## Heal Ukraine Group



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Please find updates of the Heal Ukraine Group programs and efforts below. The faces of Ukrainian patients and healthcare workers are blurred to protect their identities at this time of war.

Dr. Viktoriia C. -- OB/GYN coming to Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) for an observership through the HUG-Harvard SAR program in the winter of 2024 -- delivers baby of a military dad who guards her hospital in Odesa. This is the first for his spouse and him!

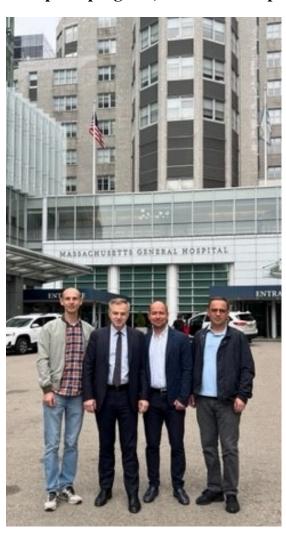


"These are Ukrainian soldiers who not only protect us, but are also present at the birth of their children."



"This was a military man [who] was wounded and his wife looked after him. They had a son. I communicate very closely with my patients and follow their lives. The war brought us very close and our life will not be the same."

The Lviv transplant team, Drs. Yuriy Y., Andriy H., Maksym O., and Roman D. (left to right in 2nd picture below), worked with Dr. Serguei Melnitchouk, staff cardiac surgeon and co-director of the heart valve program at MGH (second from the left in the 1st picture below), to further expand transplant care in Ukraine. While in Boston, the team observed and learned pre and post operative management of transplant patients, the key principles that underlie a successful transplant program, and how to improve recipient and donor selection processes.





"It is undeniable that we face significant obstacles to development and progress amidst this conflict, which significantly hampers our advancement. However, despite these difficulties, we remain determined to move forward and strive for the development of cardiothoracic surgery. We are not only committed to advancing the field, but also to providing high-quality medical care to Ukrainians, particularly in the context of the war." - Dr. Roman D.

Dr. Ali D., General Surgery Research Fellow, earns several awards for his seminal work under the guidance of Dr. Nelya Melnitchouk (pictured in the 1st photo to the right). Dr. Ali D. is pictured in the 2nd photo with his third award he has won since starting his research fellowship with Dr. Melnitchouk one year ago. This award is from the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

