Resume A/ Professor Farhad Niknejad

1. Personal Information

- Name: Farhad Niknejad
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2. <u>Summary</u>:

I am an **Associate Professor of Medical Mycology** at Golestan University of Medical Sciences (GOUMS) where I have joined in 1996. I have graduated from Tehran University of Medical Science in 2012, which is the top-ranked university in Iran. I have received my fellowship in clinical laboratory sciences in 2020 at Iran University of medical sciences. I have been involved in both academia and clinical laboratory setting over the last 15 years with several honors, awards and publication. I was the Director of Dezyani Clinic of GOUMS from 2016 to 2022. I was also the Dean of Paramedicine Faculty GOUMS from 2018-2022, Head of the Department of Medical Parasitology and Mycology at GOUMS from 2021to 2022, Head of Medical Laboratory Department GOUMS from 2013to 2017. I have been a co- Editor of Medical Laboratory Journal (MLJ) since 2013 as well.

3. Education

• 2018–2020 Completion of Specialized Complementary Studies in Clinical Laboratory (Clinical Laboratory Fellowship), Iran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran (GPA: 18.52 / 20)

•	2006-2012	Ph.D., Medical Mycology , Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran (GPA: 17.97 / 20)
		Thesis : Investigation of <i>Candida parapsilosis</i> activity on the growth of clinical isolates of aflatoxigenic and non- aflatoxigenic <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> and identification of active components. (19.90 from 20)
•	1999-2001	(MSPH) Master Medical Mycology, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran (GPA: 18.20 / 20)
•	1007 1000	Thesis : Antifungal activity of <i>Humulus lupulus</i> on a group of Dermatophyte and Saprophyte fungi. (19.75 from 20)
	1997-1999	Bachelor of Sciences (BS) in Medical Laboratory Technologist , Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences, Iran (GPA: 17.98 / 20)

4. Achievement & Awards:

2014- The Best Paramedicine Professor at the Faculty level, GOUMS

- 2006- Established Medical Mycology Lab, Paramedicine faculty, GOUMS
- 2006- Established Microbial Quality Control Lab, Giah Essence Phytopharm Co, Gorgan, Iran
- **2006-** The Best Researcher of Golestan University of Medical Sciences.

2006- First-ranked student in Medical Mycology, Ph.D. examination.

2004- The Best Medical Laboratory Professor, Azad University, Gorgan brunch.

1999- First-ranked student in Medical Mycology, MSPH examination.

1997- First best student in BS degree in medical laboratory technologist course.

5. <u>Clinical Experience</u>

- Date: Aug 2022- Present
- Employer: Zagros Clinical Laboratory, Ramhormoz, Iran
- Position: Director
- **Duties:** Supervision and confirms laboratory results

- **Date:** August 2022- Present
- Employer: Fadak Clinical Laboratory Clinic, Ramhormoz, Iran
- Position: Director
- **Duties:** Supervision and confirms laboratory results
- Date: Feb 2016- Aug 2022

Employer: Golestan University of Medical Sciences, Iran.Position: Director of Dezyani Clinical Laboratory, Gorgan, Iran.Duties: Heading the Laboratory and teaching laboratory courses.

- Date: 1996-2007
- Employer: Golestan University of Medical Sciences, Iran.
- Position: Lab Experts, Reference Laboratory, Deputy of Health
- **Duties:** Supervising Laboratory and Quality control of microbial samples, Holding training workshops.

6. Academic Experience

- Date: April 2017- Aug 2022
- Employer: Golestan University of Medical Sciences, Iran.
- Position: Associate Professor, Faculty Member of Para Medicine School
- Duties: Teaching, research, and supervision
- **Date**: Feb 2012- April 2017
- Employer: Golestan University of Medical Sciences, Iran.
- Position: Assistant Professor, Faculty Member of Para Medicine School
- **Duties:** Teaching, research and supervision

7. Publications: (Citations: 797, h-index: 15)

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7.1 <u>Books:</u>

Medical Mycology for Nursery & Paramedical student.(With Farhad Niknejad and Roshanak Daie). Tehran. Andishe Rafi. 2013 (104 pp)

The highlights of Medical Microbiology selected from Henry's Clinical Diagnosis and Management by Laboratory Methods. (With Maruvat Taheri Kalani, Farhad Niknejad, Mehdi Rajab Nia) Tehran. Venus. 2020 (168 pp)

7.2 Journal Papers:

Effects of kefir on liver function tests and histopathological changes in rats exposed to aflatoxin B1. SA Sajjadi, Z Moosavi, **F Niknejad**, A Jamshidi. *Medical Laboratory Journal*. Vol 17, No 4, pp. 17-19. 2023 URL: <u>http://mlj.goums.ac.ir/article-1-1559-en.html</u>

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The relation between serum levels of interleukin 10 and interferon-gamma with oral candidiasis in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients. A Halimi, N Mortazavi, A Memarian, M Zahedi, **F Niknejad**, A Sohrabi, *BMC Endocrine Disorders*. Vol 22, No 1, 296. 2022 https://doi.org/10.1186/s12902-022-01217-x

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Detoxification of AFB1 by Yeasts Isolates from Kefir and Traditional Kefir-Like Products. A Eiri, **F Niknejad**, A Ardebili. *Medical Laboratory Journal*. Vol 16, No 4, pp. 20-25. 2022 URL: <u>http://mlj.goums.ac.ir/article-1-1440-en.html</u>

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Biomonitoring of Multiple Mycotoxins in Urine by GC–MS/MS: A Pilot Study on Patients with Esophageal Cancer in Golestan Province, Northeastern Iran.
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Screening for Azole Resistance among Aspergillus spp isolated from Soil of Hospitals and a University Campus in Gorgan, Iran. Z Mirshekar, N Behnampour, A Amini, G Alizad, **F** Niknejad.

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7.3 Conferences:

2021- Quality control in medical mycology laboratory. 4th Hircania Medical Laboratory Congress, **Gorgan, Iran**

2018- Mycotoxin and heart disease, 1th Hircania Medical Laboratory Congress, Mycotoxin and Heart Diseases, G**organ, Iran**

2018- Keynote speaker, 5th Congress, Iranian Society of Medical Mycology (ICMM), **Tehran**, **Iran**

2016- Human biomonitoring of multiple mycotoxins in Golestan Province, Northeastern Iran with GCMS/MS. EUROTOX 2016. **Valencia, Spain**

2012- Evaluation of the ability of yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae to biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles. ISHAM congress. 2012, **Berlin, Germany**

2011- Evaluation of the potential of the yeast *Candida parapsilosis* sp. As a biocontrol agent against *Aspergillus* spp. and aflatoxin production. Power of fungi and mycotoxins in Health and disease. **Primošten, Croatia**

2010- Strategies to Prevent Mycotoxin Contamination of Food and Feed Animals.7th National and 2nd Regional Congress of Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases in Iran, Tehran, Iran.

2010- Survey of fungal contamination in wheat storage (silo) in Golestan Province, North of Iran ICOPA XII, **Melbourne, Australia**.

2009- Antifungal activity of Proxy Acetic Acid (PAA) compounds on a group of fungi (Dermatophyte, Saprophyte) with In vitro method. ISHAM congress. **Tokyo, Japan.**

2008- New phenotypic method for the discrimination between C. albicans and

C. dubliniensis. International congress of Parasitology & Mycology. Karaj, Iran.

8. <u>Publications: In Progress</u>

- Determination of AFB1 detoxification by *Lactobacilli* isolated from kefir in milk and immunopotentiating activity in wistar rat.
- Feasibility study of using various types of microorganisms for assessing microbial growth in drinking water distribution systems. YD Shahamat, F Niknejad, R Aali, A Morovvati, M Shahini, F Emadi, et al Research Square, 14 Jun 2022 https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-1710242/v1

9. <u>Reviewer:</u>

- Medical Laboratory Journal, No: 20
- Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences Invasive Fungal Disease research center, Proposal No:8
- Food Science and Nutrition Journal, No: 2
- Mycoses Journal, No: 1
- Journal of pharmaceutical research international, No: 1

10. Memberships:

2020-2022, Medical Mycology assessment board committee, Iranian Ministry of Health and Medical Education

2020- present, Iranian Association of Clinical Pathologists (IACP

2010- present, Iranian Society of Medical Mycology (ISMM)

11. <u>Certificates</u>

- 2th International congress on Quality Improvement in Clinical Laboratory, Tehran, Iran
- Head of Referral Golestan Health Laboratory
- VII Microbiology Congress, Semnan, Iran
- Presentation new HbA1c, and HbA2 kits, Tehran, Iran
- Standardizing method and management laboratory, Tehran, Iran
- Training Leprosy workshop, Gorgan, Iran
- Word Standard on vacutainer blood sampling, Tehran, Iran
- Laboratory health care system for Influenza disease, Tabriz, Iran
- Management health programs, Gorgan, Iran
- Learning WHONET.5 software for microbiology laboratory unit, Tehran, Iran
- Workshop for learning Urea Broth Test (U B T) methods, Tehran, Iran
- Laboratory diagnosis Thalassemia and Hemoglobinopathy, Tehran, Iran
- Quality enhancement Thalassemia laboratory, Gorgan, Iran
- Educational program for infectious disease (as a speaker), Gorgan, Iran

- Management clinical laboratory samples in Laboratory Networks, Tehran, Iran
- Screening Newborn Hypothyroidy workshop, Shiraz, Iran
- Analysis Quality Control Laboratory results, Gilan, Iran
- Zoonosis disease, Avian Flu, Gorgan, Iran
- Training workshop, Vibrio cholerae, Gorgan, Iran
- Quality Assurance in Medical Mycology for Laboratory supervision (speaker), Gorgan, Iran
- Quality Control in Medical Mycology for Laboratory Technologists (speaker), Gorgan, Iran

12. <u>Skills</u>

Quality Control in laboratory, Detection and identification fungi, HPLC, GC-Mass,

13. <u>Research Interests</u>

Mycotoxin detoxification, Mycotoxin Biodegradation, Mycotoxin analysis, Clinical Laboratory, Clinical Mycology, Clinical Microbiology

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