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Senior Thoracic Surgeon, Lung Transplant Specialist & International Clinical Program Facilitator

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Distinguished European Board-certified Thoracic Surgery Professor (F.E.T.C.S.) with over 25 years of high-volume clinical leadership, advanced academic research, and international medical collaboration. Formally trained at the world-renowned **Toronto General Hospital (University Health Network)** and Kyoto University. Proven expertise in connecting international patients with specialized advanced treatments, complex oncological surgeries, minimally invasive procedures (Uniportal VATS), and specialized clinical programs across global healthcare corridors (Europe, Asia, and the Middle East). Adept at bridging clinical precision with cross-border patient facilitation and multidisciplinary medical excellence.

CORE CLINICAL & FACILITATION COMPETENCIES

- **Global Patient Care & Clinical Pathways:** Designing comprehensive treatment protocols for international medical travelers.
- **Advanced Thoracic & Oncological Surgery:** Minimally invasive (Uniportal VATS) and complex tumor resections.
- **Lung Transplantation & Organ Support:** Advanced fellowship training from top-tier North American and Asian centers.
- **Multidisciplinary Tumor Boards:** Leading expert panels to evaluate complex cases and determine optimal clinical itineraries.
- **Medical Communications & Value Synthesis:** Translating intricate surgical interventions into clear patient-centric guidance.
- **Cross-Border Medical Networking:** Active collaboration across European, Asian, and Middle Eastern medical hubs.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor in Thoracic Surgery & Department Lead

Liv Hospital Ulus / Hisar Intercontinental Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey | Dec 2024 – Present (Consultant since Aug 2019)

- Directing advanced clinical operations, specialized international patient pathways, and multidisciplinary tumor boards in JCI-accredited hospital environments.
- Coordinating complex surgical treatments for local and international patients seeking specialized oncological, thoracic, and corrective procedures.

Advanced Clinical Fellow & International Collaborator

Toronto General Hospital (UHN), Canada (2007–2008) & Kyoto University, Japan (2012)

- Participated directly in 89 lung recipient procedures and advanced international retrieval protocols (DBD/DCD).
- Collaborated within elite global medical teams, establishing cross-cultural clinical standards and international research partnerships.

Private Practice & Specialist Medical Consultant

Private Office, Halaskargazi str, Atamın Apt, Floor 2, Sisli, ISTANBUL, +90-505-7081019

- Provided specialized consultative services, remote evaluations, and second opinions for international patients seeking advanced surgical interventions in Turkey.

EDUCATION & GLOBAL CERTIFICATIONS

- **European Board Certification (F.E.T.C.S.):** Fellow of European Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons (Oct 2002).
- **Ph.D. & Medical Doctorate (MD):** Faculty of Medicine, Anadolu University, Eskişehir, Turkey (1992).
- **Specialization Thesis:** "Tracheobronchial Ruptures due to Blunt Chest Trauma", Atatürk Chest Diseases Center, Ankara (1998).
- **International Fellowships:** Toronto Lung Transplant Program (Canada, 2008); Live-Donor Related Lung Transplantation Program (Kyoto University, Japan, 2012); European School for Cardiothoracic Surgery (Italy, 2003).

GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

ESTS (European Society for Thoracic Surgeons) | FEMS (Fellow of European Medical Specialists) | ISHLT (Int. Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation) | AST / CST (American & Canadian Transplantation Societies) | TGCD (Turkish Society for Thoracic Surgery)