



Tbilisi State Medical University
Faculty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Department of Physiotherapy and Health Resort Therapy

Department of Physiotherapy and Health Resort Therapy was established in 1935. Founder of the department and first chief was Professor I. Koniashvili . In the subsequent period the chairmen of the department were Prof. D. Javakhishvili (1938-1959), prof. C. Tsitlanadze (1959-1974), prof. R. Chketia, prof. M Dgebuadze (1974-2005), prof. N. Kakulia (2005 -at present). Until 2006 the department worked as a member of Tbilisi Postgraduate Education Institute, and since 2006 has continued to work in Tbilisi State Medical University as Department of Physiotherapy and Health Resort Therapy. Since 2007 the department is a part of faculty of Physical medicine and Rehabilitation of TSMU. Head of the Department-Professor NeliKakulia. At the department up to 5000 doctors have been trained in specialty skill study courses.

Since 2004 by the staff of the department were developed 14 programs of professional rehabilitation and continuous medical education. Professor NeliKakulia has developed Residency Program for specialty “Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation and Health Resort Therapy”.

In 2003, the Georgian Physical Therapy Association was established on the basis of the Department, which became member of the European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine at 2009.

In all duration of existence of department the staff were engaged in active scientific work, which are published and reported on local and foreign scientific conferences, published in medical journals.

The staff of the department has published 12 monographs.

There are 3 doctor's and 9 master's theses defended. One author's patent of the invention is obtained (N 1547926, 8.11.89). Were developed 9 innovations and methodical recommendations.

Department of Physiotherapy and Health Resort Therapy conducts training courses, on both -undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The study programs for undergraduate education is intended for students of Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Public health faculties, and for Nursing Bachelor Program.