

## EDITORIAL



*Dear colleagues,*

Year 2020 is coming to an end and the 4th and last issue of our journal has been released. The passing year is an exceptional year for the whole planet but for all health care workers will be the toughest and most challenging one. Medical practitioners took the huge load and responsibility in the struggle with the pandemic of COVID-19. Practitioners and scientists has immediately responded with development of new treatment methods, new reliable tests and new vaccine for COVID 19.

Great number of papers has emerged presenting the studies how the virus affects different aspects of health. Apparently, never before in the medical history scientific studies have been conducted so intensively, nor there has ever been a disease where the recommendations on treatment have changed so often and rapidly as in this year. At the moment 10th version of the treatment scheme of COVID appeared. Right now doctors learn how more effectively combat this dangerous disease than in the beginning of the year. Nevertheless, this struggle is not over and the morbidity and mortality is increasing so far.

Moreover, the pandemic aggravates certain, already existing, medical problems, such as the antibiotic resistance and it creates new problems, globally disrupting hospital routine: planned elective surgeries have to be rescheduled or cancelled and chronic patients are neglected or scared to visit a doctor. These problems should be acknowledged and managed by specialists.

Anyway, life goes on and COVID-19 is not the only threat to health and we should not forget other important medical issues. Our journal has preserved its traditional structure but starting with the first issue (March 2020) the papers on COVID 19 are published.

This year has become a very important one for the journal team. We have to work harder to produce 4 releases. Furthermore, we see further potential for increasing the number of issues. This was only possible due to our editorial colleagues and our reviewers who found time and inspiration for working at the papers even in the toughest working and economic conditions. We want to thank our authors and colleagues for their great contribution and the collaboration in year 2020! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We wish you good health and success in Year 2021!

Yours,

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**Dr. Georg Tyminski**