

Obituary

Mansour Haghshenas, MD

Recently, the Iranian medical community was intensely saddened to hear the devastating loss of a great physician and erudite hematologist/oncologist from the city of Shiraz.



Dr. Mansour Haghshenas passed away in Namazi Hospital, Shiraz, southern Iran, after more than a decade of fighting multiple myeloma.

Professor Mansour Haghshenas, Founder of Hematology/Oncology Department at Shiraz University, born on March 13, 1936, in Neyriz, Fars, and died from complications of multiple myeloma on June 10, 2015, in Shiraz aged 79.

Dr. Haghshenas was raised and lived, in Neyriz, Fars Province, Iran, until age 15 before moving to Shiraz. After completing his formal training at the Medical School of Shiraz University in June 1962, he sought further training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, in the USA, where he soon became a shining figure. During his specialty training in internal medicine, he turned to hematology/oncology, which became his field for the rest of his fruitful life. Although he was licensed to practice medicine in states of Maryland, California, and Connecticut, he returned home to serve his fellow countrymen.

Dr. Haghshenas was a dedicated teacher and spent most of his life teaching hematology/oncology at his beloved training center at Shiraz University, where he could disseminate his precious knowledge in the department that he established. He cofounded

the National Transfusion Center in Shiraz, and was its Director from July 1977 through June 1978. Dr. Haghshenas was a member of the Board of Examiners of Internal Medicine of Iran since 1987, the Board of Examiners of Hematology/Oncology since 1988, and the Board of Trustees Shiraz University of Medical Sciences since 1991. He authored numerous articles in international journals and several books. In recognition to his painstaking endeavors to promote internal medicine and hematology/oncology in Iran and the region, he was elected Associate Member, Iranian Academy of Medical Sciences, in 1997, and was awarded life membership in 2005.



In Shiraz, he established a Hematology Research Center and Bone-Marrow Transplantation Unit to serve the many patients in desperate need of such treatment in Iran. Dr. Haghshenas was indeed much more than the sum total of his awards and accomplishments. His passion for learning new things; his warmth and kindness to his patients, staff, and colleagues; his personal integrity; and his generosity never ceased to amaze those of us who knew him well. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son, and grandchildren, and by hundreds of grateful and gifted pupils.

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