

Dear Fellow Endourologists,

I congratulate you on developing the Turkish Endourology Society Journal, an important step for several reasons.

In many instances the incidence of various types of stones and several other urological diseases differ from one country to another.

As most international journals do not publish papers that focus on regional issues, the establishment of a Turkish Journal is particularly relevant and helpful to the local urologists.

The definition of Endourology "endoscopic controlled manipulation of the genitourinary tract" has now been expanded to include all image guided therapies including fluoroscopy, ultrasound and newer forms of imaging.

Your Journal will encourage urologists to use minimally invasive techniques and equally important stimulate young urologists to publish their ideas. The Turkish urologists have always been strong contributors to the Journal of Endourology, but the rejection rate of the Journal is nearly 85% and therefore many excellent articles cannot be accepted. I am certain that your Journal has a great future and I look forward to receiving copies of forthcoming issues.

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