Heal Ukraine Group



In Collaboration









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.





Pictured is Dr. Kateryna Potapova (left), with Dr. Natalia Rost (right), Stroke Division Chief, MGH and Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Kateryna Potapova, MD, MHA Neurologist and Assistant Professor

As a neurologist and teacher at one of the best medical schools in Ukraine, Dr. Potapova's primary goal is to acquire the necessary skills and practical knowledge to improve the quality of medical care despite the challenges of the war. Since the full scale invasion in 2022, Dr. Potapova has broadened her focus in neurology from specialized areas like neuroimmunology to more general neurology, including traumatic brain injury (TBI), post traumatic epilepsy, and peripheral neuropathy.

Dr. Potapova spent six weeks in Boston, rounding at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) with Dr. Maria Houtchens, observing the management and treatment of multiple sclerosis patients; at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Neuroradiology with Dr. Raj Gupta and in the Stroke division with Dr. Natalia Rost; and at Spaulding Rehabilitation Center, a national leader in TBI research and care.



One of the fellows is also a classically trained pianist and was invited by the Mayor of Boston, Michelle Wu, for an official visit to Boston City Hall and offered one of the fellows the opportunity to play on her piano, as the mayor shares the same passion and training.

Heal Ukraine Group supports Global Response Medicine by helping host a Ukrainian Delegation of Physicians from Kharkiv in Boston, MA.

In collaboration with the Heal Ukraine Group, Health Tech Without Borders, and the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Global Health, eight Ukrainian fellows spent two weeks in Boston observing at Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center in emergency medicine and the intensive care units (ICUs). While at the Boston-based institutions, the Ukrainian doctors observed and interfaced with U.S. physicians regarding principles of emergency and ICU medical care, including the standardized approaches to assess and treat life-threatening conditions. The objectives involved supporting comprehensive and efficacious urgent, intensive, and palliative care. These observerships culminated a 12-month fellowship in emergency medicine, trauma surgery, and burn care for Ukrainian physicians, sponsored and supported by Global Response Medicine (GRM) in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), in response to a request by the Ukrainian government.

This collaboration also involved the EU Foreign Policy Initiative and followed dozens of rotations by US clinicians into Ukraine to train at the bedside. Via GRM, Ukrainian fellows traveled for 2-week observerships at top hospitals in the US.