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Introduction of the Turkish Board of Family Medicine



- **Turkish Board of Family Medicine (TAHYK)**



<http://www.tahud.org.tr/hakkimizda/yeterlilik-kurulu>

Turkish Board of Family Medicine is established as an independent academic board by TAHUD (Turkish Association of Family Practice) in 2004. TAHYK works for standardization, coordination, evaluation, certification and accreditation of specialty training in the field of Family Medicine. In the beginning, the initial targets were;

- Standardization of a core curriculum for the residency training
- Establishing a log book for trainees
- Evaluation of residency programs
- Define accreditation standards for academic departments as well as training units
- Developing criteria for certification/recertification processes

TAHYK Committees:

Core Curriculum Committee for Family Medicine

Mission: Standardization and promotion of contents and structures of current residency programs in Turkey.

Accreditation Committee:

Mission: Standardization and accreditation of the departments that are involved in residency programs and evaluation and improvement of quality in residency training.

Examination and Certification Committee:

Mission: Building a database of questions for board examinations, preparing and managing board exams and certifying successful applicants.

In this short period TAHYK has build and standardized its core curriculum, established and maintained standards for residency programs and established common standards for family physicians to achieve and maintain board certification. The accreditation committee has almost completed and formed the standards for residency programs as well as for the departments involved in the residency program.

In future our next step is to start board examinations and encourage family physicians to be a certified physician in family practice and start accreditation programs all over the country.

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