



■ Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear Readers!

Welcome back after the summer break. I hope the past few months have been a time of health, peace, as well as inspiring professional and personal experiences.

The holiday period has reminded us of the key role medicine plays in ensuring national security and the effective functioning of the armed forces. In this context, modifications in the structure of the military health service have been announced, including the establishment of the Medical Forces.

In light of these changes, the latest issue of our Journal offers a number of articles addressing current issues and trends in military medicine. These include a study on innovative methods for monitoring sunken chemical weapons, as well as an original paper assessing risk factors and preventive implications of cardiovascular diseases in soldiers. Bearing in mind that analyzing the past helps avoid repeating mistakes, we also present a historical account of the Health Center of the State Armament Factory in Radom.

This issue is further enriched by compelling review papers and case reports, including analyses of the harmful effects of e-cigarettes and innovative treatment approaches in erectile dysfunction. A comprehensive compendium on the role of glucocorticoids in managing rheumatic diseases is particularly noteworthy.

In September, we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Main Medical Library named after its founder, Dr. Stanisław Konopka, who was also a military doctor. This institution holds great importance for us, physicians. On this occasion, we extend our congratulations and gratitude to the entire Library team for their dedicated work to date and wish them continued success in the institution's further development.

I would also like to thank all the authors for their valuable contributions and dedication to the publication process. Your work constitutes the driving force behind the continued growth of our journal.

I wish you an engaging and fruitful reading experience and hope that this issue of Military Physician will inspire further collaboration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Kalicki'.

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