



Meet the Team

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Firstly, please tell us a little bit about your background and your role in the Greater Manchester PSTRC.

I received my Bachelor and Master degrees in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Genoa (my home town in Italy). After a short period at City University London in 2013, I joined the Interface and Informatics theme as a PhD student in September 2013.

How did you first get involved with patient safety research and what do you find most challenging about it?

I first became involved with patient safety when I joined the Centre. I found it challenging and interesting at the same time, that patient safety is influenced by many interacting factors and that both healthcare professionals (ie GPs and specialists) and patients can play a key role to achieve better results.



What do you think will be the biggest changes in primary care in the next five years?

An ageing population with increasing numbers of people living with multiple chronic conditions is one of the main issues that primary care will face in the next years.

What are you hoping to achieve with your research?

A lot of information is routinely collected every day in clinical practice (ie when a patient visits a GP or a hospital). The main aim of my PhD has been to use this information to move primary care informatics systems from treating the average patient towards a more personalised way of delivering healthcare.

Tell us about someone who has influenced your choice of career (and why)

My mother is an academic in Italy, and I guess this has influenced me to try a career in research too.

When you are away from work, how do you spend your time relaxing?

I like many sports and outdoor activities. When I am at home during the summer the beach is where you will find me!

What is your party trick (or hidden talent)?

I am Italian so... I guess cooking.

If you could give one piece of advice to those interested in a research career, what would it be (and why)?

I think that motivation is something that never has to be missing in an academic. Therefore, my piece of advice is to follow what interests him/her the most, being also curious and open to learn new things.