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Paola Fioretto is Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Padua. She embarked on her research career in renal physiology in diabetes and, during her postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the University of Minnesota her principal interest was renal structure and ultrastructure in diabetes. In both the USA and in Italy she has analysed kidney biopsies using morphometric techniques, in both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. Her contributions to the understanding of diabetic kidney disease include the description of the heterogeneity in the structural lesions underlying renal dysfunction in Type 2 diabetes and of reversal of established diabetic glomerulopathy lesions in patients with Type 1 diabetes after pancreas transplantation.

Professor Fioretto has received several awards, including the Albert Renold Award from the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD), a Career Development Award from Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, the Morgagni Young Investigator Award, the Novartis Young Investigator Award for patient-oriented research, the Italian Society of Diabetology Award and the Golgi Prize from the EASD.

From 2005 to 2008, she was President of the European Diabetic Nephropathy Study Group of the EASD, and from 2014-2017 Vice-President of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) (2014-2017). She also chaired the microvascular complications group of the DIAMAP (Road Map for Diabetes Research in Europe) project of the European Commission. She has published more than 150 peer-reviewed papers and 30 book chapters.