

Highly trained stomatherapists is priorities for quality care

Interview with Dr. Danila Maculotti, enterostomal therapist and member of ECET.

We meet Dr. Danila Maculotti, enterostomal therapist of Poliambulanza in Brescia and first Italian nurse to join the board of ECET,

European Council of Enterostomal Therapists.

Is your appointment on the ECET board a personal success or recognition of the Italian nursing profession?

No personal success: it is a recognition for the category of Italian nurses.

What priorities will you bring to the attention of ECET ?

At the last board meeting I presented several projects: certainly. The priority is the training of enterostomal therapist, an important objective, essential for the profession; as didactic coordinator of the Master's Degree in stomatherapy and incontinence, which will start again in February 2018 at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Brescia, I believe that we must aim at quality training. There will be teachers coming from Europe, but also from Canada and there will be the possibility of internships abroad: open-mindedness, detachment from one's own reality, multicultural nursing. The opportunity to do internships in completely different structures and to deal with an international background offers a wider view than the individual environment from which we come.

How do you rate the level of assistance given to people who have stomachs in Italy? Are there any substantial differences with the rest of Europe?

I believe that the level of assistance to ostomy patients in Italy is good: there are a large number of outpatient clinics in Italy. I am sure, above all thanks to training, which the care level will be maintained at all times of high standards. It is natural that there are differences because there are differences in the basic educational path between the various countries, also for this reason it is important to support the ECET which has among its objectives to increase professional culture, stimulate research and comparison between professionals.

Future projects?

We have several of them in the pipeline: from collaboration with patients' associations stomate patients. The dialogue with the associations is fundamental to provide assistance that is not only up to standard, but also knows how to put the user at the centre as an authentic protagonist of rehabilitation pathways; research projects in the field of stomatherapy nursing in the long term, with creation of a date. the basis in which to gather as much information as possible, with the consequent possibility of studying more and more current topics.

We will tell you about the development of our work, now we have to

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in photo: Danila Maculotti with her Canadian colleague Louise Forest Lalande, an expert in stomatherapy, and wound paediatric care.