



I am very happy to inform you that *Nowotwory. Journal of Oncology* has launched a new thematic section entitled **Cancer prevention and public health**.

Prophylaxis is one of the most crucial elements of public health. We can see this trend very clearly on the cancer prevention example – about 90–95% of all malignancies are related to highly preventable risk factors such as: tobacco smoke, poor diet, low physical activity or alcohol consumption. Effective health education and preventive actions contribute significantly to cancer burden decrease. What is more, further research on this subject is very much needed. I am convinced that this new section will become a platform for showcasing high quality studies, while also providing a space for scientific discussion that will result in new ideas and initiatives being forged.

I warmly encourage you to read the first thematic article entitled *The role of health literacy and health education in the prevention and course of neoplastic diseases* by Dominik Olejniczak and Agata Olearczyk. I would also like to take this opportunity to kindly invite you to submit papers on cancer prevention and public health for upcoming issues.

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