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Interviewee	Mr. Svitlana Sinelnyk Head of Health Maintenance Department during EURO 2012 of Ministry of Health of Ukraine
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Eunite Ukraine (EU): How will doctors work during EURO 2012?

Ms. Svitlana Sinelnyk (SS): The concept of medical service in Ukraine during the EURO 2012 is developed – this is the tentative work plan during championship period, which meets international experience in the organization of such types of events.

One of the main aspects is the availability of medical service. It should be always and everywhere available for guests of the championship. We will organize medical aid centers at the stadiums, airports, stations, on the border, highways and on all other EURO 2012 facilities. Besides, we train additional teams of doctors and mobile hospitals for emergency response.

It is also important to inform guests. The Ministry of Health of Ukraine is preparing the information guide, which contains the list of addresses and phone numbers, which will work in host cities, route sketching to them, phone numbers of medical call-centers and emergency services.

Guests, in case of necessity, should quickly orientate themselves, where to get help, we will unify the order of health care delivery in host countries. In Ukraine and Poland lists of equipment of medical centers and working hours during the EURO 2012 will be organized by the same scheme.

Besides, we will work on infection diseases prevention. For that reason the sanitary and epidemiological inspectorate will be amplified, the water quality control as well as base hospitals, health units in the hotels, fan-zones, and stadiums will be carried out.

The work of the catering facilities will be strictly controlled before and during the EURO 2012 and in case of any violations, the sanctions will be immediately applied.

EU: What was the process of selection of hospitals for the EURO 2012?

SS: 21 hospitals, which were selected on the principle of 10-minute approachability to EURO 2012 objects, are being prepared in host cities.



These hospitals will be responsible for certain objects and guests during the EURO 2012, twenty-four-hour emergency medical care. We also defined the health care establishments, which in case of necessity will render special care.

We plan to do major repair of the hospitals and to purchase modern medical equipment as well as more than 300 reanimobiles. As part of purpose-oriented program it is planned to unveil 600 million UAH from the budget. Significant attention will be devoted to the organization of mobile medical units in the places of guests stay and movement – costs for it will amount to 200 million UAH. The total costs for medical preparation to EURO 2012 are estimated in 1.3 billion UAH.

EU: Are there differences between preparations of the EURO 2012 medical treatment in different host cities?

SS: Each host city developed its own detailed work plan for the EURO 2012. The main difference is about the quantity of matches and quests, which each city expects. In their plans cities have already determined the hospitals, the quantity of medical doctors, health care units and ambulance crews, and their location on the stadiums, in the hotels, in fan-zones as well as routes to the hospitals. All these data will be presented on the maps and schemes, which will be presented to dispatch offices and working group directors for dynamic response.

EU: In which way will the medical workers act on the EURO 2012 objects?

SS: The work will be organized in such a way, that we can obtain operation information and can quickly react on it. On the stadium we will work according to the following scheme: medical patrol – first-aid post – emergency ambulance vehicle – mobile hospital (if necessary).

Let's say, on Donbass Arena the medical patrol consisting of nurse and assistance will observe the situation on the whole perimeter of the stadium, will interact with stewards, can render the first aid or send fans to the health care unit.

The group of 3-5 specialists will work in them – doctor, nurse, aid man or assistants. In case of necessity the injured person will be within 10 minutes delivered to the hospital by ambulance crew. On Donbass Arena at least 8 ambulance crews will be on call – calculated on the basis of 1 medical vehicle for 10 000 guests (5 medical vehicles for 50 000 fans which will be in the bowl of the stadium) and 1 vehicle for each team and for VIP-guests. In case of emergencies, mass injuring of fans medical workers will be ready to set up a mobile hospital.

EU: In case of emergencies, large amount of injured persons, how will doctors act?

SS: If it is necessary, less than within an hour the mobile hospital will be set up as close to the place of the event as possible. But, of course, the doctors will start immediately. To the effect next to stadium the booth for triage will be prepared. This is a new experience of work for us, but is typical in the international practice during mass injury and is foreseen in the concept of preparation for the EURO 2012.



By triage the injured persons are divided into 4 groups: according to the severity of injury. Each doctor within a minute defines the severity of injury of a person. Color bracelet is put on the hand of each injured person: red – under the threat of death, yellow and green – respectively heavily or lightly injured or ill and black – have no chances for life. After division into the groups, doctors start working with injured persons, at the same time the mobile hospital is being setting up.

So, the doctors can quickly and adequately render first aid to all injured persons at once and deliver to the medical establishments on an operational basis.

EU: In which way trainings for the EURO 2012 personnel will be carried out? Will the doctors be able to communicate with foreigners?

SS: In total around 4,000 medical doctors and 1,000 doctor's assistance will work during the EURO 2012. They will be ready to provide all kinds of medical treatment – from emergency help on the place of the event to highly specialized in the hospital.

2 years already the training of the EURO 2012 staff has been carried out in all host cities. In 2011 the trainings became of more practical character. Together with other emergency services and structures at least twice a year the emergency situations are simulated in host cities – on the stadiums, fan-zones, on high ways. During training we test the concept as well as improve the medical plans of host cities.

Regarding the language training, it is not planned to provide the special training for medical workers. We will involve the doctors that already know foreign languages, senior students and alumni of medical educational establishments, which will be assistance-translators, during the EURO 2012. Consequently, there will not be any language barrier between doctors and patients.