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## EXPAND's First Thursday Webinar Series: Science, Theory, and Practice

Date: 2 February 2023

Time: 18:00 (Central European Time)

Focus: Multidisciplinary Care in Immune-mediated Neuropsychiatric Disorders

Intended Audience: Medical and mental health clinicians, researchers, associated professionals, and students in related fields.

February's webinar focuses on clinical practice in Italy, and offers a comparison of cases where IVIG was and was not used. Prof. Alberto Spalice, a member of the EXPAND Scientific and Medical Advisory Board, will discuss one of his cases where IVIG was not used, and his colleague, Prof. Piero Pavone will discuss his research treating patients with IVIG.

The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session. A recording of the webinar will be available for registered participants.

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# Professor Piero Pavone MD

Professor Piero Pavone, MD, is chief medical officer of Paediatrics at the Policlinico Hospital in Catania, Italy. He previously served as adjunct assistant professor in the Departments of Paediatrics and Paediatric Neurology at Newark University of Medicine in New Jersey, USA; he led rounds on the topic of “brain tumor in children” in the Division of Child Neurology in the Neurological Institute at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Newark; and he also spent time as a clinical researcher in the Division of Paediatric Neurology at Cornell University, New York. From there he moved to Seoul, South Korea, where he served as an assistant professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the Samsung Medical Center in the Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine, and then returned to Italy, where he became the chief medical officer of paediatrics at the Paediatric Emergency Department of the Vittorio Emanuele Hospital in Catania. His main area of research is paediatric neurology and movement disorders, including PANS and PANDAS. He has authored many chapters in books on these subjects, authored several scientific publications, and written over 300 reviews and original articles. He has secured CNR and NIH grants, and he is a member of the Italian Society of Neuropaediatrics (SINP), SIP (Italian Society of Paediatrics), SIPPS, SIN, SIMEUP, and the Italian league against epilepsy.



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# Professor Alberto Spalice MD



Prof. Alberto Spalice is a Full Professor of Paediatrics and Head of the EEG and Paediatric Neurology Division and Chief of the Paediatric Division within the Department of Paediatrics at the 'Azienda Policlinico Umberto I, Università "La Sapienza" of Rome, the polyclinic of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery. His research encompasses 348 publications. The topics include: Oncoematologia and Paediatric Gastroenterology, Molecular Genetics of Defects in Migration Neuronal; Neurological Complications of the Drugs (Interleukin-2) in Acute Leukemias; and Development and Function of the Nervous System Migration Disorder. He also researches rare diseases in childhood, including clinical studies related to genetics, metabolics and neuroradiology. Since 2011, Prof. Spalice is a leading specialist treating PANS/PANDAS patients in Italy and has 10 works on PANS PANDAS published in scientific publications.