

## PROFILE OF:

# Fernanda Patricia ANTUNES dos SANTOS

(candidate for the position of Secretary-General)



Dr Fernanda Patrícia Antunes dos Santos is a Consultant in Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Coimbra Hospital and University Centre (CHUC), Portugal, with advanced clinical subspecialty expertise in Colposcopy, Lower Genital Tract Pathology, and Gynaecologic Oncology. Passionate about cervical cancer prevention and women's health, she combines rigorous tertiary clinical practice with a dynamic academic and research portfolio.

Crucially relevant to her candidacy for Secretary-General, Dr Santos currently serves as the Secretary of the Lower Genital Tract Pathology Section of the Portuguese Society of Gynaecology (SPG). In this leadership role, she has honed her administrative, organisational, and communicative skills, driving national guidelines, scientific initiatives, and educational events. Demonstrating her capacity to lead comprehensive scientific programmes, she served as the President of the Organising Committee for the SPG's XI Theoretical-Practical Course on Benign Vulvar Pathology in October 2025.

Committed to medical education and translational research, Dr Santos is an Invited Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Coimbra, and a Researcher at the Centre for Neuroscience and Cell Biology. She has recently submitted her PhD thesis in Health Sciences, focusing on innovative, non-invasive biomarkers for cervical cancer. Her academic output includes 19 peer-reviewed publications, research awards, and over 20 invited lectures at prestigious international congresses, including EUROGIN. She continually refines her expertise through advanced training, holding post-graduate certifications from Harvard Medical School, Johns Hopkins University, and ESGO.

As a fully accredited colposcopist and a member of the IPVS, and ESGO, Dr Santos brings a highly organised, collaborative, and energetic approach to her work. If elected as Secretary-General, she is fully committed to leveraging her executive experience to support the EFC Secretariat, drive pan-European educational initiatives, and further the Federation's mission of standardising the highest quality of colposcopy care across Europe.