

### 3rd Mediterranean Dialysis Symposium Successfully Held

The **3rd Mediterranean Dialysis Symposium**, supported by TÜBİTAK under the 2223-B National Scientific Event Support Program, was successfully held on **September 28, 2025**, in **Antalya**, in collaboration with **Amasya University, Antalya Training and Research Hospital, the Turkish Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Nurses Association (TNDTHD), and TÜBİTAK**.

The symposium was attended by nearly 200 participants from various cities, including Amasya, Antalya, Çorum, Gaziantep, Sivas, Anamur, İstanbul, and Ankara.

This year's symposium focused on current approaches to vascular access management and improving the quality of life in dialysis patients. The program covered a wide range of topics, including the formation process and complications of arteriovenous fistulas, infection and vascular issues in catheter use, nutrition, physical activity, psychosocial support for haemodialysis patients, and artificial intelligence applications.

#### Opening Speeches

The opening speeches were delivered by:

- ❖ Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hakkı Turabi, Rector of Amasya University (online participation)
- ❖ Assoc. Prof. Dr. Orhan Aras, Chief Physician of Antalya Training and Research Hospital
- ❖ Aysun Ünal, Head Nurse of Haemodialysis, Antalya Training and Research Hospital
- ❖ Specialist Nurse Tülay Aksoy, President of the Turkish Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Nurses Association (TNDTHD)
- ❖ Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayça İnci, President of the Antalya Branch of the Turkish Nephrology Association

Prof. Dr. Turabi emphasized that the symposium would contribute to knowledge sharing, foster new collaborations, and support the development of practical recommendations in the field. He also highlighted that Amasya University has implemented a simulation-based education model aimed at improving students' theoretical and clinical skills in nephrology nursing and has initiated the international accreditation process this year, marking a first in Türkiye.



Prof. Dr. Neslihan Karavin, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Amasya University, underlined the importance of the scientific program and inter-institutional collaboration, noting that such events not only enhance scientific knowledge but also contribute significantly to patient care quality. She presented certificates of appreciation to the speakers along with tree planting certificates prepared through the Tema Foundation on behalf of the symposium organizing committee.



Prof. Dr. Neslihan Karavin  
Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences  
at Amasya University



## Remarks by TNDTHD President

Tülay Aksoy, Specialist Nurse and President of the Turkish Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Nurses Association, expressed her satisfaction with the successful and productive completion of the symposium.

She emphasized that the topics covered during the program played an important role in enhancing nurses' knowledge and skills, contributing not only to the improvement of patient care quality but also to strengthening professional collaboration and solidarity.

Aksoy also presented certificates of appreciation to nurses who have completed 25 years of service, acknowledging their dedication and valuable contributions to the profession.

She further stated that the Turkish Nephrology, Dialysis and Transplantation Nurses Association will continue to support the scientific and professional development of nurses, contribute to educational initiatives, and work towards advancing national standards in nephrology nursing.



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During the highly attended **oral presentation session**, participants shared the latest findings from their research studies.



The symposium concluded with a closing session titled “Nephrology Nursing in Collaboration with EDTNA and TNDTHD.” In this session, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eylem Topbaş introduced the mission and vision of EDTNA/ERCA, its organizational structure, and Dr. Anastasia Liossatou, the newly elected President and Publication Coordinator of EDTNA/ERCA. Dr. Topbaş also provided information about the roles of volunteers and the advisory team, membership procedures, how to apply for membership through the official website, as well as membership requirements and members’ rights. Participants were further informed about EDTNA/ERCA’s publications, mobile applications, accreditation program, RenalPro, DOPPS, upcoming conferences, and the advantages offered to members attending these events. In addition, Dr. Topbaş presented details about the abstracts representing Türkiye in the previous and current years, the newly translated Turkish editions of EDTNA/ERCA books, and how these resources can be accessed.

At the end of the session, participants asked questions and were invited to take part in a survey about EDTNA/ERCA.



In her closing remarks, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eylem Topbaş, Symposium Chair and Event Coordinator, emphasized that the knowledge and experiences shared throughout the event provided valuable insights for all participants.

She concluded by expressing her gratitude to the speakers, the organizing team, TÜBİTAK for its support, and all participants for their strong interest and contributions, which greatly honoured the symposium.



## Symposium Organizing Committee



The **Mediterranean Dialysis Symposium** contributed to the advancement of **clinical practices in nephrology nursing** through its rich scientific content and diverse participation.

It was emphasized that the knowledge and experiences shared during the event would not only help **enhance the quality of patient care** but also **strengthen national and international collaborations** in the field.