

FAMILY MEETINGS IN THE HEMOPHILIA SOCIETY OF TURKEY

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BACKGROUND

- Knowledge and experience in inherited bleeding and coagulation disorders is increasing every year as in many areas of medicine.
- In clinical practice it is difficult to provide all information about hemophilia in emergent countries because of excessive workload and busy schedule of Hematology/Oncology clinics.
- The Hemophilia Society of Turkey (TrHD) which has close cooperation with the WFH and successful work in the region and where PwH and health care providers get together.
- The Hemophilia Society of Turkey provides education, medical and psychosocial support, relationship between people with bleeding disorders.

OBJECTIVES

- The main purpose of this project is to achieve communication between medical staff/patients and patients/patients.
- To make clear the PwH's and their relatives mind about the disease.

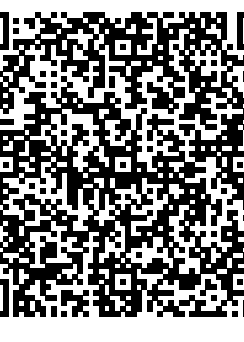
PROJECT

- The society arrange family meetings at the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.
- A hematologist, nurse, general practitioner, data manager joined the meetings in the TrHD centre. They give general information about bleeding disorders and also about social rights.
- Patients, their families and volunteers ask questions what they want to know.
- Last year, we arranged 19 family meetings. A hundred and four patients, 191 mothers, 41 fathers and 35 volunteers joined our meetings. These meetings provide new families and experienced families come together. So they can transfer their experiences to new families and this is important for psychosocial support.



CONCLUSION

- This project is important for families to provide relationship between patients and health care providers and psychosocial support each other.
- It has great importance for improving the efficiency of our association to the families.
- The Hemophilia Society of Turkey intends to continue this project. However, similar projects should be done in other regions of Turkey also in all emergent countries.



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