



HISTORICAL REVIEW

Ten years have elapsed since our hospital closed its war hospitals established during the war 1991-1992. Our hospital was included in the organization and provision of health care in war conditions as a fourth medical echelon hospital. This means that the wounded from small medical centers or those referred directly from the battlefield were provided care here. The hospital had six mobile surgical teams that covered the fronts of Ilok, Đakovo, Novska, Našice, Hrvatska Kostajnica, Plitvice, Županja and Slavonski Brod. When war actions approached the city of Zagreb, two war hospitals were organized in the area, i.e. one at the Samobor Health Center and the other at the Velika Gorica Health Center.

From March 31, 1991 till March 31, 1992, care was provided for a total of 5152 wounded, whereas 1300 of

them were hospitalized. During the mentioned period of time, our physicians and nurses spent 1233 days on the battlefields. A special issue of our journal *Acta clinica Croatica*, entitled 'Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital in the Patriotic War 1991-1992' was published¹. The issue was edited by Dr. Dubravko Petrač, the then Hospital Director. The issue brought professional papers by our physicians on their own experience in the management and treatment of the wounded, time sequence of events, and organization of work at the Hospital during the given period of time. We are proud of and grateful to our medical professionals who did not hesitate a bit but readily provided care to the wounded soldiers and civilians from all over Croatia.

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1. Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital in the Patriotic War 1991-1992. *Acta Clin Croat* 1992;31:103-252