



# TURKISH JOURNAL OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear TJOD Family, colleagues and My Country;

On February 6, we woke up to a cold morning that tore our hearts out. After the earthquake with a magnitude of 7.7 in Kahramanmaraş and the second earthquake with a magnitude of 7.4 that occurred in Elbistan approximately 9 hours after this earthquake, we went into a deep sadness, life almost stopped. This earthquake storm, which affected Kahramanmaraş, Malatya, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa and Adana, actually deeply upset all of Turkey and broke our hearts. I would like to state that we are in deep mourning as the country and our community. I wish Allah's mercy to all our citizens who passed away and lost their relatives after this great disaster, and I would like to express my wishes to all our people who were injured and have financial loss.

As the TJOD family, we organized the day after the earthquake and came together with the branch heads of our 11 provinces, where the state of emergency was declared, to draw up a list of the needs in the region, and the necessity of gynecologists and obstetricians, especially in terms of providing health services, was evaluated. The housing problem, which is the most important problem of our colleagues working in the earthquake area and health workers, was tried to be solved with the containers provided by the Turkish Gynecology and Obstetrics Association, these containers were transported to the region by us and delivered to those in need.

The March issue of the Journal of the Turkish Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics was published under these conditions. I would like to personally thank all of our employees who contributed.

Dear colleagues;

We should not forget that science is an ongoing process. Therefore, the faster we heal our wounds, the more visionary we need to act in realizing our scientific studies and scientific activities. In this context, I would like to state that we continue to work devotedly for the 20<sup>th</sup> National Gynecological and Obstetrics Congress, which will be held in Cyprus on May 17-21, 2023.

I wish to meet you in the June issue of our magazine, happier, more hopeful, but always in the light of science.

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**President of TJOD**