

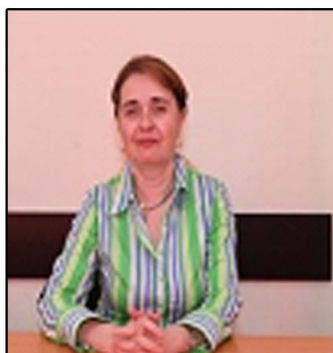


# DEPARTMENT OF GERIATRICS



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Division of Clinical Geriatrics was established in 2009 as subunit of the Department of Syndrome Diagnostics; since 2015 the latter was renamed as the No 3 Department of Internal Medicine, and division of Geriatrics was separated as a department. Notably, teaching of Geriatrics in Georgia has been started first time at Tbilisi State Medical University, that was facilitated by EC funded project "Modernizing undergraduate medical education in EU eastern neighboring area".

Department of Geriatrics is represented by two academics - Head of the department Professor Gaiane Simonia and Associated Professor Irine Andronikashvili.

Since 2015 No3 Department of Internal Medicine and Department of Geriatrics have jointly conducted integrated teaching course based on the integrated syllabus "Management of Internal Diseases and Geriatrics", that is considered as an important step towards modernization of curriculum

- development of integrated curriculum.

Department staff members are actively involved in clinical, teaching and research activities, namely: they are co-authors of a number of textbooks in Georgian language - "Internal Diseases" (2000, Ed. N.Tatishvili, G.Simonia), "Clinical Geriatrics" (2001, G.Simonia and I.Andronikashvili) - first textbook in Geriatrics published in Georgia, "Essentials of Clinical Geriatrics" (2014, G.Simonia and I.Andronikashvili). They published numerous research articles in national and international journals. G.Simonia and I.Andronikashvili participate in local, regional and international conferences, and in postgraduate education. They were awarded research grants (from national and international foundations) and successfully implemented projects related to aging and age-associated salt- sensitivity and salt-sensitive hypertension. G.Simonia and I.Andronikashvili supervise PhD programs.

In 2017 G.Simonia and I.Andronikashvili founded Georgian Society of gerontology and Geriatrics.