

Report on the Scientific Activities of the Iranian Association of Surgeons (Years: 1985-2025)

Executive Board

A Brief Overview of the Iranian Association of Surgeons*

In the aftermath of the Islamic Revolution and during the onset of the imposed war, Iranian surgeons encountered a profoundly significant challenge: an overwhelming surge in war casualties necessitating immediate and specialized medical attention. The situation was further exacerbated by the lack of experience among surgeons in addressing injuries specific to warfare, which diverge considerably from conventional surgical practices.

In light of these extraordinary challenges, the establishment of a dedicated scientific organization became profoundly necessary. This organization was designed to enhance the knowledge of surgeons, provide training in the treatment of war-related injuries, and ensure that they remained abreast of the most recent advancements in global surgical methodologies.

On December 17, 1985 (26 Azar 1364), a group of visionary surgeons convened to form the founding committee, subsequently extending invitations to their esteemed colleagues. This initiative culminated in the participation of seventy-four surgeons who played an instrumental role in establishing the first governing board of the Iranian Association of Surgeons, in accordance with the bylaws sanctioned by the Ministry of the Interior. As a result, an inclusive association representing all surgical specialties within Iran was formed.

The preamble of the Association's bylaws articulates its mission as follows:

"In recognition of the necessity for unity and collaboration among the nation's surgeons, and acknowledging the shared scientific and practical elements across various surgical disciplines, the Iranian Association of Surgeons is established to elevate the field of surgery in Iran while maintaining the identity and integrity of specialized surgical associations."

Shortly following its inception, branches of the Association were established in Isfahan, Shiraz, Khorasan, Tabriz, Gilan, Mazandaran, and several other regions over subsequent years.

The Association's inaugural scientific congress was convened under challenging circumstances in Isfahan on February 11, 1985 (22 Bahman 1363). The active involvement and unwavering support of the then-Minister of Culture and Higher Education, who was a founding member, were instrumental in the successful execution of this event. This milestone significantly contributed to the consolidation and continuous advancement of the Iranian Association of Surgeons, whose endeavors are flourishing to this day.

*Excerpt from the History of the Iranian Association of Surgeons; published in 2005



Image 1- The first congress of the Iranian Association of Surgeons

Scientific activities



1. Nationwide annual and regional congresses have been conducted consistently over the past 41 years.
2. The sustained publication of the scientific-research quarterly "Surgery in Iran" has occurred for the duration of the past 41 years.
3. The Iranian Society of Surgeons has produced extensive publications over the past 41 years.
4. The journal titled "Highlights in Medical, General, and Specialized Surgery" has been in production for the past 26 years.
5. The organization of 157 webinars during the COVID-19 pandemic

Scientific activities over 41 years



1. Holding 45 annual national congresses
2. Holding 72 mid-term provincial congresses
3. Holding 80 educational workshops

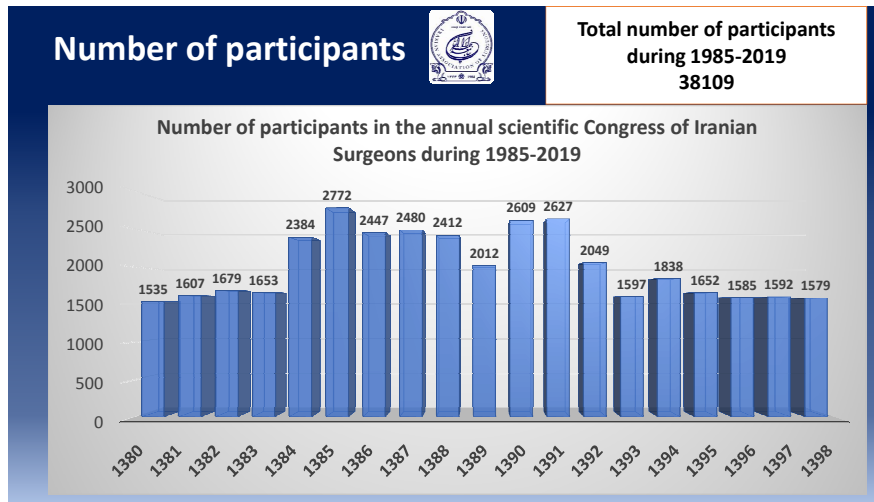
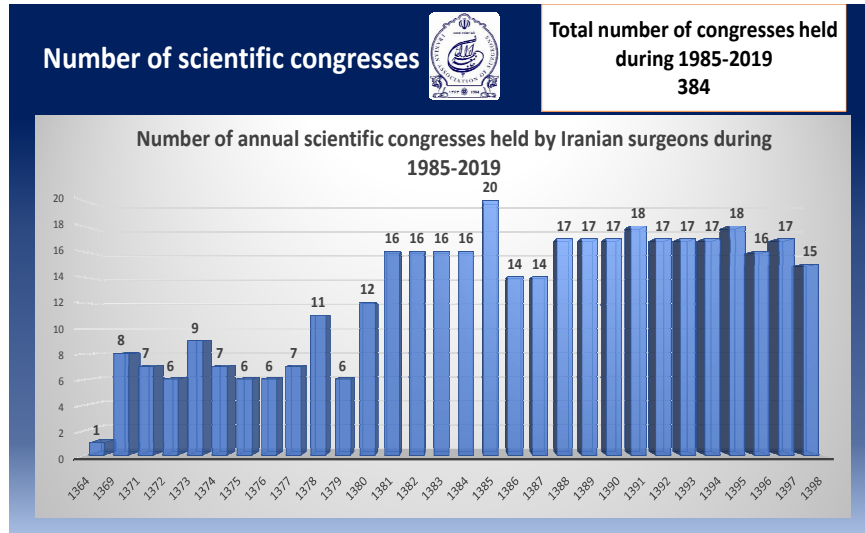
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Current Activities

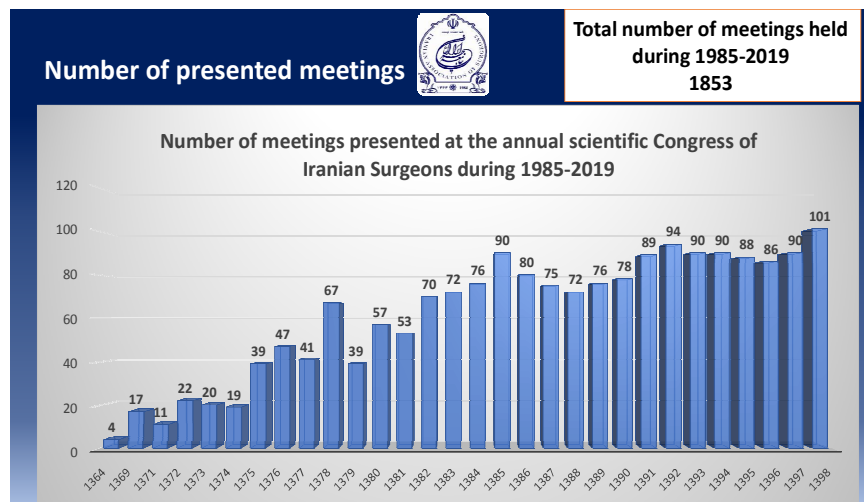
- Holding 45 annual scientific congresses
- Holding 72 mid-term congresses
- Holding 80 educational workshops
- Quarterly Journal Publication: The Association publishes a quarterly scientific research journal titled "Surgery in Iran," which features a curated selection of studies, research findings, and reviews of scientific articles on relevant topics in the field.
- Newsletter on Medical Developments: A bi-monthly newsletter is published, presenting the latest advancements in general and specialized surgical medicine, including translated summaries of selected articles from 36 esteemed medical journals worldwide. This publication is meticulously compiled and disseminated by the Association's board members, who also serve as the editorial committee in collaboration with the Academy of Medical Sciences.

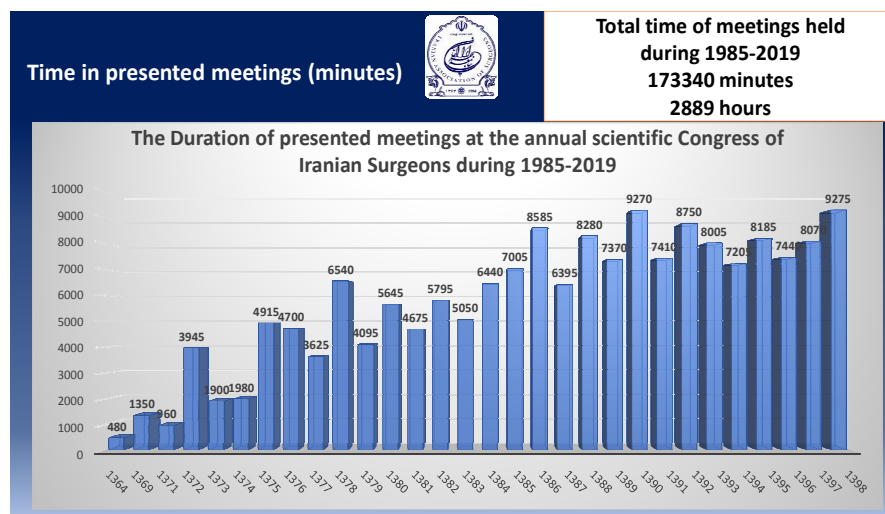
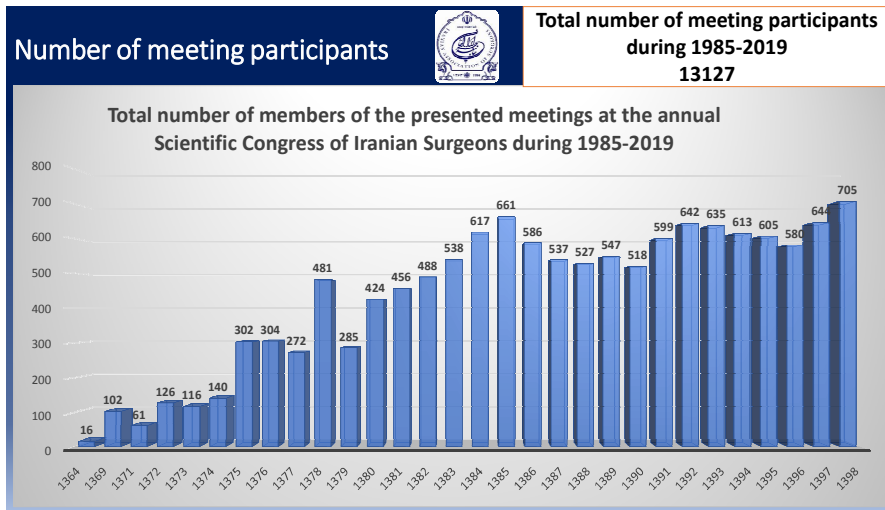
(Both publications are distributed free of charge to all active members of the Iranian Association of Surgeons.)

- Translation of "Surgical Research," titled "Research in Surgery," which comprises 68 chapters that encompass a diverse array of research topics and elucidate fundamental scientific principles pertinent to the field of surgery.
- Translation of "The Trauma Handbook of the Massachusetts Hospital," which consists of 46 chapters replete with practical scientific insights, meticulously designed for prompt reference regarding methods for the assessment and treatment of trauma patients, as well as the resolution of various trauma-related issues.
- Authorship of the book "What Do You Know About Surgery?" (composed in clear and accessible language, aimed at engaging and educating the general public).
- Authorship of two volumes titled "Pioneers of Modern Surgery in Iran," which document the evolution of surgical practices in Iran in the contemporary century.

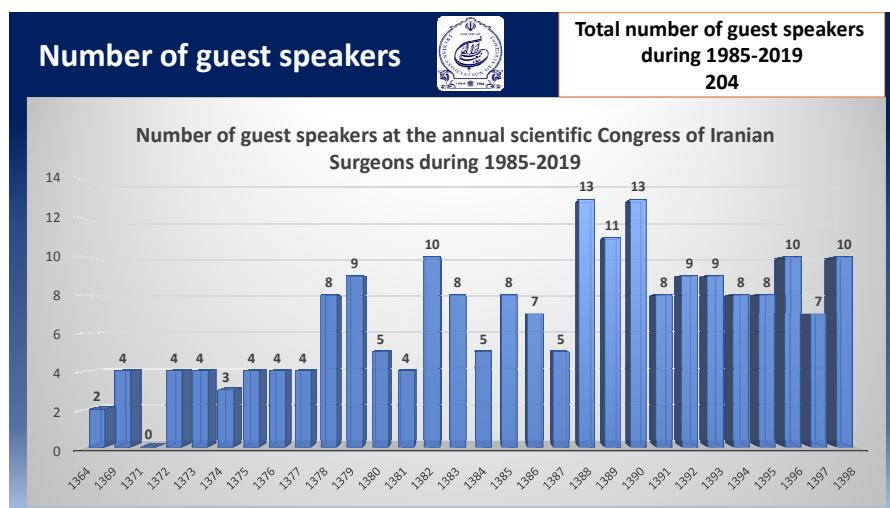


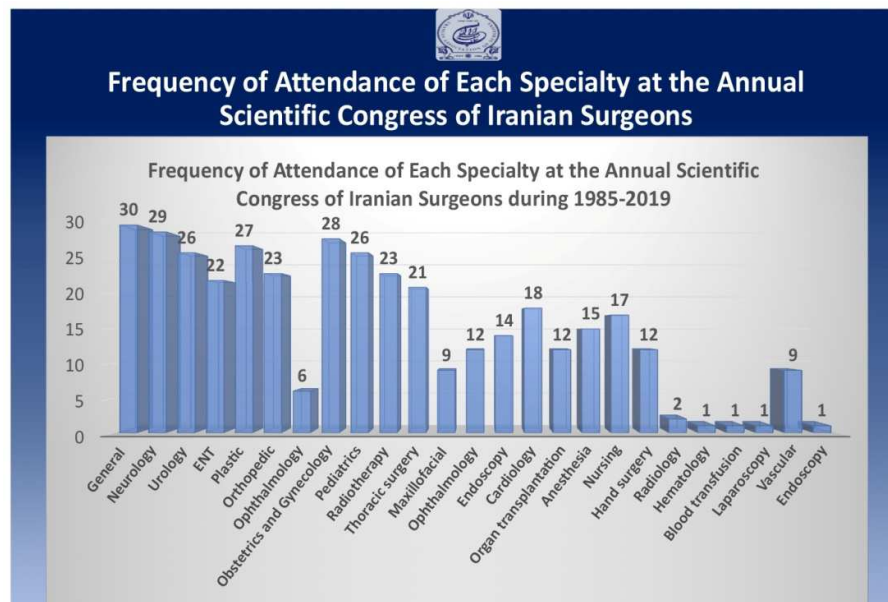
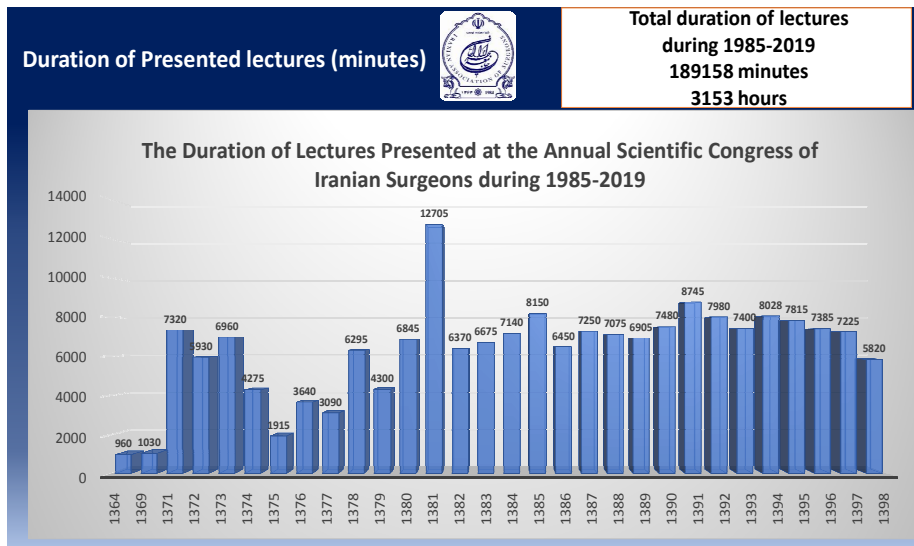
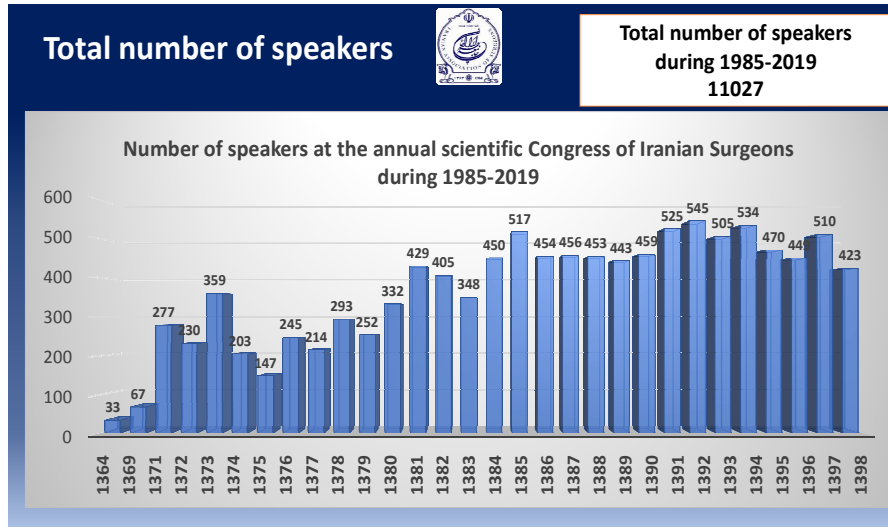
Meetings of the Annual Scientific Congress of Iranian Surgeons, during the years 1985-2019

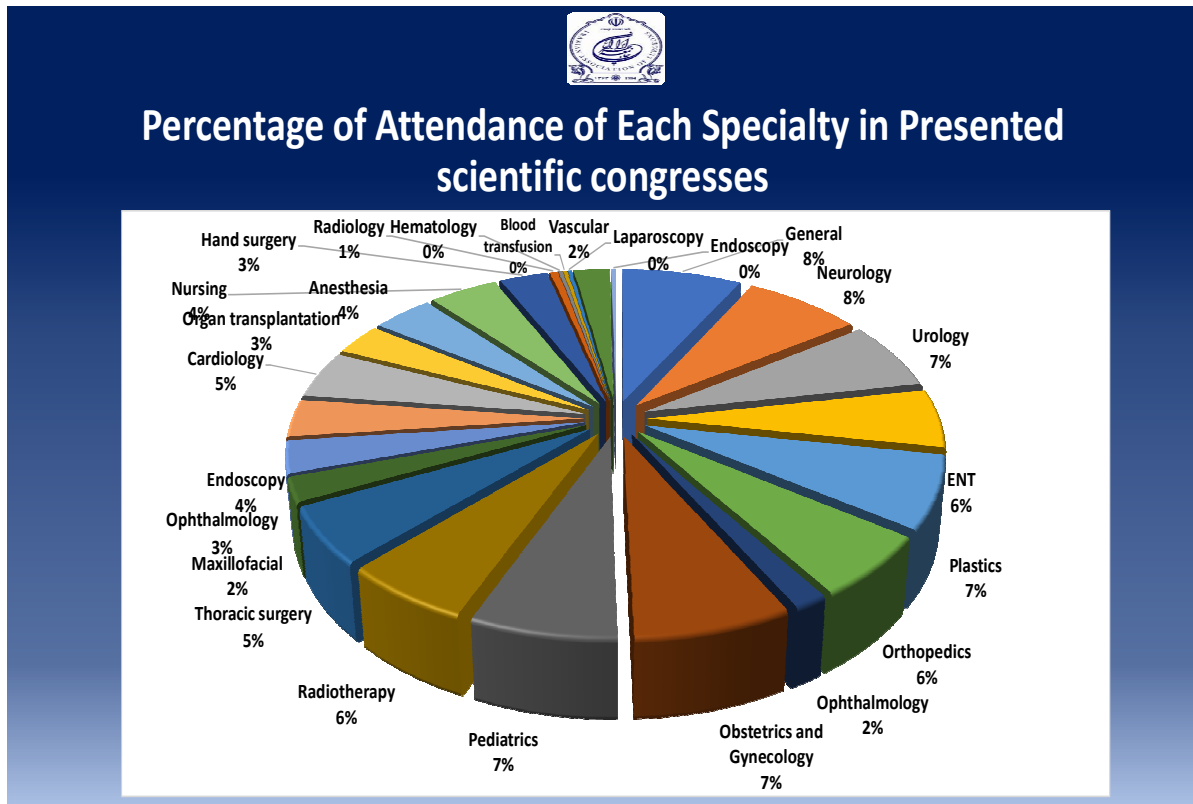




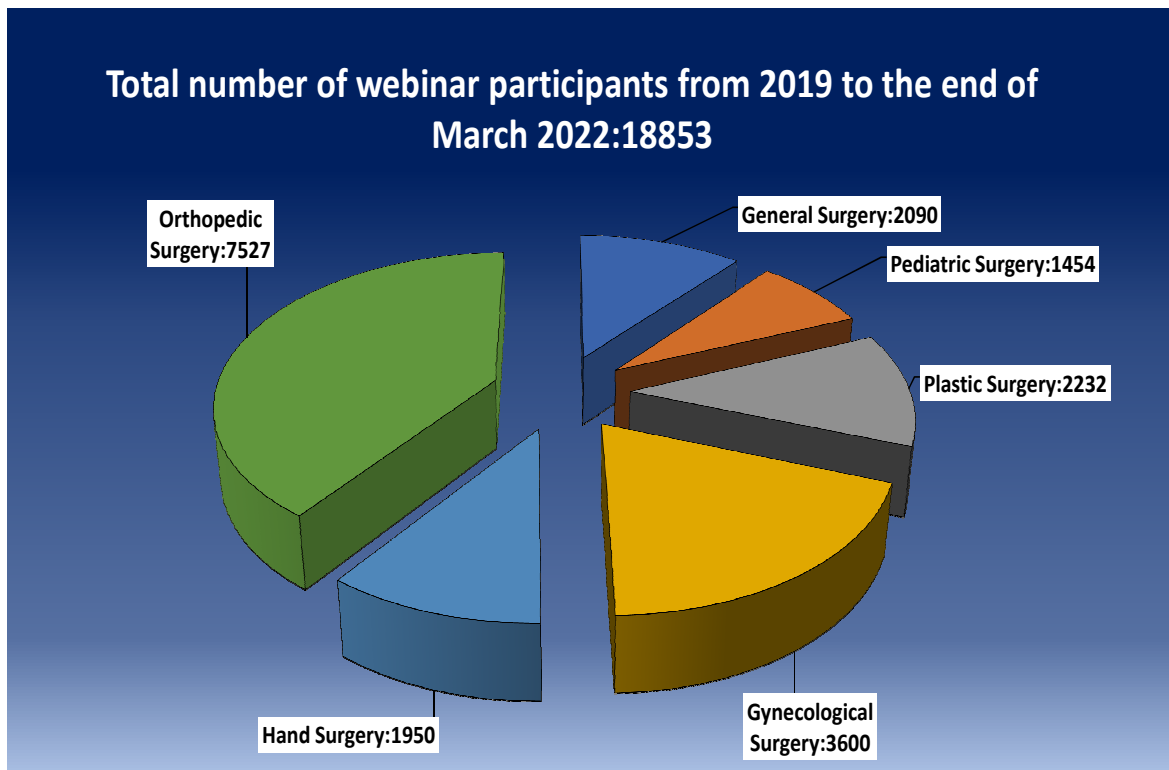
Lectures at the Annual Scientific Congress of Iranian Surgeons, 1985-2019

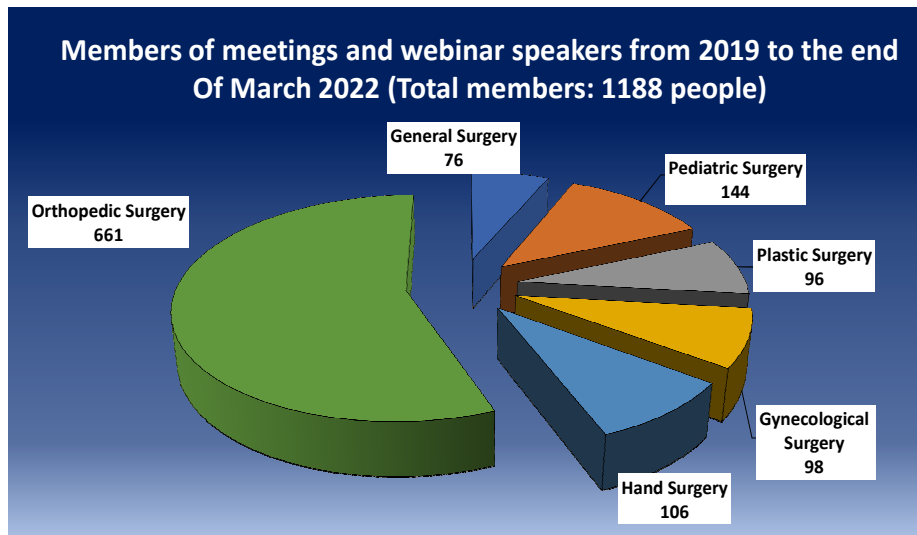
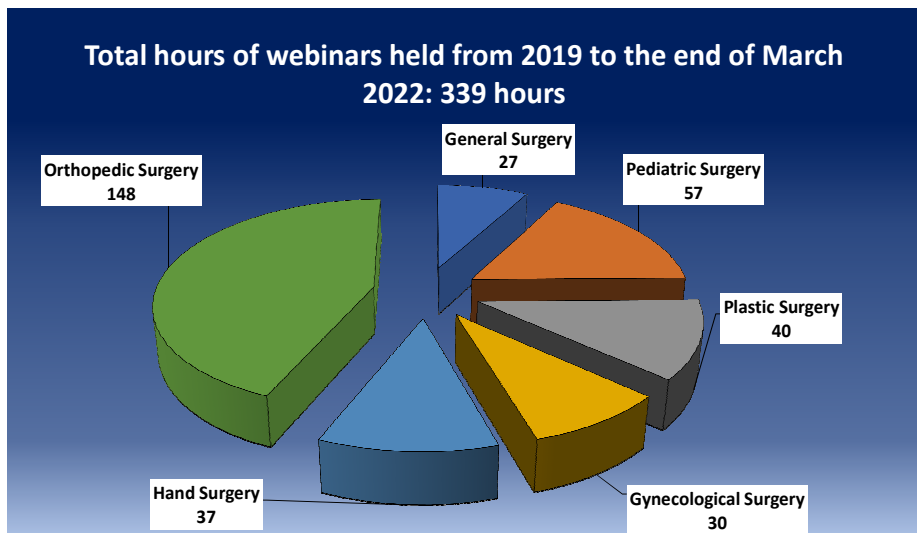
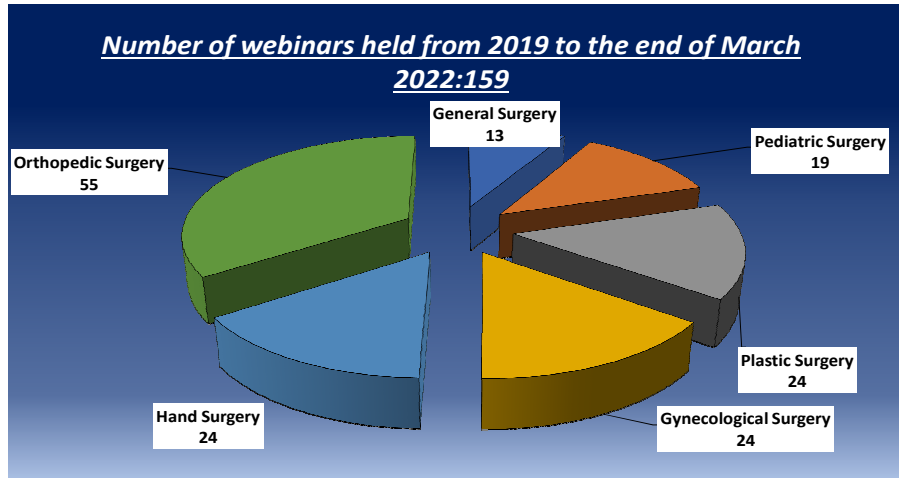




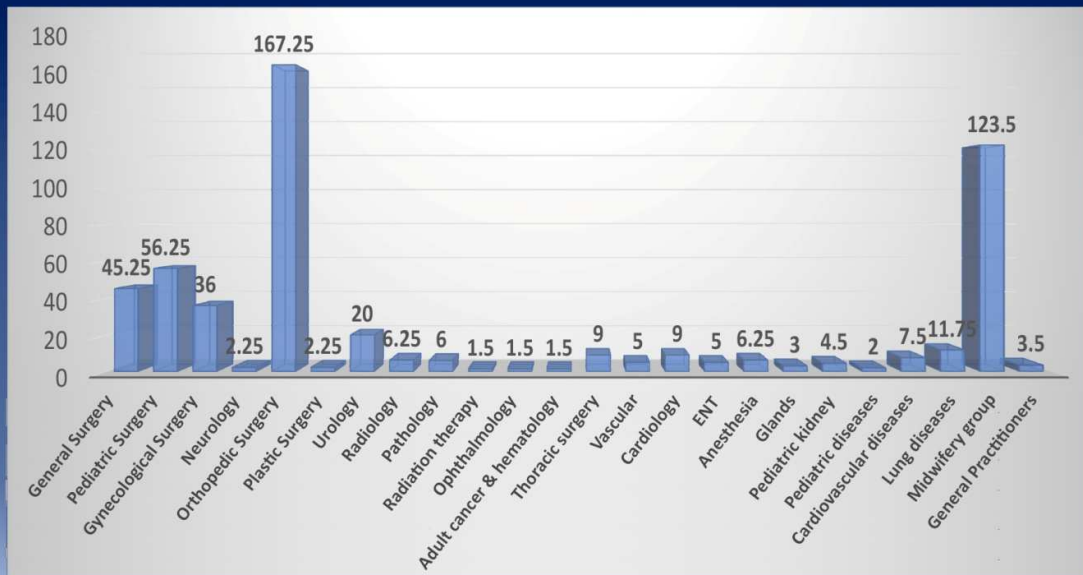


Annual scientific webinars of Iranian Surgeons during the years 1985-2019





Total points allocated to the target group in webinars: 416.75 points



Report on the twenty-six-year activities of the Iranian Journal of Surgery until the end of 2025

The most important activities of the Iranian Journal of Surgery over the past twenty-six years can be summarized in the tables and charts below:.

Table 1- 26-year history of the activities of the Iranian Journal of Surgery from 2000 to 2025

<i>Row</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Number</i>
1	<i>Number of Editorial Board Meetings</i>	350
2	<i>Number of Articles Received</i>	1339
3	<i>Total Number of Articles Published</i>	1122
4	<i>Total Number of Pages Published</i>	9313
5	<i>Research Articles</i>	702
6	<i>Review Articles</i>	84
7	<i>Reports of Interesting Cases</i>	130
8	<i>Surgical Research</i>	81
9	<i>History of Surgery</i>	38
10	<i>Criticism of Articles</i>	14
11	<i>Letters to the Editor</i>	17
12	<i>Language of Experience</i>	1

Table 1 continued - 26-year history of the activities of the Iranian Journal of Surgery from 2000 to 2025

Row	Activity	Number
13	<i>Snapshots of surgical memories</i>	1
14	<i>Poetry and literature in surgery</i>	2
15	<i>History of medicine</i>	1
16	<i>Educational articles</i>	20
17	<i>Medical ethics</i>	6
18	<i>In memory of the professor</i>	12
19	<i>Ethics in surgery</i>	2
20	<i>Introduction to medical law</i>	9
21	<i>Memories from national surgery eminents</i>	1
22	<i>Total number of pages of advertisements</i>	557
23	<i>Number of issues published</i>	95
24	<i>Compilation of the journal's objectives and scope of activity in Persian and English, acceptance criteria, article writing guidelines</i>	9
25	<i>Time to obtain a scientific-research degree</i>	2005/05/28
26	<i>Total number of reviewers</i>	1552

Editorial board meetings were held online and in person last year.

Table 2- Number of types of articles and page volumes published in the Iranian Journal of Surgery in the twenty-one-year period from 2005 to 2025

<i>List of articles</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
<i>Review articles</i>	4	3	4	5	4	3	3
<i>Research articles</i>	27	29	42	50	47	38	44
<i>Reports of interesting cases</i>	3	5	8	8	8	8	6
<i>History of surgery</i>	3	-	-	-	1	1	1
<i>Research in surgery</i>	5	3	4	4	5	4	4
<i>Article review</i>	3	2	5	3	1	-	-
<i>Language of experience</i>	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
<i>Letter to the editor</i>	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
<i>Snapshots of Surgical Memories</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Educational articles</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total number of published articles</i>	46	43	59	70	59	56	58
<i>Total number of received articles</i>	58	68	70	91	80	74	49
<i>Number of printed pages</i>	355	356	476	542	434	434	367
<i>Number of published Journal</i>	3	3	4	4	4	4	4

Table 2 continued - Number of types of articles and page volumes published in the Iranian Journal of Surgery in the twenty-one-year period from 2005 to 2025

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<i>List of articles</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
<i>Review articles</i>	2	1	4	4	3	2	4
<i>Research articles</i>	26	24	29	28	29	31	30
<i>Reports of interesting cases</i>	4	4	5	8	8	8	10
<i>History of surgery</i>	-	-	-	1	-	3	1
<i>Research in surgery</i>	3	3	4	4	4	4	4
<i>Article review</i>	-	1	-	-	2	1	1
<i>Language of experience</i>	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
<i>Letter to the editor</i>	1	-	1	2	1	2	2
<i>Snapshots of Surgical Memories</i>	-	-	2	3	-	5	-
<i>Educational articles</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
<i>Total number of published articles</i>	36	36	45	50	47	60	59
<i>Total number of received articles</i>	36	38	55	45	55	75	70
<i>Number of printed pages</i>	290	254	423	316	403	493	673
<i>Number of published Journal</i>	4	4	4	3	4	4	4

Table 2 continued - Number of types of articles and page volumes published in the Iranian Journal of Surgery in the twenty-one-year period from 2005 to 2025

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<i>List of articles</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
<i>Review articles</i>	5	3	3	3	3	4	4
<i>Research articles</i>	24	17	16	20	13	20	23
<i>Reports of interesting cases</i>	9	4	3	3	-	4	4
<i>History of surgery</i>	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
<i>Research in surgery</i>	4	3	3	2	3	4	5
<i>Article review</i>	1	5	2	3	3	4	2
<i>Language of experience</i>	-	-	-	1	3	2	4
<i>Letter to the editor</i>	2	1	1	-	1	-	-
<i>Snapshots of Surgical Memories</i>	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
<i>Educational articles</i>	2	3	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Total number of published articles</i>	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total number of received articles</i>	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
<i>Number of printed pages</i>	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
<i>Number of published Journal</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

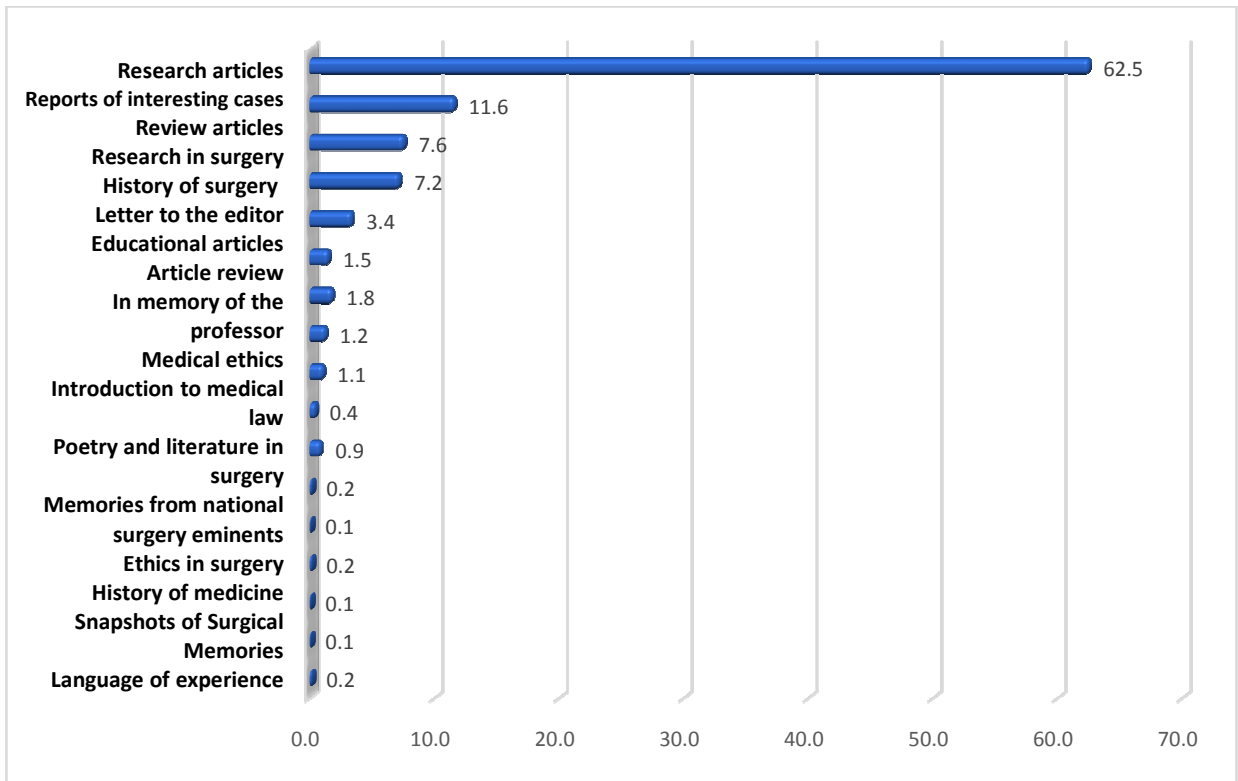


Chart 1 - Percentage chart of distribution of types of articles published during the years 2000-2025

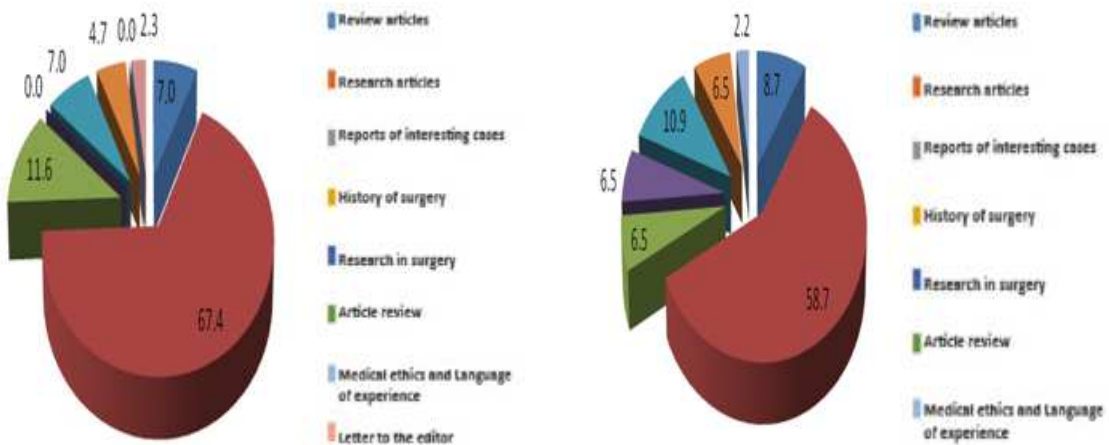


Chart 3- Distribution chart of articles published in 2006

Chart 2- Distribution chart of articles published in 2005

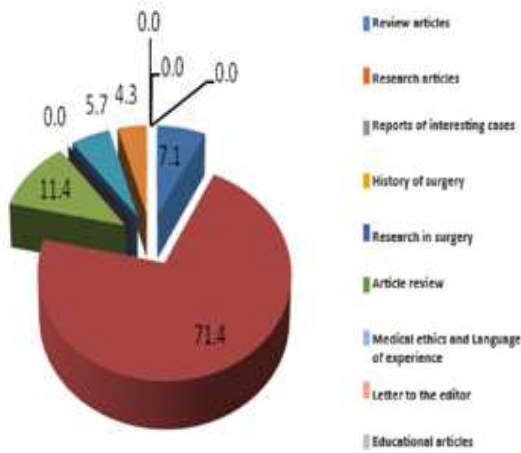


Chart 5- Distribution chart of articles published in 2008



Chart 4- Distribution chart of articles published in 2007



Chart 7- Distribution chart of articles published in 2010



Chart 6- Distribution chart of articles published in 2009

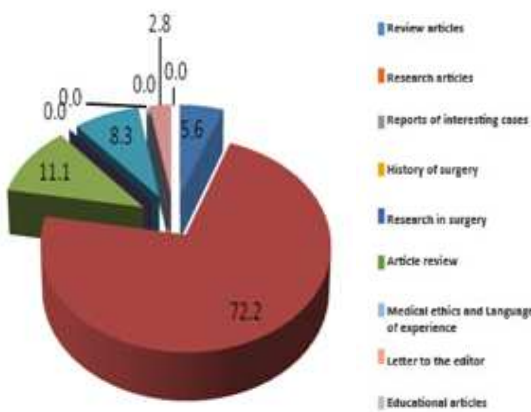


Chart 9- Distribution chart of articles published in 2012

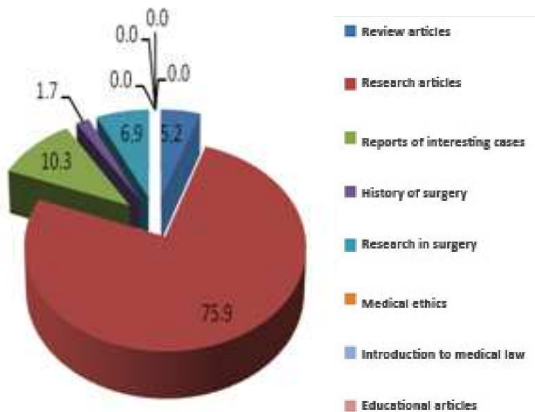


Chart 8- Distribution chart of articles published in 2011

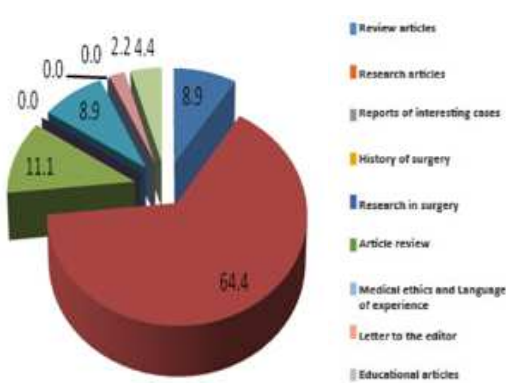


Chart 11- Distribution chart of articles published in 2014

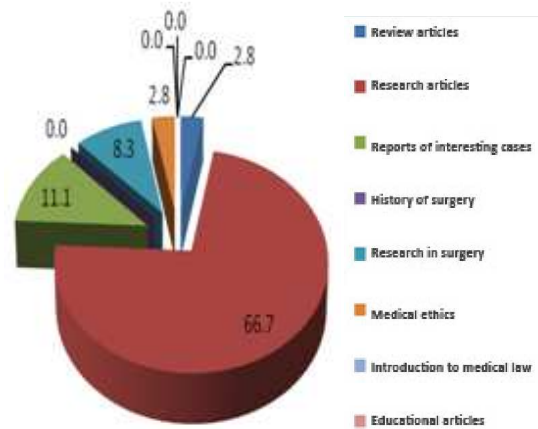


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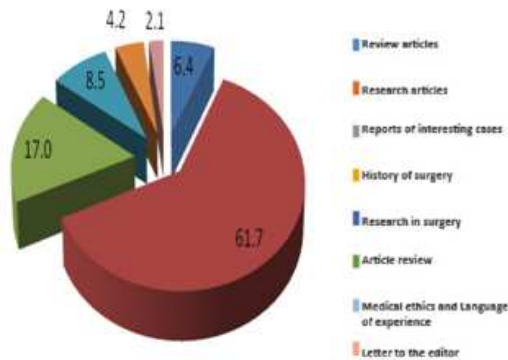


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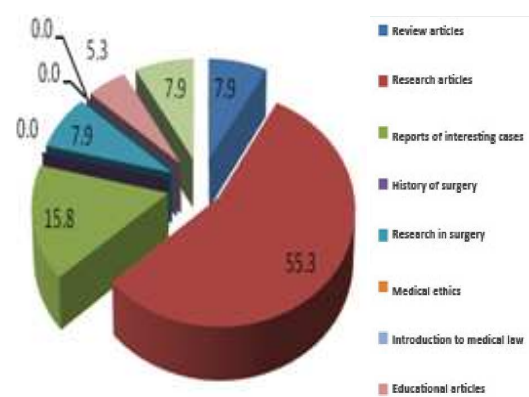


Chart 12- Distribution chart of articles published in 2015

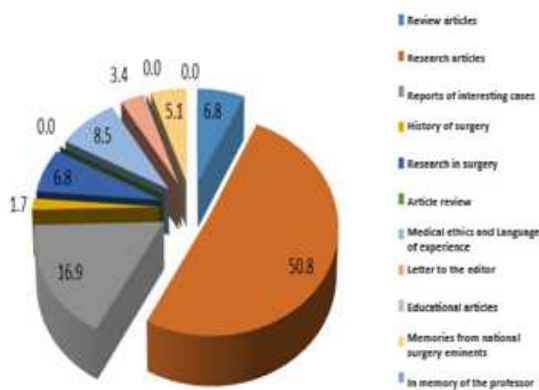


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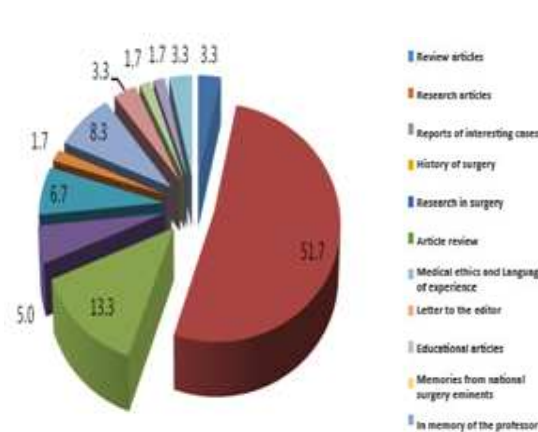


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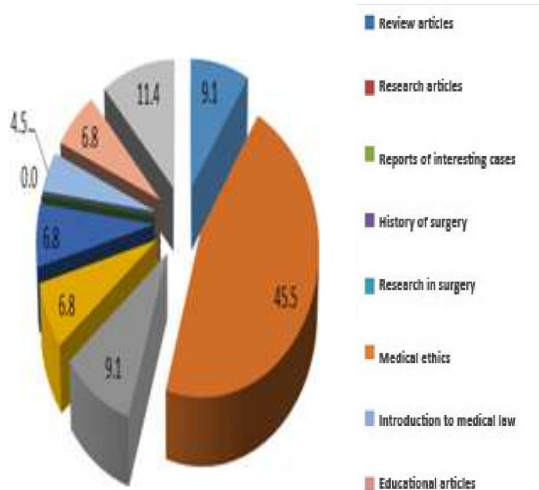


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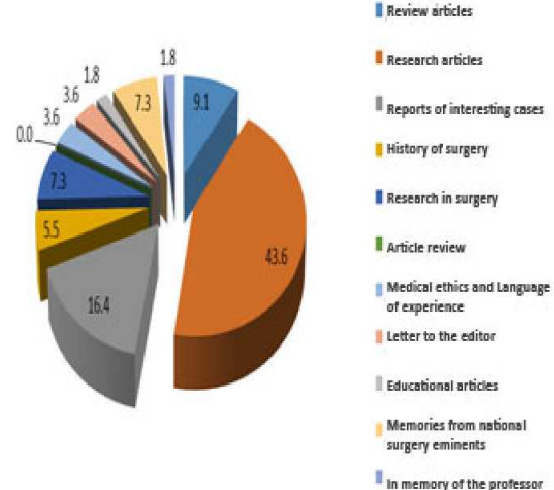


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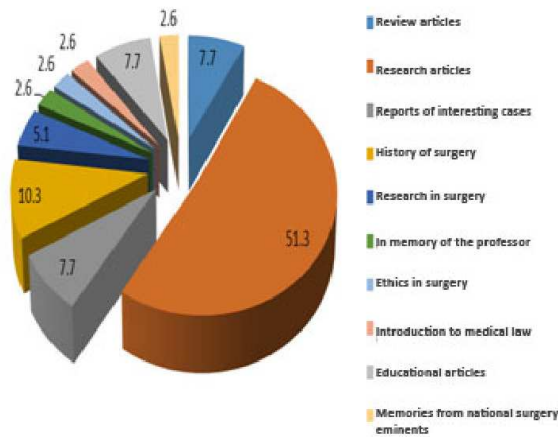


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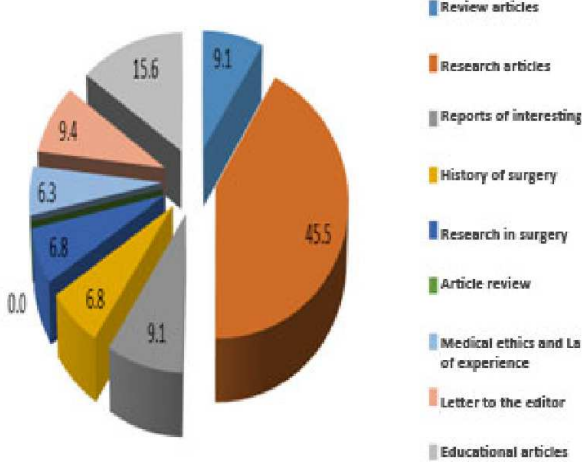


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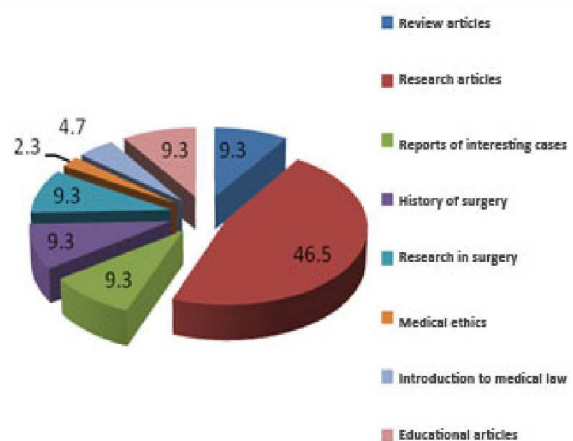


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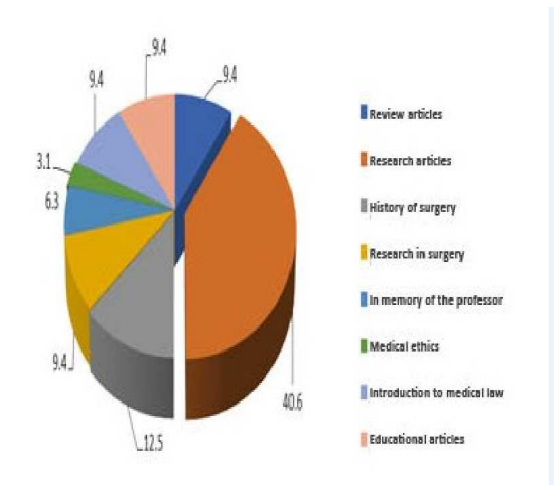


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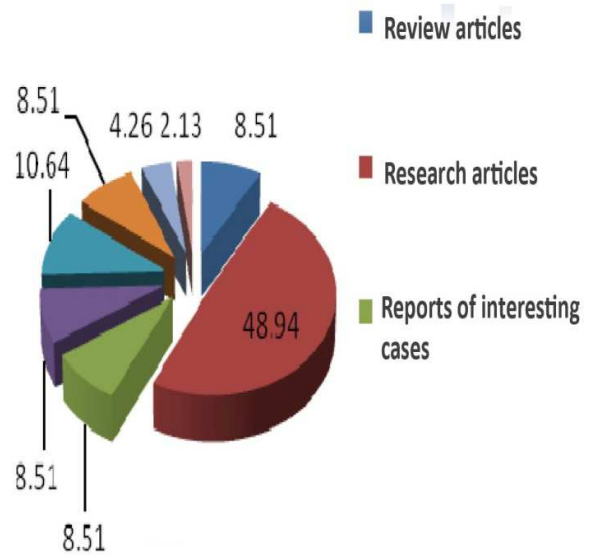


Chart 22- Distribution chart of articles published in 2025