

Vitali Ostashko – Profile

I have been working in Health Care since 1999, starting with the position of Neurologist, MD of the Kyiv City Clinical Hospital. Since 2000 I have led the medical direction of the Hospital for ten years as Deputy Chief on Medical Activity. I have been trained at the “National Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education” in the field of Health Management (Kyiv, 2004, 2006). I have undertaken Special American Business Internship Training “Health care in the United States. Hospital management” (USA, 2007). Since 2019, I have been elected as a member of WHO Digital Health Technical Advisory Group (DHTAG) and Roster of Experts.

Since 2008, my professional activity has simultaneously covered Health and Information Technology. I headed the State Telemedicine Center MoH for ten years. Under my leadership we began creation of a regulatory framework for Telehealth as part of eHealth. All the necessary regulatory framework, for implementation of telemedicine, was developed taking into account international experience. My responsibilities, as a Vice president of a professional NGO “Ukrainian Association for development information technologies in medicine”, include introduction of eHealth strategy and policy and development of draft laws and regulations.

I have a Ph.D. degree in medicine in the field of integration of Information Technologies into the Health care system. Digital Health, as an important part of Health care reform, increases convenience of the treatment process and obtaining medical information. It facilitates provision of equal access to quality medical services for patients in all geographic regions. It is a base of creation of a patient-centric Healthcare.

Since 2019, I have been a member of the Expert Committee on Artificial Intelligence at the Ministry of Digital Transformation. This activity of mine is also directly related to the development of Digital Health in Ukraine. In 2022, as Director of the Department of Medical Information Systems at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Surgery, I implemented the Medical Information System, and this year, in a similar position at the National Cancer Institute, I am implementing the Medical Information System and updating the National Cancer Registry. Current achievements within the framework of work at these Institutes are the creation of a System for Online analytics of the activities of medical institutions, based on AI.