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The Department of Microbiology was established in 1919 by Prof. Simon Amirejibi (1919-1929). He was the first who published a book in Georgian language “Medical Microbiology”. Professor G. Eliava, head of the department (1929-1937) was the founder of production of diphtheria antitoxin and some other vaccines in the country. Prof. V. Antadze (1937-1974) published his fundamental paper on the brucellosis epidemiology in Georgia.

Prof. T. Kereselidze (1974-1995) was the head of the Microbiology, Virology and Immunology Department. The professor’s merit in fighting against cholera and other viral diseases was valuable. The professor was actively involved in the organization process of health related issues in the country and was the World Health Organization coordinator in Georgia.

Prof. D. Chikviladze was the head of the department in 1995-2000. In 2006 the name of the department was changed into the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Professor G. Gogichadze was the head of the Department of Microbiology and Professor T. Chikovani was the head of the Department of Immunology.

The academic staff of the department developed postgraduate and continuous medical education accredited programs in the clinical microbiology. Residency accredited programs in the laboratory medicine was also implemented by Prof. Chikviladze. WHO Antibiotic Resistance Collaborative Center along with the department academic staff worked in 1980-2004.

A book “Microbiology in Dentistry” was published in 2010. The authors of the book were Prof. Chikviladze and Assistant Professor D. Metreveli. In 2016 a book in “Medical Microbiology” was published. The scientific-research activities are mainly focused on the studies about microbial characteristics of nosocomial infections.