

EDITORIAL BY THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers

For a good start, I would like to share with you some positive news – “New Medicine” has received a KBN score of 20. I encourage you to continue publishing in our journal. It is one of the few journals where case reports are readily published. This is a valuable exchange of experience between doctors, especially in the case of atypical patients, for whom non-standard treatment is used.

The current issue is entirely devoted to incontinence. I recommend the article by Dr. Arkadiusz Kowalczyk and Prof. Bogdan Cizek, who discuss the contemporary view of the anal and rectal anatomy. Personally, I thought I knew everything about the sphincter anatomy, but the paper authored by my colleagues from the University of Warsaw made me realize how wrong I was. This is an excellent, innovative article accompanied by clear drawings. It also offers an opportunity to familiarize with some of the changes in anatomical nomenclature.

I also recommend a paper commenting on the new classification of incontinence proposed by Pankaj Garg, Indian colorectal surgeon. Pankaj Garg once again amazed us with his ideas for changes in proctology. It was only recently that he published the TROPIS method for treating anal fistulas, and now he proposed a new classification system for incontinence!

In this issue, we have also included an interesting review article that updates the problem of incontinence treatment and reviews the current literature on the subject.

The current “New Medicine” also presents a case report of a patient after an extensive sphincter injury due to road traffic accident, where interdisciplinary treatment (surgery and physical therapy) allowed for achieving good therapeutic outcomes. Since the paper was authored by an experienced physical therapist, the perspective is slightly broader than just surgical.

Finally, in the history section, we propose an interesting paper (part one) on the life and work of Professor Franciszek Raszej, a figure of great merit, yet very little known and remembered by his contemporaries. Associate Professor Maria Ciesielska brings us closer to the figure of this outstanding orthopaedic surgeon, an extraordinary and heroic man. Until reading Maria Ciesielska's article, I knew little about Franciszek Raszej. A real gem article! Perhaps the Associate Professor Ciesielska will attempt writing a biography of Franciszek Raszej.

I encourage you to read our current issue.
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