



The Department of General Internal Medicine takes place from the rod of the former Department of Internal Medicine of Pediatric, Stomatology and Hygiene faculties at Tbilisi State Medical Institute. The former was established in 1931.

From 1931 up to 1957 honored professors had worked in the department: Nicolas Kipshidze, Grigol Didebulidze, Konstantine Virsaladze, Giorgi Mkheidze, Levan Anjaparidze, Joseb Javakhishvili. Under their leadership famous professors for the future Shio Gugeshashvili, Mikheil Gamtsemlidze, Giorgi Adamia, Giorgi Rusishvili, Nicolas Megrelishvili, Nina Petriashvili, Natela Shengelia, Joseb Parma, Shalva Goginashvili, N. Aleksidze, M. Lejava, J. Tsomaia, Sh. Lortkipanidze, V Shubladze and others had fruitfully worked in the Department.

From 1957 the Department had been divided in two: the Department of Facultative Internal Medicine - hereafter it served as the Department of Internal Medicine on the faculty of Pediatrics and the Department of Hospital Internal Medicine – that hereafter served as the Department of Internal Medicine on the faculties of Hygiene and Stomatology.

During the years the Department of Hospital Internal Medicine, further the Department of Internal Medicine on the faculties Hygiene and Stomatology was headed by:

In 1957-1965 years – Professor Vladimir Gersamia;

In 1965-1987 years – Professor Sergi Kobaladze;

In 1987-1994 years – Professor Baadur Rachvelishvili;

In 1994-1999 years – Associated Professor Tengiz Medzmariashvili (as the acting head of the department);

In the same years the Department of Facultative Internal Medicine, further the Department of

Internal Medicine on the Pediatric was headed by:

In 1957-1975 years – Professor Giorgi Mkheidze;

In 1975-1989 years – Professor David Tvildiani;

In 1989-1992 years – Professor Gedevan Gelbakhiani;

In 1992-1994 years – Professor Nodar Bakradze (as the acting head of the department);

In 1994-1999 years – Professor Vaja Gvantseladze

All these famous scientists, coryphaeus of the branch of medicine created the era in science and practice of clinical medicine, brought the weighted mite in establishing of modern medicine in Georgia and prepared soil ground for future reforms in academies and practice of medicine.

In 1999 the Departments were associated again and Professor Vaja Gvantseladze was appointed as the united Department of Diagnostics and Therapy of Internal disease. Respected scientists of the branch of clinical medicine have being acting in different fields of internal medicine: Professors - Baadur Rachvelishvili, Giorgi Gurgeniidze, Professor Giorgi Kalandarishvili, Associated Professors - Tengiz Medzmariashvili, Natela Mitaishvili, Nana Dolidze, Guram Giorgadze, Zurab Zedania, Marina Tugushi, Assistant Professors – Tamar Sharashidze, Goderdzi Sakandelidze, Ada Kapanadze, Merab Maglakelidze, Gela Sulaberidze, Invited Lectures – M. Beruchashvili, N. Khechuashvili, L. Chapidze, M. Abramashvili, N. Imedashvili, N. Shaishmelashvili.

In 2001 Professor Gedevan Gelbakhiani was again appointed as head of the Department. In 2006 the Department was renamed as the Department of General Internal Medicine on the Faculty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

In 2006 and 2009 the Department was staffed through elections academic personal: Head of the Department – Full professor Gedevan Gelbakhiani, Associated Professor – Gela Sulaberidze, Assistant Professor Marina Tugushi and Invited Lecturer – Marina Abramashvili.

In 2013 the staff of the Department was re-elected: Head of Department Full Professor – Gela Sulaberidze, Associated Professor – Teimuraz Kodua; Assistant Professor – Marina Tugushi; Invited Lecturer – Marina Abramashvili and Zurab Zedania.

From 2016 the Department is staffed by: Head of Department Full Professor – Gela Sulaberidze, Associated Professor – Marina Tugushi; Invited Lecturer – Marina Abramashvili and Zurab Zedania and from 2017 academic personals' elections, Assistant Professor – Konstantine Liluashvili.

For today the department introduces and performs up to 15 education programs in the field of Basic of Diagnostics and Internal Medicine for 5 faculties (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Stomatology, Public Health, Nurses' Professional Education and Bachelor's, Pharmacy). The learning process is conducted in three languages (Georgian, English, and Russian). The Department serves Ph.D. programs as well.

The scientific development of the Department regards wide range issues of Gastroenterology, food and dietary therapies and nutrition and other field of internal medicine and non-communicable disease.