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EDUCATION

Description	Dates <i>(Chronologically from new to old)</i>
MD, PHD Ilia State University Program in Medicine	2011 - 2023
Residency program in Psychiatry Psychiatrist Tbilisi State Medical University Psychiatry	2010 - 2012
Residency program in Child Neurology Child Neurologist Tbilisi State Medical University Child Neurology	2004 - 2008
Bachelor program Tbilisi State Medical University Faculty of Pediatrics	1997-2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Description	Dates <i>(Chronologically from new to old)</i>
Assistant Professor at Ilia State University, Child and adolescent mental health	Since 2024
Invited Lecturer in Clinical Research at Ilia State University, Evidence based Mental Health: Research in Mental health	Since 2023 to present
Invited lecturer in Psychiatry at Ilia State University, School of Natural sciences and medicine	Since 2023 to present
Invited Lecturer in Psychiatry at BAU- Batumi International University	Since 2019 to present

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Description	Dates <i>(Chronologically from new to old)</i>
Mental Health Center Gamma, Clinical Director	Since 2023 to present
Mental Health Center Gamma, Multidisciplinary Team Leader, Multidisciplinary team Psychiatrist, Neurologist	2015 - 2023
Neurodevelopment Center Mental Health Department Psychiatrist/ Child Neurologist	2012 - 2015
M. Iashvili Childrens Central Hospital Department of Child Psychiatry and Neurology	2009 - 2012

Child Neurologist/assistant of psychiatrist	
M. Iashvili Children's Central Hospital Department of Neurology and Epilepsy Junior Doctor	2004 - 2008

CONFERENCES

Description	Dates <i>(Chronologically from new to old)</i>
Use of the Autism Spectrum Screening Questionnaire for Identification of Autism Spectrum Disorders in 8-10 Years Old Georgian Children, 32th European Congress on Psychiatry, Budapest, Hungary	2022
Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire for Estimation of Prevalence of Mental Health Problems in 8-10 years Georgian Children, 34th Meeting of European Academy of Childhood Disability, Barcelona, Spain	2022
Can Developmental Screening with Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) Detect Autism Early? Meeting of European Academy of Childhood Disability, Poznan, Poland, online	2020
European Academy of Childhood Disability, The Predictors Of Better Outcome in ASD, Pilot Study in Georgia Tbilisi. Georgia	2018
23rd Congress of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP) Prague. Czech Republic	2018
WPA XVII World Congress Of Psychiatry The Risk Factors of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Georgia Berlin. Germany	2017

TRAININGS AND SEMINARS

Description	Dates <i>(Chronologically from new to old)</i>
Training course for eligibility to use Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule-(ADOS) all four modules in clinical practice (The University of California, San Francisco)	2020
ECNP School of Child and Adolescent Neuropsychopharmacology. Venice. Italy	2018
International Training Seminar in Child and adolescent Psychiatry. (WPA), Bertinoro, Italy	2018
The First Research Course for Early Career Mental Health Specialists And Students Kiev, Ukraine	2017

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Description	Dates <i>(Chronologically from new to old)</i>
Prevalence, clinical characteristics and risk-factors of autism spectrum disorders in Georgia, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia	2019-2023
Epidemiology of Mental Health Problems in Children, Open Society Foundation Georgia	2019-2020
Donald J. Cohen Fellowship Program for international Scholars in Child and Adolescent Mental Health, International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and allied Professions (IACAPAP)	2018
30th Conference of European Academy of Childhood Disability “Together We Are Stronger”, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia	2018

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2023 – to present – a member of IACAPAP (International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions)
- 2010 to present - a member of Georgian Association of Child Neurologists and Neurosurgeons (GACNN)
- 2015 -2022 - a member of European Academy of Childhood Disability (EACD)

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

(list the languages - indicating the level of knowledge)

- Russian B2
- English C1
- Georgian C2

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Research
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

N	TITLE	LANGUAGE	AUTHOR(S)	PUBLISHER	YEAR <i>(Chronologically from new to old)</i>
BOOKS					
	Contemporary Principles of Autism Assessment and Management	Georgian	M. Gabunia, M. Gegelashvili, M. Zirakashvili, S.	Ilia State University	2021

			Kereselidze, I. Shekriladze, M. Khachidze		
ARTICLES					
	Adaptation of the Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire for Use in the Republic of Georgia	English	Gabunia, M., Zirakashvili, M., Mebonia, N., Mikiashvili, T., Lomidze, G., Leventhal, B. and Kim, Y.S.	Alpha Psychiatry	2023
	Adaptation of autism spectrum screening questionnaire (ASSQ) for use in Georgian school settings	English	Zirakashvili, M., Gabunia, M., Mebonia, N., Mikiashvili, T., Lomidze, G., Bishop, S., Leventhal, B. and Kim, Y.S.	Journal of Public Mental Health	2022
	Measurement invariance of the Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS) across six countries	English	D. Stevanovic; F. Costanzo; E. Fucà; et all	Autism Research	2021
	COVID-19 pandemic-related aspects and predictors of emotional and behavioral symptoms in youth with pre-existing mental health conditions: results from Georgia, Lithuania, Romania, Serbia, and Turkey	English	Dejan Stevanovic 1, Burge Kabukcu Basay 2, Omer Basay 2, Darius Leskauskas 3, Laura Nussbaum 4, Medea Zirakashvili	Nordic Journal of Psychiatry	2021
	Cultural Adaptation and Psychometric Validation of the Ages and Stages Questionnaires for use in Georgia	English	M. Zirakashvili, M. Gabunia, N. Tatishvili, T. Ediberidze, G. Lomidze, T. Chachava, H. Hix- Small	Journal of Child and Family Studies	2018
TRANSLATIONS					

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