Experiences gained during The Holy War
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There is no doubt that the eight-year war against Iraq has brought many different experiences and knowledge in the field of medicine, and public health for our country. To have well-organized emergency rooms at the front lines is one example of our experiences during the holy war. Other examples are: prevention of contagious diseases among soldiers in our armed forces and other non-organized fighters, and performing complicated surgery procedures at the front lines where even in the most advanced military forces were not experienced. The Islamic Republic of Iran's military forces and the Sepah have experienced this important factor. There were not even foreign forces to guide them through this important step. It is important to mention that there were no single major outbreaks of contagious diseases among soldiers. This successful method has been continued even up to now on three important bases: prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Having disabled people secondary to the war has brought new challenges for the military's medical sector. One example is the chemical warfare, which were unjustified, and was used against our troops. Chemical warfare brought a new line of patients and consequently a new line of treatment for our health system. Research and Treatment Centers of the Pulmonary Diseases and Tuberculoses has been active in offering their resources and worked along our military medical sectors. This center has helped to offer the latest techniques in diagnosis and treatment of the pulmonary diseases hence decreasing morbidity and mortality from these kinds of illnesses. This center will continue to work with our arm forces and hopes to achieve even higher goals.