

Dr Godfrey Grech

Following his Science degree at the University of Malta in 1994, Dr Godfrey Grech pursued his studies at a Masters level in the Faculty of Medicine specialising in Molecular Genetics. In 2002, he started his doctorate studies at the Erasmus Medical Centre in the Netherlands for 4 years. His work on the Molecular Control of Leukemia was published in high impact journals and presented in International conferences such as the American Society of Hematology and the European Haematology Association. Currently, Dr Godfrey Grech is a senior lecturer at the Department of Pathology, in the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Malta. His academic responsibilities include the coordination of an MSc in Biomedical Sciences, principle investigator of a research group studying the molecular mechanisms of haematopoietic malignancies and solid tumours and leading scientist on a regional project in Breast Cancer Research. In addition, he published several reviews on pharmacogenetics and the role of translation initiation in haematopoietic malignancies (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Godfrey_Grech/contributions/).

Dr Grech is a member of the International groups including (1) the International Scientific Council of the European Group for Molecular Pathology (EMP), with the aim to formulate educational programs in Molecular Pathology, harmonise molecular protocols, organise quality control programmes, define organisational rules for tissue banking and establish a bioethical platform in Molecular Pathology; (2) a member of the European Association for Predictive, Preventive & Personalised medicine (EPMA) with the aim to promote PPPM and acting as a national contact point for the organisation; and (3) national contact person for the PharmacoGenetics for Every Nation Initiative (PGENI; <http://www.pgeni.org>) with the aim to incorporate pharmacogenomics into the national medication selection decision-making process in developing countries, providing improved rational drug selection.