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Israeli doctors treating Syrians to present at Andrews

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On Thursday, March 12, two Israeli doctors who are treating wounded Syrians in a war zone will present at Andrews University. Arie Eisenman, head of the internal division in the Emergency Medicine Department, and Ohad Ronen, senior physician-surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology, will present in Newbold Auditorium in Buller Hall at 11:30 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Hailing from the Medical Center to the Galilee in Israel, the doctors will share personal experiences treating hundreds of wounded Syrians who are brought to their hospital from the Israel-Syria border for life-saving surgeries. More than 1,500 casualties of the Syrian war have been treated in Israel to date.

Eisenman studied medicine at Tel Aviv University, graduating in 1981, and was trained in emergency medicine at Witwatersrand University in Johannesburg and Elim Hospital in South Africa, then specialized in internal medicine at Carmel Medical Center in Haifa and served as senior physician of internal medicine at Rambam Medical Center there.

His research focuses on emergency medicine and resuscitation, and he has participated in writing
nearly 30 articles, reviews and descriptions dealing with the promotion of CPR knowledge and emergency medicine. A worldwide presenter, in 2009 Eisenman shared his personal experiences treating victims of the second Lebanon war in Nahariya to four hospitals and EMS teams in New Jersey.

Ronen received his MD in 1995 from the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa and completed his internship at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. He spent several months doing humanitarian work at a rural hospital in South Africa before completing his residency in otolaryngology (head and neck surgery) at Carmel Medical Center. He then moved to Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (Springfield) for a two-year fellowship in head and neck cancer surgery.

He is currently a lecturer at Bar Ilan Faculty of Medicine in the Galilee, and mentors sixth-year medical students’ MD theses. He is also involved in several areas of research, including human papilloma virus and cancer, micro biome of ENT patients and genetics of hearing loss. He has authored numerous medical journal publications and book chapters.

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