

Preface



Dear Colleagues!
Dear Readers!

I am very pleased to present you the new issue of the quarterly *Family Medicine and Primary Care Review*. This is one more issue that we present to you in a very difficult time for medical professionals – during the COVID-19 pandemic. A reviewing and publishing process is time-consuming and this is the main reason why in the current issue you will find most of the articles not related to the current epidemiological situation. However, I would like to point out that in this issue we are discussing the extremely important topic of the organization of volunteers in the healthcare system and the type of services provided by them during the COVID-19 pandemic. The subject of infectious diseases is also explored in the article focused on screening of latent tuberculosis infection among healthcare students and medical doctors with use of tuberculin skin test.

As we all know, the overuse of antibiotics increases the risk of spreading of alarm pathogens, hence their rational use is so important. You can read more about how GPs use antibiotics in the article “Respiratory tract infections in primary health care: prevalence and antibiotic prescription in a single primary care practice”.

We hope that reading the magazine will be a nice and useful break in the daily work dominated by SARS-CoV-2. In the current issue you will find many extremely interesting articles, incl. early detection of diabetic nephropathy based on albumin creatinine ratio (acr) in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients or comparison of fasting blood sugar test and HbA1C in assessment of impaired fasting glucose in obese children. There will be also an article focused on a the subject of occupational burnout among doctors (“Burnout, psychological disorders, and perceived quality of care among pediatricians in the western region of Saudi Arabia”), post-traumatic stress disorder in medical personnel fighting a pandemic (“Assessment of post-traumatic stress disorder in front-line and non-front-line medical staff with COVID-19 patients: a cross-sectional study in Iran”).

I am intentionally not listing all the articles included in the current issue of the quarterly, so as not to take away the joy of reading it...

I also have no doubts that in the following issues the topics related to SARS-Cov-2 infections, their diagnosis, treatment and prevention will be discussed in more details. After all, the COVID-19 pandemic is our professional generation experience. As we publish the current issue of the quarterly, the fight against the pandemic is taking on a different dimension and “two speeds”: 22% of the world’s population is vaccinated, but only 1% in developing countries. Inequalities in access to the vaccine, a difficult access to the vaccine in developing countries and skepticism about vaccination in developed countries, as well as new variants of the coronavirus constitute potential threats to success in the fight against the pandemic and undoubtedly require the attention of scientists: virologists, epidemiologists, doctors. The world in the post-pandemic era will also require a new diagnosis and observation, so we encourage our Readers and Authors to share the results of their research in the *Family Medicine and Primary Care Review*.

First of all, I wish you a wonderful holiday, a break from everyday hard and demanding work and stress. Let’s meet in the fall, healthy, vaccinated against COVID-19, with the hope of improving the epidemiological situation, full of energy and ideas for new articles!

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