

S T A T E M E N T

Regarding: A dissertation by **Dr. Ivan Genchev Ginev, full time PhD student** at the Department of “Propaedeutics of surgical diseases”, Faculty of Medicine at Medical University – Plovdiv entitled: **“Evaluation of Early and Late Results After Cheiloplasty”** for awarding the educational and scientific degree **“Doctor”**.

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PROCEDURE

The submitted set of materials follows the procedure for obtaining the Educational and Scientific degree “Doctor” at Medical University – Plovdiv, at which Dr. Ivan Ginev is full time PhD Student.

Brief biographical data of the candidate

2021 – Master’s Degree in Medicine with honors from the Faculty of Medicine of Sofia University “Saint Kliment Ohridski”.

Since 2021 – Full-time PhD Student at the Department of “Propaedeutics of surgical diseases”, Section “Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery and Thermal Injury”

At the moment – Resident at the Department of “Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery for Children” at University Hospital “Saint George” – city Plovdiv.

The scientific and professional interests of Dr. Ivan Ginev are in the field of congenital facial anomalies.

Description of the Dissertation

The dissertation of Dr. Ivan Ginev with topic **“Evaluation of Early and Late Results After Cheiloplasty”** is written on 144 standard pages. The work is well structured and includes Introduction, Literature Review in 11

subdivisions, Aim, Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Summary, Conclusion and Contributions; The Bibliography includes 209 sources – 29 in Cyrillic and 180 in Latin - publications related to the dissertation.

The dissertation is well visualized with 80 figures and 38 tables.

In the Literature Review Dr. Ginev reviews in depth the pathological anatomy of the Lip Clefts, the embryology of these patients and the history and evolution of surgical treatment. In 35 pages he describes in depth the pathology and the complex multidisciplinary treatment of the congenital facial anomalies, or clefts of the lip in particular.

The Aim of the study is drawn from the Literature Review – To Evaluate and Summarize the Late results after surgery of the cleft lip and nose in patients with isolated cleft lips or cleft lip and palate, operated according to the Protocol of Treatment used in the Cleft Care Center in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, after analyzing the distinct stages of the surgical treatment, including its effect in the early and late postsurgical stages.

The Aim is resolved through posing and executing 4 Objectives.

A single-center, retrospective descriptive study in patients with Cleft lip or cleft lip and palate, operated in the Cleft Care Center in Plovdiv was implemented to fulfill the Aim.

The Methods are thoroughly described, and they include a Preoperative severity scale method, Postoperative evaluation scale method, Surgical method and Statistical methods. This

The statistics were performed with the SPSS v. 27.0 statistical analysis software. The results and discussion are statistically sound, and they lead to four major conclusions.

Of more prominent importance is Conclusion one, showing the significance of the preoperative severity and not just the diagnosis as a significant prognostic factor for the surgical burden of each patient. Meanwhile, the preoperative severity scale was verified as a tool for the prognostics of the therapeutic effort, the postoperative defects and the result of the treatment in patients with clefts of the lip.

Conclusion four is related to the improvement of follow-up and

documentation of patients with clefts through the implementation of new functions in the Electronic Medical Record for Facial Anomalies (EMRFA). The new option for “Virtual Consultation” for each patient is in line with the current trends in telemedicine and personalized medicine.

Dr. Ginev does an analysis of the Contributions of the dissertation and divides them in “Original contributions” (10) and “Confirmatory contributions” (4).

I find that the results and the contributions of this dissertation will improve the follow-up of patients with congenital facial anomalies in Bulgaria as well as improved prognosis of the burden of care for each individual patient.

The scientific results are as follows: Three Scientific publications (one of them with IF), sixteen active participations in scientific conferences of which twelve are at European and World conferences.

The content and structure of the Author’s Abstract correspond to the Regulations and clearly defines and summarizes the dissertation and its results.

The above summary leads to the following **Conclusion**:

The scientific work entitled “**Evaluation of Early and Late Results After Cheiloplasty**” by Dr. Ivan Genchev Ginev complies to the criteria of a dissertation, is of practical value to the Bulgarian medical field, demonstrates that the PhD Candidate is knowledgeable of the contemporary specialized literature in the field and have sufficient experience as a clinician and researcher, corresponding to the current level of scientific development.

I submit a positive statement and recommend to the members of the Scientific Jury to award the Educational and Scientific degree “Doctor” to Dr. Ivan Genchev Ginev.

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Заличено на основание
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