



****OFFICIAL STATEMENT****

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****Regarding the competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" in "Thoracic Surgery"*****

In the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional direction 7.1 Medicine, announced in State Gazette, issue 70 / 20.08.2024,

for the needs of University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas

****Candidate for the competition – Chief Assistant Prof. Dr. Tanyo Penev Stefanov, MD****

According to Order No. RD-375/25.10.2024 of the Rector of University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas, and Protocol No. 1 from the meeting of the scientific jury, I was chosen to prepare this official statement, which complies with the requirements set forth in the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and its Implementation Rules, as well as the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", Burgas.

All necessary requirements were met when the documents were submitted, and no omissions were found.

Biographical Data and Career Development of the Candidate

Tanyo Stefanov was born in Plovdiv on 19.01.1968. In 1994, he graduated as a medical doctor from the Medical University – Plovdiv. In the following year, he began working at the Center for Emergency Medical Care in Plovdiv, branch Kaloyanovo, but soon started his surgical career at the Plovdiv Hospital, where he served as a resident from 1995 to 2006, with a break in 2002-2003 when he specialized in thoracic surgery at the University Hospital "St. George" - Plovdiv.

He continued his career at the Plovdiv Hospital from 2006 to 2008 as Head of the Thoracic Surgery Sector, and from 2008 to 2016 as Head of the Second Surgical Clinic. Since 2016, he has been Head of the Surgical Department at Burgasmed Hospital, Burgas.

Dr. Stefanov has demonstrated progressive professional development:

- In 2001, he acquired a specialization in General Surgery.
- In 2004, he specialized in Thoracic Surgery.
- In 2010, he completed a master's degree in Health Management at the Faculty of Public Health, Medical University - Plovdiv.

He continuously strives for professional improvement through courses that enhance his knowledge, skills, and mastery of new surgical techniques, such as laparoscopic surgery, transanal endoscopic microsurgery, hepatobiliary, pancreatic, and oncological surgery, and conventional pulmonofibroscopy, among others.

In 2007, he completed a three-month specialization in thoracic surgery at Otto Wagner Hospital in Vienna.

After successfully defending a dissertation on "Surgical Approach to the Parietal Pleura in Patients with Spontaneous Pneumothorax" in 2015, he was awarded the educational and scientific degree "Doctor."

In 2016, following a competition, he acquired the academic title of Associate Professor at VUARR Plovdiv.

Dr. Stefanov is proficient in Russian and English. He is a member of the Bulgarian Medical Union, the Bulgarian Surgery Society, the Bulgarian Association of Thoracic, Cardiac, and Vascular Surgery, and the European Association of Thoracic Surgery.