

History of Ternopil State Medical University

Training at Ternopil State medical Institute was inaugurated on September 1, 1957 by the resolution of the Ukrainian government of April 12, 1957. In the city that had been almost completely destroyed during the World War II and just began raising from the ruins, it was the first higher educational establishment. Three days after the government resolution, the appointed Director (Rector) of the Medical Institute, Candidate of Medical Sciences, surgeon P.O. Ogiy (later on M.D., Professor) and prof. Martynyuk A.H., the vice-rector, arrived to Ternopil. By the decision of the Regional Council, two educational buildings and two hostels were allotted to the Institute. The clinical base was provided by the City Hospital that had been functioning then as the Regional Hospital. Morphological building, Regional Hospital and a new hostel were under construction. 19 departments began functioning at the Institute, 66 teachers were working there (including 1 M.D., and 17 Candidates of Med. Sc.).

Standing at the starting line were young teachers-scientists, later on professors, honoured scientists K.V.Kovanov, Yu.T.Komorovsky, A.I. Lokay, I.O.Sytnyk, M.P.Skakun. Among the founders was Ye.H. Honcharuk, an assistant teacher of General Hygiene Department, later on Academician of the National Academy of Sciences, the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine and many international academies, Rector of the Kyiv National Medical University named after O.O.Bohomolets.



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624 students studied at three courses then, 210 being first-year students. 120 second- and 224 third-year students moved voluntarily from medical institutes of Ukraine, Russia and other republics of the former USSR. The Scientific Council, Central Methodical Commission and Departments did their utmost to organize educational and methodical process, to establish

strategic directions of the researches and to control the level of students' training. In 1959 the first scientific forum was held on the basis of the newly-formed Institute — the Conference of the Ukrainian Pathophysiological Society. The 7th Plenum of the Ukrainian Scientific Society of Surgeons in October 1960 was an important event. The students' scientific societies were functioning efficiently.

Thus, the Institute started successfully as a pedagogical, scientific, medical, cultural and educational centre of the region. Its best amateur groups were a great success at the city and regional amateur arts festivals and sports competitions. Sanitary-educational work of the teaching staff was combined with their consultative aid to the population on the basis of village and district hospitals.



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The 1960-1961 academic year marked the final stage of the Institute formation. The Morphologic building and the regional polyclinic began functioning. The construction of the Institute principal clinical base, the Regional hospital, was completed. The institute numbered 1360 students and 30 departments with 148 teachers working (7 M.Ds and 66 Candidates of Sciences among them). The first group of 203 physicians with Diploma of the Ternopil State Medical Institute graduated in June, 1961. Later on, 10 graduates became Doctors of Medicine and 19 — Candidates of Medical Sciences. I. Chekman became Doctor of Medicine, Professor, the Head of the Pharmacology Department of the National Medical University named after O.O.Bohomolets. He is a Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Ukrainian Academy of Medical Sciences, the New York Academy of Sciences, Laureate of the State Prize of Ukraine, Honorary Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine. Professor V. Antoniv is the Head of the Otolaryngology Department of the Moscow University of Peoples Friendship, the leader of the Ukrainian National Cultural Society "Slavutych" in Moscow. Professor D. Seimivsky is the Head of the Children's Urology Department at the Kyiv Research Institute of Urology, the Chief Children's Urologist of the Ukrainian Ministry of Public Health. Professor S. Yakymenko is the Head of the Burning Injury and Eye Plastic Surgery Department at the V.P. Filatov Research Institute of Eye Diseases in Odessa. 1970-80s. were marked by new trends in the Institute activity. Despite political and ideological restrictions, imposed by the Soviet system, the Institute went on maintaining its reputation. Many traditions, good enough to be respected now, originated then. In

particular, the high standards of the educational process, conscious discipline, objective evaluation of the students' knowledge and persistent scientific researches. All these contributed much to considerable strengthening of scientific and pedagogical potential of the higher educational establishment in the 1970s. Such a raising of the creative enthusiasm of young scientists and students revealed at the All-Union competition, the Ternopil Medical Institute ranking 4th among the higher medical educational institutions.



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Mykola P. Skakun
Honoured Worker of Higher School of Ukraine,
author of more than 450 scientific and educational works, 11 monographs, and 8 manuals.
He supervised the researches of 8 MDs, and 34 Candidates of Medical Sciences.

Material and educational scientific base of the Institute grew considerably for the first ten years. 2 hostels and a vivarium with laboratories were built. 178 teachers (including 13 Doctors of Medicine and 82 Candidates of Medical Sciences) were working at 3 Departments. Republican conferences, held at the Institute, proved its scientific maturity. The preparatory department was opened in 1969. It had been functioning up to 1990. In 1997 the department resumed its work for the internationalers. In 1972 Sports and sanitation camp "Berizka" was set in Bilche-Zolote to improve the students and teachers' health. The construction of the sports building was finished in 1971. The preventive clinic building was opened in 1980.

Due to the construction of the large regional psychoneurological hospital in 1971, the department of Nervous Diseases and Psychiatry could carry out students' training more effectively. The qualified staff, the network and potency of clinical base taken into consideration, the Faculty of Post-graduate Doctors' Training was opened in 1979, in addition to the Medical Faculty.

There are some educational museums at the Institute: the Biology Department Museum, the Anatomy Department Museum, the latter being reputed among the best in Ukraine. The Museum

of the Institute History was founded in 198a. In April 198a, the institute celebrated its 25th anniversary. New hostels for 1000 students had been put into operation by this memorable event. This provided accommodation for all the students and separate rooms were allocated for the student couples. For a quarter of a century, the teaching staffs professional and scientific level as well as methods of educational and scientific work were constantly improving. The total contingent amounted to 2500 students, in-career doctors and interns. 36 departments included 310 teachers, with 27 M.Ds and 207 Candidates of Sciences. One third of the staff consisted of the institute graduates. The opening of the central scientific-research laboratory in 1989 was a memorable event.

Even under the communist regime, there were displays of unconventional thinking, courage of mind and ability to arouse moral consciousness. V.S. Lisovy, the philosophy teacher, who was working at the institute in 1962-1966, is remembered by the students of the 1960s owing to his lectures and original institute wallpapers which he edited. Arrested for the "anti-soviet activity", he served 11 years in jail and concentration camps. In 1988, he came to meet the rector, teachers and students of the Medical Academy and delivered lecture on philosophy to the second-year students. At present, V. Lisovy, the Candidate of Philosophy is the Head of the History Department at the Philosophy Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and Professor at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. It is worth mentioning that such graduates as Heorgy Petruk-Popyk, Stepan Babiy, Hanna Kostiv-Huska made their literary debut as students and became famous poets. The development of the Institute is inseparably connected with the names of its rectors Assistant Professor I.I. Hetman (1972-1981), Prof. I.S. Smiyan (1881-1997); the vice-rectors, professors O.A. Yarosh, O.N. Lulka, I.V. Shust, I.O. Sytnyk, V.H. Koveshnikov (the former Rector of the Luhansk Medical University). With Ukraine attaining independence, new opportunities and impulses for the institute development, in particular the chance of entering into market relations and joining the European educational community, have become available. Here are some landmarks.

On July 1, 1992 by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers the Institute was named after I.Ya. Horbachevsky, a famous scientist, member of the T.G.Shevchenko Scientific Society and All-Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, born in the Ternopil region. In 1994 the institute obtained the highest IV accreditation degree and was granted a licence for training 400 students at the Medical Faculty. In 1990s. the Faculty of Nursing in the specialties "Nursing" (training nurses and nurses *with a bachelor's degree*) and "Laboratory Diagnosis" (training laboratory assistants *with a bachelor's degree*) as well as the educational Medical Institute-Lyceum complex (the former Halytsky College) were founded. As compared to 82 faculty students in 1995, the number grew to 450 in 1997- On January 3, 1997 by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine the institute was awarded the status of Academy. In April 1997 the I.Ya. Horbachevsky Ternopil State Medical Academy celebrated its 40th anniversary. Professor I.S.Smiyan, the Honorary Worker of Higher School and the Corresponding Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, was the rector for 16 years. In 2003 the rector prof. L.Y.Kovalchuk was elected a Corresponding Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine. Professor M.P.Skakun was a Honorary Worker of Higher School too. Professors L.Ya. Kovalchuk, M.A. Andreychyn, Ya.I. Fedonyuk, O.O.Markova, M.I. Shved, S.V. Khmil, S.I. Smiyan, S.N. Vadzyuk, S.I. Shkrobot and V.V. Bihunyak are Honorary Workers of Science and Technology of Ukraine. Professor O.M. Yedynak and associate professor V.V. Demyanenko were awarded the title of Honorary Inventor of Ukraine.

Since 1997, the Specialized Council for defending theses in Surgery, Normal Anatomy (medical and biological sciences) and Pathologic Physiology has been functioning (M.D., Professor L.Ya. Kovalchuk is the Head of the Council). In 2004 the Specialized Council for defending theses in Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology was established. In August 1997, the Honorary Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine, M.D., Professor L.Ya. Kovalchuk headed the Academy. The rector's credo is: "We must establish the educational institution of high European standard".

In 1999 the Academy confirmed the highest (U^h) degree of accreditation. In 2000 the newly organised Pharmaceutical Faculty began training pharmacists and from 2001 — clinical pharmacists and pharmacists-cosmetologists. In 2000 the Academy received the licence providing obstetricians, doctor's assistants and nurses-laboratory assistants to be trained. The Nurses Training Faculty was reorganized into the Faculty of Bachelors of Junior Medical Personnel and in 2003 — into the Medical College.

Since 1997 international citizens have been studying as students and clinical interns. At that time the Preparatory Courses were organized for them. There were formed departments of Hospital Therapy No.2, Medical Informatics with the Course of Physics and Special Equipment, Emergency Medicine, Ambulatory Care, Diagnostics and Medical Informatics of the Postgraduate Training Faculty (on the basis of the Rivne Regional Hospital), Pharmacognosy with Biology and Medical Genetics, Physiotherapy, Medical Rehabilitation and Balneology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology NO.2, Chemical and Pharmaceutical Subjects.

Highly qualified faculty of the Academy with two thirds of its graduates including the rector, 5 vice-rectors, 3 deans and 28 heads of the departments represented its teaching and scientific potential. In 2002 the faculty numbered 68 Doctors of Medicine, professors, and 26 Candidates of Sciences, associate professors. The Academy ranked first among medical higher educational institutions in regard to the proportion of teachers with scientific degrees. It should be noted that the rate has grown up to 75-80 per cent for the last three years. At that time, among 410 teachers of the Academy there was 1 Corresponding Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, 6 Honorary Workers of Science and Technology, 2 Honorary Workers of Higher School, 2 Honorary Inventors of Ukraine, and 2 Honorary Physicians of Ukraine. More than 13 thousand students became the graduates of the Academy and above 17 thousand specialists improved their professional skills at the Faculty of Postgraduate Training.

Complex restructuring of all the trends of activity was under way. The educational process was aimed at meeting world qualification standards. The subject of Osteoporosis was the number one priority of the scientific activity with the half of the departments involved. Inventive activity was in progress, scientific developments being regularly introduced in practical health care. In particular, the lyophilized pig xenodermotransplants, developed by prof. V.V.Bihunyak, are widely used for the treatment of burns in all national burns centres. The goal of improving medical and prophylactic activity was attained through the establishment of consultative and treatment centre.

Spirit of the new time called forth positive changes in upbringing, national and patriotic activity, as well as in the spiritual life of the Academy. The system of tutors and students' self-governing was regulated. The brass band and choir, dancing group, ensemble of folk instruments and sports sections were popular then. The students participated actively in the Club of Talented Youth,

amateur theatre and discussing club. The Academy had its own picture-gallery. A new generation

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of poets was growing among the teachers and students. Poetic anthologies by Lesia Romanchuk (a member of the Ukrainian Society of Writers), Valeriy Didukh, Roman Ladyka were published.

Material and technical basis underwent considerable changes. In particular, all the buildings were reconstructed and modernized. The hostels were repaired, the network of students' cafes and canteens was arranged. In 1988 the Sport-Health Centre "Berizka", where the teachers and students of the Academy could rest, was renovated. In 2001 the Academy bought a new sport-health centre "Chervona Kalyna" 28 km from Ternopil.

The Head of the Military-Medical Academy (Kyiv) General H.A.Pasko:

"I could say Ternopil State Medical Institute was born straight before my eyes. Two years ago I was here last... I must say that your Academy produces an immense **impression**"

The Head of the History of Ukrainian Philosophy Department, the Philosophy Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine V. S. Lisovy:

"I met the leader who did not complain of difficulties and hardships but, full of optimism, did his everyday work in cooperation with his teammates"

In 2000 the Academy ranked third among all the Ukrainian higher medical schools of IV accreditation level according to comprehensive activity rating. According to the Directions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (November 17, 2004) and on the grounds of the Ministry of Public Health of Ukraine Order (December 12, 2004), the Academy was reorganized into I.Ya.Horbachevsky Ternopil State Medical University.

Rather than resting on the laurels, the University staff do their best to make new advances in reforming the higher medical education as well as in training highly qualified specialists for Ukraine's needs.

Today, the University comprises 48 departments organized into 8 faculties — Medical Faculty, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of International Students, and Postgraduate Training Faculty. Basing on theoretical departments are 4 research institutes, namely of Morphology; Medical and Biologic Problems; Pharmacology; Hygiene and Medical Biochemistry named after M.P.Skakun; Modelling and Analysis of Pathologic Processes; Clinical departments. Theoretical and clinical departments provide the basis for the Institute of Nursing.

Throughout the University history, the number of graduates totals at 25 thousand and about 40 thousand specialists working in Ukraine and abroad, took advanced training at the Postgraduate Training Faculty. More than 600 university graduates are Candidates of Medical Sciences; above 100 are Doctors of Medical Sciences. Professor L.Ya.Kovalchuk, the rector of I.Ya.Horbachevsky Ternopil State Medical University, and professor M.A. Andreychyn, the head of the Infectious

Diseases Department, are the Corresponding Members of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine; professor I.S. Chekman, the head of the Pharmacology Department of the National Medical University named after O.O.Bohomolets, is a Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences and a Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine; professor V.I.Tsybalyuk, the assistant director of the Institute of Neurosurgery named after Romodanov of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, the head of the department of Neurosurgery of the National Medical University named after O.O.Bohomolets, is the academician of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine. Many of the University graduates became Honorary Physicians of Ukraine, the organizers of public health care system. They are the heads of the units, the head doctors or deputy managers of the hospitals and clinics, assistant chiefs and chiefs of municipal and regional health care administration. V.L. Veselskiy and S.V. Shevchuk worked as deputy ministers of the Ministry of Health Care of Ukraine; V.I. Maltsev was the deputy minister and later on the Minister of Health Care of Ukraine.

Of 580 teachers and scientists, the two thirds are the University graduates. 87 doctors of sciences, professors, and 34 candidates of sciences, associate professors, including 3 Corresponding Members of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, 9 Honorary Workers of Science and Technology, 2 Honorary Workers of Education, 2 State Prize Laureates in Science and Technique, 3 Honorary Inventors of Ukraine, and 3 Honorary Physicians of Ukraine work at 48 departments of the University .

The University material and technical basis has increased greatly for the last 15 years. All the departments as well as the library with 4 reading halls and branches at clinical departments, in educational and research institutes have been computerized. There has been organized the computer centre and 39 Computer Internet-connected classes. The Publishing House “Ukrmedknyha”, equipped with its own printing facilities, is the largest specialized publishing house in Ukraine and the only one that publishes printed matters in Ukrainian or translated from Ukrainian. The “Ukrmedknyha” accounts for 60 % supply of textbooks and manuals in Ukrainian to the national higher medical educational institutions of **III-IV** accreditation level, and for 80 % — to I-II accreditation level. Since 1997, there have been published 139 textbooks (including 8 in English), **223** manuals (12 in English), 62 monographs and 87 Collected materials of scientific conferences. The University is a cofounder and publisher of 12 All-Ukrainian scientific journals, 10 of them being recognized by the Ministry of Education, Science, Youth and Sports of Ukraine. Besides, the regional papers «Medychna Akademiya» (“Medical Academy”) and «Univertsytetska Likarnya» (“University Hospital”) are published.

The University teachers have made about 250 instructional multimedia compact disks with electronic textbooks, video films and test programmes, altogether more than 2370 items.

The well-equipped medical and consultative centre with a dentistry polyclinic proudly presents the up-to-date Centre of dental implantation which is the third in Ukraine after Kyiv and Lviv, and the first University-based.

In 2010-2011, five University instructional and practical centres of primary medical and sanitary aid **in rural** areas were reconstructed, equipped and put into service. The centres are multipurpose

and focused on rendering medical aid to the rural population, practical training of senior students of the medical faculty and dentistry interns, encouraging the graduates to work in rural medical facilities. In addition, organization of instructional and practical centre of elderly care has been initiated in a village as a pilot project, basing on the trainee experience of the University teachers in the Netherlands.

The educational and recreation complex «Chervona Kalyna» has been put into service. At the guests' disposal are the Congress centre, the hotel, the catering complex, the sports base and the preventive clinic, providing health-improving for 20 University students annually. Based on the educational and recreation complex «Chervona Kalyna» is the Reserve Officers' Training Centre, under the authority of Emergency and Catastrophe Medicine Department with the Course of Military Training. All-Ukrainian trainings and exercises are held there every year. In particular, the joint Ukraine- NATO exercise with German, Danish and Polish officers involved were carried out in May 2006. Much to the University credit, the Department is one of the 4 «survivals» Of the reduction campaign. You can also find here botanical gardens of medicinal plants and a farm that supplies the vivarium with experimental animals and products.

Cooperating with the University are 4 European and American higher medical educational institutions. In 2006-2012 above 80 University teachers took trainee there. In compliance with the Cooperation Agreement with the Upstate University (Spartanburg, South Carolina) the Ternopil University provided training of Americans at the Institute of Nursing, the University unit. The University was the first to introduce distance learning in the specialty Bachelor in Nursing. In 2008, L. Ya. Kovalchuk, the rector of the University, was awarded the title of the Honorary Professor of the Upstate University. The personal jubilee medal of the Bratislava Medical University (Slovakia) was his another just reward.

Basing on the international experience, the University has introduced the new organization forms of training according to the credit-modular system. “One subject a day” principle, the lines of practical skills, practical-oriented Z-system of education, semester test control of students' knowledge in the University independent test centre are being introduced into the training process. The network training system on the basis of Internet technologies, similar to the European one (Medical University of Vienna), is unprecedented in Ukraine. The formation of the independent test centre helps to prevent corruption efforts in the University. Matriculae of practical skills, daily distance test control on the basis of “Moodie” technologies; Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) to check the mastering of practical skills by the senior students; MA course in Nursing have been introduced. Above 4 thousand students study at the University, among them 1200 internationalers from 62 countries. 90 per cent of internationalers are trained in English. More than 80 per cent of the University teachers have been certified for teaching in English. The French-speaking students are expected and are prepared for.

Since 2006, annual “Summer International Students Schools”, organized by the Department of International Relations, are held on the basis of the “Chervona Kalyna” educational and recreation complex. Students from the USA, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, the Netherlands, Russia, Kazakhstan, Indonesia and Ukrainian medical educational institutions have attended the school. Taking part in the school activity are the students of the Ternopil State Medical University

with a good command of English. Summer students schools are perspective since communication of students from different countries contributes to their knowledge of countries' cultural and national peculiarities as well as specifics of medical education, opportunities of further cooperation and the development of students' exchange programmes.

In September 2006 the I.Ya.Horbachevsky Ternopil State Medical University was awarded by the diploma of the International Academy of Rating Technologies and Sociology "Zolota Fortuna" for the organization of international activity and relations with the European and American medical institutions that contribute to the European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Ukraine.

On September 22, 2008 the European Business Assembly Nomination Committee (Oxford, Great Britain) and the Scientific Council of the Vienna International University (Austria) awarded the "European Quality" international reward to the I.Ya.Horbachevsky Ternopil State Medical University. The reward was handed over at the International meeting of the leaders of science and culture "Euro-2008" in Barcelona (Spain).

In January **2012** the Ternopil Medical University initiated the establishment of «International scientific-educational innovative-technological consortium of higher medical institutions and institutions of *physical* education and *sports*». The main purpose of the Consortium is to create modern and efficient corporate system of qualified specialists and scientific personnel in health care system, physical education and sports (man's health, physical rehabilitation, fitness and recreation, in particular); to elaborate an efficient innovative system in medical education and science, physical education and sports; to implement innovative projects based on the integration of scientific, educational, medical and preventive, innovative and technologic potential of institutions — members of the Consortium; to apply the Consortium innovative activity results in Medical Education, Sports, and related fields. By today, 18 leading European and American Universities have joined the Consortium.

The research activities are in progress. 28 scientific trends, determined by the foreground tasks facing the health care system of Ternopil and the region, are being developed. Among them: surgery of oesophageal, gastric and duodenal diseases; infectious diseases and epidemiology; cardio-vascular pathologies; digestive and musculoskeletal problems. The scientific investigations are aimed at developing new perspective technologies, which meet the highest world criteria: modelling of pathologic processes and development of experimental therapy and prevention; elaboration, industrial production and adjustment of cryopreserved xenodermotransplants to medical practice; development of the biotechnology of manufacturing and clinical use of probiotics and specific immunoglobulins; implementation of minimally invasive endoscopic surgery technologies into the clinical practice; development of methods and technical means of optimizing the effect of optic irradiation on the human organism, specifically through the use of photooxygenated liquids for enteral and transfusion therapy; producing and introduction of new medical sorbents; scientific substantiation of the medical system reforms for its proper functioning under market conditions.

Contributing to the University reputation are the scientific schools of surgeons (prof. L.Ya. Kovalchuk, the Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine),

infectionists (prof. M.A. Andreychyn, the Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine), therapists (prof. B.I. Rudyk and prof. Ye. M. Starodub), pediatricians (prof. I.S. Smiyan, the Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, prof. O.Ye. Fedortsiv, prof. N.V. Banadyha), pharmacologists (prof. M.P. Skakun, prof. K.A. Posokhova), morphologists (prof. K.S. Volkov, prof. Ya.I. Fedonyuk, prof. M.S. Hnatyuk), and pathophysiologicalists (prof. V.V. Fayfura, prof. Yu.I. Bondarenko).

For the recent 10 years, the University scientists have got 602 patented inventions. The new methods of burns treatment, developed at the University, have been awarded by the State Prize of Ukraine in Science and Technology; 2 scientists have become the Honorary Inventors of Ukraine. 5 M.D. and 3ii Candidate theses have been defended. Functioning at the University are 2 specialized scientific councils for defending M.D. and Candidate theses in 6 specialties. Up to 3 All-Ukrainian and International scientific forums are held at the University congress centre every year.

5 accredited and duly certified research laboratories are the basis for the scientific investigations. In November 2009, the University virological laboratory for identifying A (H1N1) influenza virus was established on the basis of modernized scientific laboratory of polymerase chain reaction. The laboratory analyzes samples, taken by the virologists of the regional and municipal sanitation and epidemiological stations, thus rendering aid to the patients with influenza and acute respiratory infections.

By the Order of Ministry of Public Health of Ukraine (August 7, 2008), the Ternopil Medical University was approved as the principal metrological provider of the higher medical educational institutions, another evidence of high University scientific standards.

The cooperation of clinical departments and practitioners of the municipal medical institutions, which provide the clinical basis, is in progress. High-skilled professors, associate professors and teachers, involved in practical medical activity, contribute much to rendering proper medical aid to the population of the city and the region. On January 1, 2010, in compliance with the Agreement, specifying all the cooperation aspects, the University Hospital was established on the base of the Regional Clinical Hospital. It is likely to become the best-equipped specialized medical and consultative institution owing to the state, regional and University financing.

As resulting from the activity rating and the state testing “Krok” (“Step”) system, the University is always ranking high among the higher medical educational institutions of Ukraine.