

DOCTOR OBLIGATIONS

This document is a summarized compilation of: Medical Deontology Regulations (TDN), Turkish Dental Association Occupational Ethics Code (TDB DMEK), Turkish Punitive Law (TCK), The Law Concerning Medical Applications (TŞSTİDK), Patient Rights Code (HHY), European Convention on Human Rights (AİHK)

- **The obligation of protecting “right to life”.** (AİHK Clause 2 – TDN Clause 2)
A dentist is responsible of protecting human health and ensuring its continuity.
- **The obligation of proper application of occupational ethics.** (TDB DMEK)
A dentist is responsible of acting accordingly both while performing their duty of treating a patient and carrying out their obligations towards their patients.
- **The obligation of taking care of their patients properly, taking patient rights into account.** (TDN Clause 2 – HHY Clause 14)
A dentist is obligated to take care of their patients properly, taking Patient Rights Manifesto and their Human Rights into account.
- **The obligation to fulfil their deed.** (TDN Clause 13)
A dentist is obligated to carry out the appropriate treatment allowed by the juridical laws and medical science rules.
- **The obligation to get patient’s medical history and examine.** (TDN Clause 13)
A dentist is obligated to include patient’s medical history data, past and present illnesses, current medication usage during examination and decision of treatment.
- **The obligation to diagnose.** (TDN Clause 10)
A dentist is obligated to diagnose the patient according to patient’s medical history and examination.
- **The obligation to not guarantee patient’s wellness to their next of kin.** (TDN Clause 13 – TDB DMEK)
A dentist cannot give reassurance concerning their medical applications.
- **The obligation to enlighten and take consent from the patient.** (HHK Clause 15,22 – TDB DMEK – TDN Clause 14)
A dentist is obligated to take patient’s consent for treatment after informing them about the treatment process and possible complications.
- **The obligation to demonstrate fidelity and utmost care.** (TDN Clause 2,4)
A dentist is obligated to keep their patient’s best interests over their own’s, to follow the etiquette of their profession and not to do harm.
- **The obligation to keep records.** (TŞSTİDK Clause 72 – TDB DMEK)
A dentist is obligated to keep and protect their patient’s medical records.
- **The obligation to keep patient’s confidentiality.** (TDN Clause 4 – TDB DMEK – HHK Clause 20,21)
A dentist is obligated to not to let third party organizations to attain their patient’s personal information.
- **The obligation to inform the authorities.** (TCK Clause 280)
A dentist is obligated to convey any signs of a possible crime evidence to authorities without delay.