

# Preface



Dear Colleagues!

We are starting another year of publishing the *Family Medicine and Primary Care Review* quarterly, hoping that it will be a better year in which we will be able to declare the end of the COVID-19 pandemic and return to normal. However, the mission of our journal remains unchanged – to publish the results of perfectly designed and implemented scientific research related to primary care, important for family doctors, as well as presenting readers with current recommendations in the field of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the diseases with which we meet in outpatient care – both often and slightly less.

As always, you will find many interesting articles in this issue.

In one of the articles, the authors look for an answer to the question “why medical students choose a specialization in family medicine” (T. Verulava: “Factors influencing medical students’ choice of family medicine”) – it is worth learning about both the motivating factors and barriers discouraging this choice, especially that in many countries, the demand for family doctors is huge, and the interest in this specialization is insufficient.

There will also be manuscripts related to COVID-19 in the current issue: one of them describes the impact of the pandemic on medical professionals with regard to psychological aspects (A. Almaqhwani et al.: “Psychological impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on healthcare professionals in the Al Ahsa Region, Saudi Arabia”). Another article provides information on the course of the disease caused by SARS-Cov-2 (S. Manalu et al.: “Factors affecting the disease severity of COVID-19 patients in an emergency setting”).

Prevention is a very important element of a family doctor’s work, which is why this topic is particularly important. Therefore, in the current issue, you will find an article on the diagnosis and prevention of eating disorders (P. Perez Martin et al.: “Is early detection of eating disorders possible in Primary Care?”) and vaccination against HPV (P. Sypień et al.: “HPV infections, related diseases and prevention methods”).

I wish you a happy 2022 and passionate reading of the current issue of *Family Medicine and Primary Care Review*, we encourage and invite you to publish in our quarterly!

Prof. Aneta Nitsch-Osuch, MD, PhD  
Medical University of Warsaw  
Editor-in-Chief *Family Medicine & Primary Care Review*