

From the editor

Dear my colleagues,

Some important changes have been performed in The Journal of Breast Health in new year. First of all, there will be an additional issue, and it will be published four times in a year (January, April, July, and October). Therefore, accepted papers will not wait for a long period of time for publication. Second change, accepted papers in the journal will be published in both English and Turkish (papers coming from national authors). For these reasons, I would like to request more original papers and studies from you for our next issues. We will have a professional english redaction department to make corrections in english or re-write the accepted papers.

Dear readers, we have been increasing our efforts to be a peer reviewed international journal especially in our neighbour Balkan countries, the Middle-east, Asia, and in the world on breast health. Now, we have been trying to reach breast health and cancer scientists for their helps to promote our journal readers and submitted papers.

We successfully organized 2nd National Breast Cancer Consensus Conference and Istanbul Breast Conference in October 21-25, 2008 in Istanbul Polat Renaissance Hotel. There were 15 foreign and 100 national breast cancer specialists in this meetings. They gave conferences and share panels. The aims of the conferences were to increase breast health and breast cancer knowledge of our attendances, to figure out the most effective and economic early diagnostic and therapeutic ways for Turkish women with breast cancer. There were 700 participants mostly general surgeons coming from different part of Turkey to the conferences.

Dear readers, we again would like to invite you to participate our first national multicentric prospective clinical trial, MF-07-01. As you know, this study will be the first study in the world on this topic. The open name of the trial is "The effect of surgery as primary therapy on survival in patients with distant metastatic breast cancer." The ongoing trial started one year ago and has more then 20 patients. It also has a national ethical committee decision to participate from all around of Turkey. We would like you send more patients to complete the study on time. You can send a letter to Dr.Serdar Ozbas sozbas@yahoo.com to add your patients

I would like to thank you for your supports to our journal and our ongoing studies.

With my warm regards,

Prof. Dr. Vahit Özmen
Editor in Chief
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