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ACADEMICIAN OLEKSANDR OLEKSIYOVYCH SHALIMOV:

KHARKIV PERIOD OF ACTIVITY

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 Achievements of contemporary medicine were actively prepared by representatives of previous generations of medical scholars and practitioners. They developed a big variety of therapeutic and surgical methodic for treatment of different diseases.

 Among the outstanding representatives of surgery we have to mention the name of Oleksandr Oleksiyovych Shalimov. He was born in Lipetsk region (Russia) in peasant family. Fmily moved to Kuban. There O. O. Shalimov entered medical institute. He had got the diploma in 1941 and because of war time he was the only surgeon in Chita region (Russia). This position demanded from the young doctor «to know everything and to be skillful in all the fields». In spite of all difficulties, O. O. Shalimov preserved humanism and the attention to people. During his work in Bryansk hospital, he defended dissertation devoted to the reconstruction of artificial oegophagus in scarring impassability.

 In 1957 he moved to Kharkiv. Here O. O. Shalimov developed many fields of so called «big surgery». At the basis of regional hospital he initiated the foundation of anaesthetic branch, and PhD in Medicine M. I. Obolentsev headed it. The opening of this branch gave the chance for O. Shalimov to make surgical operations in lungs, gullet, heart, pancreas, and etc. Here, in Kharkiv Shalimov’s talent of clinicist, scholar, organizer and teacher had been developed. In 1959 O. O. Shalimov headed the department of surgery and anaesthesiology at Ukrainian Institute for Doctors’ Improvement. In May, 1965, O. O. Shalimov headed Kharkiv Scientific Research Institute of General Surgery and Blood Transfusion. In the institute were organized branches of oesophagusstomach-intestine tract, liver surgery, out-liver bile-ducts and pancreas, cardio-vascular surgery. The cardio-surgery had been developed by O. O. Shalimov and his pupils. They constructed and produced new instruments with the assistance of specialists from Kharkiv industrial factories (dilatators and an original apparatus for artificial circulation of blood with the minimal damage of blood components). They made the operations in arteries. O. O. Shalimov made prosthesis using artificial and intravenous ones. His classical monograph «Surgery of pancreas» and «Atlas of surgical operations in abdominal cavity» were published. O. O. Shalimov made lots of operations, consulted patients and moreover, he was elected as a Member of Ukrainian parliament. In the parliament he headed the Commission on Public Health and Social Problems.

 Thanks to his methodic of operations the rate mortality and invalidity decreased in 10 times.

 In 1969 O. O. Shalimov was elected as a Full-member of Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

 O. O. Shalimov created the school of the highest surgical mastery and his pupils are proud of the name «shalimovtsy». They are following the main principles of their teacher indroducing the original kinds of operations and modifying the existed ones.