

UMANA at Soyuzivka's Ukraine Fest, July 2026



The Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA), participated in the July Ukraine Fest in Kerhonkson, New York on a beautiful but hot summer weekend. UMANA volunteers, **Drs. Theresa Kuritza, Ivan Wolansky** and **Leo Wolansky**, manned the booth all day on Saturday, July 15th. They greeted several potential new members along with visitors explaining UMANA's history, mission and educational opportunities. Artists Tatiana Kusanovska and Alexey Maklinko created informational postcards and UMANA T-shirts with proceeds from sales of \$1,200 benefiting UMANA Foundation. Special thanks to Julianna Hanas for her graphic design help on posters and pamphlets.

Chapters: Let's hear from you if you participate in any festivals this summer.



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CENTRAL NEW YORK/SYRACUSE BRANCH recently held a welcoming Zoom meeting for new residents in the Syracuse area. They discussed plans for upcoming meetings, community activities, and financial strategies, with an informational meeting slated for September. During the Syracuse Ukrainian Festival, their UMANA table successfully collected donations to purchase an oxygen concentrator. Additionally, they are proud to partner with the American Coalition for Ukraine, RocMaidan (Rochester), and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America to advocate for humanitarian aid and government support for Ukraine in its fight against Russian aggression. Several members of the chapter also participated and sponsored a hole at a golf tournament benefiting the Ukrainian National Home in Syracuse.

MICHIGAN BRANCH held a fundraiser for antibiotic resistance test kits. They were able to purchase enough kits to potentially impact over 1000 patients. The kits were successfully delivered to St. Panteleimon hospital in Lviv by courier in July.



The chapter also hosted a community-wide film screening event of the award winning short documentary film entitled "She", which highlights the work of female medics on Ukraine's front lines.



UMANA News

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L-R: Olga Rudyk (ACU), Dr. Borys Buniak (UMANA), Yuliia Nevmerzhytska (ACU), Lida Buniak (UCCA)

OHIO BRANCH has continued its humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Their efforts this Summer included purchasing an ultrasound machine for the Lviv Children's Hospital, as well as donating frontline drag litters (packable evacuation gurneys), antibiotics, IT clamps, tourniquets, chest seals, hemostatic bandages, and a wide range of essential wound care supplies.

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OBITUARIES



DACZKEWYCZ MD, Roman, age 84, *Universitat de Barcelona 1973*, member of Illinois Branch, died May 23, 2026.



LYCHYK MD, Neonila, age 101, *Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München 1951*, member of Illinois Branch, died July 24, 2026.



TYMKIW MD, Stephan, age 101, *Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München 1951*, member of Maryland/DC Metro Branch, died July 5, 2026.

President's Message



Dear UMANA Members,

I hope you and your families are enjoying the Summer.

As your President, I would like to sincerely thank each of you for your continued dedication to UMANA. Our organization is built on the commitment of volunteers who generously give their time and compassion to advance our shared mission. Because of you, UMANA continues to make a meaningful impact through humanitarian service, medical education, professional collaboration, and support for Ukraine.

I am excited to see several important initiatives moving forward. One of them is our Physician Observership Program, which provides medical students and young physicians with the opportunity to observe clinical practice. I would like to thank the physicians who have already volunteered to open their practices and participate in this program. If you are interested in hosting a participant for an observership, we would be grateful to welcome you as a volunteer. Even a short observership can provide invaluable experience and help shape the future of our profession.

Another successful initiative was UMANA's participation at the Soyuzivka Ukrainian Heritage Festival. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, our informational booth gave us the opportunity to introduce UMANA to the community, share our mission, highlight our humanitarian and educational work, and connect with physicians, students, and families. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and the festival was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen UMANA's presence and expand our outreach.

Thank you for your continued support, your volunteer spirit, and your belief in UMANA's mission. Together, we are making a difference—not only for today, but for future generations.

With gratitude,

Olena Gordon, MD
President, UMANA

100 and still going...

*We would like to extend our best wishes and good health
to our two new UMANA centenarians in 2026:*

Nadia Terebus-Kmeta, MD
(NYMetro Branch)

Wira Slobodaniuk-Trigos, MD
(Pennsylvania Branch)



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ILLINOIS BRANCH members held their annual Summer Picnic at a new location. Over 50 UMANA members and guests gathered on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at the Half Day Forest Preserve in Vernon Hills, for a catered delicious lunch, drinks, including tasty desserts. Many new members attended, with everyone having a nice afternoon getting to know one another. A good time was had by all on a beautiful sunny Summer day.



Illinois Branch members and guests at their picnic

UMANA MEMBER NEWS

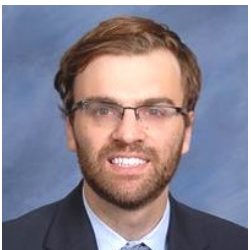


Oleksandr ADZHYMURATOV, MD (Florida Branch), originally from Kherson, Ukraine, and a graduate of medical school in Dnipro, successfully completed USMLE exams and has begun his residency in Internal Medicine at AdventHealth Tampa.



Roman KOZYCKYJ, MD (Illinois Branch), retired from private practice in May 2025 after 36 years. He started palliative care team at Advocate Christ Hospital 26 years ago. The successful model has now been copied and implemented throughout the Advocate system of hospitals. He is looking forward to traveling, time with family, hobbies and language classes.

Andrew DROZD, MD (Ohio Branch), current Ohio Branch President, completed his Urologic Surgery Residency at Case Western Reserve University. He will be joining OhioHealth Physicians Group in Columbus, OH.



Stephen DZUL, MD, PhD (Michigan Branch), is beginning his fourth year as a radiation oncologist at Corewell Dearborn Hospital in Dearborn, specializing in treating head and neck cancer, and genito-urinary cancer.

Valeriia SKURTOL, MD (Illinois Branch), graduated from the Family Medicine Residency Program at St. Mary of Nazareth in Chicago in June 2026. During her residency, her continuity clinic was based at PrimeCare Health, in Chicago's Ukrainian Village, where she served many Ukrainian-speaking patients. Dr. Skurtol is a Family Medicine physician and will be starting her new attending position at Convenient Care Plus at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL, where she will be joining a fellow Ukrainian physician, Oleksii Seniutkin, MD, as part of the healthcare team.



Jaroslaw Hanitkevych MD (1929-2026) died June 7, 2026. He was a graduate of Lviv Medical School in 1951. In addition to his career in medicine, Jaroslaw was interested in preserving the culture and history of medicine. He authored over 530 publications: 27 books, over 200 joint publications about history of medicine and over 300 individual articles. Jaroslaw was the Editor in Chief of the *Ukrainian Physicians* series Vol 1-3. Volume 2, *Physicians in the Diaspora*, featured biographical data of physicians and many UMANA members compiled by Dr. Pavlo Pundy. In 1997, UMANA awarded Jaroslaw with a Certificate of Merit for his work Volume 2. Jaroslaw was a member of the Shevchenko Scientific Society, and an honorary member of the Ukrainian Medical Association in Lviv.

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