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Department of Allergology was established in 1974. From the day of the foundation until 2001, the department was headed by Professor Guram Gurgenidze. 2001-2024 the head of the department was Professor Alexander (David) Telia.

From the day of its foundation the chair is one of the most successful departments of the Medical University. The successful pedagogical, scientific and clinical activities of the department's staff has been appropriately appraised by the medical community and state as well. This is evidenced by the fact that, many employees of the department occupied leading positions in the field of medical education and public health:

1) prof. Guram Gurgenidze is a member of the Georgian Academy of Sciences, a corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences (former USSR); Vice-rector of the Tbilisi State Medical Institute in the field of education 1974-1983;

2) Prof. Amiran Gamkrelidze - Director of the National Health Care Management Center (1994-1997); Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia (2002-2004); General Director of LEPL "National Center for Disease Control and Public Health" (2012-2024);

3) prof. George Khechinashvili - Director of the Research Institute of Phthysiology and Pulmonology (1995-2000); Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (2000-2004); Member of the Georgian Parliament (2012-2016);

4) Professor Alexander (David) Telia - Director of the Scientific Research Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine (2002-2004); Rector of the Tbilisi State Medical University (2005-2006); President of the Association of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology (2003-2024); President of the Association of postgraduate education of Georgian doctors (2010 -2024).

In addition, according to the study of students' assessment conducted by the quality assurance service at the Tbilisi State Medical University in 2015, the direction of allergology and clinical immunology ranked first in positive assessments.

Diploma preparatory training is underway in the Department of Medicine Faculty V and Stomatological Faculty IV Course students. Postdiploma education is followed by a long-term (residency) and short-term cycle - allergology and clinical immunology.

Since its inception, the Department has provided methodological guidance to specialized patient services in the country.

Also should note the very important role of the department in the development of the Georgian allergic school. In connection with fundamental and modern scientific research on the relationship with natural and socio-economic conditions in the regions of Georgia, features, etiological factors and pathogenesis for studying the spread of allergic diseases, specific methods and schemes of specific immunotherapy were developed and approved; Monographs and manuals are created by members of the department (chair); Its members take part till today in multicentral international clinical trials.