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PROFILE

Neuropsychiatry in North Macedonia was historically a unified field, with neurologists and psychiatrists trained together. By the 2000s, a shift toward separate disciplines began, but full separation remains incomplete due to structural limitations. I specialized in neurology under neuropsychiatrist mentors and pursued advanced neuropsychology training in Barcelona. My experience in clinical and private practice integrates neurology, psychiatry, and neuropsychology, bridging disciplines in a modern yet historically influenced approach.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Sep 2022 — Present

Independent Medical Evaluator, Neuropsychology, James E. O'Brien, M.D. A Medical Corporation. Mira Loma, CA

May 2018 — Aug 2022

Neurologist / Neuropsychologist

Psychiatry Health Institution "*Equilibrium*", Skopje

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Online consultations

Jun 2017 — Dec 2017

Advisor of Minister of Health

Ministry of Health, Skopje (North Macedonia)

Sep 2012 — Mar 2014

Principal investigator in clinical trial

Clinres Farmacija, Skopje (North Macedonia)

" Randomized, phase 3 double - blind, multicentric study on efficacy and safety of BF2.649 in the treatment of excessive daytime sleepiness in patients with obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome"

Apr 2012 — Dec 2015

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Clinres Farmacija, Skopje (North Macedonia)

Endocrinological study (diabetes mellitus) 2012 – 2015

Oncologic study (breast cancer) 2013 – 2014

May 2008 — Feb 2011

Assistant Professor in Neurology

University of Hospital Skopje, Skopje (North Macedonia)

Jun 2011 — Dec 2014

**Founder, Manager and Doctor of private Neurology Clinic
"Neuropraxis"**

Neurology and mental health diagnosis and treatment.

Sep 2002 — Feb 2011

Neurologist

University Hospital - Neurology Clinic , Skopje (North Macedonia)

As a tertiary university hospital, it covers neurological conditions in inpatients and a mix of neurology and mental health concomitant conditions.

Sep 1999 — Present	Founder and shareholder in WU Money Transfer Franchise in North Macedonia
Jun 1998 — Jul 1999	General Practitioner Private Clinic “ <i>Sbëndeti</i> ”, Skopje (North Macedonia)
Jan 1998 — Jul 1998	Health Education projects Open Society Institute, Skopje (North Macedonia)
Sep 1997 — Dec 1998	Project Coordinator on HIV, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Open Society Institute, Prishtina (Kosovo)
Oct 1996 — Mar 1997	Physician in Health Education NGO “ <i>OXFAM</i> ”, Prishtina (Kosovo)

EDUCATION

Mar 2025 — Jun 2026	Clinical Psychiatry, University of South Wales Postgraduate Studies
Mar 2024 — Mar 2024	Unveiling the Bigger Picture of Alzheimer’s Disease Certification , Medscape Education
Mar 2024 — Mar 2024	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Certification, NetCE
Oct 2023	Report Writing Workshop: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly, IAME
Aug 2023	Balancing the IME Scales: Building a more equitable system for all, IAME
Apr 2023	DBA Case Law Developments & Industry Adaptation in Case Management, LMS INTERNATIONAL INC.
Jul 2022	International Academy of Independent Medical Evaluators (IAIME) Certified medico-legal evaluator
2022	Court Witness Certification Ministry of Justice, North Macedonia
Jun 2022	“Defense Base Act 101: The Ins and Outs of DBA Coverage” , Tom Caputo, Kerry Battersby, and Matthew Higgins. Further Information
May 2022	Comprehensive Independent Medical Evaluations & Resolution of Claims - LMS International. Further Information
Sep 2021	“Emerging trends in PTSD and Foreign National Defence Base Act Claims”, Diego Arredondo, Frank Sioli, Ruth Eschman - LMS International.

Sep 2021	The EU-VIORMED Project: the state of forensic psychiatry in Europe - Final Event
Sep 2020 — Oct 2020	Neuropsychology Diagnostic Test and Techniques in Serbian Language , Antamedica , Belgrade (Serbia)
Nov 2020	MoCA Cognitive Assessment Certified Trainer Certified Trainer ID: MAISMME219837-01 Administered Tests by Certified Rater Merita Ismajli Marku: <u>MoCA 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 English, MoCA 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 Macedonian, Albanian 8.1, 8.2, 8.3.</u>
Jan 2016 — Dec 2018	Master Degree in Neuropsychology Instituto superior De Estudios Psicologicos, Barcelona (Spain)
Jan 2003 — Dec 2009	Master degree in Neurophysiology University of Skopje (North Macedonia)
Jan 2003 — Dec 2007	Neurology Specialist Clinic of Neurology, University Hospital, Skopje (North Macedonia)
Sep 1989 — Jun 2006	Medical Doctor Graduate Medical faculty, University of Zagreb (Croatia)

Memberships

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- International Academy of Independent Medical Evaluators (IAIME)
- Neurology Association of Skopje
- World Federation of Neurology (WFN)
- European Federation of Neurology (EFN)

LANGUAGES	Albanian	Native speaker	English	C2
	Bosnian	Native speaker	Macedonian	C2
	Serbian	Native speaker	Spanish;	B2
	Croatian	Native speaker	Castilian	

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 - LMS International, Inc.
 - Abercrombie International
 - JAG International
 - KB Aire Services, Inc.
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List of Publications

1. Djonov I, Nikodijevic-Kedeva D, Kuzmanovski I, Petrovska D, Marku M.: Modern aspects in treatment of polymyositis/dermatomyositis (PM/DM) , XVI Congress of Macedonian medical doctors, Ohrid, Macedonia, june 2003
2. Trencsev R, Georgievska A, Ismajli-Marku M, Baneva N, Hristov Z : Acute paraplegy as initial manifestation of dissection of aneurism of thoracal aorta, XVI Congress of Macedonian medical doctors, Ohrid, Macedonia, june 2003: Book of abstracts, page 196.
3. Ismajli-Marku M, Nikodijevic-Kedeva D, Petrovska D, Kuzmanovski I, Dimova A, Orovcane N : Refractory epilepsy: CT and NMR correlation study, 35th International Danube Symposium for Neurological sciences and continuing education, Belgrade, SRB, September 2003.
4. Taravari A, Haxhihamza K, Marku M. CADASIL. Makedonski medicinski pregljed 2003; 3-4:177-180.
5. Marku M., Pashu M., Cvetkovska E., Taravari A., Nikolovski G.: Effects of CBZ, VPA, PHB on GGT and other liver function tests, 7th Eilat Conference on new antiepileptic drug, Villasimius, Sardinia, Italy, May 9-13, 2004
6. Taravari A., Haxhihamza K., Marku M., Useini B., Orana I., Amiri J.: Immunoglobulines and their intravenous use in neurology. *Medicus*, 2: 88-93 December 2004
7. Taravari A, Haxhihamza K, Marku M, Useini B, Orana I, Amiri J. Immunoglobulines and their intravenous use in neurology. *MEDICUS* 8. S 2004; 2: 88-93 Popovski A, Arsovska A, Taravari A, Ismajli-Marku M, Haxhihamza K. *Praktikum neurologijik. Fajnant Multimedija, Skopje*, 2005
9. Marku M., Nikodijevic –Kedeva D., Cvetkovska E., Taravari A: Retrospective view to referrals in EMG diagnostics in Macedonia, 8th Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology of Serbia and Montenegro with international participation, Belgrade 2006 .
10. Taravari A., Zeqiri A., Karpuzi A., Marku M, Sadiku V., Diagnostic and differential diagnostic methods of parkinsonism, *Medicus V*, 53-61, june 2006
11. Taravari A, Petrov I, Petrova V, Ismajli-Marku M, Kamberi B. Klinički, nevrofiziološki i genetski naodi kaj bolni so idiopatska parkinsonova boleat. *Mak Med Pregled* 2009; 62 (2): 24-28.
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13. Taravari A., Petrov I., Petrova V., Ismajli-Marku M.: Klinički, nevrofiziološki i genetski naodi kaj bolni so idiopatska Parkinsonova boleat. *Epilepsija* 27/28: juni 2008.
14. Taravari A, Marku M. Haxhihamza K, Xhaferi I. Parkinsonizam i hereditet, *MMP*, 2008 ; 62(1):11-16
15. Taravari A., Barbov I., Marku M., Ismaili I., Iseini M.: Analize epidemiologjike e parkinsonizmit ne qytetin e Shkupit. *MEDICUS* 2008, Vol.IX(1): 138-146.
16. Agai L., Mircevski M., Ismajli-Marku M., Taravari A.: Demtimi dytesor i trurit. *Medicus* 2008 , Vol IX (1) : 347-350.
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18. 4th congress of the Neurologist of Macedonia with International participation 3-7 september 2008 with oral presentation: differential diagnostic criteria of tremor
19. Taravari A, Petrov I, Petrova V, Ismajli-Marku M, Kamberi B. Klinički, nevrofiziološki i genetski naodi kaj bolni so idiopatska parkinsonova boleat. *Mak Med Pregled* 2009; 62 (2): 24-28.
20. Ismajli Marku M., Cvetkovska E., Cepreganova-Cangovska T., Adili F., Petrova V.: Retrospektivna studija na upatnitate dijagnozi vo laboratorija za EMG , *Medicus* 2009 Vol XI(1).
21. Cepreganova – Cangovska T., Nikodijevic D., Cvetkovska E., Ismajli- Marku M.:

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34. Арбен Таравари, Мерита Исмајли-Марку, Фатмир Мехити, Газменд Халити, Бесим Мемеди. Деменција и депресија кај пациенти со идиопатска Паркинсонова болест. *Medicus* 2012, Vol. XVII (1): 81-6.

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