


CURRICULUM VITAE

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9. Education degree:		
<i>Institution:</i>	Medical Faculty, University of Prishtina, Prishtina Kosovo	
<i>Date:</i>	1990	
<i>Diploma degree:</i>	Medical Doctor	
<i>Institution:</i>	University Hospital Center "Mother Teresa", Tirana, Albania	
<i>Date:</i>	1997	
<i>Diploma degree:</i>	Internal Medicine - Cardiology	
<i>Institution:</i>	Medical Faculty, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia	
<i>Date:</i>	2000	
<i>Diploma degree:</i>	Master of Medical Sciences	
<i>Master Thesis:</i>	Prediction of Stress Induced Myocardial Ischemia by Dobutamine with Assessment of Mitral-Pulsed Wave Doppler Echocardiography	
<i>Institution:</i>	Medical Faculty, University of Prishtina, Prishtina, Kosovo	
<i>Date:</i>	2002	
<i>Diploma degree:</i>	Doctor of Medical Sciences	
<i>Doctoral Thesis:</i>	Left ventricular diastolic function in insulin-nondependent diabetes mellitus patients	
<i>Institution:</i>	Semmelweis University of Medicine, Budapest, Hungary	
<i>Date:</i>	2007	
<i>Diploma degree:</i>	PhD	
<i>PhD Thesis:</i>	Relationship between insulin resistance and left ventricular diastolic dysfunction	
<i>Institution:</i>	Umea University, Umea, Sweden	

<i>Date:</i>	2014
<i>Diploma degree:</i>	PhD
<i>PhD Thesis:</i>	The Clinical Value of Total Isovolumic Time
10. Academic degree:	
<i>Institution:</i>	Faculty of Medicine, University of Prishtina
<i>Date:</i>	1998-2006
<i>Degree:</i>	Assistant of Professor
<i>Institution:</i>	Faculty of Medicine, University of Prishtina
<i>Date:</i>	2006-2010
<i>Degree:</i>	Professor Assistant
<i>Institution:</i>	Faculty of Medicine, University of Prishtina
<i>Date:</i>	2010 – 2016
<i>Degree:</i>	Professor Associate
<i>Institution:</i>	Faculty of Medicine, University of Prishtina
<i>Date:</i>	2016 – up to now
<i>Degree:</i>	Full Professor
11. Work experience record:	
<i>Dates:</i>	1990-1991
<i>Location:</i>	Mitrovica, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Mitrovica Regional Hospital
<i>Position:</i>	Resident Doctor
<i>Dates:</i>	1991-1993
<i>Location:</i>	Skenderaj, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Health House
<i>Position:</i>	General Practice Doctor
<i>Dates:</i>	1999- up to now
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	University Clinical Centre of Kosova, Internal Medicine Clinic
<i>Position:</i>	Cardiologist
<i>Dates:</i>	2001- 2003
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	University Clinical Centre of Kosova, Internal Medicine Clinic
<i>Position:</i>	Director of Clinic
<i>Dates:</i>	2003-2007

<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	University Clinical Centre of Kosova, Internal Medicine Clinic
<i>Position:</i>	Head of Second Division of Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	2007- 2009
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	University Clinical Centre of Kosova, Internal Medicine Clinic
<i>Position:</i>	Director of Clinic
<i>Dates:</i>	2009- 2011
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Medical Faculty, University of Prishtina
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<i>Dates:</i>	2012-2017
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Medical Faculty, University of Prishtina
<i>Position:</i>	Head of Internal Medicine Department
<i>Dates:</i>	2014- 2016
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina, Kosovo
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	University Clinical Centre of Kosova, Clinic of Cardiology
<i>Position:</i>	Director of Clinic
12. Professional trainings:	
<i>Dates:</i>	1994
<i>Location:</i>	Bassano del Grappa, Italy
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Public Hospital
<i>Training:</i>	Two months training in General Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	1995
<i>Location:</i>	Magenta, Italy
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Public Hospital
<i>Training:</i>	One month training in General Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	1995
<i>Location:</i>	Milano, Italy
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Second Division of Cardiology, Niguarda Ca'Granda Hospital
<i>Training:</i>	Two months training in Echocardiography
<i>Dates:</i>	1996
<i>Location:</i>	Annemasse, France
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Public Hospital

<i>Training:</i>	Two month training in General Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	1997
<i>Location:</i>	Milano, Italy
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Second Division of Cardiology, Niguarda Ca'Granda Hospital
<i>Training:</i>	Two months training in Stress-Echocardiography
<i>Dates:</i>	2002
<i>Location:</i>	Zabrze, Poland
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Silesian Centre for Heart Disease
<i>Training:</i>	Three months training in Invasive Cardiology
13. Scientific experience	
<i>Dates:</i>	2005-2006
<i>Location:</i>	London, UK
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Brompton Royal Hospital, UK
<i>Position:</i>	Part-time researcher
<i>Dates:</i>	2008-up to now
<i>Location:</i>	Umea, Sweden
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Umea Heart Center
<i>Position:</i>	Part-time researcher
<i>Dates:</i>	2008-2009
<i>Location:</i>	Pisa, Italy
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Santa Chiara Hospital
<i>Position:</i>	Part-time researcher
14. International Engagements:	
<i>Dates:</i>	1997 - up to now
<i>Position:</i>	Member of Albanian Society of Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	1997 - up to now
<i>Position:</i>	Member of European Society of Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	2003 - up to now
<i>Position:</i>	Fellow of European Society of Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	2004 - up to now
<i>Position:</i>	Member of European Association of Echocardiography
<i>Dates:</i>	2004 - up to now
<i>Position:</i>	Member of World Association Echocardiography
<i>Dates:</i>	2004 - up to now

<i>Position:</i>	Peer reviewer of International Editorial Board of the Journal "Anatolian Journal of Cardiology"
<i>Dates:</i>	2006 - up to now
<i>Position:</i>	Member of International Editorial Board of the Journal "Anatolian Journal of Cardiology"
<i>Dates:</i>	2005 - 2014
<i>Position:</i>	Member of Working Group for Heart Failure in European Society of Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	2006 - 2011
<i>Position:</i>	European Cardiologist Diploma
<i>Dates:</i>	2007 - up to now
<i>Position:</i>	Fellow of American College of Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	2007-2009
<i>Position:</i>	President of Kosovo Society of Cardiology
<i>Dates:</i>	2007 - 2017
<i>Position:</i>	Peer reviewer of "International Journal of Cardiology"
<i>Dates:</i>	2008 – 2017
<i>Position:</i>	Peer reviewer of "Annals of Saudi Medicine"
<i>Dates:</i>	2008 – 2013
<i>Position:</i>	Peer reviewer of "Collegium Antropologicum"
<i>Position:</i>	Member of Scientific Committee at Third Croatian Echocardiography Symposium With International Participation, Opatija, Croatia
<i>Dates:</i>	2012 - 2017
<i>Position:</i>	Peer reviewer of "Current Cardiology Reviews"
<i>Dates:</i>	2014 - up to now
<i>Position:</i>	President of Kosovo Society of Cardiology

15. Prizes and Acknowledgements

<i>Year:</i>	2003
<i>From:</i>	European Society of Cardiology
<i>Price:</i>	"Fellow of Society of Cardiology"
<i>Year:</i>	2007
<i>From:</i>	American College of Cardiology
<i>Price:</i>	"Fellow of American College of Cardiology"
<i>Year:</i>	2014
<i>From:</i>	Ministry of Education, Republic of Kosovo
<i>Price:</i>	"Scientist of Year 2014"

16. Original Scientific Papers Published in Peer Review Journals	
	<i>Impact factor:</i>
1. Bajraktari G , Bytyçi I, Henein MY. Left atrial structural and function predictors of recurrent fibrillation after catheter ablation: A systematic review and meta-analysis (Submitted).	
2. Bytyçi I, Bajraktari G , Ibrahim P, Lindqvist P, Henein MY. The relationship between left atrial measurements and cavity pressure: a systematic review and meta-analysis (Submitted).	
3. Dini FL, Bajraktari G , Zara C, Mumoli N, Rosa GM. Optimizing Management of Heart Failure by Using Echo and Natriuretic Peptides in the Outpatient Unit. Adv Exp Med Biol. 2018 Jan 28. doi: 10.1007/5584_2017_137. [Epub ahead of print].	1.881
4. Bajraktari G , Jashari H, Ibrahim P, Alfonso F, Jashari F, Ndrepepa G, Elezi S, Henein MY. Complete revascularization for patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction and multi-vessel coronary artery disease: A meta-analysis of randomized trials. Coron Artery Dis. 2018 Jan 17. doi: 10.1097/MCA.0000000000000602.	1.823
5. Bajraktari G , D'Agostino A, Henein MY, Ibrahim P, Perçuku L, Miccoli, Galeotti GG, Zara C, Simioniuc A, Dini FL. Comparison of the outcome in ambulatory heart failure patients: echo and B-type natriuretic peptide guided follow-up versus symptom-guided follow-up. (Submitted).	
6. Ahmeti A, Henein MY, Ibrahim P, Elezi S, Haliti E, Poniku A, Batalli A, Bajraktari G . Quality of life questionnaire predicts poor exercise capacity only in HFpEF and not in HFrEF. BMC Cardiovasc Disord. 2017 Oct 17;17(1):268. doi: 10.1186/s12872-017-0705-0.	1.836
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8. Poniku A, Bajraktari G , Elezi S, Ibrahim P, Henein MY. Adiponectin correlates with body mass index and to a lesser extent with left ventricular mass in dialysis patients. Cardiol J. 2017 Oct 5. doi: 10.5603/CJ.a2017.0108. [Epub ahead of print]	1.256
9. Cicero AFG, Colletti A, Bajraktari G , Descamps O, Djuric DM, Ezhov M, et al. Lipid-lowering nutraceuticals in clinical practice: position paper from an International Lipid Expert Panel. Nutr Rev. 2017 Sep 1;75(9):731-767.	5.541
10. Cicero AFG, Colletti A, Bajraktari G , Descamps O, Djuric DM, Ezhov M, et al. Lipid-lowering nutraceuticals in clinical practice: position paper from an International Lipid Expert Panel. Arch Med Sci. 2017 Aug;13(5):965-1005.	1.969
11. Mischie AN, Andrei CL, Sinescu C, Bajraktari G , Ivan E, Chatziathanasiou GN, Schiariti M. Antithrombotic treatment tailoring and risk score evaluation in elderly patients diagnosed with an acute coronary syndrome. J Geriatr Cardiol. 2017 Jul;14(7):442-456.	1.806
12. Bytyçi I, Bajraktari G , Bhatt DL, Morgan CJ, Ahmed A, Aronw WS, Banach M. On behalf of Lipid and Blood Pressure Meta-Analysis Collaboration (LBPMC) Group. Hydrophilic vs. Lipophilic statins in	5.812

coronary artery disease: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. <i>J Clin Lipidol.</i> 2017; 11: 624-637.	
13. Batalli A, Ibrahim P, Bytyçi I, Ahmeti A, Haliti E, Elezi S, Henein MY, Bajraktari G. Different determinants of exercise capacity in HFpEF compared to HFrEF. <i>Cardiovasc Ultrasound.</i> 2017 Apr 26;15(1):12	1.598
14. Bytyçi I, Bajraktari G. Left atrial changes in early stages of heart failure with preserved ejection fraction. <i>Echocardiography.</i> 2016 Jul 28. doi: 10.1111/echo.13306.	1.432
15. Bajraktari G, Jashari H, Ibrahim P, Alfonso F, Jashari F, Ndrepepa G, Elezi S, Henein MY. Comparison of drug-eluting balloon versus drug-eluting stent treatment of drug-eluting stent in-stent restenosis: A meta-analysis of available evidence. <i>Int J Cardiol.</i> 2016 Sep 1;218:126-35.	6.189
16. Ahmeti A, Ibrahim P, Bytyçi I, Haliti E, Olloni R, Elezi S, Bajraktari G. Use of the "Minnesota Living with Heart Failure Questionnaire" Quality of Life Questionnaire in Kosovo Heart Failure Patients. <i>Cardiovascular Forum Journal.</i> 2016 (9): 36-40.	
17. Bajraktari G, Henein MY. Treatments strategies of NSTEMI-ACS with multivessel disease. <i>Cardiovascular Forum Journal.</i> 2016 (6): 3-4.	
18. Jashari F, Ibrahim P, Bajraktari G, Grönlund C, Wester P, Henein MY. Carotid plaque echogenicity predicts cerebrovascular symptoms: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Eur J Neurol.</i> 2016 Jul;23(7):1241-7.	3.956
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21. Jashari H, Rydberg A, Ibrahim P, Bajraktari G, Kryeziu L, Jashari F, Henein MY. Normal ranges of left ventricular strain in children: a meta-analysis. <i>Cardiovasc Ultrasound.</i> 2015 Aug 7;13:37.	1.463
22. Berisha G, Bajraktari G, Ibrahim P, Bytyçi I, Rexhepaj N, Elezi S, Henein MY. Impaired left atrial reservoir function in metabolic syndrome predicts symptoms in HFpEF patients. <i>Cardiovascular Forum Journal.</i> 2015;4: 37-42	
23. Bajraktari G. The Kosovo Society of Cardiology. <i>Cardiovascular Forum Journal.</i> 2015;2: 7.	
24. Ibrahim P, Jashari F, Johansson E, Grönlund C, Bajraktari G, Wester P, Henein MY. Common carotid intima-media features determine distal disease phenotype and vulnerability in asymptomatic patients. <i>Int J Cardiol.</i> 2015 Oct 1;196:22-8.	6.189
25. Ibrahim P, Jashari F, Bajraktari G, Wester P, Henein MY. Ultrasound assessment of carotid plaque echogenicity response to	3.226

statin therapy: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>Int J Mol Sci.</i> 2015 May 12;16(5):10734-47.	
26. Bajraktari G , Henein MY. The Clinical Dilemma of Quantifying Mechanical Left Ventricular Dyssynchrony for Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: Segmental or Global? <i>Echocardiography</i> 2015; 32(1):150-5.	1.432
27. Bytyçi I, Bajraktari G . Mortality in heart failure patients. <i>Anatol J Cardiol</i> 2015; 15(1): 63-8.	0.755
28. Jashari H, Rydberg A, Ibrahim P, Bajraktari G , Henein MY. Left ventricular response to pressure afterload in children: Aortic stenosis and coarctation: A systematic review of the current evidence. <i>Int J Cardiol</i> 2014; 178C: 203-209.	6.189
29. Poniku A, Selmani H, Ahmeti A, Bajraktari G . Ebstein malformation associated with left atrium myxoma. <i>Int Cardiovasc Forum</i> 2014; 4: 198-199.	
30. Bajraktari G , Rönn F, Ibrahim P, Jashari F, Lindmark K, Jensen SM, Henein MY. <i>Scand Cardiovasc J</i> 2014; 48: 304-10.	1.104
31. Ibrahim P, Jashari F, Johansson E, Gronlund C, Bajraktari G , Wester P, Henein MY. Vulnerable plaques in the contralateral carotid arteries in symptomatic patients: a detailed ultrasound analysis. <i>Atherosclerosis</i> 2014; 235: 526-31	3.991
32. Bytyçi I, Bajraktari G , Ibrahim P, Berisha G, Rexhepaj N, Henein MY. Left atrial emptying fraction predicts limited exercise performance in heart failure patients. <i>IJC Heart & Vessels</i> 2014; 4: 203-7.	
33. Ibrahim P, Bajraktari G , Bytyçi I, Ahmeti A, Batalli A, Jashari H, Elezi S, Henein MY. Global dyssynchrony correlates with longitudinal left ventricular function and stroke volume but not ejection fraction or QRS duration in HFpEF. <i>Int Cardiovasc Forum</i> 2014; 3: 147-151.	
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41. Bajraktari G , Batalli A, Poniku A, Ahmeti A, Olloni R, Hyseni V, Vela Z, Morina B, Tafarshiku R, Vela D, Rashiti P, Haliti E, Henein MY. Left ventricular markers of global dyssynchrony predict limited exercise capacity in heart failure, but not in patients with preserved ejection fraction. <i>Cardiovasc Ultrasound</i> 2012; 10(1): 36.	1.463
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2. **Bajraktari G**. Elective non-cardiac surgery in patients with dual antiplatelet therapy. *XXI National Conference of Albanian Society of Cardiology*. **Tirana, Albania**. December 16, 2017.
3. **Bajraktari G**. Controversies in the treatment patients with STEMI and multivessel disease. 33rd Turkish Cardiology Congress with International Participation. **Antalya, Turkey**; 5-8 October, 2017.
4. **Bajraktari G**. Treatment of multivessel CAD in diabetes - with focus on microcirculation. First

European Joint Meeting: WG 6 and the Council of Hypertension. **Sinaia, Romania**; 17-18 February 2017.

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6. **Bajraktari G.** Actual treatment of cardiovascular disease in Kosovo. 7th Congress of Cardiologist and Angiologists of Bosnia and Herzegovina. **Rimini, Italia**; 2-4 June, 2016.
7. **Bajraktari G.** PCI in STEMI: culprit artery vs. complete revascularisation. 7th Congress of Cardiologist and Angiologists of Bosnia and Herzegovina. **Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina**; 26-28 May, 2016.
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13. **Bajraktari G.** Coronary Artery Disease. 2nd International Congress of Biomedical Sciences. **Tirana, Albania**; May 1-3, 2014.
14. **Bajraktari G.** Echo predictors in aortic stenosis. 7th Croatian Echocardiography Meeting with International Participation. **Dubrovnik, Croatia**; May 23-25, 2013.
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17. **Bajraktari G.** Treatment strategies in patients with advanced heart failure. *7th Annual Congress of the Turkic World Cardiology*. **Istanbul, Turkey**; October 21-24, 2010.
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19. **Bajraktari G.** Ischaemic mitral regurgitation: How to assess the severity? Should these patients be referred to surgery 2nd Conference of Albanian Society of Echocardiography. **Tirana, Albania**; November 17, 2009.
20. **Bajraktari G.** MRSA endocarditis in Contegra bovine conduite. 25th International Conference

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33. **Bajraktari G.** The role of echocardiography in early detecting of diastolic dysfunction in diabetic patients. 3 rd Congress of Cardiologist and Angiologists of Bosnia and Herzegovina. **Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina;** 27-30 May, 2004
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<i>Position:</i>	Chairmen of Organizing Committee
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