

Prof. Deniz Gökengin (MD) (Turkey)

Professor Deniz Gökengin is an academic staff member in the Department of Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine at Ege University in Turkey. She was named professor in 2003, and has been acting as director of the Ege University HIV/AIDS Research and Practice Center since 2009. She is one of the leading clinicians on HIV/AIDS management in Turkey, and has been taking care of patients with HIV since 1996.

Professor Gökengin started her academic career with research on *Chlamydia trachomatis* and related infections, before continuing her study into sexually transmitted infections. She is the founding member and general secretary of the AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections Society and the founder of the Positive Living Association, as well a board member of the International Union for Sexually Transmitted Infections in Europe, representing Turkey.

Her major areas of interest are sexual behavior, social aspects of HIV/AIDS and the medical management of HIV/AIDS. She continues to organize and participate in numerous projects, meetings and training programs focusing on sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS.