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Ukraine: How patient medical cards/booklets are currently used; description of the card and to what the bearer is entitled (July 2006)
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

In 24 July 2006 correspondence sent to the Research Directorate, an official from the Embassy of Ukraine in Ottawa provided the following information:

The Ukrainian ministry of healthcare regulates the use of medical cards/booklets in Ukraine. The document carries information on a bearer's medical history (including data on the patient's previous or current ailments) and is generally stored in the bearer's local hospital. If a patient moves to an area served by a different hospital or clinic, the patient can obtain his/her medical card/booklet and submit it to his/her new health facility. Besides following a patient's health condition, medical cards/booklets can also be used to prove that the bearer is disabled or, alternatively, that the bearer is in good health. These documents can also be used as evidence in legal matters.

Further information on patient medical cards/booklets in Ukraine could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

Reference

Ukraine. 24 July 2006. Embassy of Ukraine in Ottawa. Correspondence from an official.

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources, including: American Medical Centers (Kiev), Embassy of Canada in Kiev, Medical Council of Ukraine (Kiev), World Health Organization (WHO) Country Office (Kiev).

Internet sources, including: Consular Affairs (Canada), Embassy of Canada in Kiev, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, Factiva,

International Association for Medical Assistance to Travellers, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Ministry of Public Health (Ukraine), Ukrainian Medical Association of North America, United States Bureau of Consular Affairs, World Health Organization (WHO).

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