

## 75th Anniversary Gala Reunion Celebration

and

## XLVII Scientific Conference

NEW YORK CITY

April 25 and 26, 2025

at the

Ukrainian Institute of America



75 years ago, a small group of culturally aware physicians, displaced by war, arrived to the United States. Gathering in New York City, they incorporated the **American Ukrainian Medical Society, Inc.** to ease adjusting to their new home and profession. Despite difficult times, the association grew, spreading eventually to 19 chapters in various cities of the US and Canada. But history was not finished with UMANA.

At that time, who could have envisioned the independence of Ukraine? After a short while, who could imagine a creeping, then a hot, tragic invasion and war? Throughout these difficult times, UMANA has evolved and persevered. New generations of health care professionals continue to add their commitment to the association. This dedicated core of members has allowed UMANA and its sister Foundation to be in a position to provide significant continuing help in Ukraine's time of need.

### **Friday April 25 - Attend the LXVII Scientific Conference: "Micro-invaders, Problem Creators"**

Further your knowledge of emerging and re-emerging diseases and their global impact.

### **Saturday April 26 - Come join us for UMANA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Reunion Celebration at the Ukrainian Institute of America in New York City.**

#### Developing list of speakers:



**Orest Bauer, DMD,**  
Dentistry, Bauer Dental Arts,  
NYC



**Maria Geba, MD**  
Former Infectious Diseases &  
International Health Fellow,  
University of Virginia



**Stephanie Hanchuk, MD,**  
Urologist, New York Health



**Iryna Karanetz, MD,**  
Plastic Surgery, Evolve Plastic  
Surgery, Queens Village, NY



**Nazary Nebeluk, MD, PhD,**  
Infectious Diseases Fellow,  
University of Maryland



**Liza Pilch, MD, MBA, FACEP,  
FAAEM,**  
Eastern Sector Medical Officer,  
United States Medical Entrance  
Processing Command



**Daniel Swistel, MD,**  
Professeeor of Cardiovascular  
Surgery, NYU Langone Health

#### How to register for the upcoming events:

To pay by check, watch for US Mail Invitation, or go to

<https://formsmarts.com/form/2drz>

QR code to register



# UMANA CHAPTER NEWS

**ILLINOIS BRANCH** members held their annual picnic Sunday August 4, 2024 at the Plast/UYCO Oselia Campground in Round Lake Park, Illinois. Despite the high temperatures, a good time was had by young and “older” alike. Many new candidates attended: students, residents and USMLE students. A great catered lunch was provide by Ruslan Zuyev. The chapter raised funds for Ukraine’s frontline trauma surgical teams by raffling the autographed Netter’s Anatomy book. The winner of the raffle was none other than **Dr. Maryana Yaremko** – Illinois Chapter President.



*Dr. Maryana Yaremko*

**MICHIGAN BRANCH** gathered for a meeting in August 2024. Community member and future physician Danylo Juzych, gave a presentation about his project with Eye Care for Ukraine. He spoke about the time he recently spent in Ukraine, visiting multiple hospitals and ophthalmology clinics, with a goal to help establish more wet labs for training and educational purposes.



*Danylo Juzych*



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## UMANA News

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## OBITUARIES



**OLESIJUK, Andrew MD**, age 91, *University of Texas 1957*, member of Southern California Branch, died August 27, 2022.



**ZAZULA, Marian MD**, age 80, *University of Western Ontario 1967*, member of Toronto Branch, died June 2, 2019.



## President's Message

Greetings!

As we all continue to support Ukraine during the war I'd like to highlight some recent UMANA projects and encourage everyone to provide updates to our main office. We'd like to share them with our members and on social media. Your local projects and ideas can inspire other chapters and members.

Our Illinois chapter under **Maryana Yaremko** continues to send medical supplies to Ukraine including transfusion kits. They are tireless and inspirational!

**Ivanna Murskyj-Muravytskyy** and the Detroit chapter are fundraising for an outfitted mobile medical clinic. Over 32 thousand dollars have been raised as they work with the Rotary club spearheaded by **Andrew Loginsky**. **Mark Shust** and the Philadelphia chapter are exploring and supporting surgical and prosthetic projects. **Ariadne Bach** and the New York Metro chapter are participating in surgical missions in Ukraine as well as evaluating outdoor exercise equipment for the wheelchair bound in Ukraine. **Borys Buniak** and the Syracuse chapter continue sending supplies to Ukraine and successfully work with several other organizations. **Roxolana Horbowyj** and the DC chapter continue work on many fronts including providing solar generators, educational support, and Zoom meetings. On a national level we are partnering with institutions in Ukraine to provide medical educational support.

We are always looking for interesting lectures or presentations – please drop us a line if you'd like to volunteer as a speaker or suggest someone.

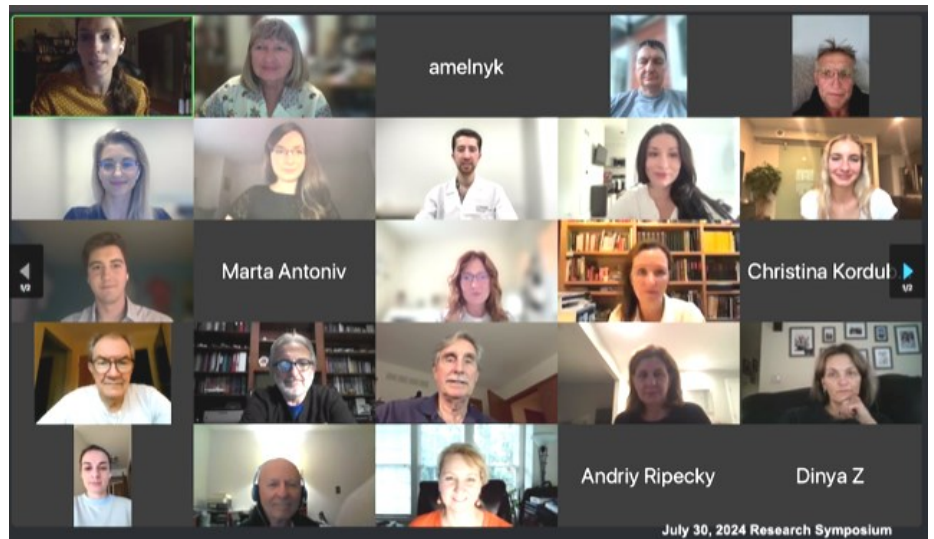
November 20, 2024, marks the 1,000th day of the war in Ukraine. Please support and participate in your local activities on this day.

Contact us at [umana@umana.org](mailto:umana@umana.org)

Slava Ukraini!

Marta Lopatynsky, MD

On July 30, 2024, UMANA hosted its first Virtual Research Symposium, organized by **Ivanna Murskyj-Muravytskyy, MD** (Michigan Chapter President). Members from across the nation presented various research projects. The well-attended symposium featured many young and future physicians, including Dr. Marta Antoniv, **Oleksandr Strelko**, Daniel Sawicky, **Roksolana Sudyk**, **Olga Gomeniouk**, **Dr. Taras Kochno**, Dr. Ali Dzhemiliev, **Natalie Bodnar**, and **Dr. Viktoriya Taranto**. It was amazing to see these talented members showcase their work! A second symposium is planned for next year.

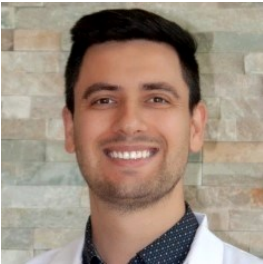


# UMANA MEMBER NEWS



**Adrian CHERNYK, MD, MPH** (New York Metro Branch) completed his Internal Medicine residency at Mount Sinai Morningside West in New York City this past June. He passed his boards at the end of August and is now interviewing for pulmonary critical care and

critical care fellowships while looking for locum tenens hospitalist work.



**Dobroslav DOBRIKOV, DO** (Illinois Branch) graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and started his residency in Family Medicine at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, IL.



**Stephanie HANCHUK, MD** (New York Metro Branch) successfully finished her Urologic Surgery residency at Yale School of Medicine. From August 2024 she is practicing on the Upper East Side of Manhattan as general urologist with New York Health.



**Danielle OWERKO, MD** (Illinois Branch), completed her fellowship in Pediatric Hospital Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in June 2024. This Autumn she has started in a new position as a Pediatric Hospitalist and Assistant Professor for the Department of

Pediatrics at the University of Colorado/Children's Hospital Colorado in Denver.



**Yuri PASHCHUK, MSN, RN, CCRN** (Florida Branch) relocated to Palm Coast Florida and joined AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway Hospital as the Associate Chief Nursing Officer.



**Victoria TARANTO, MBBS, OMS IV** (New York Metro Branch) entered her final year of the Emigree Physicians Program at New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. Together with her mentor who is a NY based board-certified dermatologist,

they continue to provide free online consultation for Ukrainians. Their teledermatology program was featured in "Newsday" and presented at the AAD annual meeting.

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**PHILADELPHIA & WASHINGTON D.C./MARYLAND BRANCHES** - On Sunday, October 13, 2024, the eve of Dr. Borys Todurov's prestigious Dinon Lectureship in Cardiology to the Thomas Jefferson faculty, Dr. Eugene Storozynsky from the Thomas Jefferson University Toll Heart and Vascular Disease Institute (Philadelphia, PA), hosted the esteemed Kyiv Heart Institute's Drs. Borys Todurov, Sofia Chaikovska, and Serhii Sudakevych and members of Thomas Jefferson and Temple Universities and Ukrainian organizations UMANA-PA, UUARC, WFUMA and UMANA-DC to an elegant dinner and discussion of the state of heart disease, surgery and transplantation in Ukraine since the February 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine. Through Dr. Todurov's and his Institute's ongoing dedication, countless lives continue to be saved in these unprecedented times.

