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Education/Training

2012	PhD	University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia
2012	Guest scientist	University of Ottawa, Canada
2002	IBCLC	International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners
2001	FRACGP	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
1998	DRANZCOG	Royal Australian/New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
1992	MD	University of Rijeka School of Medicine, Croatia

Work Experience

2016-	Assistant professor	University of Split School of Medicine
2012-'16	Postdoctoral fellow	University of Split School of Medicine
2009-	Breastfeeding specialist	Private practice, Split, Croatia
2008-	Consultant	UNICEF, Croatia
2006-'12	Doctoral student	University of Split School of Medicine
2003-'04	Breastfeeding specialist	Private practice, Melbourne, Australia
2002-'04	Resident medical officer	Ormond College, University of Melbourne
2002	General practitioner	Swanston Street Medical Centre, Melbourne
2001-'04	General practitioner	Pascoe Vale Medical Centre, Melbourne
2000	General practitioner	Centre for Developmental Disability Health, Melbourne
2000	General practitioner	Brimbank Medical Centre, Melbourne
1999	General practitioner	You Yangs Medical Clinic, Lara
1998-'04	General practitioner	Medical Centre St. Albans, Melbourne
1998	General practitioner	Metro Health Centre, Melbourne
1998	Immunisation officer	Western Division of General Practice, Melbourne
1997	HMO 3	Mercy Hospital for Women, Melbourne
1993-'6	Intern, HMO 2	Alfred Hospital, Melbourne
1990-'1	Anatomy demonstrator	University of Rijeka School of Medicine, Croatia

Professional Service

2016-	Member	Cochrane Centre Directors' Executive
2016-	Coordinator for Croatia	World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative
2012-	Co-Director	Cochrane Croatia
2009-'11	QA Committee	University of Split School of Medicine
2009-	President	Croatian Association of Lactation Consultants
2008-	Co-Director	Baby-Friendly Community Initiative, Dalmatia
2007-	Course director	90-h breastfeeding course for health professionals
2007-	Training coordinator	Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, Dalmatia
2007-'14	Member	ILCA Scholarship Committee, Multilingual Committee, Global Outreach Committee
2006-	Founding member	National Breastfeeding Committee
2004-'10	Coordinator for Croatia	International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners
2002-'4	GP Representative	Australian Lactation Consultant Association

Membership in Professional Organisations

International Lactation Consultant Organisation
European Lactation Consultant Alliance
Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine
Croatian Association of Lactation Consultants
Croatian Medical Association
Croatian Medical Chamber
Cochrane

Research Interests

Breastfeeding Medicine: Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative; breastfeeding data collection methods; breastfeeding predictors; supplementation practices; interventions for improving breastfeeding rates; breastfeeding education; attitudes toward breastfeeding; breastfeeding support; mastitis and breast engorgement.

Education: objective structured clinical examination; evidence-based medicine; lactation consultant training; family medicine curriculum.

Grants

2012-'16	Project coordinator	Popularization of science grant, Ministry of Science
2015	Project coordinator	World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative, BPNI
2015	Collaborator	Professionalization in health, Croatian Science Foundation
2009-'12	Collaborator	Interstroke, Ministry of Science
2006-'09	Collaborator	Interheart 2, Ministry of Science

Teaching experience

University of Split School of Medicine: family medicine, clinical skills, research in biomedicine, breastfeeding medicine

Mentored graduate students

2012-'6	Stefanie Rosin, Doctoral thesis (co-mentor), University of Bielefeld, Germany
2016	Ana Vidović Roguljić, Master's thesis, University of Split
2016	Gabrijela Tenžera, Master's thesis, University of Split
2015	Željka Tomić, Master's thesis, University of Split
2014	Mirjana Jović, Master's thesis, University of Split
2013-	Drita Puharić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split

Mentored undergraduate students

2016-	Marina Katušin, midwifery thesis, University of Rijeka
2014	Marija Boban, MD thesis, University of Split
2013	Željka Topić, MD thesis, University of Split
2013	Anamarija Čuže, MD thesis, University of Split
2010	Toni Lozančić, MD thesis, University of Split
2010	Ana Vučković, MD thesis, University of Split
2010	Marija Čaran, MD thesis, University of Split
2009	Olga Šegvić, MD thesis, University of Split
2009	Toni Božinović, MD thesis, University of Split
2009	Ana Barić, MD thesis, University of Split

Reviews

Journals: *Acta Medica Academica, Breastfeeding Review, Croatian Medical Journal, Journal of Human Lactation, Paediatrica Croatica and International Breastfeeding Journal.*

Editorial Review Board member: *Journal of Human Lactation (2012-'16); Signa Vitae (2008-)*

Books:

2016	UNICEF	Savjetovalište za rani razvoj djece-Telefončić. Priručnik za roditelje.
2010	Centar Fenix	Hotić A, Majdankić E. Dojenje-poklon za cijeli život.
2008	Verbum	Kippley S. Dojenje i katoličko majčinstvo.

Publications in peer reviewed journals

See: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=irena+zakarija-grkovic>

Conference presentations and abstracts

I have presented at 43 national and international conferences, 23 of which were as an invited speaker, primarily on various breastfeeding related topics. For more details (in Croatian) see: <https://bib.irb.hr/lista-radova?autor=287975>

Volunteer activities

2011-	Speaker on various health related topics at Primary School 'Pojišan', Split
2006-	Breastfeeding activities within parenting organisation RODA
2006-	Antenatal course provider, Klub trudnica i roditelja, Split
2006-	Active member of the Catholic Church

Chapters in books

- 2015 Rumboldt M, Petric D, ur., Obiteljska medicina – drugo, preuređeno i prošireno izdanje. Udžbenik za studente. Split: Redak.
- 2012 Rumboldt M et al. OSCE/OSKI (Objective Structured Clinical Examination). Praktikum vještina za studente i specijalizante obiteljske medicine. Split: Redak.
- 2012 Puerperalni mastitis. U: Karelović D, ur. Infekcije u ginekologiji i perinatologiji. Zagreb: Medicinska naklada; 2012, str. 296-306.
- 2012 Dojenje na dar. U Bralić I i sur. Kako zdravo odrastati. Priručnik za roditelje. Zagreb: Medicinska naklada, 2012: 158-71.
- 2012 Što kad nema dovoljno majčina mlijeka? U Bralić I i sur. Kako zdravo odrastati. Priručnik za roditelje. Zagreb: Medicinska naklada, 2012: 172-5.
- 2011 Rumboldt M, Petric D, ur. Obiteljska medicina – odabrana poglavlja. Priručnik za studente. Split: Redak.
- 2010 Dojenje. U Stanojević M, ur. Priručnik za predavače na trudničkim tečajevima. Zagreb: MZSS-UNICEF, 2010;71-9.
- 2010 Dojenje uz uporabu sredstava ovisnosti i lijekova. U Stanojević M, ur. Priručnik za predavače na trudničkim tečajevima. Zagreb: MZSS-UNICEF, 2010; 80-4.

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