Iraq’s healthcare system was the finest in the region prior to the rule of Saddam Hussein. The Oil For Food Program added further problems for the country’s healthcare system. Immediately after the invasion by the Coalition Forces in 2003, the country’s healthcare system became a top priority for the Provisional Government.

During an 18 month deployment to Iraq which began in March 2003 and ended in July 2004, Michael worked as a Civil Affairs officer on Public Health issues. His unit worked towards restoring the country’s battered healthcare system. His presentation will offer a glimpse into his observations and the work conducted during this time in Iraq.