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Personal statement

I am a gynecological oncologist from Turkey dedicated my life for the treatment of patients with gynecological cancers for many years. I am honored to present my candidacy for the ESGO Board.

For more than two decades, I have dedicated my professional life to advancing gynecologic oncology through clinical practice, academic research, and national and international collaboration. My motivation to serve on the ESGO Executive committee is rooted in a strong belief that our collective expertise, when shared across borders, has the power to transform outcomes for women affected by gynecological cancers.

As a professor of gynecologic oncology, my clinical and scientific work has focused on complex surgical oncology and clinical research, with a particular interest in surgical management of ovarian cancer and placenta percreata. This dual perspective-bridging science and clinical practice-has guided my efforts to bring innovation into patient care. I have authored more than 100 peer-reviewed international publications, coordinated multicenter studies, and lectured widely at national and international meetings.

Beyond academia, I founded the Turkish Gynecological Cancer Foundation, an organization devoted to patient support, awareness, and education of both patients and clinicians. Through this platform, we have initiated scholarship programs to train young gynecologic oncologists, organized nationwide awareness campaigns, and fostered collaboration between clinicians, researchers, and patients.

I see ESGO as the natural extension of this mission, uniting diverse voices to advance standards of care and strengthen the culture of mentorship in our field.

Internationally, I have collaborated with colleagues across Europe, Asia, and the United States, building partnerships that highlight the importance of inclusivity and knowledge exchange. I firmly believe that ESGO must continue to play a leading role in ensuring equitable access to cancer care and in shaping global research and educational networks.

If elected to the Board, I would prioritize three areas: fostering cross-border research and education initiatives for young generations, amplifying ESGO's role as a global leader in mentorship and innovation, and strengthening inclusivity to ensure every member has a voice in shaping the future of our society. It would be a privilege to contribute my experience, energy, and vision to ESGO's mission.

Polat Dursun, MD

Professor of Gynecologic Oncology

Professor Polat Dursun is an gynecologic oncologist with more than 20 years of experience in advanced surgical oncology and academic leadership. He currently serves as Professor of Gynecologic Oncology in Ankara and has dedicated his career to improving outcomes for women with gynecological cancers through innovation in surgery, research, and education.

He is the Founder and President of the Turkish Gynecological Cancer Foundation, a national platform that supports patients, promotes awareness, and provides scholarships and training opportunities for young gynecologic oncologists. Under his leadership, the foundation has launched nationwide HPV and cancer awareness campaigns and has created strong collaborations with international institutions.

Professor Dursun has authored and co-authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, coordinated multicenter studies, and contributed to the development of new approaches in gynecologic cancer surgery. His research about placenta percreata has received particular attention for bridging obstetrics and gynecologic oncology with a unique perspective.

He is frequently invited as a speaker, faculty member, and chair at leading national and international congresses across Europe, Asia, and the United States, where he has contributed to discussions on surgical standards, innovation, and education. He has a strong commitment to mentorship, having trained and guided many young oncologists who are now active internationally.

Professor Dursun combines clinical excellence, academic productivity, and organizational leadership with a global outlook. His vision focuses on advancing surgical education, fostering international research collaboration, and ensuring equitable access to cancer care worldwide.

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