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**Current Position:** Consultant General & GI Surgeon, Bariatric & Metabolic Surgeon, Director of Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence, Medical Director of PONDERAS ACADEMIC Hospital, Bucharest, Romania, Executive Director of the Bucharest Surgical Training Institute, Professor of Surgery Associated at "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest and "Grigore T Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iasi, Romania

**Main professional responsibilities and activities:**

*GI & Metabolic Surgery:* over 700 procedures per year - mostly laparoscopic and robotic assisted. Pioneering and developing metabolic surgery, laparoscopic colorectal surgery, laparoscopic hernia, GERD, SILS and NOTES in Romania, it was offered the opportunity to gain extensive experience for: laparoscopic and robotic assisted colorectal surgery, bariatric & metabolic primary and revisional surgery, hernia & incisional hernia repair, GERD and pancreatic surgery.

*Training activities in MIS:* 30 years of experience, Executive Director of the Surgical Training Institute (RAES, EAES and ASM Endorsed educational activities), Course director of 12-15 MIS hands-on courses per year since 2011, Director of Clinical immersions and Workshops for international surgical teams since 2010.

**Degrees and academic background:**

1987 – MD - Faculty of General Medicine, University of Medicine and Pharmacy, "Carol Davila", Bucharest

1987-1989- Postgraduate MD Workout in Municipal Hospital Campulung-Muscel, Arges, Romania

1990-1993- Residency in General Surgery, St John Emergency Hospital, Bucharest, Romania

1993 - General Surgeon Accreditation – Romanian Minister of Health

1995 - Laparoscopic and Thoracoscopic Surgery Accreditation – Romanian Minister of Health

1997 - Senior Consultant in General Surgery Accreditation – Romanian Minister of Health,

2008 - PhD – University of Medicine and Pharmacy, "Carol Davila", Bucharest - Laparoscopic Treatment of GERD – prospective study of 550pts, and Experimental surgery and Training Model

2008 - Invited Professor of the "Victor Babes" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Timisoara, Romania – since

2011 – Associated Professor of Surgery at "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania

2013 - Scientific researcher Grade 1 (CS1) – Romanian Minister of National Education (2013)

2019 - Professor of Surgery Associated to "Grigore T Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iasi, Romania

**Other certificates**

2012 - Bariatric Surgeon of Excellence (Master) – by IFSO –European Chapter - renewed in 2015, 2018, 2021 and 2024

2014 - Bariatric Surgeon of Excellence (Master)– Surgical Review Corporation (SRC\_ICE (USA) - renewed in 2019 and 2023

2016 - Hernia Surgeon of Excellence (Master)– SRC, USA renewed in 2019 and 2023

2016 – Colorectal Surgeon of Excellence (Master) – SRC, USA – renewed in 2019 and 2023

2021 - Surgeon of Excellence in Robotic Surgery (renewed in 2024)

2023 – SRC Bariatric Surgeon of Excellence in Revisional Surgery

2023 – SRC Bariatric Surgeon of Excellence in Pediatric and Adolescence Surgery

**Hospital appointments**

1993-2007 - Staff General Surgeon – General Surgery Dep., St John Emergency Hospital, Bucharest, Romania

2007-2011 - ORs Dep. Chief Surgeon – St John Emergency Hospital, Bucharest, Romania

2011 – 2013 Head of the General Surgery Department, Delta Hospital, Bucharest, Romania

2013 – 2015 Hospital General Manager – Ponderas Hospital

Since 2013 Head of the GI & Metabolic Surgery Department, PONDERAS Hospital, Bucharest, Romania-since 2013

Director of Bariatric& Metabolic Center of Excellence - since 2013, revisional and adolescence Bariatric Surgery since 2023

Co-chair of Colorectal Surgery Center of Excellence - since 2016

Co-Chair of Hernia Surgery Center of Excellence - since 2016

Since 2016 – Medical Director PONDERAS ACADEMIC Hospital, Bucharest, Romania

**Academic Appointments**

2011-2018 Professor of Surgery Associated to "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest.

Since 2019 - Professor of Surgery Associated to "Grigore T Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Iasi, Romania

Since 2013 - Scientific researcher I<sup>st</sup> Grade Academy of Medical Science - RO Minister of National Education

**Endoscopic Surgery Education & Training Activity**

Laparoscopic Surgery Expert Trainer in the St. John Laparoscopic Training Center – 1994-2010

Executive Director of the Bucharest Surgical Training Institute – STI-(RAES, EAES and ASM Endorsed) since 2011 Course director of many international courses yearly organized in the STI.

Director of Clinical immersions and Workshops for international surgical teams since 2010 (Greece, Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Bulgaria, Latvia, Egypt, Turkey, Moldova, etc.) - Expert Trainer for Eastern Europe and Middle East Asia for Laparoscopic Colorectal, Hernia and Bariatric Procedures

Member of EAES Education & Training Committee – 2011-2015

Member UEG Education & Training Committee – representing EAES 2015 - 2018



Member in IFSO EC – ETC –2016 -2022

Invited Faculty Member in IRCAD (Fr) Bariatric and Colorectal Courses - since 2017

**Research:** Involved in 23 grants - Clinical research in the field of GERD, recto colic cancer, metabolic surgery, prosthesis for hernia, technology in surgery, NOTES (Partner (17), Project Coordinator (2) Project Director (2) – Romanian Agencies & Minister of Education & Research, European Union 7th Frame Program, and Romanian Academy of Medical Science).

**Publications and presentations**

**H-index** 21  
**i10-index** 43

*Published original papers:* 143 (on National/International Journals, 114 on PubMed MEDLINE). *26 Books or Chapters in Surgical Books* (Author or Coauthor); 500+ Lectures in different symposia/ congresses (local or International events) *Referee: (Peer Reviewer):* Obesity Surgery - ISSN: 0960-8923 (Print) 1708-0428 (Online) Surgical Endoscopy ISSN: 0930-2794 (Print) 1432-2218 (Online) Techniques in Coloproctology ISSN: 1123-6337 (Print) 1128-045X (Online) Acta Endocrinologica (ISSN - 843 - 066X) Chirurgia - ISSN: 1221-9118 Online ISSN: 1842 – 368X , World Journal of Gastroenterology ISSN1007-9327 (print) ISSN 2219-2840(online) *Editorial Board:* Chirurgia - ISSN: 1221-9118 Online ISSN: 1842 – 368X *Co Editor:* Frontiers in Endocrinology

**Active Membership - Appointments in Professional Organizations - Elected /Nominated positions:**

*European Association of Endoscopic Surgery (EAES)* – since 2004 [Member in the NOTES working group 2008-2009, Member of the EAES Education & Training Committee and Chair of the ETC Membership-2011-2015, Congress President of the 23<sup>rd</sup> EAES Congress, Member UEG E&T Committee – representing EAES 2015-2018, Member of the Executive Board & Treasurer 2016-2025; The host of the 2024 EAES SIS Bucharest Member of the Executive Board & Daily Board & Interna Auditor since 2025

*Romanian Society of Surgery* – since 1992, Board Member (since 2014), Vice President since 2024

*Romanian Association of Endoscopic Surgery* –since 2002 (Co-Founding Member, General Secretary 2006-2013, President Elect 2013-2015, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> RAES Congress President, RAES President 2015-2019), Member of the RAES Board.

*Romanian Society for Metabolic Surgery (RSMS)* – since 2020 (Co-Founding Member), actual President of RSMS  
The Foundation for Laparoscopic and Thoracoscopic Surgery – since 1999 - (Co-Founding Member), –since 2005

*IFSO-EC* – Member of Executive Council of IFSO European Chapter (Treasurer) – since 2023-2025. President-Elect 2025

*American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)*- regular international member - since 2010.

*The European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* – ESGE – since 2007.

*The International Associations of Surgeons Gastroenterologists and Oncologists (IASGO)* since 2000.

*The European Society of Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism* – ESPEN – since 2006.

*The Society for Minimally Invasive Therapy*– SMIT E.V. – since 2009,

*The South-Eastern European Robotic Surgery Society* – SEERSS (Co-Founder Member) – 2010

*Romanian Society of ColoProctology (SRCP)* - Founding Member (2009) Honorary Member 2016.

*European Society of ColoProctology (ESCP)* (member since 2012).

*Romanian Society of Diabetes, Nutrition, Metabolic Diseases* – member since 2015.

*The Serbian Society of Surgery* – Honorary Member – 2010.

**Other**

Member of General Council of Bucharest College of Physicians since 2016 (reelected in 2024)

Member of the EAC-BS Accreditation Review Committee of Excellence in the management of BMS – since 2012 -2025

Member in the Board Committee of International Bariatric Club (IBC) – since 2012

**Scientific and organizing Committee of various international scientific events (selection):**

President of the 23<sup>rd</sup> EAES International Congress in 2015, EAES SIS in 2024,

Congresses of Romanian Association of Endoscopic Surgery (scientific, organizing committee and/chair since 2005, 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> RAES Congress President).

The Romanian Symposium of Robotic Surgery – (Event President, 2018,2020,2022,2023);

President of the National Bariatric & Metabolic Surgery Symposium (fourteen editions, annually organized in Bucharest since 2009), (scientific, organizing committee and chair since 2009).

Romanian Society of ColoProctology (SRCP) (scientific, organizing committee and chair, 2010 -2023).

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