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Education

Medical Doctor Degree: University of Florence, Italy, 1983 (110/110 cum laude).

Pediatric Residency: Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn NY, 1986-89.

Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Fellowship: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center - New York Hospital, New York NY, Cornell University Medical School combined program, 1989-92.

International memberships

European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (CIC 0465)

American Society of Hematology

American Society of Clinical Oncology

International Society of Pediatric Oncology

Other qualifications

Chair, Outreach Subcommittee, Pediatric Diseases Working Party, European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation

Leader, Thalassemia Group, Cure4Kids (St Jude Children's Research Hospital - USA)

Inspector, JACIE (Joint Accreditation Committee ISCT-EBMT)

Visiting professor at the Yerevan State Medical University – Armenia

Consultant – DKMS. Germany

Work experience

1990-1992 Pediatric Fellow in the laboratory of Developmental Hematology directed by Malcolm A. S. Moore Ph.D., Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY, USA.

1992-1993 Pediatric Hematology-Oncology attending at the Catholic University Medical Center (Policlinico Gemelli) in Rome, Italy.

1994-2005 Pediatric Hematology-Oncology attending at the Children's Hospital of Florence (Ospedale Meyer).

2006-present. Medical Coordinator of the Cure2Children Foundation.

2015-2017. Program Director, Sankalp-People Tree Hospitals Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Bangalore, India.

2017-present. Medical Coordinator of the Sankalp India Foundation.

2020-present. Consultant, Access To Transplant program, DKMS Group, Germany.

Research Grants and Awards

1995 Principal investigator of a three-year "Seed Grant" by the Italian Cancer Research Association. Total funds: 90,000 Euros.

1997 Principal investigator of a four-year research project by the Italian Neuroblastoma Research Association on minimal residual disease analysis of neuroblastoma. Total funds: 80,000 Euros.

2001 Principal investigator of a four-year research support by the Tommasino Bacciotti Foundation on the use of stem cell transplantation for the cure of high-risk brain tumors and other pediatric malignancies. Total funds: 200,000 Euros.

2002 Coordinator of the Marrow Disease Evaluation Subcommittee of the Neuroblastoma Group of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP).

2007 Founder and Advisory Board Coordinator of the Cure2Children Foundation

2008 Principal investigator for a two-year grant from the *Fondazione Monte dei Paschi di Siena*, Italy, to support a network of centers offering the cure for thalassemic children in Pakistan. Total funds: 150,000 Euros.

2010 Principal investigator for a one-year grant from the *Fondazione Monte dei Paschi di Siena*, Italy, on the support for sustainable cure and prevention of thalassemia in India through social entrepreneurship initiatives. Total funds: 20,000 Euros.

2010 Coordinator of a two-year grant for a Global Neuroblastoma Database module within the St Jude's Hospital Outreach Program Pediatric Oncology Network Database by the *Fondazione Umberto Veronesi*, Italy. Total funds: 122,000 Euros.

2010 Coordinator of a four-year grant of 85,000,000 Pakistani rupees (~750,000 Euros) from the Pakistani-Italian Dept-for-development Swap Agreement for a project on the cure and prevention of thalassemia in Pakistan.

2014 - present coordinator of a grant for the consolidation of the Global Neuroblastoma Network by the *Fondazione Umberto Veronesi*, Italy. Total funds: 280,000 Euros.

2017 - present coordinator of a funding and cooperation grant for improving access to blood and marrow transplantation globally. Total funds: 1,200,000 Euros.

2021 - Distinguished Service Award by the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR).

2021 - Appointed as visiting professor at the Yerevan State Medical University – Armenia.

Full-text scientific publications

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2. Agarwal RK, Dhanya R, Sedai A, Ankita K, Parmar L, Ramprakash DS, Sandeep, Trivedi D, Shah V, Bhat N, and **Faulkner L**: Bone Marrow Quality Index: A predictor of acute GVHD in

- hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for thalassemia. *Transplantation and Cellular Therapy*, 2023; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtct.2023.07.014>.
3. Agarwal N, Jothi K, Gambhir S, Rall G, Landwehr R, **Faulkner L**, Jagannathan L, Paul P, and Schmidt A: The DKMS-BMST Thalassemia program: Description, scope and impact. *Pediatric Hematology Oncology Journal* 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.phoj.2023.07.001>
 4. Verna M, Canesi M, Conter V, **Faulkner L** Rovelli MA, Silvestri D, Majolino I, Biondi A, Chra Nawfal A, Faeq Mohammed V. Hematopoietic stem cell transplant start-up in Iraqi Kurdistan: results on thalassemia patients and analysis of the methodology. *Transplantation and Cellular Therapy*. 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtct.2023.01.018>.
 5. Matthay K., Hylton J., Penumathy N., Khatrab M., Soh S.Y., Nguyen H.T.K., Alcasabas A.P., Fawzy M., Saab R., Khan M.S., Ghandour K., Chantada G., Parikh N.S., **Faulkner L.**, Lam C.G., and Howard S.C. 'Global Neuroblastoma Network: An International Multidisciplinary Neuroblastoma Tumor Board for Resource-Limited Countries'. *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*, January 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pbc.29568>.
 6. Marwah P., Ramprakash S., Prasad S., TR., Mane Gizhlaryan M., Trivedi D., Shah V., Chitaliya A., Elizabeth S., Agarwal R.K., Dhanya R. and **Faulkner L.** 'Is It Safe and Efficacious to Remove Central Lines in Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Patients with Platelets Less than 20,000/ml?' *EJHaem*, January 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jha2.379>.
 7. Dhanya R., Agarwal R.K., Ramprakash S., Trivedi D., Shah V., Bhat N., Reddy M., Elizabeth S., Batool A., Khalid S. and **Faulkner L.** 'Do Weekly Surveillance Cultures Contribute to Antibiotic Stewardship and Correlate with Outcome of HSCT in Children? A Multicenter Real-World Experience of 5 Years from the Indian Subcontinent'. *Transplantation and Cellular Therapy*, December 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtct.2021.12.008>.
 8. Diaz-de-Heredia C., Bresters D., **Faulkner L.**, Yesilipek A., Strahm B., Miano M., Dalle, J.-H., Peffault de Latour R., Corbacioglu S., 2021. Recommendations on hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for patients with Diamond-Blackfan anemia. On behalf of the Pediatric Diseases and Severe Aplastic Anemia Working Parties of the EBMT. *Bone Marrow Transplantation* 31 August 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41409-021-01449-w>
 9. Mehta P., Ramprakash S., Raghuram C.P., Trivedi D., Dhanya R., Agarwal R.K., and **Faulkner L.** Pre-Transplant Donor-Type Red Cell Transfusion Is a Safe and Effective Strategy to Reduce Isohemagglutinin Titers and Prevent Donor Marrow Infusion Reactions in Major ABO-Mismatched Transplants'. *Annals of Hematology*, 19 June 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00277-021-04571-3>.
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Other recognitions

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