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SKILLS

- Personnel mentoring
- Problem resolution
- Team building
- Team management
- Supervision
- Project Management

PROFILE

I am currently a clinical microbiologist at the University Hospital "Shefqet Ndroqi", in Tirana, Albania, where I head the Department of Clinical Microbiology and the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory. With my initiative I founded in 2010, a unit of molecular biology with a special focus on MIRU-VNTR genotyping of MTBC. I have been a scientific leader of the Albanian team in a EU fp7 collaborative project as well as a collaborator in several research projects founded by different international agencies. I received training by the European Reference Laboratory Network for Tuberculosis (ERLTB-Net) through its Support Experts Training Programme 2015-2016. My research interests include antimicrobial resistance and infection prevention, and control issues in my hospital (e.g. carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae and non-fermenters).

EXPERIENCE

Head of Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, University Hospital "Shefqet Ndroqi"

Apr 2002 - Present

I have been leading the Clinical Microbiology Department, composed of the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory and a General Bacteriology Laboratory.

Invited lecturer of Clinical Microbiology, University of Medicine

Aug 2011 - Present

EDUCATION

M.D., University of Tirana, Faculty of Medicine, Tirana

1998

Clinical Microbiologist, University Hospital Centre of Tirana "Mother Theresa", Department of Laboratory Medicine, Microbiology Service.

2002

Master's Degree, University of Tirana, Faculty of Medicine, University Hospital Centre of Tirana "Mother Theresa", Department of Laboratory Medicine, Microbiology Service, Tirana

2005

- Dissertation: Drug resistant tuberculosis in Albania 2001-2004

Ph.D., University of Tirana, Faculty of Medicine, University Hospital
Centre of Tirana "Mother Theresa", Department of Laboratory
Medicine, Microbiology Service, Tirana

2013

- Dissertation: Biodiversity of MTBC strains isolated in Albania during 2006-2007