

1. **Francesco D'Aiuto**

Francesco D'Aiuto qualified with DMD honour's degree from the University of Naples in 1997. He attended a number of post-graduate training courses in periodontology in Italy and Sweden completing his specialty program (MClinDent) at UCL, London in 2008. His research career started with a Clinical research fellowship from the Italian Society of Periodontology (2000) followed by a PhD in clinical periodontology. He received a number of awards including the AAP clinical Research Award (2005), Antony Rizzo Young Investigator Award in (2009), Innovators in Diabetes Award from the UK Charity Diabetes UK (2012) and a Clinical Senior Lectureship from the Department of Health in UK (2010). He was appointed Professor of Periodontology and Head of the Periodontology Unit at UCL in 2017. His research focus is on the association between periodontal diseases and systemic diseases including cardiovascular diseases and diabetes.