Strategy of Tbilisi State Medical University in the implementation of the third mission

The globalization process in the world led to the active involvement of the university in the so-called process of sharing and implementing the third mission. The third mission refers to the activities of the university that contribute to the social, economic and cultural development of society and are focused on increasing the capabilities of the university community, properly planning the activities of the third mission and evaluating the results.

The mission of TSMU fully complies with the requirements of the third mission, namely: "Participation in the enhancement of population quality of life, improvement of Health Care system and its effectiveness". TSMU, in addition to education and research, actively participates in activities related to the third mission, which are aimed at society and its wellbeing.

The following main directions of the third mission have been developed at TSMU:

- Modification of the educational programs, develop and offer study courses related to the third mission (e.g., business fundamentals, innovation management, intellectual property rights, etc.
- Using the results of the research carried out in the field of biomedicine to ensure the health of the
 population. Creating an environment in the university that encourages the commercialization of
 research results (creation of new drugs, diagnostic and treatment devices using artificial
 intelligence).
- Developing joint research projects with commercial potential and thus "matching" academic research with entrepreneurial opportunities. Entrepreneurship education can be integrated into the curriculum to equip students with the skills needed to start and manage successful ventures.
- Development of legislative initiatives to improve health services for vulnerable groups of society;
 Participation in the process of screening the health status of the population and conducting vaccination.
- Public lectures and seminars: organization of events open to the public (public lectures, seminars, TV shows, etc.) on health-related topics.
- Promoting access and equity in health care services.
- Participation in the analysis of the healthcare system and the development of relevant recommendations and legislative initiatives.
- Engaging healthcare stakeholders, collaborating with healthcare policymakers and healthcare providers to develop and implement effective healthcare policies.

- Cooperation with organizations abroad to solve global health challenges, share knowledge and improve the public health system.
- Offer continuing health education and microcredit courses for various social groups of population.
- Implement and promote safe environment and sustainable healthcare practices.
- Research the risks of environmental factors affecting health and develop appropriate measures to reduce these risks.