

Short Biography:

Dr. Yusuf Can Edek is a board-certified Dermatologist and Venereology specialist who graduated as the highest-ranked student from Gazi University Faculty of Medicine, Turkey. He is currently serving as a Specialist Physician at **Aksaray Training and Research Hospital**, following his extensive residency training at **Gazi University Faculty of Medicine**. His clinical and research focus is centered on chronic inflammatory skin diseases, with a specialized dedication to Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS), psoriasis, complex wound management, and nail disorders.

Dr. Edek's career is defined by high research productivity, evidenced by his extensive list of peer-reviewed publications in international, high-impact journals. His specialty thesis on the JAK/STAT signaling pathway expression in HS provided foundational insights into new therapeutic targets. To date, he has been recognized with numerous prestigious awards, including the John Stratigos Memorial Scholarship. As an active member of the EADV HS Task Force, he contributes to setting international research standards in the field.

A key pillar of Dr. Edek's clinical practice is his advanced expertise in cutaneous ultrasonography (USG), which he utilizes for pre-operative mapping, disease staging, and optimizing surgical outcomes in HS and other inflammatory conditions. He has actively bridged this technical proficiency with global research networks through a series of intensive clinical fellowships:

- Completed: Clinical fellowships in Psoriasis with Prof. Dr. Diamant Thaci (Lübeck, Germany), Advanced HS surgery with Prof. Dr. Falk Bechara (Bochum, Germany), and specialized HS research and clinical management with Prof. Dr. Gregor Jemec (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- Upcoming: Clinical rotations and research collaborations focused on wound management under Prof. Dr. Kirsi Isoherranen (Helsinki, Finland). Additionally, he will conduct specialized work in nail surgery and ultrasound correlation with Dr. Nat Jellinek (Rhode Island, USA).

Dr. Edek is a competitive recipient of the GRAPPA Global Mentorship (2026-2027) under Dr. Juan Raul Castro Ayarza, and he has been awarded a scholarship from the Council of Nail Disorders (CND). Eager to contribute to the SPIN network, Dr. Edek brings a robust background in clinical data synthesis, advanced dermatological surgery, and a passion for harmonizing international efforts in inflammatory skin disease research.