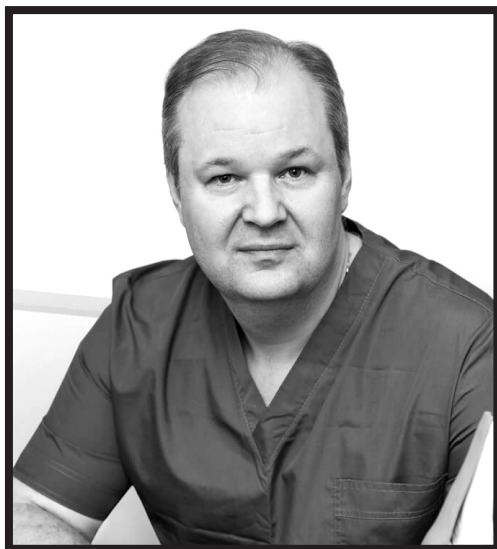


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DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15674/0030-598720221-2140>**Pavlo Vasylyovych Bolhovitin**

On 15 July 2022, the life of Pavel Vasyliovych Bolkhovitin, Candidate of Medical Sciences, one of the leading specialists in orthopedics and traumatology, tragically ended.

Pavlo Vasyliovych was born on 21 November 1970 in Sochi. After graduating from school in 1988, he entered Kharkiv Medical Institute. In August 1994 he received a position of an intern at Professor M. I. Sytenko Institute and connected his life with orthopedics and traumatology.

In July 1997 Bolkhovitin was transferred to the position of an orthopedic traumatologist at the department of emergency trauma care. He was interested in the problems of diagnosis and treatment of knee joint disorders. He worked actively and, based on the results of his research, in 2005 he defended his PhD thesis «Recovery of the cruciate ligaments in the system of surgical treatment of knee joint instability».

Pavlo Vasyliovych paid special attention to the introduction of the latest technologies into surgical practice for the treatment of musculoskeletal disorders. He was the first at the institute to master the method of diagnosis and treatment of injuries and diseases of the knee joint by the arthroscopy. Using this advanced technology, many operations have been performed and hundreds of patients are grateful to him for their restored health. A talented surgeon and scientist, P. V. Bolkhovitin became a recognized authority on issues of knee joint diseases.

In 2002 Pavlo Vasyliovych was elected the head of the trade union organization of the Institute, which he headed until recently. He was kind to the employees and always tried to help. In March 2007 he was awarded a Certificate of Honor by the Kharkiv Regional Organization of the Health Care Workers Trade Union for first place in the regional sectoral competition for the best collective agreement. For his active work and protection of workers' rights, he was repeatedly awarded certificates of honor from the Regional Committee of the Health Care Workers Trade Union and the Kyiv District Council.

In October 2012 P. V. Bolkhovitin was appointed head of the department of vertebratology. He faithfully performed his duties, successfully combining administrative work with medical and scientific work. In November 2019 he moved to the position of an orthopedic traumatologist, focusing on scientific and medical work.

Pavlo Vasyliovych made a significant contribution to the development of medical science and practical health care; he deservedly enjoyed the authority of his colleagues and the respect of patients.

The bright memory of Pavel Bolkhovitin will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

We express our sincere condolences to the family and loved ones for their great loss.

The staff of the SE «Professor M. I. Sytenko Institute of Spine and Joint Pathology of the NAMS of Ukraine»