The skilled outset of pediatrics in Iran during Qajar Period
A look on “Mozaffari's Pediatric Revival (Ehya-ol Atfal Mozaffari)”

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Abstract:

Background and Purpose: According to ancient Iranian stories, medicine is attributed to mythological kings; and after Greek medicine entrance and its integration with Iranian traditional medicine and consequently, with entrance of Islam, the compilation of medical books got started. After a period of stability and establishment, Iranian medicine was well-known. In Qajar time, with the chaotic health situations and widespread fatal infectious diseases, the new medicine came into world by establishment of Dar ul-Funun; medical domains became expanded and one of the most famous physicians of Naseri and Mozaffari era, Mirza Ali Hamedani, compiled the book “Mozaffari's Pediatric Revival”. He had a great role in pediatric development and this article has tried to introduce his work.

Methods and Materials: The present research has been done based on library study. Mirza Ali ibn Zayn al-Abidin’s book which was collected in 1935, and other books and articles of Qajar time were studied.

Conclusion: it seems that the book is the product of Doctor Mirza Ali Hamedani’s teachings in Dar ul-Funun and abroad. Moreover, it includes medical issues of Qajar time and particularly medical problems and difficulties of children and measures to reduce their damages and casualties.

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