

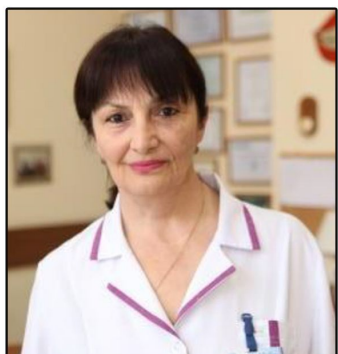


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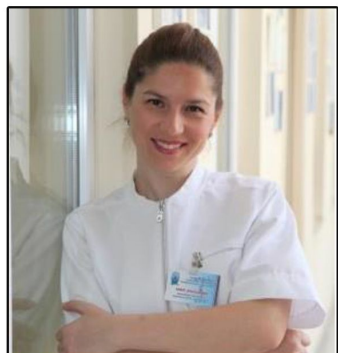
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The Department of Odontology at Tbilisi State Medical University is committed to academic excellence, to values and traditions of the chair “Stomato-Odontology Lectureship” that was founded in 1922.

The Department of Odontology's academic ancestor Chair was renamed to the "Therapeutic Dentistry Chair" and subsequently, in 2009 and on its base two departments —Odontology and Department of Periodontal and Oral Mucosal Diseases were established.

At Department of Odontology, the study program lasts 5 semesters (3rd, 4th, 6th,7th and 10th). The main purpose of the program is teaching of tooth development and structure, as well as acquiring diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic skills necessary for tooth restoration achieved by mastering modern dental technologies, equipment, dental materials and instruments.

The study process at the Department of Odontology is carried out on the well-equipped pre - clinical, phantom and clinical bases of the Apolon Urushadze Dental Clinic of Tbilisi State Medical University. The 3rd and 4th semester students have the opportunity to master the preclinical skills that are crucial in the dental profession, to acquire, deepen and strengthen their skills on modern simulators, preclinical dental equipment and dental simulator phantoms.

The innovative dental simulator “Nissin Simodont Dental Trainer" is the device working on improving students' manipulating skills. By the end of the 3rd and 4th semesters, acquired knowledge and skills during the phantom head course (theoretical and practical) are evaluated by an objective structured practical exam (OSPE).

The 6th, 7th and 10th semester students are given the opportunity to apply their knowledge gained in the pre-clinical stage to the clinic. Noteworthy, the clinical base of the department was completely renovated and equipped with new and modern dental equipment in 2024. Students are provided with materials necessary for modern dental restorative or endodontic treatment, innovative equipment, instruments and materials allowing them to manage the patient treatment process themselves, under the supervision of professors.



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The Department of Odontology evaluates students' academic achievement at the Faculty of Dentistry at the end of the 6th and 7th semesters through an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE). At the end of the 10th semester, after completing the communication skills course, students' knowledge is assessed by discussing various clinical cases with the simulated patient.

The Department of Odontology is proud of the tradition of holding the first students' championship in our country in the restoration of teeth. The winner participates in the International Championship in Italy.

Academic staff of the Department of Odontology is a member of the International College of Dentists (ICD). Professor Marina Mamaladze, Head of the Department, was the first Georgian delegate of the ICD and in December 2023 was elected as the Regent of the newly established District 16. Her contribution to the foundation of Georgia as an independent structural unit in the European section of the ICD is invaluable.

The Department of Odontology is the first department in TSMU where students' motivation system and a tool of their involvement in the learning process "Tutorium" was introduced. The 10th semester students are given the opportunity to tutor 6th and 7th semester students and assist professors during the curriculum period. The "Tutorium" is interesting for students and they are engaged in it with great enthusiasm.

The 10th semester students have been evaluated through objective structured clinical examinations (OSCE) at the Apolon Urushadze Dental Clinic of Tbilisi State Medical University since 2022. The examination includes 17 stations where students demonstrate their practical, manual and verbal knowledge acquired during their study at the Faculty of Dentistry.

The Head of the Odontology Department is Professor Marina Mamaladze.

Associated Professors are: Nino Tchipashvili, Nino Korsantia, Lia Sanodze, Natia Nizharadze.

Assistant professors: Maia Shanidze, Ekaterine Beshkinadze;

Invited teachers: Nino Svanishvili, Manana Ustiashvili, Tea Janjalashvili. Doctors of the Apolon Urushadze Dental Clinic - Jondo Potskhverashvili, Lika Minashvili, Lia Chkheidze, Gvantsa Mukhigulashvili, Dodo Gogua, Irakli Gergaia.

One basic textbook and two supplementary textbooks have been published by the academic staff of the Department of Odontology.



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