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patient was detected) - 2036 patients, 11.04 (41 day after detection of the first patient) - 2777.

Consider that in Ukraine quarantine was introduced on the 11th day after the first patient was identified, with the number of patients - 7 people, while in Italy it was introduced on the 43rd day after the first patient was identified, with the number of patients - 1492 persons.

Analyzing these figures we can easily conclude that quarantine measures in Ukraine are really effective.

## BIRTH TOURISM PHENOMENON

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Reading the «Esquire», I came across the news: «U.S. Government and Donald Trump personally intend to change visa rules for pregnant women from other countries». It's connected with a phenomenon, which received the name «birth tourism». The essence is very simple: pregnant women from foreign countries travel to the USA intentionally to have a baby there and then to register a foreign citizenship for their newborn child. So, why do people leave their country to give birth in other countries and why is it improper?

Let us analyze this phenomenon and illustrate it having Ukrainian women who fly to give birth in the USA as an example.

1. The first and the most important reason for birth tourism is that it provides American citizenship for a newborn child. The USA automatically provides American citizenship to any child, who was born in the territory of the country (the 14th amendment to the USA Constitution). But there are exceptions: citizenship won't be provided to children of diplomats and to children of illegal immigrants.
2. The existing stereotype about the USA as the ideal country. From the above mentioned it is possible to track the following logic of some women: «There are better living standards in the

US so I will fly there to have a baby because I want my child to have a good future». But it's wrong because the USA does not occupy 1st place in ratings comparing the countries in the world for happy life and only occasionally it takes place in the top-10.

3. Pregnant women who don't plan to come back home after delivery choose a USA city randomly but not logically. Most often women fly to give birth to New York, Los Angeles and Miami. It is interesting to know that neither of these cities is even in the top-30 among American cities with high living standards (according to 2019 data).
4. Giving birth in the USA is expensive and unprofitable. According to «Associated Press», Ukrainian women pay from \$18,000 to \$60,000 for childbirth. It all depends on the choice of hospital and the package of services available. Thanks to the birth tourism a whole industry of intermediary birth tourism agencies appeared in USA. These agencies help foreign pregnant women to fill in documents, to find doctors, residence and flights. For example a VIP-package for the rich still includes a rented car and an apartment on the so called first line. But American maternity hospitals are intended for easy childbirth. As a rule women treat hard cases in the clinic or they apply there if they wish the highest quality of service that is why it is extremely expensive.
5. Giving birth in the USA is a fashionable trend especially for Ukrainian celebrities. They refuse to have a baby in Kyiv and prefer New York or Miami instead. A foreign name for their newborn child can also be attributed to that reason.
6. A newborn baby is often used to get a Green card. When a child gets older and reaches 21 years old, his parents can fill in the application form for family reunion and in case of positive result they can quietly plan to move to the USA with all their relatives including the elderly who will be able to receive a pension in US dollars thanks to the American legislation. The

Green card owners are also allowed to work, to own real estate, to take loans at local banks etc.

7. American citizenship for other relatives. After 5 years possession of the green card relatives can apply to obtain a USA citizenship, which gives a chance of visa-free entrance in 150 countries of the world, receive grants, high quality medical care and education.

With all this in mind we can conclude that giving birth in the USA and a desire to receive American citizenship and to provide a better future for a child are possible reasons for birth tourism in Ukraine. This phenomenon also illustrates poor quality medical care in our country. If you compare the photos of Zhytomyr maternity hospital wards with the same NY wards everything becomes obvious. But on the other hand birth tourism is very expensive and only this prevents it of becoming a common event in Ukraine. In America childbirth costs \$18,000 compared to \$180 in Ukraine.

This phenomenon is negative for Ukraine because we lose future citizens and it is unlikely that children with Ukrainian background born in the USA will study Ukrainian culture or aspire to help Ukraine. And only when Ukrainian government provides normal living standards for ordinary citizens properly the birth tourism phenomenon will disappear.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL FEATURES OF LEUKEMIA IN CHILDREN

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The problem of childhood leukemia is being discussed in the papers of the researchers from all parts of the world. This pathology is almost 1/3 of all malignancies in children and ranks first among the diseases of blood. The most common type of acute leukemia in children is acute lymphoblastic leukemia accounting for 80% of all the cases. The incidence of leukemia ranges from