

REVIEW

By Prof. Radoslav Nenkov Gaydarski DSc - Consultant at Tokuda Hospital, Sofia,
to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Milchev Chernopolsky, Dsc

Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky was born in Vidin, 17/01/1980. Graduated from high school with foreign languages, Vidin in 1993-1998 with full honours, after which he was a student at the Medical University Varna. Graduated from the Medical University Varna, 1999-2005 with full honours. In 2011 he took a specialty in surgery, in 2012 he obtained a qualification in 'Health Management'. In 2008 he was elected as a honorary assistant and in 2009 he was elected as a full-time assistant professor. After a successful defense of his dissertation on 'Palliative interventions in malignant icterus', he was elected as Associate Professor in 2016. In 2024, he defended his dissertation on 'Intra-abdominal abscesses', after which he was awarded the title of Doctor of Science at the Department of Surgical Diseases, Varna. Currently Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky is the head of the Clinic of Abdominal Surgery.

On the 2020-2024 teaching load statement submitted, the total teaching load was as follows: 491 teaching hours, 360 teaching hours, 350 teaching hours and 355 teaching hours respectively, for a total of 1556 teaching hours. In addition to the heavy teaching load, Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky has taken an active part in the operational activities of the clinic, which he currently directs. From the data presented for the years 2022 - 2024, he has been the chief operator of 1029 surgical

interventions, with another 354 surgical interventions in which he participated as a first assistant, for a total of 1383 surgical interventions.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky, according to the academic transcript submitted by the Medical University of Varna, on the basis of his academic record, he has taken an active part in the scientific activity of the Department of Surgical Diseases.

From the submitted academic reference on publications, citations and scientific profiles, the publications are divided into several sections:

- Section I: Scientific production in medical journals that are refereed and indexed in world-known databases of scientific information - 10 publications with a total of 255 points, which fully meet the requirements for a monographic work;
- Section II: 13 publications with a total score of 272 points;
- Section III: Publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes - 19 pcs. with 103.54 pts. received;
- Section IV: Citations reflecting the scientific activity of the candidate - 22 p., with 195 p.;
- Section V: In a separate section are scores for obtaining the degree of Doctor of Science, supervision of a successfully defended PhD student and for obtaining a medical specialty, also training of trainees, postgraduate students and PhD students - a total of 150 points;
- Section VI: In the next section, 100.5 pts. are scored for the degree of Doctor of Science;

Total points: 1125.54 pts.

In the academic transcript submitted by the Medical University Varna, in addition to the submitted and referenced scientific articles and publications, Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky has actively participated in our national and international scientific events. In total, the submitted participation list marks 50 scientific conferences, symposia and congresses at home and abroad.

A Reference for the similarity of scientific works under the procedure for the academic position of Professor is also presented. The similarity report was issued by the Publishing Department in connection with the application for the academic position of Professor. More than 20 publications have been checked for similarity and the comment '0% similarity with other works of the candidate' has been noted.

Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky has received 26 certificates for participation in various training courses at home and abroad. It is difficult to list each one separately, but there are some from: Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Rome, Italy; Innsbruck, Austria; Belgrade, Serbia; Verona, Italy; Dundee, Scotland; Sofia, Bulgaria; Clichy, France; Jakarta, India; Strasbourg, France. Also, Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky has numerous certificates from Bulgarian scientific institutions in 'Laparoscopic Surgery', 'Conventional and Intraoperative Ultrasonography in Surgery', 'Diagnostic Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal Endoscopy - Level I', as well as a course in 'Pedagogical Qualification of Trainers from Medical Institutions'.

Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky is the supervisor of four PhD students, who are presented with the relevant CV data, one of whom, Dr. Hristo Nikov, has defended the corresponding dissertation and has received the scientific degree of Doctor of Medicine.

In addition to his numerous medical and scientific activities, Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky is also an active member of several scientific unions: member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria; member of the Board of the Bulgarian Surgical Society; member of IASGO; member of European Digestive Surgery; member of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery, as well as being a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Surgery.

Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky is fluent in written and spoken English and French.

CONCLUSION

I know Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky for many years, as his mother, Dr. Chernopolska, was one of the most famous gastroenterologists in Vidin. He graduated from high school in Vidin as a full honours student. The fact that he turned to medicine is explained by his background and family life. It is nice to see his diploma from the Medical University Varna, where in all subjects from 1st to 5th year, numbering 64, he has only excellent successes. His practical activity began with his admission as a specialist doctor - November 2006 - 2009. From September 2009 - 2011 he was a physician assistant, specialist in the department of Surgical diseases. From August 2011 - October 2016 he was elected as a full-time assistant professor of surgery. After successfully defended dissertation he was elected as Associate Professor - October 2016 - November 2023. From m. November 2023, until today he is the Head of Clinic, where he continues to work at present. His professional experience to date is 19 years.

In this period he managed to defend 2 scientific dissertations, after the first one he was elected as a full Associate Professor of Surgery, and after the second one he was awarded the scientific degree of Doctor of Medical Sciences.

From the material presented so far, it should be emphasized that Assoc.prof. Chernopolsky has been actively involved in the healing process of the clinic, as well as teaching activities with more than 1500 hours for the last four years. His scientific activity of 121 publications in our and foreign journals and forums, is highly appreciated at home and abroad, which is confirmed by the prepared academic reference of publications, citations and scientific profiles from the Medical University Varna.

From what has been stated so far in the review, I definitely believe that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Plamen Chernopolsky meets all the required criteria for obtaining the scientific title of Professor of Surgery at the Medical University Varna. I call upon the other members of the selected jury to vote and together to award Assoc. prof. Chernopolsky the title of **PROFESSOR**, for which I will personally vote YES.

Reviewer

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