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Affiliation:

Robert Gordon University

Country:

Scotland

1. Current Status, Position

Dr Antonella Tonna curently is Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacy.

2. Education

Antonella Tonna graduated with a **BPharm (Hons) from the University of Malta** in 1994. She also completed an **MSc in Clinical Pharmacy at Robert Gordon University** and graduated in 2001, as well as a **PhD at Robert Gordon University** following her thesis submission in July 2011. Antonella was previously a hospital pharmacist in Malta for around 10 years and was instrumental in setting up numerous services (mainly the ward based clinical pharmacy service in 2002). She moved to the UK and was involved in primary care research in Edinburgh and then worked as a surgical pharmacist in Oxford. She has been in the current academic post since 2010.

3. Research Area

Dr Antonella Tonna is mainly interested in antimicrobials and strategies that may be employed by the pharmacist to help optimize antimicrobial use. She has conducted exploratory research around pharmacist prescribing in secondary care in hospitals in Scotland. She has a special interest in use of qualitative methods as a way of exploring individual's' views and perceptions in areas where there is limited evidence. This also involves an exploration of behaviors underpinned by theories such as the Theoretical Domains Framework. Antonella Tonna also has an interest in exploring patient and carer involvement in curriculum delivery for undergraduate pharmacy students.

Conflict of interest: None

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