

Congratulations, Yaprak Sarigol Ordin, PhD

ITNS extends warm congratulations to Yaprak Sarigol Ordin upon obtaining her doctorate from Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, Turkey. The title of Dr. Ordin's dissertation is "Effect of a support group intervention on knowledge, symptoms, and quality of life in liver transplant recipients".

You can read more about the various aspects of Dr. Ordin's research in the following articles:

Ordin SY, Karayurt O, & Wellard S. Investigation of adaptation after liver transplantation using Roy's Adaptation Model, *Nursing & Health Sciences*, 2013; 15:31-38.

Ordin SY, Karayurt O, Vupa O. Validation and Adaptation of the Modified Transplant Symptom Occurrence and Symptom Distress Scale – 59 Items Revised (MTSORD-59R) into Turkish Culture. *Progress in Transplantation* (in press).

Dr. Ordin is on the faculty of Dokuz Eylul University where she lectures in the BSN program. In addition, she is a clinician in the liver transplant clinic at Dokuz Eylul University Hospital.

Now that she has obtained her doctorate, Dr. Ordin has several goals for transplant nurses, including founding a Turkish Transplant Nurses Association, encouraging Turkish transplant nurses to join ITNS, developing a certification program for transplant nurses, and hosting an ITNS symposium one day in Turkey.

Unfortunately, Dr. Ordin will not be able to attend the 2013 ITNS symposium in Washington DC because, in addition to having a new doctorate, she is also a new mom! However, she hopes to join us for our 2014 symposium.

Once again, Congratulations Dr. Ordin!