

Obituary

Professor Jamal Gousheh (1931–2016)



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The Late professor Jamal Gousheh was a pioneer of hand and micro-vascular surgery in Iran and a known hand surgeon in the world. He was born in Tehran in 1931. He attended primary and high school in Tehran. Before entering medical college, he worked in a glass blowing factory, and later used this art for making serum bottles during his medical school. He graduated from the Tehran University in 1959 from the general surgery department and immediately went to Kurdistan province. He was one of the first and the only general surgeons in Kurdistan for several years. He practiced many different types of surgery and was the first blood donor for his patient who was in hemorrhagic shock in this province. Later, he returned to Tehran and joined Dr. Sirous Osanloo, founder of Iranian plastic surgery team at Shahid Motahari Burn Hospital (1972), where he met Professor Paul Tessier in an interesting event. He repaired an avulsed abbe flap that was cut inadvertently by Paul Tessier in a cleft lip surgery. This was an important point that moved Jamal Gousheh to Paris for an advanced training in plastic and micro-vascular surgery. After Professor Osanloo retired, he became hospital director and practiced hand and micro-vascular surgery accompanied by other international surgeons.

After the revolution, Jamal moved to Shohada Hospital in Tehran and continued his career in the vascular surgery department. Joining Dr. Parviz Mafi, he expanded his work and founded Shahid Beheshti University plastic surgery team in 1991 and moved

to Masih Daneshvari Center in Tehran.

With expansion of team members, he built up the plastic surgery department and chose 15 Khordad Hospital for this growth. He recruited several young plastic surgeons for his new department and several divisions were formed. In 1999, his center started training residents in plastic and hand surgery fellowships.

In spite of his retirement in 2002, he continued cooperating with the team for several years. During his active years, he founded the first day-clinic for plastic surgery in Iran and received several national and international medals including: “PALMES ACADEMIQUES” in 1995 and “LEGION D’HONNEUR” in 2005.

During these years, Gousheh’s attempts expanded the boundaries of hand surgery and trained many surgeons in this field. Soon, surgeons from around the country were coming to Tehran to train under his supervision and since then, virtually every hand surgeon has either trained under Gousheh’s or one of his students’ mentorship.

In his last two decades, Gousheh also developed treatments for hand deformities, war injured patients and specifically facial paralysis.

He mentioned several times that his brilliant services were for war injured patients and he really spent a lot of time for several hundreds of these patients.

By his effort, the Iranian war injured foundation invited Paul Tessier for treatment of war injured craniofacial patients.

He published several books and many articles in national and international medical journals.

His sunset was in January 2016 when his volcano of excitement stopped.

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