

## Nashville to Host UMANA in 2023



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**OMNI Hotel and Resorts  
Nashville, TN  
June 14—18, 2023**

### Technology and Medicine: Friend and Foe?

Preliminary Speakers:

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| <b>Buly MD, Bob</b>          | <i>“TBA”</i>                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Buniak MD, Borys</b>      | <i>“Power of the Microbiome”</i>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Czuczman MD, Myron</b>    | <i>“Using Cutting Edge Technology to Transform Future Cancer Therapy: The Journey from a Routine Skin Biopsy to ‘Off the Shelf’ Powerful Cancer Fighting Immunotherapy”</i> |
| <b>Hryhorczuk MD, Daniel</b> | <i>“Polyfluoroalkyls (PFA’s) the Forever Chemicals”</i>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Ivashkiv MD, Lionel B</b> | <i>“Current Therapies and Emerging Technologies in Rheumatic and Inflammatory Diseases”</i>                                                                                 |
| <b>Lenchur MD, Peter</b>     | <i>“From Bernoulli’s equation to current complex cardiology techniques: state of affairs 285 years later”</i>                                                               |
| <b>Lopatynsky MD, Marta</b>  | <i>“The Eye—An Engineering Masterpiece! Is Technology a Friend and Foe?”</i>                                                                                                |
| <b>Wolansky MD, Leo</b>      | <i>“MRI Contrast Agents: Friend or Foe?”</i>                                                                                                                                |

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Live link available in your email notices from “UMANA”

Or call 1-800-THE-OMNI and reference “Ukrainian Medical Association”

Conference Registration Coming Soon!

# UMANA CHAPTER NEWS

**PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH** met for their yearly meeting on December 3, 2022, at Maggiano's Little Italy. A certificate of honor was presented to **Dr. Oksana Baltarowich**, for her long-time work for the Ukrainian community, the medical profession, and UMANA. **Dr. Ihor Rak** presented his project "Coaching and Mentoring Professionals on a pro bono basis"; afterwards, the Board accepted the proposal to engage in his project and invite UMANA members at large to participate.



New Chapter leaders were also elected: President – **Mark Shust, OD**; Vice-President – **Yuriy Shevtsiv, MD**; Secretary – **Victoria Shust, OD**; Treasurer – **Oksana Baltarowich, MD**; Board members – **Ihor Rak, MD**, and **Ihor Fedoriw, OD**.

**OHIO BRANCH** continued their partnering with United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio, MedWish International, ReLink International and other northeastern Ohio Ukrainian community organizations to provide medical and humanitarian aid for Ukraine. Adding to previous shipments, they have sent: 21 pallets of medical supplies; hundreds of lifesaving IFAKs and Quikclots to soldiers on the frontlines; 250 military grade Gen-7 one-handed CAT tourniquets and preparing more; 14 CPR and intubation mannequins for training first responders, and other needed supplies.

**NEW YORK METRO BRANCH** held their traditional Christmas Yalynka on December 17, 2022, at the Ukrainian Institute of America. Prior to festivities, there was a short chapter meeting (including Zoom for those who could not attend). Afterwards, members and families gathered for a night of caroling and socializing.



On November 30, 2022, **Dr. Danylo Kuncio**, an orthodontist, gave a lecture on "Skeletal Changes in growing Orthodontic Patients" at the Greater NY Dental Meeting. He was joined by Dr. Iryna Mazur (periodontist), President and Dr. Iryna Skrypnyk (orthodontist), Secretary General of the Ukrainian Dental Association, who were visiting from Ukraine and also gave lectures at the NYC meeting.

**MICHIGAN BRANCH**, led by **Dr. Ivanna Murskyj**, and with a grant from the UMANA Foundation, was able to purchase three surgical drills and 100 decompression needles and send them to hospitals in Dnipro, Zhytomyr and Kyiv. **Dr. Murskyj** also has accepted the position of President of UMANA Michigan Branch.



The chapter also held their yearly UMANA Holiday brunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on January 8, 2023. The event was very well attended, including many new medical/dental students and residents. Guests included Olia Liskiivskiy, CEO of the Detroit Ukrainian Museum, and Brian True, director of Eye Care for Ukraine.

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## UMANA News

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## OBITUARIES



**JACIW MD, George**, age 96. *University of Ottawa 1956*, member of UMANA Toronto Branch, died November 27, 2022.



**KOROPECKYJ MD, Natalia**, age 102, *Ludwig-Maximillan Universität München 1948*, member of UMANA Pennsylvania Branch, died January 5, 2023.



## President's Message

When I was in grade school, one of my classmates asked me, “What country is your family from?” I remember explaining that my family was originally from Ukraine. Then I showed him where Ukraine was on the map, and said, “That’s where we’re from – Ukraine.” The kid called me “a commie!” Of course, I explained that our family is here in the U.S. precisely because we want nothing to do with the USSR. I told him, “We are the farthest thing from commies!”

From the start of the Russian invasion, medical societies have been faced with the dilemma of how to respond. Should they make statements condemning the war? In the case of international societies, should they ban citizens of Russia from participating in meetings?

In recent weeks, there have been debates about banning Russian athletes from the Olympics. Is it fair that they should be punished just because their government is evil?

Well, the same way that a kid in grade school can renounce a country with which he doesn’t want to be associated, so too can a member of an international medical society or an Olympic team. Rather than outright banning of Russian doctors from meetings or Russian athletes from the Olympics, organizational leadership could give them a formal statement of renunciation to sign.

The statement would state something like this:

“I, (name), citizen of the Russian Federation, support the United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES-11/1, which ‘deplores in the strongest terms, the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine,’ which ‘demands that the Russian Federation immediately cease its use of force against Ukraine’ which ‘demands that the Russian Federation immediately, completely, and unconditionally withdraw all of its military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders,’ and which was passed on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 141-5.”

It would take some courage for a medical society or the International Olympic Committee to require such an attestation, and it would take courage for the Russian doctor or athlete to sign it, but that pales in comparison with the courage of the Ukrainian medics and athletes, some of whom have lost their limbs or their lives. They did so, honoring the words of the Ukrainian national anthem: “Our bodies and our souls, we’ll lay down for our freedom!”

And “That’s where we’re from – Ukraine.”

Слава Україні! Glory to Ukraine!

Д-р Лев Волянський  
Dr. Leo Wolansky

## UMANA CHAPTER NEWS

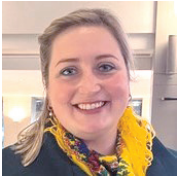
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**ILLINOIS BRANCH** held *Winter Wishes for Ukraine* on December 3, 2022, at the Park Ridge Country Club. An evening of entertainment and camaraderie was focused on raising funds for medical relief to Ukraine. The UMANA Illinois Chapter’s Medical Relief Task Force, led by **Drs. Olena Gordon, Olia Maihutiak, Mariya Dmytriv, and Marika Hrycelak**, presented an informative video review of the Chapter’s 2022 relief efforts. **Dr. Gordon** thanked all who contributed their time and efforts, including **Dr. Douglas Davis** (Wisconsin) and his extensive contacts in the medical world. **Dr. Daniel Hryhorczuk** presented an informative but eye-opening presentation on the environmental and health impact of the war. The evening’s silent and live auction (all items made in Ukraine) helped to raise \$63,000 for future medical relief projects.





# UMANA MEMBER NEWS



**Tanya Bucierka, MD** (At-Large Member in Oregon), received the Humanitarian Award from MedGlobal for her volunteer medical work in war zones in Ukraine.



**Borys BUNIAK, MD** (Syracuse/New York Central Branch), was appointed Director of the Hearburn Center at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse.



**Yuriy CHERSTYLO, DDS** (Michigan Branch), recently transitioned into a dental practice located in Goodrich, MI, where he practices cosmetic, implant, and family dentistry.

**Joseph HURYN, DDS** (New York Metro Branch), recently celebrated the conclusion of his presidential year of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics at the presidential gala in Austin, Texas. Pictured with him is his daughter Laryssa A. Huryn, MD, and his wife Laryssa U. Huryn, RPh.



**Olga KACZAJ, MD FACP** (Pennsylvania Branch), celebrated her 10 year anniversary at South Main Medical – Internal Medicine Private Practice in Vineland, NJ. She received “2022 – Readers Choice – “Daily Journal” award for “Best in primary care doctor and best medical specialist”. Dr. Kaczaj is also a member of the Ukrainian Federation of America in Philadelphia, actively participating in obtaining and sending medical supplies to Ukraine since 2014 to the present time.



**Orysia KOZICKY, MD** (Pennsylvania Branch), as of July 2022, became an Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Division of Rheumatology.



**Roman KOZYCKYJ, MD** (Illinois Branch), left solo private practice in Internal Medicine after 36 years. He continues working in Palliative Care,

having started that service 16 years ago at Christ Advocate Medical Center in Oak Lawn, a Southwest suburb of Chicago.



**Anna ORLAND, DDS** (Illinois Branch), will be the 2023-24 President of the West Suburban Dental Society in Illinois and is a Clinical Instructor at the University of Illinois Dental School in Chicago.



**Mark ORLAND, MD** (Illinois Branch), is a first year Resident at Cleveland Clinic. He also just got married in December 2022 to Dr. Nandini Rajaramsiva in India.



**Wolodymyr SZCZUPAK, MD** (New York Metro Branch), retired from his position with the Department of Medicine at Stony Brook University in October 2022, and moved to a warmer climate in Florida.



**Michael YONKOVIG, PhD** (At-Large Member in North Carolina), retired as founding member of the Professional Advisory Board of Brave Step, a non-profit organization providing psychological services to women and men who have suffered sexual trauma serving the greater Charlotte, NC region. He was given the Brave Step 2022 Changemaker Award for going “Above and Beyond” in service to the goals of the organization. He also recently retired from the board of the North Carolina Society of Clinical Hypnosis and is one of 15 American professional certified by the Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis. Dr. Yonkovig continues his unique psychological practice, treating survivors of extreme trauma.



**Adrian ZACHARY, DO** (Ohio Branch), was awarded the Bruce Hubbard Steward Award as the Physician of the Year at the Cleveland Clinic.



**Ihor ZACHARY, MD** (Ohio Branch), retired after 58 years in medicine and 51 years in ophthalmology.