

CURRICULUM VITAE

OTIASHVILI DAVID MD, PhD

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EDUCATION & DEGREES

- **PhD Diploma**, Specialization – Psychology and Psychopathology; Psychiatric Clinic of the First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague and General University Hospital in Prague, Czech Republic, 2007-2013
- **Certificate of Graduate Study**, Specialization – Substance Abuse Program Planning and Evaluation; Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, USA, 2003-2004
- **Certificate of Intern Practice**, Qualification- Psychiatrist, Republican Psychiatric Hospital, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1992-1993
- **MD Diploma**, Qualification- Physician, Tbilisi State Medical Institute, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1984-1992

WORK POSITIONS

- **Associate Professor of Healthcare**, School of Natural Sciences and Medicine, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2020-present
- **Director**, Addiction Research Center, Alternative Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2004-present
- **Senior Researcher**, Georgian Research Institute on Addiction, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2004-2006
- **Doctor-Narcologist**, Georgian Research Institute on Addiction, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1993-2003

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Co-investigator**, Prison Interventions and HIV Prevention Collaboration in Ukraine (PRIDE), Sponsor – NIH, 2023-2028
- **Co-investigator**, Georgian Implementation Science Fogarty Training (GIFT) Program, Sponsor – NIH, 2023-2028
- **Principal Investigator** for the study Exploring the experience of drug use and service utilization among Ukrainian and Russian migrant PWUD in Georgia, Sponsor – EMCDDA, 2023
- **Project Leader**, *Alternatives to punishment for drug offenders in Georgia*, Sponsor – OSGF, 2022-2024
- **Project Leader**, *Georgia Medical Cannabis project*, Sponsor – OSGF, 2021-2023
- **Project Leader**, *General Population Survey on Drugs*, Sponsor – EMCDDA, 2022-2023
- **Principal Investigator** for the study *Impact of the COVID-19 on drug market and behavior of people who use drugs*, Sponsor – EMCDDA, 2020-2021
- **Project Leader**, *Supporting drug policy reform through building thematic research and education infrastructure in Georgia*, Sponsor – OSGF, 2020-2023
- **Project Leader**, *Community Policing and Harm Reduction*, Sponsor – OSGF, 2018-2021
- **Principal Investigator** for the study (implementation + effectiveness) *Georgia Syringe Vending Machines Trial*, Sponsor – 5% initiative and Expertise France, 2018-2021
- **Project Leader**, *Developing Sustainable Research and Dissemination Capacity in the Field of Addictology in Georgia*, Sponsor – USAID/CDA, Czech collaborator – Charles University in Prague, 2014-2016

- **Project Leader**, *Introducing Addictology in Education System in Georgia*, Sponsor – USAID/CDA, Czech collaborator – Charles University in Prague, 2012-2013
- **Co-Investigator** for the study *HIV and Drug Use in Georgian Women*, Sponsor – NIH/NIDA (R01), US collaborator – University of North Carolina, RTI International, 2010-2014
- **Georgian Principal Investigator** for the study *Suboxone and Methadone for HIV Risk Reduction in Subutex Injectors*, Sponsor – NIH/NIDA (R21), US collaborator – University of Pennsylvania, 2009-2012
- **Georgian Principal Investigator** for the study *New trends in HIV-related risky patterns of injecting drug use and drug distribution in 4 Eurasian countries with substantial presence of ATS – pilot study*, Sponsor – CRDF/NIDA, Collaborators – Johns Hopkins University, University of Colorado Denver, University of Alabama, Charles University in Prague, 2009-2010
- **Researcher and project leader** *UNGASS on drugs: impact on situation in four countries (Russia, Georgia, Ukraine and Lithuania)*, Sponsor – IHRD, 2008-2009
- **Member** of the International Advisory Group and methodology designer for the project on advocacy of young drug injectors in Central and Eastern Europe, Sponsor – European Commission, 2008-2009
- **Regional coordinator** of the ‘Beyond 2008’ process to engage NGOs in the global drug policy issues, Sponsor – Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs, 2007-2008
- **Director** of the project *HIV/AIDS prevention program in two regions of Georgia*, Sponsor - Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, 2007-2008
- **Director** of the project *Protecting human rights of HIV/AIDS infected and those at highest risk of infection*, Sponsor – European Commission, 2007-2009
- **Expert** for the project *Assessment of Drug Situation and Development of Measures to Reduce Health and Social Harms Associated with Injection Drug Use in Abkhazia*, Sponsor – OSI NY, 2006 – 2008
- **Director** of the project *Harm Reduction and New Drug Policy*, Sponsor – Open Society Georgia Foundation, 2006-2008
- **Georgian Principal Investigator** for the study *Tbilisi Urban Health Study (Assessment of HIV Risk Factors among IDUs and MSM in the Republic of Georgia)*, Sponsor – CFAR, University of North Carolina. US collaborator – RTI International, 2006- 2007
- **Georgian Principal Investigator** for the study *Engaging non-treatment seeking drug abusing Georgian men*, Sponsor – NIH/NIDA. Us collaborator - Johns Hopkins University. 2005-2009
- **Director** of the project ‘Implementation of Pilot Harm Reduction Project’ (EU/UNDP), 2005-2006
- **Director** of the project *Drug Policy Reform in Georgia* (OSI/IHRD), 2004- 2005

CONSULTANCY POSITIONS

- **International Consultant** (team member) for the evaluation of the National HIV Strategy in Moldova; contractor – WHO, 2023
- **International Consultant** (team member) for the evaluation of the National HIV Strategy in Ukraine; contractor – WHO, 2022
- **International Consultant** to provide technical assistance to GFATM projects (CCM evolution) in Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus, Turkmenistan, Serbia; contractor – Palladium, USA, 2021-present
- **International Consultant** to evaluate the effectiveness of services for substance use disorders in Belarus; contractor – UNDP, 2020-2021
- **National Consultant** to develop National Guidelines and Standards for Residential Treatment and Rehabilitation for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders; contactor – Center for Information and counseling TANADGOMA, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2020
- **Team Leader** to develop Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction Curricula and Syllabi for National Police Academy in Georgia; contractor – OSI, 2019-2020

- **International Consultant** for external evaluation of the EU Joint Action on HIV and Co-infection, Prevention and Harm Reduction (HA-REACT); contractor - UKE – University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, ZIS, Germany, 2018
- **International Consultant** for International HIV/AIDS Alliance to provide technical assistance for GFATM projects to Belarus CCM, 2018
- **Trainer and Curricula Developer** for trainings for Judges on substance use, human rights, substance use-related offending; Series of 6 trainings covered more than 60 Judges and were implemented under the High School of Justice professional development agenda; contractor – OSI, 2017-2018
- **International Consultant** to deliver trainings on opiate substitution treatment (OST) in Moldova, 2017; contractor - Center for Health Policies and Studies (PAS), Chisinau, Moldova
- **Consultant** for Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN) to develop policy briefs on benefits of treatment instead of incarceration and collaboration between law enforcement and CSOs, 2017
- **International Consultant** to evaluate GFATM funded opiate substitution treatment (OST) programs in Moldova, 2016; contractor - Center for Health Policies and Studies (PAS), Chisinau, Moldova
- **Consultant** to develop regional report on sustainability of harm reduction programs and transition to national funding, 2016; contractor - Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN)
- **International Consultant** to evaluate outcomes of the pilot projects on integration and mainstreaming of HIV interventions into the drug dependence treatment services in Kyiv, Kharkiv and Poltava (Ukraine), 2015; contractor – UNODC
- **National Consultant** for the study Prison Drug Treatment Systems Overview, 2014; contractor - Council of Europe Pompidou Group
- **Team Leader** for GMS technical assistance for GFATM projects to Kazakhstan CCM, 2014
- **Consultant** for the research project Pilot Test of an Intervention to Change Syringes Used by Injecting Drug Users, Tajikistan, 2013-2016; contractor – Research Triangle Institute International
- **Team Leader** for GMS technical assistance for GFATM projects to Kyrgyzstan CCM, 2013-2014
- **Team Leader** for GMS technical assistance for GFATM projects to Bosnia and Herzegovina CCM, 2013
- **Consultant** for ICAP (Columbia University) Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) assessment in Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, 2012
- **Team Member** for GMS technical assistance for GFATM projects to Nepal CCM, 2011-2012
- **Team Leader** for GMS technical assistance for GFATM projects to Azerbaijan CCM, 2011
- **National Consultant** for UNAIDS regional project on Cost Effectiveness of NSP in Eurasian Region, 2011
- **Trainer** for Drug Policy Training for Polish Drug Policy Network, funded by International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) and Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN), 2010
- **Senior Consultant** for USAID Health Policy Initiative Task Order 1 (HPI) medication-assisted therapy (MAT) policy project in 8 countries in Eurasian region, 2009-2010
- **Mastertrainer** for the UNODC TREATNET Phase II, Volume: Addiction Medications and Special Populations, 2009-present. Accomplished trainings:
 - Central Asia training (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan), August-September 2010, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- **Trainer** for Harm Reduction Advocacy meetings with policy makers in Central Asia, Central Asian AIDS Control Project, 2008

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Expert Panel for the update of joint ECDC and EMCDDA Guidance “Prevention and control of infectious diseases among people who inject drugs”, 2021

- Member of the Expert Advisory Group for the Georgian National Drug Observatory, 2020-present
- Peer-reviewer for scientific journals: Addiction; AIDS Care; Harm Reduction Journal; International Journal of Drug Policy; Drug and Alcohol Dependence; The Lancet HIV; Journal of Drug Policy Analysis; Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention and Policy; BMC Public Health; BMJ Open; Journal of Psychoactive Drugs; Journal of Substance Use; Journal of Addictive Behaviors; Current Drug Abuse Reviews; Comprehensive Psychiatry; Journal of Behavioral Health; Journal of Viral Hepatitis; World Medical and Health Policy; BMC Medical Research Methodology; Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research; Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy; Dialogues in Health; Health Education Journal; The International Journal of Health Planning and Management; Journal of Dual Diagnosis; PLOS One; PLOS Global Health; Prevention Science; Systematic Reviews.
- Member of the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) 2012-present
- Chair of the Georgian Association of Addictologists, 2013-2023
- Associate Member of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), Member of College's International Committee 2013-2015
- Member of the Eurasian Professional Association of Addiction Medicine, 2012-present
- Member of the International Doctors for Healthier Drug Policies, 2012-present
- Member of the Georgian Inter-Agency Coordinating Council to Combat Drug Abuse, 2012-present
- Member of the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) of Georgia for GFATM projects, 2010-2011
- Member of the Abstract Review Committee International AIDS Conference 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2024
- Official lobbyist in the field of drugs policy in the Parliament of Georgia, 2006-present
- Member of the Abstract Review Committee IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis 2007, 2009, 2011, 2019
- Member of the International Program Advisory Group (IPAG) for the 18th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm 2007, Warsaw, Poland;
- Member of the Abstract Review Committee International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm 2008, 2013
- Chair of the Steering Committee, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN), 2010- 2012
- Member of the Steering Committee, Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN), 2006- 2012
- Chair of the Board, Georgian Harm Reduction Network (GHRN), 2006- 2011
- Member of Georgian Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Affairs Advisory Council on Drug Policy, 2004-2005

AWARDS

- NIDA Travel Awards to attend NIDA International Forums and CPDD Scientific Conferences in the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019
- International Scholarship to attend the Third Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Vienna, Austria, 2009
- WHO-ISAM Travel Fellowship to attend the 8th Conference of International Society of Addiction Medicine, Porto, Portugal, 2006
- International Scholarship to attend the XVI International AIDS Conference, Toronto, Canada, 2006; XVIII International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria, 2010.
- Scholarship to attend the 1st Eastern European and Central Asian AIDS Conference, Moscow, Russia, 2006
- CIDA/AUCC Travel Grant under the Partnership for Tomorrow Program II, Professional Exchange and Skills-building Meeting with Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Canadian Harm Reduction Network, Toronto, Canada, 2006.

- INTAS Conference Individual Grant to attend 48th International ICAA Conference on Dependencies: Science, Politics and the Practitioners, Budapest, Hungary, 2005
- Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship in Drug Abuse Research at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA, 2003-2004. Sponsored by the US Department of State and National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

- Walker, J. G., Kirtadze, I., Tabatadze, M., Vickerman, P., & **Otiashvili, D.** (2023). Costs of syringe vending machines in Tbilisi, Georgia. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 20(1), 103. doi:10.1186/s12954-023-00829-3
- Kirtadze, I., Mgebrishvili, T., Beselia, A., Gvasalia, T., Chokheli, M., Ompad, D. C., & **Otiashvili, D.** (2022). No good time without drugs: Qualitative study among nightlife attendees in Tbilisi, Georgia. *Adiktologie*, 22(3). doi:https://doi.org/10.35198/01-2022-003-0003
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., Mgebrishvili, T., Beselia, A., Tabatadze, M., Vardanashvili, I., & Ober, A. J. (2022). Implementation and evaluation of a syringe vending machine trial in Tbilisi, Georgia. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 103, 103649. doi:https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2022.103649
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Mgebrishvili, T., Beselia, A., Vardanashvili, I., Dumchev, K., Kiriazova, T., & Kirtadze, I. (2022). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on illicit drug supply, drug-related behaviour of people who use drugs and provision of drug related services in Georgia: results of a mixed methods prospective cohort study. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 19(1), 25. doi:10.1186/s12954-022-00601-z
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., Mgebrishvili, T., Beselia, A., Tabatadze, M., Otiashvili, N., Ober, A. J., & Iguchi, M. Y. (2021). Smart Syringe Vending Machines: Research Capabilities and Implications for Research Data Collection. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, 82(6), 752-757. https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.2021.82.752
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Beselia, A., Kutelia, L., Mgebrishvili, T., Tabatadze, M., Vardanashvili, I., Kirtadze, I. (2020). Use of Psychoactive Substances by Nightclub- and Festival-goers in Georgia: Results of a Pilot Online Cross-sectional Survey. *Adiktologie*, 20(1–2), 19–27; doi 10.35198/01-2020-001-0008.
- Mgebrishvili T, Beselia A, Kirtadze I., Vardanashvili I, **Otiashvili D.** The effects of decriminalization of Cannabis in Georgia (country) on user behaviors. *Journal of Substance Use*. 2020: p. 1-6. doi.org/10.1080/14659891.2020.1798523
- Walker, J. G., T. Kuchuloria, D. Sergeenko, H. Fraser, A. G. Lim, S. Shadaker, L. Hagan, A. Gamkrelidze, V. Kvaratskhelia, L. Gvinjilia, M. Aladashvili, A. Asatiani, D. Baliashvili, M. Butsashvili, I. Chikovani, I. Khonelidze, I. Kirtadze, M. H. Kuniholm, **D. Otiashvili**, L. Sharvadze, K. Stvilia, T. Tsertsvadze, M. Zakalashvili, M. Hickman, N. K. Martin, J. Morgan, M. Nasrullah, F. Averhoff, and P. Vickerman. 2020. "Interim effect evaluation of the hepatitis C elimination programme in Georgia: a modelling study." *Lancet Glob Health* 8 (2):e244-e253. doi: 10.1016/S2214-109X(19)30483-8.
- Subeliani, D., **Otiashvili, D.**, Kutelia, L., Beselia, A., Mgebrishvili, T., Vardanashvili, I., & Kirtadze, I.. 2019. Patterns of use of new psychoactive substances and perceived benefits and negative effects: results of online survey in Georgia (country). *Journal of Substance Use*:1-6. doi: 10.1080/14659891.2019.1692927.
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., Vardanashvili, I., Tabatadze, M., & Ober, A. J. (2019). Perceived acceptability of and willingness to use syringe vending machines: results of a cross-sectional survey of out-of-service people who inject drugs in Tbilisi, Georgia. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 16(1), 21. doi:10.1186/s12954-019-0292-8
- Beselia, A., Kirtadze I., & **Otiashvili, D.** (2018). Nightlife and drug use in Tbilisi, Georgia – results of an exploratory qualitative study. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 20, 1-7. doi:10.1080/02791072.2019.1574997

- Zule, W., Latypov, A., **Otiashvili, D.**, Bangel, S., Bobashev, G. V. (2018) Feasibility of needle and syringe programs in Tajikistan distributing low dead space needles, *Harm Reduct Journal*, 15(44). doi.org/10.1186/s12954-018-0249-3
- Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, Tabatadze, M., Vardanashvili, I., Sturua, L., Zabransky, T., & Anthony, J. C. (2018). Republic of Georgia estimates for prevalence of drug use: Randomized response techniques suggest under-estimation. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 187, 300-304.
- Zule, W. A., Pande, P. G., **Otiashvili, D.**, Bobashev, G. V., Friedman, S. R., Gyarmathy, V. A., & Des Jarlais, D. C. (2018). Options for reducing HIV transmission related to the dead space in needles and syringes. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 15(1), 3. doi:10.1186/s12954-017-0207-5
- Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, O'Grady, K. E., Zule, W., Krupitsky, E., Wechsberg, W., & Jones, H. E. (2017). Comprehensive Women-Centered Treatment for Psychoactive Substance Use in the Republic of Georgia: Outcomes of a Randomized Clinical Trial. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*. doi:10.1007/s11469-017-9852-x
- Walker, J. G., L. Hagan, H. Fraser, N. K. Martin, J. Morgan, M. Nasrullah, F. Averhoff, **D. Otiashvili**, I. Chikovani, M. Aladashvili, M. H. Kuniholm, I. Kirtadze, L. Gvinjilia, A. Asatiani, D. Baliashvili, I. Khonelidze, K. Stvilia, M. Butsashvili, T. Tsertsvadze, A. Gamkrelidze, V. Kvaratskhelia, and P. Vickerman. 2017. Projected impact and pathways to success of the hepatitis C virus elimination program in Georgia, 2015-2020. *Journal of Hepatology* 66 (1):S70. doi: 10.1016/S0168-8278(17)30401-4.
- Bergen-Cico, D., **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., Zabransky, T., & Tsertsvadze, V. (2017). Cost Analysis of the Country of Georgia's Street Level Drug Testing Policy. *Journal of Drug Policy Analysis*, 10.
- **Otiashvili, D.**, I. Kirtadze, and D. Bergen-Cico. (2017). Exploring the New Phenomena of Home-Made Extraction and Injection of Ephedra Plant Product in Georgia. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 2017: p. 1-4.
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Latypov, A., Kirtadze, I., Ibragimov, U., & Zule, W. (2016). Drug preparation, injection, and sharing practices in Tajikistan: a qualitative study in Kulob and Khorog. *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*, 11(1), 1-8. doi:10.1186/s13011-016-0065-2
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Tabatadze, M., Balanchivadze, N., & Kirtadze, I. (2016). Policing, massive street drug testing and poly-substance use chaos in Georgia – a policy case study. *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*, 11(1), 1-12.
- Jones, H. E., Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, Murphy, K., O'Grady, K. E., Zule, W., . . . Wechsberg, W. M. (2015). Feasibility and initial efficacy of a culturally sensitive women-centered substance use intervention in Georgia: Sex risk outcomes. *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*, 10(1), 1-15.
- Zule, W., Latypov, A., **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., Ibragimov, U., & Bobashev, G. (2015). Factors that influence the characteristics of needles and syringes used by people who inject drugs in Tajikistan. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 12(1), 37.
- Piralishvili, G., **Otiashvili, D.**, Sikharulidze, Z., Kamkamidze, G., Poole, S., & Woody, G. E. (2015). Opioid Addicted Buprenorphine Injectors: Drug Use During and After 12-Weeks of Buprenorphine-Naloxone or Methadone in the Republic of Georgia. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. 50(0), 32-37.
- Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, O'Grady, K. E., Zule, W. A., Krupitskii, E. M., Wechsberg, W. M., & Jones, H. E., (2015). Women Who Inject Drugs in the Republic of Georgia: In their Own Words. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 47(1), 71-79.
- Latypov, A., **Otiashvili, D.**, & Zule, W. (2014). Drug scene, drug use and drug-related health consequences and responses in Kulob and Khorog, Tajikistan. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 25(6), 1204-1214. doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2014.09.011
- Jones, H. E., Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, Grady, K. E., Murphy, K., Zule, W., Krupitsky, E., Wechsberg, W. M.. (2014). Process and Product in Cross-Cultural Treatment Research: Development of a Culturally Sensitive Women-Centered Substance Use Intervention in Georgia. *Journal of Addiction*, 2014, 12.

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- **Otiashvili, D.**, Piralishvili, G., Sikharulidze, Z., Kamkamidze, G., Poole, S., Woody, E. G., (2013). Methadone and buprenorphine-naloxone are effective in reducing illicit buprenorphine and other opioid use, and reducing HIV risk behavior - Outcomes of a Randomized Trial. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 133(2), 376-382.
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., O'Grady, K. E., Zule, W. A., Krupitskii, E. M., Wechsberg, W. M., Jones H.E., (2013). Access to treatment for substance-using women in the Republic of Georgia: Socio-cultural and structural barriers. *International Journal of Drug Policy*. 24(6), 566-572.
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- Lund, I., Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, O'Grady, K., & Jones, H. (2012). Female partners of opioid-injecting men in the Republic of Georgia: an initial characterization. *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*, 7(1), 46.
- Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, O'Grady, K. E., & Jones, H. E. (2012). Behavioral Treatment + Naltrexone Reduces Drug Use and Legal Problems in the Republic of Georgia. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 38(2), 171-175
- **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., O'Grady, K. E., & Jones, H. E., (2012) Drug use and HIV risk outcomes in opioid-injecting men in the Republic of Georgia: Behavioral treatment + naltrexone compared to usual care. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 120, 14-21
- Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, & Javakhishvili, D. J. (2011). Education Needs in the Sphere of Addictology in Georgia. *Adiktologie*, 11(1), 52-60.
- Javakhishvili, D. J., Sturua, L., **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., & Zabransky, T. (2011). Overview of the Drug Situation in Georgia. *Adiktologie*, 11(1), 42-51.
- Meyer, William , Costenbader, Elizabeth C. , Zule, William A. , **Otiashvili, David** and Kirtadze, Irma (2010) We are ordinary men: MSM identity categories in Tbilisi, Georgia, *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 12: 8, 955 -971
- **Otiashvili D.**, Zabransky T., Kirtadze I., Piralishvili G., Chavchanidze M., Miovsky M., (2010) Why do the clients of Georgian needle exchange programs inject buprenorphine? *European Addiction Research*, 2010;16:1-8
- Costenbader E., **Otiashvili D.**, Meyer W., Zule W., Orr A., Kirtadze I., 2009 Secrecy and Risk among MSM in Tbilisi, Georgia, *AIDS Care*, 2009 May; 21(5):591-7
- **Otiashvili D.**, Gambashidze N., Kapanadze E., Lomidze G., Usharidze D., 2006 Effectiveness of needle/syringe exchange program in Tbilisi. *Georgian Medical News*, 11(140), p. 62-65
- **Otiashvili D.**, Djordjevic A., Morales D., Parsons A. H., Platt E. R., Stempluk V., 2005 Factors Related to the Process of Seeking and Completing Treatment for Drug Abuse (Qualitative Methods in Drug Abuse Research). *Georgian Medical News*, 5 (122), p. 29-32.
- **Otiashvili D.**, 2004 Efficacy of Naltrexone Maintenance Treatment among Opiate Dependence. *Georgian Medical News*, 2 (107), 43-47.
- **Otiashvili D.**, Lezhava G., Zurabashvili Zig., Vadachkoria D, 2003 Clasmatosis of neutrofile and lymphocyte nuclei in patients with opiate dependence. *Proceeding of the Georgian Academy of Science*, Biological Series A, 2003, vol. 29, No. 5-6.
- **Otiashvili D.**, Lezhava G., Zurabashvili Zig., 2003 Basis of Specific Method of Opiate Dependence Treatment as Evidenced by Structural Analysis. *Proceeding of the Georgian Academy of Science*, Biological Series A, 2003, vol. 29, No. 5-6

Stand-alone publications and book chapters

- **Otiashvili, D.**, I. Kirtadze, T. Mgebrishvili, A. Beselia, and I. Vardanashvili. 2021. Impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on drug markets and behavior of people who use drugs in Georgia. Tbilisi, Georgia: Alternative Georgia.
- Bergen-Cico, D., **Otiashvili, D.**, Kirtadze, I., & Park, J.H. (2021) Social and geo-political factors influencing trends in substance use. (Chapter 32) In S.C. Scrimshaw, S. D. Lane, R. A. Rubinstein & J. Fischer (Eds.) *The Sage Handbook of Social Studies in Health and Medicine*. Sage Publishing.
- Beselia A., Gegenava V., Kirtadze I., Mgebrishvili T., **Otiashvili D.**, Razmadze M., Sturua L., Kutelia L., and Javakhishvili J. 2019. Drug Situation in Georgia 2018. Tbilisi, Georgia: Alternative Georgia.
- Boci A, Dedajic D, **Otiashvili D**, Ismajli R, Condrat I, Colakovic J, Zegura T, Milkov D, Vucicevic Z, Sarang A *et al*: Drug-treatment Systems in Prisons in Eastern and South-East Europe. In. Edited by Stöver H, Teltzrow R. Bari, Italy: *Pompidou Group, Council of Europe*; 2017.
- Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, Tabatadze, M. (2016) Cost-benefit Analysis of Medication Assisted Treatment and Needle-Syringe Programs in Georgia. *USAID and CzDA funded Addiction Research Development in Georgia Project*. Tbilisi, 2016
- **Otiashvili, D.** Independent Evaluation of Opioid Substitution Programs in Moldova. *PAS Moldova*, Chisinau, 2016
- Kirtadze, I., **Otiashvili, D.**, Tabatadze, M. National Survey on Substance Use in the General Population in Georgia, 2015. *USAID and CzDA funded Addiction Research Development in Georgia Project*. Tbilisi, 2016
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