Initiative out of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital:

My name is Dr. Asya Agulnik and I’m a pediatric intensivist at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and the Director of the Eurasia Regional Program at St. Jude Global. Our program has been running an emergency response to the war in Ukraine to support children with cancer to be evacuated to Poland and ultimately other countries in Europe. So far, over 100 children have gone through this process and more are coming. We need volunteer help to staff our central virtual command center to support the command lead. Here is a description of the role:

When: 24/7 staffing with shifts 12am-6am, 6am-12pm, 12pm-6pm, 6pm-12pm central US time—ideally volunteers would be able to do 1-2 shifts per week

Who: Volunteer with biomedical background (degree in science or medical field) who is fluent in English and can read Cyrillic (Russian, Ukrainian, etc). Must be tech savvy, comfortable with multitasking, and resilient to competing priorities.

What: Support command center lead by entering new patient data into the patient registry, organizing email communication, communicating with central command and support teams in Europe.

If interested, please email StJude4Ukraine@stjude.org with the following:
  • Put “Volunteer” in the title of the email
  • Include your full name and phone number (please download WhatsApp to your phone)
  • Include your profession and educational background
  • Language proficiency (language and level of fluency in reading/writing)
  • Your physical location and time zone
  • Availability for the time shifts mentioned above and days of the week

We will get back to you to set up a session for more information.

Please Note: we also continue to need physicians to support translation of Ukrainian medical records to English. If you are an MD who is fluent in Ukrainian and English, please email the central email with that as well. This is a separate request from the staffing and is much more flexible to your schedule.

Thank you!

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