

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional Profile

Prof. Dr. Berkay Ekici is a cardiologist, academic leader, and medical educator currently serving as Professor of Cardiology and Dean of Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine. He has extensive experience in clinical cardiology, cardiovascular research, academic publishing, and institutional leadership. His scholarly work focuses on coronary artery disease, cardiovascular risk assessment, heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, and aviation cardiology.

Current Roles

- Professor of Cardiology, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine
- Dean, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine (2025–Present)
- Vice President, Cardiovascular Academy Society (2023–Present)
- Editor-in-Chief, Bulletin of Cardiovascular Academy (2023–Present)

Education and Academic Training

Year	Institution / Position
1987–1991	Faik Erbağı Primary School
1991–1998	Ankara Ayrancı Foreign Language High School — High School Diploma
1998–2004	Selçuk University Faculty of Medicine — Doctor of Medicine (MD)
2005	Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Cardiovascular Surgery — Research Assistant
2005	Başkent University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine — Research Assistant (placed via national exam; position not started)

2006–2010	Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Cardiology — Research Assistant; became the first specialist physician certified among all departments in the history of the faculty
2007	Türkiye Yüksek İhtisas Hospital, Department of Cardiology — 3-month Coronary Intensive Care Unit training
2010–2012	Bitlis State Hospital, Department of Cardiology — Specialist Cardiologist
2012–2014	Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Cardiology — Specialist Cardiologist
2012–2014	Anadolu University, Department of Health Institutions Management — Graduated in 2014
2014	Awarded the title of Assistant Professor; also received Occupational Medicine and Aviation Medicine certificates
2017	Awarded the title of Associate Professor, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine
2017–2021	Associate Professor, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Cardiology
2022	Associate Professor, Lokman Hekim University Faculty of Medicine, Department of Cardiology (January–August)
2022–Present	Professor of Cardiology, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine (title awarded on November 28, 2022)

Administrative and Leadership Experience

2018–2021	Vice Secretary General, Cardiovascular Academy Society
2021–2023	Secretary General, Cardiovascular Academy Society
2023–Present	Vice President, Cardiovascular Academy Society
2023–Present	Editor-in-Chief, Bulletin of Cardiovascular Academy
2020–2021	Vice Dean, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine
2021	Vice Dean, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine
2024–2025	Vice Dean, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine

2025–Present

Dean, Ufuk University Faculty of Medicine

Research Focus

- Coronary artery disease and severity indices
- Cardiovascular risk assessment and preventive cardiology
- Heart failure and pulmonary hypertension
- Aviation cardiology and aerospace medicine
- Cardiovascular imaging, biomarkers, and cardio-metabolic disorders

Professional Memberships

- Cardiovascular Academy Society
- Turkish Society of Cardiology
- Aviation Medicine Society
- Aviation and Space Medicine Platform Association
- Ankara Medical Chamber
- Turkish Traffic Accidents Assistance Foundation

Academic Highlights

Total Citations

666

Thesis

Relationship Between the Severity of Coronary Artery Disease and Health-Related Quality of Life, Anxiety, and Depression (2010)

Certificates

Occupational Medicine, Aviation Medicine, Advanced Statistics

Selected Publications

1. Is Mean Platelet Volume Associated with the Angiographic Severity of Coronary Artery Disease? *Kardiologia Polska*, 2013.
2. Duration of Migraine is Associated with Cardiac Diastolic Dysfunction. *Pain Medicine*, 2013.
3. The Effect of Emotional Status and Health-Related Quality of Life on the Severity of Coronary Artery Disease. *Kardiologia Polska*, 2014.
4. The Relationship Between Serum Uric Acid Levels and the Angiographic Severity of Coronary Heart Disease. *Kardiologia Polska*, 2015.
5. The Effects of the Duration of Mobile Phone Use on Heart Rate Variability Parameters in Healthy Subjects. *Anatolian Journal of Cardiology*, 2016.
6. Angiotensin Receptor Neprilysin Inhibitor for Patients with Heart Failure and Reduced Ejection Fraction: Real-World Experience from Turkey (ARNi-TR). *Turkish Archives of Cardiology*, 2021.
7. Can a Patient with Pulmonary Hypertension Travel Safely by Plane? *Anatolian Journal of Cardiology*, 2021.
8. Hypertension and Occupational Health: A General Overview and Expert Consensus Suggestions. *Turkish Archives of Cardiology*, 2024.
9. Treatment and Lifestyle Change Recommendations by Cardiologist for Patients Attending Cardiology Outpatient Clinics: a TLC Study. *Postępy w Kardiologii Interwencyjnej*, 2025.

Books and Book Chapters

1. Remote Management of Cardiology Patients During the COVID-19 Pandemic. In: *COVID-19 and the Cardiovascular System*, Türkiye Klinikleri, 2020.
2. Management of Antihypertensive Therapy During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Role of Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System Inhibitors. In: *COVID-19 and the Cardiovascular System*, Türkiye Klinikleri, 2020.
3. Interventional Treatment in Chronic Coronary Syndrome. In: *Chronic Coronary Syndromes*, Türkiye Klinikleri, 2021.
4. Inferior Vena Cava Filters: Indications, Technique and Case Presentation. In: *Atlas of Interventional Cardiology*.
5. Cardiomyopathies Due to Toxic Causes: Drugs, Radiation, Heavy Metals and Chemical Agents. In: *Cardiomyopathy Book*.
6. Multicenter Clinical Research in Türkiye – Risk Factors and Nutrition. In: *Heart Book*, Vol. 2, 2023.

Multicenter Studies and Projects

- TRACER — Thrombin-receptor antagonist vorapaxar in acute coronary syndromes (Sub-investigator, 2009–2010).
- EXAMINE — Cardiovascular outcomes with alogliptin in type 2 diabetes and acute coronary syndrome (Sub-investigator, 2009).
- ACCELERATE — A study of evacetrapib in high-risk vascular disease (Sub-investigator, 2013–2014).
- ACCOAST — Pretreatment with prasugrel in non–ST-segment elevation acute coronary syndromes (Sub-investigator, 2013).
- National project: Investigation of the relationship between ADMA and oxidative stress in patients with coronary artery disease (Sub-investigator, 2013).

Reviewer Experience and Scientific Presentations

- Reviewer for journals including Eastern Journal of Medicine, Journal of Postgraduate Medicine, European Journal of Neurology, and Functional Neurology.
- Extensive experience with oral and poster presentations, invited lectures, satellite symposia, and scientific webinars at national and international meetings.