

The New Dedicated Electrophysiology Laboratory; Always One Step Ahead

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ABSTRACT

Science is getting developed and humans' knowledge is expanding year by year. Although it was not found strange for a scientist to be interested in several fields of science and literature in older times, it is hard to expect such a thing in the current era. Nowadays it's difficult to catch science on time for both physicians and patients which also underscores the importance of being specialized in professional life. The fact that people seek more specific medical care pushes professionals to build hospitals containing various specialties and even subspecialties.

The electrophysiology (EP) laboratory of cardiology department in Hacettepe University Hospital is renewed two years ago and nowadays the second EP laboratory is on the way. This is a new type of organization in the catheterization laboratories in Turkey. The EP laboratory is designed for only EP procedures and equipped with high technology devices. The procedures were performed by an experienced electrophysiology team. The new dedicated EP lab is also planned for educational purposes with a big control room and large flat screens that enable the participants to observe and contribute to the ongoing intervention inside the laboratory. This new organizational change is thought to contribute not only to a more flexible working schedule especially in complex arrhythmia cases but also provide a better educational environment for both residents and visitors.

What this new EP laboratory adds is the chain between diagnosis, treatment and discharge of the patient is completed within the new EP section which includes not only the operating room but also a small monitored care unit especially for regular cases. Any patient who applied Hacettepe University Department of Cardiology and suffer from arrhythmia can reach specific care in every step of medical care. Since December 2017, patients can make an appointment with an electrophysiologist by using web site of Hacettepe University Electrophysiology and Arrhythmia Service (www.ritimbozukluklari.org). Moreover, the EP laboratory has its own social media accounts which contains interesting case reports and news from latest publications.

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