

## **Short biography (October 2020)**

Fortunato Ciardiello, is currently Full Professor of Medical Oncology, Director of the Division of Medical Oncology and Dean of the School of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli in Naples, Italy. Previously, he has been Director of the Department of Experimental and Clinical Medicine and Member of the Academic Senate in the same University. He received the MD, the Specialty in Oncology, and the PhD from the University of Naples Federico II. Between 1985 and 1990, he has been working as post-doctoral research fellow in the Tumor Growth Factor Section, Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, USA. Fortunato Ciardiello's research areas of expertise cover the role of growth factor receptor-driven signaling pathways in human cancer development and progression and the possibility of defining selective molecular targeted therapies for cancer. In particular, Fortunato Ciardiello has played a major role in discovering and implementing the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) as a therapeutic target in human colorectal and lung cancers. As recorded in Scopus, he has authored 522 scientific publications with 36850 citations and H Index of 85. Fortunato Ciardiello has been Member for 4 years of the Scientific Committee of the Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca sul Cancro (AIRC). He has been Member for 5 years of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. He is currently Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Vall D'Hebron Institute of Oncology (VHIO), Barcelona, Spain. Finally, Fortunato Ciardiello has served the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), as ESMO Treasurer (2011-2013), as ESMO President Elect (2014-15), as ESMO President (2016-17), and, for the years 2018-19, as ESMO Past President. He is currently Chair of the ESMO Membership Committee. He is currently member for the years 2019-2021 of the "Comitato Nazionale dei Garanti per la Ricerca" del Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR).