



Ayhan Dinçkan, born in 1972, completed his medical education and then his surgical residency at Akdeniz University Faculty of Medicine, Department of General Surgery in 2004. He became an Assistant Professor in General Surgery in 2007, an Associate Professor in 2009, and a Full Professor in 2014. Between 2004-2007, he continued his academic career as a faculty member while receiving advanced training in multi-organ transplantation (kidney, liver, and pancreas transplants) and hepatopancreatobiliary surgery (liver, bile ducts, and pancreas surgeries) at the Organ Transplant Center of the same institution.

In 2011, he was appointed as the director of Akdeniz University Organ Transplant Center and Institute. During his tenure, the center achieved national firsts with double arm, face, and uterus transplants. However, his main focus remained intra-abdominal vital organ transplants, where he touched the lives of countless patients.

Over a span of 15 years, he performed numerous kidney transplants, including pediatric transplants which made up approximately 15% of the total—sometimes reaching 50 pediatric kidney transplants per year. In an effort to expand the organ pool, he contributed to organ donation campaigns and implemented strategies for utilizing marginal organs in cadaveric donations. In living donor transplants, he worked on cross-kidney transplants and desensitization protocols for immunologically high-risk patients (with high PRA). His experiences include kidney transplants from the oldest donors, dual kidney transplants from marginal donors, transplants in underweight children, and en bloc kidney transplants from small pediatric cadaveric donors.

He also performed pancreas transplants in patients with type 1 diabetes who developed chronic kidney failure, including both simultaneous kidney-pancreas and sequential kidney-pancreas transplants. All living donor surgeries are performed using a fully transabdominal laparoscopic technique.

He has experience in over 1,000 liver transplants, most of which were from living donors, with 10–15% of these patients being children. He applied similar approaches to expand the organ pool, including cross liver transplants (adult-to-adult and adult-to-child). He also performed combined transplants such as pancreas-kidney, kidney-heart, kidney-liver, and liver transplant combined with coronary bypass surgery.

In addition to liver-kidney-pancreas transplant surgeries, he also treats cancer and other surgical conditions of these organs under the scope of hepatobiliary surgery.

In summary, **Dr. Dinçkan** is highly experienced in both adult and pediatric cadaveric and living donor organ transplants—including liver, kidney, pancreas, and combined transplants—as well as hepatobiliary surgery. Since 2017, he has been a faculty member at Istinye University Faculty of Medicine, Department of General Surgery, under the Medical Park Health Group. He also serves as the Head of the Organ Transplant Center at Istinye University Bahçesehir Liv Hospital.