

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC JURY,
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OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
NATIONAL HEART HOSPITAL JSC, SOFIA

STATEMENT

From Prof. Vasil Chervenkov, MD
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SUBJECT: Procedure for acquiring academic position (AP) "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 7. "Health and Sports", professional field 7.1 "Medicine", in the scientific specialty "Vascular Surgery", for the needs of the Clinic of Vascular Surgery and Angiology at MHAT "NHH" JSC, Sofia, announced in SG no. 17 of February 26, 2021. The announcing procedure of the contest is in compliance with the requirements of the law. The only candidate in the competition is Dr. Nadelin Krasimirov Nikolov, MD, assistant at the Clinic of Vascular Surgery at the National Cardiology Hospital, Sofia. The statement was prepared according to the requirements of the Law and the Regulations for development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the Regulations of the NHH on the terms and conditions for acquiring AP "Associate Professor". I have no conflict of interest in this competition, I did not find any violations in the documentation of the contest.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Dr. Nadelin Nikolov obtained a Master's degree in Medicine from the Medical University, Sofia in 2003. He had been working as an intern at the Vascular Surgery Clinic at the National Cardiology Hospital since 2004. In 2006 he was appointed as an assistant at the same clinic through a contest. In 2014 he acquired a specialty in Vascular Surgery, and in 2015 a certificate in Endovascular Vascular Surgery. In the same year he was appointed Head of the Operating Unit at the Clinic of Vascular Surgery of the National Heart Hospital. In 2016 he received a scientific degree "Doctor" in the specialty "Vascular Surgery" after successfully defending a dissertation on "Opportunities to reduce the overall risk in the surgical treatment of carotid stenosis." Dr. Nikolov is an established and recognized specialist in the field of vascular surgery. He is a member of the National Society of Phlebology and Angiology; of the Bulgarian

National Society of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Surgery and Angiology; of the Bulgarian Association of Thoracic, Cardiac and Vascular Surgery; of the Bulgarian Cardiovascular Association; of the European Society for Vascular Surgery; of the International Society of Endovascular Specialists; of The Balkan Venous Forum.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

Dr. Nikolov participates in this contest with a total of 35 scientific publications, distributed as follows:

- 1 Dissertation work for awarding the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" and abstract to it,
- 1 monograph,
- 27 publications and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes (first author in six of them),
- 6 citations or reviews in new publications, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes.

The scientific work of Dr. Nikolov covers the Minimum National Requirements of the Ministry of Education and Science and the National Library of Bulgaria according to Annex № 1 of the Regulations for application of the Law on the Ministry of Education and Science of the National Library of Bulgaria - a total of 478.5 points. The scientometric data are presented accurately in the submitted review materials.

Dr. Nikolov's clinical interests include:

- All arterial and venous reconstructions available in modern vascular surgery. With strong interest in endovascular treatment of arterial and venous diseases in all vascular beds.
- He studies the prevention, diagnosis and therapy (drug, carotid endarterectomy - KEA, and carotid stenting - CAS) of stroke caused by extracranial carotid stenosis, in the field of cerebrovascular diseases.
- Applies the latest and most modern minimally invasive techniques for the treatment of venous pathology.
- He is one of the specialists in construction of vascular access for chronic dialysis.

Contributions

Dr. Nadelin Nikolov is the leading endovascular surgeon in the country. He first introduced in the Vascular surgery clinic of MHAT NHH, CERAB technique for treatment of stenotic-occlusive disease of the aorta and iliac arteries, as well as EVAR methodology as the most modern treatment of abdominal aneurysms. The candidate performs the first hybrid operation in Bulgaria in a patient with tandem carotid stenosis. He is the first certified Bulgarian vascular surgeon for Supera stent implantation. Dr Nikolov introduced for the first time in the clinic the endovascular treatment methods for deep vein thrombosis. He works actively in the field of diagnosis and treatment of peripheral vascular diseases. He is a co-author in the development of a Clinical Guide for the diagnosis and treatment of peripheral arterial disease. He introduces the routine use of hybrid surgical techniques in the Clinic of Vascular Surgery at the NHH in the treatment of peripheral arterial and cerebrovascular disease. For the first time in Bulgaria he introduced the use of cyanoacrylate embolization of the great superficial vein, as well as mechano-chemical ablation, as the most modern and minimally invasive techniques for varicose veins treatment. He participated as researcher in four major international multicenter randomized trials: REMEDY, TALECRIS, EUCLID, VOYAGER.

TEACHING ACTIVITY

Dr. Nikolov actively participates in the training of residents in Vascular Surgery and Angiology, and for the last 5 years he has an average of 250 hours / year.

IN CONCLUSION

All of the above characterizes Dr. Nadelin Nikolov, as an established and recognized specialist in the field of Vascular Surgery, mastering and applying all modern methods of diagnosis and therapy in vascular medicine. The candidate is a member of prestigious national and international societies in the field of vascular surgery.

I believe that the overall scientific-practical, organizational and teaching activity of Dr. Nadelin Krasimirov Nikolov, MD. fully meets the requirements of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the Rules of the NHH for the terms and conditions for holding the position of "Associate Professor" in the "NHH"JSC.

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Date 28/05/2021
City: Sofia

Signature 
/ Prof. V. Chervenkov /