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The Non-Medical but Medical Issues of the Surgeons

Dear Readers of Turkish Journal of Surgery,

We are impatient to kick off the new year 2022 with this March issue which is full of interesting articles in different fields of surgery. We do hope that you will enjoy reading these papers and benefit for your future research.

The surgeons have typically a very busy daily schedule, including operations, ward rounds, tumor-boards as well as education and research duties. There is very little time left for us to think about the non-medical issues which influence directly our daily medical works. There are two articles in the March 2022 issue which address the current important "non-medical but medical" problems of the surgery. The first one aim to discuss the existing "who can perform it?" licensing dilemma of the endoscopic procedures in Turkey. The procedures like endoscopy are the shared fields with the other disciplines and the education as well as the authorization are sometimes difficult to define. The review article from Yılmaz S reports the current legal aspects and ongoing judicial processes of ERCP licensing in Turkey (1). I would highly recommend this article if you were interested or being involved this turbulent issue. Moreover the article from Sahinler et al focuses on the "pay for performance" system of the healthcare management worldwide. The study the key points of this concept from the surgeons' perspective. I sincerely hope a future for all of us where we will not have to worry about these "para-surgical" problems that discomfort our already stressful work environment.

I am sure that you have already noted in your calendar the 22th National Surgical Congress which will take place in Antalya between March 23rd-27th 2022. It is the largest scientific event for the Turkish surgeons. We do hope a highly successful meeting for the organization and all the participants.

On behalf of the editorial team, I wish you a pleasant reading!

Kindest regards,

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