

To the Chair of the Scientific Jury
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STATEMENT

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Regarding the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional area 7.2. Dental Medicine, specialty “Oral Surgery,” at the Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University – Varna, announced in the State Gazette, issue No. 6 of January 16, 2026.

Candidate: Chief Assistant Professor Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD, specialty “Oral Surgery,” Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University of Varna.

Analysis of the Candidate’s Career Profile

Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD, was born on September 29, 1981, in Varna.

In 2006, she graduated in Dental Medicine from the Faculty of Dental Medicine at MU–Plovdiv.

In 2012, she acquired a specialty in “Oral Surgery”.

From 2009 to 2010, she served as a **part-time Assistant Professor** in “Oral Surgery” at the Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

From 2010 to 2020, she held a **full-time position as Assistant Professor** in “Oral Surgery,” and since 2020 to the present, she has been serving as **Chief Assistant Professor** at the same department.

From 2016 to 2018, she was a **PhD student in independent training** at the Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

In 2018, she successfully defended her dissertation titled: **“Components of Oral Health in Patients with End-Stage Chronic Kidney Disease Undergoing Hemodialysis Treatment.”**

Dr. Nenova conducts teaching activities in Oral Surgery for dental students in their 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th years, in both Bulgarian and English educational programs at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

Dr. Nenova has presented **27** full-text articles in national and international scientific journals, **18** of which are publications in refereed and indexed editions, including **2** publications with an impact factor.

General Evaluation of the Competition Materials

Indicator A1: Dissertation thesis for the award of the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” entitled: “Components of Oral Health in Patients with End-Stage Chronic Kidney Disease Undergoing Hemodialysis Treatment” – **50 points.**

Indicator B3: Submitted monograph entitled: “Influence of Age and Certain Comorbidities on Individual Oral Health” – **100 points.**

Group of Indicators G – total: 402.5 points

Indicator G7: Publications and reports published in scientific journals refereed and indexed in internationally recognized databases of scientific information – 18 publications, total of **302.5 points.**

Indicator G8: Publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or in edited collective volumes – 9 publications, **total of 100 points.**

Indicator D10: A report of **26 citations** has been submitted – **300 points.**

Indicator E – total: 40 points.

The submitted scientific works and the results of the research activity are thematically grouped into the following eight scientific areas:

In Area 1 – “The Significance of Oral Pathological Changes in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease Undergoing Hemodialysis Treatment,” 6 articles are presented (G.7.1, G.7.2, G.7.5, G.7.7, G.8.1, G.8.2).

In Area 2 – “Anatomical and Morphological Characteristics of Edentulous Jaws. Pre-prosthetic Specialized Preparation of the Oral Cavity,” 3 scientific publications are presented (G.7.9, G.7.12, G.8.7).

In Area 3 – “Surgical Treatment of Third Molars. Concepts of Functional Examination. Functional Assessment of the Masticatory Apparatus after Surgical and Prosthetic Treatment,” 4 articles are presented (G.7.3, G.7.10, G.7.11, G.8.6).

In Area 4 – “Dental Implantology as Part of Comprehensive Functional and Aesthetic Oral Rehabilitation,” 2 scientific publications are presented (G.7.8, G.8.3).

In Area 5 – “Benign Diseases in the Maxillofacial Region,” 1 scientific publication is presented (G.7.17).

In Area 6 – “Functional Assessment of the Masticatory Apparatus after Surgical and Prosthetic Treatment,” 2 scientific publications are presented (G.7.3, G.8.6).

In Area 7 – “Oral Pathology in Children with Neuropsychiatric Disorders,” 2 scientific publications are presented (G.7.6, G.7.18).

In Area 8 – “Intraoral Pharmacological Management of Oral Lesions in Patients after Dental Treatment,” 3 scientific publications are presented (G.7.4, G.7.14, G.7.15).

The contributions may be categorized into several areas:

Theoretical Contributions

- Expansion of knowledge regarding oral manifestations in chronic systemic diseases.
- Systematization of anatomical and morphological characteristics.

Methodological Contributions

- Introduction of objective methods for assessment of masticatory function.
- Development of approaches for functional analysis following surgical treatment.

Practical Contributions

- Improvement of diagnostics in oral lesions.
- Optimization of surgical and prosthetic treatment.
- Demonstration of the effectiveness of pharmacological agents.

Comprehensive Qualitative Evaluation of the Teaching Activity

As a full-time Assistant Professor and currently Chief Assistant Professor, Dr. Nenova conducts practical training courses in Oral Surgery for 3rd-, 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-year students.

Compliance with the Requirements of the Medical University of Varna for the Academic Position of “Associate Professor”

The submitted report demonstrates that Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD, meets and even exceeds the minimum scientometric requirements for the academic position of “Associate Professor,” in accordance with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University of Varna.

Conclusion

The scientific works and publications submitted by Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD, for participation in the competition for the academic position of “Associate Professor” are entirely sufficient in scope and **exceed** the regulatory requirements of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at the Medical University of Varna.

Therefore, I confidently express my **positive opinion**, vote in favor, and call upon the members of the esteemed Scientific Jury to cast their positive vote for the appointment of Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, DMD, PhD, to the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.2. Dental Medicine, specialty “Oral Surgery,” at the Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Medical University of Varna.

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