

## Ilona Kovalszky



Ilona Kovalszky, professor of pathology, graduated as doctor of medicine at the Semmelweis University, Budapest. She received board certification for pathology in 1975, for internal medicine in 1982 and for molecular genetic diagnostic in 2003. She got engaged with proteoglycan research in 1985 and this is her major interest since then. She spent two years in the laboratory of professor Renato Iozzo in the years 1988-1989, learning molecular techniques for proteoglycan analysis. After her return to Hungary she introduced these methods in her mother institute the 1st Department of Pathology and experimental Cancer Research. In 1991 she received PhD degree, in 2000 she got the Doctor of Academy of Science (DSc) degree based on her research work, focusing on the role of proteoglycans in the development and progression of liver cirrhosis and cancer. She has published about 120 papers. Beside research she is active in molecular pathology service analyzing gene mutations for target therapy. She is a member of the editorial board of Matrix Biology, as well as Pathology Oncology Research. She is member of Hungarian Society of Pathology, Oncology, Gastroenterology; Biochemical Society, European Society of Cancer.