



The future of the Ukrainian nation is under threat!

Appeal of Ukrainian neonatologists
to the European medical community

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Dear colleagues, dear friends!

On behalf of the Association of Neonatologists of Ukraine, I sincerely welcome all participants of this prestigious international conference.

It is a great honor for me to address you, united by a common goal—improving the health and lives of our youngest patients.

Unfortunately, I am unable to be with you in person today. The war in Ukraine, which has been going on for more than three and a half years, presents us with new challenges every day — both as citizens and as doctors.

In the face of military aggression, we continue to fight not only for our country's independence, but also for the lives of Ukrainian babies, for the preservation of the healthcare system, and for every child's right to a healthy future! It is not easy. However, our strength lies in unity.

And I am deeply grateful to the European medical community for its continued support, cooperation, and solidarity! You inspire us; you are part of our struggle!

May this conference become a platform for sharing experiences, new ideas, and scientific achievements. I wish you fruitful work, inspiration, and deep professional satisfaction from what we do together!

With faith in victory, respect, and gratitude!

Full-scale WAR since February 2022

1319 days or **3 years, 7 months, 9 days, 10 hours, 20 minutes** since the beginning of russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine

Systematic attacks on the energy system, residential buildings, public infrastructure, civilian medical facilities, including maternity hospitals and children's hospitals



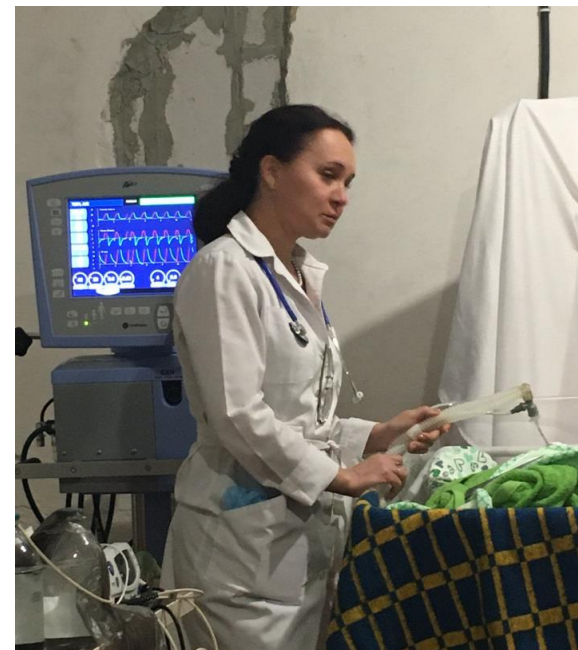
Ukrainian neonatologists are doctors who save the lives of Ukraine's youngest citizens every day.

- We work in the extraordinary conditions of war.
- Today, we speak not only as doctors, but as witnesses to the destruction of the nation's future.



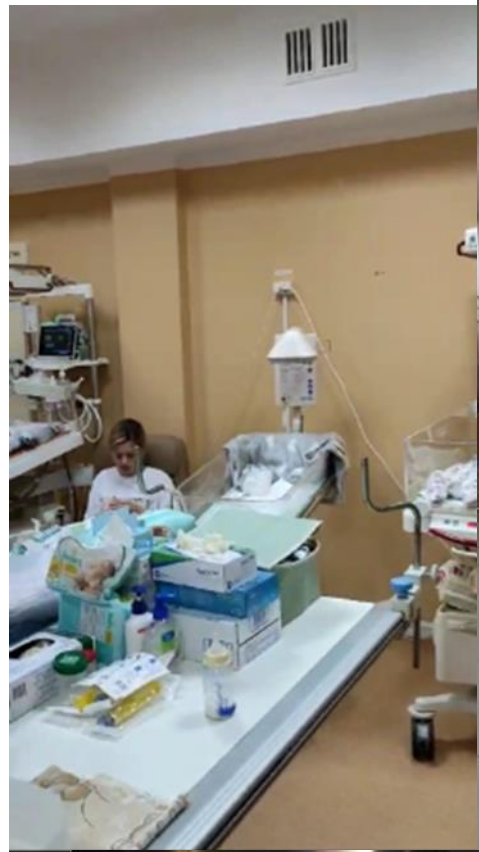


The work of neonatal units since the beginning of the war





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Ukrainian children are being targeted!

- More than 500 attacks on medical facilities since the start of the war (according to WHO data)
- Loss of access to assistance
- Intimidation and psychological trauma of mothers
- 659 children killed
- 19,546 children deported or forcibly displaced





10+ neonatal centers/units destroyed or damaged (Mariupol, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kramatorsk, etc.)

City Perinatal Center / Kharkiv



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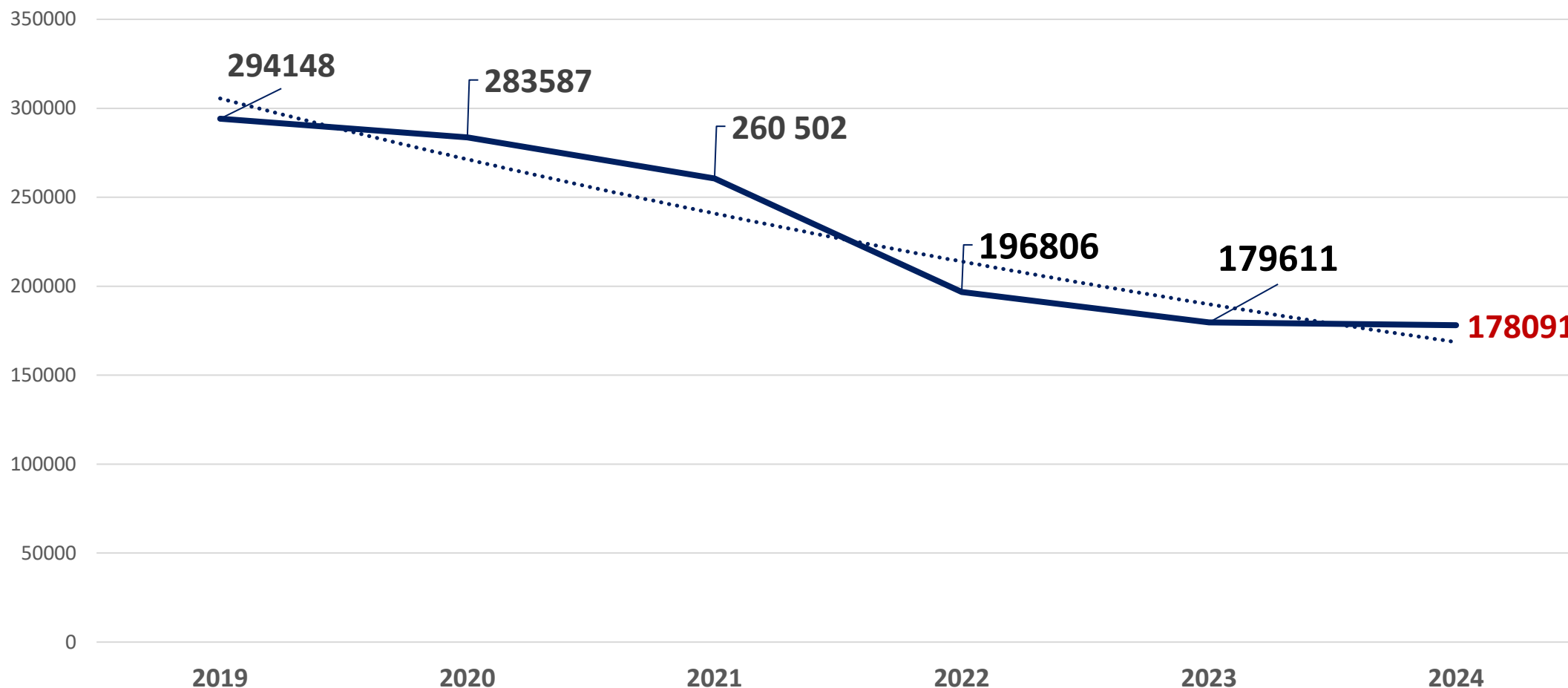


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Birth rate dynamics in Ukraine



Since 2021, the birth rate in Ukraine has **decreased by 32%.**

Almost **every 4th child** has **health problems after birth!**

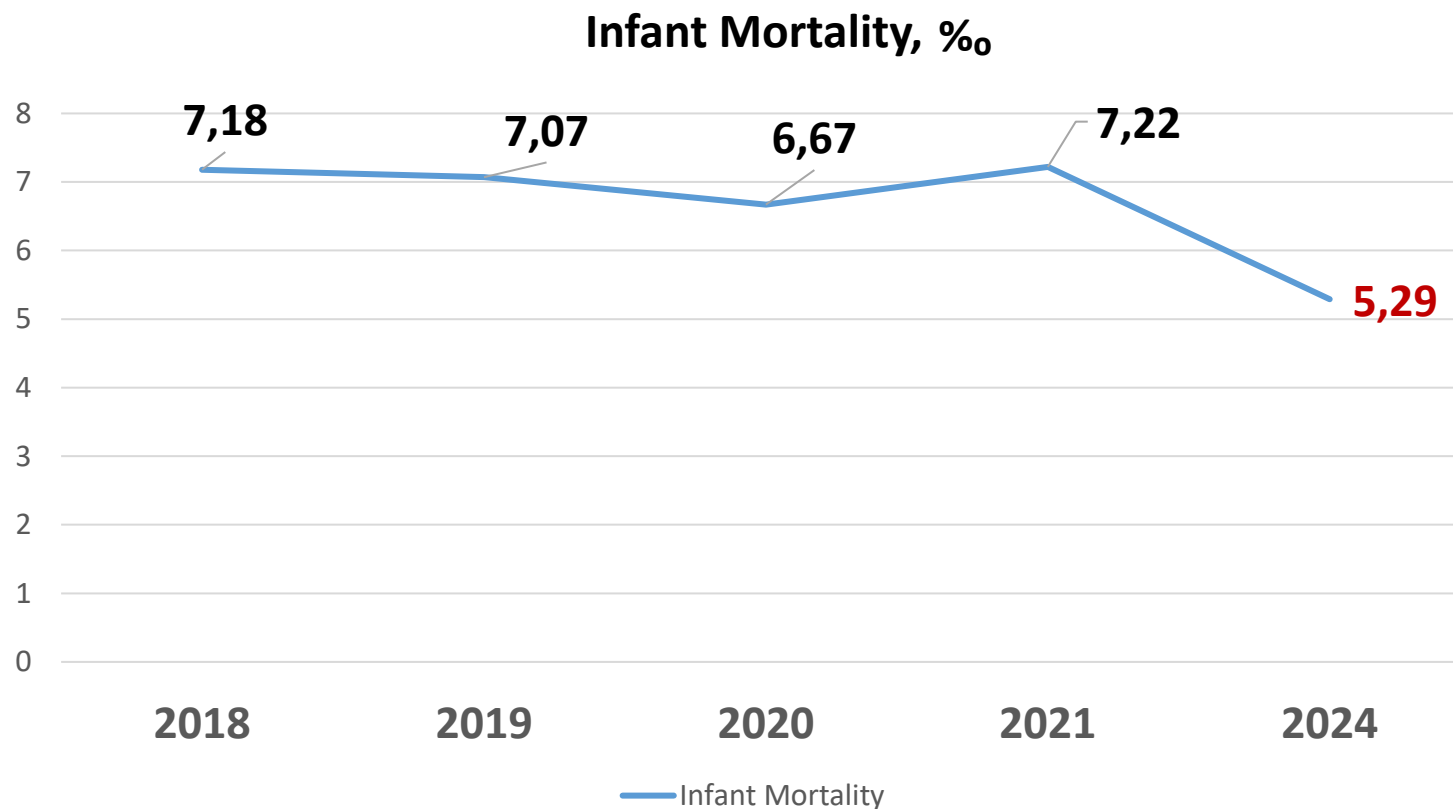


Dynamics of newborns born sick and sickly in Ukraine



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ЗДОРОВ'Я МОЗ УКРАЇНИ

In 2024, 43,565 newborns were born sick and fell ill, including 35,276 full-term and 8,289 premature babies (6,2% in 2024).



Thanks to the professionalism of Ukraine's neonatologists, stable neonatal indicators have been maintained during the war.



The ethical position of the medical community

**Medicine should be on the side of life,
not serving totalitarian systems.**

We call for:

Suspending the participation of russian representatives in
professional forums

Excluding them from associations where they retain influence

Making a clear statement about the inadmissibility of the
aggressor's presence in medical circles



**Almost all neonatologists have remained at their workplaces in Ukraine and continue to work.
The western regions (safe) took on the entire burden of obstetric care in Ukraine.**





During the war, the Association purchased equipment for NICU worth 10 million euro, which made it possible to set up additional beds in Western regions, where pregnant women from war-torn regions and refugees are concentrated.

In 2022, with the assistance of Prof. Ryszard Lauterbach (UENPS), Prof. Rangasamy Ramanathan (USA), and Tetiana Romanova (Chiesi), the Association of Neonatologists purchased a minibus, which helps not only in transporting humanitarian cargo, but also in transporting seriously ill children and pregnant women.



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- **Tetiana Romanova** (Chiesi)
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