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## Editorial

Turkish Mesothelioma Working Group, including physicians and researchers, who follow-up mesothelioma patients and study on mesothelioma in Turkey, develops important multi-center projects based on its organization purposes. “Turkish Clinical Guideline For Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma” is also one of these projects. This guide is supported as a part of the project entitled “Management of Lung Pathologies That Are Caused by Environmental and Occupational Exposure to Mineral Fibres Collaboration Network” which is conducted by the Turkey Mesothelioma Study Group and supported by the Ministry of Health General Directorate of Health Research.

The guide was prepared with the purpose to provide a high standard management of malign pleural mesothelioma patients from admission to the end of prognosis and to form a base for the joint studies on epidemiological evaluation, diagnosis, staging, treatment, and follow-up of patients.

The guide was formed in a productive environment with the contributions of Turkey’s leading experts on the subject. One hundred and sixteen physicians and researchers, working in 26 cities in the fields of chest diseases, thoracic surgery, radiology, nuclear medicine, pathology, medical and radiation oncology, public health, and basic sciences, worked for and contributed to the preparation of the guide.

The guide is the first example in our country since it was prepared according to evidence-based medicine method. During the preparation of the guide, a guide preparation method, which was appropriate according to the similar international studies, was used, all subject headings on malign pleural mesothelioma were discussed as sections, and suggestions were improved by an evidence-based study while preparing the guide. Algorithms that can be a guide in “diagnosis” and “treatment” studies take place at the end of the diagnosis and treatment section of the guide.

The guide was found suitable and recommended in the clinics in Turkey by the Turkish Respiratory Research Society, Turkish Thoracic Society, and Ministry of Health General Directorate of Health Research.

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We believe that the use of knowledge and suggestions in this guide by our colleagues will be beneficial to our patients and that this guide will decrease the burden of this important problem on our country, will be an example for young researchers, and will enlighten them.

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