



WORKING GROUP ON INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY (WG10)

Dear Mrs. Minister of Health of Ukraine,

Presently, cardiology in European countries undergoes changes caused by active development of interventional treatment methods for the most dangerous diseases: coronary heart disease, acute myocardial infarction etc.

Interventional Cardiology was born in Europe and Europe has led the development and the scientific validation of many of the new devices and techniques which have made angioplasty the most frequently applied method of myocardial revascularisation. Europe has remained behind in terms of approved interventional cardiology training programs. We would like to renew the interventional cardiology traditions in training programs, and we believe that Ukrainian cardiology should obtain an estimable place among other European countries in training specialists in this field.

We believe that the first and decisive step in further development of cardiology in your country is the national status assignment to *Interventional Cardiology* sub-speciality. This will allow starting young specialists' training and physicians' certification in the existing specialized departments in the nearest future. Such sub-speciality exists in many European countries, and this facilitates physicians' training and contributes to cardiology development in general. This «minor» reform will allow Ukrainian cardiologists to find a common ground with their European colleagues and to take part in the development of strategic areas of modern cardiology. The new speciality will raise professional level of physicians and patient treatment quality considerably.

Taking into consideration the aforesaid, we do hereby ask you to consider the establishment of *Interventional Cardiology* sub-speciality and training courses for such specialists' training in the relevant educational establishment of Ukraine.

In cooperation with our Interventional Cardiology Working Group of the Ukrainian Cardiologists Society (Chairman: professor Yu. Sokolov, FESC), we will provide any and all support in the organization and supervisors' training, methodological training, interventional cardiology departments' certification etc.

With best regards and hope for further cooperation,

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