

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Helena Panayiotopoulou

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2022- Present

#### Director Pharmaceutical Services

[Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health (Cyprus)]

Management and administration of all the departments of the Pharmaceutical Services including:

Drug Regulatory

Pharmacovigilance and Clinical Trials

Inspectorate of Pharmacies

GMP, GCP, GVP Inspectorate

Drug Pricing

Registration of pharmacies and pharmacists

Administration Department

Herbal Medicines registration and control

Control of Cosmetics

December 2020-May 2022

#### Acting Director of Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health

Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health (Cyprus)

Management and administration of all the departments of the Pharmaceutical Services including:

Drug Regulatory

Pharmacovigilance and Clinical Trials

Inspectorate of Pharmacies

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Drug Pricing

Registration of pharmacies and pharmacists

Administration Department

Herbal Medicines registration and control

Control of Cosmetics

July 2019-November 2020

#### Head of Pharmacovigilance and Clinical Trials Department

Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health (Cyprus)

Management and administration of the Pharmacovigilance and Clinical Trials Department

Budget Impact

Data Protection Officer

National contact point for the consultation on the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicator on Access to Medicine (UN)

National contact point for addressing the global shortage of and access to medicine and vaccines (WHO)

Strategic Planning Coordinator

European Issues

Several Pharmaceutical Services projects - Pharmaceutical policy, Capacity Planning, Availability of Medicines

April 2018-June 2019

#### Head of Clinical Pharmacy Department

Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health (Cyprus)

Assessment of medicinal products for inclusion in Formulary for hospital drugs, introduction of treatment protocols and guidelines, monitoring of physicians compliance to formulary restrictions, assessment of patient named requests, provision of information and advice related to medicinal products, promotion of the rational use of medicines, member of scientific ad-hoc committees  
Data Protection Officer National contact point for the consultation on the Sustainable

Development Goal (SDG) indicator on Access to Medicine (UN) National contact point for addressing the global shortage of and access to medicine and vaccines (WHO) Strategic Planning Coordinator

March 2016-April 2018 **Pricing Management Team**  
Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health (Cyprus)  
Several Projects - Pricing and reimbursement pharmaceutical policies Coordinator in project of the European Refugees Fund

December 2013-March 2016 **Tendering Management Team**  
Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health (Cyprus)  
Expert in tendering procedures President of the committee for variations and claims Pricing and reimbursement policies working group

January 2001-October 2013 **Tender coordinator**  
Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health (Cyprus)  
Administrative, scientifically and commercial aspects of the tendering and contract process for the procurement of all medicines for the public hospitals

May 1996-August 1999 **Hospital Pharmacist at Hospitals and Rural Health Centers**  
Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health (Cyprus)

September 1989-April 1996 **Pharmacist in charge in community pharmacy**  
H.A. Medicaid Pharmacy Ltd (Cyprus)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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September 1985-July 1989 **BSc (Pharmacy)**  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

January 2008-May 2010 **MPSM (Master in Public Sector Management)**  
Cyprus International Institute of Management (Cyprus)

September 2016-January 2018 **MSc (Master in Clinical Pharmacy)**  
Frederick University (Cyprus)

January 2018-June 2021 **PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) Health Economics - Pharmacoeconomics**  
Frederick University (Cyprus)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Expertise** Tendering procedures for medical products ( from the pre- qualification stage through to the final bid submission award of contract and engagement close out)  
Budget Impact  
Health Economics (Pharmacoeconomics, Health Technology Assessment)  
Health Policy (Pharmaceutical Policy)  
Strategic Planning  
Management and Public Administration

**Publications** Panayiotopoulou H, Charalambou G, Kaitelidou D, Jelastopulu. Health Technology Assessment: Choices that Must be Made for Reviewing the Evidence - The Cyprus Perspective. International Journal for Public Health and Health Systems 2019; 4(3):80-84.  
Panayiotopoulou H, Charalambou G, Kaitelidou D, Jelastopulu. Assessment of Effectiveness of Tendering

Procedure in Pharmaceuticals: The Cyprus Experience. Annals of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutiics  
2020; 5(2):1179.

#### Projects

#### Memberships

Professional Appointment by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus

- President of the Pharmacy Council of Cyprus
- President of the Drugs Pricing Committee of Cyprus
- President of the Named- Patient Committee of Cyprus
- Member of the Drugs Council of Cyprus

European Network

- CHMP Member
- Member of the Head of Medicine Agency
- Member of the EMA Management Board
- Member of the Network of the Competent Authorities on Pricing and Reimbursement PPRI (Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information) European Network

Professional Associations

- Pancyprian Pharmaceutical Association
- Cyprus International Institute of Management Alumni Association

#### Other Relevant Information

HONOURS AND AWARDS

State Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.) Greece

Best Grades Student at School of Pharmacy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, for the academic years

1986-1988