

OPINION
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Subject: Announced a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology" for the needs of the Department of General and Oncological Gynecology, Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics of Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda EAD - Sofia.

In accordance with Order № 244 of 01.06.2021 of the Executive Director and the Procurator of Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT Tokuda EAD, Sofia, I have been appointed a member of the Scientific Jury in the procedure for holding the academic position "Associate Professor" in the field of Higher Education 7. Health and Sports, Professional Field 7.1. Medicine and Scientific specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology". The competition was announced for the needs of the Department of General and Oncological Gynecology, Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics, announced in SG, issue 27 of 02.04.2021. At the first meeting of the Scientific Jury I was appointed to prepare an opinion.

The candidate is Dr. Suzana Fauzi Nashar, PhD

All necessary documents for participation in the competition are presented and fully comply with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation. There are the relevant diplomas, certificates, lists and copies of scientific publications, references to citations, for completed teaching activities, as well as a reference for the academic position of "Chief Assistant" for more than 2 years. No plagiarism detected.

I. Brief introduction of the candidate

Dr. Nashar was born in 1970. in the city of Sofia. She graduated medicine at the Higher Medical Institute - Sofia in 1994. From 1995 to 1999 she was a clinical resident in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Higher Medical Institute, then she was a full-time doctoral student at the same department, and since 2007 she has been an assistant doctor in the same department and performs medical-diagnostic and teaching activities. Her academic growth is systematic - from assistant, senior assistant and chief assistant until 2018. From 2018 until today, she is a doctor in the OGTHA ward, managing the obstetrics department at the said ward and performing medical-diagnostic, managerial and teaching activities.

She has a degree in Obstetrics and Gynecology (1999). In 2006 she defended a dissertation on "Prognosis of induction of labor" and was awarded the educational and scientific degree "PhD" from 29.01.2007.

II. Scientific works and teaching activities

To participate in the competition, Dr. Nashar presented a list of scientific papers - a total of 29, of which 27 full-text publications and 2 abstracts of publications in foreign journals. To this issue should be added the dissertation, which is presented with an abstract and a list of 6 publications related to the dissertation.

A total of 41 citations were searched in the databases Scopus, Web of Knowledge, Google Scholar, of which 17 citations in Bulgarian magazines and 24 citations in foreign journals. The impact factor of the foreign journals in which Dr. Nashar's publications are published is 3,062, and according to the presented report the h-index is equal to 3.

According to the attached report on the fulfillment of the minimum required scientometric criteria, Dr. Nashar significantly exceeds the minimum requirements for scientific and teaching activities.

III. Contributions to scientific papers

The presented research and applied research is focused on the following scientific areas of the specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology":

- *High-risk pregnancy*

In this area, scientific papers describe specific clinical conditions that complicate pregnancy and increase risk. The cases described in papers 11 and 19 are reported for the first time in Bulgaria and represent cases worldwide. Also of interest are the studied new methods for predicting the risk of premature birth in women after treatment of cervical precancers. Applied is the assessment of the frequency and trend of births in multiple pregnancies, as well as the proposed options for treatment during pregnancy of vaginal bacterial infections with the drug Sumamed.

- *Operative obstetrics*

In this area, there are contributions of an original nature, including the described specific clinical conditions complicating childbirth and increasing risk, the performed expert analysis of frequency, indications of vaginal birth by vacuum extraction, indications for vaginal birth by forceps fetus, the described indications and caesarean section technique with longitudinal incision of the uterus in the lower uterine segment, the established prognostic factors for clavicle fracture at birth, etc.

- *Anesthesia at birth*

Contributions are in the field of studying the influence of epidural analgesia on the course of labor, the frequency of operative vaginal births and the frequency of early postpartum hemorrhage, as well as an in-depth assessment of the influence of epidural analgesia on the condition of the newborn.

- *Clinical experience with rare diagnoses.*

Contributions are related to the prenatal diagnosis of fetal achondroplasia, as well as the study of a rare case of prenatal diagnosis of an isolated right aortic arch with a Kommerell diverticulum - systematically described and explained.

Dr. Nashar's teaching activity can be highly appreciated, as she started this activity as an assistant (from 2007 to 2009) and then continued during the period from 2009 until 2011 as a senior assistant, and from 2011 to 2018. teaches as a senior assistant at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, MF, MU-Sofia. In the attached reference it is noted that Dr. Nashar has trained Bulgarian and foreign students in medicine, dentistry and OG specialists. She has conducted practical classes for trainee doctors and specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology, general practitioners in a course in General Medicine (module "Obstetrics and Gynecology"). She was also a responsible assistant to specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

During the period 2015/2018 there is a total study load with students amounting to 1208 teaching hours, and as responsible for the training of Bulgarian medical students in the period 2011-2018. prepares the curricula and the reports of the performed educational activity. During the period 2018 -2021, as a lecturer at Acibadem City Clinic, Tokuda University Hospital, she realized a workload of 297 eq. teaching hours.

CONCLUSION

The documents presented by Dr. Suzana Nashar show that she meets all the requirements for the academic position of "Associate Professor":

- She has successively held the academic position of assistant, senior assistant and chief assistant over 10 years during the period 2007-2018;

- Significantly exceeds the national minimum requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" - with the required 450 points, it represents fulfilled 1058 points;
- Has implemented a significant volume and types of teaching activities and knows in detail the learning process from the preparation of training programs for physicians to reporting the volume and quality of the learning process;
- The presented sufficient volume of scientific production demonstrates significant original and scientific-applied contributions in obstetric practice, a result of the rich clinical experience of Dr. Nashar.

For the above reasons, I confidently give a positive assessment and invite the esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to vote positively for the appointment of Dr. Susana Fauzi Nashar, PhD, to the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Higher Education 7. Health and Sports , Professional field 7.1. Medicine and the scientific specialty "Obstetrics and Gynecology" for the needs of the Department of General and Oncological Gynecology, Pelvic Surgery and Obstetrics of "Acibadem City Clinic University Hospital Tokuda" EAD.

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