

## **Cyberattacks targeting clinics in Ukraine draws concerns from experts**

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**In this photo taken Wednesday, July 5, 2017, patients stand at the reception in a private clinic in Kyiv, Ukraine. The clinic was one of many institutions disrupted by June 27 cyberattack which paralysed computers in Ukraine and across the globe.**

By Raphael Satter, Svetlana Kozlenko And Dmytro Vlasov for the AP as published in Global News Canada: KYIV, Ukraine — Dr. Lidiia Podkopaieva was about to click “send” on an order of new surgical instruments when her computer monitor suddenly went dark. She speed-dialed the clinic’s technician but didn’t even have time to tell him what was wrong. “We’re under cyberattack,” he told her. “Switch off the computer immediately.” The call would kick off a “crazy week” as Podkopaieva and her staff struggled with the sudden loss of half the computers at the Left Bank Pediatric Clinic in Kyiv, where she serves as medical director. The central phone system collapsed, digital appointments vanished and diagnostic machines dropped offline, interrupting at least one patient’s exam. Podkopaieva said no one suffered in the attack, but academics argue that even glancing blows to medical facilities like this one represent a damaging break with international norms. “You cannot attack hospitals,” said Duncan Hollis, a Temple University professor and a former treaty lawyer for the U.S. State Department. Although what happened at Podkopaieva’s clinic fell short of the death and destruction that would constitute an unambiguous “attack,” Hollis said the disruption was still a step in a dangerous direction. [⋮]

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