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*Member of the WHO International Working Group for Drug Statistics
Methodology*

Biography

Vera Vlahović-Palčevski is a specialist and a full professor in Clinical Pharmacology, works at the Clinical Hospital Center Rijeka and the University of Rijeka Medical Faculty. She is a head of Department of Clinical Pharmacology, a chair of the Drug and Therapeutics Committee at the Clinical Hospital Center Rijeka, and a coordinator of university postgraduate specialist study program Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology: Drug Testing and Administration at the University of Rijeka Medical Faculty.

Her main interests are pharmacoepidemiology and rational drug use with a focus on antimicrobials.

She has been involved in various antimicrobial stewardship activities on the local, national and international level (designing and conducting antibiotic campaigns, monitoring antibiotic consumption, developing guidelines and policies for antimicrobial drug use, teaching on all levels). Her main research interests are antimicrobial stewardship and antimicrobial consumption. She has served as an external consultant for ECDC and WHO in the field of antimicrobial consumption and stewardship.

Professor Vlahović-Palčevski participated in a number of projects concerning antibiotics (from 2015-2018 partner in the IMI JU funded project DRIVE AB (DRIVING RE-INVESTMENT IN R&D AND RESPONSIBLE ANTIBIOTIC USE), from 2002-2007 project lead for the project funded by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports Croatia and the University of Rijeka (Evaluation of Antimicrobial Drug Use Guidelines at the UHC Rijeka, No 0062069) and from 2008-2013 (Effectiveness of strategies to promote appropriate use of antimicrobials, No 0623537), MATRA project (funded by the Dutch Government) and development on national guidelines on rational antimicrobial use (2007). She has over 200 publications in scientific journals and books.

Professor Vlahović-Palčevski is a member of many national and international professional societies including European Drug Utilization Research Group, International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology, European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, European Study Group on Antibiotic Stewardship, Croatian Committee for Antibiotics Resistance Surveillance, Croatian Academy of Medical Science.

Professor Vlahović-Palčevski conducted antibiotic campaigns on the regional and national level (2009-2015). She is editor-in-chief of Guidelines for Hospital Antibiotic use (2008, 2012, 2015, 2021) as well as of Guidelines for Antibiotic Prescribing in Primary Care (2013, 2016, 2019, 2024). She serves on the editorial board of JAC-AMR.

Professor Vlahović-Palčevski is a member of WHO International Working Group for Drug Statistics Methodology since 2015.