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After the decision of the court in august 2017 to close private clinics of government doctors, new arrangements made so that government doctors still are working in private hospitals and clinics. But under new arrangements still the situation is not very clear. Because the new statue introduced by the health ministry and accepted by the council of ministers is not fully accepted by the constitutional court. The Constitutional Court says that government doctors might only have rights to see private patients in the hospital. The disagreement is continuing but the continuous efforts by medical union of government doctors and medical association, the work of government doctors is still continuing in private practice.

Another problem we are facing now is the protocol between turkey and North Cyprus governments about the construction of city hospitals. Essentially, this is going to be a hospital constructed by Turkish private constructors and the ministry of health of North Cyprus is going to hire the hospital for 25 years of period! Instead of ministry of health having its hospital, the ministry is going to be paying rents to private sector constructors of turkey ! Union and association are against this form of agreement.

Recently we are facing law suits against doctors who lost their patients under treatment ! They are getting charged with negligence , because of the law which was made without serious consideration . In this regard if your patient die during operation and the court decides you have a negligence, you are told that you commit a crime , you go to jail for seven years and pay lots of Money. Essentially, this law is used for drivers. The parliament is spending efforts to correct this absurd law. In this sense malpractices and complications must be defined and opinions from doctors should be taken. So far the situation in the north part of Cyprus are not very bright for the doctors and for the medical services.

Finally the only good thing happened towards the end of the last year was the increase in the salaries specially for the junior doctors around 500 Euros which is now automatically reduced by the depreciation against foreign currency. This was done in order to gain new experts and stop the resignations because of the low salaries which was around 800 Euros per month (watch money excluded).