

The Voice of the Board

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to bring to you the second issue of “Clinical Diabetology” in 2018. I am convinced that you will find the articles contained in this issue useful for both clinical practice and research. However, I would like to go back to the previous issue, which includes the 2018 Diabetes Poland (PTD) Guidelines on the management of diabetic patients. I am very glad that thanks to the efforts of the entire team of experts working under the guidance of Prof. Dorota Zozulińska-Ziółkiewicz these Guidelines were published in print, as scheduled, in January — at the beginning of the year. First and foremost we all feel the satisfaction of work well-done and the fact that we managed to take a step towards ensuring that the PTD Guidelines become a model to follow in creating guidelines in our country. I am referring to early inclusion of the results of the most important clinical trials and other scientific reports, being in line with the principles of Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) (levels of evidence

underlying the recommendations), multidisciplinary nature of the group of experts and transparency in the process of developing the Guidelines. This year’s edition of the PTD Guidelines was sent to the Minister of Health and the President of the Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Tariff System (AOTMiT), with hope that they may become useful in developing general principles for the development of clinical recommendations in Poland.

I am also pleased to inform you that as a result of the arrangements with the publisher, the journal “Clinical Diabetology” has become fully available to all readers, along with the printed version

(https://journals.viamedica.pl/clinical_diabetology/article/view/DK.2018.0001/43055;

Polish version: https://journals.viamedica.pl/diabetologia_praktyczna/article/view/57129/42992).

I am sure that, as every year, the PTD Guidelines will be a helpful tool in everyday work with diabetic patients.

Kind regards,
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President of the Diabetes Poland

