The Society of Clinical Biochemistry Specialists was founded in 1999 in Istanbul. Our society has approximately 850 members who work in the field of clinical biochemistry.

The aim of the society and the areas of activities are as follows:

• To promote the science of Clinical Biochemistry in our country and to assist and enlighten all related establishments regarding health problems in our country.
• To promote scientific activities and the unity of members in the society.
• To help the formation of scientific developments in the field of Clinical Biochemistry in the country and to encourage members to report and publish their achievements and relevant studies.
• To organize scientific meetings in cooperation with local, national and international organizations.
• To support every aspect of the professional activities of society members.

The mission of our society is to promote the professional recognition of the clinical laboratory and contribute to the training and scientific knowledge of our members. Our main goal is contribute to continuous training of our colleagues with diverse organizations through seminars, conferences and national/international congresses.

Our society emphasizes the importance of international scientific cooperation. Therefore, there are some particular projects carried out together with the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC). These projects include publications in the journal *Clinical Chemistry* and *Labtestsonline*. Trainee Council websites are translated from English to Turkish for use by our colleagues. Also, our scientific cooperation includes the International Society of Laboratory Hematology (ISLH). ISLH members, participate in our national congress every year as invited speakers. A particular objective of our society is to become a full member to the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC).

External quality control programs (KBUEK) were implemented by our society in 2005 to eliminate the lack of a national quality control program in our country. KBUEK external quality control programs contain several panels. These panels include: Clinical Chemistry, Hormones, Coagulation, tumor markers etc. Our efforts will continue to achieve ISO/IEC 17043 Proficiency Testing of external quality control programs.

The Society’s official web page (www.kbud.org.tr) contains latest new information about the society.

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