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## SUMMARY

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I am highly skilled plastic and reconstructive surgeon with over 15 years of clinical experience, with the last 10 years practicing as a consultant plastic surgeon at university hospital. Even though I perform large variety of surgical procedures, my main workload is concentrated on onco- and reconstructive surgery of breast cancer, which was the topic of both my masters and doctorate degrees. During last 10 years I have been actively involved in education of medical students as senior teaching assistant at Medical Faculty, University of Tuzla. I am hardworking and true team player always eager to learn more and to share my acquired knowledge with ambitious colleagues alike. Other than breast surgery, I am very skilled in microsurgical reconstruction, oculoplastic surgery, hand surgery and aesthetic surgery.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**University of Tuzla, Medical faculty, Tuzla**

*Sep 2011 to Jan 2020*

**Senior Teaching Assistant, Surgery**

- Specific clinical examination for surgical patients
- Basic surgical skills teaching (using surgical instruments, performing small surgical procedures such as simple excision, wound closure suturing techniques, dressing the wounds etc.)
- Introduction to rules and regulations of an operating room
- Evaluating students' involvement and progress

**University Clinical Center Tuzla, Tuzla**

*Mar 2005 - Aug 2010 (residency), Sep 2010 – today (consultant plastic surgeon)*

**Plastic and reconstructive surgeon, Department of plastic surgery**

The most common procedures I performed as consultant plastic surgeon:

- all dermatosurgical procedures (small to big skin lesions anywhere on the body),
- all hand trauma (skin, tendon, bone) including replantation and toe-to-hand transfers as well as immediate microsurgical reconstruction of large defects,
- peripheral nerve surgery including nerve entrapment sy (lower extremity included), nerve repair and nerve grafting
- congenital hand deformities: syndactyly, polydactyly, macrodactyly (foot included),
- Dupuytren contracture,
- tendon transfers in upper ext. palsy,
- rheumatoid hand, risarthritis,

- oculoplastic procedures (eyelid reconstruction, ptosis repair, blepharoplasty),
- static and dynamic facial reanimation in facial nerve palsy,
- nasal pyramid surgery (this includes subtotal i total nasal reconstruction, as well as septorhinoplasty),
- all breast surgery (onco-surgery + SLNB + axillary dissection and reconstruction surgery with implants and free flaps such as DIEP and TUG, breast reduction, augmentation, mastopexy),
- melanoma surgery including SLNB, neck, axillary and groin dissection,
- reconstructive surgery « form head to toe » (microsurgical),
- core aesthetic surgical procedures.

**Plava Poliklinka (Private Clinic), Tuzla** *May 2019 -today*

**Plastic surgeon – consultant**

- Private Clinic where I perform mostly aesthetic surgical procedures:
  - breast augmentation, breast reduction, mastopexy,
  - liposuction, lipectomy and body lifts,
  - facelift,
  - rhinoplasty,
  - otoplasty,
  - blepharoplasty,
  - application of soft tissue fillers and neuromodulators.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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- **Training Course:** (2009) School of microsurgery, Nancy, France, supervised by prof. Philippe Livernaux.
- **Resident Trainee:** (Nov 2008 – Nov 2009) Les Hospitiaux Universitaires de Strasbourg, Chirurgie maxillo-faciale et stomatologie, Strasbourg, France, supervised by Prof. Astrid Wilk.
- **Resident Trainee:** (Oct 2006 – Dec 2006) University Medical Center Ljubljana, Slovenia, supervised by Prof. Zoran Arnez.
- **Plastic Surgery Resident Doctor:** (Aug 2006 – Aug 2010) University Clinical Center Tuzla, Department of plastic and reconstructive surgery.
- **Internship:** (Mar 2005 – Mar 2006) University Clinical Center Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, General surgery.

## EDUCATION

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- PhD** Faculty of Medicine, University of Tuzla – Bosnia and Herzegovina, *October 2013*  
Dissertation: “*Significance of sentinel lymph node biopsy in determining the status of regional lymph nodes in invasive ductal breast cancer*”
- MS** Faculty of Medicine, University of Tuzla – Bosnia and Herzegovina, *June 2008*  
Thesis: “*Tumor size and status of regional lymph nodes as predictor of invasive ductal breast cancer*”
- BS** Faculty of Medicine, University of Tuzla – Bosnia and Herzegovina, *June 2004*  
Medicine and Surgery  
GPA 3.9/4.0
- HSDG** William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia, PA – USA *June 1998*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Gold plaque of University of Tuzla** *2004*  
The award is given to students that have completed and passed all of the exams throughout the course of given faculty study within the last academic year, with overall grade average over 9.00 (maximum being 10.00).
- Silver plaque of University of Tuzla** *1998/99 & 2004*  
The award is given to students that have completed and passed all the academic year’s exams before starting next academic year, with an overall grade average over 9.00 (maximum being 10.00).

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ***Journal Publications***

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### **Conference Papers**

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## LANGUAGES

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**Bosnian:** Native Language

**English:** Bilingual/ Full Professional Proficiency

**French:** Full Professional Proficiency

**German:** Intermediate Listener and Speaker

## OTHER

**Links to personal professional web pages** (before and after photos of different surgical cases, short videos of surgical procedures etc.):

- <http://www.instagram.com/plasticnahirurgijatuzla>

- <http://www.facebook.com/dremirhalilbasic>

**Interests/Hobbies:**

- Guitar playing
- Playing tennis
- Running and swimming
- Hiking

**Citizenship:** Bosnian