

History of Hand Surgery in the Republic of North Macedonia

Society for Surgery of the Hand of Republic of North Macedonia (MSSH) is a recently established national society for surgery of the hand and upper extremity of the Republic of North Macedonia in 2019. It is a multispecialty association that unites Plastic surgeons, Orthopaedic surgeons, Trauma surgeons and General surgeons with a special interest in hand and upper extremity pathologies. In our country Hand Surgery is not a separate specialty (residency or fellowship). The Society became a full member of FESSH on 02 September 2020.

As a first president of the Society Assoc.Prof. Katerina Kasapinova was elected. In the presidency and organizational committees all the different specialties are represented; it also has representatives of most of the clinics and hospitals that treat hand pathologies, as to promote equity and unity. At present, the society has 18 specialist members.

The Society for Surgery of the Hand of Republic of North Macedonia works on advancement of the scientific research, educational and professional activities in the field of hand and upper extremity surgery for the diseases, injuries, congenital and degenerative changes of the upper extremity. It also works to unite and promote collaboration in-between different specialties involved in the treatment of separate segments of hand and upper extremity pathologies.

The society has set as its main goal to work on preparation, adoption and implementation of doctrinal positions in the surgery of the hand and upper extremity in accordance with existing Evidence-Based Guidelines from the FESSH, and to participate in the development and implementation of curricula and programs for postgraduate studies, postgraduate qualifications and specialties and subspecialties in the field of Hand surgery in North Macedonia.