



### **MUDr. Katarína Bergendiová, PhD.**

Dr. Bergendiová is a physician with 25-year experience in paediatrics and clinical immunology and allergology. She worked in the Children's University Hospital Kramáre in Bratislava, in the former National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Podunajské Biskupice and in the Pneumo-Alergo Centre, which she built up together with MUDr. Branislav Drugda and MUDr. Martin Brezina over the years 2003 - 2013. In January 2014 she established a new centre for clinical immunology and allergology - ImunoVital Centre, where she still works. She achieved two specialized board exams (in Paediatrics and in Clinical Immunology and Allergology).

Dr. Bergendiová holds certificates from the course on flow cytometry and functional diagnosis and an international certificate in a new area of Sports Immunology as the only one in Slovakia. In 2002 she defended her dissertation thesis "Sport and the Immune System" at the Faculty of Medicine Comenius University in Bratislava and earned a Ph.D. title. Since 2014, she has also been involved in reproductive immunology, which she lectures at domestic and foreign events.

She is a member of several Slovak professional societies (Immunological, Immuno-allergological, Pneumological, and Paediatric) and a member of the International Society for Exercise and Immunology and Society for Reproductive Immunology. She lectures at domestic and international congresses and has published numerous papers in domestic and foreign medical journals.

Apart from outpatient practice, she also works as a consulting physician for allergic diseases and immunology for the top-team of athletes preparing for Olympic Games and other major sport events, where she combines her hobby (sport) with her profession. She served as a doctor of the Slovak Olympic team and participated in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, and 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.