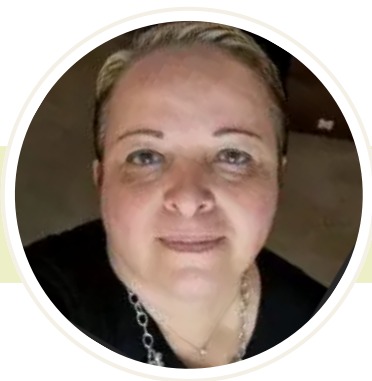




Graziella Bracone

Embriologist Sr
Director IVF & Andrology Laboratory
Quality Manager
Project Manager

CONTACTS

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- Born in Frauenfeld - Switzerland

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Advanced Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) techniques in IVF and Andrology laboratories
- Human ovarian tissue cryopreservation techniques
- Histological techniques, including microtome sectioning, H&E and immunohistochemistry staining

SOFT SKILLS

- Leadership & Team Management
- Problem Solving & Analytical Thinking
- Process Optimization & Continuous Improvement
- Quality Management & KPI Monitoring
- Teaching, Training & Professional Development
- Attention to Detail, Accuracy & Compliance with Standards
- Conflict Management & Team Mediation
- Networking & Negotiation Skills
- Advanced Digital & IT Skills

LANGUAGES

- ITALIAN: Native
- ENGLISH: Good C1
- GERMAN: Good C1

EDUCATION

- **Candidate PhD** 2022- ongoing
Siena University
Thesis submitted in September 2026 – Dissertation in February 2027
Thesis: Cryopreservation of human ovarian tissue: slow freezing vs vitrification
- **Master Degree: Biotechnology of Human Reproduction and Embryology** 2019
Valencia University & IVI Center Valencia
Thesis: Embryo transfer on day 3 vs day 5
- **Italian State Examination and Registration as a Biologist** 2006
Alma Mater Studiorum Bologna University
License Nr. TOU_A1865
- **Biological Science Degree Bachelor and Magiser Degree (6-S, LM-6)** 2004
Alma Mater Studiorum Bologna University
Thesis: Inhibition of Apoptosis in Long-Term Cultures of Human Ovarian Cortical Tissue: Investigating the Role of the Antioxidant N-Acetyl-L-Cystein
- **High School Diploma – Scientific Studies**
First 3 yrs
College "Institute auf dem Rosenberg" - Swytzerland
Last 2 yrs:
Alfano da Termoli - Italy

PROFILE

Biologist with a strong scientific background and extensive international experience in Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), with multidisciplinary expertise in embryology, andrology, laboratory management, quality management, process optimization, and the development of new fertility centres.

I began my professional career in research, focusing on human ovarian tissue cryopreservation and long-term culture of ovarian cortical tissue, before specializing in embryology at Humanitas in Milan, one of Italy's high-volume ART centres, performing more than 2,000 cycles annually. I subsequently further developed my expertise in quality management at a university centre in Zurich, developing a strong focus on process standardization, continuous improvement, and operational efficiency.

In Lucerne, I took on the leadership of the IVF and Andrology Laboratory, overseeing the development and coordination of laboratory activities and contributing to the growth of the centre in terms of both performance and outcomes, as well as the expansion of clinical activity and cycle volumes.

My career then progressed to the establishment and launch of two new ART centres in Switzerland and Germany, where I contributed to organizational, structural, and laboratory-related activities through to the successful validation of the centres.

These experiences have enabled me to develop a professional profile combining strong scientific and technical expertise with leadership, team management, quality management, problem solving, process optimization, and the ability to work effectively in international and multidisciplinary environments. I am characterized by precision, reliability, strong attention to detail, excellent organizational skills, and a strong commitment to continuous improvement.

I am seeking a position where I can leverage my experience and expertise to make a concrete and meaningful contribution to the development and growth of the team. My goal is to contribute to innovation, continuous process improvement, and performance optimization, while maintaining high quality standards and supporting the achievement of organizational and business objectives.

WORK EXPERIENCE

● Embryologist Sr Consultant

January 2026-February 2026

Policlinico di Foggia - Foggia, Italy

● Embryologist Senior & Co-Founder Class D New Fertility Center

May 2025-November 2025

Vianea - Hauzenberg, Germany

- Design and optimization of the layout of the Class D cleanroom area and associated operational workflows
- Negotiation, procurement, and installation of laboratory installation, technical furnishings, and equipment
- Class D set-up in compliance with structural, functional, and quality requirements

● Project Manager to set-up a new Fertility Center

September 2023-April 2025

Responsible Research Hospital - Campobasso, Italy

- Design and development of the layout for the classified area of the ART Centre
- Management and coordination of procurement and negotiations for laboratory systems, technical furnishings, and equipment

● Director of IVF & Andrology Laboratory & Embryologist Sr

September 2021-May 2023

Chianciano Salute - Chianciano Terme, Italy

- Hands-on involvement in all laboratory activities and procedures
- Coordination and implementation of laboratory processes and standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Training and mentoring of junior embryologists
- Quality management, troubleshooting, and problem solving

● Director of IVF & Andrology Laboratory & Embryologist Sr & Founder & CEO

May 2019-May 2021

GEA IVF AG - Cham, Switzerland

- Design and optimization of the ART Centre layout and associated operational workflows
- Coordination of negotiations, procurement, and installation of laboratory systems, furnishings, and equipment
- Laboratory development and set-up in compliance with structural, functional, and quality requirements
- Hands-on involvement in all laboratory activities and procedures
- Coordination and implementation of laboratory processes and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Quality management, troubleshooting, and problem solving

● Director of IVF & Andrology Laboratory & Embryologist Sr

April 2013-April 2019

Regional Hospital Luzern LUKS, Luzern, Switzerland

- Hands-on involvement in all laboratory activities and procedures
- Implementation and continuous improvement of laboratory processes and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Training and mentoring of junior embryologists
- Quality management, troubleshooting, and problem solving

● Embryologist & Research

April 2012-March 2013

University Hospital USZ-Zurich, Switzerland

- Hands-on involvement in laboratory activities and procedures
- Active involvement in research activities

● Embryologist in Training - Embryologist & Research

March 2006-March 2012

IRCCS Humanitas, Rozzano-Milano, Italy

- Hands-on involvement in laboratory activities and procedures
- Embryology training and practical experience
- Involvement in research activities

● Research Biologist

September 2009-February 2006

S. Orsola Malpighi Hospital - Bologna, Italy

- Research activities focused on human ovarian tissue cryopreservation and long-term culture of ovarian cortical tissue
- Training and mentoring of junior researchers
- Identification and application for national and European research funding opportunities

CERTIFICATION

- **Project Management and Business Planning**
2024
SDA BOCCONI School of Management - Milano, Italy
- **4th Training Course in Quality Management EDQM**
2024
European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & Healthcare
- **Quality Manager in Fertility Center**
2022
ICMED - Italy
- **Founder and in the Commette QUARTS**
2021
QUARTS for the accreditation ART Laboratory in Switzerland
- **Clinical Embryologist Certificate**
2010
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ACADEMIC & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Lecturer – Master's Programme in Medical Biotechnology and Reproductive Biology**
Siena University – Siena, Italy
2023–2024
Advanced-Level ART Techniques (Level II and III): History, Procedures, Tips & Tricks
2024–2025
From Oocyte Retrieval to ICSI: History, Procedures, Tips & Tricks
- **Senior Lecturer in Magister Degree C.d.L. in Biotechnologies of Human Reproduction**
Siena University - Siena, Italy
2023/2024 IVF & ICSI (english)
- **Conference Organizer & Speaker**
Responsible Research Hospital - Campobasso, Italy
National Congress: La tutela della fertilita' nel XXI secolo - 09 October 2024
- **Conference Organizer & Speaker**
GEA IVF AG - Cham, Switzerland
International Congress: Fertility in safe - 23-24 April 2020
- **Workshop Organizer & Speaker**
Polislinico Sant'Orsola-Malpighi – Bologna, Italy
National Workshops: Human Ovarian Tissue Cryopreservation — 2002/2005

PUBLICATIONS

- Comparison of quartz vials with polypropylene vials for rapid cryopreservation of human ovarian tissue.
J Ovarian Res. Sep 26;9(1):59. 2016
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- Human Ovarian Tissue Cryopreservation as Fertility Reserve Chapter Book: Topics in Cancer Survivorship -
Edited by Ravinder Mohan. 2012
Elena Albani, Graziella Bracone, Sonia Di Biccari, Domenico Vitobello, Nicola Fattizzi and Paolo Emanuele Levi-Setti
doi: 10.5772/22644
- Incidence of congenital anomalies in 2351 IVF/ICSI babies
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- Validation of the cryopreservation procedure before storing human ovarian tissue in cancer patients
Placenta 32(3) 2011
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doi: 10.1016/j.
- Optimization of protocols for human ovarian tissue cryopreservation with sucrose, 1,2 propanediol and human serum.
Reprod Biomed Online. 2010 Dec;21(6):819-28. Epub Aug 1. PMID: 21050819, 2010
Fabbri R, Pasquinelli G, Keane D, Magnani V, Paradisi R, Venturoli S.
doi: 10.1016/j.rbmo.2010.07.008.
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September, Fertility and Sterility 90, 2008
E. Albani, J Barbieri, V. Parini, G. Morreale, G. Bracone, P.E. Levi-Setti
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- Cryopreservation of human ovarian tissue
Cell Tissue Bank; 7(2):123-33. 2006
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