

Honoring life with the love of Christ, Mission to Ukraine serves women in crisis pregnancies and children with disabilities, while influencing society on their behalf



## What Does an OB/GYN Do Before 11.00 am? by Tetiana Bortnik

### Abortion ~ Infertility

**“40% of our clients treated for infertility are women who terminated their first pregnancy,”** stated Professor Alla Kornatska, Head of the Rehabilitation of the Women’s Reproductive Function of the Pediatrics, Obstetrics, and Gynecology Institute, at a recent press conference in Kiev. In her opinion, abortions, especially illegal ones, constitute the major problem facing gynecologists in Ukraine today.

**“What does an OB/GYN do before 11.00 am? Abortions, and then he or she goes to treat infertility. It shouldn’t be this way. A woman should plan her pregnancy,”** noted the professor.

At the same time, Dr. Kornatska emphasized that the most effective work in preventing abortions is in the hands of the OB/GYN. **“Often I talk to abortion-minded women. If they knew the consequences of abortions and see their irreparableness, 80% of them would think harder whether to abort or not. And this (knowledge) holds huge potential in the prevention of abortions”** said the professor.

<http://www.unian.net/ukr/news/news-383533.html>



### Birthrate vs Business

In a country that supports their childbirth with state maternity money until the child reaches 3 years of age, Ukraine’s abortion statistics remain among the highest in Europe. One out of three pregnancies is terminated. The first question asked of a woman registering her pregnancy is, “Shall we have an abortion?”

MTU’s attempts to cooperate with local clinics reveal three major reasons why OB/GYNs perform abortions: additional source of income for them, lack of knowledge (both doctors and patients) about the sanctity of human life, and scarcity of resources for women with crisis pregnancies who face inextricable circumstances.

Officially, the doctors agree with the state policy to promote birthrate but, in fact, they keep their businesses intact.

### Current Needs:

~ Pray for our God to make a way for us to counsel abortion-minded women in the abortion clinics.

~ Pray for change in the hearts of the hospital staffs.

~ Pray for Marina, a medical psychologist and our prospect counselor, to embrace prolife training and receive the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the counseling ministry in the abortion department of the hospital.

### Right to the Epicenter

In July MTU heads, Irena Venglovska, Dr. Alexandra Bashek, Natalya Krasovskaya, met with the Head of Zhitomir’s Healthcare Administration and with prominent doctors from the city hospitals to discuss the possibility of pre-abortion counseling in the abortion clinics by pro-life specialists. The formal consent to have a MTU counselor in the Second City Hospital from the Head of the City Healthcare Department was followed by hidden opposition from the hospital staff and emotional oppression of a Christian nurse working there.

