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I am from sunny Izmir which is a beautiful city on Aegean coast in Turkey. After high school, I spent a year as an exchange student in Pittsburgh, PA which was life changing for me. Then I attended Medical School in Istanbul (Istanbul University) and did a pediatric residency (Marmara University). I then worked as a research fellow in London, England for a year, which was a great experience in a beautiful city full with art.

As I wanted to do further training in that field, I moved to Los Angeles for three years to do pediatric respirology fellowship. My focus was on children on respiratory support and sleep disordered breathing in children. I then moved back to Istanbul and worked and taught in Marmara University Hospital until moving to Ottawa five years ago.

I now work in the Children's Hospital in Ottawa as a pediatric respirologist and teach at University of Ottawa Medical School. I enjoy spending time with my family which includes our lovely dog. I love nature, reading, art and swimming. I love working with CATWAO as it focuses on bridging cultures between Turkiye and Canada and is governed by women but inclusive of all.