

Preface



Dear Colleagues!
Dear Readers!

With great pleasure we present to our Readers the new issue of *Family Medicine and Primary Care Review*. Undoubtedly, the year 2021, similar to the previous one, was influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, which changed our lives in both professional and private aspects. This may be called our generation experience. We witnessed the triumph of medicine when the COVID-19 vaccine was invented and implemented for widespread use, but we still need non-pharmacological procedures (face masks, social distance) to successfully fight an infectious disease, and we are waiting for a causative medicine effective against the new coronavirus. In this issue, several interesting articles are devoted to pandemic topics: „Evaluating the level of professional moral courage of pre-hospital emergency staff in the management of patients with COVID-19“, “Differential diagnosis of respiratory viral infections in children during the COVID-19 pandemic“.

The effect of the pandemic in many countries is a worsening of care for patients suffering from other diseases. Patient knowledge and education are essential for effective diabetes control, as reported in the article by Olusegun Adams et al. “The role of diabetes self-care education and practice in the management of type 2 diabetes mellitus”, and cardiological complications of diabetes are described by Maria Vieira et al. “Health literacy and cardiovascular complications in people with type 2 diabetes“.

How chronic kidney disease affects the rehabilitation process in patients after cardiac surgery is written by Polish authors, Iwona Rotter et al. “Influence of chronic kidney disease on the effectiveness of cardiac rehabilitation in patients after cardiac surgery“.

I hope you will find many other interesting articles in this issue that will be useful and inspiring. We warmly invite you to submit your manuscripts to our journal where you can successfully share your results and make them visible to the scientific society.

May the New Year bring you happiness, peace, and prosperity. Wishing you a joyous 2022!

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