

İ. Nazmi Hoşal, M.D.

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It is with deep sadness that we've learned of the passing of Professor Dr. İ. Nazmi Hoşal, who left us on November 24, 2022, just two weeks before his 92nd birthday in his hometown of Ankara, Turkey. Professor Hoşal was a distinguished figure in the field of otorhinolaryngology and made significant contributions both nationally and internationally.

In 1999, Dr. Hoşal became the first Corresponding Fellow inducted into both the American Laryngological Association (ALA) and the American Head and Neck Society (AHNS). He was also a founding member of the European Laryngological Society. As one of the first-generation members who established Hacettepe University Medical School, he played an integral role in transforming it into one of Turkey's most successful medical schools.

After graduating from Ankara University Medical School, Dr. Hoşal completed his internship at Edgewater Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, and pursued his otorhinolaryngology residency at Washington Hospital Center, which is affiliated with the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, D.C. During his chief residency year in 1960, he achieved the highest number and quality of surgical procedures among ENT residents, as recorded by the American Medical Association (AMA). He was subsequently appointed Assistant Professor at Northwestern University by Dr. George Sisson before returning to Turkey to fulfill his military service. Dr. Hoşal established the first audiology program in Turkey in 1967 at Hacettepe University. Over the course of more than fifty years, he trained thousands of medical students, hundreds of otorhinolaryngology specialists, and cared for countless patients.

A pioneer in his field, he introduced numerous surgical techniques to Turkey by teaching his students modern surgical methods acquired during his training in the United States. Notably, he performed the first stapes teflon piston operation for otosclerosis, the first modern parotidectomy with facial nerve preservation, and the commando procedure for oral cancer in Turkey. Professor Hoşal was known for his infectious energy, tireless dedication to his profession, and his role in fostering multi-disciplinary scientific thinking in otorhinolaryngology.

Professor Hoşal retired from Hacettepe University in 1997 but continued to treat patients in his private clinic until the age of 89. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Selma, their two children, Dr. Sefik Hosal and Nazli Akman, and four grandchildren.