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## **Lev Mykolajovych Ankin**



With deep sadness, we announce that Professor, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Military Doctor, and outstanding Ukrainian orthopedist-traumatologist Lev Mykolajovych Ankin passed away on 23.01.2026.

Lev Mykolajovych Ankin was born on 12 January 1936, and graduated from Kazan Medical Institute in 1959. He joined the Armed Forces, where he progressed from a military epidemiologist in a regiment to the Chief Traumatologist of the Kyiv Military District, achieving the rank of Colonel. After moving to Kyiv, Lev Mykolajovych became the Head of the Traumatology Department at the Military Hospital (1978). Over 30 innovative proposals were made by L. M. Ankin while working as the Chief Traumatologist of the Kyiv Military District, and he devoted significant time and attention to staff training, scientific conferences, and consultations.

In 1986, Lev Mykolajovych transitioned to civilian healthcare and successfully worked as the Head of the Traumatology Clinic at Kyiv Scientific Research Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics, the Director of the Traumatology Clinic at the Scientific Production Union of Emergency and Disas-

ter Medicine, the Chief Traumatologist of Kyiv, and a Professor at the Department of Military Surgery at the Ukrainian Military Medical Academy. He achieved significant success in scientific research, particularly in the development of a method for treating fractures.

In 1993, L. M. Ankin suggested reorganizing the city's traumatology service by establishing four 24-hour trauma centers. He promoted the implementation of methods of minimally invasive (biological) osteosynthesis, pelvic and hip surgery, and improvements in the medical care of patients with polytrauma in Ukrainian traumatology. His books, such as "Osteosynthesis with Metal Plates", "Principles of Stable-Functional Osteosynthesis", "Practice of Osteosynthesis and Endoprosthetics", "Polytrauma", "Traumatology — European Standards", and "Injuries of the Pelvis and Fractures of the Hip Joint", are still of interest to specialists worldwide. Lev Mykolajovych was the first to introduce emergency hip fracture prosthetic procedures for elderly patients in Kyiv. Professor Ankin introduced minimally invasive biological osteosynthesis into practice, developed plates for performing the procedure with minimal (partial) contact, and launched their production. These innovations reduced complications and shortened fracture healing times. For many years, L. M. Ankin shared his knowledge with students at the Ukrainian Military Medical Academy, serving as the scientific supervisor for three doctoral dissertations and many master's theses.

Professor Lev Mykolajovych Ankin was a distinguished scholar, doctor, and educator, a person of high professional and personal qualities, and a mentor to several generations of doctors. His name will forever remain in the history of the department and Ukrainian medicine.

The life path of Lev Mykolajovych is an example of human dignity, integrity, and the ability to work with people. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, loved ones, students, and colleagues.

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