

## Department of Traumatology & Orthopedics



From left to right: Levan Chikvatia, Associate Professor; Tornike Nozadze, Professor, Head of the Department; Shadiman Sakhvadze, Assistant Professor.

The Department of Traumatology & Orthopedics as “Chair of Orthopedics & Military Field Surgery” was founded in 1970. From 1972 to 1992 its Chairman was a famous scientist and clinician, Academician Otar Ghudushauri – rector Tbilisi State Medical Institute in 1972-1975. From 1992 the Department was led by the Deputy Chairman Professor Jemal Gogvadze, who was elected as a Chairman in 1994. In 2000-2001 Natela Quqishvili, Assistant Professor, was functioning as the Chairman. In 2001-2006 the Chairman was Marina Ghudushauri, Assistant Professor. In 2006 traumatology and orthopedics was included as a direction in the department of surgery, and in 2009 it was formed as a separate department with the present name. From 2006 the head of the Department of Traumatology & Orthopedics is Tornike Nozadze, Professor.

Department has following significant scientific achievements: introduction of compression distraction osteosynthesis method in traumatology and orthopedics, clinical-experimenting trial of corundum ceramics and its introduction into clinical practice, endoprosthetics of large joints, treatment of congenital and acquired deformations of children’s bone & joints system with modern methods, conservative and surgical treatment of spine pathologies, endoscopic surgery of large joints, surgical treatment of cancer of bone & joints’ system.