



With respect to morbidity, the highest incidence is respiratory organ pathology, followed by diseases of the cardiovascular system and anaemia, chronic tonsillitis, and congenital anomaly of the cardiovascular system.

The adaptative potential resistance to disease of exposed children is declining, with the result that a Chernobyl syndrome of a frequently sick child is becoming established.

Pathologically, dysfunction of children's thyroids are of particular importance. The incidence of thyroid disorders in children is increasing. Before 1986, 4-5 cases of thyroid cancer were registered annually in Ukraine; by 1990, this number had increased to 25 cases. In 1992, in clinics of the Ukrainian research Institute for Endocrinology and Metabolism, 33 children were operated on because of thyroid cancer.

The appearance of cancer can have a lag time of 10 - 20 years. It is therefore expected that the incidence of thyroid cancer in children will continue to rise since the peak will only be reached sometime in the future. The appearance of extra cases of hypothyroidism and autoimmune thyroiditis is anticipated. It is not by chance that the "Thyroid" section is recognized as one of the most important in the International Medical Chernobyl Program.

A vast network of medical establishments for the treatment of victims has been organized. Ten dispensaries for population radiation protection, clinics of the Ukrainian Research Centre for Radiation Medicine, and a number of specialized departments and hospitals are functioning in this regard. Additional scientific support for diagnostics, prophylaxis and treatment is available from 24 research institutions.

GUIDE FOR OBTAINING VISAS TO UKRAINE

Consular Section, Embassy of Ukraine

Ukraine's Embassy in Canada has provided the following guidelines for obtaining a visa to Ukraine. These guidelines conform to the rules established by Western countries and are in effect as of April 1, 1993.

All visas are being issued only by consular offices of Ukraine abroad. Transit and short-term (not exceeding 72 hours) visas may still be issued exclusively in cases of emergency at selected border control posts. The issuance of transit and short-term visas is based on the following conditions: a serious health problem or a death of a relative, participation in disaster relief operations and other urgent needs, as well as the absence of consular offices of Ukraine in the home country of applicants.

Unless otherwise specified, entry visas do not establish employment authorization in Ukraine.

Visas are not required for citizens of countries that have mutual agreements with Ukraine regarding non-visa entry.

TO OBTAIN A VISA

Applicants for Ukrainian visas must:

- present a passport (valid through the entire period of the stay);
- submit a completed and signed visa application form;
- submit one passport-size photograph;
- submit an invitation or tourist voucher;
- pay the fee in the exact amount.

Applicants are also asked to send a self-addressed courier envelope (with exact address and not Box No.)

FEES

- Regular consular fee for private and business visa processing is \$50.00;
- Consular fee for tourist groups (if a group consists of 10-30 persons and all of them travel as a single group) is \$40.00 per person;
- Visa fee for an individual tourist is \$50.00;
- Multiple entry visa fee (only for business purposes and valid for six months) is \$150.00.

Visa applications and the above-mentioned documents are to be submitted at least two weeks prior to applicant's departure date. *Fees will double in the case of a rush visa (that is, if the applicants requests that it be issued within 48 hours).*

Method of payment: money order, corporate or personal cheques (made payable to the Embassy of Ukraine), or cash.

BUSINESS VISA

Application for this type of visa should be accompanied by a letter of invitation from a registered Ukrainian organization or business partner.

TOURIST VISA

The basis for obtaining this type of visa may be a voucher (hotel accommodations) and a letter from a travel agency.

PRIVATE VISITOR'S VISA

An official invitation from a private party made through local organs of the Internal Affairs Ministry of Ukraine is required.

TRANSIT VISA

This type of visa is issued for the period of time required to travel across the territory of Ukraine and only if there is a visa, ticket, or other document to a third country that will confirm the transitory nature of the travel. It does not authorize applicant's stay in Ukraine.

MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA

Such visas are being issued by consular posts of Ukraine in foreign lands to interested parties upon receiving endorsement from Kyiv. This type of visa is valid for six months.

If necessary, visitors may be asked to present round-trip tickets, sufficient funds for the entire period of stay, and/or an affidavit from the inviting person or organization concerned.

All foreign citizens arriving in Ukraine should duly register their documents at the hotel, or the organ of visa registration within their area of residence and in a timely manner.

Applicants residing in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Northwest Territories and Yukon, except the National Capital Area, should apply to:

Consulate General of Ukraine in Toronto
2120 Bloor Street W., Toronto, Ont. M6S 1M8
Telephone: (416) 763-3114 or (416) 763-3115.
FAX: (416) 763-2323

Applicants from the provinces of Quebec, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and the National Capital Area should apply to:

Embassy of Ukraine, Consular Section
331 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Ont. K2P 1S3
Tel: (613) 230-2961 or (613) 230-8015
FAX: (613) 230-2655 or (613) 230-2400