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Introduction/Background: Underwater and hyperbaric medicine (UHM) is a specialty approved by the Turkish Ministry of Health (TMH) since 1989. Recently TMH organized a workshop to set the training standards of all specialties in medicine and dentistry, according to the regulation issued in 2009. A commission consisting of UHM specialists have been working to finalize the training standards for the UHM specialty. Materials and methods: The records of the workshop for the training standards of the UHM specialty and the regulation concerning specialty training issued by the THM are reviewed for the paper. Results: Training for the UHM specialty can be given by the departments of UHM in training or university hospitals in Turkey. The training period was set as three years, including the rotations for a total of six moths at the clinics: anesthesia and reanimation; pulmonary diseases; infections disease; diabetes and endocrinology; and emergency medicine. The curriculum includes two main parts – diving medicine and hyperbaric medicine. The major titles under diving medicine are: fitness- to-dive examination; management of recompression therapy; decompression sickness; barotraumas; health

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