

Year in review 2023

Life Sciences & Healthcare

ARZINGER 20 YEARS

Results – 2023:



The cancellation of the quarantine established due to COVID-19 (read about the consequences [here](#))



Significant amendments to the mechanism for prohibiting the circulation of medicines "related" to the Russian Federation



Amendments to the requirements for advertising medicines, medical equipment, methods of prevention, diagnostics, treatment, and rehabilitation



The new version of the Law "On the Protection of Consumer Rights" (will enter into force in 1 year from the date of its publication, but not earlier than the day of termination or cancellation of martial law)



State regulation of prices and the procedure of the reimbursement is extended to certain medical devices



The Law "On the Public Health System" came into force



Amendments to the procedure of importation, recording and distributing of humanitarian aid



The introduction of electronic prescription for all prescription medicines (with certain restrictions)



The law on the legalization of medical cannabis was adopted



Improvement of the Program of Medical Guarantees, areas of rehabilitation, donation and blood transfusion (in particular, the introduction of the eKrov system)



The final joining of Ukraine to the "EU4Health" program



The law on the functioning of telemedicine was adopted and the Strategy for the development of Telemedicine in Ukraine was approved



The Strategy for the development of immunoprophylaxis and protection of the population from infectious diseases that may be prevented through immunoprophylaxis for the period up to 2030, and approval of the operational plan for the implementation of the Strategy in 2023-2025



A step towards the transformation of the SE "Medical Procurement of Ukraine" into a full-cycle agency - the official accession of the SE "Ukrmedpostach" to the SE "MPU" as a branch



Amendments to the rules for procurement of medicines and medical devices by determining the list of medicines and medical devices that healthcare institutions or structural subdivisions for healthcare have to purchase exclusively by use of electronic catalogues



The update of the examination procedure of clinical trial materials

Main results of the AMCU in 2023:



Establishing liability of pharmaceutical market participants for:

- misleading consumers (placing false information about the healing properties of medicines on the tube and packaging and improper use of the medicines packaging design);
- bid rigging.



the AMCU has provided recommendations to a number of pharmaceutical companies regarding interaction with distributors.



market research and investigation of individual cases.

Expectations for 2024:

- Approval of the Strategy for the Healthcare System Development up to 2030.
- The priority of pharmaceutical markets for the AMCU.
- Deepening of the research on the pharmaceutical market by the AMCU.
- Creation of a single regulatory body in the field of medicines.
- Increase of the volume of medical services financed from the state budget.
- Continuation of medical reform with a focus on compliance with EU requirements.
- Adoption of the draft law "On medical devices".
- Development of transplantology.
- Approval of the new national action plan on antibiotic resistance and the start of its implementation.
- Transformation of the medicines procurement system – focus on the level of supply of medicines in each region of Ukraine.
- Development of hospital districts.