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Micaela Piccoli was born in Rome on the 23rd of April 1967. In 1985 she entered for the Medical School at the University of Modena (Italy) and on the 11st November 1991 she graduated with first class honours. The 11st November 1996 she completed her surgical training, as resident, at the General Surgery Department of the University of Modena and she obtained a General Surgery Specialty.

During this period she interested, above all, in Laparoscopic Surgery attending numerous qualified schools in Italy and abroad. From September 1997 she is part of the permanent surgical staff of the prestigious General Surgery Department of Sant'Agostino Hospital, Modena, Italy.

From then on, she continues to be interested, above all, in all abdominal laparoscopic surgery but she begins to take a particular interest in endocrine surgery and robotic surgery. From 2008 she is the Chief of Endocrine Surgery Unit in the same Hospital.

From April 2015 she is the Head of Surgery Department in the same Hospital. She is the author of numerous publications about topics of General Surgery with special interest in Laparoscopic, Endocrine and Robotics Surgery.

She performed, in September 2010, the first trans-axillary robotic thyroidectomy in Italy (with an updated case history of more than 450 treated cases) and in 2012 she organized the first European course of robotic thyroid surgery, which continues every year with basic and advanced courses.

She performs routinely, in Italy and abroad, tutoring and proctoring regarding advanced laparoscopic and robotic surgery.