



SHAHID SADOUGHI UNIVERSITY
OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
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Yazd Shahid Sadoughi University of Medical Sciences Prospectus



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An aerial photograph of Yazd, Iran, showcasing a vast, dense urban landscape. The city is built on a desert plain, with buildings constructed from traditional mud-brick. The architecture is characterized by flat roofs, arched windows, and numerous domes. In the foreground, a large, prominent dome with intricate blue and white geometric tilework is visible. The city extends far into the distance, creating a textured, undulating horizon under a clear sky.

HERE IS YAZD

UNESCO's World Heritage City

An aerial photograph of a historic city, likely Isfahan, Iran, showing a dense cluster of traditional mud-brick buildings. A prominent tall minaret with blue and white tilework stands on the left. In the center-right, a large building with a blue-tiled dome is visible. The foreground shows a street with a few cars and a large building with a series of arched windows. The background is filled with more buildings, some with domes, and a few trees are scattered throughout the urban landscape.

Feel the Atmosphere of Peace and Tranquillity



Welcome to the Heart of History

Yazd is one of the oldest cities in the world with a history spanning over 5,000 years which has remained remarkably intact throughout the centuries. Located in central Iran, it has a population of over one million people. Separated from modern areas, the historic part of the city with its earthen architecture, has been carefully conserved and protected. The historic city of Yazd was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in July 2017. Yazd is known as the oldest earthen city in the world and the second most historic city in the world, after Venice, Italy.

Living in Yazd

Thanks to its location, Yazd has remained largely immune to the ravages of history wars. Visitors often appreciate the atmosphere of peace and tranquility that permeates the city. The calm pace of life, high safety, and cleanliness make Yazd a peaceful place to live. Compared to other large cities, the cost of living in Yazd is relatively low.

People

The people of Yazd have preserved the honesty, civility, and dignity of their ancestors and are well-known for their modesty and hospitality. They speak Persian with a sweet Yazdi accent and are mostly Muslims while Jewish, Zoroastrian, and Christian minorities peacefully coexist in the province.

Weather

Spring and autumn bring mild weather, and most of the rainfall occurs during these seasons, making them popular times for tourists to visit. Summer is typically very hot and dry in Yazd, with the sun shining almost continuously during the day. In winter, the days remain mild and sunny, but mornings can be cold due to the thin air and low cloud cover, with temperatures sometimes falling below 0 °C.

Education

For 23 consecutive years, Yazd has ranked first in terms of the number of students passing the National University Entrance Exam, thanks to its high-quality schools and skilled instructors. Yazd is the birthplace of many renowned politicians, international leaders, scientists, poets, writers, and artists.



Dowlat Abad Garden

Unless stated otherwise, photos of Yazd are obtained from Yazd Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization.

Tourism Destination

Yazd is a must-see city for tourists and is consistently ranked among the top five destinations in Iran. Beyond its rich historical heritage, Yazd is also one of the most developed cities in the country. Traditional hotels in the historic district as well as luxurious accommodations in the modern areas host both international and domestic tourists.

Walking through the old living town, sightseeing, visiting museums, enjoying nature, and exploring the desert all create memorable moments for visitors during their stay in Yazd.



DAD Hotel

Photograph by H.E.Beigi



Parsian Safaiyeh Hotel

Photograph by Armin Hafez



Moshir-al-Mamalek Garden Hotel

www.hotelcenteriran.com

Yazd: Where Desert Meets Green

Visitors can enjoy an unforgettable experience on Desert Tour while being amazed by the greenness of the countryside just 40 km away from the city.



Health Care System

Regarding health indicators and the distribution of medical resources, Yazd is one of the top developed cities in Iran. Committed and devoted health professionals along with specialized health care and clinical facilities, combined with relatively low medical costs, have made Yazd a leading destination for medical tourism, attracting a significant number of both international and domestic patients.



Economy

Historically renowned for its high-quality silk and carpets, Yazd is one of Iran's key industrial hubs. The city boasts 14 major industrial zones, a special economic zone, and 15 primary agricultural areas, making it one of the most technologically advanced cities in the country. Yazd is home to Iran's largest fiber optics manufacturer, as well as the country's main producers of ceramic floor tiles and textiles.

The city was officially recognized as the world city of traditional and handcrafted jewelry in 2025 by WCC.

Time-honored Confectioneries

With its diverse, delightful, and healthy sweets, Yazd is recognized as the confectionery capital of Iran with international popularity. The city is also the leading producer of sesame-based products in the country. Visitors can enjoy reasonably priced meals in charming restaurants offering both Iranian and international cuisine.



Yazd traditional confectionery



Yazd Ramparts with more than 1000 years of history



Dowlat Abad Garden

The garden is famous for its 35-meter-tall windcatcher, the tallest in the world.



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Badgir (Windcatcher)

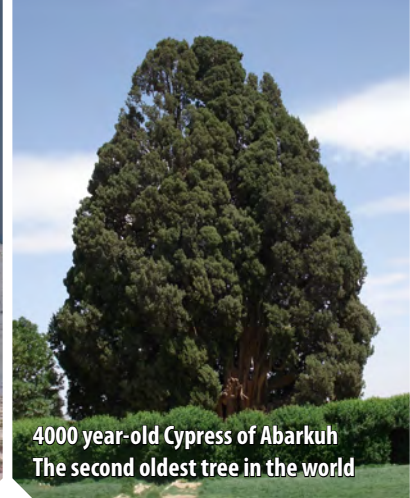
A traditional Persian architectural structure designed to function as a natural air-conditioner in buildings



Eagle Mountain (Oghabkooh)



Shirkooh



4000 year-old Cypress of Abarkuh
The second oldest tree in the world



Zoroastrians Fire Temple (Atashkadeh)

The fire on the inside has been burning continuously for over 1500 years.



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Chak Chak

The sacred pilgrimage site for Zoroastrians from around the world



The Great Mosque (Masjed Jame)

An architectural masterpiece that dates back over 900 years, featuring the tallest minarets in Iran.

Iranian Education System

The education system in Iran, prior to university, is divided into two main levels: primary and secondary (high school) education. Iranian children spend six years in primary school from ages 6 to 12, and attend secondary school from ages 12 to 18. Primary education is compulsory in Iran. There are both free public schools and private schools available. In Iran, all schools are unisex. To enter higher education, students must obtain a high school diploma and pass the national university entrance exam. Higher education continues at the university level, offering various degrees as shown in the following chart:

School years	Primary School	6 years
	Secondary School	6 years
University Entrance Exam		
Higher Education	Associate Degree	2 years
	Bachelor's Degree	4 years
	Master's Degree	2 years
	Ph.D.	4 years
	General Medicine	7 years
	Dentistry/Pharmacy	6 years
	Medical/Dental specialty	4 years
	Subspecialty	2 years

The requirement to enter into a higher degree is to pass the related entrance exam.



Dowlat Abad Garden

Shahid Sadoughi University of Medical Sciences

The origins of medical education can be traced back over 700 years to the city of Yazd. However, within an academic context, Shahid Sadoughi University of Medical Sciences was established in 1983, initially enrolling 45 medical students. To date, SSU has graduated over 23,000 healthcare professionals in diverse fields of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, health sciences, nursing, midwifery, paramedical sciences, and Persian medicine. In accordance with the structure of Iran's Health Care System, Medical Sciences University within each province bears responsibility for overseeing the entirety of the province's health care delivery and related educational activities.

The University provides services across six sectors including:

- Higher education
- Research and technology
- Student services and cultural affairs
- Community health services
- Clinical affairs related to hospitals, clinics, and diagnostic centers
- Food safety and pharmaceutical regulations



WHY SSU?

Located in **UNESCO World Heritage** City of Yazd

Offering a **wide range of programs** in medical sciences and health services

Flexible **blended learning** for postgraduates

Affordable education for international students

Ranked in **Times Higher Education** (THE)

Recognized as a **Center of excellence in infertility treatment** and reproductive medicine

A pioneer in **medical tourism** in the region



AT A GLANCE

Founded in **1983**

>550 Faculty Members

>6000 Students

>23,500 Graduates

115 Degree Programs

11 Schools

18 Research Centers

10 Health Networks

13 Hospitals

20 Libraries

56 School Laboratories

University Language Center

ACADEMICS



SCHOOLS

1. International Campus
2. Medicine
3. Dentistry
4. Pharmacy
5. Public Health
6. Nursing and Midwifery
7. Paramedical Sciences
8. Persian Medicine
9. Advanced Medical Technologies
10. Nursing (Meybod)
11. Paramedical Sciences (Abarkoooh)



FACULTIES & PROGRAMS



556 Faculty Members:

Professors: 14%

Associate Professors: 24%

Assistant Professors: 56%

Instructors: 6%

115 Degree Programs:

3 Professional Doctorates

19 Bachelor of Science (BS)

40 Master of Science (MSc)

18 PhD

18 Medical Specialties

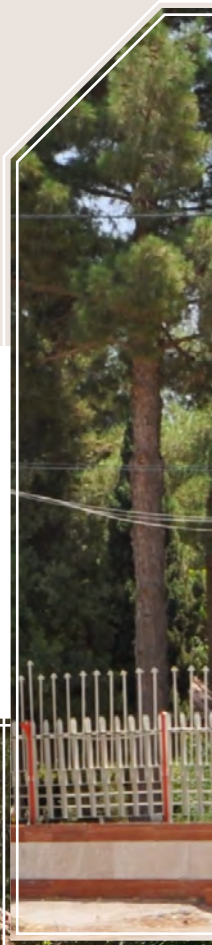
10 Dental Specialties

3 Medical Subspecialties

4 Fellowships

INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS

Welcome to our *International Campus*,
where comfort, safety, and full student support come
together in one vibrant learning community.





+300 International
Students



Everything you need, All in one place.

well-equipped classrooms | safe accommodation |
libraries and IT labs | electronic resources |
24/7 medical care | mental health counseling |
consular services | banking services | pharmacy |
restaurant and cafés | on-campus shopping |
sports and recreation centers | city transportation |

**All accessible within our
International Campus.**





UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE CENTER (ULC)

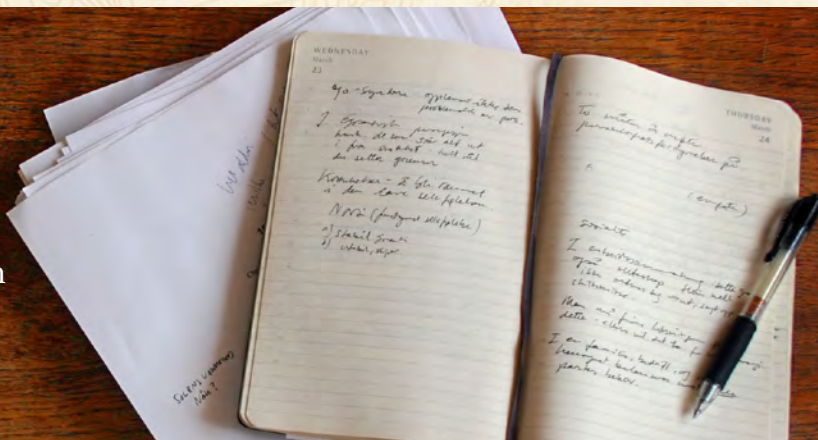
Our University Language Center offers

Persian and English courses

to support international students in both academic and everyday communication.

The Language of Instruction is ...

English in postgraduate programs,
including Master's and PhD degrees,
and the first two years of basic sciences in
professional doctorates.



and **Persian** in Clinical training at
the hospital, where the students need to
communicate effectively with patients.



DEGREE PROGRAMS



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Degree Programs

Professional Doctorate

Title	Duration (yr)
General Medicine	7

MBBS

Title	Duration (yr)
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery	5.5

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Title	Duration (yr)
Physiotherapy	4





Master of Science (MSc) Duration: 2 years

No	Title	Department
1	Anatomical Sciences	Anatomical Sciences
2	Clinical Biochemistry	Biochemistry
3	Human Genetics	Genetics
4	Immunology	Immunology
5	Master of Public Health (MPH)	Social Medicine
6	Medical Biotechnology	Medical Biotechnology
7	Medical Parasitology	Parasitology and Mycology
8	Medical Physics	Medical Physics
9	Microbiology	Microbiology
10	Perfusion Technology	Physiology
11	Physiology	Physiology

Ph.D. Duration: 4 years

No	Title	Department
1	Clinical Biochemistry	Biochemistry
2	Medical Genetics	Genetics
3	Molecular Medicine	Genetics
4	Reproductive Biology	Reproductive Sciences Institute
5	Cardiovascular Diseases *	Cardiology
6	Clinical Biochemistry *	Biochemistry
7	Physiology *	Physiology
8	Reproductive Biology *	Reproductive Sciences Institute

* Ph.D. by Research

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Degree Programs

Specialty Duration: 4 years		
No	Title	Department
1	Anesthesiology	Anesthesiology
2	Cardiology	Cardiology
3	Emergency Medicine	Emergency Medicine
4	General Surgery	General Surgery
5	Infectious Diseases & Tropical Medicine	Infectious Diseases
6	Internal Medicine	Internal Medicine
7	Neurosurgery	Neurosurgery
8	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Obstetrics and Gynecology
9	Occupational Medicine	Occupational Medicine
10	Ophthalmology	Ophthalmology
11	Orthopedics	Orthopedics
12	Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery (ENT)	ENT Head & Neck Surgery
13	Pathology	Pathology
14	Pediatrics	Pediatrics
15	Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (PRM)	Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine
16	Psychiatry	Psychiatry
17	Radiology	Radiology
18	Urology	Urology

Subspecialty

Duration: 2 years

No	Title	Department
1	Endocrinology and Metabolism	Endocrinology
2	Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine	Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
3	Rheumatology	Rheumatology

Fellowship

No	Title	Department
1	Andrology	Urology
2	Infertility	Obstetrics and Gynecology
3	Prevention and Control of Nosocomial Infections	Infectious Diseases
4	Rhinology	ENT Head & Neck Surgery



SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Degree Programs

Professional Doctorate

Title	Duration (yr)
Dentistry	6

Dental Specialty Duration: 4 years

No	Title	Department
1	Endodontics	Endodontics
2	Oral & Maxillofacial Medicine	Oral & Maxillofacial Medicine
3	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
4	Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
5	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
6	Orthodontics	Orthodontics
7	Pediatric Dentistry	Pediatric Dentistry
8	Periodontics	Periodontics
9	Prosthodontics	Prosthodontics
10	Restorative Dentistry	Restorative Dentistry



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Duration: 4 years

No	Title	Department
1	Environmental Health Engineering	Environmental Health
2	Health Care Management	Health Management and Economics
3	Health Information Technology and Management	Health Information Technology and Management
4	Nutritional Sciences	Nutritional Sciences
5	Occupational Health Engineering	Occupational Health
6	Public Health	Health Education and Promotion



Master of Science (MSc)

Duration: 2 years

No	Title	Department
1	Biostatistics	Biostatistics and Epidemiology
2	Elderly Health	Elderly Health
3	Environmental Health Engineering	Environmental Health
4	Epidemiology	Biostatistics and Epidemiology
5	Ergonomics	Ergonomics
6	Food Safety and Hygiene	Food Safety and Hygiene
7	Food Science and Technology (Food Quality Control and Hygiene)	Food Science and Technology
8	Health Care Management	Health Management and Economics
9	Health Economics	Health Management and Economics
10	Health Education and Promotion	Health Education and Promotion
11	Health in Accidents and Disasters	Health in Disaster and Emergencies
12	Health Information Technology	Health Information Technology and Management
13	Health Sciences in Nutrition	Nutritional Sciences
14	Health Technology Assessment (HTA)	Health Technology Assessment
15	Health, Safety, and Environment Management (HSE)	Health, Safety, and Environment Management (HSE)
16	Human Ecology	Environmental Health
17	Medical Journalism	Medical Journalism
18	Occupational Health Engineering	Occupational Health
19	Radiation Health	Environmental Health
20	Waste Management	Environmental Health

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Degree Programs

Ph.D. Duration: 4 years

No	Title	Department
1	Biostatistics	Biostatistics and Epidemiology
2	Environmental Health	Environmental Health
3	Epidemiology	Biostatistics and Epidemiology
4	Health Education & Health Promotion	Health Education and Promotion
5	Health in Emergencies and Disasters	Health in Emergencies and Disasters
6	Nutritional Sciences	Nutritional Sciences
7	Health Policy *	Health Management and Economics
8	Nutritional Sciences *	Nutritional Sciences

* Ph.D. by Research



SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Science (BS) Duration: 4 years

No	Title	Department
1	Midwifery	Midwifery
2	Nursing	Nursing

Master of Science (MSc) Duration: 2 years

No	Title	Department
1	Counseling in Midwifery	Midwifery
2	Critical Care Nursing	Critical Care Nursing
3	Emergency Nursing	Emergency Nursing
4	Geriatric Nursing	Geriatric Nursing
5	Medical-Surgical Nursing	Medical-Surgical Nursing
6	Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing	Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing

Ph.D. Duration: 4 years

No	Title	Department
1	Sexual and Reproductive Health	Midwifery



SCHOOL OF PARAMEDICAL SCIENCES

Degree Programs

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Duration: 4 years

No	Title	Department
1	Anesthesia	Anesthesia
2	Emergency Medical Technology	Emergency Medical Technology
3	Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS)	Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS)
4	Operating Room Technology	Operating Room
5	Radiology Technology	Radiology

Master of Science (MSc)

Duration: 2 years

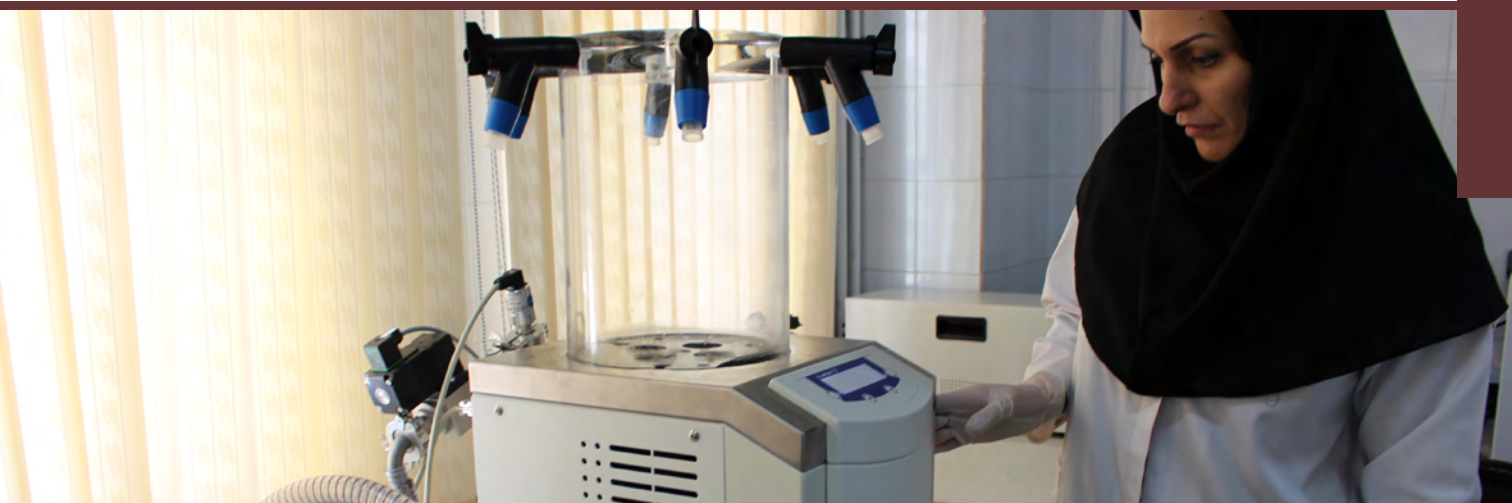
No	Title	Department
1	Medical Nanotechnology	Advanced Medical Technologies
2	Operating Room	Operating Room



SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Professional Doctorate

Title	Duration (yr)
Pharmacy	6



SCHOOL OF PERSIAN MEDICINE

Ph.D.

Title	Duration (yr)
Traditional Persian Medicine	4

How to apply?

Scan the QR to find practical student guide on all processes from application to enrollment including:

- Application process,
- Visa process,
- Pre-arrival checklist,
- Registration,
- Foreigners ID and Insurance process.



RESEARCH



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**Research
Institutes**

18

**Research
Centers**

20

**Peer-Reviewed
Journals**

2 indexed in ISI

5 in Scopus

1 in PubMed

21

**Knowledge-Based
Spin-offs**





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Ranked second in research among
Type 2 universities in Iran

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Highly Cited Researchers listed in the
World's Top 2% Scientists (2025)

YAZD REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCES INSTITUTE



Affiliated Research Centers:

Research and Clinical Center for Infertility

Stem Cell Biology Research Center

Abortion Research Center

Biotechnology Research Center



YAZD NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES RESEARCH INSTITUTE



Affiliated Research Centers:

Yazd Cardiovascular Research Center

Yazd Diabetes Research Center

Hematology & Oncology Research Center

Social Determinants of Health Research Center

Research Center for Nursing and Midwifery Care



RESEARCH CENTERS

Children Growth Disorder Research Center

Environmental Science and Technology Research Center

Industrial Diseases Research Center

Infectious Diseases Research Center

Mother and Newborn Health Research Center

Otorhinolaryngology Research Center

Reproductive Immunology Research Center

Research Center of Food Hygiene and Safety

Trauma Research Center



HEALTH CARE & CLINICAL FACILITIES

10 Health Networks

Delivering Primary Health Care throughout Yazd Province, ensuring last-mile access through health houses and health centers.

13 University Hospitals

Providing comprehensive clinical services including general, specialty, and subspecialty care to international and domestic patients, while engaging in the education of medical students.



6 Specialty and Subspecialty Clinics

Central Full-Service Laboratory

University Comprehensive Research Laboratory

7 Private Hospitals

12 Hospitals with International Patients Department (IPD)

YAZD HOSPITALS

University Hospitals

1. Shahid Sadoughi Hospital
2. Shahid Rahnemoon Hospital
3. Afshar Hospital
4. Shohadaye Mehrab Hospital
5. Psychiatric Hospital
6. Taft Shahid Beheshti Hospital
7. Meybod Imam Jafar Sadegh Hospital
8. Mehriz Fatemeh Al-Zahra Hospital
9. Ardakan Ziaei Hospital
10. Abarkooh Khatam Alanbia Hospital
11. Bahabad Hakim Hospital
12. Bafq Valiasr Hospital
13. Khatam Ayatollah Khatami Hospital

Private Hospitals

1. Dr. Mojibian Hospital
2. Mortaz Hospital
3. SeyedoShohada Hospital
4. Madar Hospital
5. Shahvali Hospital

Social Security Organization

6. Shohadaye Kargar Hospital

Charity Hospital

7. Goodarz Hospital



SPECIAL MEDICAL SERVICES

State-of-the-art **infertility treatment** services

Advanced cardiovascular surgeries including:

- Transcatheter Aortic Valve implantation (**TAVI/TAVR**)
- **24/7** Emergency Cardiac Catheterization and **PCI** Services
- **Open-heart** surgery

Organ transplant program:

Heart, Kidney, Bone marrow, Liver, and Cornea

Arthroplasty and advanced joint replacement surgeries

Complex **trauma surgery** program

Advanced **neonatology** and high-risk newborn care services

Advanced **neurosurgical** services

YAZD REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCES INSTITUTE



Founding Chair: **Prof. Abbas Aflatoonian**

Established in 1989 as the first IVF Center in Iran, Yazd Reproductive Sciences Institute is the pioneering center for advanced infertility treatments in Iran and the home of the country's first IVF baby, born in 1990.

Recognized nationally as a scientific hub and center of excellence, the institute provides cutting-edge services in infertility care, stem cell research, and reproductive genetics. Each year, more than 14,000 couples from across the country and beyond seek treatment here.

The institute also publishes International Journal of Reproductive BioMedicine indexed in ISI and PubMed international databases.

Achievements:

THE
FIRST
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- Iranian **IVF** baby, 1990
- Iranian **IUI** baby using Retrograde Ejaculation, 1992
- Iranian baby using **Egg Donation**, 1994
- Iranian **ICSI** baby, 1995 (only 3 years after the world's first ICSI baby)
- Iranian baby using Epididymal sperm and Microinjection (**PESA**), 1996
- Iranian baby using Testicular sperm and Microinjection (**TESE**), 1997
- Iranian baby **frozen embryo**, 1997
- Iranian baby using Testicular Round Spermatid and Microinjection, 1998
- Iranian **IVM** baby, 2007



National Center of Excellence in
**Infertility Treatment and
Reproductive Medicine**





STUDY IN YAZD

The Heart of History

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