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Kind regards,

Ali Kucukmetin



## **CV**

### **Mr Ali Kucukmetin**

Doctor of Medicine, MD, MRCOG

**Consultant Gynaecological Oncologist and  
Clinical Director**

**Northern Gynaecological Oncology Centre (NGOC),  
Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust, UK**



**Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer  
Translational and Clinical Research Institute (TCRI)  
Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK**



## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## EDUCATION

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2005 - 2009	Postgraduate degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD) Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
1989 - 1995	Tip Doktoru (Doctor of Medicine) Istanbul University, Cerrahpasa Medical School English Department
1985 - 1988	High School, Yesilkoy, Istanbul, Turkey

## CURRENT ROLES

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- Head of Gynaecological Oncology Department
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) Sub-specialty programme training supervisor (NGOC/Northern Deanery)
- Regional Gynaecological Oncology advanced training module (ATSM) in the NorthEast of England and Cumbria Region.
- Undergraduate Education lead role at the NGOC
- Lead Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeon at the NGOC
- Lead role in Translational Research at Newcastle University. Supervision of PhD, MD and MRes students.
- Lead Clinician role in development of Managed Clinical Network (MCN) and Lead Providership model in NorthEast of England and Cumbria. Member of the Steering Committee.

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

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03.10.07- 06.06.10	SUBSPECIALTY TRAINEE (SST) / GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY FELLOW (Northern Deanery) NGOG, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead
04.04.01- 02.04.07	SPECIALIST REGISTRAR IN OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY (Wessex Deanery, UK) SOUTHAMPTON, POOLE, DORCHESTER
06.10.04 - 04.04.07	CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOW and MD STUDENT, NGOC/ NORTHERN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH (NICR), Newcastle University.

## RESEARCH, TRAINING AND CAREER INTERESTS

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Having completed my MD thesis in translational research titled "Investigation of the role of nuclear hormone receptor coactivator, Tip60, in ovarian cancer", I was appointed as Honorary Associate Clinical Lecturer at the Northern Institute for Cancer Research, Newcastle University in 2015.

I have supervised several postgraduate and undergraduate students to achieve degrees as well as supervision of clinical research. I was appointed as Senior Lecturer in 2021 and currently supervising a PhD and an MD student.

I have been collaborating internationally with other researches including ESGO supported projects such as SUCCOR trial and IRTA trial.

I have been active in research and authored 37 peer reviewed publications related to gynaecological oncology and delivered a large number of presentations in international conferences and courses over the past 13 years.

My main area of clinical research and surgical interest is cervical cancer. I am a member of the Steering Committee for the SENTIX trial.

I have been a leader in the development of surgical approaches and moving towards a conservative surgical management approach in small volume tumours in cervical cancer.

I organised and chaired the LOC for the Annual British Gynaecological Cancer Society (BGCS) conference in 2016 in Gateshead. For the first time a BGCS conference was jointly organised with Greek and Turkish Gynaecological Oncology Societies. This was a great experience, and I would be very keen to organise similar events in the ESGO council if I am elected.

I have served as a member of the BGCS council between 2007 and 2009 as the subspecialty trainees' representative.

I am a member of the International Editorial Board for the Turkish Journal of Gynaecological Oncology and the Zeynep Kamil Medical Journal.

I organised and led the Laparoscopic Cadaveric Gynaecological Oncology and Radical Pelvic Surgery Courses from 2011 to 2022 at Newcastle Surgical Training Centre. I have assisted in training of many gynaecology and gynaecological oncology surgeons not only during the cadaveric/animal models but also actively provided on site proctorship.

I have been a faculty member to teach and provide live surgery training within the UK and international workshops and conferences. This includes ESGO affiliated events such as Prague Surgical Video workshops and webinars.

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