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UP-TO-DATE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR HIGH-LEVEL MEDICINE

In 2015 medical virtual surgery courses were provided for Russian and Polish specialists. Within the framework of the project “High Quality Surgery over borders” specialized medical trainings and experience exchange were implemented.

Brain surgeons and emergency physicians from the hospitals of the Kaliningrad region and students from the medical college of the Baltic Federal University completed training in the Hospital of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn. Their Polish colleagues made return visit to Kaliningrad with the same goal – they carried on series of simulator exercises in the classes opened in the Clinical Hospital of the Kaliningrad region. All the project activities were supported with the European Union funds.

The laboratories in the premises of the Kaliningrad Regional Clinical Hospital were equipped with two different types of simulators - endoscopic exercise devices which are aimed at improving diagnostic skills and surgical simulators which are set for developing skills of internal organs surgery using video equipment. The process of surgical intervention can be fully imitated on laparoscopic simulators – monitors display 3D pictures while trainees control the joysticks in real environment of the surgery theatre. Neurosurgical and gynaecological simulators were installed in the classrooms of the University Hospital in Olsztyn. Polish partner also purchased and plugged in the complex for simulating of post-surgical care of the patients.

All mentioned improvements are the examples of medical educational trainings in the cross-border area. Courses are provided in a form of student exchange. The benefits of this program are invaluable as there are only a few similar facilities in the whole Russia. All these facilities including class in Baltic Federal University are the modules of the single educational Center for medical specialists from both sides of the Russian-Polish border

Center already plays significant role in the development of the practical skills of physicians, interns and medical students. On the installed equipment they can master surgery using professional engineering and computer solutions.

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As was mentioned by the chief surgeon of the Kaliningrad Clinical Hospital, Konstantin Polyakov, such trainings are the most important for the improvement of the minimal invasion surgery. The level of professional expertise of the high-technology medics will be heightened while academic contacts between surgeons of the cross-border regions of Russia and Poland will be strengthened.

The full renovation of the premises was done before the Center was opened. Rooms in Kaliningrad and Olsztyn gained new look – floors, walls and ceilings were redone, new windows and doors were installed, electrical and air conditioning systems were improved, furniture and computers were purchased.

“This is the largest Russian-Polish project over the last years, where Russian side is the leading partner”, said Deputy Chief Doctor of the Kaliningrad Clinical Hospital Igor Vaysbeyn. The total budget of the project is 2 222 222.00 EUR (133.3 mln.Rub), while EU provides 2 mln.EUR of co-financing (120 mln.Rub).

This massive international project was implemented within the **Lithuania-Poland-Russia European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013** starting from 2013.

The Programme aims at promoting economic and social development on both sides of the border between EU countries (Lithuania and Poland) and Russia, addressing common challenges and problems, promoting people to people co-operation.

Within this European Programme 60 joint projects from Lithuanian, Polish and Russian border regions were implemented, representing different fields: infrastructure, environment protection, health, culture, tourism, sport, education, transport, etc. facing the needs of inhabitants of the Programme territory.

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