





## PhD Program in Molecular Biomedicine

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The integration of distinct endocytic routes is critical to regulate receptor signaling. At high dose of ligand, Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) is internalized through non-clathrin endocytosis (NCE), in addition to clathrin-mediated endocytosis (CME). Importantly, while CME mainly results in EGFR recycling and signaling, NCE targets the majority of the receptors to degradation, thus restricting EGFR signaling in condition of high ligand availability. Mechanistically, NCE relies on the formation of contact sites induced by EGFR activation between the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and the plasma membrane (PM), which serve as spots of localized Ca<sup>2+</sup> signaling. Thus, communication between different cellular compartments - including PM, ER and mitochondria – has a critical impact on EGFR fate and EGF-dependent cell response.









