Everyone who is concerned by the health of future Ukrainian citizens understands the need to cope with increasingly complex tasks, protect not only the right to life, but also ensure the most complete quality of life. This requires qualitative training of medical, pedagogical and social professionals, continuous healthcare staff upgrading, development of scientific potential and introduction of modern innovative technologies.

Development of palliative care for children is a priority in many countries around the world. Joint efforts of communities, researchers, doctors, psychologists, social workers, and clergy in this regard are one of the key steps taken to enhance the proficiency of Ukrainian specialists by studying international experience and disseminating Ukrainian one.

Close attention to palliative care for children, the need to introduce national and regional programs on this issue are conditioned not only by the necessity to improve the social status of the child population, but also moral and ethical issues.

Implementing the medical reform, we understand that it is necessary to raise the standards of care for children, including palliative care. The mission of academics and researchers is to become the standard of introduction of scientific achievements and best practices of the leading countries in order to take the next level in health care and improve the quality of life of our young patients.

I wish you success in achieving this ambitious goal!

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