

Ahvaz Jondi Shapour University of Medical Sciences, Health and Treatment

Ahvaz Jondi Shapour University of Medical Sciences is one of the oldest universities in the world. The initial idea to establish a university under the name of Jondi Shapour goes back to the Sassanid era (226-651 AD). In the contemporary era and before the establishment of medical sciences universities, Medical College was one of the departments of the former Jondi Shapour University in Ahvaz which was affiliated to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

in 1986. Later, the university merged with Khuzestan provincial Health Department and together they set up a large organization in the province under the name of Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences and Health and Treatment Services in 1993.

Head of Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences who is in charge of all executive matters is usually appointed by the minister of health and medical education.

The main objectives of Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences and Health and Treatment



affiliated health and treatment organizations and institutes, and recruit specialized workforce for

departments, supply/oversee human resources costs, supervise/control current and public expenditures

works, assess/ratify university's annual plans and research works, plan/supervise implementation of

and private medical institutes such as hospitals, labs, radiology centers, surgeries and emergency centers,

to students such as accommodation, food, loans and physical training courses, promoting Islamic culture and beliefs, and last but not least, maintaining that all policies and plans devised by Higher Education Department and High Cultural Council are followed and implemented accordingly.

It is important to point out that Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences has 22 health and treatment networks, eight colleges, 28 training hospitals, 123 health and treatment centers in rural areas, 137 health and treatment bases in urban areas, 857 medical

1,100 students each year. It offers specialized doctoral courses in 15 majors, top specialized programs in 2 majors, PhD programs in 5 majors, BSc programs in 6 majors and associate degree programs in 9 majors.

Concurrent with the anniversary of the victory of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the university is also proud to announce that with 26.45 billion rials in allocated funds, it has successfully implemented the following development projects and plans with the help of its hardworking personnel and in cooperation with government officials: Constructing Golestan 3



Medical sciences universities were founded in 1985 when the Majlis (Parliament) ratified a comprehensive plan to establish Ministry of Health and Medical Education. Since then, these universities have been in charge of higher education affairs in medical sciences.

One of these universities was Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences which was founded independently

Services are to train students in medical sciences, promote medical sciences and non-medical sciences such as psychology in order to absorb, train and provide the much-needed specialized human resources to the health and treatment sector. It also aims to offer facilities for study and research on health and treatment programs, develop/supply health and treatment facilities to the society through

health, treatment and higher education sector. The medical university currently has seven departments of health, medical treatment, nutrition, medicine, student culture, support, training and research. The main responsibilities of these departments are:



Provide administrative and financial services, recruit/train human resources for all affiliated

based on the state financial rules and regulations, supervise development projects, offer services and facilities to the support department, assess/plan for medical and non-medical courses, offer courses in PhD, MSc, BSc, Associate Degree, professional doctorate and specialized doctorate, review/offer comprehensive strategies for research projects, evaluate university's annual research



short-term research works. It is also responsible for encouraging lecturers, students and scientific board members to conduct research at the research department, offering health and treatment services to the general public, developing/supervising health and treatment networks in rural areas, urban locales, towns and townships, controlling/supervising the performance of all state-run

supplying medical equipment to Khuzestan province, extending health insurance services to those eligible, supplying medicines and supervise pharmaceutical affairs, conducting medical tests in cooperation with the Laboratories Department, control/supervise foodstuff and cosmetics at the Department of Foods and Medicine, supervising performance of students, offering general serv-



houses, and 74 health bases across Khuzestan province. The university has well over 15,000 personnel, 420 scientific board members and 4,374 students. It is still one of the country's most prestigious academic centers among 44 top medical universities. It also ranks fifth in terms of having the most advanced and modern equipment and facilities. Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences enrolls

girl dormitory that can now accommodate 360 people in a fully furnished three-storey building; constructing and refurbishing 7 hospitals in Ahvaz, Shoush, Shoushtar and Shadgan; and implementing several other development projects and plans related to the hospitals and colleges of Ahvaz University of Medical Sciences and Health and Treatment Services.

Apadana Specialized Hospital of Ahvaz

Born in 1960 in Hoveyze and currently based in Ahvaz, Dr. Nader Saki is the managing director of Apadana Highly Specialized Hospital of Ahvaz. He completed his elementary- and guidance-level education in Hoveyze and studied at Jame' High School of Ahvaz. After receiving his general and specialized medical degree in the field of otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat or ENT) at Jondi Shapour Medical University of Ahvaz, he obtained the highly specialized degree in medical sciences from Tehran University.

Dr. Saki completed complementary medical courses in Switzerland, Germany and Belgium.

With regard to his salient medical records, he is the manager of Emergency Ward and head of Otolaryngology Department of Jondi Shapour Medical University of Ahvaz, and also presides over the Otolaryngology Society of Khuzestan province.

Presently, he is deputy of the Medical Faculty of Ahvaz University of Sciences, deputy financial and administrative affairs of State Medical Council as well as the head of Apadana Highly Specialized Hospital of Ahvaz.

Our provincial reporter conducted an interview with him, the excerpts of which are presented below.

While honoring the sublime status of martyrs of the Sacred Defense (the 1980-88 Iraq-imposed war) and the exalted spirit of the late father of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeini (RA), and wishing greater success to those serving the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Nader Saki, the managing director and head of Apadana Highly

Specialized Hospital of Ahvaz, focused on his mission to serve the noble people of Ahvaz.

"Due to the society's requirement for a highly specialized hospital, sympathetic physicians made up their mind to establish a highly specialized hospital," he said, noting that this hospital was set up in one of the underprivileged regions of Ahvaz on Qods Boulevard.

Dr. Saki noted that this has been turned into the most modern hospital and equipped with medical facilities within 6 years due to the nonstop endeavors of officials and through personal capital.

Since the hospital is located at the junction of Andimeshk, Susangerd and Khorramshahr roads, it offers high quality medical services to patients from these regions and they benefit from its experienced and well-trained staff and personnel.

Elaborating on the capabilities and facilities of this hospital, he pointed out that the hospital is equipped with pharmacy, internal and surgical wards (for both men and women), maternity and pediatrics' wards, coronary care unit (CCU), intensive care unit (ICU), operation theater, respiratory and pulmonary wards, seven hospital bedrooms, physiotherapy ward equipped with all basic facilities, etc.

With regard to other facilities, he referred to clinical and laboratory wards for conducting highly specialized tests, audiovisual and echocardiography (E.C.G) wards, respiration and audio measurements wards, osteoporosis wards, nutrition wards, microscopic ward equipped with the most modern video camera imaging equipment,

Dr. Nader Saki Expounds On Capabilities, Facilities



Dr. Saki, managing director of Apadana Specialized Hospital of Ahvaz:

"In line with humanitarian and benevolent activities to mark the anniversary of the martyrs of Hoveyze, the hospital dispatched 12 specialized and highly specialized physicians to Hoveyze and treated 550 patients free of charge."

dentistry ward, family health ward, pregnancy control, vaccination, radiology, sonography wards, nasal

and sinus wards, ear and skull surgery wards, arthritis endoscopic surgery ward, thigh, knee and

comea implantation wards, laparoscopic, and retina surgery wards, kidney lithotripter ward with the most modern medical equipment.

The hospital also boasts of MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), vascular surgery ward, FICO surgery ward in ophthalmology, pathology ward, treatment of breast cancer, impotency and infertility wards (for both men and women), plastic surgery, cardiovascular recovery ward, larynx and pharynx surgery ward, diagnosis of various kinds of cancers, chemotherapy ward, cerebral and spinal cord surgery ward as well as an emergency ward.

"Apadana Highly Specialized Hospital of Ahvaz offers round-the-clock quality medical services to the noble residents of Khuzestan province," he said.

Elsewhere in his remarks, Dr. Saki listed organizations and companies that have signed contracts with the hospital such as steel industries, social security, health-care and treatment services centers, armed forces, banks of Melli, Saderat, Sepah, Keshavarzi, Refah, Tejarat and Mellat, Martyrs Foundation of Islamic Revolution, War-Disabled Foundation, Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL), the provincial branch of IRIB, Imam Khomeini Relief Committee (IKRC), insurance companies of Sina, Parsian, Alborz, Dana and Atyeh Sazan, Red Crescent Society of Iran and the provincial Telecommunications Company of Iran (TCI).

In fact, the hospital also runs a special clinic for speech therapy and has signed contracts with companies extending supplementary insurance coverage.

He called on state and provincial officials to support the objectives of the hospital, which is to upgrade and offer top quality medical services to citizens.

Dr. Saki urged managers of municipality to further beautify the hospital's surrounding areas and also directors of the Bus Services Company to offer transport services to patients and accompanying individuals in the best possible way.

"Pointing to the cultural and religious programs of the medical center, he said: "By organizing various cultural and religious competitions, the hospital has helped promote the awareness of its personnel."

He pointed to the philanthropic and humanitarian performance of the hospital's physicians in dispatching 12 specialized and highly specialized physicians for rendering service to the noble people of this province free of charge, concurrent with the anniversary of the martyrs of Hoveyze. In addition, 550 patients were treated free of charge.

Referring to a glorious ceremony organized on the occasion of Eid-e-Ghadir Khum entitled "Ghadir, the Grand Festivity in Velayat Region", Dr. Saki said, "This grand festival was held at the initiative of the hospital's board of directors and in cooperation with Farhikhtegan (Elites) Scientific and Cultural Institute of Hoveyze on Jan. 19, 2006, at the City Hall."

Concluding his remark, Dr. Saki pointed to the improvement of intellectual and religious thinking among children and young adults of the region as the main objective behind organizing the grand festival.