

Associate professor Mirjana Turkalj, MD, PhD graduated from the Faculty of Medicine in Zagreb in 1987. Since 1998 she has been a pediatric specialist and since 2005 a subspecialist in allergology and clinical immunology. From 2014 she acts as assistant professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Osijek and was elected as a Scientific Assistant Professor in 2015 at the Faculty of Medicine in Zagreb. The professional title of associate professor was acquired in 2017 at the Catholic University of Zagreb. She works as a pediatric subspecialist at Srebrnjak Children's Hospital in Zagreb, where she is also Deputy Director, Head of the Clinical Allergology Center of the Croatian Ministry of Health and Head of Department for Allergology and Pulmonology. Professor Turkalj is a lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb (Integrated Medicine Study in English; "Basics of Pediatric Allergy"), at the Faculty of Food Technology and Biotechnology ("Immunology for nutritionists"), at the "Pediatrics" course at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Osijek, at the Croatian School of Nursing ("Pediatrics") and at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry ("Pathomechanisms and Diagnosis of Allergic Diseases"). She was lead of one FP6 and one FP7 European projects – iFAAM and ATOPICA, respectively. She is a member of the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology, the European Respiratory Society (ERS), the Croatian Medical Association, the Croatian Society for Allergology and Clinical Immunology, the Croatian Society of Pediatricians, Croatian Society for Pediatric Pathology, Croatian Society for Health Ecology, Croatian Society for Human Genetics and Croatian Association of Sports Medicine. Her main medical interests include immunological mechanisms in asthma and allergic diseases, pathomechanisms of specific immunotherapy in allergic diseases, mechanisms of drug allergy, and the role of bacterial and viral infections in development of early wheezing and asthma in children and prevention of allergic diseases in children. She wrote over 190 scientific papers and participated in domestic and international congresses, at which she has presented or co-authored more than 100 abstracts.