

OPINION

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For a dissertation on "MEDICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND ATTITUDES
TOWARDS ABORTIONS IN BULGARIA"

At the competition for obtaining the educational and scientific degree "Doctor"
Professional field: 7.1 Medicine Specialty: "General Medicine"

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Prof. Dr. Valentin Ignatov, Ph.D. Medicine "of the Medical University" Prof. Dr. Paraskev
Stoyanov "- Varna, on the topic:" MEDICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND
ATTITUDES TO ABORTIONS IN BULGARIA "for the award of educational and scientific
degree" Doctor

1. Biographical data about the doctoral student. Dr. Stefan Kostov Fartunov was born
on March 5, 1971 in Varna, she completed her master's degree in medicine in 1998 and
focused on practical medical activities. Since 1998 he has been working in the center for
emergency medical care for a period of 9 years and for another 4 years as a medical
representative. In 2004 Dr. Stefan Fartunov acquired a degree in obstetrics and gynecology
and in 2011 began working as an obstetrician-gynecologist at the DCC "St. Marina" - Varna.
Dr. Fartunov has the following acquired professional qualifications: acquired a master's
degree in Health Management (2009), a course in colposcopy and destructive treatment of the
cervix, ultrasound of the mammary gland and others.

His scientific career as an assistant in the Department of General Medicine began
in 2015, where he still works. Dr. Fartunov is a member of EURACT (European Academy of
Teachers in General Practice and Family Medicine

2. Relevance of the topic. The dissertation of Dr. Stefan Kostov Fartunov treats a current and important social problem of great importance for our society. The high incidence of abortions in particular and voluntary abortions among women has been steadily increasing in recent decades. Their medico-social significance also explains the interest of the scientific medical community in this problem.

Regardless of what has been done in this area, abortions at will remain a high percentage and one of the main ways to terminate a pregnancy in our country. Based on the results obtained, Dr. Stefan Fartunov has made a detailed analysis of the situation in our region and has proposed specific measures to reduce unwanted pregnancies and reduce abortions.

3. Knowledge of the problem. The dissertation of Dr. Stefan Fartunov is written on 154 pages, illustrated with 38 figures, 63 tables and 2 appendices. The bibliographic list is represented by 144 sources, of which 36 are in Cyrillic and 108 in Latin.

4. Characteristics and evaluation of the dissertation. The doctoral student has examined in detail the types of abortions and the reason for this. The detailed description of the situation in Bulgaria and in the countries of the European Union with the accompanying analysis of the demographic trends and ethnic problems related to abortion makes a good impression.

The main goal of the dissertation is to study the medical and social problems and attitudes of women of reproductive age to abortions at will in our country in order to optimize the activities of GPs and obstetricians to promote women's health and family planning.

The goal was achieved successfully, which is evident from the results provided. The statistical processing used is adequate. The discussion is thorough and well systematized. The conclusions are 11 in number and logically follow the results obtained. They are well worded, clear and precise. The exhibited contributions are 8 in number. They are perfectly acceptable and reflect the meaning of the dissertation.

The publications in connection with the dissertation are two in number and cover the required publishing activity of the doctoral student. The presented abstract is made qualitatively, according to the requirements and reliably reflects the dissertation.

5. Note. The limited number of GPs and obstetricians-gynecologists surveyed is impressive compared to the ones available in the country. The situation is similar with patients.

I recommend that in the future the focus of the doctoral student's research should be more focused on primary care.

6. Conclusion. Notwithstanding the remarks and recommendations made by me, the dissertation contains scientific, scientific - applied contributions of a confirmatory nature, which represent an original contribution to science and meets the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria. ZRASRB and the rules of the Medical University - Varna

All this gives me reason to give a positive assessment and recommend to the members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the award of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" of Stefan Kostov Fartunov in a doctoral program in General Medicine.

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