

In Memoriam



Constantin Tica



With immeasurable sadness and deep pain in the soul, we announce the premature death of the renowned Romanian pediatric surgeon Constantin Tica, nicknamed "the angel of the children".

I knew about the suffering our good friend. I hoped with all my soul him to win and remain among us. But death was stronger, the soul leaving the tired body of the disease. On November 29, 2019, Professor Constantin Tica died, leaving behind a huge emptiness, sadness and pain.

Constantin Tica was born on January 6, 1953 in Cluj. He graduated the theoretical high school Calistrat Hogaş from Piatra Neamţ, then the University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Grigore T. Popa" from Iaşi. In 1978 he was employed, by competition, at the Constanta County Hospital, the

specialty of Pediatric Surgery, going through all the stages of professional ascension, having as mentors Alexandru Pesamosca, Constantin Pavlovici and Mircea Petrescu. In 1993 he was chief of the Clinic of Pediatric Surgery and Orthopedics at the Constanţa County Hospital.

In the 1990s, Constantin Tica supported the establishment of the "Ovidius" University and founded the Pediatric Surgery discipline. In 2002 he became a university lecturer, the discipline of surgery and pediatric orthopedics, and in 2006 - a university professor. Since 2016 he became the position of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the "Ovidius" University. Being actively involved in the activity of professional organizations and specialized commissions (member of the National Committee of the Romanian Society of Pediatric Surgery, member of the Disciplinary Committee of the National Society of Pediatric Surgery, chairman of the specialized committee of the Romanian Medical College, Chairman of the Pediatric Surgery Commission of the Ministry of Health, member of the *European Association of Pediatric Surgery*) he made significant contribution outstanding to increase of the performance of the Romanian pediatric surgery.

Professor Constantin Tica was loved and appreciated as a perfect surgeon and a good teacher for students, masters, doctoral students and residents, an excellent coordinator of professional and scientific activity. He was also a good friend of the pediatric surgeons from the Republic of Moldova, Russia and the countries of the European Union.

We express our gratitude for everything Professor Constantin Tica has done for "Ovidius" University and pediatric surgery in Romania. We extend sincere condolences to the grieving family and to all those who have known him.

God rest in peace.

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