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The Role of Emergency Medicine Department in the War: Perspectives of Emergency Medicine to End the War

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During the conflicts, emergency physicians (Eps) worked in all settings, from the point of injury to transport to tertiary care. EPs' roles were more limited at the start of the conflicts, but they eventually expanded to include direct emergency care, unique missions, and leadership. EPs are now the most frequently deployed medical specialists in the United States Army and Air Force (USAF), and the second most in the United States Navy. The ability of EPs to prioritize emergency situations, thrive in chaotic and resource-constrained environments, and maintain cognitive and clinical flexibility proved useful in combat.

During the wars, the perspectives of EPs do not seem to have impacts as required in the media, although large focus of news target victims of the war including injury and death cases. We think that the role emergency settings in the wars deserves to be greatly employed to impact the political and media perspectives to avoid wars and to resolve the conflicts using political channels rather than military conflicts, particularly because victims include wide sectors of children, women, old people, and humans in general.

From this article, I would like to raise the voice: stop the wars and let people alive.

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