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Historically, the establishing of the facility dates back to 14. 08. 1912, when the municipalities of Vítkovice and Zábřeh nad Odrou opened a jointly built, not very large Epidemiological Hospital. Since then, the facility has undergone development influenced by two world wars and social and political situation in the past century as well. The hospital reached a new dimension of its mission based on decision of the Ministry of Health, by which it obtained the status of University Hospital on 8th April, 1992.

On the turn of 1994/1995, the hospital moved from the premise in Ostrava-Zábřeh to Poruba. Today, after ten years of operation in the premises resembling rather a spa complex, this hospital is well known all over the North-Moravian Region, the inhabitants of which make use of services of medical staff of this prestigious medical facility. Some centres serve also to adjacent areas of the Olomouc Region due to their insubstitutability. However, foreigners and inhabitants from distant regions seek aid here as well.

With regard to the trend focusing specialized a super-specialized care in centres within the network of medical facilities, Ostrava University Hospital will continue strengthening its dominant position also in the future. Its inter-relationship to the university education system is guaranteed by Medical and Social Faculty of the Ostrava University, which uses the hospital's clinic workplaces for teaching its students.

Thirty-three departments, clinics, centres, institutes and pharmacy

That is a potential guaranteeing that the patients seeking medical care here can count on services that are fully comparable to those provided by the most advanced types of hospitals being the pride of advanced European and overseas economics. In total, there are about 3,300 employees in the hospital, in this 430 physicians, over 1,900 medium, subordinate and auxiliary employees; the remaining part of the employees includes specialist engineers and technical administrative staff and service operations without which the operation of such a large hospital would be impracticable.

Significant medical workplaces include specialised centres: burn, traumatological, cardiosurgical, transplantation, and more. All medical disciplines maintain a close co-operation ensuring that the hospital is able to provide complex care in full spectre. People affected by sudden cardiac or cerebral accident, patients injured in a car crash or in danger of life due to occupational injury appreciate that the hospital is able to guarantee a twenty-four acute care. Perfect accessibility of the hospital either by air or rapid rescue service allows for reducing the time, which is decisive for emergency patients, from so-called "golden hour" to a "golden quarter of hour".

Perspective development of medical care

Rapid development of medicine is reflected in key therapeutical programs to which the Ostrava University Hospital pays large attention. They include: cardiocerebrovascular, oncological, traumatological programs, mother and child care program, and HIV and AIDS program. Also urology, orthopaedics, miniinvasive surgery, endoscopy and infection medicine can be identified as permanently developing programs. Besides this, the burn centre (one of three in the Czech Republic), children's haematology and transplantation centre provide super-specialized care.

Continuously growing interest in services of the University Hospital

More and more people who have learnt from their friends about the level of provided services, desire to be treated in the Ostrava University Hospital. While in 2002, 580 thousand patients were examined at the outpatients departments, in 2003 there were 631 thousand patients already. Hospitalisation increased from 44 thousand to more than 47 thousand patients in the same period.

Modern obstetrics-gynaecological clinic and children's medicine clinic create the background guaranteeing the highest possible level of care to the youngest patients.

It is primarily accurate diagnosis that decides on proper treatment. In this respect, University Hospital and Medical centre is equipped, in numerous cases, with the most advanced technology. Experienced doctors and radiologic laboratory staff rely the establishing of diagnosis not only on the knowledge obtained during studies, but also rich knowledge from daily practice. The laboratory background examines more than one thousand samples daily.

Where is the future of the Czech medicine

The private sector will definitely play the role of high-quality provider of services in numerous fields. Comprehensive care, concentration of technology and qualified staff into centres is however, from the economic point of view, conditioned by creating a network of medical facilities that will be able to treat the most complicated and financially demanding diagnoses. Also the training of doctors and medical staff should take place in facilities linked to university school system. This role is and will be excellently played by university hospitals. The one in Ostrava, with its historically continuous development, has created all preconditions to meet the demanding conditions for accreditations guaranteeing a top-level medicine.