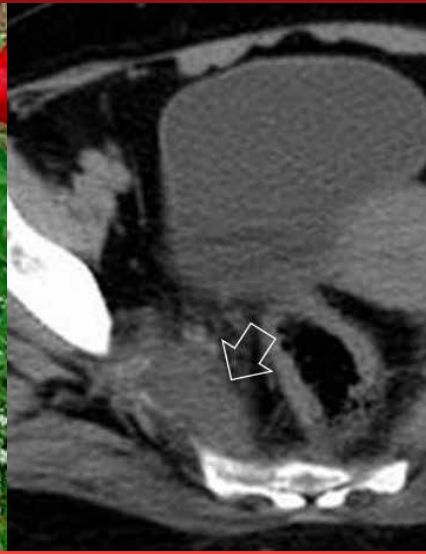




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From the President



Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you with a whole new excitement. For nearly two years we, Cyprus Turkish Medical Association, have worked on to clarify a scientific publication. Our efforts finally have come to an end. We are proud to publish the first issue of Cyprus Journal of Medical Sciences.

Dear Colleagues, Cyprus Turkish Medical Association with 59 years of experience and with over 1,000 physicians as members is one of the most powerful non-governmental and professional organizations in Northern Cyprus. Our Union has a strong scientific structure. We provide job training and work on public health. Again, the data is going to fight for better health care system in the country and deal with the problems of doctors and dentists. Environmental issues, quality and accreditation of education and of course social problems and social events in our country have always been on the agenda of Cyprus Turkish Medical Association.

This physician organization is well-established and has proved its associational identity for a scientific publication. Our journal was planned to be a publication with an international identity and accreditation. In this journal, you will find scientific papers and research from all fields of health sciences and you will be able to publish your own papers.

Our country is going through bad times in many ways. Let's not forget the challenges and the dark days in the history of the community. In order to be able to overcome the problems and challenges, we, the physicians, need to work harder and produce scientific work that will shed light to darkness.

I wish and hope that Cyprus Journal of Medical Sciences will contribute to science and be beneficial to our world.

I greet you all with affection and respect,

Dr. Filiz Besim
President of Cyprus Turkish Medical Association



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Editorial



Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to present you the first issue of the Cyprus Journal of Medical Sciences, the publication organ of Cyprus Turkish Medical Association. We think that this journal will act as an important platform for disseminating knowledge both in Cyprus and the World. It will provide academics with opportunities to enhance their scientific investigations, report new rare cases and put forward their ideas which will be added to literature.

The Cyprus Journal of Medical Sciences is the peer-reviewed, open access, international publication. The journal will be printed three times a year in April, August and December. The publication language of the journal is English. The Cyprus Journal of Medical Sciences aims to publish manuscripts at the highest clinical and scientific level on all fields of medicine. The journal will publish original papers, review articles, case reports and letters. Editorial and publication processes of the journal are shaped in accordance with the guidelines of the international organizations such as the International Council of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME), the Council of Science Editors (CSE), the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), the European Association of Science Editors (EASE).

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We hope that, our journal will be at the highest clinical and scientific level. We will work hard to ensure that it is!

Best regards,

Dr. Sonuç Büyük

Editor

Vice President of Cyprus Turkish Medical Association