

## Diego Leoni, PT, MSc, OMPT

Diego Leoni is an Italian physiotherapist working in clinical, research and education. He graduated in 2001 in Physiotherapy at the University of Brescia (Italy), and in 2005 he completed a Master in Rehabilitation of Musculoskeletal Disorders at the University of Genoa (Italy), in collaboration with the Vrije Universiteit of Brussel (Belgium).

In 2014 he obtained a Master of Science in Physiotherapy Science from the University College Physiotherapy Tim van der Laan (Switzerland). He has been a researcher at the Rehabilitation Research Laboratory of the University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI, 2010-2018), with particular interest in pain assessment methods, spinal manipulation techniques, trigger point therapy and neurodynamics. The results of his research have been presented at several congresses including the IFOMPT World Congress 2012 (Quebec City), the ISEK Congress 2014 (Rome), and the WCPT World Congress 2015 (Singapore).

A founding member of the Italian Society of Physiotherapy (SIF), he was a board member of the Italian Manual Therapy Group (GTM) until 2014.

From 2008 to 2013 he taught manual therapy of the spine at the Master in Rehabilitation of Musculoskeletal Disorders at the University of Genoa (Italy).

International instructor of the David G Simons Academy since 2015, he teaches dry needling and manual therapy for myofascial pain management in several countries (Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Romania, Albania, Malaysia and Thailand).

In 2021, a fortunate meeting with colleague Zvika Greenbaum led him to start a new collaboration with the Cervico-Cranio-Mandibular Academy.

In his clinical practice, in a multidisciplinary pain center in Lugano (Switzerland), he takes care of patients from 0 to 99 years with pain disorders, with a focus on headaches, orofacial pain and temporomandibular disorders.