



Junior Doctor Issues in Turkey: Young Doctors Platform Perspective

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Turkey – facts and figures



- 74,7 Million inhabitants
- Capital: Ankara
- Concentration of power in a central authority.
- Is a parliamentary republic.
- Official language: Turkish
- Memberships in the Western World: Council of Europe, NATO, OECD, OSCE and G-20 Major Economies
- Leading Turkic country (there are 12)

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Turkish Young Doctors Platform



- Established in December, 2010
- Young in age, but is a product of broader experience.
- Headquarters: Istanbul.
- Legal structure was framed in April 2013 and has been finalized on 26th September 2013.

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Aims & Objectives



- Issues and problems related to JDs across the country.
- To formulate 'easy-to-implement' solutions to problems.
- Represent Turkish Young Doctors ideas towards national health/education authorities.
- Improve international relations of Turkish Young Doctors (WMA/JDN and EJD)

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Work Groups



- Medical Education
- Health Workforce Planning
- Working conditions, Physician Wellbeing and Patient Safety
- Cross boarder healthcare
- Quality in health service provision
- Healthcare Politics
- Research education/support for JDs (new)

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Postgraduate Education



- 10 National Workshops (in 4 large cities in Turkey)
- Developed guidelines for quality specialty education. (cited in many international and national meetings)
- Provides recommendation letters to healthcare authorities to improve the condition of JDs.

<http://www.uhbd.org/Genel%20Toplantilar/16-universite-hastaneleri-birligi-toplantisi-h138.htm>

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Annual General Meeting



- Konya, April 2014
- Over 200 participants representing 30 universities/teaching hospitals
- Extensive consensus statement is to be shared with all stakeholders. (Draft accessible online)
- Structure of the platform underwent minimal changes/improvements through the meeting

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Residents in Turkey



- Residency positions are allocated to clinics (university/teaching hospitals) by the ministry of health
- Residents are matched according to a national objective multiple choice question exam (TUS)
- Residents are paid and provide most of the healthcare service in their clinics.
- Residency duration 4-6 years (varies across specialties)

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Some Major Resident Issues



- No official upper limit for working hours
- No upper limit for uninterrupted working time
- Duties not directly related with PGME
- Regarded as cheap labor before trainee
- Disrespect for some personal rights (timing of holidays etc.) and mobbing in case of official complains

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JD issues - continued



- Resident admissions are not stable at each semester
- Limited standardization across clinics
- Some clinical rotations in other clinics (different discipline) may be neglected in some centers
- Sometimes disrespect by the patients
- Some clinics may not have a structured training program (usually teaching hospitals)

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JD issues - continued



- Salaries are not equal between institutions (Teaching hospitals pay more than universities)
- Salaries are usually satisfactory (?) for a JD (3200-6000TL, ~1500-2000€ after taxes)
- No time is allocated for research during working time (you do extra if you want)
- Thesis is obligatory
- See a good number /variety of cases during training
- Compulsory medical service

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