

Centro per lo studio e la cura delle malattie tropicali

Descrizione

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Medici in formazione specialistica della Scuola di Specializzazione Malattie Infettive e Tropicali Dell'Università degli Studi di Firenze.

Il sempre più intenso movimento di persone che, per turismo o per motivi professionali, si recano in Paesi stranieri e i flussi migratori in costante aumento hanno determinato nell'ultimo ventennio la comparsa di patologie estranee alle nostre latitudini e la riscoperta di malattie ormai dimenticate.

Il Centro di Riferimento Regionale della Toscana per lo Studio e la Cura delle Malattie Tropicali nasce dall'esigenza di fornire un servizio a coloro che viaggiano all'estero e rientrano con sospetta patologia d'importazione e alle persone provenienti dalle aree più povere del pianeta, affetti da patologie la cui diagnosi e terapia richiedono mezzi e competenze mirate.

Il Centro è stato istituito con delibera della Giunta Regionale n. 216 del 2002 ed afferisce alla Struttura Organizzativa Dipartimentale [Malattie Infettive e Tropicali](#) dell'Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Careggi.

Il Centro è costituito da un complesso integrato di laboratorio di ricerca, ambulatorio specializzato, Day Hospital e degenza ordinaria.

Il personale del Centro, afferente all'Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Careggi e all'Università degli Studi di Firenze, mette a disposizione dei cittadini l'esperienza clinica e diagnostica, maturata in molti anni di attività clinica e di ricerca realizzate in Paesi Tropicali.

Attività

Attività assistenziale

- Consulenza clinica-diagnostica ai medici di base e colleghi specialisti per l'approccio diagnostico, clinico e terapeutico al paziente con sospetta patologia tropicale
- Assistenza diretta a persone con presunta patologia tropicale
- Attività nell'ambito della Medicina dei Viaggi e delle Migrazioni, in particolare, assistenza ai viaggiatori di ritorno da paesi tropicali e agli immigrati regolari e irregolari
- Attuazione di programmi di sorveglianza epidemiologica di malattie tropicali e di importazione in collaborazione con la Regione Toscana e con le strutture sanitarie locali
- Partecipazione a [TropNet](#), rete europea di sorveglianza delle patologie tropicali e d'importazione

Attività didattica

- Informazione, formazione e aggiornamento di studenti e del personale sanitario sui temi della Medicina Tropicale
- Organizzazione di seminari e congressi relativi all'approfondimento di temi specifici
- Organizzazione del Corso di perfezionamento in Medicina Tropicale e Cooperazione Sanitaria
- Organizzazione del Corso di perfezionamento in Ecografia e Malattie Infettive nei Paesi a Risorse Limitate
- Organizzazione del Master interuniversitario di I livello Medicina Tropicale e Salute Globale

Attività scientifica

- Attività di ricerca scientifica e cooperazione sanitaria da oltre venticinque anni in Paesi dell'America Latina su temi nel campo batteriologico, virale e parassitario
- Coordinamento di progetti di ricerca internazionali realizzati con il contributo dell'Unione Europea, ONG italiane (MLAL, UCODEP, CMSR), Ministero Affari Esteri, Regione Toscana, Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze, 8x1000 Chiesa Valdese etc.
- Pubblicazione dei risultati ottenuti sulle principali riviste scientifiche del settore

Sede di attività

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Collaborazioni

All'interno dell'AOU Careggi con le SOD:

- [Microbiologia e Virologia](#)
- [Medicina interna interdisciplinare](#)
- [Immunologia e Terapie Cellulari](#)
- [Centro cardiomiopatie ipertrofiche e dilatative](#)
- [Centro malattie infettive in gravidanza](#)

Esterne:

- [Istituto Superiore di Sanità](#)

- [TropNet \(European Network for Tropical Medicine and Travel Health\)](#)
- [Ambulatorio per il bambino adottato all'estero e immigrato, Malattie Infettive, AOU Meyer, Firenze](#)
- [Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine](#)
- [Cooperativa sociale il Girasole](#)
- [Dipartimento di Sanità Pubblica e Malattie Infettive, Sapienza, Università di Roma, Roma](#)
- [Malattie Infettive e Tropicali e Microbiologia, Sacro Cuore Don Calabria IRCCS, Negrar](#)

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