

**MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF UKRAINE**

The Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants",

being convinced of the need to strengthen cooperation in the field of healthcare and public health,

building on existing forms of cooperation between the Participants and cooperation within the European Union in the abovementioned field,

wishing to further improve their cooperation through this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MoU), which can be regarded as a framework arrangement to supplement and implement other relevant bilateral agreements and arrangements,

recognising that mutual exchange of experience between the Participants in accordance with this MoU would promote beneficial initiatives and would lead to innovative solutions in these areas of bilateral cooperation.

have reached the following understandings:

Section 1

Purpose of the Memorandum

The purposes of this MoU are to continue and develop cooperation between the Participants, establishing a framework for cooperation and collaboration in the field of healthcare. The primary objective of the MoU is to cooperate in protecting people's life and health and promoting public health and well-being. The cooperation also aims to address the negative consequences in the healthcare sector and counteract the challenges provoked by the Russian military aggression against Ukraine. The cooperation also aims to contribute to Ukraine's further integration to the European Union.

Section 2

Areas of Cooperation

The Participants are ready to develop and strengthen cooperation in the following priority areas:

1. Creating favourable conditions for cooperation in the field of public health, prevention, modernisation, and sustainability of the respective health care systems, as well as the Ukrainian integration into the healthcare system of the European Union;
2. Cooperation on facilitating support to Ukraine's healthcare sector to implement projects for the construction of rehabilitation centres, construction and modernisation of medical infrastructure damaged or destroyed as a result of a full-scale invasion;
3. Cooperation on the issue of equipping healthcare institutions in Ukraine, including those affected by the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, with medical and laboratory equipment and machinery;
4. Facilitating cooperation to ensure coordinated humanitarian assistance in the healthcare sector of Ukraine;
5. Facilitation the exchange of experience and involvement of technical support of the Czech Republic in the provision of rehabilitation services and prosthetics, training of multidisciplinary teams in rehabilitation, treatment and prosthetics;
6. Cooperation in the treatment and rehabilitation of wounded Ukrainian citizens in Czech medical institutions;
7. Cooperation on the implementation of medical data exchange, telemedicine, artificial intelligence technologies, and cybersecurity;
8. Cooperation on the possibility of using artificial intelligence in the field of mental health;
9. Cooperation in the field of pharmaceuticals.

Cooperation under this MoU may take different forms, including exchange of information and knowledge; exchange of experts; field trips; participation in conferences and other events; joint projects and training of staff.

The Participants remain open to collaborating with other partners and international organisations in their activities.

Section 3

Participation of Institutions

The Participants will encourage direct relations between healthcare providers, educational institutions and other related actors. Cooperation between them may be carried out in the following form:

1. Cooperation within the framework of medical partnerships - horizontal cooperation between healthcare institutions and medical facilities of the Czech Republic and Ukraine to improve the quality and accessibility of medical services,

promote the professional development of medical staff, exchange of experience and best practices in medical management;

2. Facilitating of the cooperation between actors in the healthcare sector, such as the private sector and non-governmental organisations of the Czech Republic and Ukraine, contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the aim of this MoU.

Section 4

Mechanisms for cooperation and implementation of the Memorandum

1. With a view to deepening cooperation under this MoU, regular meetings will be held to discuss in depth the various areas of activities and, if necessary, to develop proposals for joint projects.

2. The Participants recognise that cooperation is an important contribution to the development of positive relations between the two states.

Signed in Prague on « 16 » July 2024 in two copies in English.

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