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DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15674/0030-598720252112-113>**Oleksandr Yevgeniyovych Loskutov**

26 May 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of his birth and 52 years of medical, scientific, pedagogical and public activity of the Head of the Department of Traumatology and Orthopedics of Dnipropetrovsk State Medical University, Academician of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor, Honored Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine, Laureate of the State Prize of Ukraine Oleksandr Yevheniyovych Loskutov.

O. E. Loskutov was born on 26 May 1950 in the city of Dnipropetrovsk. Following his graduation from Dnipropetrovsk Medical Institute (now Dnipropetrovsk State Medical University) in 1973, he began his career as a traumatologist. Since 1976, his subsequent scientific, pedagogical, clinical, and public service work has been affiliated with Dnipropetrovsk State Medical University, where he has served as a teacher, associate professor, professor, and, since 1991, as the head of the Department of Traumatology and Orthopedics.

The range of scientific and practical problems of Oleksandr Yevheniyovych was and remains very wide. His candidate's thesis (1982) addressed the subject of multiple fractures and dislocation fractures of foot bones. In his doctoral thesis (1991), he explored treatment approaches for complications and outcomes related to injuries of the supracalcaneal joint. He proposed various methods and technologies of reconstructive,

restorative and stabilizing operations of this localization. Truly pioneering is the clinical and biomechanical substantiation of the design of the supracalcaneal joint endoprosthesis that he conducted, which allowed for the first time in world practice to perform its successful cementless endoprosthesis. Addressing the challenges associated with endoprosthesis of this joint established the foundation for subsequent advancements in endoprosthesis for joints in other anatomical locations. On the initiative of Loskutov, based on I. I. Mechnikov Regional Clinical Hospital (Dnipro) in 1991, the first in Ukraine specialized endoprosthetic clinic was opened, and in 1996, a basic course was founded, which trained more than 350 orthopedists from different regions of Ukraine. Having enormous working capacity and a wide range of scientific interests and ideas, Oleksandr Yevheniyovych developed and proposed a series of devices for transosseous osteosynthesis in hand and foot disorders, improved and substantiated original reconstructive and restorative operations in musculoskeletal system defects.

For over four decades, the honouree has been dedicated to advancing the field of domestic endoprosthetics. He is the author of the national program of Ukraine for hip joint endoprosthetic repair, developed and implemented various designs of modular endoprosthetics of the hip, shoulder, elbow joints, hand and foot into industrial production and wide clinical practice. Thanks to these developments, Ukraine became the 8th country in the world to have mastered the production of its own endoprostheses. For his significant contribution to the development of the problem of endoprosthesis, Oleksandr Yevheniyovych was awarded the State Prize of Ukraine in 1996, and in 1998 the title of Honored Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine. For his significant contribution to the development of the integration of medicine and technical sciences, in 2009, O. Ye. Loskutov was elected Honorary Doctor of the Oles Honchar DNU, and in 2010 Deputy Chairman of the Council of the Dnieper Scientific Center of the NAS of Ukraine. In 2012, Oleksandr Yevheniyovych was a corresponding member, and in 2016 an academician of the NAMS of Ukraine. Oleksandr Yevheniyovych does a lot of public work as a member of the Presidium of the Association of Orthopedists and Traumatologists of Ukraine

and chairman of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Society of Orthopedists and Traumatologists.

O. Ye. Loskutov is a well-known scientist, a highly qualified orthopedic traumatologist, who possesses a wide arsenal of modern conservative and surgical methods of treating patients with diseases and injuries of the musculoskeletal system. He has personally performed over 15,000 operations of the greatest complexity. Professor O. Ye. Loskutov's international recognition includes his 2008 election as an honorary corresponding member of Germany's Society of Orthopedics and Orthopedic Surgery, as well as honorary professorships at several domestic and foreign universities.

Thanks to his international authority, in 2009 Ukraine was the first of the post-Soviet countries to be elected to the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopedics and Traumatology (EFORT), and O. Ye. Loskutov was elected as a National Delegate to this organization. O. Ye. Loskutov is a highly qualified teacher-educator of orthopedic and traumatology specialists, including those from different countries of the world (Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, India, Nigeria, Angola, Sudan, China).

The jubilant is the author of 646 scientific papers, 11 monographs and 39 patents for invention, 22 copyright certificates. Under his leadership, 3 doctoral and 22 candidate theses were completed.

The military operations in the east of our country became a huge tragedy and a serious test for all of Ukraine. The staff of the Department and Clinic of Orthopedics and Traumatology of I. I. Mechnikov Regional Hospital, headed by Academician O. Ye. Loskutov, was involved in providing assistance to patients from the combat zone. The department staff, doctors of the clinic, interns, clinical residents formed 11 mobile traumatology teams to provide assistance to the wounded, centers were formed in Kyiv, Pavlograd, Dnipro, Novomoskovsk. Over the years, the hospital has provided assistance to more than 3,000 wounded, and the orthopedics clinic has operated on more than 700 patients. Starting from May 2014, on the initiative of the academician, together with related and military specialists, numerous scientific and practical conferences on the organization of assistance in the event of combat injuries have been organized and held. Also, Loskutov and the department staff developed standards for material support of assistance in the event of gunshot fractures and other combat injuries of the limbs, introduced tactics of VAC-therapy, organ-preserving and reconstructive-restorative operations.

On his initiative in May 2014 the teaching of military field surgery was resumed at the department for 5th-year students and a series of lectures was given for practicing physicians and interns on the topic of combat and mine-explosive trauma.

The beginning of full-scale aggression in February 2022 was a turning point in the daily work of Oleksandr Yevheniyovych. Since then, all his professional and public activities have been aimed at finding ways to provide and improve assistance to affected citizens and soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. In the period 2022–2023, he personally participated in the organization and escort of humanitarian convoys from Germany, Austria, and Poland. Previously, the academician carried out active work to involve public organizations of partner countries with the participation of our orthopedic colleagues.

In mid-2023, despite the difficult logistical conditions, Academician O. Ye. Loskutov organized a complete change in the location of the main base of the Department of Traumatology and Orthopedics. In a short time, it received a new face on the basis of the University Hospital of the DSMU. A new infrastructure of the department was built, the logistical base was updated, and educational facilities were renovated.

Without slowing down, at the same time Loskutov continues his active practical activities. He performs surgical interventions, consults military and civilian citizens, establishes and maintains contacts with foreign colleagues. One of the areas of this work was implemented in the organization of technical and methodological support of the prosthetic plant in Dnipropetrovsk region. In close cooperation with the employees of this enterprise, the stages of production of modern limb prostheses were established.

By the example of his daily work, his experience, Oleksandr Yevheniyovych inspires the young generation of interns, future orthopedic traumatologists of Ukraine.

The Department of Traumatology and Orthopedics, the staff of the university hospital, colleagues and students are proud to have worked side by side with Oleksandr Yevheniyovych Loskutov for many years, a scientist whose scientific ideas are continued in the research of his students and followers. We sincerely congratulate the jubilant, wishing him good health, creative inspiration, and inexhaustible energy for new scientific research and victories for the benefit of our flourishing Ukraine!

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