

A NEW MEDICAL SPECIALTY IN UKRAINE IS A PHYSICIAN OF PHYSICAL AND REHABILITATION MEDICINE

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The article analyzes the current situation in the country for the provision of rehabilitation assistance, outlines tasks for the practical implementation of the position and preparation of the chief specialist in the system of rehabilitation, a physician of physical and rehabilitation medicine, according to the world standards of this branch of medicine.

Goal: to propose a comprehensive program of harmonization of the system of physical and rehabilitative medicine and to take into consideration in Ukraine, in accordance with the requirements of today, generally accepted in the world of standards, to define the national programs of vocational education of specialists involved in the rehabilitation process.

Results: the system of rehabilitation assistance in our country, to a large extent, differs from the generally accepted modern standards, which is connected with the existing long-standing (from Soviet times) organization of the health care system. During the last 3 years, some changes have been made at the national level in the normative framework, in particular, the names of new professions have been introduced in the national classifier DK 003: 2010 "Classifier of Occupations": "physician of physical and rehabilitation medicine", "physical therapist", "ergotherapist", "Assistant physical therapist" and "assistant ergotherapist"; the work on the preparation of educational professional programs for physicians of physical and rehabilitation medicine is completed and ways of reorganization of practical health facilities for the possibility of rehabilitation are determined.

Conclusions: In Ukraine, since 2018, there are objective opportunities for beginning training of physicians of physical and rehabilitation medicine at the postgraduate level, according to the world professional standards; introduction of significant changes in the work of health facilities with regard to the possibility of providing rehabilitation assistance in acute, subacute and long-term rehabilitation periods; to harmonize the system of rehabilitation on the example of the leading European countries.