

KAYHAN PHARMACY: FOUR DECADES IN TWO CITIES

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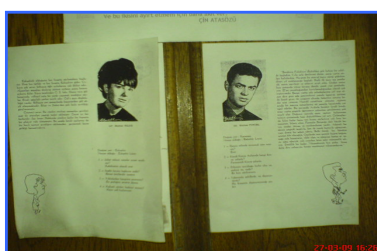
INTRODUCTION

Kayhan Pharmacy was opened up on 1st March 1969 in Sivas by its owner Pharmacist Kayhan Tuncel (Pic. 1).



Picture 1.
Pharm. Kayhan Tuncel in his laboratory.

Pharm. Kayhan Tuncel is the second generation graduate of Ankara University Faculty of Pharmacy. His graduation from the faculty was in 1966. His wife is also a pharmacist and his classmate from the faculty (Pic. 2).



Picture 2.
Pharm. Kayhan Tuncel and his wife

MATERIALS & METHOD

The findings of this study are obtained by conducting two in-depth interviews at different dates in 2009. In the interviews both camera and tape-recorder are used. Beforehand an oral consent is given by Pharm. Kayhan Tuncel for both the tape-recorder and the camera use when conducting the in-depth interviews. Also internet search is done by using "google" search engine.

FINDINGS

Before opening his pharmacy he had some experience in an old pharmacy that is again located at one of the old regions of İstanbul. After living and operating his pharmacy in Sivas for 20 years (Pic. 3), he moved his business to Eskişehir (Oldcity).

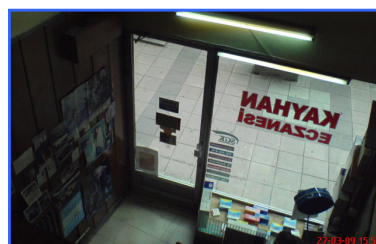


Picture 3.
Pharm. Kayhan Tuncel in front his pharmacy in Sivas

And since 1989 he is serving to the inhabitants of Eskişehir. The number of clients and/or patients visiting his pharmacy is 40-50 per day (1).

Pharm. Kayhan Tuncel has two sons and two grandchildren. His most popular leisure time hobby is taking photos of the nature and historical sites. He has an archive of 5000 slides (2).

Kayhan Tuncel's pharmacy is two storied. His laboratory is on upstairs (Pic. 4).



Picture 4.
Kayhan Pharmacy from upstairs

The factor which makes his pharmacy special is the production of wide variety of magistral prescriptions ranging from ophtalmic solutions to topical ointments (Pic. 5). Among those magistral prescriptions cough syrup for pediatric patients, acne lotions for adolescents, antiseptic solutions, pelade pomade, scabies pomade are the most demanded medicines.



Picture 5.
Various ingredients of magistral prescriptions

Some of the magistral prescriptions provided from Kayhan Pharmacy are as follows (3):

<u>Lotion for Acne</u>		<u>Corn Remedy</u>	
Erthyrocin	1.2 g.	Acid salisilique	5.0 g.
Soufre	2.4 g.	Acid acetique	1.5 g.
Recorcine	2.4 g.	Chloral hydrate	1.5 g.
Talc	20.0 g.	Collod. elast.	15.0 g.
Oxide de zinc	20.0 g.		
<u>Scabies Pomade</u>			
Souffre preci	10.0 g.		
Huil de cade	12.0 g.		
Crai prepare	15.0 g.		
Savon noir	15.0 g.		
Lanolin	45.0 g.		
Vazelin	45.0 g.		

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Pharm. Kayhan Tuncel is one of the rare pharmacists who still makes magistral prescriptions. In this context his prescriptions can be good examples for the young pharmacists and pharmacy students. His pharmacy is an invaluable source for the pharmacists/pharmacist candidates who want to be an expert on magistral prescription making.

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