



Turkish Young Doctors Platform

Voice for young doctors.

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Accusation of physicians for providing medical care during Gezi Park protests

Turkish Young Doctors Platform is concerned about the accusations and lawsuits against our colleagues for just helping injured individuals in acute need of medical care during street protests of June 2013 in Istanbul.

As Young Doctors, we would like to remind the public that providing medical care immediately, when somebody is in need of emergent medical care, regardless of their race, gender, religion, innocence or political tendencies is the essence of our profession. Medical profession is directly related to the preservation of human life and has unique properties. World Medical Association had adopted a policy in 2013 Fortaleza meeting that recommends to oppose criminalizing medical care provided to patients injured in civil emergencies.

TYDP requests the relevant authorities to respect the specific principles of our profession and asks to consider the cases of young doctors separately from other criminal cases.

The cases where the young doctors are judged only based on their medical care to the injured should be dropped immediately.