



DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORY MEDICINE



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TSMU Department of Laboratory Medicine originates from the Department of Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory of “the Institute for Advanced Training of Physicians”, which started functioning back in 1935. In 1941 the institution was renamed as “Tbilisi Institute for Further Training of Physicians”. The Department of Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory of “Tbilisi Institute for Further Training of Physicians”, like other departments of the institutes throughout the former Soviet Union, used to train medical staff through a 4-month qualification course program in various fields of laboratory diagnostics: hematology, biochemistry, immunology, parasitology, etc.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s, the institution was declared the property of the Republic of Georgia. In 1993 it was granted the status of a State Higher Education Institution of Georgia and was renamed as the "State Medical Academy for Postgraduate Education of Physicians". Its departments, including the Department of Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory, started functioning throughout Georgia, and prepared laboratory physicians for clinical laboratories through various training programs, carried out supervision of medical laboratory activities locally throughout Georgia in the form of programs and trainings.

Since 2006, the Academy has been integrated with Tbilisi State Medical University as an "Institution for Postgraduate Education and Continuing Professional Development." The changes also affected the department, it was renamed the "Department of Laboratory Medicine" and since then, in addition to postgraduate programs, the department has started undergraduate programs in laboratory medicine.

The Chairmen of the department were professors: Nikoloz Kamalov, Avtandil Machavariani, Ketevan Garsiashvili, and Tinatin Bukia.

From 2017 to the present, the Department has been led by Professor Nino Gogokhia, a “Docent” (Assistant Professor) of the former Department of Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory, Physician, Doctor of Medicine, General Secretary of the Georgian Association for Management and Development of Laboratory Medicine (MDIM), Chairman of the Board of the Laboratory Medicine Society of Georgia, Laboratory Work Expert (Nominated by TSMU and laboratory work associations), the Head of the laboratory of TSMU First University Clinic.

Today, the TSMU Department of Laboratory Medicine is based in the laboratory of the TSMU First University Clinic, where clinical activities are carried out along with academic teaching. As the laboratory serves a multi-profile clinic, it deals with different diagnostic tests, is involved in the research programs of the international laboratory associations, as well as performs part of doctoral Ph.D. researches; it cooperates with international professional associations and participates in the activities of various professional associations.



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After the integration with the University, the Department has been carrying out undergraduate as well as postgraduate educational programs in various fields of laboratory medicine. The teaching process takes place in the well-equipped high-tech laboratory of the First University Clinic, where alongside the theoretical foundations of laboratory medicine, students and residents have an opportunity to undergo practical training, discover the potential of modern equipment, and get acquainted with diagnostic analysis which meet internationally acknowledged modern standards, participate in laboratory work and use modern high tech medical laboratory equipment themselves.

It should be noted that the undergraduate educational process is carried out within the framework of both Georgian and foreign language programs.

Teaching Staff: Professor Nino Gogokhia is in charge of the teaching process of the TSMU Department of Laboratory Medicine. Invited teachers also participate in the teaching process: Tsiuri Eradze, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biology. Dr. Khatia Mikaberidze, Laboratory Assistant, First University Clinic Chief Physician. Lela Zivzivadze, a Medical Laboratory Assistant at the TSMU First University Clinic.



1990-2000 - Department of Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory



2017-2019 / 2020-2021

Foreign language students of the Department with their teachers



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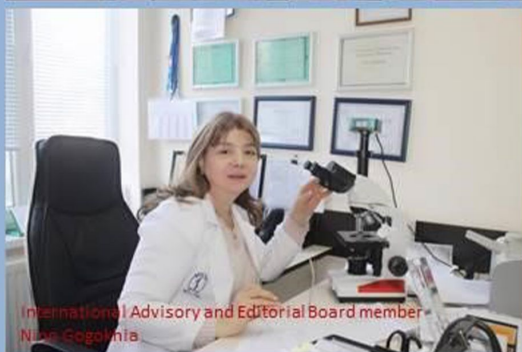
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