



NAME of the Society \_\_\_\_\_ Association of Nephrologists of Montenegro

NAME of the Society in the original language

\_\_\_\_\_ Udruženje nefrologa Crne Gore \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR of the Society's creation

\_\_\_\_\_ 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of members

\_\_\_\_\_ 30 \_\_\_\_\_ (date of the last update 31/\_03\_/\_2015\_)

Please write the names and family names of the current President, Vice President, Secretary and end of their tenure. Please also include the name of President/Vice President/Secretary Elect if available

\_Marina Ratkovic, MD PhD, President, Branka Gledovic, MD Vice President, Fahrudin Hadrovic, MD, Secretary

Society's webpage

\_\_\_\_\_ www.nefrologijacg.me \_\_\_\_\_

Society's medical journal (webpage)

\_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_

Society's Registry (if any)

\_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship programs or educational opportunities for young doctors (if any)

\_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_

Short description of the Society (preferably no more than 2000 characters)

The Association of Nephrologists of Montenegro was established in 2007. Our society is not big and together with nephrologists in Montenegro and all other members we have 30 members. Montenegro regained its independence in 2006 and we established our own society of nephrologists in 2007. Montenegro is not a bog

country, it has approximately 650.000 citizens, but it has very specific diversity in the relief and landscapes and that is the reason why it has ten centers for hemodialysis. Thanks to the efforts of our society we are preparing the eleventh center for hemodialysis which will begin its work until the end of this year.

Our main mission is an advancement of nephrology in Montenegro. We are working very hard in the existing conditions on the advancement and further development of nephrology in Montenegro. Our goals on the beginning were improvement and achievement of standards in dialysis for all patients in Montenegro and development of standard protocols for treating all patients with CKD in Montenegro equally.

Our main goal was the establishment of kidney transplantation program. It has been started with a lot of public campaigns focusing on the importance of organ donation and transplantation in our own health system since 2006. The law about organ donation and transplantation was conducted in 2009. The best support was brought through collaboration with international groups and societies as RHDC (Regional Health Development Center) and SEEHN (South-Eastern Europe Health Network) and collaboration with medical centers and colleagues from Clinical Center Zagreb, Croatia. The memorandum about collaboration in the field of transplantation medicine between Montenegro and Croatia was signed between two ministries of health in April of 2012. The first kidney transplantation from living donors in Clinical Center of Montenegro were performed on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 under the supervision of doctors and medical staff from Clinical Center Zagreb Croatia. First transplantations were accompanied with a lot of attention from European transplantation community. We received many congratulations from WHO (World Health Organization), Eurotransplant and ERA EDTA. The first kidney transplantation from the deceased donor in Montenegro was performed on 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2013. We consider these as our biggest achievement until now.

We also organized a lot of educational activities such as seminars, postgraduate courses and lectures concerning different topics in nephrology.

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