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EDUCATION

2014	M.A	Creative Arts Therapy	Haifa University Haifa, Israel
2009	B.A	Medical Clowning	Haifa University Haifa, Israel
1988	"Maharaba"	Clowning & Street Theatre	Tel-Aviv, Israel

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

From 2011	Medical Clown and Researcher at The Tene Center, For The treatment of The Sexually Abused and at The Pediatric Gastroenterological Outpatient Department, Pade Medical Center, Poria, Israel. * Conducted a research about medical clowning intervention during invasive examination in children in hospital.
From 2011	Director and Actress * Was part of writing, directed and acts in a play as a clown as part of a community prevention program for pre- school children and their parents.
2009-2011	Lectures & Workshops overseas * Lectured and facilitated a workshop on the subject of doctor-clown co-operation during anogenital examinations as part of a congress in Wales In 2009, in Northern Ireland and in Holland in 2012.
From 2007	Medical Clown (part of The Dream Doctors Project) at The Tene Center, For The treatment of The Sexually Abused, Pade Medical Center, Poria, Israel. * Developed the Medical Clown program of The Tene Center for the Treatment of The Sexually Abused, the only place in the world known to use Medical Clowning in the treatment of children who have been sexual assaulted. * Is part of a research team which conducted a few researches on the topic of using medical clowning in the examination and treatment of sexually abused children and adolescents.

- From 2006 **Medical Clown** (part of The Dream Doctors Project) at the Rivka Ziv Medical Center, Tsfat, Israel.
- * Works at various hospital departments including: Pediatrics, ER, Pre-Op, Endocrinology and Diabetes, etc.
- From 2004 **Medical Clown** (part of The Dream Doctors Project) at the Pade Medical Center, Poria, Israel.
- * Works at various hospital departments including: Pediatrics, ER, Gastroenterological department, Outpatients, Neonatal Intensive Care, Pre-Op, Adult Oncology, etc.
- 2003-2004 **Medical Clown** at The Shiba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer, Israel.
- * Accompanied the anesthesiologist during his rounds in various Pediatric departments such as: Oncology: Radiation & Chemotherapy and burns.
- 2003-2004 **Medical Clown** at The Laniado Hospital, Netanya, Israel.
- * Worked in the Pediatric and the Hemato-Oncology departments.
- 1992-2005 **Medical Secretary** at a family practitioner's clinic, Netanya, Israel.
- 1984-1988 **Clown & Actress** in The Maharaba Street Theatre Group, Tel Aviv, Israel.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Tener, D., Lev-Wiesel, R., Lang-Franco, N., & Ofir, S. (2010). Laughing through this pain: Medical clowning during examination of sexually abused children: An innovative approach. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 19 (2), 128-140. doi:10.1080/10538711003622752
- Tener, D., Lang-Franco, N., Ofir, S., & Lev-Wiesel, R. (2012). The use of medical clowns as a psychological distress buffer during anogenital examination of sexually abused children. *Journal of Loss and Trauma*, 17, 12-22. doi:10.1080/15325024.2011.578025