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Ukraine: Whether hospitals, particularly in the Chernivitsi region, issued ambulatory cards to patients during the perestroika years, which then had to be presented to hospital officials whenever patients were admitted for medical care and attention (1985-1991)

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Information on whether hospitals, particularly in the Chernivitsi region, issued ambulatory cards to patients during the perestroika years could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, information on the Website of the National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), which is based in Bethesda, Maryland, makes reference to a medical study conducted in the Rovenskiy district of Ukraine during the period of 1981 to 1992, which examined ambulatory cards as part of the primary documentation (May-June 1994). However, specific information on the issuance of ambulatory cards during that time was not provided.

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

National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). May-June 1994. "Morbidity from Hemoblastosis in the Rovenskiy District of Ukraine Before and After the Accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station."
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=Retrieve&db=pubmed&dopt=Abstract&list_uids=8076787> [Accessed 25 Oct. 2004]

Additional Sources Consulted

The Embassy of Ukraine, in Ottawa, did not respond to a letter requesting information.

The Embassy of Ukraine, in Washington, did not respond to a letter requesting information.

The World Health Organization (WHO) Liaison Office, in Kiev, Ukraine, did not respond to a letter requesting information.

Internet sites, including: European Country of Origin Information Network (ECOI), Human Rights Watch (HRW), Ukrainian Ministry of Health, World Health Organization (WHO), World News Connection, *Zerkalo Nedeli*.

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