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in IR.IRAN**

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Islamic Republic of IRAN

■ **Population:** 79.11 million

The second largest economy and the second largest population in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

■ **Hepatitis B prevalence in general population of Iran:** Less than 2.0%

Vaccination programs: Neonates
Adolescence
Adults
Screening of mothers

■ **Hepatitis C prevalence in general population of Iran:** less than 0.5%

[1] Collaborators, T.P.O.H., Global prevalence and genotype distribution of hepatitis C virus infection in 2015: a modelling study. The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology, 2016.



Pars Land, the birthplace of Avicenna (doctor of doctors) Whom everybody is aware of this proficient doctor's valuable services to humanity in the past centuries.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Canon_of_Medicine

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Nowadays, one of the most important health problems that affects the health of millions of people annually and leads to their morbidity and mortality refers to liver diseases. The most part of this burden is due to the sequela of infections with the hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV).

Iran as a pioneer country has progressed significantly in control of liver diseases especially viral hepatitis during recent years. The burden of HBV has decreased to low endemicity and HCV is very low too now. The infections have been controlled through vaccination for HBV and case findings and blood safety for HCV infection.

Achieving the elimination of hepatitis C in Iran needs to ensure that those who might be unknowingly infected with viral hepatitis need to be identified through more effective testing and screening programs and provided them with easy and cheap access to treatment and care as well. Beside cheaper diagnostics and treatment, greater awareness of the disease and the risk is a must that is not achievable without comprehensive cooperation among various organs.

For this respect, taking full advantage of Hepatitis Awareness Campaigns to raise public as well as medical students' awareness about this disease can help our country to take steps to eliminate hepatitis C.



Iran Hepatitis Network (IHN) with its all capacities is going to focus on elimination of viral hepatitis in Iran. This goal cannot be achieved without increasing general awareness about viral hepatitis. It was my honor to be the chief executive manager in both Hepatitis Awareness Campaigns and I hope that these activities can help the elimination of viral hepatitis in our country.

Here, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Iranian (bio)medical students who participated in both 1st and 2nd Hepatitis Awareness Campaigns. IHN cannot completely achieve its determinations for excellence without their precious contribution. Moreover, I would like to thank Prof. Parvin Pasalar for her great supports in the holding of these campaigns. Her supports meant a lot to us.

We, all Iranian (bio)medical students should be more active in this issue and use of any opportunities for increasing general awareness as it can save more lives and help to have a healthier future for our country.



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The prevalence of Hepatitis C is **8 times higher** in **Street and Labour Children** compared to the general population



Universal Children's Day
20 November



* Foroughi M, Moayedi-Nia S, Shoghli A, Bayanolhagh S, Sedaghat A, Mohajeri M, et al. Prevalence of HIV, HBV and HCV among street and labour children in Tehran, Iran. Sexually Transmitted Infections. 2016 10.1136/sextrans-2016-052557

* Karimi-Sari H, Rezaee-Zavareh MS, Alavian SM. Street and labour children; special group for elimination of viral hepatitis in Iran. Sex Transm Infect. -38:(1)93;2017.

All hemodialysis patients should be screened for Hepatitis – C and HCV positive cases should be treated to reach NOhep



KIDNEYWEEK 2016



Karimi-Sari H, Alavian SM. Chronic Hemodialysis Patients; special group for hepatitis C elimination programs in Iran. Nephrology Urology Monthly. 2017.



Iran connected to NOhep global movement in June 2016



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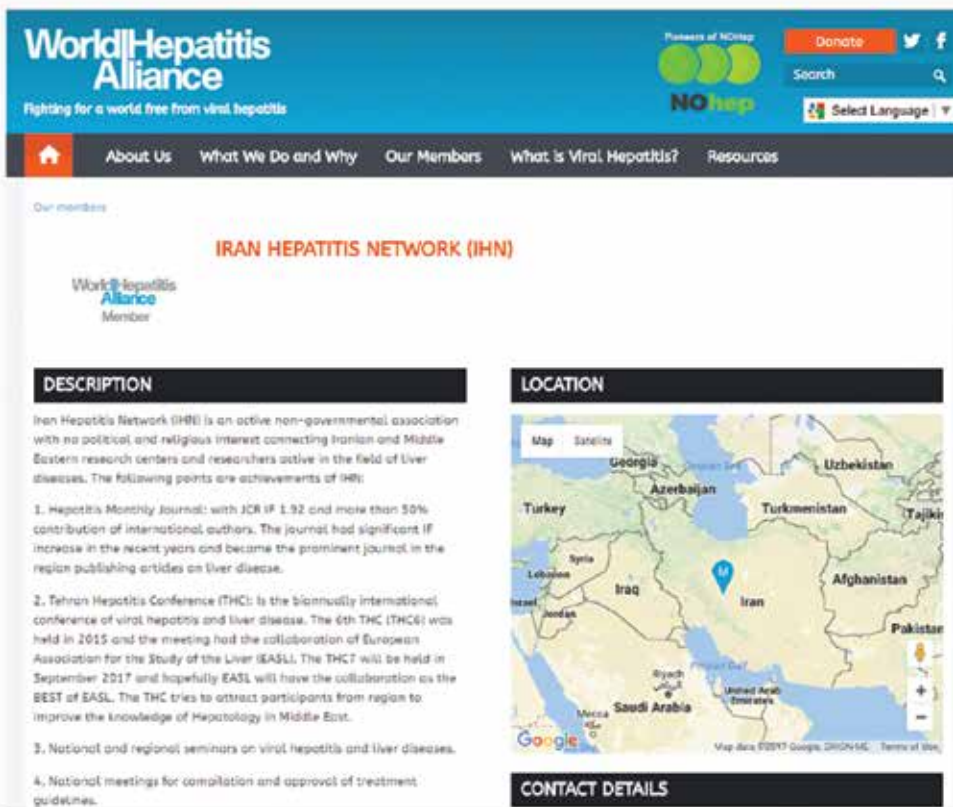
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DESCRIPTION

Iran Hepatitis Network (IHN) is an active non-governmental association with no political and religious interest connecting Iranian and Middle Eastern research centers and researchers active in the field of liver diseases. The following points are achievements of IHN:

1. Hepatitis Monthly Journal: with JCR IF 1.92 and more than 50% contribution of international authors. The journal had significant IF increase in the recent years and became the prominent journal in the region publishing articles on liver disease.
2. Tehran Hepatitis Conference (THC) is the biannually international conference of viral hepatitis and liver disease. The 6th THC (THC6) was held in 2015 and the meeting had the collaboration of European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL). The THC7 will be held in September 2017 and hopefully EASL will have the collaboration as the BEST of EASL. The THC tries to attract participants from region to improve the knowledge of Hepatology in Middle East.
3. National and regional seminars on viral hepatitis and liver diseases.
4. National meetings for compilation and approval of treatment guidelines.

LOCATION



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5. Workshops to increase the clinical and molecular knowledge of professionals in the field of hepatology.
6. Public awareness activities and campaigns.

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حاضرین از دانشگاه تبریز، دومین کمیته دانشجویی هیاتیت در تاریخ ۲۸ مهر ماه ۱۳۹۰ برگزار شد

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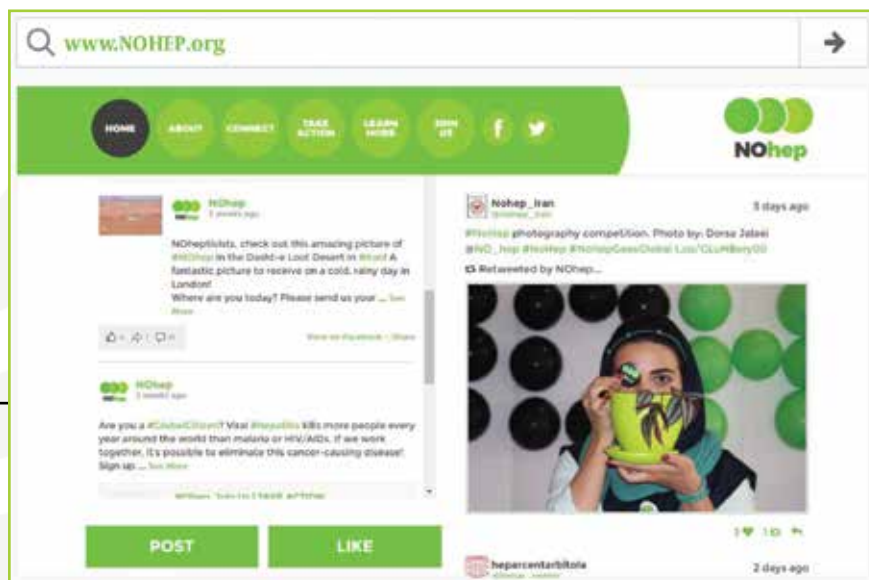
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Iran

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| Living with Hep C | 109,058 |
| Treated for Hep C | 4,500 |
| Cured of Hep C | 2,906 |
| Living with Hep B | 819,000 |

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🔗 [hep.ir](#)

📅 Joined July 2016

🎂 Born on June 9, 1990

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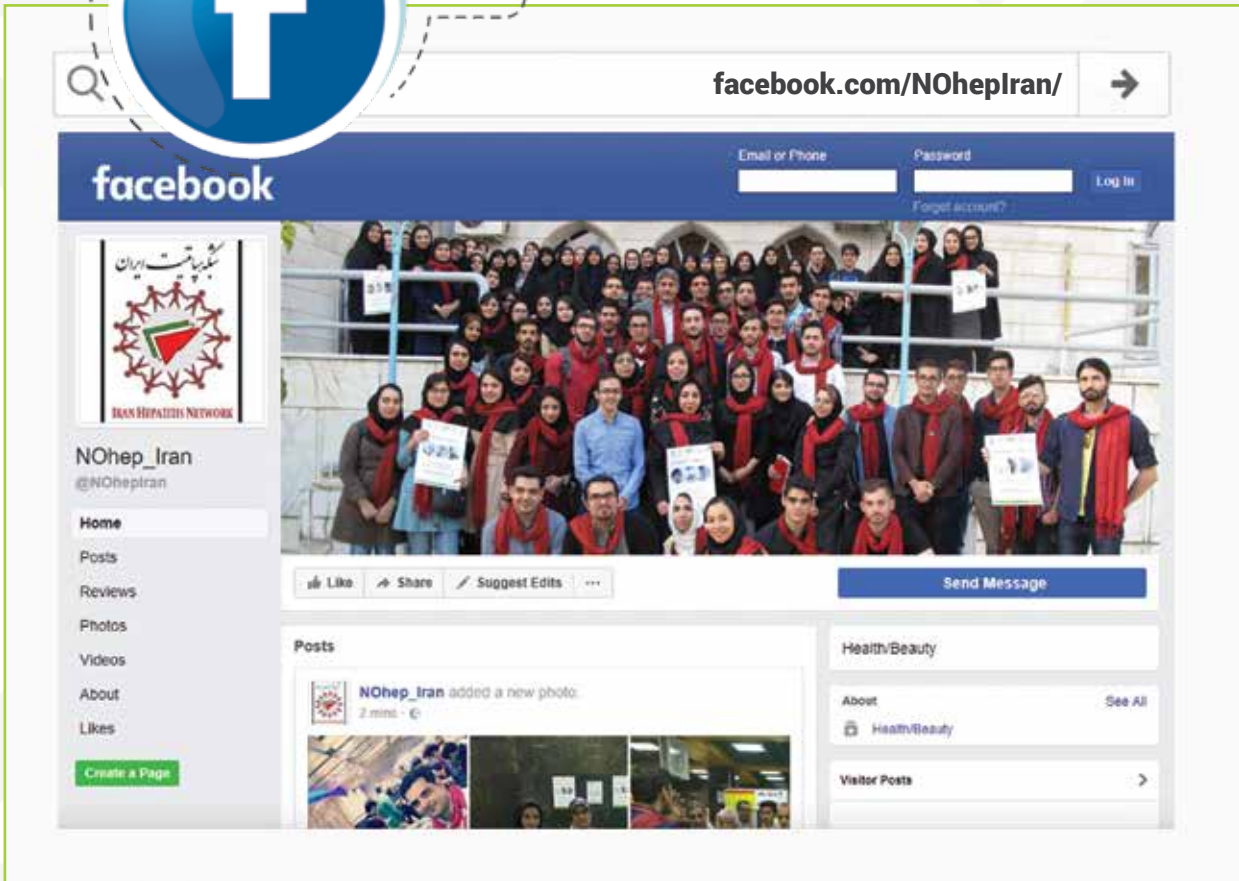
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<https://www.globalhealthnow.org/2016/10/hep-0-will-take-mobilize-global-fight-against-viral-hepatitis>

Global Health NOW
What It Will Take to Mobilize a Global Fight Against Viral Hepatitis
Viral hepatitis is the world's seventh leading cause of mortality, killing an estimated 1.5 million peo...



Facebook



The screenshot shows the Facebook profile page for NOhep_Iran. At the top, the URL 'facebook.com/NOhepIran/' is visible. The page features a large group photo of members, many wearing red scarves. The left sidebar includes the profile picture (a logo with the text 'Iran Hepatitis Network'), the name 'NOhep_Iran', and navigation options like Home, Posts, Reviews, Photos, Videos, About, and Likes. A 'Create a Page' button is at the bottom of the sidebar. The main content area shows a post from 'NOhep_Iran' with a photo of people and the text 'NOhep_Iran added a new photo. 2 mins · 0'. The right sidebar contains sections for 'Health/Beauty', 'About', and 'Visitor Posts'.

01

Tehran

- Tehran is Capital City of Iran.
- Population: 12.18 million
- Tehran has 9 Medical Sciences Universities.

Executive managers:



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Time of campaign: 26th to 28th July 2016

Location of campaign: Tehran-Metro Stations

- Simultaneously in 4 stations
- Three days from 10:00 to 19:00
- Ninety-one Iranian (bio)medical students.
- About 4100 face-to-face consultations were done for general population.
- Hepatitis B and C brochures in simple Persian language for general population.
- The free HBs-Ag, HCV-Ag, and HBs-Ab were run freely during these 3 days for whom indicated.



Karimi-Sari H, Tajik M, Bayatpoor ME, Alavian SM. Increasing the awareness of the general population: an important step in elimination programs of viral hepatitis. The American Journal of Gastroenterology. 5-393:(2)112;2017.

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> Semnan

Population: 631,218

Time of campaign: 28th July 2016



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> Birjand

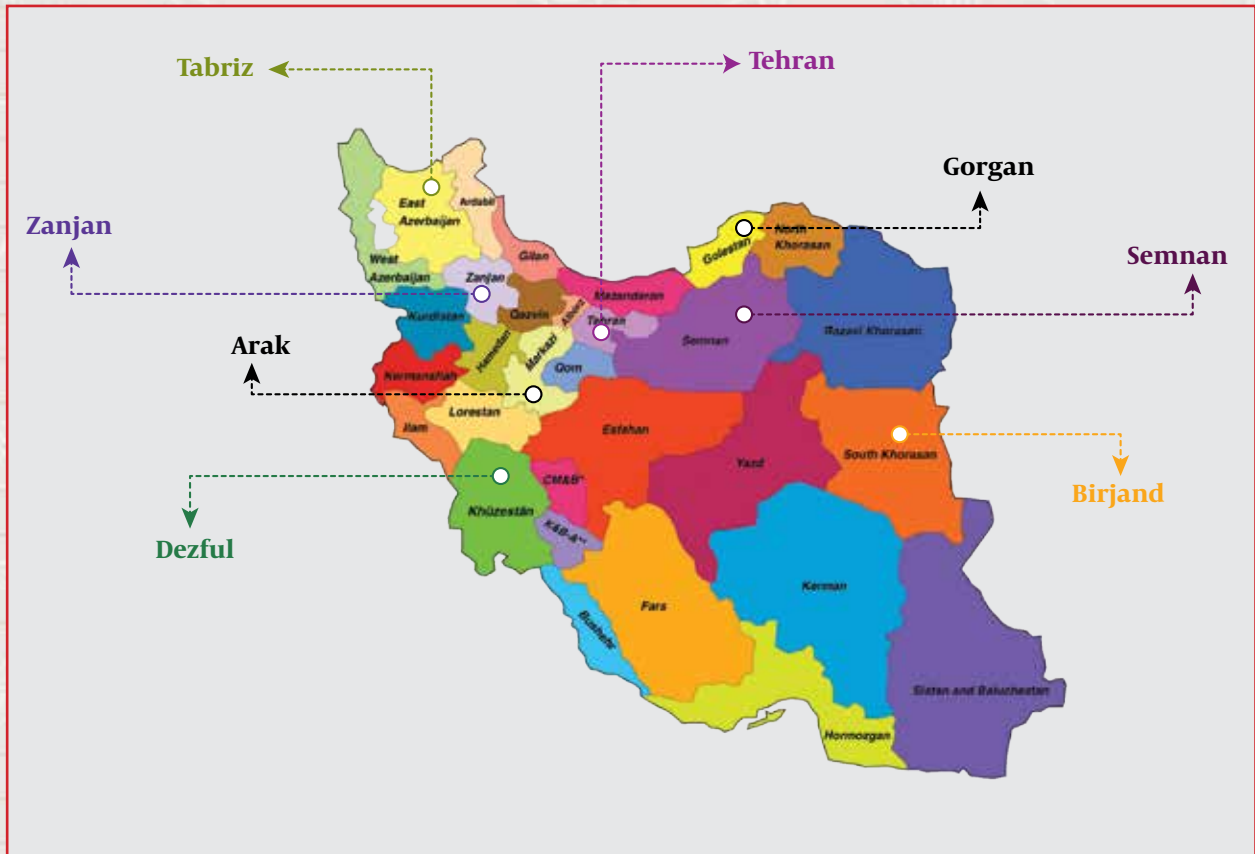
Population: 178,020

Time of campaign: 28th July 2016



The 2nd Hepatitis Awareness Campaign (World Hepatitis Day - 2016)

This campaign was held in 3 provinces.
Our supporters in the 2nd campaign:



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Tabriz University of Medical Sciences





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> **Dezful**
Dezful University of Medical Sciences







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> Gorgan
Golestan University of Medical Sciences





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Semnan University of Medical Sciences





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> **Arak**
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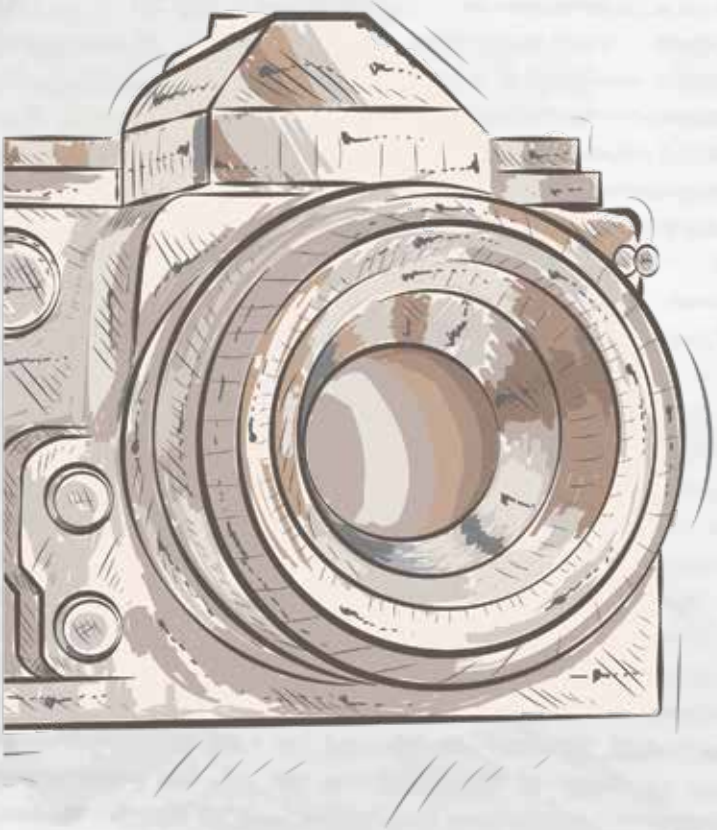


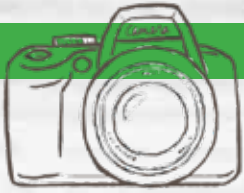
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> **Birjand**
Birjand University of Medical Sciences



NOhep Photography Competition





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همه باهم برای ریشه کنی هیپاتیت تا ۲۰۳۰



NO New Case Of HBV & HCV
Project of Viral Hepatitis Elimination 2030

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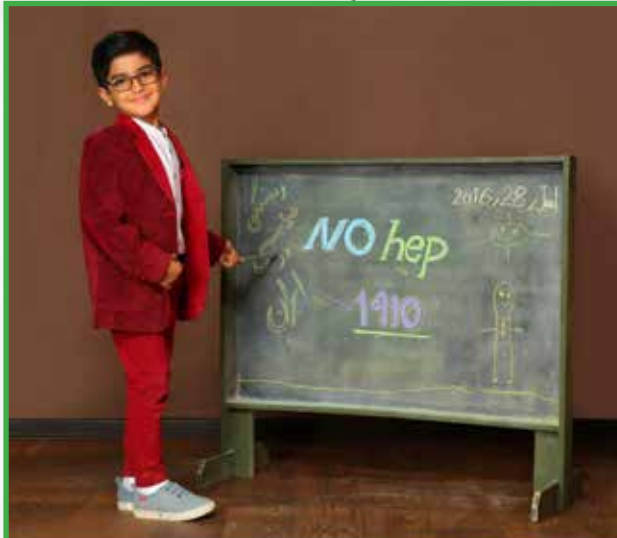


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NO hep...
our next greatest
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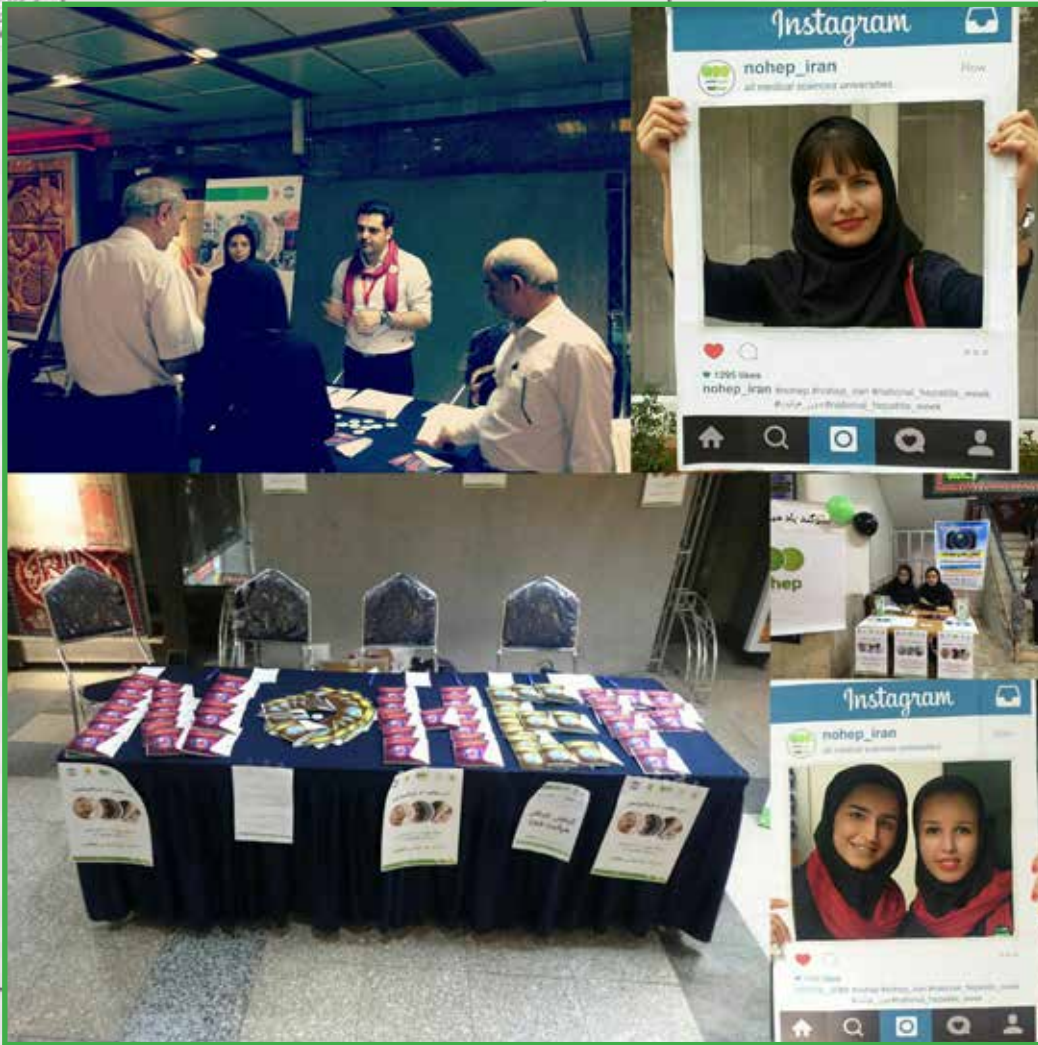
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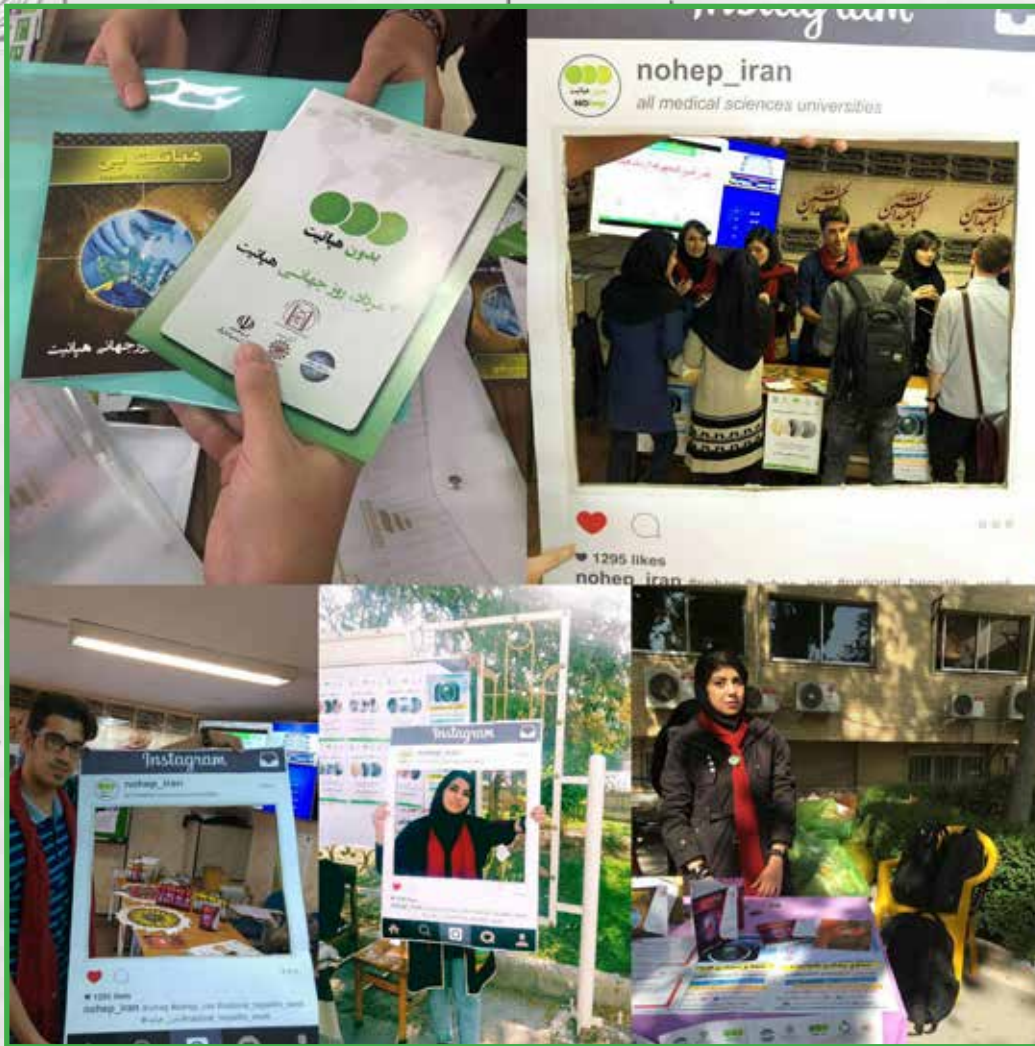
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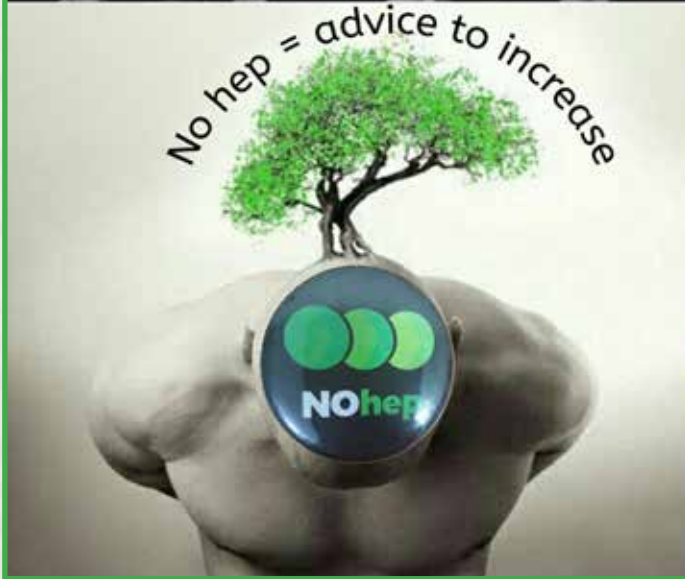
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(اول الی هفتم آبان ۱۳۹۶)

مخصوص دانشجویان علوم پزشکی

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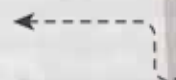
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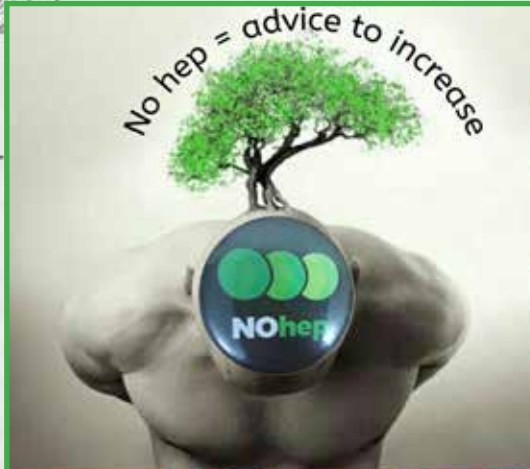
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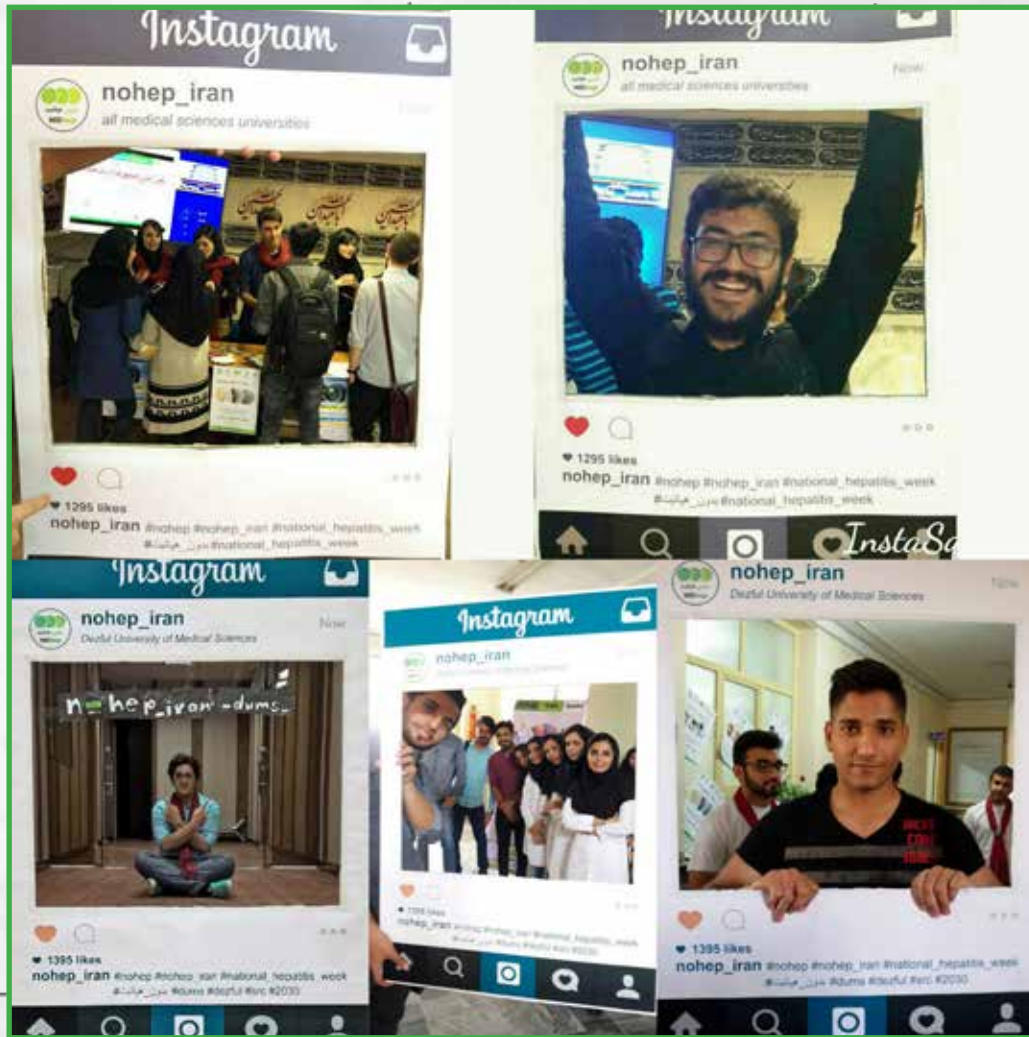
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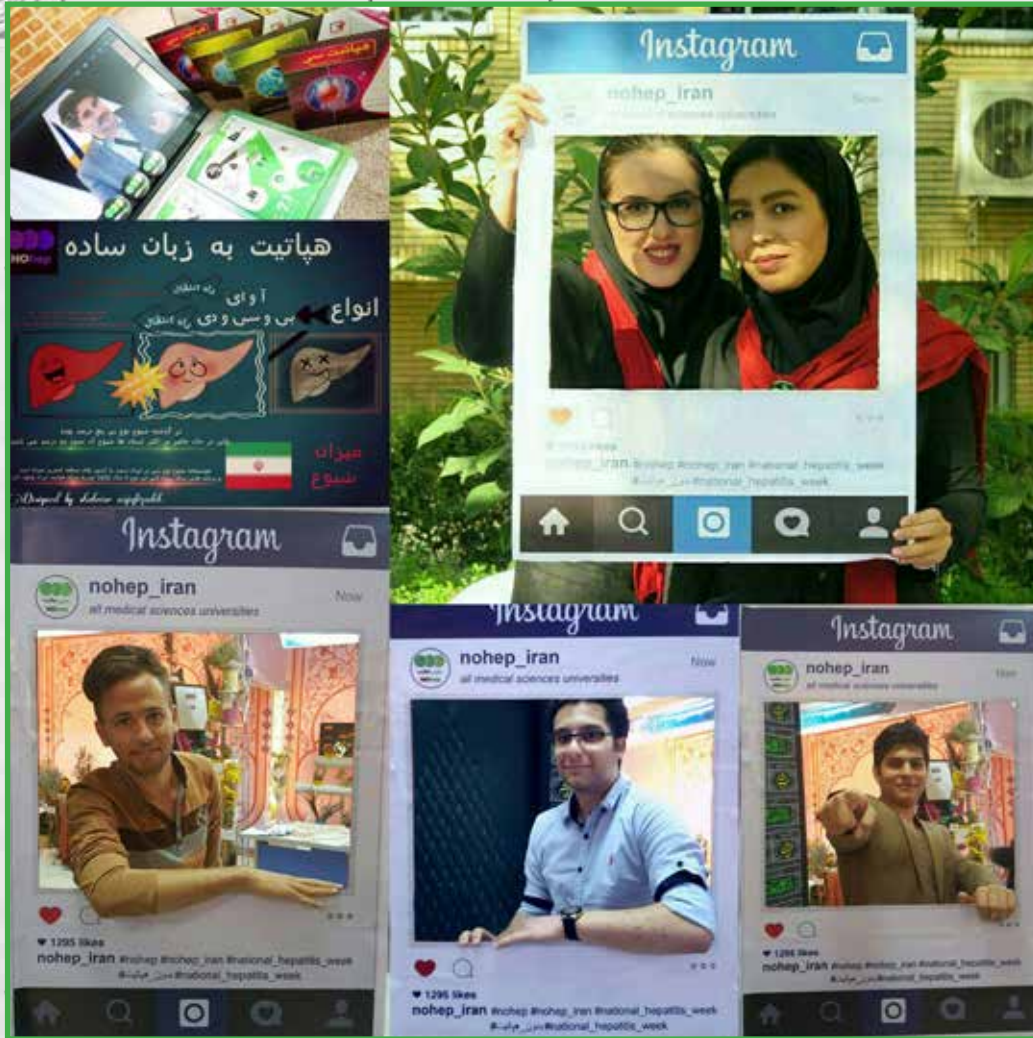
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This foundation tries to supply comprehensive educational materials covering the signs, symptoms and treatment of many of the prevalent forms of the liver disease as well as variety of helpful tips on precautions or healthy choices that can help people to preserve from liver diseases. The information provided here is profitable for those living with or at the risk of liver diseases and the health care professionals who care for them.

High public awareness occurs when a significant proportion of society agrees that the having a healthy lifestyle is an issue that is of great importance to all citizens. Low public awareness occurs when a majority of people do not know or do not care about their health. Therefore, one of the purposes of Hope Health Club is to raise public awareness about health issues in general and liver diseases in particular.

In order to reach this goal, Hope Health Club attempts to hold public conferences by the name of “Omid” and with the cooperation of other organisms and NGOs. It is notable that thanks to the people’s warm reception, 9 Omid conferences have been held up to now. Among this foundation’s activities, the election of 8 Health Ambassadors among prominent faces like actors, directors, doctors and those who care about health issue is noteworthy. For instance, Mr. Jamshid Mashayekhi as a prominent Iranian actor received the statue and certificate of Health Ambassador this year. These ambassadors attempt to motivate people to exercise more, eat less unhealthy foods and forbid young people from starting smoking.



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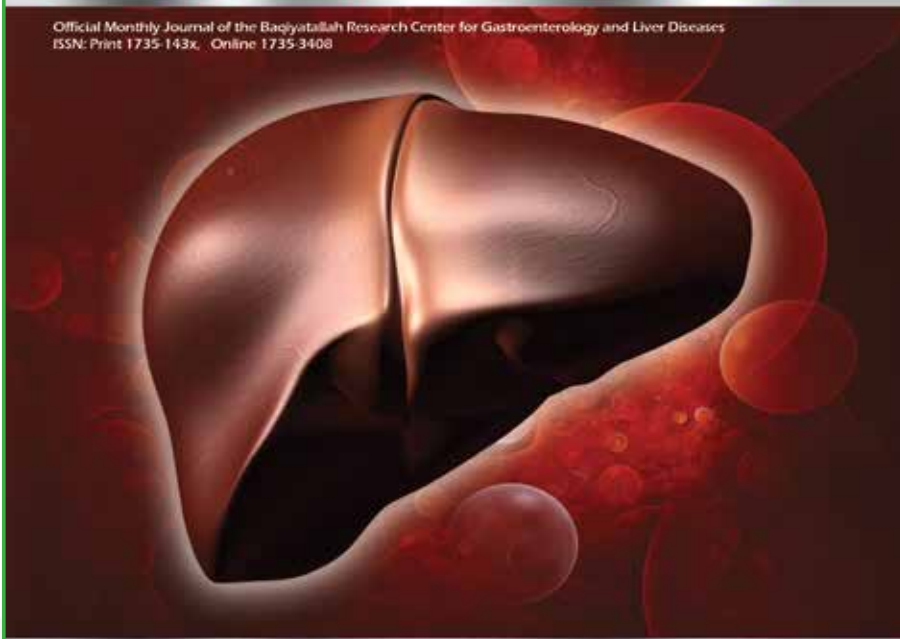
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Abstract

Background: New treatment and vaccination strategies provide the opportunity for eliminating viral hepatitis. Lack of adequate knowledge seems to be a barrier against hepatitis elimination due to the emergence of newly infected cases.

Objectives: The aim of this study was to evaluate the knowledge of Iranian (bio)medical students regarding hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections and to determine the effect of hepatitis public awareness campaign (PAC) held by the students, on their knowledge level.

Methods: This prospective study was conducted during PAC by Iran Hepatitis Network for World Hepatitis Day in 2016. The PAC had 2 major parts: 1) training of the registered (bio)medical students in a workshop; and 2)

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