

## STATEMENT

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regarding the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the specialty "Pediatric Surgery", field of higher education 7. Health and sports, professional direction 7.1 Medicine, 0.5 full-time position for the needs of the Department of General and Operative Surgery of the Faculty of Medicine and 1 full-time position for the First Clinic of Surgery at the University Hospital Sveta Marina EAD announced in the State Gazette, issue 15/21.02. 2025.

The opinion was prepared on the basis of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of the ZRASRB and the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University and in accordance with Order No. R-109-197 of 16.04.2025 of the Rector of the Medical University, Varna.

The submitted documents were submitted within the legally regulated deadline and meet all requirements related to the conduct of the competition. I have not found any gaps in the attached documentation.

### **Brief biographical data**

Assoc. Prof. Petar Nikola Stamov was born in the city of Tetovo on 10.01.1983, Macedonia. Graduated from Medicine at the Medical University - Varna, specialty "Medicine" in 2007.

He has a language background in English, as well as good computer literacy. Good command of Microsoft Office packet.

In the period 2021 - 2024 he is an independent doctoral student at the CLINIC OF PEDIATRIC SURGERY at the Multi-profile Hospital for Active Treatment and Emergency Medicine "N.I. Pirogov" - Sofia, where he took the exam for the specialty "PEDIATRIC SURGERY" in 2015.

He developed and defended in 2024 a dissertation on the topic: "Method for temporary decompression of the gastrointestinal tract by forming an enterostomy with T-shaped drainage in newborns with low and extremely low birth weight".



He has additional qualifications: Diagnostic and therapeutic videoesophagogastroduodenoscopy and videocolonoscopy; conventional abdominal ultrasound in gastroenterology, as well as transanal endoscopic microsurgery.

He has completed a training course in Minimally Invasive Surgery.

He worked from 2010 to 2022 in the Department of Pediatric Surgery at the St. Anna-Varna Hospital AD, and since 2022 he has been a member of the First Surgery Department of the St. Marina Hospital EAD.

In the period 2023 - 2025 he was an assistant professor, specialty surgery at the Department of General and Operative Surgery, the Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" in Varna.

In 2024 he acquired the educational and scientific degree "Doctor of Pediatric Surgery".

Dr. Petar Stamov is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Association and the Bulgarian National Society of Pediatric Surgery.

#### **Teaching and learning activities**

The reference from the Medical University of Varna documents the candidate's 2-year experience as a teacher and his participation in the educational process of medical students required for the competition. He has good mentoring skills, acquired by giving lectures and exercises to students. He is also actively involved in conducting semester and state exams for students from the Faculty of Medicine.

#### **Scientific activities**

The reference submitted by Dr. Petar Stamov, to fulfill the minimum requirements for acquiring the academic position of "Associate Professor", includes

- 4 publications and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-renowned databases with scientific information (IF or SJR).
- 8 publications and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes.
- 4 citations are provided for participation in the competition.

The submitted publications meet the requirements in this group of indicators.

In the competition, Dr. Petar Stamov participates with his monograph "Modern Approaches in Pediatric Endoscopy", published in 2025, which addresses current issues.

#### **Scientific and practical contributions**

The candidate's contributions can be divided into several groups.



The candidate participates in the competition with a total of 12 publications, of which 2 are in IF journals, 2 in refereed and indexed journals and 8 in non-indexed ones.

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The publications cover the period 2019-2025 and have a scientific practical-applied nature, related to the study of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches in emergency and congenital surgical conditions in childhood, with an emphasis on the optimization of surgical techniques and long-term results. Issues related to abdominal surgery and the treatment of inflammatory diseases in children are considered, analyzing surgical and conservative methods. Among the topics considered is an analysis of the socially significant effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on surgical practice, including changes in the frequency of surgical cases and its impact on the organization and access to surgical treatment. The studies present new diagnostic and therapeutic methods that can improve the quality of treatment and recovery of patients (G.8.4, G.8.8). Four of the presented articles are dedicated to diseases in the neonatal and early childhood period, examining diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for specific surgical conditions in this age group (G.7.1, G.7.3, G.8.1, G.8.5). Another four publications analyze problems related to abdominal surgery and the treatment of inflammatory diseases, evaluating both surgical and conservative methods of therapy and their effectiveness (G.7.2, G.8.2, G.8.3, G.8.7). Two of the articles concern minimally invasive procedures and surgical innovations aimed at reducing surgical trauma, accelerating the recovery process and improving clinical outcomes /G.7.4, G.8.6/.

Other contributions to scientific activity are:

- Studies on pediatric surgical pathology
- Rare pathology and trauma in children
- Teaching and training of medical students

### **Conclusion**

His publications treat current topics in pediatric pathology and support the practical and scientific activities of doctors working in the field. The materials he submitted for the competition cover all the criteria set out in the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of ZRASRB and the Regulations for the Development of the



Academic Staff at the Medical University-Varna for the acquisition of the academic position of "Associate Professor".

I give a positive assessment of the candidate and recommend that the members of the Scientific Jury vote positively for awarding the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the specialty "Pediatric Surgery" to Dr. Petar Stamov, MD.

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