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**The Transformation of Primary Healthcare Services in Turkey:  
Family Medicine Model**

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In 1980s, neoliberal policies began to dominate. Thereupon, health policies in the world changed and reforms in the field of health began to be implemented. These reforms were led by international organizations such as especially The World Bank. The reforms which were began to be implemented in Turkey in 2003 under the name "Health Transformation Program" influenced the organization and presentation of health services greatly. Although Health Transformation Program has a lot of components, one of the most important of these components is Family Medicine Model. Within the context of Health Transformation Program in Turkey, while transforming health services, instead of community health centers form which is focused on the system of referral and which puts socialization of services in the center, the model of family medicine which puts in the center individualization of services and easy access of individuals to services was started. This model restructured primary healthcare services which are quite important for the health of society. In this study, both political and historical past of model of family medicine, its implementation, most criticized aspects of it and the data of initial results were shared.

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