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He was born on the 16th March 1951, in Forlì. He graduated from the University of Bologna in 1976, where he obtained several medical boards and specialties in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Nuclear Medicine, sports Medicine, Cardiovascular Pharmacology and Therapeutics at the University of Milan. His main field of interest has always been cardiac arrhythmias. After spending one year with Prof. Phillippe Coumel, at the Laribosier Hospital in Paris and six months with Dr. Alessandro Capucci at the Hammersmith Hospital, in London in Dr. Krikler and Dr. Rowland's lab, he moved to the States.

With a CNR-NATO grant, he was appointed for a four years Cardiology fellowship at Penn. University, under the supervision of Dr. Richard Helfant, Dr. Leonard Horowitz (†) and Dr. Mark Josephson.

His major contributions are on experimental and clinical arrhythmias models (VF or re-entrant VT in a post myocardial model); see entire list and mainly Naccarella FF, Agarwal JB, Weintraub WS, Helfant RH. Sinus rhythm mapping in healed experimental myocardial infarction: contrasting activation patterns for inducing ventricular tachycardia versus fibrillation. *Am J Cardiol.* 1985 Jun 1;55(13 Pt 1):1601-7. PMID: 4003304 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE] and also on experimental models of myocardial ischemia. See entire list.

Furthermore, some clinical and experimental studies on plasma and tissue levels studies of Propafenone, a Knoll BASF and European drug together with other papers of Dr. Guerrero of American Knoll and the Prof. Gerald Naccarelli and Prof. Eric Pristovsky brought to the introduction of the drug by FDA into the American Market. **Naccarella FF**, Agarwal JB, Weintraub WS, Bracchetti D, Helfant RH. Epicardial, endocardial and transmural mapping in assessing electrophysiological effects of 14-C lidocaine and 14-C propafenone on activation times in experimental chronic myocardial infarction. Correlations with myocardial drugs concentrations. *G Ital Cardiol.* 1984 Oct;14(10):825-9. PMID: 6519392 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE].

Naccarella F, Bracchetti D, Palmieri M, Marchesini B, Ambrosioni E. Propafenone for refractory ventricular arrhythmias: correlation with drug plasma levels during long-term treatment. *Am J Cardiol.* 1984 Nov 1;54(8):1008-14. PMID: 6496321 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

Naccarella F, Bracchetti D, Palmieri M, Cantelli I, Bertaccini P, Ambrosioni E. Comparison of propafenone and disopyramide for treatment of chronic ventricular arrhythmias: placebo-controlled, double-blind, randomized crossover study. Am Heart J. 1985 Apr;109(4):833-40. PMID: 3885700 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

He conducted also an nation wide (in Italy) and an international overview of the use of the anti arrhythmic drugs after the CAST I and II studies results, known with the by acronymous of NISA.

He wrote two books together with prof. Bracchetti, more than one thousand papers, abstracts and reviews.

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He founded with prof. Adornato and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs the MESPE society, and he's co-editor of the MEDITERRANEAN JOURNAL OF PACING AND ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY (MESPE Journal) c/o Luigi Pozzi main Editor - Via Panama 68 – 00198 Roma – ITALY. Phone: 0039 (0) 6 / 8553548 Fax: 0039 (0) 6 / 8554105 Mobile phone: 335.6320140 - E-mail: edizioni_pozzi@tin.it; telecardiobo@fastwebnet.it;

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Since 1999 he's the director of the NASPE (North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology) – Heart Rhythm Society International fellowship site in Bologna, which trained many physician from the Mediterranean Area and recently developed an educational program for young Chinese cardiologist in collaboration with some important cardiology hospital in Beijing

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List of US papers

01) EXPERIMENTAL AND CLINICAL ARRHYTHMIAS MODELS

1: **Naccarella F**, Agarwal JB, Weintraub WS, Bracchetti D, Ambrosioni E, Helfant RH. [Myocardial distribution of C-14 lidocaine and C-14 propafenone in relation to regional myocardial blood flow in a model of chronic-phase myocardial infarct] *Cardiologia*. 1988 May;33(5):453-8. English. PMID: 3167892 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

2: **Naccarella FF**, Agarwal JB, Weintraub WS, Bracchetti D, Helfant RH. Epicardial, endocardial and transmural mapping in assessing electrophysiological effects of 14-C lidocaine and 14-C propafenone on activation times in experimental chronic myocardial infarction. Correlations with myocardial drugs concentrations. *G Ital Cardiol*. 1984 Oct;14(10):825-9. PMID: 6519392 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

3: **Naccarella F**, Bracchetti D, Palmieri M, Marchesini B, Ambrosioni E. Propafenone for refractory ventricular arrhythmias: correlation with drug plasma levels during long-term treatment. *Am J Cardiol*. 1984 Nov 1;54(8):1008-14. PMID: 6496321 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

4: **Naccarella F**, Bracchetti D, Palmieri M, Cantelli I, Bertaccini P, Ambrosioni E. Comparison of propafenone and disopyramide for treatment of chronic ventricular arrhythmias: placebo-controlled, double-blind, randomized crossover study. *Am Heart J*. 1985 Apr;109(4):833-40. PMID: 3885700 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

5: **Naccarella F**, Palmieri M, Capucci A, Lombardi G, Bomba E, Bracchetti D. [Comparative study on the efficacy of disopyramide and propafenone in the prevention of the recurrence of ventricular tachycardia] *G Ital Cardiol*. 1984 May;14(5):357-9. Italian. PMID: 6468817 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

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02) EXPERIMENTAL AND CLINICAL ISCHAEMIA MODELS

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3: **Naccarella FF**, Akaishi M, Schneider RM, Mercier RJ, Agarwal JB, Helfant RH, Weintraub WS. Relation between left ventricular global and regional function and extent of myocardial ischemia in the canine heart. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 1985 Jul;6(1):104-12. PMID: 4008766 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

4: **Naccarella F**, Weintraub WS, Cluley S, Akizuki S, Agarwal JB, Bodenheimer MM, Banka VS, Helfant RH. Influence of nitroglycerin on collateral blood flow during acute ischaemia in the dog. *Cardiovasc Res.* 1985 Mar;19(3):169-76. PMID: 3921253 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

5: **Naccarella FF**, Weintraub WS, Agarwal JB, Helfant RH.
Evaluation of "ischemia at a distance": effects of coronary occlusion on a remote area of left ventricle. *Am J Cardiol.* 1984 Oct 1;54(7):869-74. PMID: 6486039 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]