



Prof Dr Ahmet Rüçhan Akar



Ahmet Rüçhan Akar was born in 1963, in Afyonkarahisar, Turkey. After graduating from T.E.D. Ankara College he received his medical degree from Ankara University Medical School in 1987 and has been in practice for 30 years. In 1992, he was qualified as a General Surgeon in Turkey. He moved to Britain in the same year to broaden his surgical skills and to compare the standards of other nations. He passed the ECFMG and USMLE exams in 1993. He was drawn to the field of Cardiothoracic and Vascular surgery during his appointment at the Hammersmith Hospital under the direction of Prof. K.M. Taylor. During 10 productive years in Aberdeen (Royal Aberdeen Sick Children's Hospital), London (Hammersmith Hospital), Glasgow (Western Infirmary), Sheffield (Northern General Hospital) and Leicester (Glenfield Hospital), he worked for several exciting consultants. He served as a senior registrar at the cardiac and lung transplant unit for 24 months. After succeeding Intercollegiate Speciality Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery in May 2001, he returned to Turkey. He passed the Turkish Board for Cardiovascular Surgery in October 2001; qualified as an Associate Professor in April 2004, and as a Professor in April 2011 at Ankara University.

Primary research and clinical activities include surgery for advanced heart failure and heart transplantation, pulmonary thromboendarterectomy for CTEPH, regenerative medicine, valve repair/replacement surgery, off-pump coronary artery surgery, arrhythmia surgery, mentorship culture in cardiovascular surgery and surgical history. He has secured numerous research grants and published widely on these topics. Dr. Akar serves as a referee for TUBITAK KAMAG 1007 and SANTEZ projects; as a reviewer of the the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, European Journal of Cardio-thoracic Surgery, European Journal of Heart Failure, Stem Cell Reviews and Reports, American Journal of Cardiology, American Journal of Transplantation, Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, Journal of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Innovations: Technology and Techniques in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, Interactive CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery, International Journal of Cardiology, Bone Marrow Transplantation, Cell Biology International, Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Vascular Medicine, Türk Göğüs Kalp Damar Cerrahisi Dergisi, The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology, Turkish Journal of Haematology, Türkiye Klinikleri Journal of Surgical Medical Sciences, MN Kardiyoloji ve Journal of Ankara University Faculty of Medicine.

He currently serves as an associate editor for Interactive CardioVascular and Thoracic Surgery Transplantation section, Innovations: Technology and Techniques in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, Anatolian Journal of Cardiology.

Currently, Dr. Akar is serving as a Professor at the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, and Chief Medical Officer of Ankara University Cebeci Hospitals. He is the Clinical Director of the Ankara University Organ Transplantation programmes and is the Clinical Lead for the Mechanical Circulatory Support Device Programme. In 2017 he was elected President of the Turkish Society of Cardiovascular Surgery.