

EDITORIAL BY THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers

In the current issue of our journal I would especially recommend you to read the article written by Professor Alberto Llucha, a Spanish surgeon from Barcelona, which is published in the historical section. In the constant hurry and under the heavy load of everyday duties it is sometimes worth slowing down for a while to reflect upon the origins of our unique profession. Western medicine is believed to have its roots in the ancient Greek and Roman cultures. Most of the terms that refer to illnesses originate from ancient Greek, although most of the anatomical terminology is based on Latin. The paper presents mythological characters connected with medicine as well as ancient physicians, pioneers of medicine, including surgery. It contains a plethora of historical trivia concerning doctors from the ancient era as well as medical terminology.

Apart from that, this issue also contains two articles on endometriosis. One of them is a general overview that discusses the endometriosis of the anal-rectal area, while the other one is an interesting case study of a patient with an endometrial tumour that caused mechanical obstruction.

Two further case studies were written by surgeons from the General Surgical Ward of the Poviát Hospital in Wołomin. One of them discusses a case of primary glandular cancer that caused obstruction, while the other one presents an atypical location of a hair cyst on the hand of the patient, between fingers. Especially the later study is particularly casuistic, as no Polish publications existing so far have described a pilonidal cyst of animal origin. The patient presented in the article had been a professional dog groomer and it was dog's hair that caused the cyst to appear in this case.

I hope you will enjoy reading!

I would also like to wish all our Readers a Happy New Year 2019. May it bring you and your loved ones good health, happiness, professional and personal success!

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