

OPINION

From Prof. Dr. Radoslav Nenkov Gaidarski, DMN for Dr. Konstantin Ivanov Kostov, MD, for the announced competition for Associate Professor in the scientific specialty "GENERAL SURGERY" for the needs of the surgery clinic at UMHATUM "PIROGOV". Only Dr. Kostov, who currently works in one of Pirogov's clinics, presented a complete set of documents. Dr. Kostov has a recognized specialty in "General, Surgery" in 2008 y., from 15-10-2012 y. he was elected as an assistant at the Department of "General, Visceral and Emergency Surgery". He has defended his PhD work (dissertation) on "Modern trends in the treatment of colon injuries "-2017 y. In this competition, Dr. Kostov participates with 18 articles and reports in collections and journals, included in the national reference list plus 10 publications referenced in a world database. The following sections make an impression on the research activity:

OVERVIEW on "Current trends in the treatment of colon injuries." The described features of traumatic lesions of the colon as an isolated studied phenomenon and as an element of complex traumatic injury, as well as the established results of the treatment, presuppose a basis for building an algorithm of behaviour, including assessment of alternative approaches and correct, strict implementation of multidisciplinary protocols, as the final part of the OVERVIEW is formulated. In the section Dr. Kostov presents 8 "CONTRIBUTIONS", and particularly convincing sounds №1 "a thorough review of the modern literature on traumatic injuries of the colon, a serious surgical problem to which there is no single opinion on the choice of surgical-therapeutic approach ".

THE SECOND SECTION-includes 11 subsections with a certain number of articles, reports and abstracts with short annotations for each subsection.

1. Colon traumatic injuries, -comment on 13 sc. art. with relevant conclusions.
2. Penetrating abdominal injuries - analysis of a group of patients - one article.
3. Laparoscopic treatment of perforated peptic ulcer. The indications and contraindications for laparoscopy in perforated peptic ulcer are indicated.
- 4-Possibilities of emergency laparoscopy in acute non-traumatic abdomen.
5. Laparoscopic treatment for acute appendicitis-3 publications.
6. Choice of therapeutic approach for intra-abdominal abscesses treated in the clinics of "Pirogov" for the period 2015-2017 y.
7. Small intestinal and mesenteric injuries from non-penetrating abdominal injuries - 2 publications.
8. Clinical and pathological-anatomical scars in colonic ileus. Staging.

9. Treatment of acute mesenteric venous thrombosis. A retrospective study of treated patients for a period of 3 years was performed.

10. Coloproctology - overview systematization of different treatment algorithms for colorectal cancer depending on gender, age factor and location.

11. Acute peritonitis - a large-scale clinical study on 288 patients operated on in 2012-2013 y. The criteria for staging of peritonitis are determined and the obtained results are reported.

TEACHING AND TEACHING ACTIVITY.

According to the data from the study department UMHATUM "Pirogov", Dr. Kostov has held the position of assistant for 4 years at the Department of "General, Visceral and Emergency Surgery" at the Scientific Institute "Pirogov". He has conducted practical seminars with students from the Faculty of Medicine at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" and students studying specialty "Health Care" at MU-Sofia. He has participated in the training of specialists in "General Surgery", studying in surgical clinics. They are missing Data on the hourly work load.

Dr. Kostov is a member of the Bulgarian Surgical Society. He has passed various courses additionally trained as: a qualification course in laparoscopic surgery. He has a Master's degree in Public Health and Health Management at the Faculty of Public Health at the Medical University of Sofia. From the review of scientific publications, data on treatment options, surgical skills, scientific and practical training of Dr. Kostov and four years of assistantship give me the reason to give a positive opinion of Dr. Kostov to be awarded the academic position of Associate Professor of General Surgery.

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