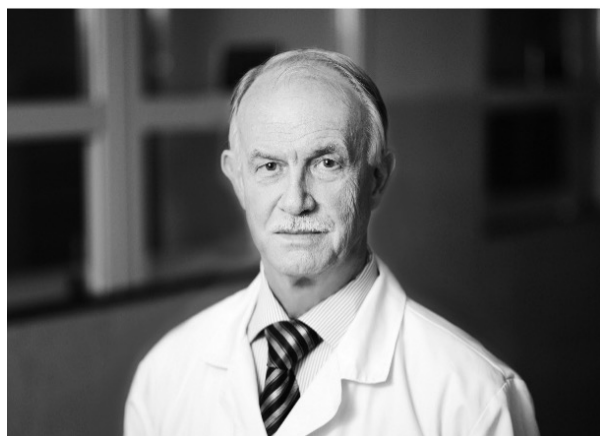


## IN MEMORY OF A COLLEAGUE

### Professor Pavel Viktorovich Svetitsky of the NMRC for Oncology of the Ministry of Health of Russia Has Passed Away



On 7 December 2025, our colleague, a Senior Research Fellow of the Head and Neck Tumour Department at the National Medical Research Centre for Oncology, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor, and Honoured Physician of the Russian Federation, Pavel Viktorovich Svetitsky passed away.

Pavel Viktorovich Svetitsky was born in 1942 in Tashkent. He graduated from the Tashkent State Medical Institute in 1966. He initially worked as a general surgeon and later as an otolaryngologist at Clinical Hospital No. 1 in Tashkent.

In 1972, he defended his Candidate of Sciences thesis entitled "On the Hormonal Origin of Laryngeal Papillomas." In 1973, he joined the Tashkent Municipal Oncology Dispensary as an otolaryngologist, where he later headed Uzbekistan's first Head and Neck Tumor Department. In 1975, Pavel Viktorovich became an Assistant Professor at the Department of Oncology at the Tashkent Medical Institute

In 1978, he joined the Research Institute of Oncology and Radiology of the Ministry of Health of the Uzbek SSR as a Senior Research Fellow and was later appointed Head of the Clinical Department. Under his leadership, the Head and Neck Tumor Department became the clinical and methodological centre of the Uzbek SSR for the study and development of modern diagnostic and treatment approaches for head and neck malignancies. In 1985, Pavel Viktorovich Svetitsky defended his Doctor of Sciences thesis entitled "Comprehensive Treatment for Patients with Malignant Tumors of the Head and Neck Using Local Hyperthermia."

In 1989, he relocated to Rostov-on-Don and joined the Rostov Research Oncology Institute as a Leading Research Fellow. In 1996, he was appointed Head of the Head and Neck Tumor Department. In 1991, he was awarded the academic title of Professor, and in 2008 he received the honorary title "Honored Physician of the Russian Federation." Pavel Viktorovich devoted more than 60 years to medicine, including over 35 years at the Rostov Oncology Centre. He served healthcare and science with complete dedication and made an enormous contribution to the advancement of modern oncology. For colleagues and patients alike, Professor Svetitsky was a highly skilled professional, a sensitive and attentive physician, a passionate researcher, a responsible colleague, and a remarkable human being

Pavel Viktorovich was a respected authority among colleagues and numerous trainees both in Russia and abroad. Professor Svetitsky authored more than 500 publications in national and international journals.

*The staff of the National Medical Research Centre for Oncology and the editorial board of the South Russian Journal of Cancer mourn his passing and extend their sincere condolences to the family and loved ones of Professor Pavel Svetitsky.  
In loving memory of a colleague, mentor, friend, and a truly kind-hearted person.*