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Mykola Oleksiyovych Korzh



On 12 August 2022, employees of the State Establishment «Professor M. I. Sytenko Institute of Spine and Joint Pathology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine» congratulated their Head, Professor Mykola Oleksiyovych Korzh, on his 75th birthday.

We have an opportunity to say a few words about the honoree.

Professor Mykola Oleksiyovych Korzh is an outstanding orthopedic traumatologist, a talented scientist, surgeon, organizer of medical science and health care, his name is widely known in Ukraine and beyond. His life journey began on 12 August 1947 in the city of Kharkiv, in the family of a well-known orthopedist-traumatologist O. O. Korzh. In 1971 Mykola Oleksiyovych graduated from Kharkiv State Medical Institute, then worked at Kharkiv Institute for Physician Advancement, initially as a teaching physician (1973–1978), then Associate Professor (1978–1987), served as dean of the Faculty of Surgery (1987–1988), and from 1989 to 1995 as a vice-rector for scientific work. In 1996, our honoree was elected director of Professor M. I. Sytenko Institute.

The total scientific experience of this well-known person is almost 50 years. He is one of those scientists who have not deviated from the chosen path once and for all. Having already decided on his future specialization during his student years, Mykola Oleksiyovych

repeatedly highlighted the facets of medical talent, declaring himself as an extraordinary researcher, a thoughtful and attentive doctor, a highly qualified surgeon, and a responsible teacher. M. O. Korzh belongs to the cohort of scientists with a wide scientific range, who published the results of more than 700 studies, including 41 monographies, reference books and textbooks, 114 author's certificates and patents for inventions. An in-depth study of diseases of the human musculoskeletal system has always been a priority of his research.

It should be emphasized that the scientific interests of the Professor and his associates are focused on socially important, traditionally important areas of the Kharkiv school —musculoskeletal disorders in children, traumatology and spine diseases, orthopedic arthrology, orthopedic oncology and transplantsology, combat trauma. M. O. Korzh also focuses on such socially significant issues as injury, disability and temporary incapacity. The Ministry of Health of Ukraine fruitfully uses the suggestions he has developed on these issues.

Mykola Oleksiyovych's most important area of scientific activity is the study of the most acute problem of today — spine disorders. Kharkiv School of Vertebrologists is widely known in the world, which is a great merit of the Professor as one of its founders. On the basis of the author's theoretical studies within the framework of the comprehensive program «Development and implementation of the latest surgical technologies for diseases and injuries of the spine», the latest surgical treatment technologies, most of which have no analogues not only in Ukraine, but also internationally, have been scientifically substantiated, created, improved and implemented in the practice of health care institutions in Ukraine. These developments have received international recognition from many scientists, in particular from the USA and Europe. The created technologies make it possible to return patients to normal life in the shortest possible time, which has become an urgent necessity in wartime.

It is no exaggeration to say that orthopedics is not only a professional field, but also a hobby of Mykola

Oleksiyovych. He does not just deal with it, but actually lives with it. As a talented scientist, the professor strives to rebuild orthopedic science and transfer it from extensive descriptive to modern positions of intensive development.

Mykola Oleksiyovych always has new ideas, supports innovative projects and that is why he is surrounded by young followers, to whom he passes on the acquired knowledge and experience. Under his supervision, 16 doctoral theses and 29 candidate theses were completed. Not only his scientific activity is an example to follow, but also the courtesy and attention with which the honoree treats his students-interns, novice doctors, to which they respond with enthusiasm in science, tireless work, and unchanging kindness.

In scientific circles, his empirical prudence, ability to analyze, deep knowledge did not go unnoticed. For a long time, the professor headed the Ukrainian Association of Orthopedics and Traumatologists, which on his initiative joined the European Federation of Associations of Orthopedics and Traumatologists (EFORT). Mykola Oleksiyovych is one of the founders and vice-president of the Association of Citizens for Instrumental and Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (ISMIS), whose members include orthopedists and neurosurgeons not only from all regions of Ukraine, but also from many countries around the world. On the initiative of ISMIS and with the support of well-known international scientific societies, symposia on current issues of spine surgery were held in Kharkiv with the participation of outstanding specialists from Greece, China, Germany, the USA, Turkey, Ukraine, France, Switzerland, and Japan.

For his scientific achievements in the field of innovative scientific developments, Mykola Oleksiyovych has been repeatedly awarded with honors of various levels, including honorary degrees of the Verkhovna Rada, the National Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Kharkiv Regional State Administration, etc. His name is included in the list of the most outstanding scientists of Kharkiv and Ukraine. M. O. Korzh was awarded state awards — the 5th degree Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise, the 2nd degree Order of Prince Volodymyr.

Mykola Oleksiyovych celebrates his anniversary in a whirlpool of creative energy, a constant search for scientific truth. He is followed by his like-minded people, those who believe in such concepts as high professionalism, kindness, openness, and the desire to do something for those who need help. The research institute, headed by a professor, is a leading institution in the field of spine and joint pathology in Ukraine, and its team of highly qualified scientists, working according to modern technologies and world standards, is full of new interesting thoughts and creative searches.

We heartily congratulate you, Mykola Oleksiyovych, on your anniversary! All the years of leadership, you always defend the interests of the team and try to be at the forefront of medical science and practice. May the professional searches and author's inventions, dedication and enthusiasm continue to be the main thing in your activity! Thank you for your titanic hard work, dedication to medicine, good wise words. We wish you good health, long life, inexhaustible creative energy and success in the scientific field, motivation and optimism for the realization of all ideas and achievements and love from those around you.

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