The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya pays tribute to

PROF. GABI BARBASH

Prof. Gabi Barbash, former director general of the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center (Ichilov) and director general of the Health Ministry between the years 1996-1999, is an outstanding health care systems manager with numerous achievements to his name. Prof. Barbash earned great praise over the years in his role as a doctor and manager, for his activities towards the advancement of the medical and research reputation of the Ichilov Medical Center. In December 2015, following a 20-year term as manager of the hospital, Prof. Barbash was appointed director general of the Rashi Foundation. In parallel, Prof. Barbash has been serving as the manager of translational research at the Weizmann Institute of Science since September 1995.

Barbash is a graduate of the Israel Defense Forces’ academic academy, through which he studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He also has a master’s degree in medical management studies from Harvard University. Prof. Barbash serves as a professor of epidemiology and preventative medicine at the University of Tel Aviv. During his military service, Prof. Barbash served as an aviated doctor in the Israeli Air Force and later as a deputy military doctor. In 1986 and 1992, he was named director of Ichilov Medical Center, a role he filled for 20 years. Between 1996-1999, while on a break from managing Ichilov Medical Center, he served as the director general of the Health Ministry. Between 1998-2000, Prof. Barbash served as the chairman of the National Transplant Center and initiated the reorganization of the transplant system in Israel. This process led to a doubling in the number of organ transplants in Israel.

During his time as head of the Ichilov Medical Center, it grew to become a leading medical and research institution and an outstanding one by global standards. Today, Ichilov Medical Center is proud of the growing demand for its services even from residents living outside the Tel Aviv area, as well as of its status as the most requested medical center and also in medical management and occupational medicine.

In 1997, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he earned a master’s degree in medical management studies. Prof. Barbash’s tenure at Ichilov Medical Center was characterized by a spurt in management and resource recruitment that brought about a revolutionary change at Ichilov Medical Center. The demand for its services grew from every part of the metropolitan area, the quantity of built spaces doubled, the number of beds grew by a third, and the standard of medicine and research earned a reputation of excellency. Prof. Barbash sought, found and trained a suitable doctor to inherit the medical center's leadership from him.

In recognition of his important contribution to public health in Israel, Prof. Gabi Barbash is hereby named an Honorary Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.

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