

Curriculum Vitae

Ovidiu Chioncel (MD, PhD, FESC, FHFA)

Application for the position of Councillor

Personal Information:

Place and Date of Birth: Romania, July 17/1967

Nationality: Romanian

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Current Position and Professional Address

- Since **2014**, Head of ICCU and Cardiology 1st Department, Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “C.C.Iliescu”, Consultant Cardiologist Bucharest, Fundeni str. no 258, sect 2, Bucharest, 022328, Romania.
- Since **2021**, Professor of Cardiology University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Carol Davila, Bucharest, Romania
- **2023-2026**, President of Romanian Society of Cardiology

Education and Postgraduate Training

1986 - 1992	University of Medicine “Carol Davilla” Bucharest, Romania;
1992 - 1998	Cardiology Fellowship, Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “C.C.Iliescu”, Bucharest.
Nov 1998	Board certification in Cardiology
July 2002	Certification as Consultant in Cardiology
Feb 2012	PhD, University of Medicine Carol Davila, Bucharest
June 2016	Associate Professor of Cardiology, University of Medicine Carol Davila, Bucharest
June 2018	Habilitation Professor, University of Medicine Carol Davila, Bucharest
Jan 2021	Full Professor of Cardiology, University of Medicine Carol Davila, Bucharest

International Training & Professional Development

1998	Training in Medical Statistics and Clinical Trials, UZG, Leuven, Belgium (February)
2000	Programo Intensivo di Ecocardiografia, Istituto Clinico Humanitas, Milan, Italy (Nov-Dec)
2001	Training in advanced heart failure therapies, ventricular assist devices and heart transplant, Universitat Klinikum, Munster, Germany (January-June)
2006	Research Program and training in advanced Echo techniques (RT3DE and Speckle Tracking) and Multislice Cardiac CT, grant offered by CardioCentro Ticino Switzerland (Feb-Dec);
2014	Training in Heart Transplant and Ventricular Assist Devices, Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer, Israel (March)
2015	Training in ventricular assist devices at Universitat Klinikum, Leiden, Netherlands (Feb)

European Society of Cardiology Activities

Member in Steering Committee of HF-pilot study (2009-2010), ESC-HF-LT registry (2012-2018) and ESC-HF III.

2010 - 2014	Member in Registries Committee, HFA
2014 - 2018	Member in Acute Heart Failure Committee, HFA
2018 - 2024	Member in the Board of Heart Failure Association of European Society of Cardiology; Coordinator of Acute Heart Failure Committee (2018-2024); Member of HFA Executive Committee (2020-2024); Coordinator of National Heart Failure Societies (2020-2022); Treasurer of Heart Failure Association of ESC (2022-2024)
2018 - 2020	Member of ESC-EORP Oversight Committee
2020 - 2022	Member of ESC-EORP Executive Committee
2020 - 2022	Member of ESC-Council of Valvular Heart Disease
2023-to date	Chair of GRASP-HF study, European Society of Cardiology

2024-to date Co-Chair of ICARe-HF, International Accreditation Program of HF Centers, HFA
2025-to date Co-Chair Heart Failure Disease domain in the ESC Registries

Member of the Task Force and co-author for “2019-Update of the ESC-HF Guidelines”, “2021-ESC-Guidelines for HF” and for “2023-Focused Update of the ESC-HF Guidelines”.
ESC reviewer for “2019 ESC Guidelines on diabetes, pre-diabetes” and “2024-ESC Guidelines for Atrial Fibrillation”.

Member of Scientific Committee of HFA Congress 2022,2023

Participation in Other International Scientific Committees

Member of the Global Mentorship Network

Editorial Boards

Deputy Editor for European Journal of Heart Failure and Heart Failure Reviews.
Associate Editor for ESC-HF
Associate Editor BMC-Cardiovascular Disorders,
Associate Editor Journal of Acute Diseases,
Associate Editor Cardiac Failure Reviews,
Associate Editor Current Heart Failure Reports,
Associate Editor EHJ-Valvular Heart Diseases,
Associate Editor Romanian Journal for Cardiology.

Leadership and Management Experience

As Head of the ICCU, I lead multidisciplinary teams delivering high-complexity cardiovascular care while overseeing departmental strategy, research and training. I coordinated the reorganization of Intensive Cardiac Care Units (ICCU) across hospitals in Romania and I developed new national quality standards for ICCU accreditation. This initiative enabled the use of a World Bank project funds (13M EUR) to modernize equipment and certify 15 ICCUs. As President of the Romanian Society of Cardiology, I strengthened national initiatives on prevention, enhanced professional development and expanded international collaborations.

As Treasurer of the Heart Failure Association, I gained full visibility of the budget and prioritized the most impactful association’ activities.

I have designed and coordinated several national registries I currently chair GRASP-HF, the newest ESC epidemiological initiative, which enrolled patients from 260 centres across 45 countries. This program aims to assess the level of guidelines implementation in real-world clinical practice and contributes to the validation of quality-of-care indicators for institutional accreditation.

I have organised as Course Director, two international educational meetings endorsed by HFA or ESC, “Heart Failure International Forum” (7 editions) and “European Cardio Summit” (2 editions).

Fellowships and Honours

FHFA since 2015, FESC since 2021.

Medical Knight medal from the Romanian Presidency in 2019.

Awarded by Romanian Society of Cardiology with 1st prize for research in 2001,2003,2004.

Honorary Memberships

Honorary Member of Bulgarian Society of Cardiology and Honorary Member of Serbian Society of Cardiology

Top 10 Most Relevant Publication

1. **Chioncel O**, Savarese G, Laroche C, et al; on behalf of GRASP-HF Study National Leaders and Investigators. Global Registries and Surveys Programme-Heart Failure (GRASP-HF): Rationale, study design and research implications. *Eur J Heart Fail*. 2025 Oct 22. doi: 10.1002/ejhf.70065.
2. **Chioncel O**, Mebazaa A, Farmakis D, et al. Pathophysiology and clinical use of agents with vasodilator properties in acute heart failure. A scientific statement of the Heart Failure Association (HFA) of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). *Eur J Heart Fail*. 2025 Jun;27(6):1067-1088. doi: 10.1002/ejhf.3673.
3. **Chioncel O**, Adamo M, Nikolaou M, et al. Acute heart failure and valvular heart disease: A scientific statement of the Heart Failure Association, the Association for Acute CardioVascular Care and the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions of the European Society of Cardiology. *Eur J Heart Fail*. 2023 Jul;25(7):1025-1048. doi: 10.1002/ejhf.2918.
4. Gorenek B, Wijnmaalen AP, Goette A, Mert GO, Porter B, Gustafsson F, Dan GA, Ector J, Stuehlinger M, Spartalis M, Gosau N, Amir O and **Chioncel O**. Ventricular arrhythmias in acute heart failure: a clinical consensus statement of the Association for Acute CardioVascular Care, the European Heart Rhythm Association, and the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology. *Europace*. 2024 Oct 3;26(10):euae235. doi: 10.1093/europace/euae235.
5. Mebazaa A, Davison B, **Chioncel O**, et al. Safety, tolerability and efficacy of up-titration of guideline-directed medical therapies for acute heart failure (STRONG-HF): a multinational, open-label, randomised, trial. *Lancet*. 2022 Dec 3;400(10367):1938-1952.
6. **Chioncel O**, Parissis J, Thiele H, et al. Epidemiology, pathophysiology and contemporary management of cardiogenic shock - a position statement from the Heart Failure Association of the European Society of Cardiology. *Eur J Heart Fail*. 2020 Aug;22(8):1315-1341. doi: 10.1002/ejhf.1922.
7. **Chioncel O**, Mebazaa A, Maggioni AP, et al. Acute heart failure congestion and perfusion status - impact of the clinical classification on in-hospital and long-term outcomes; insights from the ESC-EORP-HFA Heart Failure Long-Term Registry. *Eur J Heart Fail*. 2019 Nov;21(11):1338-1352.
8. **Chioncel O**, Mebazaa A, Harjola VP, et al; ESC Heart Failure Long-Term Registry Investigators. Clinical phenotypes and outcome of patients hospitalized for acute heart failure: the ESC Heart Failure Long-Term Registry. *Eur J Heart Fail*. 2017 Oct;19(10):1242-1254. doi: 10.1002/ejhf.890.
9. **Chioncel O**, Lainscak M, Seferovic PM, et al. Epidemiology and one-year outcomes in patients with chronic heart failure and preserved, mid-range and reduced ejection fraction: an analysis of the ESC Heart Failure Long-Term Registry. *Eur J Heart Fail*. 2017 Dec;19(12):1574-1585. doi: 10.1002/ejhf.813.
10. **Chioncel O**, Vinereanu D, Datcu M, et al. The Romanian Acute Heart Failure Syndromes (RO-AHFS) registry. *Am Heart J*. 2011 Jul;162(1):142-53.e1. doi: 10.1016/j.ahj.2011.03.033.

Major Research Interest

My primary research focus is on heart failure. I served as a member of the Executive Committee in several phase III Heart Failure clinical trials. I designed and developed national and regional observational studies across the full spectrum of acute and chronic presentations. A major component of my current work is phenotyping of cardiogenic shock using advanced AI-driven analytical methods. Using a national cohort of over 11,000 STEMI patients, including 1,020 cases of cardiogenic shock, this project helps to identify clinically meaningful phenotypes and disease trajectories with the potential to improve risk prediction and early management.

I am Co-Primary Investigator of a new international registry in obesity and heart failure. The registry will collect also the markers of systemic inflammation.

I also serve as Chair of GRASP-HF, the newest ESC epidemiological platform. GRASP-HF includes 260 centres from 45 countries and provides an unprecedented research dataset for understanding global variations in management, comorbidities, and clinical outcomes. Several manuscripts are currently being developed, addressing therapeutic gaps, regional disparities, and unmet clinical needs.

My research activity also includes continuation of the RENADA-RO, a national registry on acute aortic dissections, offering key evidence on diagnostic delays, referral patterns, and determinants of early mortality.

My overarching goal is to generate actionable, high quality evidence that drives improvements in clinical pathways, with potential to support clinical practice, and ultimately to improve patients outcomes.