



The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program Donor Information



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OUR MISSION is to provide comprehensive surgical assistance to Ukraine's victims of war.

The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program (CUSAP) takes on the most complicated patient cases from the Russian invasion. Our patients sustain injuries that are so complex that they would not be able to receive full treatment in Ukraine at this time. All patients treated on our missions are civilian and military victims of war, who have suffered ballistic trauma from firearms or munitions.

HISTORY OF CUSAP

CUSAP was established by the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre to help Ukrainians who were severely injured during the Revolution of Dignity in 2013 and the subsequent war in Eastern Ukraine in 2014.

Since then, Canadian plastic surgeons have operated on 286 patients - civilians and soldiers. The surgeries significantly improve the quality of life of Ukrainians who undergo the operations.

From 2014 to 2019, the Canadian Mission of Plastic Surgeons was based at the Kyiv Military Hospital, and Canadian doctors also performed surgeries in Lviv and Odesa. During the mission's work in Ukraine, the Canada-Ukraine Foundation donated C\$1.5 million to the Kyiv Military Hospital to help equip their operating rooms. All the funding came from the Canada-Ukraine Foundation.

The Canada-Ukraine Foundation has funded eleven surgical missions since 2014, including four in Poland since the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion.





THE CANADA-UKRAINE FOUNDATION (CUF)

The four latest missions were funded by donor support raised by the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

The Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (UHA) was launched in 2022 as a joint initiative of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF) to quickly and effectively coordinate humanitarian assistance to civilians affected by Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, including assistance to displaced persons in Europe and Canada. To date, \$47 million has been delivered in medical supplies, food, temporary shelter, surgical care, veterans' needs, psychological support, winterization, demining and ambulances in Ukraine.

Click [here](#) to learn more about and support the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

The Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF) was established in 1995 to coordinate, develop, organize and implement Canadian-designed aid projects aimed at Ukrainian society. More details about the history of CUF can be found on [Wikipedia](#).



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OUR GOALS

A close-up, side-profile photograph of a surgeon in a sterile operating room. The surgeon is wearing a light blue surgical cap, a white face mask, and black-rimmed glasses. They are dressed in blue scrubs. The background is slightly blurred, showing white medical equipment and another person in blue scrubs. The overall atmosphere is professional and focused.

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Provide comprehensive state-of-the-art multidisciplinary trauma care and post-trauma reconstruction to both civilian and military casualties of the war in Ukraine

OUR GOALS



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Provide support to Ukrainian health care professionals through education in trauma reconstruction

OUR IMPACT



95

patients treated

110

operations

331

procedures

THE MISSION MODEL



The surgery mission model is based on the organization and mobilization of a self-sufficient multidisciplinary surgical team comprising surgical hardware, supplies and all requisite staff.



Patients are triaged remotely in Ukraine and then transferred by ambulance to our host hospital in Czeladź, Poland. Postoperatively, patients are repatriated to Ukraine when stable.

3 OPERATING ROOMS

50 WARD BEDS

60 VOLUNTEER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS



The surgical missions are designed to address trauma and post-trauma reconstruction, including:

- ▶ Craniofacial trauma
- ▶ Soft tissue trauma
- ▶ Upper and lower extremity reconstruction
- ▶ Burn reconstruction

THE HOST HOSPITAL

The host hospital for our missions is Powiatowy Zespół Zakładów Opieki Zdrowotnej, in Czeladz, Poland. The hospital is a modern facility and provides access to 3 ORs, a PACU, a CrCU and 50 bed ward.

OUR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATORS

The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program is endorsed by:

1. Ministry of Health, Ukraine
2. Ministry of Defense, Ukraine
3. Ministry of Health, Poland



OUR TEAM

Dr. Oleh Antonyshyn, a plastic surgeon from Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, specializing in craniomaxillofacial surgery, founded CUSAP in 2014. He has led a group of world renowned trauma and reconstructive surgeons and volunteer medical professionals on eleven surgical missions in Ukraine and Poland.

CUSAP draws on the support of over 250 volunteers across Canada and the United States. Our latest mission included 11 surgeons, 4 anesthesiologists, 5 internists, 14 OR nurses, 15 ward nurses, and 12 support staff.



“Several years ago, most of our patients were veterans; now, the increasing number of patients are civilians. The types of wounds we are seeing reflect the scale of war and are much more severe.”

– Dr. Oleh Antonyshyn



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INVESTING IN UKRAINE'S FUTURE

The **Sunnybrook Health Science Centre** is heavily involved in making our missions successful. In partnership with CUF, the **Sunnybrook Ukraine Surgical Educational Initiative (SUSEI)** aims to provide an educational program in addition to hands-on care.

We welcome **15-20 Ukrainian physicians** each mission. The Ukrainian surgeons partake in surgeries and an innovative educational workshop in craniofacial surgery. The goal is to foster a learning environment on our missions, where shared knowledge can be used to improve patient outcomes in Ukraine. The surgical initiative is an important educational opportunity and an occasion for Canadians to build professional relationships with individuals from the Ukrainian medical community.

CUSAP is eager to continue strengthening its cross-border collaboration with professionals from Poland and Ukraine while helping those most impacted by the war.



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OLEKSANDR'S STORY

On September 22, 2022, Oleksandr suffered a blast injury from a tank shelling incident while he was serving near Izyum in the Kharkiv Oblast. He had traumatic loss of his mandible and the entire third of his lower face. After receiving surgical care in Kharkiv, he was referred to CUSAP, where he underwent four surgeries across three missions, including a jaw reconstruction and a forearm free flap procedure.

For nine months, Oleksandr couldn't eat solid food or fully open his mouth. He also refused to see his daughter without covering his injuries, fearing he might scare her.

With Oleksandr's perseverance and the skillful work of our volunteer surgeons, he was able to regain the ability to eat and finally show his daughter his face.

"You gave me another chance at life. Thank you to CUSAP and the angel team."



OLENA'S STORY

Olena's life drastically changed on August 14, 2022, when a Russian missile struck her house in Donbas while she was inside watching TV. Olena's legs were crushed in the attack, and she sustained further injuries to her arm and eye. While being treated in Ukraine, Olena was told that her leg injuries would require double amputation.

Olena has attended three CUSAP missions, where Canadian orthopedic surgeons replaced the external fixators around her legs with internal fixation and performed a bone graft. Since being treated by our volunteers, Olena has made significant progress toward recovery and can now stand on her own.





News Stories



GLOBALNEWS.CA
Canadian surgical team travels to Poland to help wounded soldiers and civilians from Ukraine war | Globalnews.ca



ТСN.UA
Складають скалічене тіло, як пазли: дивовижно складно для українців від хірургів з Канади



Team of Canadian surgeons helps Poland, which Ukraine's overstressed medical system can't handle



WSJ.COM
Doctors Reconstruct Faces of Wounded Ukrainian Soldiers
A Canadian team operating in Poland is performing complex facial reconstruction



CBC.CA
Toronto doctor leads team to help wounded Ukrainian soldiers



CBC.CA
His jaw was blown off. Canadian surgeons helped reconstruct his face
Canadian doctors have been travelling to Poland to treat the wounded



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