

Dr I Cantacuzino Clinical Hospital (CANTA)

Dr I Cantacuzino Hospital by its Research Department of Rheumatology is a young but very innovative centre in the research field, recently recognized by Romanian Research Ministry. The main research activities include bone biology research, the relationship between systemic inflammation and cardiovascular risk in rheumatoid arthritis. The department is an important innovator within current transitional process in the field of health. The department has strong collaboration with Romanian League Against Rheumatism which is our national association of patients with rheumatic diseases and sustained it to develop international connections in different projects with the aim of editing informational, educational brochures, with Dutch League of Arthritis Patients Associations or educational exchange visits with other European Social Leagues. In the same time is an active member of EUSTAR contributing to the enrollment of the patients with scleroderma in the European database.

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Dr **Gabriela Udrea** is Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Rheumatology at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy Carol Davila, Bucharest, senior rheumatologist and research and development director at Dr I Cantacuzino Clinical Hospital, Bucharest. Current clinical research focuses on quantifying the effects of simvastatin on systemic inflammation, subclinical cardiac dysfunction and early atherosclerosis in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. Dr Udrea has also made impact in the field of health care delivery working together with the Romanian League Against Rheumatology and in involving patients as partners in the research process locally and many of her works were presented year by year to EULAR congresses.

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