



# CANADIAN MEDICAL PROJECT OSVITA

**OSVITA** (the Ukrainian word for "enlightenment"), which was formerly Chernobyl's Children Project, delivers a variety of programs to improve health care of mothers and children in Ukraine:

- **Canadian Physician Consulting Program**

Canadian physicians volunteer to work in Kyiv, teaching and consulting with their Ukrainian colleagues. 120 Canadian physicians from a variety of pediatric, obstetric and neonatal specialties will participate in coordinating lectures, seminars and offering hands-on instruction in newly established teaching units.

- **Ukrainian Physician Post-Graduate Medical Training Program**

Selected Ukrainian pediatric, maternal and neonatal specialists participate in intensive four-month post-graduate medical training in Canadian medical institutions. Under the supervision of Canadian preceptors, the Ukrainian physicians will study Western medical techniques and procedures, have access to a variety of Canadian medical resources and facilities and be taught various aspects of our medical system.

- **Laboratory Quality Control Program**

Canadian laboratory technologists are working in Kyiv, teaching Ukrainian technologists to use contemporary laboratory equipment and techniques. The laboratory also functions as a quality control centre for a number of medical laboratories in Kyiv and other medical centres. This laboratory facility ensures that accurate results are given to physicians, bringing about improved diagnosis and treatment of patients. The purchase of laboratory supplies and chemical reagents is entirely supported by individual donations to the Project.

- **National Medical Educational Library Support Initiative**

This Medical Library is being developed as a resource centre, accessible to para-medical personnel, medical students and physicians. The Library is supplied with Western medical texts and periodicals and is equipped with a computer link to North American medical libraries. Publishers and other donors supply funds with which subscriptions and texts are purchased, ensuring availability of a wide variety of educational resource material.

These varied programs supported OSVITA's mission, are complemented by other OSVITA ventures. For example, English language seminars are set up in Kyiv to prepare potential candidates for

the Medical Training program, and to enable personnel to better use Western literature available in the Library. These seminars have developed into a full-time program.

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