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**SUMMARY**

Elena V. Zagaynova received her PhD in 2000, her Dr. of Sciences in 2007. From 1998 her research interest has been the development of OCT as a method of visualization. She is the author of more than 80 research publications on OCT which are pioneering works on the interpretation of OCT images and the evaluation of clinical possibilities of OCT in endoscopy, oncology, and urology. She is an internationally recognized expert in the field of Optical Coherence Tomography medical applications and is most experienced medical professional in the use of OCT device, invented at the Institute of Applied Physics in Nizhny Novgorod. She is the author of the some chapters in the international handbooks: "Optical coherence tomography" (in Russian, 2005) and "Optical coherence tomography" (in English, 2007). She is also the author of 16 patents of Russian Federation and of their 2 international analogues. She has been the participant of joint research between the Institute of Applied Physics, Nizhny Novgorod State Medical Academy and the Cleveland Clinic (Ohio, USA), George Washington Clinic (Washington, USA) in the areas of OCT implementation in gastroenterology, urology. Now she is a director of Institute of Biomedical technologies in the Nizhny Novgorod State Medical Academy and Head of biomedical department Nizhny Novgorod State University.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Now her research interests involve the development of new methods of cancer diagnosis and treatment, interactions of nanoparticles with living organisms, stem cells research, regenerative medicine. She was a head of more then 20 grants from Russian Federal Agency of science and innovations, Russian foundation of basic research, Russian scientific foundation and now she is a PI of scientific research projects implemented under the supervision of leading scientists (Lukianov S.A., Vitkin Alex) at Russian institutions of higher education.

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