

AIP O.d.V.'s PROJECT "AFFIANCO - VITE ALLO SPECCHIO E STORIE (STRA)ORDINARIE DI IMMUNODEFICIENZE PRIMITIVE"

AFFIANCO (translated: **SIDE-BY-SIDE**) is a narrative medicine initiative born from an idea by the **Associazione Immunodeficienze Primitive - AIP O.d.V.**, with the unconditional support of Kedrion Biopharma.



This project was conceived with the aim of sharing the extraordinary and touching **experiences of 6 patients and their referring doctors**, allies in the difficult battle against Primary Immunodeficiencies (PID), rare diseases of the immune system. These are stories of lives lived "in reflection," told through the authentic voices of those who have experienced them, and who, from a certain moment in their lives, began to "walk together," **side by side**, facing with courage the challenges and hardships caused by this disease, but also celebrating the small joys and the real, happy moments of everyday life that a clinical history of Primary Immunodeficiency brings.

The **AFFIANCO** project represents a unique opportunity to better understand the reality of those living with an immunodeficiency and to support their cause. PIDs are complex and challenging diseases, but these stories show that **with the support and solidarity of a united community, any obstacle can be overcome**. We hope these stories inspire and raise awareness, encouraging everyone who reads them to gain greater understanding and to offer more active support to patients and scientific research.

Following the success of the first volume, we are delighted to announce that the **second volume is now available**. In this new edition, an additional protagonist is introduced: **the blood and plasma donor**, whose life-saving gift makes treatment possible for those suffering from immunodeficiencies. To reach an even wider audience, we have also decided to translate the first chapter, which contains three stories, into English.

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