

Emergency Medicine; a Review of the Past and a Look to the Future

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Abstract

Before establishment of emergency medicine specialty around the world, emergency departments (ED) were deemed unimportant and long waiting time and misdiagnosis were common. However, the need for specialty in this regard was sensed during the 1960s and 1970s and it was established in the 80s and 90s. In Iran, establishment of emergency medicine in 2001 has revolutionized patient care. Although emergency physicians face some challenges, the most important thing is carrying out their responsibilities. An emergency physician should be responsible and reliable and people have a high expectation of them. In this letter, authors tried to briefly review the history of emergency medicine establishment in Iran and look into the future by discussing some challenges of this specialty.
