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### Personal Information

Marital status: Married  
Nationality: Georgian  
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Place of Birth: Tbilisi, Georgia

### Education and Qualification

**1993 - 2000** - Tbilisi State Medical University (Georgia), Faculty of Medicine, Diploma in Medical doctor of General Practice.  
**2001 - 2004** - PhD Fellow of Tbilisi State Medical University in field of Clinical Oncology.  
**2002 - 2003** - Scholarship holder from Swedish Institute in Clinical Oncology (Karolinska Hospital).  
**2006 - 2010** - International Fellowship of Institute for Palliative Medicine at the San Diego Hospice, Certified (**International Expert in Palliative Medicine**), University of San Diego, California (UCSD), USA.  
**Since 2004** - License in Clinical Oncology, Tbilisi, Georgia  
**2004 - 2005** - Coordinator of pilot project - "Organization of Home Based Palliative Care Service", funded by humanitarian - charity organization SOCO foundation.  
**2004 - 2008** - Coordinator of the Home Based Palliative Care Service in Tbilisi, Georgia;  
**Since 2004** - Participation in Palliative Care projects and Palliative Care Handbook (for physicians, for nurses) publishing in Georgia.  
**Since 2006** - Degree of a Candidate of Medical Sciences of Georgian Academy of Science.  
**Since 2006** - Leading the educational courses for medical students in Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care at the Iv. Javakishvili Tbilisi State University.  
**2004 - 2008** - Executive Secretary of Scientific Board at the National Cancer Centre, Tbilisi, Georgia.  
**2006** - Certification in Healthcare Service Management, funded by USAID.  
**2006 - 2007** - Coordinator of project - "Promotion of further development of Palliative Care in Children in Georgia", funded by - "Open Society Georgian Foundation";  
**2007** - ESMO (European Society for Medical Oncologists) Palliative Care Grant holder.  
**2007-2009** - Head of Academic Affairs Office of Faculty of Medicine at the Iv. Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia.  
**2007 - 2008** - Author of Project - "Educational/training course in pain management among health care professionals involved in provision of palliative and end-of-life care in two regions of Georgia", Funded by International organisation – "**Help the Hospices**", UK.

### Membership and Activities

**2007 - 2010** - Medical consultant of project – "Palliative Care for AIDS Patients", funded by Global Found.  
**2007 - 2009** - Participation in nursing high education curriculum development and its implementation in Georgia (Tbilisi State University, Georgia). TUNING Project - "Tuning Approaches in Georgian Higher Education System".  
**Since 2008 - Head of Palliative Care Service of National Cancer Centre of Georgia;**  
**2009** - Director of scientific project - Evaluation of challenges in palliative patients' pain management in Georgian Health Care System – funded by Georgian National Scientific Foundation.  
**Since 2009** - Deputy-Dean of Faculty of Medicine at the Iv. Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia.  
**2010 - 2012** - Translation and Adaptation of ESMO clinical recommendations and guidelines in Georgian Language.  
**1997 - 2000** - Supervisor of students' scientific club of Tbilisi Ivane-Tarkhnishvili Students' Scientific

Society at Department of Oncology of Tbilisi State Medical University.

**1998 - 2001** - Member of Georgian Medical Association-Medical Students' and Residents' Committee.

**1999 - Fellowship by President of Georgia**

**Since 1999** -Member of Cancer Prevention center, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**2001 - 2006** - Member of Young Medical Doctors and Residences Association, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**Since 2001** - Member of National Association of Cancer Control, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**Since 2004** - Member of Georgian National Association for Palliative Care (GNAPC);

**Since 2004** - Member of European School of Oncology (ESO);

**Since 2005** - Member of European Society for Medical Oncologist (ESMO);

**Since 2006** - Member of International Association Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC);

**2006 - 2009** - National Coordinator of Georgian Medical Woman's Association;

**Since 2008 - ESMO Palliative Care Working Group Member;**

**Since 2008** - Member of American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO);

**Since 2009 - ESMO National representative for Georgia;**

**Since 2010** - Member of American Academy for Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM).

**Since 2010** - European Association for Palliative Care Spiritual Care (EAPC) Committee group member;

**July 21-26, 2000** - Participant of National Cancer Prevention Center-International Campaign for Establishing and Developing of Oncology Centers (ICEDOC) joint workshop, National Cancer Center, Tbilisi Georgia

**17-19 September 2001** - NACC Course: Modern Methods Of Cancer Epidemiological Research And Medical Statistics, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**17 September 2002** - CPC workshop:" Palliative Care in Oncology", Tbilisi, Georgia.

**18-19 October 2002** - Open Mini-symposium – "New Immunotherapeutic Strategies based on the Her 2/neu Protooncogene and Other Tumor Agents". Stockholm, Sweden.

**6-7 March 2003** – "Changes in Cancer therapy – from experimental models to man". Symposium of the Department of Oncology- Pathology, Karolinska Institute. Stockholm, Sweden.

**22-23 May 2003** - CPC and ACTM Course: Symptom Control in Palliative Care. Tbilisi, Georgia.

**3-4 October 2003**- Participant of International Congress of Radiology. Tbilisi, Georgia.

**6-7 October 2003** – CPC Course: Early Detection and Prevention of Pre-cancer and Cancer Disease. Tbilisi, Georgia.

**6-16 July 2004** - 7<sup>th</sup> International Summer School Oncology organized by the **WHO** Collaborating Centre for Cancer Education. Groningen, Netherlands. Presented poster and oral presentation – "Malignant Melanoma Incidence and prevalence in Georgian population".

**September 2004** - **Oral presentation** on Continuing Medical Education — Accreditation Course for GPs – "Some aspects of diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of Malignant Melanoma"

**5-11 March 2005** - 4th ESO Masterclass in Clinical Oncology, Nicosia / Limassol, Cyprus;

**21 June 2005** - Breast and cervical cancer seminar, European School of Oncology (ESO), Georgia (local organizing committee);

**22 June 2005** – Challenge Foundation Meeting for Caucasian Countries, Tbilisi, Georgia (local organizing committee).

**June-July 2005**- Division of Cancer Prevention Diploma awarded upon completion of the "Principles and Practice of Cancer Prevention and Control Course", **NCI, NIH** Washington DC.

**1-5 August 2005** - Division of Cancer Prevention Diploma awarded upon completion of the "Molecular Prevention Course", **NCI, NIH** Washington DC.

**2-8 October 2005** - Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminar - "Oncology", Salzburg, Austria; (Certified).

**21-30 October 2005** – Course of Continuing medical education: "Pain Management in Terminally ill Patients", "Symptom Control in Incurable terminally ill Patients", Tbilisi Georgia (local organizing committee).

**15-18 May, 2006** – Certified Course in Cancer Prevention, Tbilisi, Georgia (course moderator).

**26-30 May, 2006**–Presenting Author–"Malignant Melanoma–diagnosis and treatment strategy"- Summer school for medical students of South Caucasian Countries, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**7-9 September, 2006** –**ESO** advance Course – Palliative Cancer Care, Stockholm, Sweden.

**17-18 November 2006** – **ESMO** Course in Palliative Care, Ankara, Turkey.

**January, 2007** - International Fellowship in Palliative Care at the San Diego Hospice, US, California (step I).

**7-9 June, 2007** - 10<sup>th</sup> **EAPC** Congress, Budapest, Hungary (presenter);

**June –July, 2007** - International Fellowship in Palliative Care at the San Diego Hospice, US, California (step II).

**6-10 October, 2007** – **ESO** Masterclass in Palliative Care, Tbilisi, Georgia (local organizing committee).

**18-19 October, 2007**–IV Congress of Oncology of South Caucasian Countries, Tbilisi, Georgia

(local organizing committee).

**January–February, 2008**-International Fellowship in Palliative Care at the San Diego Hospice, US, California (step III).

**16-19 July, 2008** – Organization of international summer school in oncology and cancer care for medical students, Batumi, Georgia (course author).

**4 – 31 August, 2008** - International Fellowship in Palliative Care at the San Diego Hospice and Institute for Palliative Medicine, US, California (step IV).

**12-16 September, 2008** – 33th ESMO Congress, Stockholm, Sweden (presenter).

**October, 2008** – ESMO TRU visit at Institute of Tumori Nazionale, Milan, Italy.

**December 2008 – January 2009** - International Fellowship in Palliative Care at the San Diego Hospice and Institute for Palliative Medicine, US, California (step V).

**April 2009** - Help the Hospices grant award (UK) funded by the Wolfson Foundation and Wyeth for 2009 Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance Global Summit in Vienna.

**May 2009** – 11<sup>th</sup> EAPC congress, Vienna, Austria (invited speaker);

**July 2009** - OSI Internship in Clinical Oncology, Vienna Hospital, Austria;

**20-24 September, 2009** – 34<sup>th</sup> ESMO Multidisciplinary Congress, Berlin, Germany;

**15-16 October, 2009** – 4<sup>th</sup> Trondheim International Conference in Palliative Care (Oral presentation), Norway;

**November, 2009** – International Seminar in Palliative Care (invited speaker), Tiran, Albania.

**January - February 2010** - International Fellowship in Palliative Care at the San Diego Hospice and Institute for Palliative Medicine, US, California (final step and graduation).

**24-28 March, 2010** – 3<sup>rd</sup> International Oncology Conference, Antalya, Turkey (invited speaker);

**21-24 April, 2010** – ACOP Conference in Cancer Prevention (invited speaker), Istanbul, Turkey.

**4-8 October, 2010** – 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress in Palliative Care, Montreal, Canada (invited speaker);

**8-12 October, 2010** – 35<sup>th</sup> ESMO Congress, Milan, Italy (invited speaker);

**14-16 October**- European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Spiritual Care Committee meeting (invited speaker);

**21-24 October** - Cancer and Nutrition, International Conference, Boudrum, Turkey.

#### **Publications:**

Author and Co-author of 32 articles and abstracts; chapters of palliative care education handbooks