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Margarida Gonçalo is the Subdirector of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Coimbra (FMUC) for Institutional Relations and International Affairs since 2024. She has been an Invited Professor of Dermatology at FMUC since 2015 and achieved Aggregation in 2022. She also has served as Chair of the Dermatology Department at the University Hospital of Coimbra, Local Health Unit of Coimbra, E.P.E., since 2022.

Dr. Gonçalo has been a Senior Graduate Assistant since 2009,

overseeing the Cutaneous Allergy Unit and the GA²LEN Urticaria and Angioedema Center of Reference and Excellence (UCARE and ACARE) of Coimbra. She is responsible for consultations on atopic dermatitis, chronic urticaria, and immuno-inflammatory skin diseases, including lupus erythematosus.

She is the elected Secretary General of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV), a board representative at the EADV Executive Committee, and an invited member of the EADV Scientific Programming Committee. She is a former Chair of the European Environmental Contact Dermatitis Research Group (EECDRG) and a former President of the European Society of Contact Dermatitis (ESCD). Dr. Gonçalo is an honorary member of the French Society of Dermatology and the Polish Society of Dermatology.

In her editorial roles, she was Session Editor for the journals *Contact Dermatitis* and the *Journal of the EADV* until December 2023, and she is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Portuguese Society of Dermatology* and a member of the Editorial Board of the *European Journal of Dermatology*.

Dr. Gonçalo has participated in numerous clinical trials, primarily as principal investigator, focusing on atopic dermatitis, chronic prurigo, lupus erythematosus, and clinical studies on contact dermatitis, urticaria, and cutaneous adverse drug reactions. She has been involved in national and international scientific projects, exploring mechanisms of dendritic cell activation by contact allergens and non-immediate cutaneous hypersensitivity reactions, biomarkers of chronic urticaria (CU-TIGER), and biomarkers for cutaneous reactions to immune checkpoint inhibitors (PEPITA).

She is the author/co-author of 25 book chapters and over 300 papers in peer-reviewed journals, and she has delivered more than 250 invited lectures.