

Putin's Daughter Joins Moscow Genetics Society, Criticizes Russian Laws – Mozhem Obyasnit

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Maria Vorontsova. **Dmitry Feoktistov / TASS**

President Vladimir Putin's oldest daughter has been appointed to the board of the Moscow Society of Medical Genetics, the independent news outlet Mozhem Obyasnit [reported](#) Monday, citing her public profile on the organization's website and a video in which she criticizes laws adopted during her father's time in office.

Maria Vorontsova is a candidate of medical sciences, roughly equivalent to a Ph.D. in Western countries, and an endocrinologist by training.

The website of the Moscow Society of Medical Genetics [lists](#) her among 11 doctors associated with the organization, which according to Mozhem Obyasnit was founded two years ago.

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The outlet notes that in her role at the medical organization, Vorontsova has criticized patient care laws adopted while her father was president.

A YouTube video of Vorontsova speaking at a genetics conference in May shows her criticizing practices related to informed consent, which frees doctors from certain legal liabilities.

"It's a crude tool. I understand this as a patient. After all, the patient is given a pile of papers, which he signs without even [understanding] the details," she can be heard saying in the video.

Vorontsova and her younger sister Katerina Tikhonova were [sanctioned](#) by the U.S., EU, U.K., New Zealand and Japan in response to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The EU said Vorontsova was on its list because she was co-owner of Nomenko, a company "involved in Russia's largest private investment project in healthcare." She was thus deemed to benefit from the Russian government and was involved in a sector providing it revenue.

Western academic journals have [continued](#) to publish articles by Vorontsova since the February 2022 invasion of Ukraine, Mozhem Obyasnit reported in September.

The Kremlin has kept details of Putin's daughters' lives a closely guarded secret.

Putin has never acknowledged that Vorontsova and Tikhonova are his daughters, often referring to them only as "these women" during interviews.

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