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**EXECUTIVE PROFILE (Expertise, skills and achievements)**

*Knowledge Integrity Accountability Leadership Diplomacy Presentation Languages*

**Physician with excellent background and extensive USA and international experience in program development and management with proven leadership capability.**

- Extensive experience in health care sector ranging from clinical care, research to executive administrative responsibilities.
  - Experienced in start-up operations with new health care programs and hospital management.
  - Proven ability to manage grants (over \$300,000) and organize health care facility in a short period of time.
  - Recognized for ability to work with diverse entities including government officials, NGOs, pharmaceutical companies, medical staff and successfully conducting diplomatic, lobbying and negotiating activities with various entities. Confident and poised in interactions with individuals at all levels.
  - Publications in well-respected international medical journals (research concentration: hemophilia, other bleeding disorders, women's health, quality of life).
  - Outstanding skills in assessing what is needed, recommending sensible solutions, and effectively motivating staff to implement them in a spirit of collaboration.
  - Self-motivated, efficient, resourceful and reliable under pressure. Possess strong problem resolution skills.
  - Excellent communication, interpersonal, marketing and presentation skills (invited speaker on congresses and symposiums).
  - Detail oriented and resourceful in the completion of tasks with ability to multi-task effectively.
  - Demonstrated ability to function effectively as a team player as well as working independently to achieve objectives.
  - Fluent in English, Georgian and Russian.
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## Professional experience

07/2009-Present, **SRA INTERNATIONAL**, Atlanta, GA

### **Scientific Review Officer**

Successfully facilitated and managed the scientific peer review of grants allocated by Congress, manuscripts and proposals for primary merit review. Organizing and chairing meetings on the most innovative and impactful clinical and scientific proposal evaluations. Serve as an expert in guiding the activities of Peer Review Process, and responsibility for the selection and assignment of peer review panel, initial scientific review of assigned manuscripts, providing written summaries for reviewed critics of panel. Collaborating with the Key Opinion Leaders on various medical and scientific areas across the US and Canada.

01/07–04/09, **CENTRAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, *tertiary care hospital aimed to be the first excellence center in the country*

### **Director Global Medical Affairs**, Administration department

Provided leadership and actively involved in all phases of setting up an excellence medical center facility. Champion change initiatives, the vision, mission, values, and culture of hospital. Work with clinical and administrative departments on planning strategies, goal setting with prime focus on feasible solutions and their implementation. Chair and participate on executive committees that support hospital strategies and tactics, conduct brainstorming sessions to develop solutions for improving patient services and hospital management. Oversee quality assurance and health outcomes process, medical staff credentialing, care management and patient safety, development of hospital information systems. Conduct clinical/scientific conferences to healthcare audience. Motivate staff by providing environment conducive to open communication and opportunities for professional development. Establish and maintain high-level partnership and contacts with international health systems/organizations whose recognition for excellence and quality place them at or near the top of the healthcare delivery system and apply their expertise to the hospital to improve health care delivery, quality of patient care. Established collaboration with Harvard Medical School. Actively participated in building first Emergency Medicine department in the hospital (USAID grant) and managed exchange programs with Emory University Professors who were involved in this process. Started to setting up JACHO standards for the hospital, development of hospital information system and website.

01/00-07/05, **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)**, Atlanta, GA

### **Senior Service Fellow**

Responsible for the surveillance of populations with bleeding disorders treated in the Hemophilia Treatment Centers (HTCs) in the United States. Monitoring safety of treatment products and blood safety. Consulting HTC staff on the testing results for blood born infections: hepatitis and HIV. Responsible for the medical inquires regarding von Willebrand's disease (vWd), women's health, and quality of life. Conducting study design, epidemiological data collection and analysis. Collaborating with pharmaceutical companies on medical studies. Assisting and advising the division director concerning international health programs. Act as a liaison to the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH), collaborating organization to our division on health care program development in developing countries. Carrying out assignments in specified economically emerging countries, including assisting the Ministry of Health, physicians and lay organizations to plan, inaugurate and implement national health care programs for patients with bleeding and clotting disorders (40% of work time). Publishing and reviewing manuscripts. Five publications as a first author in the well-respected medical and scientific journals, including MMWR and Haemophilia within 4 years. Moderating medical meetings and conferences. Presenting talks on the national and international hemophilia congresses (WFH, ISTH) and conferences. Actively participating in the Task Force Committee with the CDC and WFH concerning various medical conditions.

02/01-12/06 **WORLD FEDERATION OF HEMOPHILIA (WFH)**, Montreal, Canada

*International Non-Governmental Organization*

**National Hemophilia Program Coordinator in the Republic of Georgia. Consultant, Caucasus Region.**

Played key role in the development (from scratch), implementation, management and evaluation of the program. With other WFH representatives played important role in lobbying the Ministry of Health and Financial Institutions of the country. From ground zero set up the first medical treatment center and a comprehensive care model for the population with bleeding disorders. Created a national computer information system for this population. Assisted medical staff in various program initiatives and development, including hepatitis vaccination, vWd testing and awareness, patient outreach, setting satellite clinics, medical education and submitting grant applications to pharmaceutical companies to name few. Organized hemophilia and vWd symposium. Monitored and oversaw the work of the staff on a periodic basis. Promoted recombinant factor concentrates from major pharmaceutical companies (Baxter, Bayer.) and other drugs used for bleeding disorders. Successfully managed grants and budget of over \$100,000 a year. Within the 2- year period program became the most successful in the country and a model for other developing countries; funding from Government and WFH increased from 0 to \$ 500,000 within this short period. Collected, analyzed, and published first epidemiological and medical data on this population. (Currently continue volunteer work with Hemophilia center in Georgia, am on advisory board).

09/93-01/98 **WOMENS'S HEALTH HOSPITAL**, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

200-bed leading obstetrics/gynecological hospital

**Obstetrician- gynecologist**

Performed clinical management of patients, including delivery and birth, conservative and surgical procedures; trained medical students and residents; conducted clinical research and lectures.

### **Education**

**Medical Doctor/ Obstetrician- Gynecologist**, licensed in the Republic of Georgia

**PhD in Public Health/ Health Care administration**, Tbilisi State Medical School, Republic of Georgia

### **Postgraduate training in USA**

Business management courses 08/10/2011, SRA International courses

Internship in Hospital administration and management, Emory/Grady Hospitals, Atlanta, GA and Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 01-06/08.

Advanced training in medical education program administration, Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 01-03/07.

Master of Public Health (MPH) classes (leadership program), Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA, 09/01-08/02.

Post-doctoral fellowship in Gynecology, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, 03/99-01/00.

Advanced training in obstetrics and gynecology, Emory/Crawford Long/Grady Memorial Hospitals, Atlanta, GA, 01-04/98.

### **Publications**

1. A. Kirtava, A. Dilley, C. Lally, S. Crudder, B. Evatt. "A study of 102 women with type I von Willebrand Disease: bleeding symptoms and quality of life." XVIII ISTH, France, 2001.
2. A. Kirtava, M. Oakley, M. Soucie, B. Evatt, F. Hollinger. "Blood safety monitoring among people with bleeding disorders: May1998-June2002, United States." MMWR, CDC; Vol.51 2003:1152-54.
3. A. Kirtava, C. Drews, C. Lally, A. Dilley, B. Evatt. "Medical, reproductive and psychosocial experiences of women diagnosed with von Willebrand disease receiving care in Hemophilia Treatment Centers: a case-control study." Haemophilia, Vol 9(3); 2003:292-97.

4. A. Kirtava, S. Crudder, A. Dilley, C. Lally, B. Evatt. "Trends in clinical management of women with von Willebrand Disease: A survey of 75 women enrolled in haemophilia treatment centers in the United States" *Haemophilia*, 2004, Mar 10(2):158-61.
5. A. Kirtava, M. Soucie, M. Abashidze, M. Mdivnishvili, B. Evatt: Hemophilia in the Republic of Georgia: two years experience of a National Hemophilia Program. *Haemophilia*, October 2004; 117-118.
6. A. Kirtava, M. Soucie, G. Iosava, B. Evatt. "Prevalence of Haemophilia and related blood borne infections in the Republic of Georgia". *Haemophilia*, October 2004:162-163.
7. A. Kirtava, M. Soucie. B. Evatt. "National Haemophilia Program development in the Republic of Georgia". *Haemophilia*, November 2005:529-534.