

## **Fondazione Maruzza Lefebvre D'Ovidio Onlus**

Since its constitution in 1999, the Maruzza Foundation has operated in the palliative care sector, paying particular attention to the needs of children with serious illness. The Foundation strives to improve the quality of life of individuals affected by life-threatening and life-limiting conditions through the promotion and development of palliative care delivery as stipulated in national legislation 38/2010.

In 2013, the President of the Italian Republic awarded the Maruzza Foundation the Gold Medal of Merit for outstanding services to the Public Health sector.

The Maruzza Foundation is recognized both nationally and internationally as a reference point for the development of palliative care thanks to numerous cooperation agreements and protocols of intent with the Italian Ministry of Health and other institutions, scientific societies and associations active in the paediatric sector.

Furthermore, since 2004, the Foundation has gained extensive experience in the provision of specialised training courses and workshops, attended by over 3,000 participants.

## **Maruzza Lyceum**

In Italy there is a serious lack of children's palliative care and pain management training available to healthcare professionals and carers.

The extensive teaching experience gained over the years and the conviction that the quality of care provided is directly linked to the quality of training received, led to the launch of a dedicated school: The Maruzza Lyceum. Maruzza Lyceum is the first institute in Italy to offer specific training in Children's Palliative Care and Pain Management in accordance with the Core Curriculum of the Italian Palliative Care Society (SICP).

The workshops are aimed at all healthcare professionals and caregivers who wish to extend and enhance their curriculum with expertise in the provision of palliative care and pain management for babies, children and adolescents. In particular, they are aimed at Doctors, Paediatricians, Nurses and Paediatric nurses, Physiotherapists, Psychologists, Social Workers and others involved in caring for children with palliative care needs.

## Our Training proposal

The Maruzza Lyceum offers innovative teaching systems and a methodological approach that, effectively address the numerous and complex issues linked to CPC and PM, in a generally heterogeneous context characterized by healthcare staff from different disciplines who will or may be called upon to interact and participate in the clinical and logistic management of seriously ill children.

Maruzza Lyceum offers:

- Frontal lessons, practical exercises, experiential sessions;
- Stimulates participants to solve clinical and care delivery problems;
- Offers tuition in small working groups;
- Guarantees an active role and a high level of interaction with teachers / course leaders;
- The immediate transferability of knowledge and skills acquired;
- Provides participants with the tools for a long-term self-management of skills learnt.

It is widely acknowledged that the acquisition of a skill is a course of action that cannot be accomplished in a single episode but must be practised and repeated over time to be effective in producing significant and long-term changes in performance.

Therefore, the workshops are designed and structured at different levels, goals, training methods, evaluation, and are articulated according to two main principals:

Structured pathways: providing skills training at three levels: basic, specialist, managerial. Proposing learning levels of increasing complexity.

Pathways developed ad hoc: reserved to contexts where the training needs are not met by structured training methods and which are articulated according to the different educational needs.

**All our courses are accredited ECM**

## The Scientific-Technical Committee

Maruzza Lyceum is lead by a Scientific-Technical Committee (STC) of experts with extensive experience in the provision of children's palliative care and pain therapy together with representatives from the main paediatric association operating in Italy: the Italian Paediatrics Society (SIP) and the Italian Paediatricians Cultural Association (ACP)

### The members of the STC:

- **Prof. Dott. Marcello Orzalesi: SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR**, Paediatrician-Neonatologist. Emeritus Professor of Neonatology at the University of Rome "La Sapienza" - Past President and Member of the Italian Paediatric Society's Bioethics Committee - Scientific Coordinator of the Maruzza Foundation.
- **Dr. Fabrizio Renzi: ACADEMIC COORDINATOR**, medical doctor, specialised in Clinical Psychology, Psychotherapist - Experiential Trainer and expert in the design and conduction of management training courses.
- **Dr. Franca Benini:** Paediatrician, Specialised in Neonatology, Pharmacology, Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care. Master's degree in "Analgesic Therapy and Paediatric Palliative Care", Adjunct Professor in Paediatrics at Padua University - Head of the Veneto Regional Reference Centre for Paediatric Palliative Care and Pain Management in Padua.
- **Dr. Michael Gangemi:** Paediatric GP, Master's degree in Paediatric Research Training, Systemic Counselling Trainer - Director of ACP publications - Representative for the Paediatrician's Cultural Association (ACP).
- **Dr. Momcilo Jankovic:** Haemato-Oncologist, Paediatrician, Specialised in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care - Emeritus Director of the Paediatrics Out Patients Unit at the San Gerardo Hospital in Monza.
- **Ms. Piera Lazzarin:** Nurse Manager at the Veneto Regional Reference Centre for Paediatric Palliative Care and Pain Management in Padua.
- **Dr. Luca Manfredini:** Haemato-Oncologist, Paediatrician, Specialised in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, Master's degree in "Children's Palliative Care and Pain Management" - Head of Home Care and Continuity of Care and Coordinator of the 'Hospital without pain' Committee at the Gaslini Institute in Genoa.
- **Dr. Luciano Orsi:** Specialist in Anaesthesia and Reanimation, Specialist in Food Science, Palliative Care doctor and Bioethicist - Emeritus Director of Palliative Care services at the Carlo Poma Hospital in Mantova – Representative of the Italian Society of Palliative Care (SICP).
- **Dr. Laura Reali:** Paediatric GP – National contact for Education and representative for the Italian Paediatrics Society (SIP).
- **Dr. Marco Spizzichino,** Head of the XII Department, Directorate General for Health Planning of the Italian Ministry of Health in Rome - Legislative, organizational and appraisal expert for Palliative Care and Pain Therapy services.
- **Elena Castelli: STC SECRETARY**, CEO of the Maruzza Foundation