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Professor **Łukasz Szarpak**

Editor-In-Chief

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Dear Professor **Szarpak**,

Please find attached our MS entitled: **" Social Distancing due to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Effects of Non-Urgent Emergency Department Visits"** for consideration to be published in the ***Disaster and Emergency Medicine Journal****.*

This clinical note presents information regarding the effect of social distancing on emergency department (ED) non urgent visits in light of the influence of the novel coronavirus. We believe that the pandemic has led to a more informed emergency service use and allows the ED's to fulfill their defined role. Similar elements may be implemented to reduce unnecessary ED inquiries during routine work at the end of this pandemic. Thus, we hope it may be of interest to the readers of the ***Disaster and Emergency Medicine Journal.***

This study is solely submitted to publication in the ***Disaster and Emergency Medicine Journal****.*

All authors have read and agreed to the content of the manuscript. ‎

All authors take full responsibility for the data, the analyses and interpretation, and the conduct of the research.

The authors declare no conflict of interest.‎

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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