

EDITORIAL BY THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers

For those interested in this issue, I recommend reading an article on a case of a patient with G1 rectal adenocarcinoma treated locally using the TEM method. It is true that the paper presents only a single case despite the fact that the method has been known for several years; it should be noted, however, that the technique has been used only in isolated clinical centres in Poland so far. It is indeed great that our surgeon colleagues in the Poviast Hospital in Sochaczew use microsurgical endoscopic techniques and share their experience in this field by publishing their findings.

The current issue also features two review papers in the field of proctology. I particularly recommend an article presenting advanced fistula surgery, involving a wide opening of the retrorectal space. This is an advanced surgical technique used for the treatment of horseshoe and high intersphincteric fistulas. The authors describe the method of wide opening of the fistulous tract, as well as present modified versions of the technique proposed in the literature. Wide opening of the fistulous tract is a 'bold' procedure, associated with an extensive postoperative wound and its long-term healing. It definitely requires experience in surgical proctology.

The second, seemingly trivial, topic concerns the cosmetic aspect of proctological procedures. Cosmetic procedures of the anal region primarily include removal of anodermal folds and correction of deformities after proctological surgeries. Anal canal deformities and scars that pull the anal sphincter should not be disregarded, especially in patients with underwear staining and poor gas continence.

Since "New Medicine" is not detached from reality, we found it difficult not to refer to the coronavirus pandemic. On the cover you will see photographs of the authors of our publications wearing protective clothing during their everyday practice. In this difficult time, we wish health, kindness and patience both to ourselves and our patients.

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