

## **1. About us**

Home Care Association (HCA) was founded by 10 founding members in 18 August 2005, in İstanbul. HCA aims to create a national home care system for individuals and their families needing home care and to integrate home care services with the current health care and social services systems. HCA is a member of HomeCare Europe organization.

## **2. Membership profile**

HCA adopted an interdisciplinary approach and grew by attracting members from different healthcare and social services disciplines. As of May 2018, HCA has 126 members from 11 different cities of Turkey. In addition to their multidisciplinary profile, HCA members are made of academicians from universities, managers from both private and public sectors, representatives of NGO's and home care professionals.

## **3. Mission statement**

Home Care Association believes that despite several developments in recent years, home care services are still not provided and used at universal standards nationwide in Turkey. These services which are critical for those in need, are still not integrated into the existing health care and social services systems. The growth in elderly population along with the increase in chronic diseases and the large number of disabled people make the development of a nationwide home care system an urgent need.

Home Care Association is a multidisciplinary NGO that aims to bring together patients and their relatives, service providers and the professionals working in the field and all other related vocational groups, in order to establish a nationwide home care system in Turkey with universal standards.

Home care proved to be the most efficient and effective long term care model in the world. Thus, just like in developed countries, establishing a nationwide home care system is needed in Turkey. However, in order to establish a system that is suitable to our country's conditions, the complex details of the system, service standards, education, legal infrastructure and financing need to be determined with the contribution of all stakeholders.

## **4. Concentration areas**

- 1 Make home care and home care related topics widely known in Turkey
- 2 Bring together doctors, nurses, psychologists, dieticians, physiotherapists, social service specialists, home economists, care givers, patients and their relatives and all other home care related professionals under one roof
3. Contemplate proposals for the legal infrastructure of home care services, provide opinion to related organizations and work in cooperation to enact regulations
- 4 Design nationwide standards for home care services and collaborate with service providers in adapting these standards
- 5 Monitor international developments in the field, to learn about success stories in other countries and work to adopt these in Turkey

- 6 Offer educational courses and certificate programs for professionals in the field and for all who are interested
- 7 Facilitate constant information exchange in the field by organizing congresses, conferences, seminars and panels
- 8 Represent Turkey in international gatherings and make contact with international organizations in home care in order to realize know-how exchange and collaboration possibilities
- 9 Promote research and publications in home care by obtaining and offering scholarships, grants and rewards
- 10 Educate members and healthcare professionals by providing and distributing all sorts of newsletters, newspapers, magazines, brochures, books, videos, software and the other materials and
- 11 Plan the education of family members who are responsible for the care of their live-in patient, elderly person or disabled person
- 12 Compile profile of all the people and organizations actively involved in home care nationwide
- 13 Enhance employee personal rights and benefits of home care professionals

#### **5. Selected activities**

1. 2006, Homecare Nurse Certificate Course
2. 2008, II. National Homecare Congress
3. 2010, "Homecare for Turkey" Workshop
4. 2012, III. National Home Health and Care Congress
5. 2013, Management and Organization of Homecare Services Course for Executives
6. 2013, "Integration of Home healthcare and Social Services" Symposium
7. 2013, Establishment of İzmir branch
8. 2014, "Living is not enough, you have to make everyone live" project in cooperation with ALSMND Association
9. 2014, Establishment of Ankara branch
10. 2017, IV. National Home Health and Care Congress with International Participation

#### **6. Contact**

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**Ordinary general assembly meeting of Home Care Association took place in 2 June 2018**

During the general assembly meeting, the activities which were realized between 2016 and 2018 along with the Auditing Commission's report and the Association's financial statement were shared with the Association's members. Thoughts and suggestions of members were noted.

Members and alternate members of the 2018-2020 period Board of Directors and Auditing Commission were elected. With active participation of all the members, the newly elected Board of Directors will continue to work towards the Association's goals.

Home healthcare services are certainly at the top of Turkey's agenda and the awareness on home healthcare services is increasing at a fast rate. Thus, there is a lot of work to be done on our end in the near future. As Home Care Association, we will continue with our efforts to make home healthcare services at universally accepted standards available for the entire population.

Sincerely,

Aynur DİK  
Chair of the Board

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