

## Obituary



# Obituary: Esfandiar Heidarian (1967-2024)

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The late Professor Esfandiar Heidarian, 56, passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024, at a hospital in Shahrekord, Iran, following a long battle with cancer.

The late Professor Esfandiar Heidarian was born and raised in Farokhshahr, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiari province, Iran. After obtaining his high school diploma, he enrolled in a bachelor's program in Animal Biology at Isfahan University, Isfahan, Iran. He later earned his master's degree in Clinical Biochemistry in 1996 from Isfahan University of Medical Sciences. Afterward, he began working as a lecturer at Ilam University of Medical Sciences, Ilam, Iran. Professor Esfandiar Heidarian received his PhD in Clinical Biochemistry from Isfahan University of Medical Sciences in 2005 and was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Laboratory Sciences at Ilam University of Medical Sciences in 2006. During this time, he served as the Dean of the Faculty of Paramedicine for a tenure of 10 years, a remarkable period during which he focused on enhancing the role of the faculty in education and research. In 2008, he attained the position of Full Professor. In January 2010, he came to Shahrekord University of Medical Sciences in Shahrekord, Iran, where he became the chair of the Department of Laboratory Sciences in the School of Medicine. In 2011, he established the Clinical Biochemistry Research Center to conduct fundamental research focused on ongoing

therapies for cardiovascular, metabolic, and cancer diseases.

Professor Esfandiar Heidarian has authored over 170 scholarly publications, including nearly 100 peer-reviewed research papers (h-index=26, i10-index=60 as of September 2024). He served as the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Shahrekord University of Medical Sciences from February 2022 to September 2024. Throughout his career at Shahrekord University of Medical Sciences, he held several executive positions, including Dean of the Department of Laboratory Sciences, Dean of the Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Dean of Department of PhD by Research, Head of the Clinical Biochemistry Research Center, Head of the Institute of Basic Health Sciences, Vice-Chancellor of Research and Technology, Vice-Chancellor of Education, and Secretary of the Audit Committee.

The late Professor Esfandiar Heidarian will forever remain in the hearts of the Iranian scientific community, his colleagues, and his students.

Shahrekord University of Medical Sciences expresses its heartfelt condolences and sympathy to his spouse, Dr. Esmat Jafari, M.D. (radiologist), his daughter Kimia (an MD student), and his son Mohammad (a high school student).

May his soul rest in eternal peace.