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Dr. Maria Kyriakidou graduated in 1997 from Alexander Technological Educational Institute, Thessaloniki, Greece.

In 2004 received her MSc in Acupuncture from Coventry University, UK with distinction while,

in 2012 completed her PhD thesis with honors, Medicine School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

Dr. Maria Kyriakidou has more than 20 years of clinical experience in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Papageorgiou General Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece.

She has attended numerous specialized-certified courses to pediatric physiotherapy, mostly focused on infants and toddlers with emphasis on physiotherapeutic assessment and intervention in preterm infants.

She has received international scientific distinctions and awards:

In 2011, excelled in the **Academic Olympics at the UENPS**, World Congress in Istanbul.

In 2014, received the 1<sup>st</sup> prize at the **World Congress of Perinatal Medicine**, in Mexico.

She has been an Assistant Professor in the School of Science and Engineering, Department of Physiotherapy, University of Nicosia.

Now, she teaches Pediatric Physical Therapy and Adults Neurological Physiotherapy in the Department of Physiotherapy, University of Peloponnese.

**Selected Publications:**

1. Neurological Outcome in Preterm Small for Gestational Age Infants Compared to Appropriate for Gestational Age Preterm at the Age of 18 Months: A Prospective study.

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5. Comparison of 24 months neurodevelopmental outcome in twins and singletons  $\leq$  34 weeks gestation at birth

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