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COMENDANT RODICA

PERSONAL DATA		CONTACT INFORMATION
<p><b>Name:</b> Rodica Comendant</p> <p><b>Nationality:</b> Republic of Moldova</p> <p><b>Date of birth:</b> 28 August 1962</p> <p><b>Place of birth:</b> Chisinau, Republic of Moldova</p> <p><b>Marital status:</b> Married, 2 children</p> <p><b>Sex:</b> Female</p>		<p><b>Permanent address:</b> Republic of Moldova, Chisinau, Sadoveanu Street 28, apt. 165</p> <p><b>Tel:</b> +373 22 485082 (home) + 373 22 35 50 72 (office) + 373 69 139878 (cell phone)</p> <p><b>Fax:</b> +373 22 35 50 70</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> comendantrodica73@gmail.com</p>
EDUCATION		
1996	Received Ph.D. degree	
1991 – 1994	Post graduate studies at the " N. Testemitanu " State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Moldova, Obstetrics and Gynecology specialty, Ph.D. course	
1979 – 1985	State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Moldova, specialty: Obstetrician Gynecologist	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE		
1998 - present	Director of the Reproductive Health Training Center of Republic of Moldova.	
02/2005/ - present	International Consortium for Medical Abortion – Operations Coordinator (part time)	
2005/ - present	Gynuity Health Project, USA, Senior Consulting Associate (part time)	
2006 - 2013	WHO Consultant for Strategic Assessment of Abortion (Ukraine, Russia), short time consultancy	
2006 -present	National Coordinator of Safe Abortion Programme of the Reproductive Health Strategy of Republic of Moldova	
1994 - present	Attendant Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Moldova, part time	
1996 – 2010	Obstetrician gynecologist, consultant of the Municipal Perinatal Center, Chisinau	
1991 – 1994	Post-graduate Ph.D. study, State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Moldova	

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1986 – 1991	Obstetrician-gynecologist at the Maternity No. 2 of Chisinau
1985 – 1986	Intern physician of the Municipal Clinical Hospital No.1 of Chisinau
<b>INTERNSHIPS / TRAININGS / CONGRESSES</b>	
27-30 May 2014	UNFPA Regional “Policy Advocacy for Total Market Approach for Family Planning” workshop, Turkey, Antalya
8-12 February 2014	Regional course on development and implementation of clinical guidelines in sexual and reproductive health, Chisinau, Moldova, EACCME, Certificate from European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
19-20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2012,	FIAPAC’s 10th annual congress: Unwanted pregnancy - a fact of life”, speaker in a panel
7-12 October, 2012,	XX FIGO World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics - Rome (Italy), speaker
22 - 23/10/2010	Ninth conference of FIAPAC: 'Achieving Excellence in Abortion-Care' - Seville (Spain), panel moderator
24 – 25/06/2010	HRP Policy and Coordination Committee organized by WHO – Geneva, Switzerland, participant
4 – 9/10/2009	XIX World Congress of Gynecology and Obstetrics - Cape Town, South Africa, speaker
14 – 17/11/2008	11 <sup>th</sup> AWID International Forum on Women's Rights and Development from Africa - Cape Town, South Africa, speaker
24 – 25/10/2008	Eighth International Congress of FIAPAC “Reproductive Health and Responsibilities” - Berlin, Germany, speaker
29 – 31/10/2007	4th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health (APCRSH) – Hyderabad, India, speaker, facilitator.
5 – 7/09/2007	Training on Prevention of Unsafe Abortion – Songkla province, Thailand, speaker, facilitator.
17 – 21/11/2005	3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health (APCRSH) – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, speaker.
27 – 28/10/2005	Seminar: Abortion, Contraception and Women’s, organized by Health International Federation of Professional Abortion and Contraception Associates (FIAPAC) – Moscow, Russia, speaker.
21 – 25/09/2005	10 <sup>th</sup> International Women’s Health Meeting – New Delhi, India, speaker, facilitator.
17 – 20/10/2004	Medical Abortion: An International Forum on Policies Programmes and Services , Glenburn Lodge – Johannesburg, South Africa, participant.

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7 – 9/10/2004	Workshop on Advocacy for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, organized by ASTRA – Yerevan, Armenia, participant.
08 – 11/09/2004	Getting to policy. Meeting of the coordinators of Public Health Programs, organized by OSI New-York – Istanbul, Turkey, speaker.
01 – 05/2004	Implementing the Strategic Approach for improving quality of care in abortion and related reproductive health services: WHO workshop – Riga, Latvia, participant.
12 – 15/2004	XVIII European Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology – Athens, Greece. <i>Poster presentation.</i>
04/2004	Advancing Women’s access to Safe Abortion: an international Strategy Workshop – Chapel Hill, NC, USA, participant.
13 – 16/01/2004	Medical Abortion Training Seminar: Gynuity Health projects – Paris, France, trainee.
26 – 30/05/2003	Effective Training in Reproductive Health: Course design and delivery. Ipas Training of Trainers. Europe Region, trainee.
06/2002	“Making Pregnancy Safer” Evidence Based Mother and Newborn Skills Course, WHO – Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, trainee.
05/2002	Clinical Training Skills Course “Manual Vacuum Aspiration”, National trainer’s Certification organized by NAF, OSI (USA), trainee.
03/2002	Emergency Contraception Schweitzer Seminar – Kyiv, Ukraine, participant.
21 – 25/05/2001	Training Skills UNICEF Course “Antenatal and Perinatal Care”: National trainer’s Certification – Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, trainee.
03/2000	Regional Coordinators Meeting in Public Health – Budapest, Hungary, speaker.
27/04 – 20/05/2000	Course for Eastern and Central Europe "Reproductive Health Care" – Karlskrona, Sweden, attendee. <i>Main Topics: Prevention of unwanted pregnancy, Adolescence and sexual health, Legal abortion, Psychological reaction to abortions.</i>
28/09 – 23/11/1998	Training in Obstetrics and gynecology – Berlin, Germany.
03 – 04/1998	Course “ Current advances in prenatal care” – Iasi, Romania.
24 – 30/09/1994	XIV World Congress of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics – Montreal, Canada, speaker.
07 – 09/1992	Course “Coagulation disturbances in pregnancy” organized by

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	Institute of Hematology – Minsk, Republic of Belarus, trainee.
<b>PROFESSIONAL SKILLS / ABILITIES</b>	
	<b>Technical support/consultancy/trainings</b>
2014	Consultant for Concept Foundation for Medabon registration in EE countries
2010-2013-2014	Country focal point for FIGO initiative “preventing unsafe abortion”
2008	Development of National Strategic Plan on prevention of Unsafe Abortion in Tajikistan, <b>Consultant</b> , UNFPA
2008	Situational Analysis of postabortion complications in Tajikistan, UNFPA mission, <b>Consultant</b>
2010	Elaboration and approval by the MoH of the National Standards and Protocols on Comprehensive Abortion care in Moldova, <b>team leader</b>
2005	Elaboration of the National Reproductive Health Strategy, Moldova, Safe abortion programme, <b>team-leader</b>
2004	Elaboration of the Clinical Management Guide “HIV/SIDA vertical transmission prevention during pregnancy”, co-author.
2004	Elaboration of the guide: Manual Vacuum Aspiration abortion. Guide for clinicians, <b>team leader</b>
	<b>Training capacity:</b>
2014	Training of Trainers in Comprehensive abortion Care, <b>Tiraspol, Transnistria, May 2014, Main trainer</b>
2013	Training on the second trimester abortion, September 2013, Donetsk, Ukraine, <b>co-trainer</b>
2002-2013	<b>Regional CAC Trainings, Trainer :</b> Trainings in <b>Medical Abortion</b> : Moldova (2006-2008), Ukraine (2006-2007-2019), Russia (2007), <b>Main trainer</b> Training of Trainers in <b>Comprehensive abortion Care</b> : Training of Trainers in Comprehensive abortion Care, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2007, Kiev, Ukraine, February 2006, <b>Main trainer</b> Vinnitsa, Ukraine, June 2010, <b>Main trainer</b> Odessa, Ukraine, May 2011, <b>Main trainer</b> Poltava, Ukraine, July 2012, <b>Main trainer</b>  MVA trainings, Moldova (7 trainings), 2002-2004, <b>Main trainer</b> ; MVA training, Russia, Saint Petersburg, 2003, <b>co-trainer</b> ; MVA training in Georgia, Tbilisi, 03.2004, <b>co-trainer</b> ; MVA training, Kirgizstan, Bishkek, 11.2003, <b>Main trainer</b> ;

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	Training on evidence-based medicine, Moldova, 2003, <b>co-trainer</b> .
2095	Training of Trainers in Comprehensive abortion Care, Ulan Bator, Mongolia. <b>Main Trainer, WHO Consultant for Mongolia</b>
2003	Training of Trainers in Reproductive Health, Course Design and Delivery – Saint-Petersburg, Russia. <b>Main trainer</b> .
2014-2016	<b>Project management:</b> Increasing the quality of abortion care within a comprehensive package of reproductive health services in Transnistria - the post-conflict area of the Republic of Moldova, SAAF sponsored project, <b>Project coordinator</b>
2013	Increasing community' awareness on sexual and reproductive rights as fundamental human rights, in Moldova, in the conditions of growing religious fundamentalism and anti-choice movement, <b>Project coordinator</b>
2014-2015	HRP Evaluation Research Proposal: Evaluating and mapping comprehensive abortion care in the Republic of Moldova, WHO supported project, <b>Project coordinator</b>
2009-2010	Scaling up ambulatory, comprehensive abortion care in the Republic of Moldova, WHO supported project, <b>Project coordinator</b>
2007-2008	Scaling up ambulatory comprehensive abortion care in two perinatal centres and a youth centre in Moldova, <b>Project coordinator</b>
2006-2007	Testing a Pilot Comprehensive Abortion Care Intervention in Moldova, <b>Project coordinator</b>
2005	Strategic Assessment of Abortion and Contraceptive Services in Republic of Moldova, <b>Project coordinator</b>
2004	"Implementation of Medical abortion in Moldova", Soros Foundation-Moldova project, <b>Project coordinator</b>
2002	"Safe abortion implementation in Moldova": OSI, New-York, Soros Foundation – Moldova, Project coordinator
2002	"Institutionalizing Manual Vacuum Aspiration in Moldova (MVA)":OSI, New-York, Soros Foundation – Moldova , <b>Project coordinator</b>
2005-2014	<b>Knowledge of research methods: Principal Investigator in the clinical studies:</b> - "Acceptability and Feasibility of Medical Abortion in Law Resources Settings" - "A randomized study of sublingual and oral misoprostol following mifepristone 200 mg for abortion up to 63 days gestation"

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Sublingual misoprostol following mifepristone 200 mg for abortion up to 63 days gestation”</li> <li>- “A randomized study of sublingual and buccal misoprostol administration following mifepristone 200 mg for abortion up to 63 days gestation”</li> <li>- “Introductory Medical Abortion Study in Tiraspol, Moldova”</li> <li>- “Uptake and acceptability of home-use of mifepristone for medical abortion”</li> <li>- “Mifepristone and Misoprostol versus misoprostol alone for mid-trimester termination of pregnancy(14-21weeks)”</li> <li>- “The acceptability and feasibility of reducing the need for in-clinic follow-up for first trimester medical abortion in Moldova”</li> <li>- “Mifepristone and misoprostol versus misoprostol alone for mid-trimester termination of pregnancy (14 – 21 weeks LMP): A randomized-controlled double-blinded trial”</li> </ul>
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**PROFESSIONAL BODIES MEMBERSHIPS**

<i>2013-2014</i>	Member of the Scientific Committee of FIAPAC Conference 2014
<i>2011-2012</i>	Member of the Scientific Committee of FIAPAC Conference 2012
<i>2005 – present</i>	Member of ICMA.
<i>1995 - present</i>	Member of Republican Society of Obstetricians Gynecologist of Moldova.
<i>1998 – 2001</i>	Member of the board for “Civil Society, Public Health and Women Programs” of the Soros Foundation Moldova.

*Mark 1 to 5 for competence, 5= very good*

<b>LANGUAGE SKILLS</b>	<i>Mark 1 to 5 for competence, 5= very good</i>		
	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>
<i>Romanian (mother tongue)</i>	5	5	5
<i>Russian</i>	5	5	5
<i>English</i>	5	5	5
<i>French</i>	5	4	4