

Curriculum Vitae – Prof. Dr. İsmail Bülent Özçelik



Prof. Dr. İsmail Bülent Özçelik is a leading orthopedic and hand surgeon with over 25 years of experience, specializing in **reconstructive microsurgery, hand surgery, and wrist arthroscopy**. He is currently a **Professor of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at Nişantaşı University, and Head of the Hand Surgery and Reconstructive Microsurgery Unit** at Yeni Yüzyıl University Gaziosmanpaşa Hospital in Istanbul, Turkey.

He received his medical degree from Istanbul University, Istanbul Faculty of Medicine in 1995 and completed his residency in orthopaedics and traumatology at Şişli Etfal Training and Research Hospital in 2000. During his early career, he worked with several prestigious microsurgery teams and institutions, including IECMC and İST-EL Microsurgery Group, co-founding Gaziosmanpaşa Hospital in 2005, where he continues to perform over 1,000 surgical procedures annually.

Prof. Özçelik holds a **subspecialty certification in hand surgery** and has pursued advanced training in **wrist arthroscopy and microsurgery** across Europe. He completed fellowships and observer programs in France and Germany, including at IRCAD Strasbourg and the Institut de la Main with Prof. Christophe Mathoulin. Since 2014, he has been a faculty instructor for wrist arthroscopy courses at IRCAD, and has contributed to the development of arthroscopy education in Turkey and abroad.

He has played a key role in the **Turkish Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (RMCD)**, serving as a board member for six years and as president between 2021–2022. He has organized and taught in more than **20 national microsurgery courses** and has served on scientific committees for international congresses such as EFSSM and APFSRM.

His clinical and academic work focuses on microsurgical reconstruction, hand injuries, peripheral nerve injuries and nerve transfers, congenital hand conditions, trauma-related reconstructions, and advanced hand and wrist arthroscopy

Prof. Özçelik is an internationally respected educator, frequently invited as a speaker, session chair, and live surgery demonstrator at international congresses. His clinic is recognized as a **certified educational microsurgery center** by international bodies including FESSH, hosting numerous fellows and surgical observers each year. Through the **International Hand Surgery Fellowship Program**, he continues to mentor the next generation of surgeons from around the world.

Prof. Dr. İsmail Bülent Özçelik stands as a pioneer in modern microsurgical practice, combining high surgical volume, innovation, and a strong commitment to education in Turkey and beyond.