



## Word from the Editor-in-Chief

### New Chapter for the Polish Annals of Medicine

The year 2026 marks an important transition for the *Polish Annals of Medicine*. As of February 13, 2026, a new Editor-in-Chief and Editorial Board have been appointed, opening a new chapter in the journal's development.

At the outset, I would like to sincerely thank all those who have contributed to the journal over the past years. The dedication and professionalism of the previous Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Ireneusz Kowalski, together with the entire Editorial Team, have built a strong foundation on which we will continue to develop the journal. We will make every effort to ensure that this transition is smooth and does not disrupt the experience of our authors, reviewers, and readers.

At the same time, several important organizational changes have been introduced. The journal now follows a continuous publication model within a single annual volume, enabling faster publication of accepted manuscripts. At the same time, we have moved to a fully digital format and discontinued the print version, improving accessibility, sustainability, and publication efficiency.

The 2026 volume will still include manuscripts accepted by the previous Editorial Team, including case reports. However, moving forward, we intend to refine the journal's scope. Case reports will be considered only in exceptional cases—when they offer clear novelty, important clinical insight, or substantial educational value.

In the coming years, we will focus on three key areas:

1. Transparency and scientific quality – clear editorial processes, strong methodological standards, and adherence to international reporting guidelines such as PRISMA, CONSORT, and STROBE.
2. International visibility and impact – strengthening the journal's presence in the global scientific community and improving its indexing and citation performance.
3. Efficient editorial process – ensuring timely peer review and decision-making without compromising scientific quality.

I believe these steps will further strengthen the position of the Polish Annals of Medicine as a reliable source of clinically relevant and well-conducted research.

I kindly invite authors, reviewers, and readers to actively contribute to the journal's development.

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