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Concerning the History of Teaching Medical Police at Ukrainian Universities in the First Half of the 19th Century

The Universities of that time functioned in accordance with the charters. The Charter of the Imperial Kharkov University was approved in 1804. Each Professor had to read several major (compulsory) academic disciplines. Among those academic disciplines there was no medical police. At the same time, Universities could introduce additional teaching subjects. If there was no Professor, a lecture was entrusted to adjuncts. The University opening in Kharkov took place in 1805. From the same year, the adjunct L. Vannoti (1771—1819) announced lecturing not only in the main subjects of teaching — in anatomy, physiology, forensic medicine, but also in additional academic discipline, namely medical police. However, in 1805—1808 there was not a single student. In 1809—1810 there were only two students at the Faculty of Medicine, and finally in 1811—9. Since 1811, the same subjects were taught by Professor Ivan Dmitriyevich Knigin (1773—1830), from 1826 to 1835 Professor Alexander Savvich Venediktov (1799—1882), in 1835—1837 adjunct Ivan Fedorovich Leonov (1809—1854). In 1835, a new Charter was adopted and entered into force in 1837. The Charter provided for medical police teaching as the main discipline. In 1837—1843, baron, Professor Robert Dabelow (1810—?) lectured on medical police, in 1844 — adjunct Ivan Afanasyevich Sviridov.

The Imperial University of St. Vladimir in Kiev, where the medical faculty was opened in 1841 was the second University in Ukraine with a medical faculty. The Charter of the University was adopted in 1842. It provided for teaching medical police as a compulsory (main) academic discipline. Professor Ivan Fedorovich Leonov was the first teacher of medical police in 1842—1853.

Thus, with the beginning of the functioning of the medical faculty in Kharkov in 1805, the medical police became the subject of teaching, but as an additional discipline. Only since 1837 it was part of the main academic disciplines at the Imperial Kharkov University. At the University of Kiev, medical police have been one of the main subjects of teaching since 1842. The teachers of the medical police in Ukraine in the first half of the 19th century are listed above for the first time.

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