

## Fabio Efficace, PhD

Brief biosketch (short narrative version)



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### Current Positions:

He is the Head of the *Health Outcomes Research Unit* of the GIMEMA "Gruppo Italiano Malattie EMatologiche dell'Adulto" (GIMEMA) Central Office, Rome (Italy).

He is also Adjunct Professor at Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Medical Social Sciences at Northwestern University, Chicago, USA.

### Scientific Board membership and key previous employment positions:

He is a member of the *Scientific Board* of the GIMEMA and a former member of the *Board of Directors* of the "International Society for Quality of Life Research" (ISOQOL).

He worked for several years at the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) in Brussels (Belgium) and he was the *Chair* of the EORTC Quality of Life Group. He is currently the *Chair* of the GIMEMA Working Party of Quality of Life.

### Research expertise (oncology-hematology):

He is the Principal Investigator of several large-scale international projects (including US NIH funded studies), broadly aimed at improving quality of life and symptom burden of cancer patients. Areas of expertise include:

- Patient-Reported Outcomes in Oncology
- Quality of Life research
- Outcomes Research
- Health Services Research
- Cancer survivorship
- Cancer Epidemiology and Biostatistics

### Editorial activities and Grant reviewer" activities:

He is on the Editorial Board of "Blood" and "BMC Cancer".

He also served as *Associate Editor* for the Journal of "Health and Quality of Life Outcomes" and he is a scientific reviewer for more than 40 key leading medical journals including: JAMA, BMJ, JCO, Lancet Oncology and JNCI.

### Awards and Lectureships:

He has been awarded several international prizes in the area of *health outcomes research in oncology* and has given Invited Lectures in several top academic institutions and scientific societies in the USA and Europe (including MSKCC in New York, University of Pittsburgh, State University of New York, European Hematology Association (EHA), European School of Hematology (ESH) and the American Society of Hematology (ASH).

### Publications:

He has an extensive track record of publications in PubMed (over 220 publications) and has published pivotal studies with regard to the impact of newer anticancer therapies on patients' quality of life, symptom burden and adherence to therapy in top ranking cancer journals such as the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *Lancet Oncology*, *Blood* and *Leukemia*.