

Institutional Structure

TPA PHARMACY ACADEMY



Turkish Pharmacists' Association Pharmacy Academy has been active since October 25, 2002. The founding goal of the Academy is to develop continuous professional education programs and methods which would contribute to scientific development and education in pharmacy.

The Academy which is composed of Central Committee of Administration and Advisory Councils and deans and professors of Pharmacy Faculties has organized 226 training programs since its foundation, thus contributing to the education of 6408 pharmacists. In addition, it provides distance education with training videos published on TPA Academy TV that are on professional education topics as well as topics that are of concern to the profession of pharmacy and the public at a broader level. TPA Academy

TV can be reached via web sites of Turkish Pharmacists' Association (www.teb.org.tr) and TPA Pharmacy Academy (www.eczakademi.org).

Meanwhile, 'Education of Pharmacy Workers' protocol that was signed among Turkish Pharmacists' Association, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, and Ministry of Education of the Republic of Turkey is providing a solution to the lack of qualified assistance, which is one of the leading problems of the profession.

The Academy, which gives Science and Encouragement Awards annually to contribute to the scientific development of the field, has been publishing a journal titled Turkish Journal of Pharmaceutical Science since 2005 and printing books with the guidance of specialist academicians, making these resources available to pharmacists free.



INSTITUTES



- The Institute of Pharmacy Practices
- The Institute of Informatics for Pharmacy
- The Institute for Drug Reimbursement
- Research Center for Pharmacoecconomy, Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance

The Institute of Pharmacy Practices (IPP)

The objectives of the IPP are;

- To make researches about the wide-ranged practices of the pharmacy profession,
- To provide education opportunities in Turkey and foreign countries,
- To aim for classification of variable practices of pharmacy through evaluating the samples in the world,
- To contribute public health and health policies in national and international level by supporting the coordination among those different practices of pharmacy.

The Institute of Informatics for Pharmacy (IIP)

The objectives of the IIP are;

- To utilize informatics technologies (IT) in order to develop the permanence of health care and patient-oriented health systems
- To work for tendering systems of IT to the use of health professionals, health managers and patients,
- To compare the applications of e-health and e-prescription in other countries through comparing the experiences in other countries and develop those applications by searching the ways that are best adaptable in Turkey.



The Institute for Drug Reimbursement (IDR)

The objectives of the IDR are;

- To analyze and make researches on the changing conditions in the reimbursement systems in other countries and compare them with Turkey,
- To analyze the contracts that are made between the pharmacies and the reimbursement institutions in other countries,
- To work for providing a transparent reimbursement system through supervising, analyzing and ascertaining the drugs.



Research Center for Pharmacoeconomy, Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance (RCPPP)

The objectives of the RCPPT are,

- To work for preparing Good Manufacturing Guidance designed through the scientific rules,
- To work for reducing the ratio of cost of drugs to the public budget,
- Aiming to designate the adverse reaction of the drugs,
- To prepare some specific forms like notification forms for adverse reaction/event which will be distributed through pharmacies, with an aim to make those activities become a part of pharmaceutical care.

COMMISSIONS



In order to search the current trends and developments in pharmaceutical sector, to deal with certain burdens pharmacists have and to offer roadmaps and resolutions; TPA constituted different commissions:

PERMANENT COMMISSIONS

- Administrative Section
- Youth Section
- Commission for Parapharmaceuticals and OTC
- Protocol Commission



TEMPORARY COMMISSIONS

- Pharmaceutical Track & Trace System Commission
- # 6197 Law Commission
- Commission for Generic Drugs

DRUG PROCUREMENT FROM ABROAD UNIT



Drug Procurement from Abroad Unit continues its activities in which it procures drugs deemed necessary and prescribed by doctors to their patients but which are not available in our country, or which -despite being licenced- can not be produced or imported for various reasons. Such drugs are procured for individual use only and with prescriptions approved by the Ministry of Health. These drugs are procured and delivered to patients or patients' relatives in accordance with Good Distribution Practice rules at the earliest times and with the most convenient ways possible.

CHARITY FUND

Information on all pharmacists that are registered, or will register in the future, to Turkish Pharmacists' Association is tracked in TPA Charity Fund's records, since all pharmacists are natural and mandatory members of the fund. Information on new members, transfers of members, or opening/closing of pharmacies are sent to our Fund by Regional Chambers of Pharmacists. Such information is recorded in member record program and is kept up-to-date. Fees that are paid to the Fund, which is a member obligation, is a critically important source of income. Precise efforts aimed at orderly collection of these fees, which made it possible for the Charity Fund to reach its state today, are being continued meticulously.

The most important area of activity of the Charity Fund is loans. Loans with conditions favorable than the market are provided to our members by continuously monitored interest rates, in consideration with contemporary economic conditions.

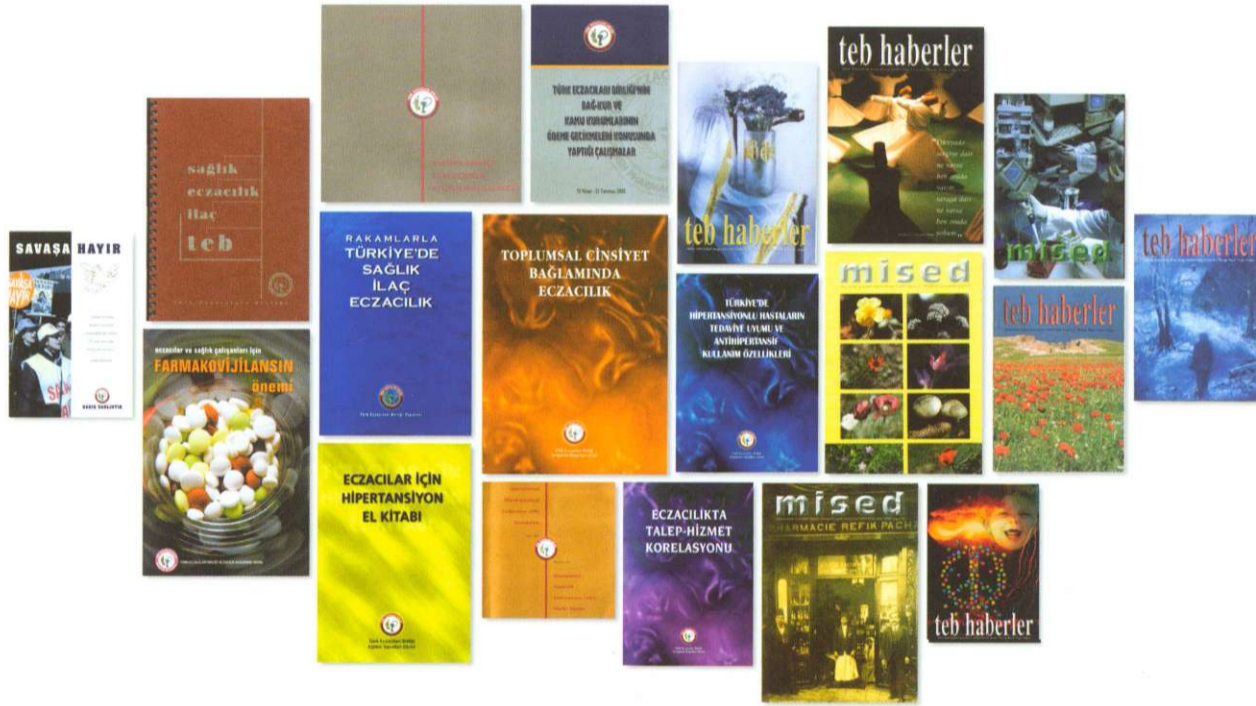
The Charity Fund also serves by emphasizing the social dimension of solidarity, in accordance with its foundational goals, and helping its members in their hard times.

E-LOGO



WITH TPA'S INITIATIVE; E-LOGO BECAME
A NATIONALLY USED COMMON LOGO OF ALL THE COMMUNITY
PHARMACISTS IN TURKEY

PUBLICATIONS



TPA has published more than 150 books and research reports in addition to bimonthly magazine "TPA News" and quarterly "CPE Magazine". Translations from other languages provides knowledge on the professional development of pharmacists in other, especially European countries, and original

researches reports such as hypertension and pain prevalence of adults in Turkey, or reports on Pharmacists' Profile and Demand-Supply Correlation in Pharmacy Services are reachable to all pharmacists in Turkey free of charge.