



Shown: Dr. Viktor Liashko, Minister of Health of Ukraine (left) and Dr. Glen Gaulton, Director Penn Center for Global Health (right)

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania signed a cooperation agreement with the Ukraine National Ministry of Health further reinforcing our commitment to Ukraine and continuing to build on the success of the partnership.

The Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) together with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) will expand efforts to develop and support Ukrainian physicians and health care professionals to care for and manage patients with injuries resulting from war through advance training focused in orthoplastics and reconstructive surgery. The team will also continue to support and assess programs in other surgical specialties such as trauma, pediatrics, and other domains as needed. By treating patients effectively in Ukraine, they can remain in close proximity to their family and support network. This approach mirrors the overall global mission of Penn – to build local capacity so

that the home country can provide the highest quality care for its citizens both in the near and long-term.

Penn and CHOP have been working to advance improved surgical outcomes in Ukraine since the first months of the war. Our approach incorporates a combination of virtual and on-site training, the result of which has been enthusiastically received by surgeons, nurses, hospital directors and deans of Ukrainian medical universities.

Ukraine faces multiple urgent health care needs but, much as our ongoing work shows, we believe it is possible to meet these by utilizing methods that also ensure lasting impact.