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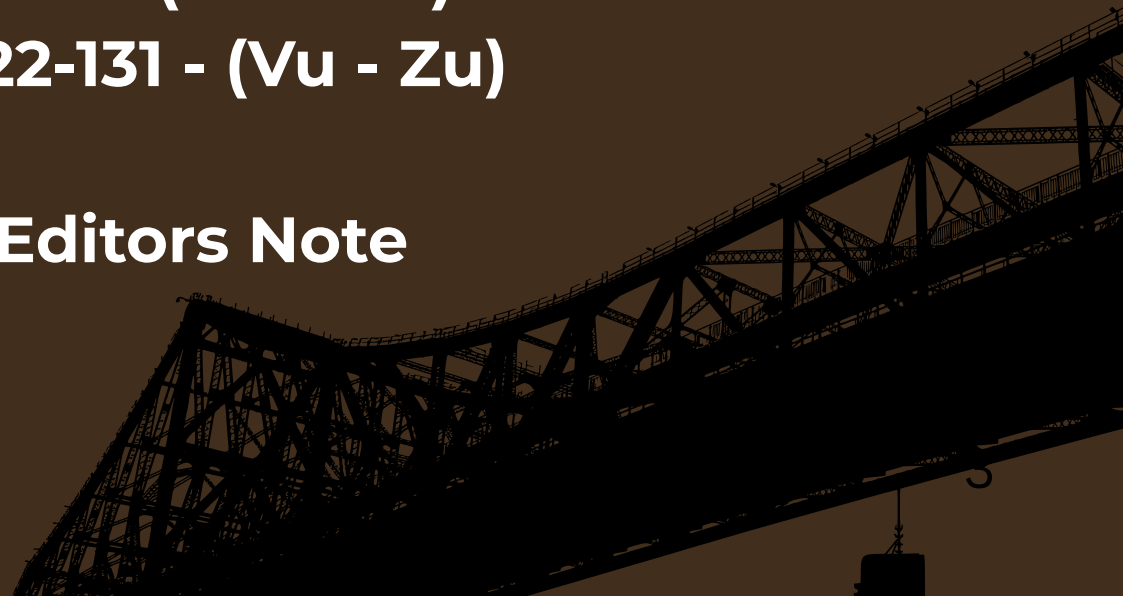
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WELCOME TO THE 3RD BHÄG CONGRESS

The Third Congress of Bosnian-Herzegovinian Physicians in Germany is organized by the Association of Bosnian-Herzegovinian Physicians in Germany (BHÄG). The association connects physicians and medical professionals of Bosnian-Herzegovinian heritage across Germany, Europe, and the wider diaspora. It supports continuing professional development and builds lasting bridges between experts and healthcare systems.

The Congress program is organized around three thematic areas: Surgery, Internal Medicine, and an Interdisciplinary Forum. It features expert presentations, panel discussions, and demonstrations of practical methods while offering an excellent opportunity to connect with colleagues from Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the wider diaspora.

BHÄG PRESIDENT ADDRESS

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

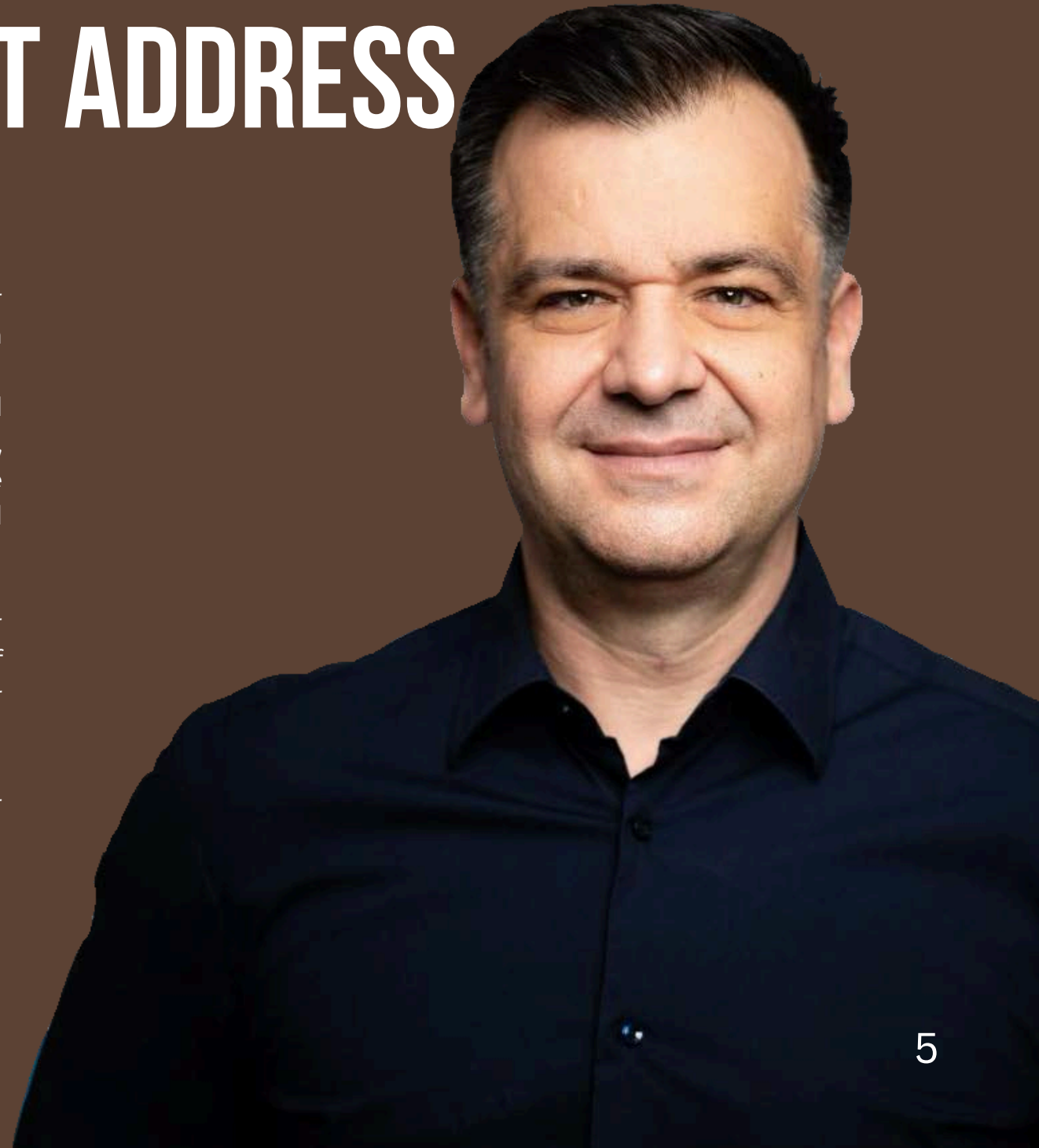
It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our congress on behalf of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Medical Association in Germany (BHÄG).

Our congress is more than a meeting of medical professionals. It is a place where knowledge, experience, shared roots, and new ideas come together — creating connections that reach beyond borders and specialties.

May this book serve as a lasting memory of our time together in Cologne and of the spirit of collaboration and friendship that defines our community.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping us shape the future of BHÄG together.

Dr. med. Damir Smajlović



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Aleksa Šantić — "Remain here! The sun beneath a foreign sky will never warm you as warmly as the sun of your homeland."



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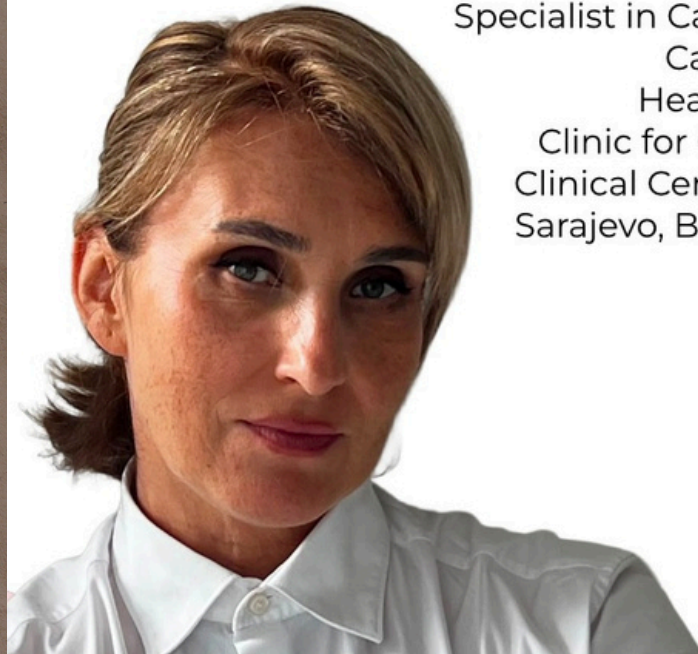
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ASS. PROF. DR. KENANA AGANOVIC

Specialist in Cardiology and Intensive
Care Medicine Advanced
Heart Failure Department,
Clinic for Cardiovascular Surgery
Clinical Center of the University of
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina



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Assistant Professor Kenana Aganovic, MD, PhD, is a board-certified specialist in Internal Medicine with subspecialty qualifications in Cardiology and Intensive Care Medicine. She obtained her medical degree from the **University of Pristina and the University of Sarajevo**, completed her Master's research on arrhythmias in septic shock, and earned her PhD at the University of Sarajevo focusing on prognostic hematological parameters in acute coronary syndrome. **From 2010 to 2016**, she served as **Head of the First Medical Intensive Care Unit at the Clinical Center University of Sarajevo**, contributing to critical care development and medical education. She currently serves as **President of the Cardio-Oncology Working Group of the Cardiology Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina**. Her clinical and research interests include cardiovascular imaging, coronary artery disease, heart failure, cardio-oncology, and intensive cardiovascular care.





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PD DR. MED. ADMIR AGIC

Klinik für operative Gynäkologie,
RHK Krankenhaus Mühlacker





Priv.-Doz. Dr. med. Admir Agic (born July 24, 1977, in Priboj, Serbia) is a specialist in gynecology and obstetrics and a recognized expert in minimally invasive surgery, gynecological endocrinology, and oncology. After completing his **medical studies with distinction at the University of Belgrade** and undertaking international training placements, including in Brazil and the United Kingdom, he continued his career in Germany.

At the University of Lübeck, he earned his doctorate with the distinction magna cum laude and **completed his habilitation in 2012**, thereby obtaining teaching authorization as a Privatdozent. This was followed by senior positions at renowned hospitals, including roles as senior consultant and head of operative gynecology with a focus on minimally invasive surgery.

Since September 2018, he has been **Medical Director of the Department of Gynecology at Mühlacker Women's Hospital (RKH)**, where he has been instrumental in expanding specialized centers, particularly for endometriosis. His expertise is underlined by the **highest certification level in minimally invasive surgery (MIC III) and additional subspecializations in gynecological endocrinology, reproductive medicine, and oncology.**



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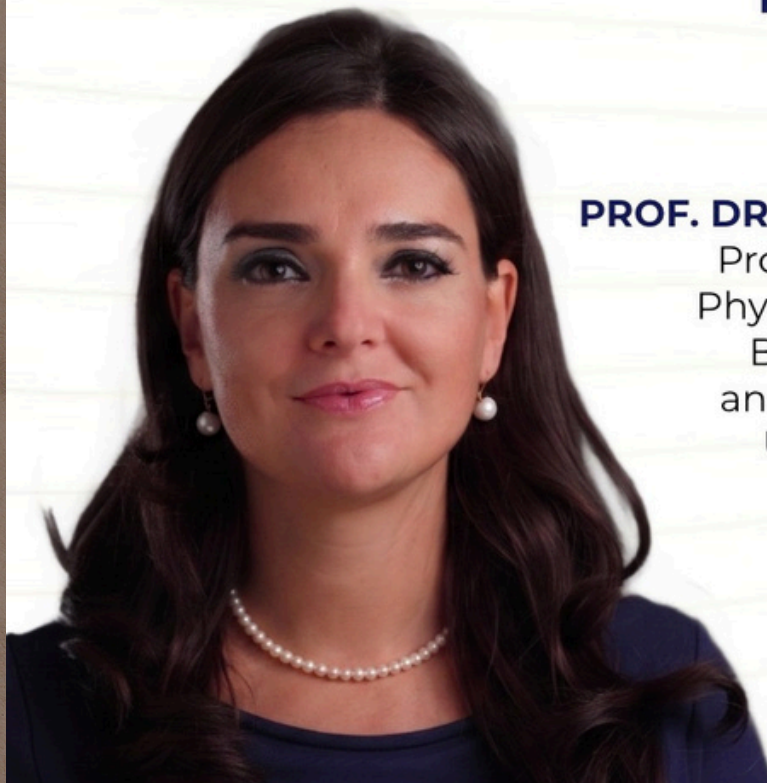
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PROF. DR. DUNJA AKSENTIJEVIC

Professor of Cardiovascular
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Dunja Aksentijevic is Professor of Cardiovascular Physiology and Metabolism at the William Harvey Research Institute, Queen Mary University of London. She graduated with a First Class BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Science from the University of Hull, where she received the **Faculty of Science Academic Scholarship, the Frederick Atkinson Prize Scholarship**, and an **NHS Renal Research Fund Fellowship** for her PhD on **myocardial insulin resistance in chronic kidney disease**. After completing her doctorate in 2008, she joined Prof Stefan Neubauer's group at the University of Oxford, investigating myocardial energetics in heart failure, and later worked as senior research fellow in Prof Michael Shattock's lab at King's College London on sodium modulation and cardiac metabolism.

She became Lecturer at Queen Mary in 2017, BHF Accelerator Fellow at the William Harvey Research Institute in 2020, and Wellcome Trust Career Development Fellow in 2021. She is a Fellow of the ESC, HEA, and IBMS, Co-PI of the Barts Metabolism Network, and holds honorary positions in Belgrade, Oxford, and King's College London.





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JELENA ARNAUTOVIC,
DO, FACC, FSCAI, RPVI

Clinical Assistant Professor
at Michigan State
University College of
Osteopathic Medicine, USA





Jelena Arnautović, DO, FACC, FSCAI, RPVI, is a Senior Staff Interventional Cardiologist affiliated with Henry Ford Health System and a Clinical Assistant Professor at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Arnautović serves as **Program Director of the Cardiovascular Fellowship** at Henry Ford Hospital in Warren, overseeing the education and professional development of cardiology fellows. Her clinical practice encompasses a **broad range of catheter-based diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, integrating evidence-based practice with a strong commitment to individualized, patient-centered care.** She also serves as **Medical Director of the Women's Health Center** at Henry Ford Rochester. Her academic and professional work encompasses interventional cardiology, cardiac critical care, quality improvement, and medical education, with a strong commitment to advancing cardiovascular training and patient care.





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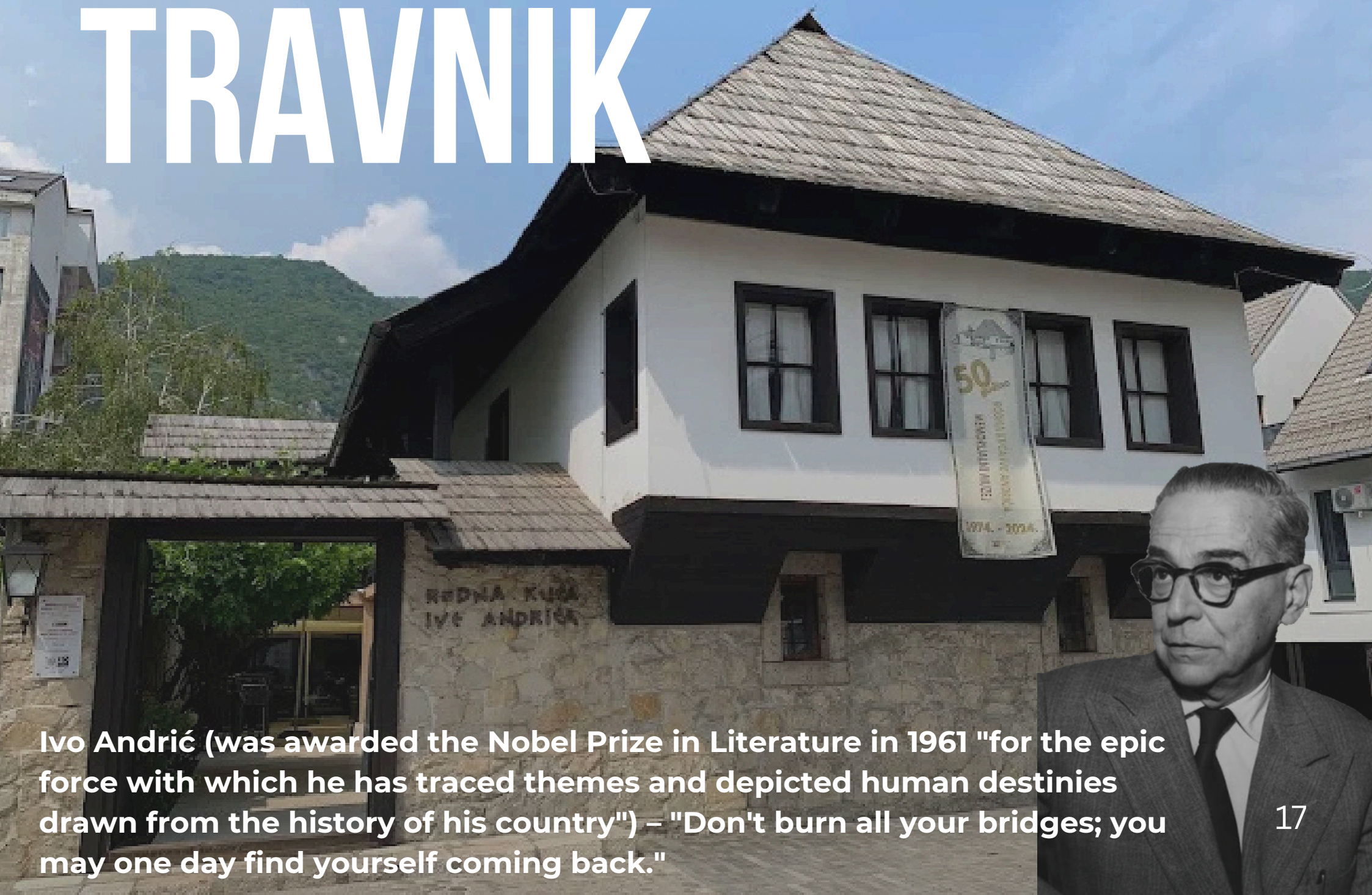
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Amir Arnautović, MD, is a Senior Physician (Oberarzt) and clinical researcher in vascular and endovascular surgery at the University Hospital Düsseldorf, Germany. He has **extensive clinical experience in the treatment of complex vascular diseases, with particular expertise in aortic pathologies and advanced endovascular procedures.** He is **board-certified in vascular surgery and holds additional qualifications in transplantation medicine,** as well as advanced certification in endovascular surgery from the German Society for Vascular Surgery. Dr. Arnautović received his medical degree from the University of Sarajevo and **completed his doctorate at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf,** focusing on optimizing safety in endovascular procedures. His **professional profile combines clinical expertise and research, with a strong emphasis on innovative endovascular techniques and improving outcomes in modern vascular surgery.**



TRAVNIK



Ivo Andrić (was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1961 "for the epic force with which he has traced themes and depicted human destinies drawn from the history of his country") – "Don't burn all your bridges; you may one day find yourself coming back."



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PROF. DR. MED. EDIN BEGIC

Chief of Department,
Clinic for Cardiology
General hospital
"Prim. dr. Abdulah Nakaš"
Sarajevo,
Bosnia and Herzegovina





Edin Begić, MD, MA, PhD, is a Professor of cardiologist from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a primary focus on cardiovascular imaging. His clinical work centers on the diagnostic assessment and longitudinal management of patients with complex cardiac diseases, particularly cardiomyopathies.

Scientifically, **Professor Begić is dedicated to cardiovascular pharmacology and the mechanisms of coagulation and anticoagulation,** exploring how prothrombotic states develop and how they can be effectively prevented or treated. His research also addresses the pathophysiology, early detection, and therapeutic strategies of various cardiomyopathies, aiming to translate mechanistic insights into improved patient outcomes.





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DR. MED. (UNIV. IN SARAJEVO)
ALMA BECIREVIC

Chief Physician of the
Department of General Pediatrics
at Hufeland Klinikum Mühlhausen





Dr. Alma Bećirević was born in Cazin, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sarajevo and **completed her residency in Pediatrics in 2012**. After working at **Cantonal Hospital “Dr. Irfan Ljubijankić” in Bihać**, where she became **Head of Pediatrics in 2015**, she continued her career in Germany in **2016**. She is currently **Chief Physician (Chefärztin) of the Department of General Pediatrics at Hufeland Klinikum Mühlhausen**. Her professional interests include general pediatrics, pediatric ultrasound, and quality improvement in pediatric healthcare. She holds **DEGUM Level I certification** and is a member of **DGKJ and DEGUM**. Since **2025**, she has served on the **Executive Board of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Physicians' Association in Germany (BHÄG)**, promoting professional collaboration and scientific exchange among physicians of Bosnian and Herzegovinian origin.





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DR. MUSFAHA BURGIC

Center for Plastic and Maxillofacial
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Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina



Dr. med. Musfaha Burgić is a specialist in maxillofacial surgery and practices at the Clinic of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University Clinical Center Tuzla. After completing her medical studies, she began her **professional career at the University Clinical Center Tuzla**, where she commenced her **specialization in maxillofacial surgery**. During her specialist training, she further developed her **expertise in Sarajevo and Strasbourg, France**, gaining additional surgical knowledge and skills in oncological, reconstructive, and aesthetic surgery of the head and neck. Following completion of her specialization, she continued her **professional training in Germany, Austria, Türkiye, and France, with a particular focus on functional and aesthetic rhinoplasty, dental implantology, hair transplantation, and non-surgical aesthetic procedures**. She is the **author and co-author of numerous professional and scientific publications in the fields of maxillofacial and plastic surgery**.





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MUFID BURGIC MD, PHD

Center for Plastic and Maxillofacial
Surgery „Dr Burgic“,
Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina





Mufid Burgić, MD, PhD, is a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon with a PhD and MSc in medicine from the University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, where he focused on the clinical, morphological, and prognostic characteristics of cutaneous melanoma. He **completed extensive international training in plastic, reconstructive, microsurgical, breast, hand, and aesthetic surgery in France, Slovenia, and other European centers.**

He worked as a specialist in plastic and reconstructive surgery at the **University Clinical Center Tuzla until 2019,** then as a **consultant plastic surgeon at Al Emadi Hospital and Al Shamal Medical Center in Doha, Qatar.** He currently practices as a **consultant plastic surgeon at the Center for Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery.**

Dr. Burgić has authored multiple peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, with particular expertise in breast reconstruction and body contouring after massive weight loss. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of ISAPS, ESAPS, BHAAAS, and national societies.





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DR. MED. STEFAN BÜTTNER

Sektionsleiter Abteilung der
Nephrologie, Medizinische Klinik I
(Kardiologie, Nephrologie,
Pneumologie und Intensivmedizin),
Aschaffenburg



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Stefan Büttner, MD, is specialist in internal medicine, nephrology, and hypertension. He serves as the head of the Division of Nephrology at Klinikum Aschaffenburg-Alzenau, Germany. He **began his clinical career at the Medical Clinic II (Nephrology, Hypertension, and Vascular Diseases)** at the Agaplesion Markuskrankenhaus in Frankfurt. Subsequently, he moved to the University Hospital Frankfurt, where he completed his scientific and clinical training under Prof. Geiger, ultimately serving as **Senior Physician at the university** outpatient clinic. In **2020**, he assumed leadership of the newly established Division of Nephrology at Klinikum Aschaffenburg-Alzenau, which he developed into a regional center of excellence. His research focuses on intensive care nephrology and extracorporeal therapies, and he **authored and co-authored 50 scientific papers**. He is also an **active member of various national and international professional societies, including the German Society of Nephrology, the European Renal Association, and the International Society for Intensive Care Nephrology**. A special focus of this activities is disaster nephrology and disaster medicine.



TUZLA



Meša Selimović - "A person is not a tree, and attachment is their greatest burden; it takes away courage and weakens one's sense of certainty."



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MARINA DELIC-SARAC, MD, PHD

Specialist in Clinical Immunology
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Ullevål, Oslo, Norway





Marina Delić Šarac, MD, PhD, is a clinical immunology specialist at Oslo University Hospital. She has **over 11 years** of clinical experience from the Clinical Center of the University of Sarajevo, where she managed a wide range of immune-mediated and systemic diseases.

In parallel with her clinical work, she **has nearly seven years of research experience at the Institute for Cancer Research** and the University of Oslo, focusing on cancer immunology and the interaction between the immune system and malignant cells. **Dr. Delić Šarac holds a PhD in clinical immunology and has authored numerous articles in peer-reviewed international journals.**

Her academic activities also include teaching medical students and postgraduate trainees, as well as mentoring young researchers. She **has substantial expertise in laboratory methodology, particularly in flow cytometry, and has contributed to both diagnostic applications and research projects.** Her work is dedicated to improving diagnostics and personalized treatment for patients with complex immune-related and oncological conditions.





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DR. SELVER DEMIC

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St. Elisabeth Hospital,
Klinik für Neurologie

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Selver Demic, MD, PhD, completed his PhD in Neuroscience at the International Graduate School of Neuroscience, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, supported by a prestigious study scholarship. During his doctoral research, he was a member of a group investigating the **neural mechanisms** underlying learning and memory, with a particular focus on the hippocampus, episodic memory, sequence learning, and the role of adult hippocampal neurogenesis in memory and depression. His **work employed computational approaches**, including mathematical modeling and computer simulations of complex neural networks.

In addition, **he served as a Teaching Assistant** in the computer laboratory for BSc students at Ruhr University Bochum. Following his academic training, he began his clinical career as a neurologist at St. Elisabeth Hospital in Gütersloh. He currently works as a **psychiatrist and psychotherapist at LWL Clinic Gütersloh, providing evidence-based treatment, primarily Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for affective disorders**, either as a primary intervention or in combination with pharmacotherapy. He has also gained experience in outpatient care in a private neurology and psychiatry practice.



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LEJLA DIVOVIC MUSTAFIC, MD, MSC

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Clinic for Cardiovascular Surgery
Clinical Center of the
University of Sarajevo,
Bosnia and Herzegovina





Lejla Divović Mustafić, MD, MSc., was born in Sarajevo in 1982 and graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sarajevo, in 2008. Since 2010, she has been working at the Heart Center / Clinic for Cardiovascular Surgery of the Clinical Center University of Sarajevo, where she is involved in the care of patients with complex cardiovascular disease.

She **obtained her Master of Medical Sciences in 2014 and became a specialist in internal medicine in 2017.** In 2025, she completed her subspecialization in cardiology. Her doctoral thesis is currently in progress, reflecting her ongoing commitment to academic and clinical advancement.

Dr. Divović serves as President of the Working Group for Heart Transplantation within the Association of Cardiologists of Bosnia and Herzegovina, contributing to the development of national standards and strategies in advanced heart failure and transplant medicine.





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DR. EDINA DJOZIC

Specialist for Neurology,
Clinic for Neurology,
Clinical Center in Sarajevo,
Bosnia and Herzegovina





Edina Džojić, MD, was born and lives in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, where she completed her medical degree at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sarajevo. She currently works as a neurologist at the Department of Neurology, Clinical Center University of Sarajevo, providing diagnostic assessment, treatment, and follow-up care for patients with a wide range of neurological disorders.

In addition to her clinical work, she **serves as a teaching assistant at the Medical Faculty of the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology**, where she is involved in undergraduate medical education and mentoring of students.

Her **professional interests include demyelinating diseases, neuroimmunology**, and cerebrovascular disorders, with a focus on improving early diagnosis and long-term management. Through the combination of clinical practice, teaching, and research-oriented interests, she is committed to advancing neurological care and contributing to the development of neurology in Bosnia and Herzegovina.





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DR. MED. UNIV.
HASAN DZANANOVIC

Chefarzt Zentrale Notaufnahme,
Krankenhaus Dernbach





Hasan Džananović, MD, is a specialist in internal medicine with a focus on emergency and cardiovascular care. After working as a **general practitioner and emergency physician in Odžak from 2011,** he began his residency in internal medicine at **Herz-Jesu-Krankenhaus Dernbach in 2012,** training in cardiology, gastroenterology, and intensive care. From **2018 to 2019 he served as a consultant** in internal medicine on the cardiology intensive care and intermediate care units.

In **2019, Dr. Džananović assumed leadership of internal medicine** within the **Emergency Department and the Chest Pain Unit (CPU).** In 2021 he was appointed **senior consultant of the Emergency Department and CPU** and, in April 2022, **senior consultant in Medical Clinic I (Cardiology).**

Since April 2023, he has been **Chief Physician of the Emergency Department at Herz-Jesu-Krankenhaus Dernbach** and **Head of the CPU section,** where he is responsible for the organization of acute care and the implementation of guideline-based diagnostics and therapy.



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Petar Kočić - "Be a diligent and worthy member of your homeland. In short, be what you are meant to be: an honorable human being."



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DR. MED. UNIV.
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Malik Galijašević, MD, PhD is a radiologist and researcher at the **Medical University of Innsbruck**, where he currently works at the **University Clinic for Radiology**. He completed his PhD in **Image Guided Diagnosis and Therapy in 2023** with a focus on advanced **neuroimaging techniques**, including phosphorus MR spectroscopy and functional MRI, and obtained his board certification in radiology in 2026. His **work spans diagnostic and interventional radiology, with a strong emphasis on neuroradiology and interventional radiology**. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals and actively contributes to international multicenter clinical studies and scientific conferences. His **achievements include several prestigious awards and fellowships from leading radiological societies (e.g. Arthur Schüller Award of ÖGNER)**, reflecting his commitment to innovation and excellence in clinical and academic radiology.





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DR. (UNIV. BANJA LUKA)
ANISA GRADASCEVIC M.SC.
KfH Nierenzentrum
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Anisa Gradašćević, MD, PhD, began her career in Sarajevo, where she studied medicine and worked eight years at the Institute of Forensic Medicine. There she completed a **master's degree**, conducted research on stature estimation in Bosnian men, and served as specialist and lecturer while supporting **exhumation and identification efforts** across Bosnia and Herzegovina. She earned her **PhD in forensic medicine** at the University of Banja Luka with a thesis on the forensic aspects of gunshot injuries.

In 2017 she moved to Germany. She completed training in internal medicine at Klinikum **Aschaffenburg** in **2023** and then worked as a **consultant in nephrology** under Dr Stefan Büttner. After additional training at the Department of Nephrology and Rheumatology, Sana Klinikum / KfH Renal Center Offenbach under Prof. Dr. Kirstin de Groot, she joined the **KfH Renal Center Aschaffenburg**. She is a **DEGUM tutor in abdominal ultrasound** and contributes to **BHÄG e.V. as general secretary projects** to improve medical care in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



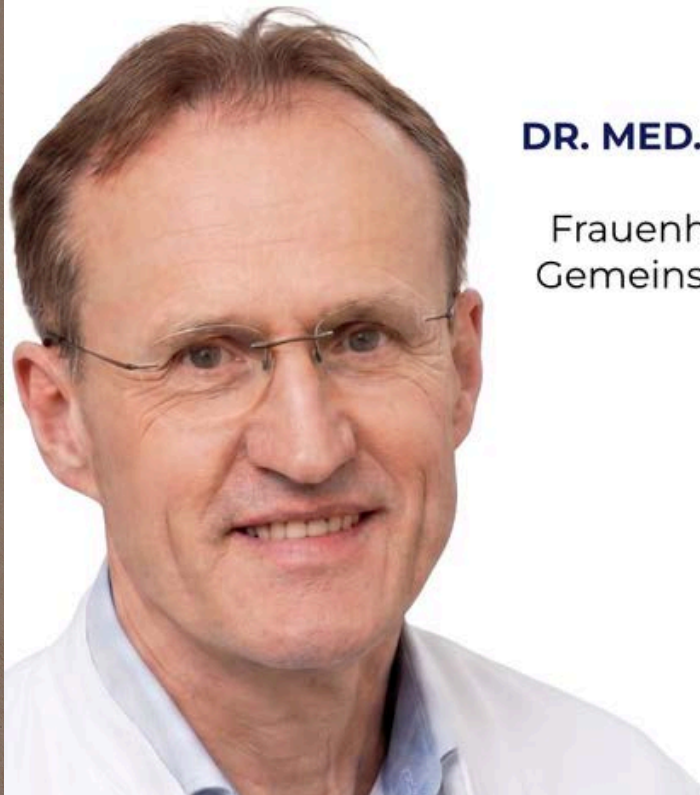


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Frauenheilkunde und Geburtshilfe,
Gemeinschaftsklinikum Mittelrhein,
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Senad Habibovic, MD, is Chief Physician of Gynecology and Obstetrics at St. Elisabeth Hospital Mayen and Head of the certified Breast Cancer Center St. Elisabeth Mayen. He is an **AGUB II–certified surgeon and Director of the Pelvic Floor Center Mayen**, with a particular focus on urogynecology and pelvic floor surgery.

Through the BHÄG project, Dr. Habibovic has played a key role in supporting the implementation of the first urogynecological center at the Clinical Center University of Sarajevo. He has contributed to the development of the center's concept, training of local specialists, and introduction of modern surgical standards, performing over 50 urogynecological and pelvic floor procedures together with the local team. Dr. Habibovic is a **member of the German expert group for urogynecology**, involved in the development of new mesh implants and surgical techniques for pelvic organ prolapse. As an **innovator, he developed the Seratex DVF mesh implant for Dubuisson fixation in prolapse surgery.**





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DR. MED. SENAD HADZISELIMOVIC

Oberarzt, Abteilung für
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Senad Hadžiselimović, MD, was born in 1965 in Banja Luka. He completed his first medical studies there, then continued his medical education in Germany, graduating from the University of Heidelberg. He subsequently worked for five years at Heidelberg University Hospital, Medical Clinic I, in the Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism, gaining extensive experience in hormonal and metabolic disorders.

He **later spent two years in rehabilitation medicine in Bad Dürkheim, followed by 14 years in internal medicine at the Diakonissenkrankenhaus** in Mannheim. Since **2023, he has been serving as a senior consultant** (Oberarzt) at St. Marienkrankenhaus in Ludwigshafen am Rhein. Dr. Hadžiselimović is a specialist in internal medicine, angiology, and diabetology, with a clinical focus on vascular diseases, diabetes management, and complex internal medicine patients.



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Dr. med. Said Hilton is a specialist in Dermatology and Venereology as well as Allergology. From 1991 to 1997, he studied medicine in Düsseldorf, Barcelona, and Paris, during which time he was awarded a scholarship for exceptionally gifted students from the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes.

He completed his specialist training at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, where he also obtained his doctorate in basic physiological research. Dr. Hilton is **regarded as one of Germany's most renowned dermatologists and heads one of the country's largest private dermatology clinics, located on Königsallee in Düsseldorf.**

The clinic employs more than 100 medical professionals and covers a broad range of services, including dermatology, dermatological surgery, aesthetic medicine, phlebology, pathology, medical education, and clinical trials. Dr. Hilton holds full authorization for specialist training in dermatology and is the founder of the Academy for Aesthetic Medicine in Düsseldorf.

He is also an **internationally recognized speaker and, since 2023, has served as President of the German Society for Aesthetic Botulinum and Filler Therapy (DGBT).**



TREBINJE



Jovan Dučić — "A person who is not courageous cannot be honest, because honesty requires sacrifices that a coward is unable to endure, and it also requires a generosity that he cannot understand."



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DR. MED. UNIV. ISMET HODZIC
Oberarzt Kardiologie,
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Ismet Hodžić, MD, is a specialist in internal medicine and cardiology and serves as a senior consultant in the Department of Cardiology and Angiology at Städtische Kliniken Mönchengladbach. He has many years of experience in interventional and intensive care cardiology, covering the diagnosis and treatment of acute coronary syndromes, complex coronary artery disease, and advanced heart failure.

His clinical work includes **performing catheter-based procedures, managing critically ill cardiac patients, and implementing modern guideline-based therapies.** Dr. Hodžić has completed numerous additional qualifications and specialized training programs in contemporary cardiovascular diagnostics and therapy, with particular interest in imaging, hemodynamics, and structural heart disease.

Through close interdisciplinary collaboration and a strong focus on individualized, evidence-based care, he is committed to improving outcomes and quality of life for patients with complex cardiovascular conditions.





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DR. MED. (UNIV. TUZLA)
NERMIN HRNCIC
Facharzt für HNO,
HNO-Zentrum Hagen





Nermin Hrnčić, MD, is a specialist in otorhinolaryngology (ENT) with more than 20 years of clinical and academic experience. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sarajevo and obtained his PhD at the University of Tuzla. Since **2021, he has held the title of Assistant Professor at the Medical Faculty of the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (SSST) University.**

He spent a significant part of his professional career at the Cantonal Hospital Zenica, where he **worked as a specialist in ENT and maxillofacial surgery, before moving to Germany.** Since 2022, he has been employed at the rehabilitation clinic VITREA (formerly VAMED) in Bad Berleburg, and his current position is at the „HNO Zentrum - Hagen - Dr. med. Andre Generalow und Oliver Vorsprach“.

Dr. Hrnčić is the author and co-author of numerous scientific papers in otorhinolaryngology, particularly in audiology and neonatal hearing screening, and has completed further training at leading European centers in Sweden, Croatia, Austria, and Türkiye.





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DR. (UNIV. TUZLA)
FATIMA ILJAZAGIC-HALILOVIC
Specialist in anesthesiology
and reanimatology,
University Hospital Clinical
Center in Tuzla,
Bosnia and Herzegovina





Fatima Iljazagić-Halilović, MD, is a Consultant in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care at the University Clinical Center Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, where she has worked since 2011. She graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sarajevo, and completed her residency in anesthesiology and intensive care in Tuzla.

Her clinical expertise spans perioperative anesthesia for abdominal, thoracic, orthopedic, urological, gynecological, and obstetric surgery, intensive care medicine, liver and kidney transplantation, regional anesthesia, ultrasound-guided peripheral nerve blocks, and the management of acute and chronic pain.

Dr. Iljazagić-Halilović has **completed advanced training and workshops in regional and obstetric anesthesia, transplantation, intensive care, and point-of-care ultrasound in several European countries and the United States.** She is an **active member of the European Society of Regional Anaesthesia and Pain Therapy (ESRA)** and of the **Association of Anaesthesiologists and Reanimatologists of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.** Her current interests include ultrasound-guided regional techniques, multimodal analgesia, ERAS, and critical care medicine.





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PRIM. DR. ARVIN IMAMOVIC

Chefarzt der Abteilung
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Bezirkskrankenhaus Lienz,
Österreich

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Arvin Imamovic, MD, is a specialist in General and Visceral Surgery and Head of the Department of General and Visceral Surgery in Lienz, Tyrol, Austria. Born in Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, he spent part of his childhood in Germany before returning to Bosnia, where he completed his secondary education. He studied Medicine at the Medical University of Graz and became actively involved in research, contributing to the establishment of a renal cell carcinoma database and publishing several scientific papers.

He **completed his specialist training in General and Visceral Surgery in 2016** and subsequently worked at LKH Leoben and the Medical University of Graz, where he advanced to the positions of senior and leading senior consultant.

In **2023**, at the age of 41, he **was appointed Head of the Department** in Lienz. As a certified robotic surgeon, his clinical expertise includes robotic abdominal surgery, endocrine and oncological surgery, and advanced endoscopic procedures, including ERCP. He is a **member of the Austrian Society of Surgery and regularly participates in national and international surgical congresses.**





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Internal medicine specialist,
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Ivana Iveljić, MD, MSc, PhD, is an interventional cardiologist at the University Clinical Center Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, where she serves as Head of Interventional Cardiology. She graduated as the top student of her medical class and **earned her MSc in 2013**. In **2025, she completed her PhD** in collaboration with Queen Mary University of London, with her **research published in the high-impact journal Cardiovascular Diabetology**.

Dr. Iveljić became a specialist in internal medicine in 2015 and a subspecialist in cardiology in 2022. She is **among the few women worldwide in interventional cardiology and is internationally recognized for her expertise** in complex coronary interventions, particularly bifurcation lesions, as well as the management of resistant hypertension.

She has trained at leading international centers, **delivered numerous invited lectures at major global congresses**, and is the **only interventional cardiologist from Bosnia and Herzegovina invited as a member and panelist of the European Bifurcation Club**.



BOSANSKA KRUPA

An aerial photograph of Bosanska Krupa, showing a river with a dam and a bridge, surrounded by lush green trees and buildings. The town is built on a hillside, with a church visible in the background.

Branko Ćopić - "However humble my childhood doorstep may be, it is still dear to my heart. Simple and modest though it is, it is mine; there, I am free and master of my own home."



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(CT, MRI and IR) at Clinical Center of
the University of Sarajevo,
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Merim Jusufbegović, PhD, is a senior assistant at the Faculty of Health Studies, University of Sarajevo, and a radiological technologist at the Clinical Center University of Sarajevo. He holds a PhD in Health Studies, with research focused on stereolithographic 3D printing for the development of anthropomorphic CT phantoms and optimization of imaging protocols. His work centers on medical 3D printing, image segmentation, patientspecific anatomical models, radiological phantoms, and medical education, as well as the application of artificial intelligence in medical imaging.

To deepen his interdisciplinary profile at the interface of medicine and engineering, he is **currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence** at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Sarajevo. Dr. Jusufbegović is the **author of the book Osnove 3D printanja u medicini** and has participated in numerous projects involving 3Dprinted models, educational simulators, and personalized medical solutions. More about his work is available at www.m3d.ba.





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PROF. DR. ERKAN KABA
Acibadem Maslak
Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey





Prof. Dr. Erkan Kaba is a Turkish thoracic surgeon and professor of thoracic surgery with extensive experience in minimally invasive and robotic thoracic procedures. He completed his medical degree at the Karadeniz Technical University Faculty of Medicine and specialized in thoracic surgery at the Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine.

Throughout his career, he has worked at **leading medical institutions in Turkey and currently practices within the Acibadem Healthcare Group** in Istanbul. His clinical and scientific focus includes lung cancer surgery, mediastinal surgery, robotic thoracic surgery, and complex thoracic procedures.

Prof. Kaba is the author and co-author of numerous scientific publications in international peer-reviewed journals and is an **active member of several Turkish and European professional societies in thoracic surgery and pulmonology.**





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DR. (UNIV. PRISHTINA)
RIFAT KACAPOR

Chefarzt der Med. Klinik I
(Kardiologie, Angiologie und
Intensivmedizin),
Varisano Kliniken,
Bad Soden





Rifat Kacapor, MD, is a specialist in internal medicine and cardiology with additional qualifications in interventional cardiology and angiology. He **serves as Chief Physician of Medical Clinic I for Internal Medicine, Cardiology, and Angiology** at Varisano Clinics Bad Soden.

Dr. Kacapor's clinical **work covers the full spectrum of cardiovascular and vascular medicine**, with a particular focus on catheter-based diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, as well as the comprehensive management of complex cardiac and vascular diseases. In his leadership role, he is responsible for the strategic and medical development of the department, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the implementation of modern, guideline-based therapies to ensure high-quality patient care.





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DR. MED. ADNAN KASAPOVIC

Chefarzt der Abteilung für
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Adnan Kasapović, MD, is Chief of the Department of Spine Surgery at Eduardus Hospital Cologne and an expert in anterior and lateral spine surgery, minimally invasive techniques, and fully endoscopic spine procedures. Previously, he spent **over ten years in a leading position as Head of Spine Surgery** at one of Germany's largest centers for orthopedics, trauma surgery, and spine surgery at the University Hospital Bonn. He holds the **Master Certificate in Spine Surgery from the German Spine Society (DWG) and an additional specialization in advanced orthopedic surgery.**

Dr. Kasapović studied medicine and obtained his doctorate at the University of Bonn. He has **delivered numerous lectures, posters, and chaired sessions at national and international conferences** and is **author or co-author of 25 publications** in renowned scientific journals. He is also a founding member and first Secretary General of BHÄG.





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NATASA KOMADINIC

Fachärztin für Innere Medizin,
Funktionsoberärztin,
Abteilung Nephrologie,
Sana Klinikum, Offenbach

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Natasa Komadinic, MD, was born on January 12, 1992, in Serbia. Since 2018, she has been working at Sana Klinikum Offenbach in the Department of Nephrology and Rheumatology under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Kirsten de Groot. There, she has gained broad clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic kidney diseases, systemic autoimmune disorders, and complex multimorbid patients. In **2024, she formally began her residency in nephrology**, deepening her expertise in areas such as chronic kidney disease, dialysis therapy, and kidney-related complications of systemic illnesses. In **2025, she became a Certified Hypertension Specialist (DHL)**, reflecting her particular interest in the management of complex and therapy-resistant hypertension. Through her clinical work, Natasa is committed to evidence-based, patient-centered care, with a focus on early detection, individualized treatment strategies, and close interdisciplinary collaboration to improve long-term outcomes for patients with renal and rheumatologic conditions.



STOLAC

An aerial photograph of the town of Stolac, Bosnia and Herzegovina. A river, the Neretva, flows through the center of the town, surrounded by lush green trees and red-tiled roofs of the buildings. The town is built on a hillside, and the river is a prominent feature in the landscape.

Mehmedalija Mak Dizdar – “There is a deep blue river, and we must cross it.” 72



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DR. MED. HOLGER KRONSBELN

Leitender Oberarzt
Facharzt für Innere Medizin
Gastroenterologie,
Ernährungsmedizin,
Evangelische Krankenhaus





Holger Kronsbein, MD, is Lead Senior Consultant in the Department of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at Evangelisches Klinikum Bethel, part of the University Hospital OWL of Bielefeld University. He received comprehensive training in internal medicine and specialized as a gastroenterologist at Franziskus Hospital Bielefeld, an academic teaching hospital of Hannover Medical School. He further deepened his expertise in endoscopic resection techniques **for early gastrointestinal cancers as Lead Senior Consultant at Sana Klinikum Offenbach, an academic teaching** hospital of University Hospital Frankfurt. Since **2020, Dr. Kronsbein has served as Lead Senior Consultant and Deputy Head of the Department of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at Evangelisches Klinikum Bethel**, a tertiary care center. With outstanding clinical expertise and extensive interventional endoscopy experience, he has played a key role in advancing and establishing innovative diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic procedures within the department.





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PROF. DR. WOLFGANG KÜPKER

Ärztlicher Direktor,
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Professor Dr. med. habil. Wolfgang Küpker, studied philosophy, theology, and human medicine at the universities of Freiburg, Göttingen, Zurich, and Berlin. He trained in gynecology and obstetrics at the University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein, Campus Lübeck, where he later became senior consultant and deputy director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In **2003, he was appointed Director of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Klinikum Bremen-Nord, and in 2007** he moved to Klinikum Mittelbaden to establish and **lead a center for minimally invasive gynecology, endometriosis, and reproductive medicine.** Since **2020**, he has been with the **IVF Life Group and ivf Baden- Baden.** Professor Küpker is regarded as a pioneer of assisted reproduction and ICSI in Germany and is one of the country's leading endometriosis specialists. He holds specializations in endocrinology and reproductive medicine, obstetrics and perinatology, and operative gynecology and oncology, and has authored more than **300 publications and book chapters.**





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DR. MED. (UNIV. IN BELGRAD)
JASMIN MASOVIC

Assistenzarzt für Neurology,
MVZ Erbach in Odenwald

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Jasmin Mašović, MD, Dr. Mašović was born on August, 1990, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and completed his primary and secondary education in Novi Pazar, Serbia. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, in 2017 with an excellent academic record (GPA 9.6/10) and completed clinical training in emergency medicine, cardiology, surgery, and primary care before moving to Germany.

After recognition of his diploma and obtaining his German medical license (Approbation) in 2021, he **began specialist training in neurology**. He has worked in **neurological early rehabilitation, intensive care medicine, outpatient neurology, and acute neurology**. He is currently continuing his neurology training at Asklepios Schlossberg Klinik. His professional interests include cerebrovascular diseases, epilepsy, movement disorders, headache medicine, neurodegenerative and peripheral nerve diseases, neurorehabilitation, and intensive care neurology.





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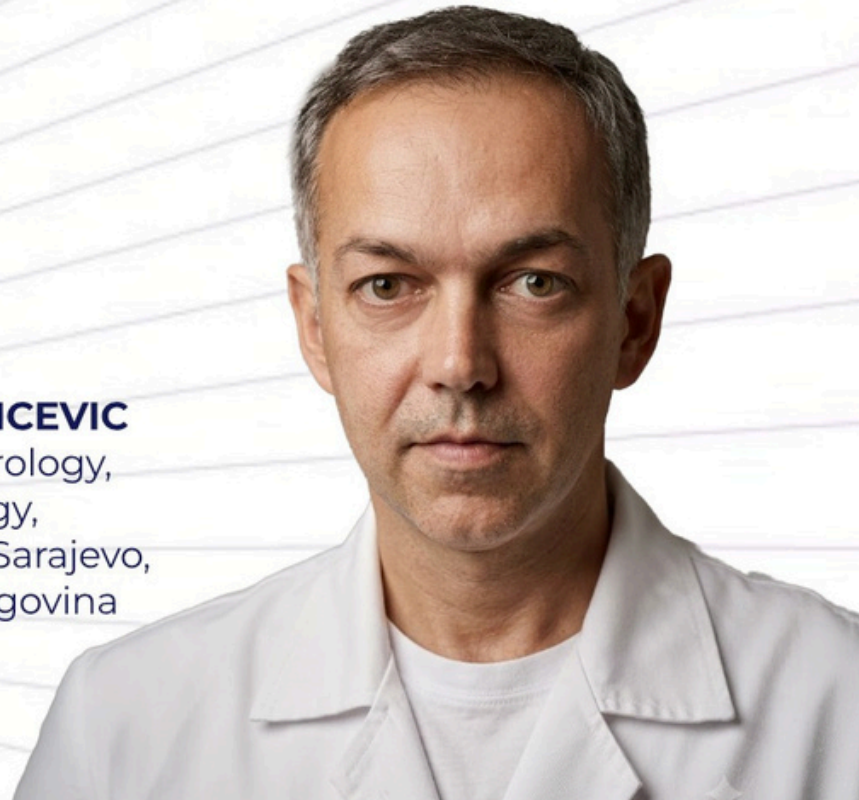
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DR. ADMIR MEHICEVIC

Specialist for Neurology,
Clinic for Neurology,
Clinical Center in Sarajevo,
Bosnia and Herzegovina





Admir Mehičević, MD, PhD, was born in 1978 in Sarajevo. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Sarajevo. His **Master's thesis, on the topic "Frequency of osteoporosis measured by densitometry in patients on antiepileptic therapy," was defended on December 12, 2017.** His doctoral thesis, "Values of serum neurofilament as a biomarker of disease activity and treatment success in patients with multiple sclerosis," was defended at the Faculty of Medicine in 2024.

Since **January 2011, he has been employed at the Clinical Center of the University of Sarajevo, where he is Head of the Department of Neurophysiology.** He works as a principal investigator, sub-investigator, and coordinator on several international clinical research projects in three phases, focusing on multiple sclerosis and epilepsy.





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Head of Department for Cardiology,
ASA Hospital Sarajevo,
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Nedim Memišević, MD is a cardiologist and interventional cardiologist with extensive international experience. He studied Medicine at the University Vienna (Austria) and began his medical career at the University Clinical Center Sarajevo (KCUS) before relocating to Germany, where he spent 15 years working in leading tertiary institutions, including the University Hospital Jena. He has been **actively involved in numerous clinical studies, including major international randomized controlled trials, serving both as co-investigator and principal investigator.**

Upon returning to Bosnia and Herzegovina, he was appointed **Head of Cardiology at ASA Hospital Sarajevo**, where he has been instrumental in implementing advanced interventional and diagnostic cardiology procedures and enhancing the quality of cardiovascular care. He is **actively engaged in teaching and curriculum development at the SSST University Medical School**, where he is also a PhD candidate in Medicine. His professional interests include contemporary interventional techniques, clinical research, and the advancement of regional cardiovascular practice.



BIHAĆ

An aerial photograph of the town of Bihać, showing a dense urban area with numerous buildings and houses. A large green park area is visible in the center, surrounded by trees. A river flows through the town, with a small waterfall or rapids visible in the lower right. The overall scene is a mix of urban development and natural landscape.

Ahmet Hromadžić - "I discovered beauty. I discovered nature, and I came to love the forest and life within it."



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RIJAD MERDZANIC

Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter
"Next Generation Sequencing"
Diagnostik, Amedes MVZ
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Rijad Merdžanić, MD, graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sarajevo, in 2016. He gained early international experience at the World Health Organization, completing a threemonth internship at WHO headquarters in Geneva and later working for one year as an external consultant in the Department of Vaccine Safety and Vigilance.

Since 2017, he has built his scientific career in Germany in the field of rare genetic disorders, accumulating over five years of experience in genetic diagnostics and data analysis. In parallel, he has developed expertise in medical informatics, with a focus on standards, interoperability, and medical nomenclature.

He currently works as a Scientific Associate for Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) diagnostics, where his primary focus is on big data analysis and the integration of complex genomic information into clinical decisionmaking.





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EDIN OMERBASIC, MD, FECTS, MSC
Consultant Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon,
Children's Hospital Skane
University Hospital, Lund - Sweden





Edin Omerbasic, MD, Appointed in 2014 as the first Chief of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Department at the Institute for Heart Disease in Sarajevo, the **only national center performing congenital heart surgery at that time.** Under this leadership, advanced pediatric cardiac procedures were established, including neonatal and re-operative surgeries. Continued involvement as a visiting surgeon remains ongoing. Since **2017, practicing in Sweden within a high-volume cardiac surgery program, covering neonatal surgery, complex congenital reconstructions, and heart transplantation,** with **participation in up to 200 cases annually.** Strong interest in organizing and performing pediatric cardiac surgery in underserved regions and supporting the development of local cardiac surgery programs.





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PROF. DR. ELMIR OMEROVIC,
MD, PHD, FESC, FHFA

Chair Professor of Cardiology,
Sahlgrenska University Hospital,
Gothenburg, Sweden





Prof. Dr. Elmir Omerovic is a senior consultant cardiologist and Professor of Cardiology at Göteborgs University. Since **2007** he has been head of the **Heart Group** at The Wallenberg Laboratory for Cardiovascular research at Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg, Sweden. Professor Omerovic is a **board-certified cardiologist** with training at the Sahlgrenska University Hospital. He has a broad clinical and scientific interest in cardiovascular medicine, from prevention (hypertension, lipid disorders, diabetes) to coronary artery disease (angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, acute post-infarction heart failure) to chronic heart failure. His **particular research interest is takto subo syndrome and observational studies based on national registries of cardiovascular diseases in Sweden (SWEDEHEART/SCAAR).** He is a trained interventional cardiologist who performs diagnostic coronary angiographies and percutaneous coronary procedures.





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Amra Osmanovic is a senior consultant in dermatology and venereology at the Department of Dermatology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden, and a professor at the University of Gothenburg. She defended her PhD thesis on "Vitamin D status in psoriasis patients treated with UVB therapy" at the Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, in February 2009. She is involved in several ongoing research projects focusing on vitamin D, psoriasis, phototherapy, and skin cancer. Her teaching assignments comprise lectures and tutorials for medical students, PhD students, physicians, and fellows in dermatology and venereology. Amra **was the President of the Swedish Society for Dermatology and Venereology and a Board Member of the Nordic Dermatology Association.** She is also a **Board Member of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology and a Board Member of the Swedish Medical Society.**





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**DR. (UNIV. BANJA LUKA)
DINKO OSMANCEVIC**
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Dinko Osmančević, MD, studied Medicine at the University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He subsequently gained clinical experience at the Institute for the Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions, Detention and Other Measures of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as at the Fojnica Health Center.

He **began his specialist training in Anesthesiology, Intensive Care, Emergency Medicine, and Pain Therapy at Landshut Hospital in Germany. Since 2024,** he has also been **working as a prehospital emergency physician,** gaining extensive experience in acute and emergency care.

He is **currently in the final year of his specialist training** in Anesthesiology and Operative Intensive Care Medicine at Augsburg University Hospital, where he continues to develop his expertise in perioperative medicine, critical care, and emergency medicine.



SARAJEVO





Emerik Blum was a Yugoslav businessman, philanthropist and politician who served as the 26th **mayor of Sarajevo** from 1981 to 1983. However, he is best known for being the founder and first director of one of **Southeast Europe's** largest conglomerates, **Energoinvest**.

*"There are no underdeveloped countries. **There are only countries that are poorly governed.**"*



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EMIR PINJO, MD, MSC (SARAJEVO)

Specialist in General Surgery,
Subspecialist in Abdominal
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Hospital, Oslo, Norway





Emir Pinjo, MD, Mr med sci, is a specialist in general surgery and subspecialist in abdominal surgery. He graduated from the Medical Faculty of the University of Sarajevo in 1984 and completed his master's degree there in 1992. In the same year, he became a specialist in general surgery, **working in the Department of Abdominal Surgery at the Clinical University Center Sarajevo, and was appointed assistant to the professor at the Department of Surgery.** Since 1995, Dr. Pinjo has been living and working in Norway, where his specialization in general surgery was fully recognized and he went on to complete subspecialty training in abdominal surgery. During this period, he has held consultant surgeon positions at Kristiansand Central Hospital, the National Hospital in Oslo, and the Diaconal Hospital in Oslo, where he has also led surgical departments. He currently practices as a consultant surgeon with a focus on complex abdominal procedures.





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Universitätsklinikum,
Marburg





Mirza Pojskić, MD, FEBNS, is a neurosurgeon, senior consultant, and assistant professor at the Department of Neurosurgery at the University Hospital Marburg, Germany. Born in Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, he studied Medicine in Sarajevo and Heidelberg and **completed his neurosurgical residency in Marburg in 2018. He holds a doctorate from Philipps University Marburg and is a Fellow of the European Board of Neurological Surgery.**

Dr. Pojskić has **completed prestigious international fellowships in neurosurgery, including programs in Memphis, USA, and Birmingham, UK.** His clinical and academic expertise focuses on complex spine and skull base surgery, neuro-oncology, neurotraumatology, and neurosurgical intensive care. He has **a particular interest in robotics, neuronavigation, and microscope-based augmented reality in modern neurosurgery.**

He has authored and co-authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters and has served on international neurosurgical committees, including the **WFNS Spine Committee.**





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ERNA PRASKO

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Erna Prasko, MD, was born in 1992 in Sarajevo and grew up in Zenica, where she completed her primary and secondary education. She graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sarajevo. She is **currently a resident in internal medicine at the University Hospital Erlangen, working in the Department of Hemato-Oncology.** She began her specialist training at Donau-Isar Klinikum in Dingolfing and subsequently continued her residency at Malteser Waldkrankenhaus in Erlangen before moving to her current position. Through her work in hemato-oncology, she **is gaining experience in the diagnosis and treatment of malignant hematologic and oncologic diseases, with a focus on evidence-based, patient-centered care and interdisciplinary collaboration.**





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DR. MED. (UNIV. TUZLA)
MAIDA RAGIBOVIC

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Maida Ragibović, MD, is a specialist in internal medicine and a senior consultant at University Hospital Frankfurt, working at the Obesity Center on the Schiffer Campus. She has many years of clinical experience in internal medicine, cardiology, intensive care, and bariatric and metabolic surgery gained at renowned hospitals across Germany. Her **work focuses on the comprehensive care of patients with obesity and related metabolic diseases, combining medical, nutritional, and interventional approaches.**

Dr. Ragibović holds additional qualifications in adipology and nutritional medicine, with a particular interest in modern, evidence-based treatment strategies such as interdisciplinary obesity programs, pre- and postoperative management in bariatric surgery, and long-term metabolic risk reduction.

She is committed to personalized, empathetic care and close collaboration within multidisciplinary teams to improve long-term health outcomes and quality of life for patients with complex obesity and metabolic disorders.





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Universitätsklinikum Düsseldorf

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Bedri Ramadani, MD, was born on June 5, 1970, in Vaksince, Kumanovo, North Macedonia. He studied medicine at the Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka, Croatia, graduating in 1995, and then moved to Germany, where he **completed his practical year and state exam at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf in 1997.**

He began his medical career in surgery and traumatology at St. Johannes-Hospital Duisburg, **before joining the Cardiac Surgery Clinic at the Heart Center Duisburg in 1999. He qualified as a cardiac surgeon in 2003, became Senior Physician (Oberarzt) in 2005 and Chief Senior Physician (Leitender Oberarzt) in 2010, later serving as acting head of the department.**

In **2018**, Dr. Ramadani moved **to the Clinic for Cardiac Surgery at University Hospital Düsseldorf**, where he is responsible for complex combined procedures and has led the **heart transplant program since 2019.** In **2023, he was appointed Deputy Director of the clinic.** Dr. Ramadani has performed **over 6600 heart operations**, covering the complete spectrum of adult cardiac surgery except for congenital diseases. He has been a member of the Commission for Specialization in Cardiac Surgery at the Chamber of Doctors in Düsseldorf since 2012.





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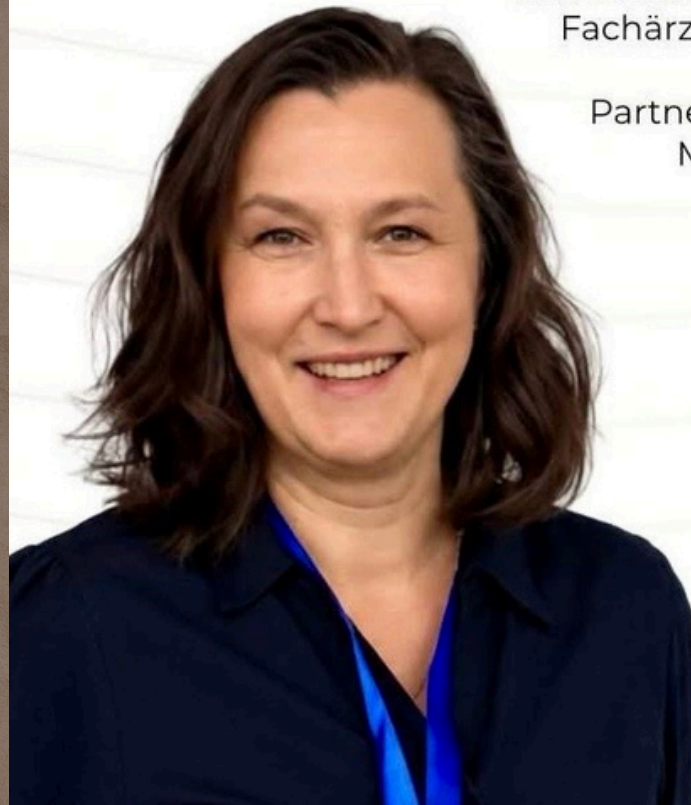
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DR. MED. NISADA REHIC-SKOKIC

Fachärztin für Augenheilkunde,
ÜBAG Dr. Storms und
Partner Essen Überraehr sowie
MVZ Essen Frohnhausen



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Dr. med. Nisada Rehić-Skokić is a specialist in ophthalmology with extensive clinical, scientific, and organizational experience. She studied medicine at the University of Cologne and earned her doctorate from the University of Witten/Herdecke in **2013 with a thesis on innovative therapies for age-related macular degeneration (AMD).** She completed her **specialist training at the Eye Clinic Mülheim an der Ruhr and subsequently held a leading position at Augencentrum Mülheim-Saarn and a consulting position at Marienhospital Mülheim.** Today, she practices conservative and surgical ophthalmology at the multi-site group practice Dr. Storms & Partner in Essen.

As a **founding member and Vice President of BHÄG**, she has played an active role in shaping the organization. She is also a **member of the BVA and RWA** and regularly speaks at ophthalmology congresses.





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FACS, Section Head of Pediatric
Liver Transplantation,
Department of Visceral Transplant
and Vascular Surgery,
University Hospital Essen




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Prof. Dr. med. Maren Schulze is a German surgeon specializing in pediatric and adult liver transplantation, hepatobiliary surgery, and organ transplantation.

She currently serves as Section Head of Pediatric Liver Transplantation at the University Hospital Essen and has held senior surgical positions in Germany, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and South Africa.

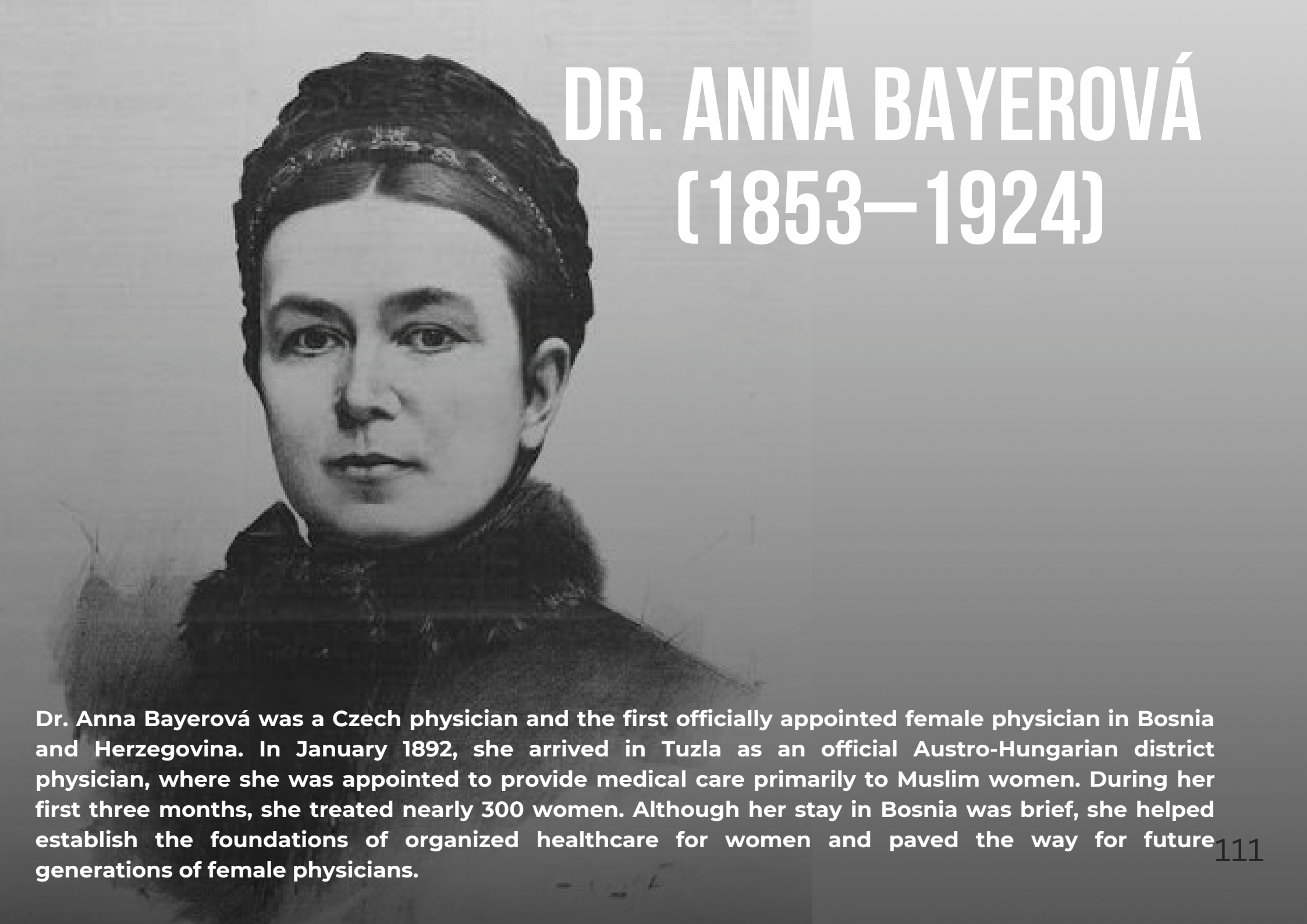
With over 25 years of clinical, research, and academic experience, she is a Professor of Surgery, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS), and an internationally recognized expert in liver transplantation and hepatobiliary surgery, with numerous scientific publications and awards in transplantation research.



DR. ŠEVALA ZILDŽIĆ-IBLIZOVIĆ (1903–1978)



Dr. Ševala Zildžić-Iblizović was the first Bosniak Muslim woman to earn a medical degree in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Born in Sarajevo in 1903, she overcame significant social barriers to pursue her education and graduated from the University of Zagreb Medical School in 1931. She returned to Sarajevo and dedicated her career to the health of women and children, later specializing in gynecology and pediatrics. She remains an enduring symbol of women's education, emancipation and medical service in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A black and white portrait of Dr. Anna Bayerová, a woman with dark hair styled in a bun, wearing a dark, high-collared garment. The portrait is positioned on the left side of the slide, with the title text to its right.

DR. ANNA BAYEROVÁ (1853–1924)

Dr. Anna Bayerová was a Czech physician and the first officially appointed female physician in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In January 1892, she arrived in Tuzla as an official Austro-Hungarian district physician, where she was appointed to provide medical care primarily to Muslim women. During her first three months, she treated nearly 300 women. Although her stay in Bosnia was brief, she helped establish the foundations of organized healthcare for women and paved the way for future generations of female physicians.

A portrait of Dr. Staka Čubrilović Bokonjić, a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a dark top with a light-colored lace collar. She is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression.

DR. STAKA ČUBRILOVIĆ BOKONJIĆ (1885–1954)

Dr. Staka Čubrilović Bokonjić was one of the first women physicians from Bosnia and Herzegovina and is widely recognized as the first Bosnian woman to earn a medical degree. Born in Bosanska Gradiška in 1885, she graduated from the Charles University in Prague in 1911. After returning to Bosnia, she worked in Sarajevo and specialized in dermatovenereology. Her career and dedication to medicine made her an important pioneer for women in the medical profession in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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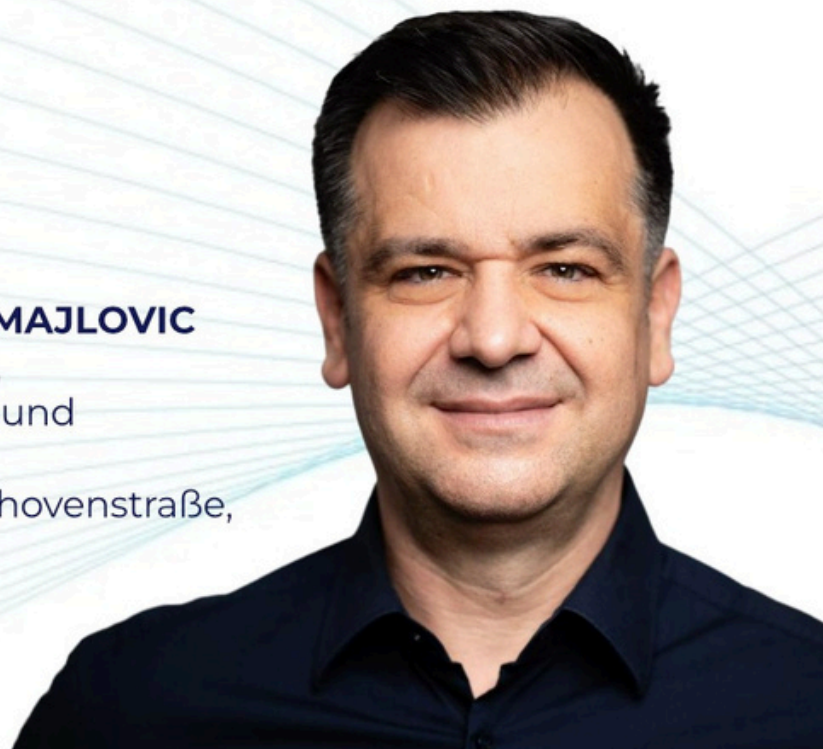
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DR. MED. DAMIR SMAJLOVIC

Präsident BHÄG e.V.,
Facharzt für Innere- und
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Hausarztpraxis Beethovenstraße,
Oer-Erkenschwick





Damir Smajlović, MD, was born in 1977 in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and grew up in Lukavac. After completing medical secondary school in Tuzla, he came to Germany at the age of 18 due to the Bosnian war. From 1996 to 2004, he worked as a nurse at the Heart Center Duisburg while preparing for medical school. He studied human medicine at RWTH Aachen (1999–2005) and passed the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 exams, obtaining ECFMG certification.

He completed his **residency in internal and general medicine at Elisabeth Hospital Recklinghausen and in local general practices, becoming a boardcertified specialist in 2012. In 2014,** he earned a doctorate in neurology from Ruhr University Bochum on eventrelated EEG changes after visual stimulation.

Since **2010, Dr. Smajlović has been a clinical investigator in national and international studies, with a focus on migraine and pain. Since 2016, he has owned a primary care practice in Oer-Erkenschwick.**





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ABIDA SOSEVIC-HALILOVIC

Gynäkologin in der Praxis für
Gynäkologie und Geburtshilfe -
Abida Sosevic-Halilovic,
Leverkusen





Abida Sosevic Halilovic was born in Foča, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and came to Germany during the war, where she continued her education and completed **secondary school**. She studied **Human Medicine at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf** and **subsequently completed her specialist training in Gynecology** and Obstetrics at various medical institutions.

Today, she is a **specialist in Gynecology and Obstetrics** with additional qualifications in Palliative Medicine and Psychotherapy, focusing on her medical field. Since 2019, she has worked as a self-employed specialist physician in her own practice in Leverkusen.

She maintains a strong connection to Bosnia and Herzegovina and **supports projects and initiatives aimed at helping people and contributing to the country's positive development**. Her journey has shaped her commitment to education, perseverance, responsibility, and social engagement.





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DR. MED. SAMIR TOKMIC

Leitende Oberarzt,
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Christliches Krankenhaus
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Samir Tokmić, MD is a physician specialized in internal medicine with a subspecialization in cardiology. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at **Goethe University Frankfurt am Main**, where he completed his medical training and laid the foundation for his career in cardiovascular medicine. In addition to his work as a cardiologist, he is also a **certified specialist in emergency medicine, regularly involved in the acute management of life-threatening cardiac and internal medical conditions**. Dr. Tokmić holds **several advanced qualifications from the German Cardiac Society (DGK)**, including interventional cardiology, the management of heart failure, and specialized rhythmology with a focus on active cardiac implants such as pacemakers and defibrillators. His **clinical interests span the full spectrum of modern cardiology, from invasive diagnostics and coronary interventions to long-term care of patients with complex rhythm disorders and advanced heart failure**. He is dedicated to evidence-based, patient-centered care and continuous professional development.





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DR. MED. (UNIV. SARAJEVO) ADEMIR TURSIĆ

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Gastroenterologie,
Klinik für Innere Medizin und
Gastroenterologie,
Evangelische Krankenhaus Bethel,
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Ademir Tursic, MD, is a senior consultant (**Oberarzt**) in the Department of **Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology** at Evangelisches Klinikum Bethel, part of the University Hospital OWL of Bielefeld University. Previously, he worked for many years as senior and later lead senior consultant at Sankt Elisabeth Hospital Gütersloh, an academic teaching hospital of the University Hospital Münster.

His main clinical and scientific interests are in **gastroenterological oncology, with a particular focus on the diagnosis and treatment of colorectal cancer, as well as functional esophageal diagnostics**. As a member of a highly specialized team with **extensive experience in interventional endoscopy**, Dr. Tursic concentrates on advanced endoscopic diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and complex gastroenterological interventions, aiming to provide state-of-the-art, **minimally invasive care for patients with benign and malignant diseases** of the gastrointestinal tract.



FOČA

Hadžem Hajdarević - "For as long as we live, there is always hope that good can overcome the evil that threatens us all. We only need a little more faith, even when the darkest night falls."





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DR. EMINA VUKAS-SALIHBEGOVIC

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Clinical Center in Sarajevo,
Bosnia and Herzegovina





Emina Vukas Salihbegović, MD, M.Sc. is a **child neurologist** at the Pediatric Clinic of the Clinical Centre University of Sarajevo, with a **clinical focus on neuromuscular and neuroinflammatory diseases, epilepsy, and rare genetic and metabolic disorders**. In her daily practice, she provides comprehensive diagnostic assessment, long-term follow-up, and individualized treatment plans for children with complex neurological conditions. She is **actively involved in national and international initiatives** aimed at improving standards of care, particularly through early diagnosis, multidisciplinary management, and access to modern therapies.

Dr. Vukas Salihbegović also **contributes to medical education by teaching medical students and pediatric residents**, and by organizing workshops and professional meetings for healthcare providers. In addition to her clinical and educational work, she advocates for better access to specialized services and increased awareness of childhood neurological disorders among policymakers, schools, and patient organizations, with the goal of improving quality of life and social inclusion for affected children and their families in Bosnia and Herzegovina.





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DR. MIRJANA VOJVODIC-MAYER

Fachärztin für Innere Medizin und Kardiologie,
Kardiologische Gemeinschaftspraxis
Kampstraße, Dortmund





Dr. Mirjana Vojvodić-Mayer is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Cardiology with extensive experience in cardiovascular medicine. She completed her medical studies at Ruhr University Bochum, where she also earned her doctoral degree. Since 2019, she has worked as a specialist in cardiology, developing broad expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases.

She currently practices at the Kampstraße Cardiology Group Practice in Dortmund, where she provides comprehensive care for patients with a wide range of cardiovascular conditions. Her clinical work focuses particularly on accurate cardiovascular diagnostics, individualized treatment, and long-term patient care.

With her combination of academic training and extensive clinical experience, Dr. Vojvodić-Mayer brings valuable expertise to the field of cardiology and contributes to high-quality, patient-centered cardiovascular care.





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DR. MED. SYLVIA WEINER

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Sylvia Weiner, MD, is a board-certified specialist in general and visceral surgery and one of the leading experts in bariatric and metabolic surgery in Germany. She currently heads the Obesity Center at University Hospital Frankfurt, where she is also chief of the section for bariatric and metabolic surgery.

She **began her career at Krankenhaus Sachsenhausen in Frankfurt**, one of the pioneering centers for obesity surgery in Germany, where she specialized in minimally invasive surgery and the conservative management of obesity.

Over the course of her career, she has **held senior positions at several renowned German hospitals and has been actively involved in numerous scientific and professional projects in the field of metabolic surgery.** She is the **daughter of Prof. Dr. Rudolf Weiner, one of the pioneers of bariatric surgery** in Germany.





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DR. MED. (UNIV. TUZLA)
EDIN ZAHIROVIC

Facharzt Pathologie,
Institut für Pathologie
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Edin Zahirovic, MD is a board-certified specialist in pathology who completed both his medical studies and specialist training in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He is currently working as a senior physician (consultant) in pathology at an institute of pathology in Dortmund, Germany. His professional focus lies primarily in modern oncologic pathology, with a **particular interest in emerging targeted therapies for cancer treatment and their implications for routine diagnostics**. He is actively engaged in the development, validation, and application of predictive and prognostic biomarkers aimed at **improving diagnostic precision and guiding individualized therapy decisions**. In his daily practice, Dr. Zahirovic collaborates closely with oncology, surgery, and radiology teams within multidisciplinary tumor boards, ensuring that pathological findings are effectively integrated into patient management. He is committed to continuous professional development, the implementation of current guidelines, and the translation of advances in molecular pathology into improved outcomes for patients with malignant diseases.





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Chefarzt der Klinik für Urologie,
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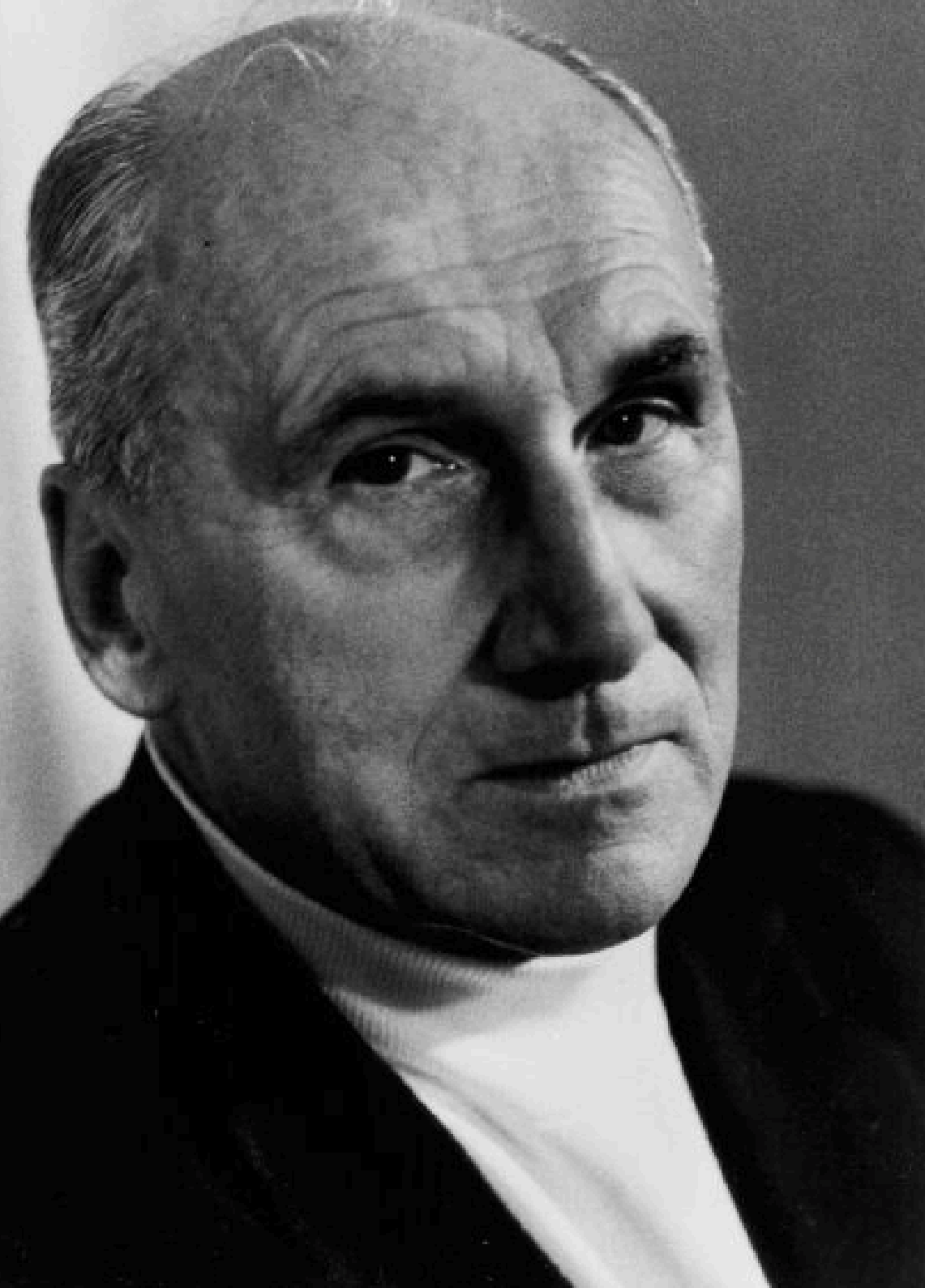
Professor Dr. med. Vahudin Žugor is a board-certified urologist, DEGUM seminar leader and MHBA, heading the Clinic for Urology, Pediatric Urology and Robotic Minimally Invasive Urology in Bamberg. With extensive clinical and academic experience, he specializes in modern urological surgery, minimally invasive techniques and robotic-assisted procedures.

Throughout his career, Professor Žugor has performed more than **15,000 urological surgeries**, including over **6,000 Da Vinci robotic procedures**. His scientific work includes around **800 contributions**, more than **200 invited lectures**, **91 PubMed-indexed publications** and over **1,200 citations**.

Professor Žugor has completed **three habilitations** at the universities of Erlangen, Aachen and Cologne and holds a **professorship at the University of Cologne**. He has worked at eight hospitals, including the university hospitals in Erlangen and Cologne, and has served as **Chief Physician in Bamberg** for more than seven years.

His professional achievements have been recognized with **28 scientific awards**. Beyond his clinical and academic work, Professor Žugor has also made **more than 350 media appearances**, contributing to public medical education and the communication of urological knowledge.





Vladimir Prelog was a Yugoslav-Swiss chemist and one of the most influential chemists of the 20th century. In 1975, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, jointly with John W. Cornforth, for his research into the stereochemistry of organic molecules. Prelog is also remembered for the **Cahn–Ingold–Prelog (CIP) convention**, a system used to describe the three-dimensional arrangement and chirality of molecules. He developed the convention together with Robert Sidney Cahn and Christopher Kelk Ingold, who proposed it in 1966. His work made a lasting contribution to modern organic chemistry and our understanding of molecular structure.

EDITORS NOTE

Dear reader/s,

I hope this short book spiked your interest and allowed you to dive into the diverse world of the medical field.

Editing this book has allowed me to create and realize my ideas, while also being able to learn and read all about a big amount of doctors from all over Europe, who are all specialized in mostly different parts of medical researches and science. Seeing these doctors connect to construct a meaningful organization to help and encourage doctors, regardless of their origin, has truly inspired me.

Sincerely,



Nađa Gradašćević

For
you