



## Word from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear Readers,

we are pleased to present to you the 27<sup>th</sup> volume of the Polish Annals of Medicine journal. The first volume was published in 1993 thanks to the efforts of its creator and first editor-in-chief dr. Władysław Lipecki. Thanks to his enormous commitment, Dr. Lipecki published 14 volumes of the journal, and after his death in 2009, the continuation of his visionary work was entrusted to prof. Ireneusz M. Kowalski, MD, PhD. At that time, with the consent of the Warmia and Mazury Medical Chamber in Olsztyn - the owner and publisher of the journal, a new Editorial Board was established. In order to ensure the continuous and cyclical publication of the journal, cooperation with the Polish Medical Association and the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn was initiated.

Initially, all articles were published in Polish, then English was gradually introduced – first English summaries, then selected articles, and in 2012 entire publication was published in English. At that time, cooperation with the world leader among medical publishers – Elsevier was also established, and the magazine appeared on the international platform ScienceDirect. Since then, the magazine has gained a decidedly international character, and the original version of the magazine became digital.

In 2014, the number of so-called downloads of full-text versions of articles was tripled and the number of countries of these downloads was doubled. Increased interest in articles published in our journal has also been observed in subsequent years.

In December 2017, the cooperation with Elsevier ended, and by a decision of the management board of the owner and the Editorial Board, the Warmia and Mazury Medical Chamber in Olsztyn took over the role of publisher of the Polish Annals of Medicine.

Another change took place in 2019 – Collegium Medicum of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn became the new owner and publisher of the journal. In the same year, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education rated our magazine at 40 points.

Currently, in addition to indexation in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and Polish Medical Bibliography, Polish Annals of Medicine is also present on global indexing lists and publication platforms, such as: EBSCO, Academic Search Complete, Google Scholar, EMBASE, SCOPUS, ScienceDirect.

Today, Polish Annals of Medicine offers easier access to publishing its professional and scientific achievements in a medical journal with a high scientific rank, and the Editorial Board faces further challenges, including introducing the magazine to PubMed Central, Medline, Web of Science databases or the Journal Citation Report list.

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