



**EDITORIAL**

**A LIFE DEDICATED TO STOMATOLOGY**

**Dedicated to the 85th anniversary of one of the pioneers of dentistry in Armenia, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor Valery Ttaintsyan**



Honored scientist of the Republic of Armenia, professor of the Department of Therapeutic Stomatology Yerevan State Medical University Valery Tatintsyan stands at the beginning of this important branch of rapidly developing medicine in ARMENIA and the formation of the best traditions in this area.

Valery Tatinsyan was born on October 17, 1940. After graduating from secondary school No. 142 in 1959-1962, he graduated from the Stomatological faculty of the Mariinsky Medical School, then in 1964-1969, he graduated from the Moscow Medical and Stomatological Institute. In 1969-1972, he completed a clinical residency in the specialty "therapeutic stomatology" at the Moscow Central Research Dental Institute. In

1972-1980 - assistant of the department of therapeutic stomatology of the Turkmen State Medical University, deputy dean of the stomatological and sanitary-hygienic faculties, dean. In 1980-1984, he was an assistant at the Department of Therapeutic Stomatology of YSMU, then in 1984-2005, he held the position of the head of the same department, and at the same time, in 1985-1995, he was the dean of the Faculty of Stomatology of

YSMU, in 2005-2013, he was a professor of the Department of Therapeutic and Family Dentistry of Yerevan State Medical University. From 2014 to the present - professor of the department of therapeutic stomatology. Valery Tatintsyán defended his candidate's thesis at the Central Research Stomatological Institute (CRSI) Moscow in 1975 and a candidate's thesis at the Central Research Stomatological Institute (CRSI) Moscow in 1986. Since 2011 - honored scientist of the Republic of Armenia.

**Awarded a number of awards from different years.**

Awarded the Golden Medal of the Belgrade Medical University of Yugoslavia. In 2000 and 2010, he was awarded the Gold Medal named after Mkhitar Heratsi, in 2002 - the Order of the Vernad Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, and three years later - the Silver Medal of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia and the Yerevan State Medical University. In 2006, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the first degree of the Russian Stomatological Association, and in 2007 - the "Rentgen" Order of the European Medical Academy.

In 1983-1994, he held the position of chairman of the Committee on Stomatological Problems of the Yerevan State Medical University. In 1984-1989, he was a member of the Presidium of the All-Union Society of Stomatologists, in 1994 he founded the "University Dental Clinic" on the basis of Clinical Hospital No. 1.

Professor is the head of scientific research within the framework of the agreement concluded between the Moscow Central Research Institute of Stomatology and YSMU. In 1998, he was elected a full member of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences. In 2001, he was elected a full member of the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, from 2005 to 2015 the chairman of the Scientific Coordinating Council for Stomatology, Eye and ENT Diseases, and from 2014 to 2018 - a member of the Board of Trustees of YSMU.

**Professor Valery Ttaintsyán** has 200 published works, 40 rationalization proposals and inventions, 30 educational and practical recommendations, a textbook on therapeutic dentistry and 3 monographs.

**Valery Tatintsyán inherited the profession of stomatologist genetically.**

Like many Armenian medical dynasties, Valery Tatintsyán inherited the profession of stomatologist. Lusik Asaturovna Oganyan, the mother of the honored scientist of the Republic of Armenia, was also a dentist. It was her example that inspired her son, who was familiar with the dental environment since childhood.

The example of a mother-dentist served as the basis for Valery Tatintsyán to choose this particular medical field. His uncle Suren Tatintsyán was also a dentist. Valery Tatintsyán received higher and postgraduate education, and also made first steps in science in Moscow. because there was no stomatological faculty at the Yerevan Medical Institute yet.

The Faculty of Stomatology of the Yerevan State Medical Institute was founded in 1961 with the aim of providing the population of the republic with highly qualified doctors and dentists.

The then rector of the Yerevan State Medical Institute, professor, well-known pediatrician Vilen Astvatsatryan suggested to the professor academician of AMS RA and professor Tatintsyán to work in his homeland and implement the accumulated knowledge and experience in Armenia. Also, the issue of training future dentists by specialists without academic degrees was acute, therefore replenishment of the teaching staff was a priority for the development of the direction, which meant consistent and continuous work.

Thus, in 1980, he entered the Yerevan State Medical Institute on a competitive basis. For four years he was an assistant of the department of therapeutic stomatology, then the head of the same department, and from 1985 to 1995 Tatintsyán was the dean of the stomatological faculty of the Yerevan State Medical University.

For almost four decades, the professor conducted clinical, scientific and... pedagogical activities at the medical university itself.

During his many years of activity, the specialist always attached great importance to scientific activity. Looking back, colleagues also confirm that Valery Tatintsyanyan coped with the important mission set before him.

33 candidate and 7 doctoral theses were defended under his leadership.

Professor Tatintsyanyan is a member of the Professional Council for Stomatology, Ophthalmology and ENT Diseases of Yerevan State Medical University, actively participates in the defense of scientific dissertations of young researchers, and is also a member of the Ethical Committee of Yerevan State Medical University.



*Professor Tatintsyanyan after defending his latest dissertation with professors of the Department of Surgical Dentistry and Maxillofacial Surgery Poghosyan and professor Lalayan*

For many years, the professor contributes to the training of young specialists. Today, his students are experienced dentists who successfully work in this rapidly developing area.

Valery Tatintsyanyan's work in various positions at the medical university coincided with social and economic problems caused by the military situation in our country and the earthquake. And it is here that the specialist emphasizes the important truth. Carrying out professional activities in difficult years, he is convinced that a

dentist is, first of all, a doctor who must have first aid skills and medical knowledge.

A professor with many years of experience agrees with the saying. According to the professor, every new scientific work chosen by a young specialist is a new word in stomatology so innovations in stomatology cannot be imagined without young staff. Education, enriched with new educational programs, is also designed to supplement already existing successes, in which the constantly expanding scientific research programs play a big role.

Citing examples from his daily activities, the long-term employee of YSMU emphasizes that he pays great attention to discussing with students a number of professional problems. He especially emphasizes the issue of compliance with ethical norms, written and unwritten laws in the relationship between the doctor and the patient. For example, according to him, it is undesirable to discuss or analyze narrowly professional questions related to the patient's health in his presence; it can be done completely safely after the patient leaves, when the conversation is conducted only in a professional circle.

According to professor Tatintsyanyan, stomatology in Republic of Armenia is at a high level.

Stomatology is a profession that each of us encounters at least once in our lives. Specialists emphasize the role of the oral cavity in maintaining the overall health of the body, because it is, in fact, a mirror of the body. The doctor-scientist does not offer a clear formula for maintaining dental health, but emphasizes that the attention of the patient and the professional approach of the doctor can contribute to the prevention and solution of problems arising in the oral cavity.

### **Three out of four children are stomatologists.**

There is no shortage of stomatologist in the Tatintsyanyan family.

Valery Tatintsyanyan and his wife, an economist by profession, Shogik Tatintsyanyan (the wife's parents were also doctors), have four children, three of whom chose the profession of stomatologist.



Karine Tatintsyanyan - chief physician of polyclinic in Cherkiz (RF).

Lyudmila Tatintsyanyan, doctor of medical sciences, associate professor.

Gayane Tatintsyanyan is an assistant at the Department of Family Dentistry, and also heads the family dental clinic Tatintsyanyan, founded by Tatintsyanyan Sr. many.

David Tatintsyanyan continues his professional activity as an implantologist in Krasnodar.

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The professor is still engaged in practical stomatological work, every day he treats various pathologies of the oral cavity, as well as gives consultations.



*Professor Tatintsyanyan Conducts a regular patient consultation*

Under his leadership, clinical residents in Department of Therapeutic Stomatology Yerevan State Medical University, which the professor involves in clinical work, as well as gives lectures on current topics in dentistry.

Professor Tatintsyanyan's many years of professional experience serve as an example for young Armenians and foreigners who plan to become dentists in the near future.



*Professor Tatintsyanyan with clinical residents Department of Therapeutic Stomatology Yerevan State Medical University*

Professor Tatintsyanyan was one of the founding members of the Armenian Dental Association and actively participates in its work, delivering lectures at annual conferences organized by the association and chairing plenary sessions.

Since 2004, he has held the post of vice-president of the Armenian Association of Stomatologists.



Professor Tatintsyanyan with the participants of the annual congress of the Armenian Association of Stomatologist Anna Khacharyan Associate Professor of the Department of surgical stomatology and maxillofacial surgery YSMU,

Head of the Department of the of surgical stomatology and maxillofacial surgery, Professor Gagik Hakobyan, Associate Professor of the Department of surgical stomatology and maxillofacial surgery, Seda Burnazyan, Associate Professor Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Hulhumale Hospital (Maldives) Gor Zalyan, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, YSMU, Head of the Department of Therapeutic Dentistry, President of the Armenian Association of Stomatologists, Professor Lazar Yesayan.



*Professor Tatintsyan with the participants of the annual congress of the Armenian Association of Stomatologist.*

Professor Valeri Tataintsyan, together with Professor Levon Andrasyan, is the founder and currently the deputy editor-in-chief and an active member of the editorial board of the Scientific and practical journal BULLETIN OF STOMATOLOGY AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY /JBSMFS/.

Since 2011, the position of editor-in-chief has been held by Professor Ggaik Hakobyan.



*The journal was included in the list of journals indexed in Scopus in 2011, and during the presentation of the journal, the editor-in-chief, Professor Gagik Hakobyan, handed over the next issue to Valery Tatintsyan.*

On behalf of colleagues, students, clinical residents and members of the editorial board, we sincerely congratulate Professor Valery Tatintsyan, wishing him good health and long-term fruitful work.

#### **BEST WISHES**

Editor-in-chief, Professor Gagik Hakobyan  
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