

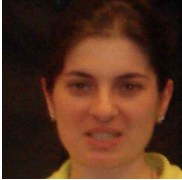
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Nargiz Azizova is Doctor Ordinator at the “Scientific Research Cardiology Institute,” which examines and treats patients and conducts research. Ms. Azizova is a doctor-resuscitator in the Intensive Therapy department and she also actively participates in research on “acute coronal syndrome.” Her goals are to complete the Candidate of Science degree, continue her scientific research, develop medical protocols in cardiology, and apply the newest diagnostic and treatment methods. Dr. Azizova would like to learn about medical education in the US, health monitoring systems, and the preparation of medical protocols. She would like to have discussions on medicine innovations and any subject in cardiology.



Rahima Gabulova is Assistant in the Internal Diseases Propedeutics Department of Azerbaijan State Medical University. She also practices in a local hospital. Her professional goals are to complete her doctoral work, organize student exchange program, and improve medical education consistent with modern standards. Dr. Gabulova would like to learn about American clinical structures, documentation systems, the management of medical education, health unions’ cooperation and lobbying activities, effective health monitoring systems, universities and medical school programs.



Gulnara Hajizada is Doctor in the Health Policy and Reforms Department at the Ministry of Health, Public Health and Reforms Center, which was established to implement a methodological basis for reforming health service and improving the financing and management of the health system. Her department is responsible for defining health goals and health quality standards, and the concept of Azerbaijan’s State Health system. Her responsibilities management training, developing clinical protocols, and compiling statistics on child mortality, newborn up to 5 years old. Dr. Hajizada’s professional goal are to improve and evaluate medical quality, to optimize drug usage and documentation, and prepare regulatory programs for health management and medical quality.



Rashida Abdullayeva is Senior Expert at the Department of Registration of Medical Drugs at the Ministry of Health and is a teacher in the School of Pharmacology at the Azerbaijan State Medical University. She has assisted in drug registrations, prepared e-version lectures, and conducted training around the country. At Azerbaijan State Medical University she lectures and runs clinical instruction in pediatrics, pharmacology, and stomatology. Dr. Abdullayeva wants to improve her professional level as a clinical and pharmaceutical expert, and develop new projects that will support education, community, and media development.



Lutfi Gafarov is the Director of the Primary Health Management Department at the Ministry of Health, Public Health and Reforms Center (PHRC), established in 2006. This is the main body developing proposals to reform the public health policy of the Republic. PHRC manages public health services, develops health programs, defines the prior directions of these programs, provides a methodological basis to regulate reforms in medical institutions, improve management and financial systems. Dr. Gafarov’s main responsibilities are to propose reforms in primary medical care, improve the quality of ambulatory medical services, evaluate the effectiveness of primary health institutions, prepare management handbooks on primary health institutions management, and support the application of evidence based medicine principles.



Ramiz Aliyev is a founder and Head Physician at the Turkish-American private Medical Center. His responsibilities include construction and equipment, training and personnel, and relations with other organizations including insurance companies. As the chairman of the Azerbaijan Entrepreneurs Confederation, his responsibility is to organize joint activities and cooperation with other private medical institutes. Dr. Aliyev’s professional goals are to expand the private medical sector through links with other regions, new branches. He wants to establish a centralized diagnostic laboratory, apply the newest methods of diagnostic and treatment (such as capsule-endoscopy of the small intestine), update the Center’s computer management system, and upgrade the training and professionalism of personnel.



Azad Ahmadov is Director of Professional Training in the Medical Personnel Department at the Ministry of Health, Public Health and Reforms Center. He provides hospital personnel with medical information and the application of proven medicine principles and information technologies. His professional goals are to create a reliable mechanism for developing clinic protocols, implement a certification process for medical staff, develop medical quality control standards and procedure, and organize an accredited health management training program. He would like to learn about the leadership role of the hospital directors in improving medical service quality, developing clinic standards, insuring security and safety of patients and medical personnel, and preserving patient rights. He would like to visit insurance companies, professional associations, and US government health agencies.



Matlab Verdiyev is Director of the public union “Assistance to Health Development,” which is a local NGO that implements medical, training, and community development programs. As head the organization, his responsibilities include writing projects, conducting training, and building relations with government and other NGOs. Dr. Verdiyev’s professional goals are to participate in health sector reforms, conduct medical training and community development programs, to join regional projects and to access international projects.



Azar Mehtiyev is Chairman of the Board of the public union, “Support of Economic Initiatives,” which is an NGO registered in 2006. He’s also co-founder of the National Budget Group, which has a project “Monitoring of assets defined for the health sector in the state budget” that monitors the state program on diabetes. Currently he is also the coordinator of the project “Improvement of access to primary medical services in Azerbaijan,” through which he conducted research on free medical aid financed by the State and will submit a proposal to the government. Mr. Mehtiyev’s professional goals are to improve the transparency and effectiveness of state and local budgets, achieve the accountability of central and local governments, and increase public involvement in decision-making.