

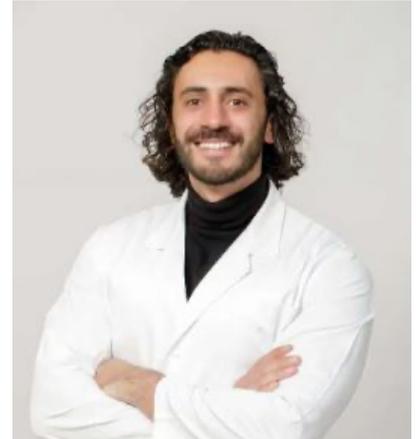
INTRODUCTION

DR Corrado Campisi

Specialist in Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery / Microsurgery

Internationally Recognized expert for Lymphedema and Lipedema Treatment

- Inventor of Lymph Vessel Sparing technique for advanced lymphedema
- President of the International Society of Lymphology (ISL)
- Fellow at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA
- One of the most awarded GVM medical doctors



LOGOS OF MAIN ASSOCIATIONS



SPECIALIZATION NICHE + CURRENT ROLE AT GVM

Dr. Corrado Campisi is an expert in **plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgery**, with a focus on **lymphatic and lipedema surgeries and microsurgies**. Creator of the **innovative FLLA-LVSP technique**, a specialized liposuction method called "Lymph Vessel Sparing" which aims to **preserve the lymphatic structures during surgery**. This approach can be applied conjunctively to the surgical treatments of **lipedema** or **lymphedema**. The technique which employs imaging technologies to map the lymphatic system, drastically decreases the risks of complications by accurately illustrating the lymphatic structures perioperatively. In addition, he performs a range of advanced procedures, including microsurgical, reconstructive, and derivative surgeries, to address complex lymphatic conditions effectively.

Since 2015, Dr Campisi has worked as a plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgeon, lymphatic surgeon and microsurgeon at GVM facilities in Genoa and Turin, Italy. He has worked in several hospitals, including 'il Palazzo della Salute' in Milan, and 'Clinica Sant'Anna' in Lugano, Switzerland and 'Hospital Sant Pau and Santa Creu', Barcelona, Spain.

EDUCATION

Dr. Corrado Campisi holds a **PhD in Experimental Surgery and Microsurgery** from the University of Pavia, Italy, and a **Masters Degree in Clinical Lymphology, Lymphatic Surgery and Microsurgery** from the University of Genoa. He obtained his **Specialty in Plastic and Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery** from the University of Medicine and Surgery of Genoa, Italy in 2015 with a thesis entitled 'Lymphatic microsurgery for the treatment of peripheral lymphedema: from research to clinical applications'. Prior to his specialization he completed a **Masters degree in Reconstructive Microsurgery (MRM)** from the University of Barcelona's European School of Reconstructive Microsurgery and an **Executive Masters in Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Administration** from the LUISS Business School of Rome, Italy. He also received a **diploma in Surgery of Lymphatic Diseases and Microsurgery** from the University of Genoa's specialization course that he completed immediately after graduating from **Medical School** in 2008.

The Doctor has participated in several training and research programs abroad, including a period as a **Visiting Medical Student in the Department of Surgery at the University of Arizona in the United States** in November 2006. During this experience, he took part in a seminar on lymphology and collaborated with the College of Medicine and the Tucson Surgical Society. Moreover, in 2007, he was the only Italian student admitted to the **Mayo Clinic Medical School** Clerkship Program in Vascular Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, US. His outstanding performance in that program qualified him for the **Mayo Clinic Fellowship Program**.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Dott. Campisi has held several significant roles both in Italy and internationally, including:

- **Founding Director** of the **Lymphedema and Lipedema Multidisciplinary Treatment Center**, Switzerland. The Center is part of the Swiss Medical Networks portfolio located in the Clinica Sant'Anna of Luagno Switzerland.
- **CEO and Founder of Campisi Clinic**, Italy and Switzerland
- **Plastic, reconstructive and cosmetic surgeon, lymphatic surgeon and microsurgeon at GVM** facilities since 2015
- **Medical Director** at Campisi Clinic's Campisi&Partners Medical Center, Genoa, Italy. Where **more than 5000 surgeries have been performed with an average follow up of 5/20 years**, mostly performed with the application of Lymphatic Microsurgery techniques, derivative and/or reconstructive type (from 1973 to 2018);
- **Master Class of Lymphology Organizer and Educator**, in collaboration with Vodder School for Physio Therapists
- **Faculty / Professor** at Universities, Research Institutes and Hospitals, between 2009 and 2014: University Medical Center Groningen-UMCG, Groningen, Netherlands; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA; Hospital Sant Pau and Santa Creu, Barcelona, Spain; or Victor Babes University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Pius Branzu Center for Laparoscopic Surgery and Microsurgery, Timisoara, Romania;
- **Master Class Educator** Hospital La Paz, Madrid, Spain, conducted a surgery session, operating on a patient suffering from secondary lymphedema to the treatment of a vulvar carcinoma, in lymphatic microsurgery,
- Since 2013 licensed to operate in Switzerland and the UK;
- **Holder of three Industrial Invention patents** (Italian, European & International USA) Liposuction Cannula with Imaging Means;
- **Faculty Member / Organizer** of several national and international congresses yearly in Lymphology and Vascular Surgery: Europe, US, Australia, South America, Asia.

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Corrado Campisi is an **author** and **co-author** of **over 100 scientific publications**. His research and publications are concentrated on lipedema and lymphatic disease. With exemplary dedication to innovative approaches and experimental techniques for the treatment, management and prevention of primary and secondary lymphedema, a condition that causes swelling due to lymphatic dysfunction. He specializes in plastic reconstructive and aesthetic surgery with a focus on lymphatic microsurgery to treat lymphatic disease, lymphedema and other edema related pathologies. He has contributed the development of the LYMPHA technique, which helps prevent secondary lymphedema, particularly after breast cancer surgery. Another cornerstone of his scientific practice and portfolio is the Fibro-Lipo-Lympho-Aspiration Lymph Vessel Sparing Procedure (FLLA-LVSP) technique, a cutting-edge surgical technique that spares lymph vessels while addressing advanced lymphedema, lipedema or lipo-lymphedema conditions.

Dr Corrado Campisi is a member of several professional societies, including:

- International Society of Lymphology (ISL) – President 2025-2027 (member since 2005, Executive Committee member since 2013)
- European Society of Lymphology (ESL)
- Global Oversight Committee for the Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LE&RN)
- Italian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (SICPRE)
- International Society for Experimental Microsurgery (ISEM) (member since 2010)
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) (international member)
- Asociación Médica Argentina (honorary member since 2010)
- European Plastic Surgery Research Council (EPSRC) (member since 2012)
- International Sentinel Lymph Node Working Group (SLN WG) (member since 2012)
- Italian Society for the Study of Vascular Anomalies (SISAV)
- World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (WSRM)

In addition, since 2013 he has been Associate Editor of the OA Plastic Surgery Journal and since 2020 he has been a reviewer for the Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery (JPRAS).

AWARDS (IF ANY)

- **ISL Presidential Award** for the research program on “Obesity and Lymphedema: a System of Treatment”. Awarded at the 23rd International Congress of Lymphology in Malmo, Sweden, September 2011
- **Best Research Paper Award** for “Obesity and Lymphedema: a System of Treatment” 35th European Society of Lymphology Congress Paris, France, 2009
- **Best Research Paper Award** for “Lymphatic Microsurgery for Primary Prevention of Secondary Lymphedema After Breast Cancer Surgery: a Model of Translational Lymphology” 36th European Society of Lymphology Congress, Athens, Greece, 2010
- **ISEM Young Researcher’s outstanding contribution to Experimental Microsurgery Award** (1st ever recipient) for “Lymphatic Drainage of Mammary Gland and Upper Extremities: from Anatomy to Surgery to Microsurgery” at the 11th International Society for Experimental Microsurgery (ISEM) Congress, Timisoara, Romania 2013
- **Robert Zwong Award** for “Mastering lymphatic microsurgery: a new training model in living tissue” at the 12th International Society for Experimental Microsurgery (ISEM) Congress, Kyoto, Japan, 2014
- **ISEM Young Investigator Award** for “Mastering lymphatic microsurgery: a new training model in living tissue” at the 12th International Society for Experimental Microsurgery (ISEM) Congress, Kyoto, Japan, 2014
- **Pascone Memorial Prize** for best paper “Fibro-Lipo-Lympho-Aspiration (FLLA): a lymph vessel sparing procedure (LVSP) for treatment of advanced lymphedema” at the 63rd Congress of the Italian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (SICPRE) - Bergamo, Italy, 2014
- **SIAPAV Young Investigator Award** at the 6th Società Italiana di Angiologia e Patologia Vascolare Meeting on Angiology and Vascular Pathology (SIAPAV) Regional Conference
- **Trainee Award**, during the 4th International Symposium on Cancer Metastasis and the Lymphovascular System: Basis for Rational Therapy, New York, USA, 2011;
- **Rotaract Youth Leadership Award**, Cuneo, Italy, 2010;

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MAIN PROCEDURES

Comprehensive Protocol for the Treatment of Lymphedema

The treatment of lymphedema adopted by Dr Campisi uses a customized ‘staging-guided’ approach and is divided into three main phases.

- **Primary prevention:** For cancer patients undergoing lymph node removal (e.g. axillary, inguinal, pelvic), Multiple Lymphatic-Venous Anastomoses (MLVA) can be performed during surgery, reducing the risk of secondary lymphedema. This microsurgical technique is also applicable to other risk cases, such as in cardiovascular, orthopedic, cosmetic or general surgery (e.g. lymph node biopsies or hernioplasties).
- **Secondary prevention:** In an early stage of lymphedema, an early diagnosis allows surgical intervention with MLVA. Optimal results are achieved by the removal of lymphatic obstruction via microsurgery, especially when coupled with pre- and post-op cycles of complete decongestive physical therapy to optimize conditions pre surgery and facilitate healing and maximize surgical outcomes post intervention.
- **Tertiary prevention:** In advanced stages, the reduction of lymphatic edema is assessed after MLVA surgery. In case of residual inflammatory-fibrotic-adipose tissue, Fibro-Lipo-Lympho-Aspiration (FLLA LVSP) is used, a procedure aimed at removing excess tissue without damaging the already compromised or reconstructed lymphatic structures.

An integrated case by case approach offers patients effective tools to prevent, treat and manage the complications of lymphedema, lipo-lymphedema or other various forms of the diseases.

Lymphatic Microsurgery

Surgical treatments for lymphedema once focused on reducing the volume of the limbs by means of destructive surgeries, such as removal of superficial tissues (cutolipofascectomy or lymphangectomy). These approaches temporarily relieved the swelling but did not resolve the cause, leading to frequent edema recurrences and disfiguring scars. **Thanks to microsurgery, it has been possible to develop functional treatments that act directly on lymphatic structures, restoring lymph flow or reconstructing obstructed or damaged pathways.** These techniques have proven to be **highly effective** in the early stages of the disease (IB, IIA), where lymphoscintigraphy shows limited lymphatic fluid passage, and the patient is able to follow post-operative care in specialized centers. This is a major reason why early detection is so critical.

In more advanced stages, there are more limitations for success. Surgical intervention may only be able to render limited success in restoring lymphatic function. Nevertheless, **the results even when partial allow a rapid reduction of the fluid component of the edema and can dramatically halt the progression of the disease.** The symptoms subside and mobility restrictions are observably decreased after surgery. The results can be effectively maintained and even improved over time with lifestyle adjustments and targeted physical therapies and/or compression if needed. In more complex cases, treatment can be enhanced with Fibro-Lipo-Lympho (Regulated and Sequential) Aspiration with Lymph Vessel Sparing Procedure (FLLA-LVSP). Guided by a specialized imaging and Fluorescein Indocyanine Green micro lymphography technologies, excess tissue can be removed without damaging the reconstructed and/or compromised lymphatic structures. **This approach has produced significant results both in the treatment of primary and secondary lymphedemas, lipo-lymphedemas and other lymphatic diseases even in pediatric age, and in those secondary to oncological operations** involving the removal of lymph nodes in critical areas such as the armpit or groin.

Microsurgical interventions of the lymphatic system most promisingly MLVA (also in combination with Fibro-Lipo-Lympho Aspiration and Lymph Vessel Sparing Procedure) represents a **breakthrough for a lasting improvement** in patients' quality of life.

Multiple Lymphatic-Venous Microsurgery (MLVA)

There are several reconstructive techniques for the treatment of lymphedema in the limbs. The technique that has shown the best long-term results is **Multiple Lymphatic-Venous Derivative/Reconstructive Microsurgery (MLVA)**. This procedure allows lymphedema to be treated with a single incision in the groin area (for legs) or in the brachial area (for arms). **MLVA uses the superficial and deep lymphatic vessels** of the affected arm or leg to **restore the flow of lymph**. It is essential to thoroughly study the patient's superficial and deep lymphatic system. This is done with an examination called lymphoscintigraphy, which allows the surgeon to identify which parts of the lymphatic system need to be repaired. According to a recent study, in more than 97% of cases, the problem affects both the superficial and the deep lymphatic system. Consequently, to achieve optimal results, it is necessary to operate on both. Pre-operative procedures should be put in place to optimize the patient's condition before surgery. Complete decongestive therapies play a crucial role in the overall outcomes of surgical intervention. Reducing the edema as much as possible allows for a more auspicious terrain to perform the MLVA in.

Compared to other proposed techniques, **MLVA stands out because it is supported by very positive long-term clinical results.** It is a well-established procedure that is part of the Genoese Treatment Protocol (Complete Lymphedema Functional Therapy - CLyFT), developed by the Campisi Clinic network of specialist to ensure a complete and functional treatment of lymphedema.

Fibro-Lipo-Lympho-Aspiration (FLLA)

In lymphedema, over time, fat can accumulate in the tissues of the affected area. This occurs due to the chronic stagnation of lymph, which can lead to a harder, denser more fibrotic fatty tissue. Unfortunately, this accumulation worsens lymph drainage and increases the risk of infection, especially if the skin becomes damaged. Lymph stasis, in fact, makes it difficult for the immune system to send the necessary defenses needed to fight against infections and thus many complications may arise. The problem is particularly evident in the legs, where gravity further impedes fluid flow, causing swelling especially in the feet, ankles and calves. **To treat fat accumulation in severe cases, liposuction can be used.** However, this procedure requires great care especially in patients with lymphedema, as it can damage the already fragile lymphatic vessels. Recent studies have shown that certain techniques, such as the use of tumescence (a liquid that facilitates the procedure) and the correct orientation of instruments, can reduce these risks. A new procedure, called **Fibro-Lipo-Lympho-Aspiration (FLLA), has been developed to remove inflamed, fibrotic and fatty tissue while preserving the lymphatic vessels as much as possible.** During the procedure, a special test called Indocyanine Green Fluorescein Micro-Lymphography (ICG Test) is used. **This allows doctors to identify and protect functioning lymphatic vessels in the treated area.**

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