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Yesim Aydinok graduated from Ege University Medical School in 1986. She was appointed as a paediatrician in 1992, and then as a paediatric haematologist in 1999 at Ege University Medical School. Professor Aydinok studied haemoglobinopathies in Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine in London, UK; and clinical haematology in Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, UK as visiting Lecturer and Senior Lecturer respectively. She was appointed Professor of Paediatric Haematology at the Ege University Children's Hospital in 2005, having previously been Associate Professor. Professor Aydinok was appointed Director of the University Hospital Blood Bank in 1999.

Thalassaemia is the main focus of Professor Aydinok's clinical studies and research. She has been involved in clinical trials for new iron chelators since 2003 as well as clinical studies for and blood safety. Professor Aydinok has published 98 peer-reviewed articles, mostly in the field of thalassaemia.

She is serving as Associate Editor in *Hematology Journal*. She is a member of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) and the European Hematology Association (EHA). Professor Aydinok has been the Director of Haemoglobinopathy Working Group of Turkish Society of Haematology and Director of Transfusion Medicine, Blood Banking and Haemapheresis subcommittee of Turkish Society of Haematology.