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HYGIENE AS A SCIENCE IN MODERN CLINICAL THERAPEUTIC PRACTICE: FROM OBSERVATION TO DIGITALIZATION (PART TWO)

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Building on the global medical historiography, this review attempts to demonstrate the continued interest and involvement of doctors in investigation of the influence of environmental factors, their epidemiological and pathological aspects, on life expectancy and health of human beings, as well as to cover the most significantly developed prevention measures applicable in everyday life, during epidemics and against occupational hazards. We have also attempted to outline the history of interference of the two medical specializations, including the new round of their transformation as they merge into the digital reality of today. The review shows that when medicine, as science and trade, in Russia was going through its establishing phases in Russia, the prominent Russian experts underscored the need for integrated application of therapeutic and hygienic approaches, development of the most effective combination thereof with the aim of qualitative improvement of public health care. The article considers the historical prerequisites for development of the system of preventive and anti-epidemic measures, which are the key safeguards against diseases, and development of the hygiene, including occupational hygiene, from the moment of inception to the age of digital medicine we live in currently.

Keywords: hygiene, therapy, history of medicine, prevention, digitalization of hygiene

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Establishment of occupational hygiene as an independent discipline

The scientific approach to occupational health was formed during the second half of the 19th century and first quarter of the 20th century. According to F.F. Erisman (1842–1915), professor, teacher and one of the founders of hygiene as a science in Russia, public health as an independent field of research can yield long-term results [1]. Professor Erisman has also made a huge contribution to the development of preventive measures in epidemiology.

His legacy includes "School Hygiene", an extensive written work that was the first dedicated school hygiene guidebook in Russia and basis for the prevention activities measures adopted throughout educational institutions [2].

The works of F.F. Erisman and M.D. Sokolov, his friend and associate, have basically laid the foundation for anti-epidemic measures that, as implemented by epidemiologists, are aimed directly at the source and the mechanism of transmission of infection, with prevention of infection of people inside the epidemic focus being another aspect based on the same foundation.

F.F. Erisman spearheaded the study of health of industrial workers. There were identified some labor-related factors that affected the subject negatively, and the gravest of those factors was overtime work. It was only later, already in the USSR, that
hygienists, therapists and occupational pathologists presented an integrated approach to creation of the optimal working conditions at plants and factories [3].

The relevance of hygiene in the USSR

G.A. Lang (1875–1948), professor at the 1st Leningrad Medical Institute, was a scholar advancing cardiology and hematology. He developed the doctrine of hypertension (including a number of preventive aspects), founded a school of thought, was a member of the Academy of Medical Sciences and winner of the State Prize of the USSR [4].

N.D. Strazhesko (1876–1952) was a professor at the Kyiv University, academician with the USSR Academy of Sciences, Hero of Socialist Labor. He studied the pathologies of blood circulation, digestion, rheumatism, worked on the problems of septicemia, fatigue, longevity.

V.N. Vinogradov (1882–1964), professor at the 1st Moscow Medical Institute, attached great importance to patient care; he developed the routines of treatment of patients with myocardial infarction.

During the time of the Soviet Union, a number of scientists, including G.V. Khlopin, F.G. Krotkov, A.N. Sysin, A.A. Minkh, G.I. Sidorenko and many others, have contributed significantly to the development of everyday hygiene and recommendations for mitigation of the hygiene standards violations, be they related to daily life or work.

The list of the most important achievements of G.V. Khlopin (1863–1929) includes numerous manuals covering general hygiene and sanitary methods, as well as the works by his students. He initiated examination and analysis of the fabrics used to make protective and everyday uniforms, sanitary routines adopted by the Red Army and the Navy. His works on the hygiene of mental and physical labor, food hygiene considered from a variety of angles (e.g., food hygiene for children or military personnel), remain relevant to this day. The algorithms of testing of food and beverages developed by G.V. Khlopin are still being actively used. He also investigated how bacteriological contamination of drinking water affects health and how it can be disinfected [5, 6].

F.G. Krotkov (1896–1983), chief hygienist of the Red Army, lead the team of authors that published over 50 hygiene and sanitation guidelines during the war. Intler alia, he wrote and compiled the "Beriberi Prevention Instructions for Doctors", "Frostbite Treatment Guidelines", various recommendations on creation of adequate sanitary and hygienic background for the troops in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945 [7]. In peacetime, professor F.G. Krotkov, Academician of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR, Major General of the Medical Service, Hero of Socialist Labor and winner of the State Prize of the USSR, managed the Advanced Medical Training Department he established at the Central Institute until his dying day; one of the main subjects of research at the department was radiation hygiene.

A.N. Sysin (1879–1956), a hygiene scholar, is one of the founders of practical and theoretical epidemiology, general and community hygiene, disinfection and occupational medicine. He authored over 250 research papers, described the problems of epidemics and occupational toxicology, aspects of occupational health, adoption of protective equipment at production facilities and other measures of sanitary and recreational nature [8, 9]

Professor A.A. Minkh (1904–1984), corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences, published numerous works, but the particularly valuable among the best

known of them are the monographs "Methods of Hygienic Research" and "Air Ionization and its Hygienic Significance". He has also authored "General Hygiene", the first textbook for dental students covering the subject, and a number of other textbooks [10–12].

G.I. Sidorenko (1926–1999), a world-renowned scientist and hygienist and author of over 300 scientific papers, developed the new theoretical and practical concept that describes a unified approach to the content of chemical substances in various environments through the lens of hygiene and enables forecasting their toxicity. He laid the foundation of research uniting the concepts of ecology and hygiene. In the 1980s, as part of the International cooperation with the United States, G.I. Sidorenko dedicated his time not only to the problems of hygiene but also prevention and treatment of cardiovascular and oncological diseases [13].

All the above mentioned studies by Soviet scientists and their associates were designed to solve the main problem, that of organization and large scale implementation of preventive measures to lower the incidence and preserve health of people.

The current stage of development of hygiene

The task of hygiene as a science is to mitigate the negative factors and increase the impact of positive factors through hygienic measures. For example, it has been established that fluorine in drinking water has a certain positive effect on the development and formation of teeth.

In the 20th century, the investments into health care were mainly used to solve the already actual problems and not to prevent such. Therapy, not prevention and health strengthening, was the common solution in case of any condition that caused deterioration of health. Currently, prevention as an area of medicine receives much attention.

It is known that environmental factors affect the course of development of various pathologies, and disregarding such factors degrades the effectiveness of treatment. For example, it was established and proven that occupational risks influence development of diseases of the oral cavity. Exposure to certain chemicals can boost a pathological process there, like caries and other diseases. There is a significant number of diseases known to have associations with the factors of the environment. Living conditions, mineral composition of the commonly consumed water affect the course of a number of diseases.

Occupational factors, like conditions a person works in, can contribute to the development of certain diseases, exacerbate cardiovascular or respiratory pathologies [14].

A doctor must know of the influence of certain factors, such as nutrition, natural conditions and quality and composition of water, on the body. Drug prescriptions should factor in dietary habits of the patients, since nutrition can weaken or enhance the effect of the drug, same as drinking water.

Currently, hygiene develops in two directions. On the one hand, it undergoes differentiation, with a number of branches stemming out of the common body of hygiene as a science, including social hygiene, public hygiene, food hygiene, labor protection, children’s and adolescent hygiene, radiation hygiene, military hygiene, hygiene of polymeric materials and toxicology, hygiene of space flights and aviation hygiene. On the other hand, there is an integration process underway that merges hygiene with clinical areas of medicine, therapeutics, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology etc. [15].

This relationship is also seen in occupational health, which affects the performance of health care professionals. Different professions have different requirements for those practicing
them. For physicians with a therapeutic profile, patience and attentiveness are important. District doctors, or neighborhood physicians, work under a rather tangible physical load and in conditions constantly causing nervous and emotional stress associated with a lack of time needed to properly diagnose and prescribe treatment. The specifics of work or peculiarities of the patients may be the reasons behind trauma suffered by psychiatrists in hospitals and clinics, STD and skin doctors, paramedics involved in transportation.

Doctors have to work under a high neuropsychic load in outpatient clinics and inpatient hospitals, feel negative emotions associated with difficulties in treating and caring for patients, visiting them at home or contacting their relatives. Studies investigating nervous system functions in doctors and hospital therapists have revealed that some indicators of attention (in particular, stability of attention, speed of sensorimotor reactions to light and sound stimuli) progressively deteriorate by the end of a shift.

During the coronavirus pandemic, which gave rise to a new round of hygiene and prevention improvements throughout the world, many medical researchers took it as their professional duty to delve deeply into the theoretical and practical issues of mutual support between hygiene and prevention.

Tens of thousands of articles have been written; to a greater or lesser extent, they address the issues of health education, compliance with hygiene and sanitation standards, prevention of infectious diseases, innovative methods of treatment relying on teledicine and remote monitoring of chronic patients, and AI-enabled diagnosing. All of these are breakthroughs in the field of occupational health, which can quickly improve the quality and efficiency of work of health care professionals while protecting their lives and health. The challenges of the pandemic unexpectedly brought together doctors of two specialties, therapists and hygienists, who join forces in an integrated approach to pathology elimination.

More and more often, there appear articles, research and development efforts dedicated to the problems of improvement of epidemiologically safe scenarios of interaction between doctors and patients under the multifactorial impact of COVID-19 [16, 17].

It can be stated that, in actuality, the third period in the history of hygiene has began. In addition to sanitary rules, pharmacological and therapeutic treatments, it sees hygiene and therapy discovering a previously unknown channel of interaction. The two specialties have connected on the basis of a fundamentally new format through digital technologies such as artificial intelligence, remote monitoring of and care for infected patients, including online consultations when the patients stay at home (teledicine), as well as various smart medical devices for personal use and direct communication with attending physicians.

All these digital tools allow separating infected patients from healthy people and doctors as much as possible, building additional barriers before a spreading epidemic disease. Such capabilities gain additional relevance since pandemics have not left us for good. According to the official data, SARS-CoV-2 claimed 5 million lives, however, some experts estimate the true toll taken by the pandemic is about 17 million people [18]. Regardless of what number is closer to reality, COVID-19 ranks first on the list of the deadliest diseases in history.

In the last thirty years, until 2020, the development of hygiene was somewhat stalling: the investments made into health care were mainly used to solve the already actual problems, i.e., to provide treatment proper, but not to prevent such problems. The focus of attention was not on health promotion and disease prevention but on therapeutic and other assistance rendered when the pathology has already developed. It is obvious that the link was broken by the degression of health education efforts aimed at the general public, shrinking of the hygiene curriculum and deterioration of its quality at medical universities, as well as general commercialization of medicine, when treating a disease is more profitable than preventing it.

The COVID-19 pandemic marked a turning point in the history of hygiene and therapy. We are seeing how the priorities are changing in real time. At the peak of the pandemic, all media explained to the general population the essence and importance of the standard hygiene recommendations by WHO, recommending that, when followed, reduce the risk of contracting coronavirus.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) came into limelight. It became the backbone of one of the most effective safety strategies that kept both the patients and the doctors safe from transmissible pathogens.

This hygiene strategy was the top priority one when the effective treatment and prevention measures against the disease were yet to be developed.

At this stage, hygiene came to the foreground again. Modern PPE were being actively designed; their primary purpose was to protect medical workers from virulent pathogens by preventing contact with biological fluids and infection by airborne droplets. Rigid protocols were formulated, which required the use of appropriate PPE by all health care providers who contact patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.

The world saw improvement and large-scale production of protective suits, waterproof gowns, a variety of gloves, breathing masks, surgical masks, hair protection devices, goggles and face shields that, combined with consistent hand hygiene, could minimize exposure to airborne particles and their landing on mucous membranes. En masse, health care professionals were taught the updated hygiene rules that describe how to use the PPE properly, down to the sequence of donning and doffing them.

Largely, the convergence of hygiene and therapeutics during the 2020 crisis was enabled by the unprecedented explosive development of a range of digital technologies, including the Internet of Things (IoT) with next-generation 5G networks, artificial intelligence (AI) relying on deep learning, big data analytics, blockchain, robotic technologies and the widespread introduction of teledicine [19].

The third stage of the hygiene evolution, the era of digital transformation of medicine, has begun during the COVID-19 pandemic. Its emergence has stimulated worldwide introduction of measures designed to curb the spread of the disease, such as social distancing, quarantine and cordon sanitaire, all of which were supported by the doctor-patient interaction opportunities opened by the digital technology.

CONCLUSION

Hygiene is a medical prevention discipline that studies the patterns of environmental factors as they act on the body with the aim of preventing diseases and improving the environment itself. Hygiene, as opposed to other disciplines, allows applying the main breakthroughs and achievements at the stage of primary prevention of the diseases, which can significantly reduce the incidence of more severe forms of the pathologies.

Rethinking the history of hygiene and therapeutics yields interesting ideas supporting formulation of unexpected innovative variants of the socio-medical paradigm of the future. The attitudes and concepts of the past years, with their understandable and clear values, help to develop the new
rules of health preservation that, along with classical preventive measures, include innovative methods of protection of doctors and persons (on both occupational and individual levels) that have to constantly be among people during a pandemic.

In general, the entire history of hygiene and therapeutics, from antiquity to the present day, can be said to be the history of their deepening mutual penetration, influence and support. Both disciplines transform in line with the evolutionary changes of human society and medical science, absorbing breakthroughs and adapting them to serve the ultimate goal, which is to ensure maximum reliability in preserving human health and prolonging an active and fulfilling life.

The COVID-19 pandemic has become a separate chapter and a new phase in the world history of hygiene and prevention: it taught the current civilization the lessons of extreme changes of human society and medical science, absorbing breakthroughs and adapting them to serve the ultimate goal, which is to ensure maximum reliability in preserving human health and prolonging an active and fulfilling life.

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The classical algorithms of organization of health care and preventive hygiene should give way to advanced technologies. Doctors have entered the era of digital opportunities for implementation of sanitary rules known since ancient times; the new stage of digitalization of all traditional hygiene tools and the related therapies has begun.

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HYGIENIC PROFILE OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, THEIR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

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Shaping healthy lifestyle in high school seniors is one of the main challenges of society. The high school seniors’ lifestyle is formed under the influence of their parents and teachers. The study was aimed to form a picture of the hygienic profile of high school seniors, their parents and teachers. An online questionnaire survey of 158 high school students aged 15–18, 113 parents, 202 teachers was carried out. It has been found that 88.6% of high school seniors spend much time on electronic gadgets, 37.2% spend more than three hours on homework, 39.9% sleep less than six hours per day, 35.3% drink alcohol, 12.7% have tried smoking, 4.0% smoke, 17.3% spend less than 60 min per day outdoors, 54.3% have insufficient physical activity, 25.0% do not follow principles of healthy eating, 26.1% eat cooked meals less than two times a day, 11.0% have a late supper. Among parents, spending much time on electronic gadgets is reported in 30.1%, furthermore, 46.9% of them do nothing to improve their health, 55.7% sleep less than six hours per day, 25.6% drink alcohol, 11.5% smoke, 49.6% have insufficient physical activity, 20.4% do not follow principles of healthy eating, 15.0% have a late supper. As for teachers, spending much time on electronic gadgets is reported in 37.8%, 41.7% of teachers do nothing to improve their health, 59.2% sleep less than six hours per day, 9.5% drink alcohol, 9.5% smoke, 42.8% have insufficient physical activity, 38.3% do not follow principles of healthy eating, 26.0% have a late supper. The hygienic profile of high school seniors, their parents and teachers demonstrates unhealthy lifestyle choices that pose a challenge for their lifestyle and health.

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online resources unacknowledged by professional sources, bloggers, and popular channels (Youtube and others) [6]. Adolescents who have no experience can make rash decisions about their health, relying on the opinion of famous bloggers. Girls usually start using makeup earlier, boys, driven by the desire to build muscle mass, start consuming protein cocktails and sometimes even hormonal drugs. Bloggers are people who sometimes do not have even elementary knowledge of the issues related to healthy lifestyle, take the liberty of providing advice on sticking to this or that diet, lifestyle. This can not only improve health, but in some cases promotes deterioration of health and the quality of life. Furthermore, this can contribute to risky behaviour and in some cases lead to disability and death. The today’s parents usually do not care about the sources of information, the teenagers use when they have questions about their lifestyle, nutrition, and health [7–11].

The so-called “spontaneous preferences” related to nutrition and physical activity, and sometimes deviant behavior, are often formed in high school seniors due to the data obtained from disreputable sources under the influence of appropriate bloggers.

Poor eating habits and unhealthy lifestyle often result in health (both physical and mental) problems [12]. The today’s young adults become more and more obsessed with material items, such as making money online, on TikTok or Youtube, sometimes through live demonstration of obscene behavior, humiliation or aggression against each other, animals, etc. [13]. That is why it is vital for modern family to know what exactly is their teenager interested in on the Internet, what online channels he/she visits. To realize his/her full value, it is important for the teenager to go out, play sports, have meals with family.

Russia is a multinational country, that is why it is necessary to familiarize adolescents and other family members with family traditions, culture of communication and nutrition [14]. All the teenager’s family is recommended to attend events aimed at promoting family cohesion more often in order to create a favorable psychological climate [15]. It is important for the adolescent to be able to control the time spent on the computer, tablet, phone, and to have a healthy lifestyle, stick to the principles of healthy adequate nutrition, spend more time outdoors, exercise regularly, have a healthy environment of like-minded people and adherents of a healthy lifestyle, abandon bad habits, and have great reproductive health [6, 16].

The study was aimed to form a picture of the hygienic profile of high school seniors, their parents and teachers.

METHODS

The study was performed from February to March 2023 in the Comprehensive Secondary School № 2065 (Moscow) by conducting an online survey involving the use of the online questionnaire with 10 questions on healthy lifestyle for high school seniors, eight questions for parents, and eight questions for teachers [17]. A valid questionnaire suitable for such studies was used. The method of independent samples was used to study 158 students aged 15–18 (grades 9–11) attending school № 2065, 113 parents of high school seniors, and 202 teachers. In addition, standard questionnaires on the lifestyle of children, adolescents, and youth was used during the study [18].

The inclusion criteria were as follows: availability of the properly filled questionnaires; availability of the filled informed consent form.

![High school seniors](image)
consent being one of the questionnaire items; belonging to the group of high school seniors, parents or teachers.

The questionnaire consisted of several items that included questions about the time spent on electronic gadgets, homework, night sleep, physical activity, healthy eating, existence or lack of harmful habits, such as drinking alcohol and smoking, as well as about the time spent outdoors [19]. The so-called hygienic profile of high school seniors, their parents and teachers was created based on the survey results. Hygienic profile is a complex concept that includes comprehensive hygienic characteristics of the lifestyle of high school seniors, parents and teachers in general together with the estimated time spent on electronic gadgets, time spent on homework, sleep, existence or lack of harmful habits (drinking alcohol and smoking), and the time spent outdoors. Furthermore, physical activity and compliance with the principles of healthy eating (the facts of having cooked meals, having meals at least twice a day, having late suppers) were assessed.

Statistical processing of the results was performed using the Excel 2016 spreadsheet (Microsoft; USA) and the Statistica 10 software package (Statsoft; USA). When performing data processing, the results obtained were previously tested for normality. Descriptive statistics, i.e. the mean (M) and standard deviation (σ), were used.

RESULTS

Among high school seniors, 88.6% spend much time on electronic gadgets. It should be noted that 37.2% of them spend more than three hours on homework, though 39.9% demonstrate a constant lack of night sleep, i.e. sleep less than six hours per day (Fig. 1).

Furthermore, it should be noted that high school seniors often have unhealthy lifestyle. Thus, drinking alcohol is reported in 35.3%, 4.0% smoke, and 12.7% note that they have tried smoking. The today’s high school seniors go out rarely and spend a little time outdoors: 17.3% of adolescents spend less than 60 min per day outdoors. Modern high school seniors have insufficient physical activity in 54.3% of cases.

One third of today’s high school seniors do not stick to the principles of healthy eating; 25.1% eat cooked meals less than twice a day. Late suppers taken less than two hours before sleep (violation of the recommended interval) are reported in 11.0% of high school seniors.

Among the high school seniors’ parents, 30.1% spend much time on electronic gadgets. It should be noted, that 46.9% of parents do nothing to improve their health, and more than a half (55.7%) demonstrate a constant lack of night sleep, i.e. sleep less than six hours per day (Fig. 2). The high school seniors’ parents often demonstrate such unhealthy lifestyle choices, as drinking alcohol (25.6% of cases), smoking (11.5% of cases). Modern parents of high school seniors have insufficient physical activity in 49.6% of cases. Furthermore, sometimes they do not stick to the principles of healthy eating. For example, 20.4% of parents eat cooked meals less than twice a day. Late suppers taken less than two hours before sleep (violation of the recommended interval) are reported in 15.0 % of parents.

Among the high school seniors’ teachers, 37.8% spend much time on electronic gadgets. It should be noted, that 41.7% of teachers do nothing to improve their health, and more than a half (59.2%) demonstrate a constant lack of night sleep, i.e. sleep less than six hours per day (Fig. 2). The teachers of high school seniors often demonstrate such unhealthy lifestyle choices, as drinking alcohol (9.5% of cases), smoking (9.5% of cases). Modern high school seniors’ teachers have insufficient physical activity in 42.8% of cases. Furthermore, the today’s teachers sometimes do not stick to the principles of healthy eating. Furthermore,
38.3% of teachers eat cooked meals less than twice a day. Late suppers taken less than two hours before sleep (violation of the recommended interval) are reported in 26.0% of teachers.

DISCUSSION

The study has made it possible to form a picture of the hygienic profile of high school seniors, their parents and teachers, as well as to reveal various unhealthy lifestyle choices. According to the results, today’s high school seniors, their parents and even teachers demonstrate unhealthy lifestyle choices that pose a challenge related to both lifestyle and general health.

The questionnaire survey carried out as part of the scientific research has revealed insufficient awareness and compliance with healthy lifestyle in high school seniors, their parents and teachers. This is a deeper problem of public health, since high school seniors are often guided by knowledge provided by teachers, parents and medical professionals both at school and in their extracurricular activities. For this reason, research shows that it is necessary to involve experts in healthy lifestyle (pediatricians, family and school physicians, nutritionists, and other competent specialists in this field) to acquire knowledge and develop skills. High school seniors, their parents and teachers should be provided up-to-date information about the basics of healthy lifestyle and the effects of non-compliance with such lifestyle. Furthermore, high school seniors should be provided an opportunity to make brief presentations on the issue in their biology and PE classes, as well as to take part in various Olympiads on healthy lifestyle. Currently, decreasing overall morbidity of the population is a priority at the national level. This will make it possible to improve the quality of life of the whole population, reduce the risk of disorders, and in some cases prevent the disease development.

Joint efforts of the healthcare system, researchers and teachers will not only help to shape an ideal profile of high school seniors, their parents and teachers in terms of health, but also enable creating healthy society. The literature reports data on the effective application of preventive measures aimed to preserve and improve health of high school seniors, their parents and teachers [18, 20–24].

CONCLUSIONS

Analysis of the hygienic profile of high school seniors, their parents and teachers has revealed poor adherence to the principles of healthy lifestyle not only in high school students, but also in their parents and teachers. This is important, since there is continuity of adherence to certain lifestyle and eating patterns between parents and children, teachers and children. However, the findings show that parents and teachers often breach or fail to comply with the principles of healthy lifestyle and eating, which is probably due to their professional activity and lack of time. Despite this, one should not forget that habits that comply with the principles of healthy lifestyle and nutrition are formed mostly at school and at home, and the environment (parents and teachers) is that very source, the high school seniors are guided by and sometimes imitate.

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LIFESTYLE-ASSOCIATED RISK FACTORS AFFECTING YOUNG PEOPLE

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The lack of a well-defined healthy lifestyle culture adopted by young people is one of the reasons behind them developing chronic non-communicable diseases. The review summarizes the results of a number of scientific investigations of the relationship between behavioral risk factors and health indicators as registered in the working and studying youth; we present the values reflecting the relative link between onset of chronic diseases and alcohol consumption, smoking, low physical activity, sleep disturbance, nutritional habits and use of gadgets, and highlight the specific aspects of how the risk factors associated with the lifestyle of youth are perceived.

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In the recent years, there has been much discussion revolving around the diminishing share of young people among the population of Russia, increasing level of morbidity, poorer overall physical development of the population, disrupted morphofunctional capabilities of the body [1–6], while the background for all these issues is the society’s urgent need for active, healthy, creative individuals who are ready to realize their potential in all spheres of life, with a focus on professional activities [7].

At the ages 18 through 25, the body becomes biologically mature and morphofunctional indicators reach their definitive values, which makes young people interesting research subjects; this is when they define their independent lifestyle that largely shapes the state of health of a human being [8, 9]. Apart from the working young people, this age group includes students that make up the majority of the country’s young population [10].

This review aims to analyze and summarize the results of a number of scientific investigations of the relationship between behavioral risk factors and health indicators as registered in the working and studying youth;

Materials and methods

This is an analytical review of research investigating the relationship between behavioral risk factors and health status indicators in working and studying youth aged 18 to 25 years; the papers reviewed were published from 2013 to 2023.

We searched for the papers in eLibrary, East View, PubMed, Google Scholar, Cyberleninka.

Top behavioral risk factors for health of young people

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), some of the key promoters of morbidity and mortality are addictive behavior, poor nutrition and insufficient physical activity [11]. The negative consequences of alcohol abuse, both at the level of individuals and population as a whole, make this habit a national security concern. Alcohol is a proven factor triggering development of diseases of various organs and systems of the body [12]. There is a review [13] that summarizes Russian medical and sociological studies of the causes and consequences of alcohol consumption. The researchers note that young people are particularly susceptible to the grave effects of alcohol.

A noteworthy indicator is the rather high alcohol- and drug-associated death rate among young people: in the last decade, it has climbed up to 4.3 persons per 100 000 population [14]. Among people aged 20 through 39, alcohol is a factor in 13.5% of deaths [15]. Because of the social and economic crises, unexpected unemployment, deteriorating living conditions and quality of life, more young people began to consume alcohol regularly, although previously they never had the habit [13, 16].

According to another study, working population of Russia, young people included, saw no direct link between the frequency of alcohol consumption and their health status, although strong alcoholic beverages promote heart disease...
The problem of tobacco smoking remains very acute among the youth [18]. Smoking is an effective contributor to the development and progression of diseases and disorders of the cardiovascular system, such as atherosclerosis, vascular endothelial damage, reduced oxygen supply to the tissues and higher activity of the sympathetic nervous system. Moreover, smoking boosts platelet aggregation and decreases the level of high-density lipoproteins. According to a research paper [19], young people that smoke run a 3.33 times higher risk of myocardial infarction than their non-smoking counterparts, and the elderly have this risk only 2.44 times higher.

An analysis of how the working population perceives risks allowed identifying the difference between objective and subjective knowledge. A paper [20] highlights that while the participants of the respective study declared high danger of smoking for human health, subjectively they underestimated the significance of the risk in question. In terms of importance for health, workers involved in industrial production rated smoking fifth most important factor, while those in other professions — third. Responding to the question of link between smoking and health of the respondents, the respondents assessed the danger of smoking ambiguously: 22% of smokers surveyed considered smoking to be very dangerous (5 points out of 5), 45% of respondents from this group gave it 4 points, and 23% of smokers rated smoking as “medium” or “not dangerous” (3 points). Nevertheless, they acknowledged the health hazard potential of smoking. The possible reason behind this ambiguity is the fact that only 46% of smokers felt the harmful effects of smoking on their health. The researchers revealed no significant age- or gender-related differences in the assessment of smoking. According to the published papers [17], smoking increased the likelihood of chronic respiratory diseases in the working population (RR = 1.39; 95% CI: 1.104–1.749). Another study discovered that smokers felt sick more often than non-smokers, and their sicknesses lasted longer [15]. Higher school students 17 through 20 years old already exhibited negative consequences of smoking: weakness (61%), sleep disorders (58%), headaches (43%), frequent sore throats (39%), acute respiratory diseases (33%), cough with sputum (31%), shortness of breath (15%), disorders of the digestive system (8%). There are results of medical examinations confirming complaints of the students [16].

Scientific circles in Russia and abroad have long been discussing the mass indulgence of young people in smoking hookahs, vaporizers and electronic cigarettes. The results of the analysis of study reports authored by Russian and foreign researchers lead to an unambiguous conclusion about the destructive effect of electronic cigarettes: the damage they do is comparable to smoking a classic cigarette and aggravated by inhalation of the electronic cigarette’s smoking liquid [21, 22]. In the survey, young people mentioned stress, social unsettlement and lack of knowledge of effective ways of relaxation as the main causes of their addictive behavior [16].

Systematic violation of the daily routine, as confirmed by numerous studies in this area, puts an additional burden on the health of young people. Violation of the “sleep-wakefulness” rhythm brings desynchronisation, which breaks the harmony between the body’s biological rhythms and those of the environment; this broken bond brings disorders of the immune [23], endocrine [24], cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive and other functional systems [25]. One of the first Russian studies [26] investigating the relationship between the sleep-wakefulness rhythm patterns (regularity, fragmentation) and cardiometabolic indicators revealed that a stable sleep pattern, high daytime and low nighttime activity are associated with a better condition of the circulatory system. The “social jetlag” (SJL) term suggested by T.Roenneberg et al. reflects the difference between the average nighttime sleep on workdays and weekends. Currently, SJL is known to be associated with several behavioral outcomes: less healthy eating patterns [27], poorer performance in high school and university [28], higher physical and verbal aggression exhibited by students [29]. Prolonged sleep restriction affects behavioral responses to food choices, especially hedonic food stimuli [24].

Workers, young people included, involved in industrial production and other professions did not consider sleep disturbance to be a highly significant factor of health deterioration [20]. In higher school students, there was established a strong link between a full night’s sleep and how well they felt (r = 0.86); against the background of a broken daily routine, the RR of them self-assessing their health status as low was 1.8 [16]. A lifestyle peculiarity for young students was the longer gadget screen time [6, 30]. It was shown that the actual daily routine of students actively using information and communication technologies changed: they tended to sleep less at night, were less physically active and consumed their meals within shorter periods of time [2]. Changed structure of the daily routine and use of various electronic devices for both educational and leisure purposes had a negative effect on the health and well-being of young people [31, 32]. Studies have also revealed that young people who used noise-canceling earphones or other people that use headphones at the maximum volume every day (RR = 3.20; 95% CI: 2.40–5.21) [33] and the risk of development of eye and adnexa diseases as a result of non-compliance with the hygienic rules developed for users of electronic devices (RR = 1.21; 95% CI: 1.1–1.6) [6].

Throughout life, nutrition is a necessity for a human being, and it has specific features in every age period. The health of society depends on how well nutrition of a person and population in general fits the physiological needs [11, 34, 35]. Researchers often discuss the issues of faulty catering, imbalanced food sets and biological value of diets of children, adolescents, youth and adults in various regions of Russia [5, 17]. They conclude that the current pattern of nutrition practiced by the young people generally discourages adoption of a healthy food consumption culture and, on the contrary, causes development of alimentary-dependent diseases [4, 36]. Along with unfavorable environmental conditions, in some cases harmful working conditions exacerbate the deficiency of essential nutrients against the background of any disease, stress, antidepressants intake and widely followed dieting plans [37].

Unsound diets, faulty in nutritional value and food intake time alike, is a common problem for the working population [38]. Often, lacking time and awareness of the basics of healthy nutrition, working people did not focus on what kind of food and how much they ate, preferring deeply processed foodstuffs [39]. In a study that assessed behavioral health risks faced by the working population of Russia, regression analysis showed that 55% of the examined “unhealthy eaters” were prone to developing chronic diseases, with the probability of endocrine system diseases being 1.6 times higher for them than for the control group [17]. An interesting fact [20]: only
19% of the respondents employed in the industrial sector regarded unhealthy nutrition as one of the top five strongest factors affecting health of an individual. Those working outside industrial production facilities expressed similar opinion in 33% of cases \( (p = 0.010) \). Among industrial workers who stated the absolute need to maintain a healthy diet, only 23% included nutrition in the system of important risk factors, while among the respondents from other walks of life this number was 34% \( (p = 0.020) \). According to the leading Russian scientists, malnutrition accounts for 30% to 50% of the causes of various chronic non-communicable diseases [5, 36].

It has been proven that a full value breakfast helps feel full throughout the day, reduces cravings for high-calorie foods and mitigates the risk of obesity [40]. Foreign researchers have shown that a snack-free diet that includes a mandatory breakfast and implies consumption of most of the daily calories in the morning and around noon [41], as well as a varied diet [42], reduce chronic inflammation, improve circadian regulation, stress tolerance and the state of the intestinal microbiome. People who ate a large amount of whole grains and vegetables had a healthy gut microflora [43]. However, the habits of young people indicated early formation of incorrect nutritional behavioral patterns: frequent dismissal of breakfast, high consumption of sugar, salt, fats, refined food and insufficient consumption of dishes from cereals, vegetables, fruits, fish and oils [2, 18, 44, 45]. The assessment of the effect poor nutrition has on the health of higher school students revealed a close relationship thereof with chronic diseases \( (r = 0.86) \), with the RR of health disorders at 4.9 [16].

It has been established that consumption of food high in added sugar and frequent snacking provoke growth of the level of cholesterol, triglycerides and low-density lipoproteins in blood. Horn of the day, reduce cravings for high-calorie foods and reduces insulin sensitivity [46]. The situation is further aggravated by the high popularity of products with low biological value: consumed in excess, they contribute significantly to the development of metabolic syndrome [47]. A study [18] has shown that Russian higher school students, compared to their English peers, snack on hamburgers and hot dogs 3 times less often, do not prefer potato chips between meals (chosen by 2.9% of the former compared to 47.4% of the latter) and drink sweet carbonated drinks only occasionally \( (0.5\% vs. 41.4\% of students, respectively) \).

The matter of significance of insufficient physical activity is an urgent one for the healthcare systems all over the world, not only in Russia [48]. Physical activity is a broader concept than just sports. It includes any movement of the body powered by the skeletal muscles that results in expenditure of energy throughout the day, reduces cravings for high-calorie foods and reduces insulin sensitivity [46]. The situation is further aggravated by the high popularity of products with low biological value: consumed in excess, they contribute significantly to the development of metabolic syndrome [47]. A study [18] has shown that Russian higher school students, compared to their English peers, snack on hamburgers and hot dogs 3 times less often, do not prefer potato chips between meals (chosen by 2.9% of the former compared to 47.4% of the latter) and drink sweet carbonated drinks only occasionally \( (0.5\% vs. 41.4\% of students, respectively) \).

The review showed that behavioral risk factors, to varying degrees, had a negative effect on both how young people self-assess their health and its objective condition confirmed clinically. The research papers pay much attention to evaluation of health of young students, prevalence of individual behavioral risk factors and their relationship with the development of non-communicable diseases. The data on the health status and lifestyle of the working youth more often cover either the entire working-age population or those over 25 years of age. There are very few publications that assess the risk factors peculiar to the lifestyle of young working people starting their professional careers. In order to develop health-preserving programs for deployment in work and higher school environments, it is necessary to investigate the modifiable risk factors in different age and social groups of young people.

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The article analyzes the experience of developing health preservation competencies of medical students in the context of blended learning and application of innovative health preservation techniques. Health preservation is a multilevel problem that requires an integrated approach implying readiness of medical graduates to respond flexibly to the changing landscape of their professional activities; therefore, the article discusses some promising options of mastering universal competencies and their integration into the educational process while factoring in the current knowledge on hygiene education, patterns of thinking, psychology of consciousness, decision-making and practical skills, all of which should be developed and consolidated by applying the various current forms, technologies and methods of work.

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The global challenges of the present and the new wave of reforms of healthcare, education and social policy add to the urgency of the health preservation problems.

The priority factors fostering health preservation and healthy lifestyle among students are regulations supporting the state policy aimed at the maintenance and improvement of the health of students, development of the respective educational system in educational establishments, as well as promotion of a favorable atmosphere there and in the families of students.

Health-oriented pedagogy rests on the foundation of health saving techniques part of the educational process; such techniques are described in the 'Concept of Implementation of the National Goals in the Field of Science and Higher Education until 2030' [1].

As stipulated by the Russian Federation strategic development tasks and national goals (Decree of the President of the Russian Federation № 204 of May 7, 2018), many federal projects in the fields of healthcare, education and social policy seek to solve the problems of public health improvement and preservation, organization of the learning processes and digital educational environment, creation of the new opportunities for everyone and "social elevators", etc. [2].

Young people in general and students in particular play a special role in the life of society because they possess a significant social, demographic, industrial, intellectual and reproductive potential. The state of health of students reflects the level of socio-economic and cultural development of the state [3].

The current Federal State Higher Education Standard effective since 2020 regulates training of medical personnel; the Standard guides medical students to develop both universal competencies (UC) and general professional competencies (GPC) in the context of the General Medicine and Pediatrics specializations. In particular, there are following sets of competencies: UC 7, aimed at self-organization and self-development (health preservation); UC 8, enabling to create and maintain safe conditions in everyday and professional lives; GPC 2, aimed at establishment of control of effectiveness of the public prevention measures, healthy lifestyle and sanitary/hygienic education efforts; GPC 10, guiding to search for solutions to the standard professional problems using
information and communication technologies while accounting for the basic information security requirements [4, 5].

Currently, against the backdrop of the experience of the pandemic and distance learning [6] coupled with insufficiency of the students’ health preservation competencies [7], the task set before the higher education and professional medical training establishments prescribes mastering (by students) of a number of competencies significant from the point of view of their future profession and social life, as well as skills allowing to preserve and improve health and apply the innovative health saving techniques. Therefore, this review aims to analyze the experience of developing health preservation competencies of medical students in the context of blended learning, and learning the universal competencies in the broader sense.

Materials and methods

Observing the principles of scientific objectivity and complexity, we analyzed the prospective studies and major achievements in the field of development of health preservation competencies of doctors-to-be, such development being a current task in curricula of the medical universities. We considered the papers published in periodic research and practical publications between 1 January, 2000 and 31 December, 2022, accessible in the Russian and foreign databases (RSCI and PubMed).

Health preservation as a multifactorial and multicomponent construct in the system of organization of educational activities

Analysis of the notional, conceptual aspects of health preservation yielded identification of the problems embedded in the very definition of health (its two polar states and the many transitional conditions between \"well\" and \"sick\"), various systemic levels (health of an individual, group, population), various conceptual models of health (biological, medical, biomedical, biosocial, value-social) [8]. Moreover, the concept of health is dynamic, it changes over time and reflects the shifts in epidemiological situation, dubbed \"epidemiological revolutions\"; in this connection, the content of the \"quality of life\" indicator was reinvented to better show the possibility of an individual to realize his/her potential (including individuals with special educational needs) and not simply the capability to recover from the diseases, i.e., be at a given health state level [9].

One of the obstacles on the path of development and introduction of health preservation into the curricula is terminology, namely, the discrepancies therein. There is no single definition of \"health preservation\" and \"healthy lifestyle\", the concept and notion behind them are fuzzy, which inevitably complicates understanding of the respective terminological construct and its practical application in educational activities [10].

Most researchers addressing the problem define \"health preservation\" as activity aimed at maintaining health, interconnected and unified at all levels of human life. The said researchers also underscore the fact that the construct is not used as much as it should be in real-life practice [8–11].

Some theoretical studies and practical systems promote \"health preservation\" as an interconnected set of measures that raise awareness of people about health saving and improving practices; in other words, such measures foster taking health as something of value [12].

Considering health preservation through the lens of the systematic approach, it is important to factor in not only environmental influences but also the individual personal characteristics of the student, since the success and effectiveness of the educational effort depends on them.

The tiered approach implies management of external and internal factors, as well as the conditions of health preservation. There are different factors and conditions peculiar to different tiers of health (individual, group, population). While at the tier of an individual the assessment of health relies on physical, physiological, biochemical, clinical and other indicators, at the level of population \"health\" is a socio-economic category with procreation, duration and quality of life at its base [8].

The different characteristics of health at the tiers of an individual and population require considering health preservation as a multidimensional discipline, and plan appropriate vectors of activity aimed at protecting health of students in the educational, medical, psychological, social and other aspects.

The vectors support health maintenance and extension of active years of life, professional activities of people, their social and spiritual development, efforts contributing to building and reinforcing a healthy family [13].

In addition, the term \"health preservation\" is often used as a generalized concept of \"healthy lifestyle\" as a special case of \"lifestyle\", which encompasses physical training activities, principles of rational nutrition, work and rest, psychohygiene, spiritual culture as protection from the stressful impact of intellectual and emotional psycho-traumatic factors of society, all of which are necessary for the psychosocial development of the individual and formation of his/her moral ideals and a habit of healthy lifestyle [11–14].

The term \"health saving educational technology\" has a broader sense behind it. There is more to it that just a qualitative characteristic of the respective method of teaching, its “safe for health” certificate [15].

Depending on the goal and focus of the application, health saving educational technologies affect different factors and ultimately harmonize and transform the environment around students into a health saving one, subsequently promoting formation of a health preservation space at a given tier (individual, group or population). The resulting health saving effect relies on wide range of techniques, methods and means, including traditional and innovative technologies of education and upbringing.

Below, we contemplate some technologies through the lens of their impact on the most significant factors and different levels of health.

Health preservation technologies and their impact factors

Educational factor and its components

Jointly with family and society, higher education establishments play an important part in the student healthcare system. The health saving aspects of the establishment’s curriculum, in addition to being designed to teach professional competencies, include a wide range of environmental influences that create conditions for development of the student in the intellectual, information and communication, object-spatial, recreational and other areas [16].

Learning the \"ready-made knowledge\" from textbooks does not guarantee that the student evolves into a person capable of professional activity, continuous self-education and self-development. It is very important to teach students how to effectively search for the necessary information, comprehend it, formulate a problem, analyze ways to solve it, get a reliable result and reasonably prove the correctness of their point
of view. Thus, introduction of active learning methods into the higher education system and integration of innovative technologies with the educational process seek to optimize the learning routine, form a value-driven attitude in students in the context of their professional development as doctors-to-be, and, consequently, promote health preservation [16, 17].

Such technologies, applied in the form of a productive discussion of creative, original, non-standard issues, can evoke an emotional response and trigger a keen interest in the problem; they enable development of the ability to think, process information (analyze, structure, evaluate, etc.), creatively solve theoretical and practical problems, give feedback (reflect), convey ideas, formulate and express thoughts.

Current research confirms there is a link between academic performance, learning motivation and development of the emotional intelligence [18–21]. A high emotional intelligence supports effective metacognitive decision-making strategies applied in learning [22], good self-regulation abilities [23] and the creative thinking ability, all of which contribute to success in studying [24]. Students with high emotional intelligence adapt better and enjoy harmony in their study/life balance [25].

Interactive classes have an especially valuable aspect: students actively participate in the teaching process, which ensures effectiveness of learning; they interact, work in groups and realize their potential. Thus, students learn to establish social contacts, overcome self-doubt and fears, creatively approach certain problems that are interesting for them and can actually be solved by them, and they also learn to set priorities and take responsibility for the results of educational activities [16, 26, 27]. All this directly or indirectly contributes to the improvement of health on the levels of an individual and the group.

**Infrastructural factor (exemplified on the students with special educational needs)**

Teaching healthy lifestyle to students with special educational needs is an interdisciplinary problem.

For students with special educational needs, it is essential to have access to various educational, informational systems, work opportunities, societal activities on the same level as their fellow students without such needs. Currently, there is a sufficient choice of resources enabling education of students with special educational needs without any harm to their health. According to S.G. Serikov, they can be divided into procedural, related to the educational process itself, and environmental or accompanying, i.e., related to setting up conditions favorable for studying and a health preserving space. Rational organization of studying, harmonization of the process favorable for studying and a health preserving space. Rational organization of studying, harmonization of the associated load, personalization of the schedule to effectively combine learning and task solving, mixing mental and physical activities, practicing the student-centered approach, etc. All of these are procedural health saving resources [28, 29]. As for the environmental or accompanying resources, these include material and technical means, sanitary and hygienic conditions, favorable psychological climate, information support for health preservation [28–30].

Distance learning technology and special teaching aids enable successful development of universal competencies in students with special educational needs in the context of their professional training [31].

Facilitation of the educational process for children with special educational needs should start at preschool age and continue through the general educational institutions, thus ensuring the possibility of professional self-fulfillment for such children when they grow to be young adults [32].

For young people with special educational needs, who are learning new trades, the health saving educational process should be designed to eliminate the obstacles or maximize social adaptation, since training can expose them to the factors associated with the industrial environment and labor process that affect the body [33, 34].

**Medical treatment and prevention factor and components thereof**

To form the health preservation competencies in future doctors, it is also necessary to purposefully teach hygiene, psychology and pedagogy, with the respective curriculum including health-improving, sport, creative and educational activities revolving about health [35].

In addition to teaching universal and general professional competencies, following health preservation techniques are successfully used at the levels of an individual and a group for the purpose of hygienic education of medical students: rational nutrition checklists, physical activity, etc. [36, 37], successful development of communication skills, managerial decision-making, interpersonal relationships, adequate self-esteem, self-respect that aid socio-psychological adaptation as, in particular, a factor in effective interaction between a doctor and a patient. The effectiveness of interaction is one of the tools enabling relevant clinical decisions that factor in the opinion of the patient, thus making the medical consultation patient-oriented [38].

There are various types of positive social activity (needs promotional support in the form of social ads) that are the opposite of the unhealthy lifestyle. Such activity, involving the youth, offers alternative forms of leisure time, such as sports, travel, creative and research activities; the purpose is to convey information about the positive effect of healthy lifestyle through the media (social networks, television, radio, newspapers). Such programs, being part of a higher educational establishment’s educational policy, are implemented as various student events teaching healthy lifestyle and behavior; they make their impact at the group and population health tiers [14, 35].

**Psychological and social factors**

Positive emotions and development of the emotional intellect in general, their impact on health and life, management of emotions and navigation through stressful situations, are very important in the context of receiving an education. A student’s academic performance and emotional state are strongly influenced by the system of relationships that student is a part of, namely, the relations with fellow students and teachers, as they affect the manifested behavioral patterns inherent in a particular person, i.e. in the types of interpersonal relationships. Therefore, teaching students to be aware of and control emotions, switch them from one modality to another without resorting to various forms of self-destructive behavior, helps increase their efficiency, competence, self-esteem, develop the ability to consciously pursue a healthy lifestyle and resist bad habits, especially in the context of distance learning [39].

Along with AI technology, improvement of health of an individual requires betterment of human qualities relying on the achievements of neuroscience, positive psychology, evolutionary biology, together with clinical practices, behavioral therapy etc. Individual abilities, capabilities and personal qualities of a student are growing more and more important, since they, in the first place, require understanding at the level of thinking, beliefs, worldview and decision-making, and, most
importantly, at the level of emotions, motivation and ability to act, as well as the ability to increase energy potential and stress resistance resources using innovative health-saving techniques.

The educational process should be completed with the current knowledge about thinking (as a process), psychology of consciousness, neuroplasticity and learning the skills needed to manage emotions, resist stress, self-help to increase energy balance, foster emotional stability, immunity and vitality.

This is especially relevant for medical students and people in other helping professions. For them, it is especially important to be able (taught) to seek assistance in difficult life situations, understand and name feelings of other people, understand the cause-and-effect relationships between one’s actions and responses, be friendly, appropriate and observant, control attention.

Learning innovative health preservation techniques and methods, mastering the step-by-step instructions (checklists) enabling recognition and neutralization of cognitive distortions, limiting beliefs, fears, etc., can help reduce anxiety, the effects of stress, disappointment in everyday life and difficult life situations.

It is the teacher’s duty and responsibility to create a favorable climate in the group of students and in the context of teacher-student interactions. At the group health tier, these goals require that the teacher had the knowledge and the experience in the field of personality psychology and group work, psychology of communication with students and application of the innovative health preservation techniques. It is important to use training regimens, programs aimed at improving interaction between teachers and students. To create a favorable psychological climate in a group of students, it is necessary to teach them to recognize non-verbal communication mechanisms, form certain behavioral strategies that stem from personal experience, actively involve students themselves in various simulated situations having them formulate personal attitudes to their lifestyle [16, 27].

A multifactorial and multicomponent systemic approach to the concept of teaching health preservation as a universal competence has proven to be the most promising, since the effectiveness of such an approach directly depends on the number of components it includes, and the greater the amount of such components is, the more reliable and universal the system is [31, 40].

Conclusion

Analysis of the experience of forming health preservation competencies in medical students allowed concluding that health preservation techniques that affect certain factors, external or internal, create favorable conditions for a health-saving environment and shape the needed health-saving space. Depending on the goal and the focus, a health preservation technique affects health on a certain tier (individual, group or population) directly and throughout indirectly. Thus, we can control the health preservation process: improving individual health, we improve health of a group, which, in turn, has a beneficial effect at the tier of population and better the quality of life in general.

Economic, political, social, demographic and other challenges and life realities manifesting at the population tier force young people to compete fiercely and struggle for a successful career and personal development. Introduction of the health preservation techniques to the educational process and daily routines of students can help offset the impact of negative factors, optimize the process of learning, mitigate the risks of health disorders, reduce fatigue, with one of the positive factors in this context being the habit of a healthy lifestyle, independent health monitoring and control. The curricula should be extended with the theoretical knowledge about the work of thinking, psychology of consciousness, decision-making, as well as practical skills in occupational health, emotion management and conflict resolution, communication skills that improve health on both individual and group levels.

Adding the health preservation components to the educational process with the help of innovative techniques and student education patterns, coupled with optimization of the learning load resulting from application of health saving pedagogical techniques in an active sensory-developing environment (including for young people with special educational needs), will assist conscious formation of a culture of health that medical students can rely on in their future professional lives.

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The objectives of hygiene education of children, adolescents and youth as one of the areas of the public health system multidimensional activity are shaping the healthy lifestyle and improvement of the hygiene skills aimed at health promotion [1–4].

The health-preserving technologies as a component of educational environment intended to reduce the negative impact of various factors are characterized by indiscriminate use of methods [5–7].

The issue of improving motivation to participate in the hygiene education programs and stimulation of interest to healthy lifestyle using the activity elements popular among students are discussed in the scientific literature [8–11].
Educational institutions play a vital part in the issues related to the health of children and adolescents. That is why it is important to bring the proven technologies that contribute to health preservation in children, adolescents and youth, the effectiveness of which is scientifically grounded, to the work of the institutions.

The study was aimed to develop and test the technology for hygiene training of students.

METHODS

In 2017–2019, we tested the “Habit Trackers — Checklists” technology in dynamics within the framework of the hygiene training of schoolchildren in the Moscow and Astrakhan regions. In 2021–2023, the technology was tested among college and university students. The study involved 502 schoolchildren attending various schools of the Astrakhan region (gymnasiums, lyceums, secondary schools); 234 college students studying in various areas of training (Tourism and Hospitality, Hair Styling Technology and Makeup Design, Economics and Accounting, Information Systems and Programming, Cookery and Confectionery); 429 university students (Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University).

Inclusion criteria: age 7–20 years; belonging to the group of students; availability of the informed consent. Exclusion criteria: another age group; not belonging to the group of students; no informed consent available.

Statistical processing of the data obtained was performed using the Statgraphics (Statgraphics Technologies; USA), Microsoft Office Excel (Microsoft; USA), Statistica 13 PL (StatSoft; USA) software packages. The Student’s t-test for independent samples was used to assess the significance of differences between the mean values. When testing the statistical hypotheses, the significance level was set as $p \leq 0.05$.

RESULTS

Various preventive, health-improving and health-preserving technologies are quite often used in educational institutions, however, the use of such technologies is haphazard, and the measures are often selected based on the teacher’s subjective beliefs. There is usually no verification of the effectiveness of implementation of such technologies.

In the Astrakhan region, we tested a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach proposed by the Ministry of Education of the Astrakhan Region and the Department of Hygiene of the Faculty of Preventive Medicine, Astrakhan State Medical University, considering the regional particularities and environmental factors influencing children. The “Habit Trackers – Checklists” technology was developed and tested, the instructional materials for implementation of the technology were prepared. The habit tracker is a tool that helps develop good habits. This may be in the form of a paper notebook, leaflet or a healthy lifestyle smartphone application. It is used to record the habit and the days of the task completion. The tracker helps incorporate new good habits and get rid of old ones. It is believed that on average, a habit takes 30 days to develop. Checklists are the lists of tips and actions widely used in the modern education system, i.e. represent the format that can be understood by today’s schoolchildren. The checklists developed for schoolchildren provide simple...
and easily achievable recommendations on shaping adherence to healthy lifestyle in school students. Thus, the checklist for schoolchildren contained the following recommendations:

- take a break or take a walk before doing homework;
- fine-tune the amount of light and sit down so that the light falls from the left (from the right if you are a left-hander);
- alternate between writing and oral tasks;
- at school and at home try to maintain a correct sitting position with your back and head straight, legs bent at the knees, feet flat on the floor or footrest;
- do not do your homework lying down on the sofa or in the armchair;
- do not use a tablet or smartphone holding it close to your eyes;
- check the time on your electronic device.

To provide the hygiene training of schoolchildren, educational institutions themselves developed a visual guide in the form of booklets containing information about the main components of daily routine and principles of healthy eating. The booklets were posted on the websites of the educational institutions taking part in the study, and the hard copies were distributed during the parents’ meetings. The materials developed turned out to be in demand, these were used in the practice of the Regional Center for Public Health and Medical Prevention of the Astrakhan region (Fig. 1).

The proposed approach showed its effectiveness: in educational institutions, where the hygiene training was conducted, the number of schoolchildren with the diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue decreased by 1.4 times, and the number of students with eye diseases decreased by 2.6 times compared to other educational institutions of the Astrakhan region.

Later the technology was tested for college and university students. The technology made it possible to improve the students’ awareness of the issues related to healthy lifestyle and the degree of adherence to the principles of healthy living. Almost all students (95.0%) learned how to use the health smartphone applications and started to monitor their physical activity and other parameters (Fig. 2). During their hygiene training 90.0% of students subscribed for various Internet resources provided by the medical institutions engaged in preventive work among the population.

During the technology testing the students chose the habit they wanted to develop themselves and created a specific habit tracker. The vast majority of students (85.5%) focused on the habit tracker for improvement of the levels of physical activity and chose the checklist for improvement of physical activity among the checklists developed within the framework of the checklist-based technology methodological support. The materials developed turned out to be in demand, these were used in the practice of the Regional Center for Public Health and Medical Prevention of the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Area, being the leader in the field of preventive work among the population (Fig. 3).

The proposed approach showed its effectiveness: the number of students having medium and high levels of physical activity increased from 46.0% (before the hygiene training) to 72.0% (after the hygiene training) ($p \leq 0.05$).

DISCUSSION

The importance of health protection in children and adolescents is determined by the fact that deterioration of health in this population group can worsen unfavourable demographic situation, reduce the country’s labor, defense and intellectual potential [12, 13].

Fig. 2. The rates of various health smartphone applications the students started using on a regular basis after the hygiene training (%)

Fig. 3. Example of a booklet for hygiene training of students
The students’ vision of the healthy lifestyle is on a tabloid level, it implies mainly the lack of harmful habits. Many schoolchildren and students do not realize that the key roles are also played by healthy eating, restful sleep, sufficient physical activity, coping skills, skills of proper spare time management. This suggests their insufficient awareness and insufficient adherence to the principles of healthy living [14–19].

However, the literature describes not all the techniques for hygienic training of students that contribute to formation of health-preserving skills, proper assessment of the risk of eye diseases, disorders of the musculoskeletal system, etc. Useful skills can be applied via the habit tracker applications allowing one to develop a good habit within a certain time period [20].

Checklists are an essential component of the process of useful skill development and preparation of the hygiene training materials. The practical significance of checklists has been proven when using these for consolidation of acquired skills in the youth and skills training. The checklist is a memo used to note important moments and subsequently applied during study or training. The checklist is a memo used to note important moments and subsequently applied during study or training. The checklist is a memo used to note important moments and subsequently applied during study or training.

Conclusions
The findings allow us to recommend replicating the proposed technology as one of the practices used for effective hygiene training of students of all skill levels.

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HEALTH PROVISION TO STUDENTS IN RUSSIA IN THE PAST AND TODAY

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Currently, a significant increase in the drive to get higher education is noted among young people. After falling into new conditions, students experience changes in their lifestyle and quality of life, as well as training mode. They have trouble adjusting to the new social and cultural community. The study was aimed to study the students’ lifestyle, assess their health status, and compare the conditions of medical care provision to students in the past and today. The questionnaire survey involved 151 students (grades 1–3) of the Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University. The students noted changes in their sleep, diet, physical activity due to severe psychoemotional load arising from falling into new educational environment and exploring the higher education programs. Some students reported exacerbation of chronic diseases. The findings and the literature analysis make it possible to conclude that it is necessary to establish student outpatient clinics allowing for annual health screening.

Keywords: student communes, preventive measures, care provision to students, youth, students’ health, harmful habits, unbalanced diet, age-related features

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LITERATURE REVIEW

Students attending educational institutions can be considered as a distinct population group with a number of characteristic features related to the age peculiarities, type of activity, living conditions, and other parameters of their everyday life. The declining trend of this social group general health associated with the negative impact of a number of adverse factors can be noted [1–3].

Today, a significant increase in the drive to get higher education is noted among young people. While in 1991 the number of students was about 2,924,500 people, in 2019 it reached 4,068,327 people [4].

Thus, due to rapidly increasing size of the group and the number of indications for the dynamic monitoring of the group members’ health status and maintaining its high level, it is necessary to organize preventive measures and the measures focused on the early diagnosis and timely treatment of disorders.

The scheduled preventive health screening has been going on in recent years in Russia. Of course, all the citizens are covered by this scheme. A number of the higher education institutions arrange examination of students and employees in the outpatient clinics and medical centers with which a treaty on healthcare provision exists. Such a model is implemented in the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia (RUDN). Students can take the examination they need for free (under the Compulsory Health Insurance) and use a number of healthcare services in the Clinical Diagnostic Center of the RUDN University.

Along with health screening, recently the check-ups often conducted at the Departments by the specialist doctors have become widely available. These allow one to conduct primary examination, detect some conditions and prevent certain complications, such as early stage of hypertension. Such check-ups are conducted in the Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University.

The complex of examinations conducted during triennial health screening in the age group of 18–30 years is as follows: 1) questionnaire: the doctor finds out the complaints, the family history of the disease and the symptoms typical for the most prevalent and dangerous diseases: cardiovascular, bronchopulmonary, gastrointestinal tract disorders. In addition, he/she fills the items about harmful habits, diet, and physical activity;
2) anthropometric measurements: stature, body weight and waist circumference are measured. The doctor uses these data to determine the body mass index;
3) blood pressure measurement;
4) estimation of total cholesterol levels in blood;
5) estimation of fasting blood glucose levels;
6) chest fluoroscopy (every two years);
7) electrocardiography (during the first preventive health screening, then, at the age of 35 years and older, every year);
8) intraocular pressure measurement (during the first preventive health screening, then, at the age of 40 years and older, every year);
9) gynecological examination (every year for women aged 18–39).

The primary aim of the study was to examine the processes of organizing the healthcare provision and preventive measures for health preservation in students at different times. In accordance with the aim, the study objectives were to determine the current features of the spread of chronic and acute disorders among students of medical higher educational institutions; to study the features of healthcare provision and preventive measures for preservation of students’ health at different times; to develop proposals for the implementation of the above measures that are relevant at the moment.

METHODS

The empirical study conducted in the Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University in the fall semester of the 2022/2023 academic year involved students of grades 1–3 (151 students, among them 107 females and 44 males). The subjects’ age was 18–25 years. The questionnaire survey was conducted to obtain information about the students’ health status. The questionnaire included questions about the students’ age, gender, chronic diseases and the history of acute disorders in the last calendar year, as well as about their physical fitness, features of diet and daily routine, presence or absence of harmful habits.

To provide full and comprehensive analysis of the research problem we conducted the review of literature on medical care provision to students in Russia at different historical stages. Statistical analysis of the data obtained was performed by standard methods using the Excel spreadsheet (Microsoft; USA).

RESULTS

The analysis of the surveyed sample health state showed the following:
1) a total of 30 respondents (19.9%) had chronic disorders affecting various organs and systems (chronic gastritis, chronic pancreatitis, bronchial asthma, congenital heart defect, etc.);
2) a total of 144 respondents (95.4%) had a history of acute respiratory virus disease in the last calendar year, among them 94 people (62.2%) got ill three times and more;
3) a total of 121 respondents (81.1%) exercised regularly;
4) a total of 69 respondents (46.7%) believed that their diet was full and balanced;
5) a total of 12 respondents (7.9%) used nicotine (cigarettes, e-cigarettes and tobacco heating systems) on a regular basis;
6) a total of 146 respondents (96.7%) slept less than 8 h per day, among them 52 people slept less than 4 h per day.

DISCUSSION

The state government had been seeking for the mechanisms to control large population since 1920s. This was accomplished through leveling the significance of such concepts, as personal freedom, private space. The group cult, creation of new social relationship forms, active promotion of collectivism had a marked impact on the daily life of all categories of citizens, including students [5].

Thus, in 1920s the first students’ communes were established that allowed a certain number of students of higher education institutions to maintain a common household [6]. Thanks to the establishment of the students’ communes, their members could substantially improve their material condition and establish some kind of domestic interaction [7].

The communard students shared financial and material resources that were common for all members of the commune. The communards even had common underwear [9, 10]. This aspect of their everyday life could lead to the active spread of infectious diseases, thereby significantly reducing people’s general health, the same as the fact of accommodation of a sufficiently large number of students in one fairly small room.

Moreover, low income of the communard students contributed to a rather poor quality diet being a key factor of the development of gastrointestinal disorders, vitamin deficiencies, etc. [5].

During the World War II and the postwar period all the efforts of healthcare workers were focused on providing qualified, full medical care to victims of military operations. That is why no full medical check-ups or preventive healthcare measures for students were organized.

The heyday of preventive activities to protect the health of students falls on the end of the last century. The state policy contributed to realization of these on an ongoing basis by providing the following:
1) More than 30,000 specialized inpatient and outpatient clinics.
2) About 50,000 outpatient clinics and departments belonging to higher education institutions.
3) Medical and feldsher health centers, as well as dental clinics.
4) 175 student sanatoriums.

All the above organizations executed the common task: realization of preventive, therapeutic and diagnostic activities aimed at preservation, maintenance, and restoration of the students’ health. During the Soviet era the main documents regulating preventive measures in the late 20th century were the Order of the Ministry of Healthcare of the USSR dated May 30, 1986 № 770 “On the Procedure for Conducting a General Medical Examination of the Population” and the “Statute of the Procedure for Conducting a General Medical Examination of the Population” issued on May 30, 1986 [8].

The fundamental unit that executed this task consisted of the student outpatient clinic and specialized student departments of urban outpatient clinics. Their key functions were as follows:
1) providing full-fledged qualified outpatient medical care to students of higher educational institutions;
2) organizing and conducting various activities aimed at prevention and reduction of morbidity among students of higher educational institutions;
3) comprehensive control of the students’ admission to training in accordance with the current requirements of the lists of medical indications and contraindications to getting higher education;
4) organizing and conducting annual preventive examinations for students of higher education institutions of all grades with further support of individuals who needed additional diagnosis when they were through subsequent diagnostic tests during the examination;
5) organizing and implementing anti-epidemic measures.

However, by the end of the last century one could see that student outpatient clinics were not enough, and the development of this area was rather slow. As time passed, this problem grew exponentially: many pre-existing student outpatient clinics were liquidated, while organizations that continued to function, had no organized system for purchase of new equipment and medicines, as well as for employment of new staff members and encouraging the work of employees.

It is assumed that students can get medical care in the basic urban and municipal outpatient clinics, however, this approach has a number of disadvantages:

1) it is often noted that physicians working in urban and municipal outpatient clinics have no specific experience of working with the discussed social group;

2) regular preventive examinations and routine outpatient monitoring of the students’ health are impossible. Thus, there is a fixed age that is preferable for health screening; the check-ups conducted at the age of 18 and 21 years fall on the period of studentship;

3) preventive measures aimed at preserving the health of this social group cannot be implemented.

To provide a thorough discussion of the problem, we studied whether it was possible for students to get the above medical care in medical universities of Moscow.

Thus, the Pirogov Russian National Research Medical University provides the possibilities of attaching to the “university-controlled” urban outpatient clinic № 203 and passing the annual medical examination in this clinic. A discount on paid medical services, provided by specialists, who work in the educational institution, specifically on the consultations provided by opticians-optometrists, obstetrician-gynecologist and others, is offered to students of the University. The foreign students’ health status is also actively monitored in the University. According to federal laws of the Russian Federation, all foreign students are obliged to have health insurance and pass annual medical examinations. To be admitted to studies at the medical institutions of Moscow, as well as to curricular practical training and clinical practice, foreign students have annual medical examinations. Thanks to close cooperation between the University and the clinics that provide medical care under the Compulsory Health Insurance, foreign students undergo health screening in a timely manner and receive all the necessary medical care. The software to control the expiry dates of health insurance and documents on the University foreign students’ health status allowing one to enter information about all medical documents and analyze its relevance has been developed. Controlling the health insurance availability and the relevance of medical documents on the health status, as well as active cooperation between the University and medical institutions allow foreign students to preserve and improve their health, enable the timely diagnosis of a number of disorders, as well as timely treatment and prevention of complications.

Medical care provision and health screening for students are organized in the other medical university. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University. However, admission is carried out in the same way, i.e. in a common queue. This significantly increases the duration of health screening, despite the fact that this aspect is often the main factor of the student’s motivation to pass a preventive examination.

When comparing the leading medical universities, mention should also be made of the stage of development of health screening in other countries. Unfortunately, in the countries of Western Europe, there is currently no free health monitoring for students. If students want, they can get a paid check-up in any clinic that provides such services.

During the period of studying at the higher education institution, i.e. at the age of 17–25 years, young men and women experience termination of the increase in body length, stabilization of pubertal development; the energy expenditures per unit of weight become close to that of adults. At the same time they still have a rather high level of lability of the nervous processes and emotions, excitatory processes clearly predominate over inhibition processes, while plasticity and endurance of the central nervous system mechanisms, speed of thinking, learning new information, and switching attention from one activity to another are rather high.

Meanwhile, a rapid increase in the load on students of higher education institutions is reported annually. The test/exam period implies rather high requirements for the student’s level of training, which is associated with the significant overload of his/her intellectual and emotional sphere. According to statistics, the annual increase in the number of cases of various disorders and morbidity rate among young people aged 17–25 is 4–5%. The analysis of statistical data demonstrates the annual decrease of the health index together with the increase in overall morbidity.

In terms of hygiene, the students’ everyday life also has many flaws: disturbance of the daily routine, low levels of physical activity, unfavorable conditions for organizing the self-study process and generally not very high quality of life when living in the dormitory are often typical for students. Disturbances of the regime and nature of nutrition resulting from a number of factors, including the financial one, are frequently reported. The members of this age group can also have harmful habits (smoking, alcohol consumption) [11, 12].

“Occupational” disorders affecting students include the following:

- disorders of the musculoskeletal system (scoliosis of varying severity, joint diseases of different etiology);
- gastrointestinal tract disorders (gastritis, duodenitis, digestive disorders, stomach and duodenal ulcers);
- vision problems (myopia);
- central nervous system disease (autonomic dysfunction syndrome, cerebrovascular disease);
- mental disorders (such as depression), etc.

Our findings and the literature analysis have shown that some disorders are definitely peculiar to students. These disorders are associated with the students’ daily routine that cannot always be considered as proper and beneficial for students. The results of the questionnaire survey have shown that the increase in the incidence of acute respiratory disorders is observed in students after entering the higher education institution. Furthermore, the majority of respondents have harmful habits and unbalanced diet.

CONCLUSIONS

The data provided allow us to draw some conclusions. Due to unbalanced diet, undefined working hours and frequent exposure to other stressors, students of higher education institutions are characterized by the presence of a number of chronic disorders, the course of which should be controlled in order to provide the necessary treatment. The students’ health status should be continuously monitored due to the possibility of some disorders in members of this social group. Unfortunately, a negative trend in the development of this area in the Russian Federation relative to the earlier period (late 20th century) is currently observed. The findings allow us to put forward a number of proposals. To organize the full-fledged medical
support of students, it is necessary to adopt the well-ordered legislative framework to regulate the process of free medical care provision to this social group by the specialized medical institutions. To provide students the opportunity to get the full-fledged medical support, it is necessary to raise additional funds from the federal budget and the Compulsory Medical Insurance fund. Furthermore, it is necessary to consider the group of “students” as distinct medical and social community at the state level and make this group a priority in the development of programs focused on implementation of measures related to health support and healthcare. It is important to develop the specialized medical programs adapted for this specific social group, focused on health support and healthcare among students, and including the development of the scheme for health screening and treatment (if necessary) together with adoption and implementation of the specialized projects aimed at shaping adequate and caring attitude to health in students.

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