

Curriculum Vitae

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INFORMATION



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PROFESSIONAL CAREER – ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2026** Private Medical Practice, **17 Ploutarchou Street, Kolonaki, Athens**
- 2025** **Past President of the Board of Directors, Hellenic Society of Medical Oncology (HeSMO)** (1st Term: 2021-2023, 2nd Term: 2023-2025)
- 2024** **Honorary Scientific Collaborator at the Committee for the Control of the Electronic Pre-Approval System (EPCS)** of the National Organization for Health Care Services Provision (EOPYY), appointed April 2024 by the Minister of Health, Mr. Adonis Georgiadis
- 2023** Re-elected to the **HeSMO Board of Directors** (April 2023 – **6th term**) and **2nd term as President of the Board** (2023-2025)
- 2022** **Coordinator of the Working Group for the creation of the National Registry of Patients with Neoplastic Diseases** (appointed 20/12/2022 by the Minister of Health Mr. Athanasios Plevris)
- 2022** **Director** at the 1st Oncology Clinic, Metropolitan Hospital, Athens
- 2021** Re-elected to the HeSMO Board (April 2021 – **5th term**) and **1st election as President (2021-2023); the first woman and the youngest person in HeSMO history**

2019	Re-elected to HeSMO Board (April 2019 – 4th term) and first election as Vice-President
2017	Re-elected to HeSMO Board (April 2017 – 3rd term) and elected as Secretary
2015	Re-elected to HeSMO Board (April 2015 – 2nd term) and elected General Secretary
2014	Deputy Managing Editor , official English-language journal of HeSMO, <i>Forum of Clinical Oncology (FCO)</i> (2014–2017)
2013	Elected Member of HeSMO Board (April 2013 – 1st term), elected Special Secretary
Since 2012	Scientific Head, Oncology Department “Asklepios DIAGNOSIS”
Since 2012	Consultant, Private Clinic “Asklepieion of Crete”, Heraklion

MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ONCOLOGY SOCIETIES & NETWORKS

2026	Coordination and completion of the INTERACT-EUROPE 100 Inter-Specialty Cancer Training Programme – Trainers’ Course tou European Cancer Organisation (ECO) at the Metropolitan Hospital
2025	Chair, Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) Regional Council, American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) , (January 2025 – re-elected October 30, 2025)
2025	Received the Certificate of Appreciation by ASCO and its International Education Steering Group for her contribution to the fight against cancer, as Planning Committee and Faculty member in the international educational program ASCO-HESMO Health After Cancer ECHO Program: Greece , implemented for the first time in Greece between November 2024 and April 2025
2024	Advisory Board Member, European Cancer Organization (ECO) , project #INTERACTEUROPE100 (since July 2024)
2024	Member, Global Guidelines Advisory Group (GAG), ASCO (since June 2024)
2023	Member, Central and Eastern European Regional Council, ASCO (Dec 2023 – Dec 2024)
2022	Member, National Societies Committee, European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) , representing Greece (July 2022–2025)
2017	Member, Scientific Committee, Hellenic Cooperative Oncology Group (HeCOG) , co-coordinator, GI group
2014–2017	Deputy Managing Editor, Forum of Clinical Oncology
2014	Co-founder and member of the Steering Committee, “W4O Hellas – Women in Oncology” (since 2014)
2014	Member, Young Greek Oncologists Network (ONEO) (until 2014)
2010	Member, ESMO
2008	Active-Junior Member, ASCO
2008	Member, HeSMO
2003–2006	Junior Member, ESMO

PUBLICATIONS & CONGRESSES

- **Author or co-author of 62 articles in peer-reviewed journals (3,171 citations; h-index 27; i10-index 43; total impact factor 867)** and numerous scientific abstracts and ePosters presented at international conferences (**ESMO, ASCO, ESMO Breast Cancer, ESMO Gastrointestinal Cancers**)
- **Co-author of 3 scientific books**
- **Organizer or co-organizer as member of Organizing or Scientific Committees** in over 60 national and international conferences, including more than 10 as Chair
- **Invited speaker** in over 200 national and international conferences
- **Invited to chair lectures and round tables** at over 150 national and international conferences
- **Oral and poster presentations** in over 100 national and international conferences
- **Chair of the Organizing Committee** of the Annual HeSMO Conferences (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) during her Presidential term

EDUCATION – SPECIALTY – RESEARCH

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| 2012 | Honorary Scientific Collaborator, Department of Medical Oncology, University Hospital of Heraklion, Crete (PaGNI) , participated in oncology research programs; Postdoctoral researcher, Laboratory of Cancer Biology, Medical School, University of Crete (until 2014) |
| 2010 | HeSMO Research Fellowship , 1-year postdoctoral research abroad (Protocol 2936/17-02-2011) |
| 2010 | Full-time postdoctoral research fellow, Center for Human Genetics O&N1, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven & Department of Digestive Oncology, University Hospital Gasthuisberg, Leuven, Belgium (1/12/2010 – 30/11/2011), supervisor: Prof. Sabine Tejpar |
| 2007 | Collaborating clinical researcher , Clinical Studies Unit, Department of Medical Oncology, PaGNI; Postdoctoral researcher , Laboratory of Cancer Biology, Medical School, University of Crete |
| 2007 | European Certification in Medical Oncology (ESMO Examination) |
| 2007 | Specialization in Medical Oncology (24/9/2007) |
| 2007 | Academic visitor, Oxford University , Medical Oncology Unit, Churchill & John Radcliffe Hospitals, and Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Radcliffe Infirmary; supervisor: Prof. David J. Kerr |
| 2006 | Radiotherapy training , Medical Oncology specialty, PaGNI (1/12/2006–31/1/2007) |
| 2003 | Specialization in Medical Oncology , PaGNI, including 6 months Hematology |
| 2002 | Assistant Researcher, Clinical Studies Unit, Department of Medical Oncology , PaGNI (Nov 5, 2002 – Sep 14, 2003) |
| 2002 | PhD, “Genetic analysis of microsatellite DNA sequences in cutaneous neoplastic lesions,” Medical School, University of Crete, Grade: Excellent (6/11/2002) |
| 2002 | Completion of the first three years of Internal Medicine residency, including 6 months in Hematology , for the specialization in Medical Oncology at PaGNI (Nov 4, 2002) |

2001	Visiting researcher, Genomic Instability Group, Roy Castle International Center for Lung Cancer Research, Liverpool, UK (20/10/2001–16/11/2001)
1999	Commencement of the first three years of Internal Medicine residency, including 6 months in Hematology, for the specialization in Medical Oncology at PaGNI
1997	Start of rural medical service (duration 1 year)
1997	Approval of the commencement of the PhD research by the Medical School of the University of Crete (18/12/1997), supervisor Prof. D.A. Spantidos
1997	MD, University of Crete, Grade 8.01/10, 6-year program
1996	Undergraduate clinical Erasmus exchange, Pediatrics, Hôpital Universitaire des Enfants “Reine Fabiola”, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
1994	Undergraduate clinical Erasmus exchange, Pulmonology, Hôpital Civil de Strasbourg, Université Louis Pasteur, France
1991	Admission to Medical School, University of Crete (numerous clausus, national exams)
1990	Greek High School Diploma, Grade 19.5/20