

**Press Release**

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and the World Forum for Hospital Sterile Supply.  
Institute of Surgery and Transplantation named after Shalimov.  
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International scientific workshop: PRACTICAL ASPECTS of infection control in central sterilization services department. Interpretation and discussion of the Ministry of Health Order from 11.08.2014 № 552: New public health standards and regulations "Disinfection, pre sterilization cleaning and sterilization of medical devices in health care."

November 28, 2014 at the National Institute of Surgery and Transplantation named after Shalimov. Geroyev Sevastopolya 30. Kiev, Ukraine

**The urgency of the subjects discussed was confirmed by a large number of visitors from different regions of Ukraine, including: Kyiv region, Transcarpathia, Lviv, Kherson, Chernihiv, Odessa, Nikolayev, Rivne, Zhytomyr, Dnepropetrovsk and Zaporozhye. Total number of registered participants exceeded 200.**



**The impact of infectious safety threats and control in health care facilities is much underestimated in Ukraine. For example in the US, mortality from nosocomial infection takes 6th place second to cardiovascular disease, cancer, stroke, chronic respiratory disease with approximately 100 000 deaths per year. Mortality associated with the nosocomial infections in the United States exceeds death rates from breast cancer and HIV combined.**

**Topics covered at the workshop:**

- «Disinfection of endoscopes in Ukraine", a professional point of view offered by the President of the Association endoscopists of Ukraine. Dr. Nikishayevym V. (Kiev)
- «Sterilization of reusable medical devices in healthcare facilities. Classification of medical devices, the choice of method and mode of sterilization". View of WFHSS. Reported by Chairman of Ukrainian Association of Sterilization and Disinfection. Sergeyev G. (Kiev)
- Incentive system to ensure the safety and infection control in health facilities. President of the Patient's rights protection and safety association. Serduk V. (Kiev)
- "English experience – medical device centralized processing and flexible endoscopes reprocessing. Compliance, implementation of quality systems." Head of Decontamination Services, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, Dr. Olga Sleigh (London, UK)

- The requirements regarding the availability of quality management system ISO 9001 is hospital for highest level of accreditation. Director of the International School of Technical Legislation and Quality Management. Ramazanova-Stiopkina O. (Kiev)
- «Hospital of the Future - Concept of the totally disinfected hospital." Step forward strategy suggested by PhD, Bilko D. National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy "Ukrainian Association of sterilization and disinfection". (Kiev)
- «Settings sterilization process controls and quality of pre sterilization cleaning of medical devices" reported Gareev O. (Odessa)
- «The means for cleaning and disinfection for automated and manual wash cycles for flexible endoscopes." The view of one of the world leaders in the field (Dr. Weigert, Germany) were invited speaker Prus. S. (Kiev)
- «Modern packaging materials and packaging products for sterilization of medical devices." Reported Jyri Mäkinen, (Wipak, Finland)

During the workshop, participants had an opportunity to visit a modern central sterilization services department of the National Institute of Surgery and Transplantation named after Shalimov and familiarize with operations, equipment and discuss professional issues.

Participants and representatives of the NGO's reviewed the emergence of new sanitary rules and regulations concerning sterilization and disinfection as a necessary, timely and important document for the current level of infection patient safety and support this document. As a result of the workshop and declared Ukraine's path towards EU membership, there are many issues that are not fully covered in the suggested document that need to be included and amended. In addition there are inaccuracies in the document and its annexes, especially in links, rendering the document impossible to follow. Therefore, participants supported the view that suggested document must be amended and clarified with harmonization to modern European standards requirements with considerations of the present state of development of science, technology and civil society.

Sincerely,

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