L, Vlad V, Zufferey P, Iagnocco A. **Definition and Reliability Assessment of Elementary Ultrasonographic Findings in Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease: A Study by the OMERACT Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease Ultrasound Subtask Force.** J Rheumatol. 2017 Nov;44(11):1744-1749.
 6. Scirè CA, Carrara G, Viroli C, Cimmino MA, Taylor WJ, Manara M, Govoni M, Salaffi F, Punzi L, Montecucco C, Matucci-Cerinic M, Minisola G; **Study Group for the Kick-Off of the Italian Network for Gout Study. Development and First Validation of a Disease Activity Score for Gout.** Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken). 2016 Oct;68(10):1530-7. doi: 10.1002/acr.22844. Epub 2016 Sep 6.
 7. Filippou G, Adinolfi A, Delle Sedie A, Filippucci E, Iagnocco A, **Porta F**, Sconfienza LM, Tormenta S, Di Sabatino V, Picerno V, Frediani B. **Radiologists and rheumatologists on performing and reporting shoulder ultrasound: from disagreement to consensus.** Reumatismo. 2014 Nov 6;66(3):233-9.
 8. Scirè CA,ManaraM, Cimmino M, Govoni M, Salaffi F, Punzi L, Monti MC, Montecucco CM, Matucci-Cerinic M, Minisola G, Galossi A, Lauriti C, Corvaglia S, Fracassi E, Selvi E, Tirri E, Furini F, Inverardi F, **Porta F**, Venturino F, Capsoni F, Sebastiani G, Fabbriani G, D'Avola G, Botticella G, Seminara G, Alessandro D, Carrara G, Santo L, Longato L, Sinigaglia L, Atteritano M, Brogгинi M, Caprioli M, Favero M, Salli S, Parisi S, Veneto V. **Gout impacts on function and health-related quality of life beyond associated risk**

- factors and medical conditions. Results from the Observational KING Study of the Italian Society for Rheumatology (SIR).* Arthritis Res Ther. 2013 Aug 23;15(5):R101
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 10. Iagnocco AM;**Porta F**; Cuomo G; DelleSedie A; Filippucci E; Grassi W; Sakellariou G; Epis O; Adinolfi A; Ceccarelli F; De Lucia O; Di Geso L; Di Sabatino V; Gabba A; Gattamelata A; Gutierrez M; Massaro L; Massarotti M; Perricone C; Picerno V; Ravagnani V; Riente L; Scioscia C; Naredo E; Filippou, G. **The Italian MSUS Study Group Recommendations for the format and content of the report and documentation in MSUS in Rheumatology"** Rheumatology (Oxford). 2014 Feb;53(2):367-73
 11. **Porta F**, Damjanov N, Galluccio F, MatucciCerinic M. **Ultrasound elastography (UE) is a reproducible and feasible tool for the evaluation of the patellar tendon in healthy subjects.** Int J Rheum Dis. 2013 Nov 29
 12. **Porta F**, KaloudiO,Garzitto A, Prignano F, Nacci F, Falcini F, MatucciCerinic M.**High frequency ultrasound can detect improvement of lesions in juvenile localized scleroderma.** Mod Rheumatol. 2013 Oct 18
 13. Melchiorre D, Maresca M, Bracci R, Ravaschio A, Valiensi B, Casale R,Bandinelli F, Candelieri A, MaddaliBongi S, **Porta F**, Innocenti M, Carulli C, MatucciCerinic M. **Muscle shortening manoeuvre reduces pain and functional impairment in shoulder impingement syndrome: clinical and ultrasonographic evidence.** Clin Exp Rheumatol. 2013 Sep 18.
 14. Iagnocco A, Ceccarelli F, Cuomo G, Delle Sedie A, Filippou G, Filippucci E,Grassi W, **Porta F**, Sakellariou G, UltrasoundStudy Group Of Sir OB. **Diffusion and applications of musculoskeletal ultrasound in Italian Rheumatology Units.** Reumatismo. 2013 Mar 28;65(1):46-7.
 15. **Porta F**, Gargani L, Kaloudi O, Schmidt WA, Picano E, Damjanov N,Matucci-Cerinic M. **The new frontiers of ultrasound in the complex world of vasculitides and scleroderma.** Rheumatology (Oxford). 2012 Dec;51 Suppl 7:vii26-vii30.
 16. Nestorova R, Vlad V, Petranova T, **Porta F**, Radunovic G, Micu MC, Iagnocco A. **Ultrasonography of the hip.** Med Ultrason. 2012 Sep;14(3):217-24.
 17. Radunovic G, Vlad V, Micu MC, Nestorova R, Petranova T, **Porta F**, Iagnocco A. **Ultrasound assessment of the elbow.** Med Ultrason. 2012 Jun;14(2):141-6. Review.

18. Petranova T, Vlad V, **Porta F**, Radunovic G, Micu MC, Nestorova R, Iagnocco A. *Ultrasound of the shoulder*. Med Ultrason. 2012 Jun;14(2):133-40. Review.
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20. Vlad V, Micu M, **Porta F**, Radunovic G, Nestorova R, Petranova T, Iagnocco A. *Ultrasound of the hand and wrist in rheumatology*. Med Ultrason. 2012 Mar;14(1):42-8. Review. Erratum in: Med Ultrason. 2012 Jun;14(2):170.
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22. **Porta F**, Radunovic G, Vlad V, Micu MC, Nestorova R, Petranova T, Iagnocco A. *The role of Doppler ultrasound in rheumatic diseases*. Rheumatology (Oxford). 2012 Jun;51(6):976-82.
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