

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY

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STATEMENT

by

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**Subject:** A competition for the Academic Position of "Associate Professor" in the Field of Higher Education 7. "Health and Sports", Professional Field 7.2. "Dental Medicine", in the Scientific 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 16.01.2026.

According to Order No. R-109-132/16.03.2026 of the Rector of MU–Varna, regarding a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Oral Surgery" for the needs of the Department of Oral Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine, MU–Varna, and in accordance with the requirements of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, The Regulations for Application of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, and the Regulations on the Terms and Procedures for Acquiring Scientific Degrees and Occupying Academic Positions at MU–Varna.

Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, Chief Assistant Professor, participated in the competition. All necessary documents were submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for its application and the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and occupying academic positions at the Medical University of Varna.

## **I. Presentation of the candidate**

Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, was born in Varna in 1981. She graduated in "Dental Medicine" in 2006 from the Faculty of Dentistry at the Medical University - Plovdiv. She obtained her specialty in "Oral Surgery" in 2012.

Dr. Anna Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, began her academic career as a part-time Assistant Professor in 2009 at the Department of Oral Surgery of the Faculty of Medicine, Medical University - Varna. From 2010 to 2020, she became a full-time Assistant Professor at the same department, and since 2020, she has been a Chief Assistant Professor at the Department of Oral Surgery.

In 2018, she defended her dissertation entitled: "Components of oral health in patients in the terminal stage of chronic kidney disease on chronic dialysis treatment."

Dr. Anna Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, teaches Oral Surgery to third-, fourth- and fifth-year dental students in both Bulgarian and English. She has more than 15 years of teaching experience. She is a member of the Bulgarian Dental Union (BDU) and the Bulgarian Scientific Society of Dentistry. She is fluent in English.

## **II. Research and teaching activities**

Dr. Anna Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, participated in the competition with 27 scientific publications (18 articles in peer-reviewed journals, including 2 with an impact factor, and 9 in non-peer-reviewed publications). She is the first author in 8 publications, the second author in 10, the third author in 6, and co-author in 3. Dr. Nenova has a total impact factor (IF) of 2.1.

Dr. Nenova's work has been cited a total of 26 times. Dr. Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, has participated in 19 scientific events both nationally and internationally.

One monograph has been presented on the topic: "The influence of age and some comorbidities on the oral health of the individual".

Dr. Anna Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, meets all the required indicator's criteria, with a total number of points for all indicators - 1934.5 point.

The candidate's scientific activity encompasses various areas of oral surgery, including: the influence of concomitant diseases on oral health; anatomical and morphological changes in edentulous jaws; surgical treatment of third molars; functional assessment of the masticatory apparatus following surgical and prosthetic treatment; a study conducted for the first time in Bulgaria on the impact of difficult eruption of the third lower molar on masticatory function; oral implantology as part of complex functional and aesthetic oral rehabilitation; oral pathology in children with neuropsychiatric diseases; intraoral pharmacological influence on oral lesions in patients after dental treatment.

The scientific interests of Dr. Anna Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, are consistent and focused in several directions, contributing to the development of both theoretical knowledge (theoretical contributions) and practical competencies (practical contributions).

### III. Academic workload and teaching activities

Dr. Anna Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, conducts practical training in oral surgery for third-, fourth- and fifth-year students and also participates in the lecture-based teaching through individual lectures.

The reported teaching workload for the past two academic years amounts to a total of 884 hours, distributed as follows:

2024–2025 – 458 hours

2023–2024 – 426 hours

### Conclusion

Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, is an established lecturer and specialist in Oral Surgery with consistent professional and academic development. She

demonstrates a high level of teaching engagement and commitment. The materials submitted in the competition demonstrate scientific, teaching and clinical competencies.

As a candidate in the competition, Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD meets and exceeds the national scientometric requirements. The presented scientific output and teaching activities fully meet the requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor".

Based on the submitted documentation, I consider that Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD, PhD, meets the requirements of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, The Regulations for Application of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the Medical University - Varna for the acquisition of scientific degrees and the holding of academic positions.

I express my positive assessment and recommend that the esteemed scientific jury select Dr. Anna Kirilova Nenova-Nogalcheva, MD PhD, to hold the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the professional field of "Dental Medicine", scientific specialty "Oral Surgery" at the Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine of the Medical University - Varna.

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