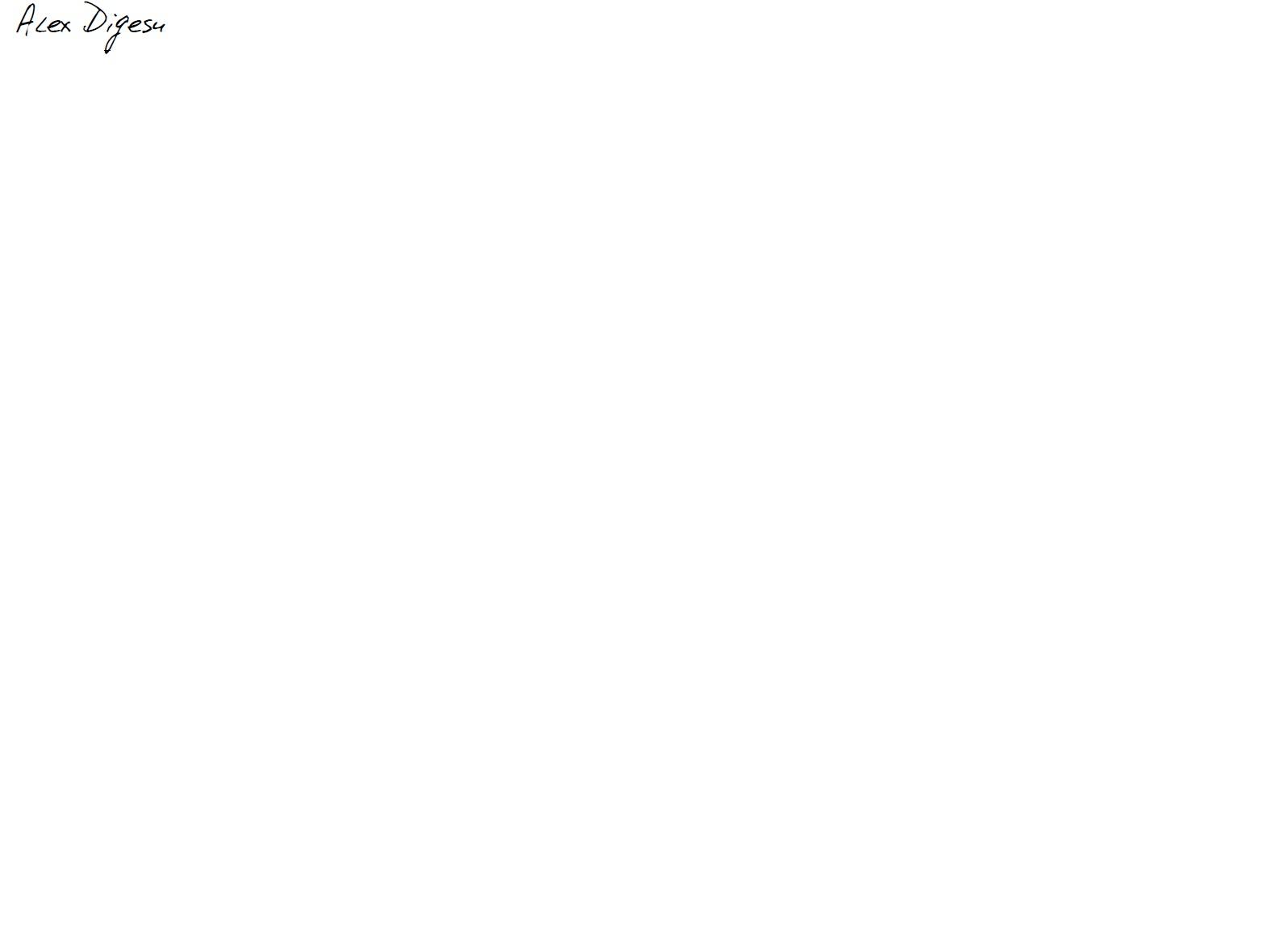
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**UNIVERSITY:**

1. Bari University Medical School, Bari, Italy

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**2014:** Associate Professor in Obstetrics & Gynaecology

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**2014:** Visiting Professor in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, University of Nevada School of Medicine in Las Vegas

**2012:** Certificate of Subspecialist Accreditation in Urogynaecology

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**2005:** Post doctorate (PhD) in Oncological, Gynaecological and Geriatric Surgery

(University College, Bari, Italy)

**2002:** CCST in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

(University College, Bari, Italy)

**2001:** Accreditation in Urodynamics

**1999:** Competence in Ultrasound Examination at 20-23 weeks, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

**1997:** MD

Alex Digesu MD, PhD is a Consultant Obstetrician, Gynaecologist & Urogynaecology Subspecialist at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Imperial College, London.

He completed his specialist training in Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine in Italy at the University of Bari in 2002. In 2005 he achieved his PhD in Oncological, Gynaecological and Geriatric Surgery from the same university. His clinical and academic experience also includes a five years fellowship in Urogynaecology in London at King’s College Hospital and St. Mary’s Hospital and two years subspecialty training in Urogynaecology & reconstructive pelvic floor surgery at Imperial College of London.

Since he completed his training, he worked as Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Consultant in several University teaching Hospitals in Italy, Switzerland and UK. In all he has more than 15 years experience in Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

Dr Digesu has been accredited by the Royal College of Obstericians and Gynaecologists as a Specialist in Urogynaecology (specialised in treating patients with bladder & bowel problems such as incontinence and uterovaginal prolapse).

He has published extensively in this field and he is author of more than 80 articles in peer review journals. In view of his expertise and research he covers important academic duties both nationally & internationally and he is a well-known invited speaker worldwide in national and international conferences.

He is the Chairman of the International Urogynecology Association (IUGA) Publication Committee and member of several committees of international medical societies such as International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) (pelvic floor medicine and reconstructive surgery committee); International Continence Society (ICS) (educational committee and urodynamics committee), International Urogynaecology Association (urogenital pain special interest group and neurourogynaecology special interest group); British Society of Urogynaecology (BSUG) (sacral neuromodulation steering group) as well as member of the Infection Prevention Committee and the New Interventional Procedures Committee of the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust.

Dr Digesu is the programme director of the London masterclass in female pelvic anatomy, urogynaecology & reconstructive pelvic surgery and he is a tutor & mentor at several basic and advanced training courses in Europe using cadavers, video demonstrations, live surgery, animal models, simulators as well as pelvic mannequins for clinicians and surgeons who are keen to improve their surgical skills in all areas of urogynaecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery. He also conducts national and international workshops to teach the doctors and midwives how to identify and repair perineal tears after childbirth.

Dr Digesu in view of his expertise in female pelvic floor surgery as well as the assessment and management of female pelvic floor dysfunctions acts as an expert witness and consultant for medical legal cases involving postoperative complications related to malpractice and use of meshes for vaginal surgery and urinary incontinence. He is also the reconstructive pelvic floor surgeon member of the major trauma team of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust in London.

On the light of his clinical and scientific achievements in January 2014 Dr Digesu has been awarded Associate Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology by the Italian Ministry of Health. He also works as Visiting Professor at the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Nevada School of Medicine in Las Vegas.

Dr Digesu carries on his obstetrics & gynaecology private practice in Milan, Lugano and London. He is Italian, married with a French wife and has two children.

**CLINICAL INTERESTS**

His area of expertise is urogynecology, reconstructive pelvic floor surgery, urinary/fecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, chronic pelvic pain, bladder pain syndrome (interstitial cystitis), complications of female pelvic floor surgery, neurourology & neuromodulation including the assessment and management of patients with lower urinary tract symptoms and complex pelvic floor dysfunctions. He offers the full range of conservative, medical and surgical treatments for pelvic floor disorders (prolapse, urinary and fecal incontinence, female sexual dysfunction, chronic pelvic pain) as well as minimally invasive treatment of uterovaginal prolapse using keyhole surgery for those women who would like to preserve their uterus thus avoiding hysterectomy. He is has also received advanced extensive training in vaginal reconstruction following childbirth injuries and has a wide surgical experience in cosmetic vaginal surgery such as labiaplasty, vaginal tightening, female rejuvenation (vaginoplasty). His research studies include assessment and management of patients presenting a broad range of pelvic floor dysfunctions such as overactive bladder syndrome, urinary incontinence, bladder and urogenital pain, urinary and bowel symptoms, urodynamics, 2D/3D ultrasound imaging, MRI imaging of the lower urinary tract and pelvic floor, neurourology, pelvic organ prolapse, child birth injuries, assessment and management of female sexual dysfunction.

**MEMBER AND/OR CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEE**

1. Publication Committee of the International Urogynecology Association from 2011 (**CHAIR**)
2. FIGO Task Force on Pelvic Floor Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery from 2010

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1. IUGA Special Interest Group in Urogenital Pain from 2013(CO-**CHAIR**)
2. Urodynamics Committee of the International Continence Society (ICS) since 2013 (Board Member)
3. Educational Committee of the International Continence Society (ICS) since 2013 (Board Member)
4. Infection Prevention Committee of the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (Board Member)
5. New interventional procedures Committee of the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (Board Member)
6. British Society of Urogynaecology (BSUG) (sacral neuromodulation steering group) (Board Member)

**MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD**

1. International Urogynecology Journal and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction from 2009
2. Case Reports in Obstetrics and Gynecology since 2012
3. BioMed Research International (formerly titled Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology)
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**REFEREE FOR SUBMITTED PAPERS for:**

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* International Urogynecology Journal and Pelvic Floor Dysfunction
* Neurourology and Urodynamics Journal
* LUTS Journal

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##### INVITED SPEAKER/TUTOR

**NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS & COURSES:**

1. 44th International Continence Society (ICS) Meeting. Rio de Janeiro 26 – 29th August 2013. Title of lecture: “PTNS: Managing complex pelvic floor disorders”.
2. Santiago de Chile. October 17th 2014. Title of lecture: “Pelvic pain. Scope of the problem, epidemiology, QoL”.
3. Santiago de Chile. October 17th 2014. Title of lecture: “Differencial diagnosis of pelvic pain in women”.
4. Santiago de Chile. October 17th 2014. Title of lecture: “Treatment alternatives in pelvic pain pathologies. multidisciplinary approach”.
5. Santiago de Chile. October 18th 2014. Title of lecture: “Occult stress urinary incontinence. How do I treat it”.
6. RIABILITAZIONE DELLE FUNZIONI. AUTONOME: DALLA VESCICA IPERATTIVA AL DEFICIT ERETTIVO. IX Corso internazionale teorico-pratico “Il team interdisciplinare del pavimento pelvico”. Incontinenza urinaria maschile femminile, il dolore vescicale, disturbi della sessualità maschile e femminile, infezioni vie urinarie, la stipsi. Milan 3 – 4th October 2014. Title of lecture: “Urinary stress incontinence: when and how to perform a continence surgery”
7. American Urogynecology Society (AUGS) and International Urogynaecology Association (IUGA) Joint Meeting. Washington DC 22 – 26 July, 2014. Title of lecture: “Neurourogynaecology conditions and how to investigate them”.
8. 38th International Urogynaecology Association (IUGA) Meeting. Dublin May 28 – June 1, 2013. Title of lecture: “Sacral Neuromodulation for intractable overactive bladder”.
9. 38th International Urogynaecology Association (IUGA) Meeting. Dublin May 28 – June 1, 2013. Title of lecture: “Complex pelvic floor disorders”.
10. 43rd International Continence Society (ICS) Meeting. Barcelona 26 – 29th August 2013. Title of lecture: “Complex pelvic floor disorders”.
11. Urogenital pain meeting. 18th January 2013, The Royal Society of Medicine, London. Title of lecture: ‘Classification of pelvic pain syndromes: ESSIC, EAU< AUA, IPPS, ICS and IUGA systems’.
12. 42nd International Continence Society (ICS) Meeting. 15-19th October 2012, Beijing. Title of lecture: ‘Neurological dysfunction of the pelvic floor’.
13. 42nd International Continence Society (ICS) Meeting. 15-19th October 2012, Beijing. Title of lecture: ‘Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation in neurological patients.
14. XX FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Rome 7-12 October 2012. “The FIGO assessment scoring system (FASS): validity and reliability”.
15. 37th International Urogynaecology Association (IUGA) Meeting. Brisbane 4-8th September 2012. Title of lecture: “Sacral Neuromodulation for intractable overactive bladder”.
16. 15th World Congress of Gynecological Endocrinology. Florence 7-10th March, 2012. Title of lecture: “Urogenital Effects of estrogen therapies”.
17. 4th European Society of Urogynaecology Annual Meeting. 08th-10th December 2011,Melia Sitges, Spain. Title of lecture: “Prolapse and stress incontinence”
18. IV International Meeting on Pelvic Floor Dysfunction. 18th-19th November 2011, Milan. Title of lecture: “Sexual dysfunction after pelvic organ prolapse surgery”
19. Joint RCOG/BSUG Meeting. 08th-09th November 2011, London. Title of lecture: “Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation”
20. II International Conference European Society of Young Surgeons. 13th– 16th October 2011 Naples. Workshop on OASIS repair.
21. II International Conference European Society of Young Surgeons. 13th– 16th October 2011 Naples. Title of lecture: ‘Reconstructive Pelvic Floor Surgery’.
22. 41st International Continence Society (ICS) Meeting. 29th August – 02nd September 2011, Glasgow. Title of lecture: ‘Neurological dysfunction of the pelvic floor’.
23. 41st International Continence Society (ICS) Meeting. 29th August – 02nd September 2011, Glasgow. Title of lecture: ‘Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation in neurological patients.
24. 36st International Urogynecology Association (IUGA) Meeting. 28th June – 02nd July 2011, Lisbon. Title of lecture: ‘Neurological dysfunction of the pelvic floor’.
25. First International Course for Italian residents in Gynaecology, Urology, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. Urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapsed: a challengefor today and tomorrow. Rome, 14-15 April 2011. Title of lecture: ‘Urinary incontinence after childbirth.’
26. 19th Portuguese Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Pregnancy, Delivery and Dysfunction of the Pelvic Floor. Oporto 16-19th March. Title of lecture: ‘Caesarean section on demand: is it acceptable?’
27. Sclerosi multipla: attuali e future terapie. Giovedì, 16 dicembre 2010 Aula Magna - sede Civico Ospedale Regionale di Lugano. Title of lecture: Trattamento dei disturbi urologici.
28. European Urogynaecology Asssociation Meeting (EUGA). Leading Lights in Urogynaecology. December 11th – 13th 2008, Budapest. Title of lecture: ‘Epidemiology of Pelvic Floor dysfunction after Pregnancy’
29. Quarte giornate Algheresi di Ginecologia ed Ostetricia. Hotel Catalunja, Sassari (Alghero), Sardinia, Italy, 12–14 October 2006. Title of lecture: ‘Vantaggi e limiti della diagnostica urodinamica.’
30. XXX Congresso Nazionale Società Italiana di Urodinamica (SIUD). Università San Tommaso, Rome, Italy 27–30 September 2006. Title of lecture: ‘Incontinenza urinaria: terapia farmacologica.’
31. Tradizione ed innovazione in chirurgia ginecologica. Sheraton Nicolaus Hotel, Bari, Italy 21 September 2006. Title of lecture: ‘Chirurgia dell’incontinenza di tipo III.’
32. Accreditation Urodynamic Course for Certificate of Competence in Urodynamic. Academic Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. St. Mary’s Hospital London. Mint Wing. Norfolk Place, London,UK. 12–15th June 2006. Speaker and tutor. Title of lecture: ‘Ambulatory Urodynamics.’
33. Corso SIUD ‘Eccessi e difetti delle funzioni perineali.’ Hotel Palace, Bari, Italy, 9-10 June 2006. Title of lecture: ‘Chirurgia pelvica nella donna: alterazioni anatomo funzionali.’
34. Stage Chirurgico di Uroginecologia e Patologia del Pavimento Pelvico. Ospedale Bassini, Cinisello Balsamo (MI) – Azienda Ospedaliera San Gerardo Monza Università Milano Bicocca, Monza, Italy, 22-26 May 2006.
35. Incontro Nazionale di Aggiornamento (ART) 2006. X Meeting della sezione di riabilitazione perineale della SIMFER. Disfunzioni Vescica-Sfintero-Perineali:Diagnosi, prevenzione, riabilitazione, nursing. Riccione, Italy, 25-27 May 2006. Title of lecture: ‘Disfunzioni sessuali femminili: basi anatomiche e fisiopatologiche.’
36. Stage Chirurgico di Uroginecologia e Patologia del Pavimento Pelvico. Ospedale Bassini, Cinisello Balsamo (MI) – Azienda Ospedaliera San Gerardo Monza Università Milano Bicocca, Monza, Italy, 20-21 March 2006.
37. Progetto Educazionale Nazionale in Uroginecologi della Societa Interdisciplinare del Pavimento Pelvico (SIPP). I Disordini del Pavimento Pelvico: il percorso clinico dai sintomi al trattamento. Ospedale Bassini, Cinisello Balsamo (MI), Italy, 8th October 2004. Titles of lectures:
    1. ‘Urodinamica’
    2. ‘Outcome e Qualità di vita: Strumenti e criteri di misura.’
38. VII Congresso Nazionale AISTOM, V Congresso Nazionale FINCO, IV Congresso Nazionale. “Dalla Terapia all’Alimentazione…Tutto cio che ruota interno al pianeta stomia.’ Bari, Italy, 24-25 September 2004. Hotel Sheraton, Bari. Title of lecture: ‘Diagnosi Strumentale.’
39. 2° Corso Chirurgico Didattico SIPP. Societa’ interdisciplinare del pavimento pelvico. I Muscoli e le Fasce del Pavimento Pelvico: dalla rieducazione alla chirurgia ricostruttiva. Ospedale Bassini, Cinisello Balsamo (MI), Italy, 14-17 September 2003. Title of lecture: ‘Materiale protesico in uroginecologia.’
40. Incontri Nazionali di Aggiornamento 2003. IX Meeting della sezione di riabilitazione perineale della SIMFER. Disfunzioni Vescica-Sfintero-Perineali: Diagnosi, prevenzione, riabilitazione, nursing. Riccione, Italy, 8-10 May 2003. Title of lecture: ‘Attualità di farmacoterapia nelle disfunzioni vescica-sfinteriche.’
41. ESGE Export Meeting on Pelvic Floor Disorders. Hilton Hotel, Barcelona, Spain, 28-30 November 2002. Titles of lectures:
    1. ‘Why SIS? Literature review to position the rationale of using SIS.’

Session 4: Native versus non-native tissue in reconstructive procedures.‘

* 1. Pro the use of biological implants.’

Session 4: Native versus non-native tissue in reconstructive procedures.

* 1. ‘How to use SIS? A documented approach of using SIS.’

Symposium COOK: SIS use for pelvic floor repair.

1. XXVI Congresso Nazionale S.I.U.D. Hilton Sorrento Palace, Sorrento, Italy, 24-26 October 2002.
2. Multinational Meeting on Pelvic Floor Disorders. Cernobbio, Villa Erba (CO), Italy, 13-15 June 2002. Chairs: L. Cardozo, R. Milani, B. Shull. Title of lecture: ‘Mode of delivery and effects on pelvic floor.’
3. Certificate in Urodynamics course. Department of Reproductive Science and Medicine. Academic Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Mint Wing Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, St. Mary’s Campus, London. 21-24 January 2002.
4. Corso Chirurgico Didattico SIPP. Societa’ Interdisciplinare del Pavimento Pelvico. I Muscoli e le Fasce del Pavimento Pelvico: dalla rieducazione alla chirurgia ricostruttiva. Ospedale Bassini, Cinisello Balsamo (MI), Italy, 10-12 December 2001. Title of lecture: ‘Materiale protesico nella Chirurgia del pavimento pelvico.’
5. RUGS Meeting. BMA House, Tavistock Square, London, UK, 22 November 2001. Title of lecture: ‘Collagen mesh for repair of the anterior vaginal wall.’

##### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

* Dr Digesu has considerable experience teaching medical students, nurses, and midwives, junior doctors and surgeons.
* Dr Digesu participates in training other doctors in urodynamics, female pelvic floor anatomy, pelvic organ prolapse surgery, anti-incontinence surgery (both urinary and fecal), post child birth anal sphincter injury repair as tutor and speaker in certificate of competence course in UK and Europe.
* As part of his role in the Urogynaecology Unit at St. Mary’s Hospital he supervises research fellows and B.Sc. project students.

Dr Digesu is the Director of the Imperial College Masterclass in female Pelvic Anatomy, Urogynaecology & Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery on fresh frozen cadavers. This International course is designed for clinicians and surgeons who would like to advance their knowledge of female pelvic anatomy and their surgical skills in all areas of urogynaecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery.

##### MANAGEMENT & MEETING COORDINATION EXPERIENCE:

* In his current position Dr Digesu has developed various protocols for the management of urogynaecology patients. These include protocols on catheter care, urodynamics investigation, the treatment of urinary and fecal incontinence, as well as management of postoperative complications of prolapse and/or anti-incontinence surgery. In his surgical practice he follows evidence-based protocols and he uses empirically supported techniques in particular, this applies to the practice of the latest minimally invasive, techniques for the treatment of incontinence which he has used only in the remit of research trials.
* Dr Digesu has organised national and international meetings in both general gynaecology and urogynaecology.
* Dr Digesu has set up Urodynamics and Urogynaecology Unit in both Italy and Switzerland.
* Dr Digesu has been involved in the organization and management of meetings and liason with speakers in both Italy and Switzerland.
* Dr Digesu has worked in several tertiary units, where evidence-based practice is exercised. This includes adhering to evidence-based protocols on the delivery suite and operating theatre.
* Dr Digesu has been involved as tutor in live urogynaecological surgery course at St Mary’s Hospital.

##### NON-PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:

Dr Digesu enjoys teaching (female pelvic floor anatomy and surgery), sailing, travelling, theatre, art, gardening as well as eating and cooking fine Italian food. I also enjoys ‘action sports,’ being a keen diver and skier, and has participated in numerous sailing races. His favourite hobby is spending as much time as possible with his children and his wife.