

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITIONS

Since May 2022	Head of the Medical oncology clinic and Associate Professor in Medical oncology at the National Cancer Hospital, Sofia, Bulgaria
Since Mar 2022	Founder and member of the board of the <i>Bulgarian Joint Cancer Network</i> (BJCN); Head of the <i>Comprehensive oncology centers, networking, innovation</i> cluster sector
Since Mar 2021	Associate professor and member of the Scientific faculty at University Prof. Assen Zlatarov – Burgas, Bulgaria
Since May 2020	ESO – Ambassador for the <i>European School of Oncology</i> for Bulgaria
Since Jan 2019	Senior consultant - medical oncology, Medical Oncology Clinic, Complex Oncological Center, Burgas, Bulgaria
Since Dec 2019	Chair of <i>Women for Oncology –Bulgaria</i> , a member of the Global Alliance
Since Dec 2010	National ERS representative for the European Initiative in Quality Management in Lung Cancer Care for Bulgaria
Since April 2012	Member of the ethical committee at the Society of the Young oncologists in Bulgaria
Since 2014	Responsible for ENTYAC (European network for teenagers and young adults with cancer) for Bulgaria
Since May 2018	Expert in the Board of the National Annual Scientific MORE conferences, elaborating the National guidelines in Clinical Oncology in Bulgaria

EDUCATION

2022	Academic degree <i>Associate professor in Medical oncology</i> , National Oncological Hospital, Sofia, Bulgaria
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2021	Academic degree <i>Associate professor in Internal medicine</i> , University Prof. Assen Zlatarov – Burgas, Bulgaria
2016	PhD degree at MEDICAL UNIVERSITY – VARNA; PhD thesis in „ <i>Expression of some plasma and tissue biomarkers as potential predictors for anti-angiogenesis treatment in metastatic colorectal cancer.</i> ”
2015	DEGREE IN MEDICAL ONCOLOGY, Diploma № 3640
2011	DEGREE IN INTERNAL MEDICINE, Diploma № 3065
2006 - 2007	Resident in Medical oncology at “Jules Bordet” Institute with a grant FOSFOM for 1-year education at the Free Brussels University (ULB), Belgium
1997 - 2003	MEDICAL UNIVERSITY – VARNA DEGREE IN MEDICINE, Diploma № 3343 / 2003

INTERNSHIP and EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Jul 2022	Improving cancer outcomes and leadership course: an ESO, ECO & SPCC European initiative
Nov 2020	Graduate of the <i>European School of Oncology College</i> , ESCO
Aug 2019	ESMO Preceptorship on Gastric cancer, Barcelona, Spain
Jun 2019	Salzburg OMI seminar fellow, American-Austrian Foundation (AAF), Austria
Jan-Jul 2018	Fellow of the European School of Oncology at <i>Champalimaud Clinical Center</i> , Lisbon, Portugal
Nov-Dec 2017	CECOG fellow at AKH Vienna, Austria
2017	CECOG Immunotherapy Academy at Vienna, Austria Advanced course in Immunology, Kiel, Germany
2015	Advanced Course in Diagnosis and Treatment of Neuroendocrine Tumors, Uppsala, Sweden
2015	EXCEMED Masterclass in Molecular Oncology, Prague, Czech Republic
2014	Methods in Clinical Research 2014, FLIMS, Switzerland
2014	ESO-ESMO Balkan Region Masterclass, Brdo, Slovenia
2013/2014	ESO Breast cancer update course, part I and II, Lisbon/Milan
2011	ESO First Balkan Masterclass in Oncology, Dubrovnik
2010	ESMO grant for Clinical Unit visit 2010 in “Jules Bordet” Institute, Brussels, Belgium

POSITION AND HONOURS

Past positions

May 2020 – May 2022 Member of the Quality management commission at the Comprehensive cancer center, Burgas

2012 - 2016 Developer and coordinator of the First National NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOUR BOARD, University Hospital “Sveta Marina”, Varna

2004 - 2018 Assistant in Internal medicine and Medical Oncology, Bulgarian and English speaking students, Medical University „Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov”, Varna, Bulgaria

2004 – 2019 Physician at Medical Oncology Clinic, University Hospital “Sveta Marina”, Varna, Bulgaria

Apr-Sep 2005 Assistant in the Medical Oncology clinic at the Institute “Jules Bordet”, Brussels, Belgium

2004 - 2018 MEDICAL UNIVERSITY – VARNA
Member of the scientific research commission at the university

2004 - 2010 Resident in Internal Medicine, University Hospital “Sveta Marina”, Varna, Bulgaria

2002 – 2003 Clinical student’s practice in the III Clinic of Internal medicine - Friedrichstadt General Hospital, Dresden, Germany.

Honors

2021 Trusted physician of all Bulgarians, 2021

2021 Physician of the city of Burgas, 2021

2020 Educational grant of the College of European School of Oncology (ESCO) for 2021

2020 Think pink Innovation award call – second prize for Women in Oncology – Bulgaria, project ROSE

2016 MORE-Darzalas annual award for achievements and significant input to Bulgarian Clinical Oncology

2014 Favorite lecturer of English-speaking Students at the Medical University - Varna for 2013 / 2014

2012 First National grant for young physicians who stay and practice in Bulgaria “Teodora Zaharieva”

2006 Grant FOSFOM for 1-year education at the Free Brussels University, ULB

SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL SOCIETIES

Since 2022	Member of OECI as a part of the Bulgarian Joint Cancer Network
2013 - 2014	Member of the National expert council for Medical Oncology at the Ministry of Health
Since 2012	Member of ASCO; ID 274000
Since 2011	Founder and a member of the board of the NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL ONCOLOGY
Since 2008	Member of ESMO; ESMO ID 21942
Since 2004	Member of the Society of the Young Oncologists in Bulgaria

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Mar 2022	A prospective observational study: MORÉ Prospective Breast Cancer Screening Study
Apr 2020	Predictive biomarkers for treatment with CDK 4/6 inhibitors in luminal breast cancer
Aug 2019	Establishment and coordination of a Tumor biobank at Burgas Oncological center and Burgas University

PAST RESEARCH PROJECTS

2018 - 2021	Male Breast cancer. Collection and analysis of data from the National Bulgarian cancer registry
2018 - 2021	Male breast cancer – International MBC Balkan collaborative project
2015 - 2016	Apoptosis in cancer – potential predictive markers and clinical correlations
2014 - 2016	Bevacizumab in combination with chemotherapy as first-line therapy in metastatic/locally recurred breast cancer, lung or colorectal cancer and identification of potential predictive biomarkers (a PhD thesis)
2012 - 2016	Evaluation of the possibility of the phosphorylated Akt to serve as an independent marker from HER 2 overexpression for predicting the presence of active HER-2 transmitted intracellular signaling pathway in patients with breast cancer
2012 - 2016	Evaluation of MET expression levels in HER2 overexpressing breast cancer tissues and correlations between pMET expression level and answer to Trastuzumab

PUBLICATIONS

See list, attached separately

REFEREEING ACTIVITIES

Frontiers in Oncology – women's cancer (since 2019)

Scripta Scientifica Medica Journal (2018)

Abstract reviewer for the ERS International congress 2016 - 2020

ERS Journal Breath; Journal of Disease and Global Health since 2016

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE SKILLS

	<i>Spoken</i>	<i>Written</i>
Bulgarian (native)	Excellent	Excellent
English	Excellent	Excellent
French	Excellent	Excellent
German	Good	Good
Russian	Good	Good
Portuguese	Basic	Basic

Licensed simultaneous interpreter from/to English language