

## STATEMENT OF OPINION

**By Associate Professor Dr. Veselka Vasileva Stoyanova, MD, PhD**

Head of the Clinic of Diagnostic Imaging at Acibadem City Clinic Mladost, member of the Scientific Jury for the competition for the academic position "Associate Professor", for the needs of the Gastroenterology Clinic at the Hospital "Acibadem City Clinic" UMHAT announced in the State Gazette No. 2 of 05.01.2024

**Subject :** The candidacy of Dr. Ani Agop Chavoushian, MD, Physician at the Clinic of Gastroenterology "Acibadem City Clitic" UMBAL.

### **Professional Development**

Dr. Ani Chavoushian, after completing medicine in 1994 at the Medical Academy in Sofia until 1999, specialized in Internal Medicine at the same University. During the period 1999 to 2003, she specialized and acquired the specialty of Gastroenterology. After the necessary courses and exams, she obtained all qualification levels in the field of abdominal and interventional ultrasonography, as well as in gastrointestinal endoscopy, acquiring the first and second level "Diagnostic and therapeutic upper and lower endoscopy". In 2020, she successfully defended her dissertation on the topic:

"Diverticulosis and diverticular disease-pathogenetic mechanisms and clinical aspects" and obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in Internal Medicine.

Since 2019 she has been an assistant at the Faculty of Medicine of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Dr. Chavoushian enriched her knowledge and skills at a number of prestigious centers abroad, and we must emphasize first of all the training in the field of transabdominal intestinal echography, which, together with the deep theoretical and clinical knowledge of intestinal inflammatory diseases, undoubtedly shaped her as one of the leading specialists in this field in this country.

### **1. Research activity**

Dr. Chavoushian participates in the competition with 21 full-text publications, in about 50% of which the candidate is the first author, and 29 abstracts from participations in congresses and conferences. Of these, there are 2 articles in refereed and indexed journals. Also provided are 9 citations, all in English. Dr. Chavoushian provides a monograph "Known and unknown diverticulosis and colonic diverticular disease" as well as a Dissertation on the topic "Diverticulosis

and colonic diverticular disease - pathogenetic mechanisms and clinical manifestations". In both of her works she shows a thorough and systematic approach to the problem and they both have a high scientific and practical value.

Dr. Ani Chavoushian demonstrates deep and versatile interests in various areas of Gastroenterology. Her focus is on the diagnosis and treatment of diverticulosis, Crohn's disease and other inflammatory diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, as well as on various instrumental techniques and especially on intestinal ultrasonography, as well as on endoscopic methods. It is extremely noteworthy that the monograph, all her publications, as well as the dissertation work of Dr. Chavoushian 's address topical issues and have their real and significant scientific contributions.

## **2. Teaching and learning activity**

Dr. Chavoushian is a lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine of SU Kliment Ohridski. She participates in training in Gastroenterology. According to the reference from the Dean's Office of the Medical Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" for the period 2019/2020 to 2022/2023 Dr. Chavoushian has a total of 585 teaching hours. For the 2019-2020 academic year they are 180, as well as in 2022/23, in 2020/21 - 135, and in 2021/22 - 90 study hours.

**CONCLUSION:** Dr. Ani Chavoushian, MD is the only candidate in the competition for "Associate Professor" in the scientific specialty Gastroenterology at "Acibadem City Clinic " UMHAT.

**Based on the rich professional experience of Dr. Ani Agop Chavoushian as a respected and thorough physician and specialist in gastroenterology, an excellent teacher and scientist with a multifaceted activity and in compliance with the regulations for the Development of the academic staff of Acibadem City Clinic UMHAT, I give a positive assessment and recommend to the members of the respected scientific jury to elect the candidate Dr. Ani Agop Chavoushian as "Associate Professor".**

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