

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS SURGERY INTEREST GROUP SUCCESS STORY

Istanbul Okan University Surgery Interest Group

Okan Surgery Interest group (O'SIG) was founded on May 2nd of 2019. Right from its establishment it became the most demanded student society of Istanbul Okan University receiving 356 applications, among them 60 students were selected. O'SIG provides membership to medical students who meets specific criteria. O'SIG provides a wide range of benefits to its members. Since the start of the 2019-20 academic year Okan Surgery Interest Group hosted more than 23 events. Which included suturing courses, anatomy lectures for 1st and 2nd year students, Exam preparation manual, a series of shadowing events where students assisted various surgeries including emergency cases, physical examination and history taking events where students had the opportunity to examine and take history of patients in hospital.

Furthermore this group holds 3 formal annual meetings where members present cases they observed during their time at hospital. O'SIG recently organized the biggest surgical congress ever held in the university, more than 432 medical students from 49 different universities located in 19 different cities of Turkey attended 1st O'SIG annual Clinical Congress on 8th and 9th of February 2020, thanks to the endless support of Prof. Semih Baskan, M.D and O'SIG's visionary leader Stu.Dr. Hasib Samadi.

1st O'SIG annual clinical congress even made it to the local newspapers. There were 3 panels and 5 special sessions covering various surgical topics including Oncoplastic Breast Surgery, Liver diseases and transplantation, Kidney transplantation, Thyroid surgery, Uses of Microsurgery, Aesthetic and cosmetic Surgery, Neuromodulation and Deep Brain Stimulation, Spinal surgeries, cataract and refractive surgery and Left Ventricular assist devices. A certificate of attendance was provided to every attendee.



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“We are planning for the second O’SIG Annual Clinical Congress. We received positive feedback from our last congress. Attendees were happy and they want more. Thanks to my team, I couldn’t have done it without them” said Stu.Dr. Hasib Samadi.

