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Olexii Kornilijovych Popsuishapka



On 2 June 2021, the well-known scientist in the field of orthopedics and traumatology, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor Oleksiy Kornilijovych Popsuyshapka celebrated his 70th birthday.

The life of the anniversary celebrant began on 2 June 1951 in Smila, Cherkasy region. His mother, Kateryna Tymofiivna, who recently turned 100, worked at the time as an endocrinologist, and her father was a railway engineer, and held the position of deputy chief technologist at the electro-mechanical plant. Having decided on his future profession, Oleksiy Kornilijovych entered the medical faculty of Kharkiv Medical Institute in 1968. During the years of study, he became interested in in-depth study of traumatology, additionally studied in the institute circle in this area, which became the basis for the then associate professor of traumatology, orthopedics and military surgery D.D. Bitchuk to recommend the young specialist to Kharkiv Professor M. I. Sytenko Research Institute of Prosthetics, Orthopedics and Traumatology. In 1974, he began his career as a junior researcher.

Work in the children's department of orthopedics and prosthetics gave an impetus to Alexei Kornilijovych for scientific and pedagogical direction in further activities. In 1978 he was elected associate professor of orthopedics and traumatology at Ukrai-

nian Institute for Advanced Training of Physicians (currently Kharkiv Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education). The results of scientific research on prosthetic children after amputations and reamputations of the lower extremities were reflected in the candidate's dissertation, which the young scientist defended in 1980. In the future, the main direction of his scientific and practical activities was the development and improvement of methods for the treatment of deformities of the extremities with the use of external fixation devices. He proposed original designs of rod devices and developed new techniques for lengthening and correcting the deformation of the limbs.

Continuing the scientific traditions of the luminaries of Kharkiv school of orthopedists-traumatologists K. F. Wegner, M. I. Sytenko, M. P. Novachenko, V. O. Marks, O. O. Korzh, the young scientist joined the scientific developments and practical mastery of functional methods in treatment of fractures at a new stage of development of traumatology, physiology and biomechanics. The result of these studies was the defense in 1991 of his doctoral dissertation «Functional treatment of diaphyseal fractures of the extremities (clinical and experimental substantiation)». In 1999 he was awarded the scientific title of professor.

All the professional life of Professor O. K. Popsuyshapka is connected with the Department of Traumatology and Orthopedics of Kharkiv Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education. It is here that the classical way of forming a scientist and teacher is passed: from assistant to professor, vice-rector for scientific work. Today, under his leadership, technologies of transosseous osteosynthesis by devices based on rods and methods of functional treatment of fractures of limb bones and their consequences are being improved. These developments are based on the results of experimental and clinical studies of the patterns of bone regeneration. Professor O. K. Popsuyshapka implements his own scientific and technical developments in the practice of traumatology and orthopedics, creating an enterprise for production of author's devices for treatment of fractures, their consequences and deformations.

Oleksiy Korniliyovych Popsuyshapka as a scientific advisor supervised 8 candidates and one doctor of medical sciences. He is an active participant in congresses of orthopedic traumatologists of Ukraine and international congresses.

A scientist with extensive experience, Oleksiy Korniliyovych Popsuyshapka has many scientific ideas, which he systematically covers in various scientific publications (in total, the scientist owns 181 publications). His students and followers work in Ukraine, widely using functional treatment with bandages and external fixation devices. Today, the professor performs a significant amount of work on the training of scientific, pedagogical and practical staff as a member of the Academic Council of KhMAPE and the specialized scientific council for the defense of dissertations at the State Institution «Professor M. I. Sytenko Institute of Abnormalities of the Spine and Joints of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine».

The total length of service of Oleksiy Korniliyovych is 46 years. He is one of those scientists-practitioners who do not deviate from the once and for all chosen path. Having joined him during his student years, Oleksiy Korniliyovych, one by one, highlights the facets of medical talent. O. K. Popsuyshapka is an experienced clinician, a skilled surgeon, who performed hundreds of complex operations and cured people behind him. It is no exaggeration to say that medicine is not only a professional field, but also a hobby of Oleksiy Korniliyovych. He does not just practice it, but really lives it.

O. K. Popsuyshapka is a caring husband, father and grandfather, a worthy successor of the medical dynasty, which together with children and students is devoted to the cause of restoring human health.

We sincerely congratulate Oleksiy Korniliyovych on his anniversary! Thank you for your titanic hard work, dedication to science, and a good word of wisdom. We wish him inspiration, new ideas and accomplishments, many happy, full of creativity years.

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