

## Obituary

## Dr. Mohammad Reza Mohareri, the Pioneering Professor of Psychiatry at Shiraz School of Medicine

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Professor Mohammad Reza Mohareri

Professor Mohammad Reza Mohareri was born in Shiraz in 1928 and passed away in November 2016.

After elementary and high school education, in 1950, he entered the Shiraz University School of Medicine and received his MD degree in 1956. In due course, the young Dr. Mohareri completed a three-year psychiatry residency course at Shiraz University and became a psychiatrist. He joined Shiraz Medical School Faculty and then completed his training at the psychiatry hospitals affiliated to the American University of Beirut and Edinburg University. Finally, after over three decades of fruitful academic service, he retired in 1994 as a professor of psychiatry.

Professor Mohareri was a superb physician and great mentor. On occasion of his demise, Dr. Faramarz Ismail-Beigi, the former Professor and Head of Internal Medicine Department of the Shiraz School of Medicine wrote, “Dr. Mohareri was a highly dedicated, compassionate, and understanding physician who showed greatest possible empathy towards his patients”. He founded the first clinic for treatment of addicted patients in Shiraz in 1971.

During his academic life, Professor Mohareri treated many psychiatric patients, taught medical students and residents,

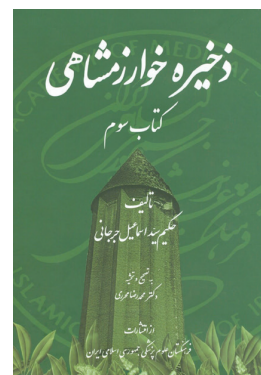
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supervised medical thesis, performed researches, and published scientific articles and books. He was the member of the Iranian Academy of Medical Sciences since 1992 and become a permanent member in Nov. 2001. He was also a member of the Iranian Psychiatric Board Examination.

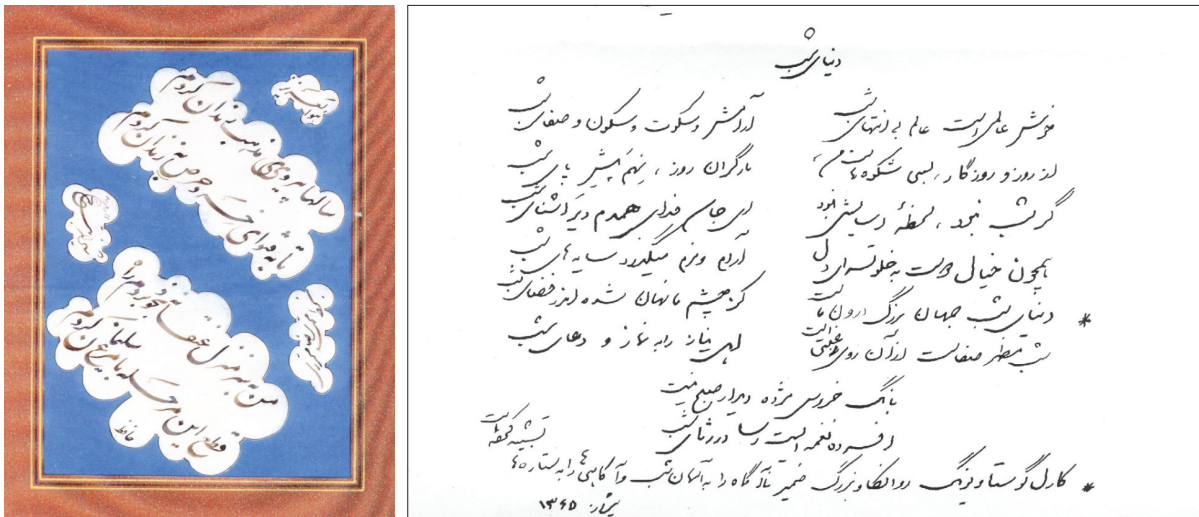
In addition, he was a prolific writer, highly interested in history of medicine, medical ethics and Persian literature. He edited the *Daḳira-ye ḳvārazmšāhi* (Treasure of the Ḳhārazmšāh), the largest Persian encyclopedia of medicine written by Esmā' il Jorjāni (b. Gorgān, 1043–44?; d. Marv, 1136–37), which is published by the Iranian Academy of Medical Sciences.



*Daḳira-ye ḳvārazmšāhi* (Treasure of the Ḳvārazmšāh) edited by Professor Mohareri

He was a poet and calligrapher with excellent penmanship in Nastaleeq style.

In conclusion, his death was a great loss for his family and friends, as well as the Iranian scientific community especially the Shiraz Medical Faculty, as Dr. Asghar Rastegar, the former Professor of Medicine at the Shiraz Medical School pointed out, “I remember Dr. Mohareri well not only as a thoughtful and compassionate physician but also as a truly learned man with deep love for and knowledge about Iran and Iranian culture. He will be missed not only by his family and friends, but also his former students and colleagues”.



Professor Mohareri's Persian calligraphy and poem.



Professor Mohareri (\*) and his colleagues, Iranian Academy of Medical Sciences.