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Augusto Caraceni, born in Milan on August 8th 1960, is director of the Palliative Care (pain therapy – rehabilitation) department and Virgilio Floriani Hospice at the National Cancer Institute of Milan. After graduating from medical school at the Università degli Studi di Milano in 1985, he was board certified in Neurology and in Clinical Neurophysiology from the Università di Pavia.

While training in pain therapy and in palliative care at the National Cancer Institute of Milan in 1986 with Vittorio Ventafridda, Dr Caraceni participated in the WHO programme to test and disseminate the WHO ladder for cancer pain relief. He held the post of Clinical Fellow in Neurology and Palliative care at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, in New York in 1994. Dr Caraceni served for many years as member of the board of directors of the Italian Association of Palliative Care and of the European Association of Palliative Care and has recently been appointed vicepresident of this association

Dr Caraceni's clinical and research experience includes the neurological complications of cancer, cancer pain and opioid analgesics, neuropathic pain in cancer, pain assessment and measurement, symptom control in advanced cancer, with a special interest on delirium. He has co-authored (with L. Grassi) a monographic textbook, "Delirium: acute confusional states in palliative medicine", Oxford University Press 2003. He has published 72 articles in indexed journals and more than 60 other publications in both Italian and English, including 3 books. He is co-editor of the international textbook on palliative medicine "*Palliative Medicine*", Elsevier 2008. He is also editor of the *Italian Journal of Palliative Care*.