



GRATEFUL WORD

Helpful Hand of a Canadian Medical Team for the Severely Wounded Ukrainian Defenders

*“We must accept finite of the disappointment,
but never lose infinite hope”*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

American Baptist minister and activist



FIGURE. Dr. Antonyshyn and his Ukrainian colleagues performing reconstructive surgery in Military Hospital; Canada-Ukrainian Foundation Mission, Kyiv, 2016. Image is courtesy of Adriana Luhovy.³

Oleh M. Antonyshyn, MD, FRCS(C) is a Professor in the Division of Plastic Surgery (University of Toronto) with a subspecialty practice in craniomaxillofacial surgery. Dr. Antonyshyn established a Clinical Fellowship in Adult Craniofacial Surgery in 1993, providing post-residency specialized training in adult craniofacial surgery to candidates from Canada, the United States, Ireland, Israel and the Middle East.¹ In 2008 he was awarded the A. Freiberg Plastic Surgery Resident Teaching Award.²

Also, Dr. Antonyshyn serves as:

- Head, Adult Craniofacial Program (founded by Dr. Antonyshyn in 1996), Sunnybrook Hospital (Toronto, ON, Canada).
- Affiliate Scientist, Physical Sciences, Trauma, Emergency & Critical Care Research Program, Sunnybrook Research Institute (Toronto, ON, Canada).²
- Full time clinical staff, Division of Plastic Surgery, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (Toronto, ON, Canada).²
- Member, Global Advisory Board of the Advanced Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Forum.
- Member, Examination Board in Plastic Surgery for the Royal College.

The impact of contribution of Dr. Antonyshyn, his medical team (Fig), and a Canada-Ukrainian Foundation Mission is enormous. A lot of saved faces, given hope for a better quality of life due to novelty complex rehabilitation operations, multiple prosthesis and plenty of minor esthetic procedures for the Ukrainian defenders.

The statistics of the Canadian and the Ukrainian teams' cooperation from 2014 to 2018 is numerous, and keeps increasing. In the National Military Medical Clinical Center “Main Military Clinical Hospital” (Kyiv, Ukraine) together with the Ukrainian team of Maxillofacial, Neurocranial, Orthopedic, and Otorhinolaryngology Departments were performed 346 consultations and 239 surgeries to the severely wounded defenders of Ukraine.^{4,5} Predominant amount

of patients (85 percent) consists of patients with post-traumatic defects, maxillofacial deformities, cranial, and limbs' injuries⁴. So, the grateful words for Dr. Antonyshyn and Canadian team are endless.

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