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Prof. Tokmakova was born in Plovdiv in 1971. She graduated English Language school and Medical University of Plovdiv (MUP) in 1995. She started her PhD at the Department of Cardiology, 1st Department of Internal Diseases at MUP in 1996. In 2000 she was an assistant to the same section, and in 2004 she was promoted to senior assistant.

She has acquired internal medicine specialty in 2000 and cardiology in 2003, as well as educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in 2000, the scientific title "Associate Professor" in Cardiology in 2008 and "Professor in cardiology" in 2022. In 2011, she has graduated with a master's degree in "health management" from MUP.

Since March 2008 till now she is a head of department at the Cardiology Clinic of the University Hospital "St. Georgi" – Plovdiv. In addition, she is part of the Academic Staff of the Department of Cardiology at the First Department of Internal Medicine, MUP. Since October 2023 she is serving as a Vice-Rector scientific and research activities at MUP.

From 2012 to 2022, she is a member of the Executive Board of the Bulgarian Society of Cardiology, and president of the society in mandate 2018-2020. Since 2022 she has been elected as a board member of the Heart Failure Association at the European Society of Cardiology, mandate 2022-2024.

Prof. Tokmakova has specialized abroad, including specialization in Cardiology Clinic, *Hopital Beaujon*, Clichy, France, as a scholarship holder of the European Society of Cardiology; one-year specialization in cardiology at *Brigham and Women's Hospital*, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA, two years postgraduate heart failure training at the University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland and others.

She is Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology, Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, member of Heart Failure Association of ESC, the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, the Academic Council of the MUP and others.