

# Is Academic Title an Aim or a Device? Publication Productivity of Urologists in Turkey

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## Abstract

**Introduction and Aim:** The publication performance is an objective indicator for individuals and institutions as well as science policy and healthy implementation of the country. We aimed to reveal the quality of the publications and citations of current urologists in Turkey. **Material and Methods:** The publication and citation status of one thousand and two hundred urologists between the years 2016-2020 were included in the study. Socio-demographic characteristics of urologists like age, title, type of city, geographical region of the city, and type of hospital they work in and the number of publications, citations, indexed journal publication, and the first author publication status were examined. Institution of Social Insurance database was used for sociodemographic characteristics of urologist; while PubMed and Google Scholar were used for information of publications. **Results:** The median age of urologists was 44 (30-76) years. The median number of publications, index journal publication, the first author publication, and citations in the relevant years were 1 (0-68), 1 (0-66), 0 (0-24), and 1 (0-1025) for years specified, respectively. The publication status was significantly higher in the groups of the age range between 30 and 40 years, associate professors (OR 44.61 and 35.97, respectively) ( $p < 0.001$ ). **Conclusion:** Publications produced in the field of urology in our country are still not of sufficient quality. Urologists between the ages of 30-40 years old, associate professors, and working in tertiary care hospitals published more articles and received more citations to these publications.

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