

Olga Baraldi, MD, PhD

Consultant Nephrologist and University Researcher

Dr. Olga Baraldi is a medical doctor and specialist in Nephrology, currently serving as a Consultant Nephrologist at the Nephrology and Dialysis Unit in Ravenna, under the joint affiliation of the University of Bologna and the Azienda USL della Romagna. Since April 2024, she has been appointed as a University Researcher at the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences (DIMEC), University of Bologna. She also holds a teaching position within the School of Specialization in Nephrology at the same institution.

Born in Mantua (Italy) on 5 September 1977, Dr. Baraldi graduated with full marks in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Bologna in 2002. She obtained her postgraduate specialization in Nephrology in 2007 with honours, with a thesis focused on acute kidney injury in hospitalized nephrology patients. In 2011, she completed a PhD in Specialized Medical Sciences, with a dissertation exploring the sensitivity and specificity of biomarkers for acute kidney injury in the early detection of post-transplant complications.

From 2018 to 2024, Dr. Baraldi held a permanent clinical position as Consultant Nephrologist at the Nephrology, Dialysis and Kidney Transplant Unit of Policlinico S. Orsola, Bologna, directed by Prof. Gaetano La Manna. Previously, she was a fixed-term Research Fellow at the Department of Specialist, Diagnostic and Experimental Medicine (DIMES), University of Bologna (2013–2018). Between 2008 and 2013, she collaborated on a clinical research project concerning the management of chronic kidney disease patients.

In addition to her clinical and research responsibilities, Dr. Baraldi has extensive teaching experience. Since 2014, she has served as a lecturer for the School of Specialization in Nephrology at the University of Bologna. In the 2019–2020 academic year, she taught Nephrology at Humanitas University in Milan, within the integrated course “System Disease 1”. She is also actively involved in doctoral education and has contributed to PhD training in the field of cardioneurology.

Her scientific interests include the pathogenesis and treatment of chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injury, glomerular diseases (especially immune-mediated forms), and renal transplantation. She has contributed to over 50 peer-reviewed publications indexed in international databases (PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science), and has participated as co-investigator in multiple Phase II and III clinical trials. She is currently a Senior Clinician Expert within the European Reference Network for Rare Kidney Diseases (ERKNet) and collaborates with international research groups, including Columbia University Medical Center (New York, USA), particularly in the field of CAKUT and primary glomerulopathies.

Dr. Baraldi is a member of the Italian Society of Nephrology (SIN), co-editor of the *Giornale Italiano di Nefrologia*, and former editor (2007–2012) of *Grandangolo in Nephrology News*, a scientific update journal coordinated by the Italian National Academy of Medicine. She holds a Master's degree in Renal Pathology from the University of Milan (2018), and has completed certified training in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and Advanced Life Support (ALS).

She is a native Italian speaker and possesses advanced proficiency in English (written and oral), with strong computer literacy including extensive experience in scientific databases and medical software.