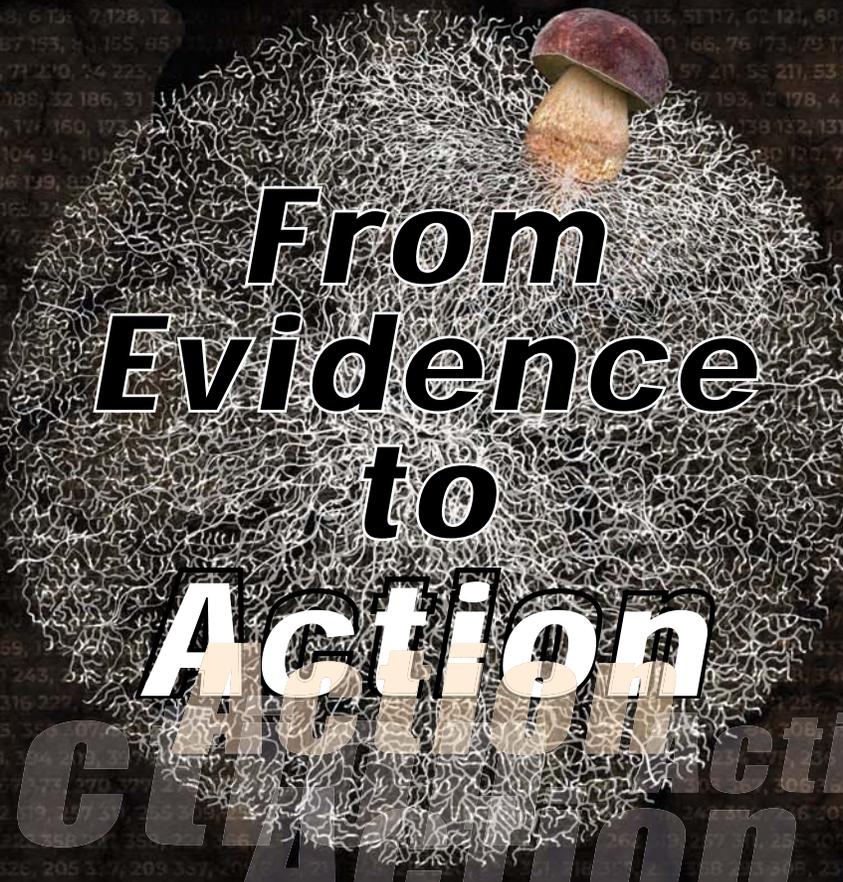


15th International EBHC Symposium

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Dear Friends,

on behalf of CEESTAHC, I heartily invite you to take part in:

the **15th International Evidence-Based Health Care Symposium**

titled **„From Evidence to Action“**

which will be held **on-line** on **October 5-7, 2020**.

Due to the uncertain epidemiological situation, for the first time ever, our Symposium will be held exclusively online.

This decision was not easy, but was taken with the safety of all our participants and lecturers in mind. I do not know whether the Internet will allow us to emulate the openness and freedom of discussion which has characterised the Symposium for years, but I will do my utmost to create a virtual space dedicated to this need. I hope we will fill this new place with valuable content and exchange views in a friendly atmosphere.

I would like to invite you to our annual meeting which will be held in a completely new form. The lectures will also be available on-line for later viewing.

The programme of the 15th International EBHC Symposium will be divided into **six thematic sessions** held over the course of **3 days**:

1. Assessing innovativeness of health technologies
2. HTA and new types of health technologies
3. Health policy, drug policy – from strategy to implementation
4. Who is responsible for the patient in the healthcare system?
5. Local government academy
6. From data to big data

Organised since 2006, the EBHC Symposium has become a fixture in the conference calendar, attracting both Polish and international participants. It is a place of uninhibited discussions on health technology assessment and the efficacy of system solutions. Inevitably, it has also become a platform for discussing the shape of the Polish healthcare system.

The ever-growing **collection of data (Evidence)** is like a mycelium which covers an entire forest – it remains virtually invisible and the desired effects spring up like mushrooms only in specific places and conditions. These external manifestations of that mycelium's life are our **Actions** undertaken within the healthcare system: health programmes, system reforms, implementation of solutions. Only ideas which face favourable circumstances have a chance to succeed.

The past few months, marked by the struggle against COVID-19, forced mankind to immediately move to Action, to face a threat not yet described in the Evidence. This situation confirms the relevance of the direction set out by the theme of this year's Symposium: from Evidence to Action. We need to develop tools for faster implementation of knowledge, to avoid surprises on such a huge and sometimes tragic scale in the future.



I am counting on your participation and lively discussions. Life has provided more than enough topics, problems and challenges in the recent months...

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Magdalena Władysiuk
President of CEESTAHC

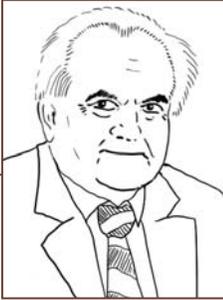
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Over the years, members of CEESTAHC have created hundreds of papers: analyses, recommendations, guidelines and reports. In theory, we have developed and disseminated thousands of pages of useful knowledge which may improve the effectiveness of the Polish healthcare system. Unfortunately, practically only a fraction of this knowledge has been applied in real actions aimed at improving the situation. Our experience shows that studies adapted for the needs of simple initiatives performed at lower levels of the healthcare system (e.g. health programmes) are the only ones which have some sort of effect on reality. The remaining knowledge exists and expands thanks to new primary studies; it is also repeatedly processed in subsequent secondary studies. However, an average participant of the system is not aware of the existence and scale of new information which is constantly becoming available.

The question is, is this how it is supposed to be?

Over the course of several years of working on solution optimisation, we have learned that the hardest stage of implementing any innovation within a large system is putting ideas into action. Transferring results of analyses and solution proposals to decision makers and then to the people who will be implementing them requires no less effort than the entire process of research and analysis. Insufficient effort put into promoting specific solutions, lack of ideas on how to communicate or poor communication can delay practical application of scientific work for many years, if not ruin the chance of putting an innovation to use altogether.

Transitioning from the research and analytical stage to implementation is difficult because it is associated with several serious obstacles:

1. **Change of environment.** A polished idea leaves the incubator and its scientific parents to be taken care of by people who, on a daily basis, usually handle completely different matters and for whom the idea might be incomprehensible.
2. **Fear of change.** While, during the creative process, the authors of an idea might only see its benefits, the people who will be putting that idea into action will likely focus on what the possible disruptions or losses might result from the implementation of such a new solution.
3. **Scepticism.** After many years of trying out various unsuccessful solutions in Poland, frequently those tailored to suit political needs, health market stakeholders may be distrustful of the latest “fantastic improvements”.
4. **Political climate.** Healthcare is a sensitive topic and, due to its constant impact on the lives of all citizens, is prone to provoke hysterical reactions. Therefore, decision makers may be particularly reluctant to accept changes which might violate the existing status quo. The electoral cycle is often a huge obstacle for reforms, because any solutions which require an adaptation period longer than the election term are at risk of being dropped in the event of a change of leadership, often before they can even be launched.

5. **Lack of ideas for implementation.** Most research project budgets do not provide for a priori funds which can be allocated to translating future research results to implementation programmes for innovations. When starting work on a project, one seeks to obtain funding for the research itself. Research has a way of proving or debunking hypotheses, so it is often difficult to assume practical implementation of its results, as they remain unknown. When, following an analysis, an idea for improvement emerges, the actions lose momentum due to the lack of resources and an action plan.

We suspect that the difficulties with transitioning **from Evidence to Action** constitutes a problem faced not just in Poland. Most likely, thousands of researchers around the world feel, at some stage of their careers, the unsatisfactory impact of their efforts aimed at improving real world situations. For years, leading global organisations, such as the Cochrane Collaboration, have been publishing plain language summaries (PLS) of their reports, made available in national languages. They are designed to share knowledge with people unfamiliar with scientific nomenclature and not proficient in English. It is an attempt to make the mycelium (Evidence) more accessible without waiting for the frutification (Action).

We encourage you to discuss the possible ways to accelerate the Action, so that the extensive mycelium of our Evidence becomes useful beyond the specialised scientific publications. We believe that our cumulated knowledge, when applied properly, can greatly improve healthcare.

Let's meet at the 15th EBHC Symposium to fasten the action from Evidence to Action.

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1. Symposium participation options:
 - **FREE** – registration required
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 - participation in on-line sessions
 - on-line access to conference materials
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9. The organisers are not liable for transmission problems resulting from the Participants' connection speed.
10. The organisers reserve the right to introduce changes to the Symposium programme.



Monday, October 5th, 2020
9.00–11.30 + 13.30–16.00

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| Session, lecture topic | Invited speakers |  |
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| Session 1. Assessing innovativeness of health technologies Moderator: Magdalena Władysiuk | Timing 9.00–11.30 2 h 30 min. | |
| Opening lecture | Magdalena Władysiuk | 10min. |
| Assessing health technologies and their innovativeness in Poland | Roman Topór-Mądry | 35 min. |
| eHealth in Germany. Reflecting on eHealth taking into account new laws (DVG / DIGAV) and Health Technology Assessment (HTA) | Hans-Peter Dauben | 35 min. |
| Multi-criteria decision analysis in assessment of technologies used to treat non-cancer rare diseases | Maciej Niewada | 35 min. |
| Assessing innovativeness in the world – a summary of international solutions | Magdalena Władysiuk | 25 min. |
| Discussion | | 10min. |

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| Break | 11.30–13.30 / 2 h |
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| Session 2. HTA and new types of health technologies Moderator: Robert Plisko | Timing 13.30–16.00 2 h 30 min. | |
| Adaptive HTA for innovative implantable medical devices | Oriana Ciani* | 30min. |
| Change in health technologies in practice | Dominik Dziurda | |
| Surrogate endpoints in haematology – a system perspective | Mariusz Kordecki | 30min. |
| Endpoints in haemato-oncology – a clinical perspective | Krzysztof Giannopoulos | |
| Telemonitoring of implantable devices | Oskar Kowalski | 30min. |
| Assessing medical devices – practical challenges | Przemysław Ryś | 30 min. |
| Discussion | | 30min. |

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| Tuesday, October 6 th , 2020 9.00–11.30 + 13.30–16.00 | | |
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| Session, lecture topic | Invited speakers |  |

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| Session 3. Health policy, drug policy – from strategy to implementation Moderator: Magdalena Władysiuk | Timing 9.00–11.30 2 h 30 min. | |
| Vaccinations in healthcare systems – the challenges | Przemysław Ryś | 25 min. |
| SMA – changes in care from a clinical perspective | Katarzyna Kotulska-Józwiak | 35 min. |
| Physiotherapy: a medical whim or a new standard in modern healthcare? | Maciej Krawczyk | 30 min. |
| Quality indicators in cancer care - results of oncology network pilot projects | Adam Maciejczyk | 20 min. |
| Discussion | | 30 min. |

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| Videochats | 11.30–13.30 2 h | |
| Maciej Krawczyk | 11.30–12.30 1 h | |
| Ikar PRO | 11.30–13.30 2 h | |

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| Session 4. Who is responsible for the patient in the healthcare system? Moderator: Maria Libura | Timing 13.30–16.00 2 h 30 min. | |
| Demystifying the use of GRADE in Health Technology Assessment | Holger Schünemann | 35 min. |
| Prioritisation and Policies – how patients and the public are part of national decision-making | Victoria Thomas | 30 min. |
| Project ECHO: transferring knowledge through case-based learning and telementoring | James O'Brien | 30 min. |
| Neurofibromatosis – example of coordinated care in rare diseases | Dorota Korycińska | 30 min. |
| Discussion | | 25 min. |

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Wednesday, October 7th, 2020
9.00–11.30 + 13.00–14.50

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| Session, lecture topic | Invited speakers |  |
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| Session 5. Local government academy Moderator: Tomasz Jan Prycel | Timing 9.00–11.30 2 h 30 min. | |
| Public health tasks carried out by local self-government units. A quantitative and qualitative perspective. | Aleksandra Czerw | 20 min. |
| Health policy programmes from the perspective of the Polish Health Technology Agency (AOTMiT) | Tomasz Tataro | 20 min. |
| Challenges faced by local governments in connection with the Covid-19 pandemics | Marek Wójcik | 20 min. |
| Realities of implementing health policy programmes | Roman Kolek | 20 min. |
| The benefits of becoming a Healthy City: Problems faced by local self-governments in the light of the Covid pandemic | Maria Piętak-Frączek | 20 min. |
| The flu – health policy programmes in the time of the pandemics | Tomasz Prycel | 20 min. |
| Discussion | | 30 min. |

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| Videochats | 11.30–13.00 / 1 h 30 min. |
| Tomasz Tataro | 11.30–12.30 / 1 h |
| Ikar PRO | 11.30–13.00 / 1 h 30 min. |

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| Session 6. From data to big data Moderator: Robert Plisko | Timing 13.00–14.50 1 h 50 min. | |
| HTA of digital health. From data to big data | Line Helen Linstad | 20 min. |
| E-KRN – enhancing the system and health care with data/ The National Cancer Registry – an opportunity for cancer care in Poland | Joanna Didkowska | 20 min. |
| Data on cancer care in Poland – report presentation | Maria Libura | 20 min. |
| HIP – health impact model in multiple indications | Magdalena Władysiuk | 20 min. |
| Discussion | | 30 min. |



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Speakers & SPC Members

1. Małgorzata Bała (SPC), Poland
2. Oriana Ciani, Italy
3. Marcin Czech (SPC), Poland
4. Aleksandra Czerw, Poland
5. Hans-Peter Dauben, Germany
6. Joanna Didkowska, Poland
7. Dominik Dziurda, Poland
8. Krzysztof Giannopoulos, Poland
9. Roman Kolek, Poland
10. Mariusz Kordecki, Poland
11. Dorota Korycińska, Poland
12. Katarzyna Kotulska-Jóźwiak, Poland
13. Oskar Kowalski, Poland
14. Maciej Krawczyk, Poland
15. Brygida Kwiatkowska (SPC), Poland
16. Maria Libura, Poland
17. Line Helen Linstad, Norway
18. Adam Maciejczyk, Poland
19. Maciej Niewada, Poland
20. James O'Brien, Australia
21. Maria Piętak-Fraćzek, Poland
22. Robert Plisko, Poland
23. Tomasz Jan Prycel, Poland
24. Przemysław Ryś, Poland
25. Holger Schünemann, Canada
26. Zbigniew Szawarski (SPC), Poland
27. Tomasz Tataro, Poland
28. Victoria Thomas, UK
29. Roman Topór-Mądry, Poland
30. Magdalena Władysiuk, Poland
31. Marek Wójcik, Poland

Małgorzata Bała (SPC)

Małgorzata Bała, MD, PhD works at the Jagiellonian University Medical College in Cracow. She has worked on various aspects of evidence-based healthcare since the beginning of her professional career. She is the co-author of several chapters in the handbook „The principles of EBM – evidence-based medicine for doctors and students of medicine students” (2008) and published many articles on systematic reviews.



Oriana Ciani

Oriana Ciani is Associate Professor of Practice, Public Management and Policy Group, Health Economics & HTA at SDA Bocconi School of Management.

Her research interests are centred around the use and impact of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) on decision-making in healthcare, on the methodological aspects of the evaluation of health technologies, particularly medical devices, and on the use of evidence synthesis techniques to inform policy decisions and health policies evaluation. She is also Research Fellow at the University of Exeter Medical School (UK) where she received her PhD with a thesis focusing on the evaluation of surrogate endpoints in HTA, which remains one of her main research topics. Oriana has been involved in many national and international research projects. Oriana is author of several publications in HTA, health economics and health services research and reviewer for many international academic journals. She is member of the Early Career Committee of the European Health Economics Association (EuHEA), member of HTAi, of the International Association of Health Economics (iHEA), of the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR), of the Italian Association of Health Economics (AIES), of the International Federation for Medical and Biological Engineering (IFMBE) and of the Italian Association of Clinical Engineers (AIIC). Oriana holds a MSc in Biomedical Engineering from Politecnico di Milano and MSc in Healthcare Management and Economics from Bocconi University.



Marcin Czech (SPC)

Marcin Czech, PhD. He is a professor at the Warsaw University of Technology, a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University in Warsaw. He has two medical specialisations: epidemiology and public health. Marcin Czech graduated from the Master of Business Administration (International MBA) programme in the Warsaw University of Technology Business School, Health Economics at the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the University of Warsaw, the Production Engineering Faculty of the Warsaw University of Technology in the scope of doctoral studies in management. He took part in foreign internships and training i.a. at the York University, University of Liverpool in Great Britain, McMaster University in Canada.



He is a lecturer at the Warsaw University of Technology Business School, cooperates with the Management Faculty of the Warsaw University; for 9 years he was an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacoeconomics at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Medical University of Warsaw. He has been a Member of the Board of the Polish Pharmacoeconomic Society and in the past was President of that organisation and currently is its President-elect. He actively participates in the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research. He is a founding member and member of the bodies of the Polish Coordinated Care Society. He took part in the creation of HTA guidelines of the AOTMiT. He is the author of over 200 publications on management, health economics, pharmacoeconomics and quality of life for both foreign and Polish magazines. He was recognised with awards of the Rector of the Medical University of Warsaw, including a first-degree individu-



al scientific award, an award of the Rector of the Warsaw University of Technology for his educational programme and the “Best and Brightest” award by PwC. On 1 August 2017, he was appointed to the position of undersecretary of state in the Ministry of Health, responsible for drug policy. In January 2019, he was dismissed from the position of undersecretary of state in the Ministry of Health at his own request.

Aleksandra Czerw

Head of the Department of Health Economics and Medical Law of the Medical University of Warsaw. Head of the Department of Economic and System Analyses of the National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene (NIZP-PZH). Member of Scientific Societies and editorial committees in international journals. Author of reviews of scientific publications in domestic and foreign journals. She has received awards and distinctions of the President of the Republic of Poland, the Minister of Education for her activities and has received awards from various organisations operating in the health care system. Scientific interests: health economics, healthcare management, financing in the healthcare system, measuring quality of life in chronic diseases.



Hans-Peter Dauben

Dr. Hans-Peter Dauben, born in Moenchengladbach, Germany, is a civil servant at the German Institution for Medical Documentation and Information (DIMDI), Cologne, Germany, an institution within the scope of the Federal Ministry of Health. After finalizing his training as a cardiac surgeon at the University of Dusseldorf, Germany, he moved to DIMDI to establish the German Agency for HTA at DIMDI on behalf of the federal ministry in 2000 and to develop a structure to access HTA information, set priorities in HTA and monitor new technology developments to establish a broad consensus on HTA in Germany. The experiences of information systems developments lead to the nomination of Dr. Dauben as the national representative for information system development at the European medicine agency (EMA) in London, UK.



Joanna Didkowska

She has been involved with the Department of Epidemiology of the Oncology Centre in Warsaw since the very beginning of her professional work. Currently, she is the head of the Department of Epidemiology and Cancer Prevention, as well as the head of the National Cancer Registry. Since 2016, she has been the Director of the WHO Collaborating Center for Tobacco Control and a member of the National Council for Oncology at the Minister of Health. She represents the Oncology Centre at the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Institute in Warsaw at the



Governmental Population Council. Member of the Public Health Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences. She participated in population studies concerning risk factors for cancer incidence (tobacco, alcohol, diet, demographic processes), and monitoring the geographical diversification of the incidence and mortality related to malignant neoplasms in Poland. She was the initiator and co-author of studies analysing the survival rate of Polish patients. She co-authored a yearly bulletin on malignant neoplasms in Poland, as well as a study on epidemiological forecasts. She is a member of the Polish TNM Committee of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC, previously International Union Against Cancer), the Polish Oncological Society, Polish Oncological Union, as well as the Polish Breast Cancer Research Society. Since 2011, she has been section editor in "NOWOTWORY Journal of Oncology" and, since 2016, a member of the editorial team of "Oncology in clinical practice". She authored over 60 publications.

Krzysztof Giannopoulos

Professor, Ph.D. Krzysztof Giannopoulos is head of the Department of Experimental Haematology at the Medical University of Lublin and head of the Department of Haematology at the St. John of Dukla Oncology Center in Lublin. He was appointed Director of the Doctoral School of the Medical University of Lublin for the 2020-2024 term. Professor Giannopoulos is an expert in clinical and experimental haematology. In his scientific research, he focuses on molecular biology and the characteristics of immune processes in the course of proliferative haematological diseases. The results of the first clinical trials of immunotherapy and treatment with immunomodulating drugs



in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, multiple myeloma and acute myeloid leukaemia have been published in prestigious journals such as: Blood, Leukemia, Haematologica, British Journal of Cancer, British Journal of Haematology. He is the author and co-author of recommendations on the treatment of haematological cancer patients and chapters in medical textbooks. His academic achievements have been awarded with numerous prizes, including: Award of the Prime Minister, Award of the Minister of Science and Higher Education, Award of the "POLITYKA" weekly, Award of the International Society of Haematology (IHS), as well as the Bene Meritus Terrae Lubliniensi Award. The h-index of his total scientific achievements amounts to 23. He presented scientific papers at the most important haematological conferences in Poland and abroad. He received scientific grants from the Else-Kröner-Fresenius Foundation, the Minister of Science and Higher Education, the National Science Centre and the Foundation for Polish Science, such as: HARMONIA, OPUS, START, POWROTY, KOLUMB and FOCUS, the latter for the creation of a research team in the field of oncology. He spent a total of 3 years on scientific scholarships financed by DAAD, KAAD and the Foundation for Polish Science at the Department of Internal Medicine III at Ulm University (Germany) headed by Prof. Hartmut Döhner.

Professor Krzysztof Giannopoulos is the co-founder and first chairman of the Youth Section of the Polish Society of Haematologists and Transfusiologists, co-founder and the first chairman of the New Generation of Haemathology Association, co-founder and member of the board of the Polish Myeloma Consortium, a representative of the Praesidium of the Polish Myeloma Group, a member of the board of the Polish Lymphoema Research Group and a member of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Haematology and Transfusion in Warsaw, the Programme Council for Biomedicine at the Medical University in Warsaw in Lublin, Study



of Molecular Medicine at the Medical University of Warsaw and the Social Council for Health Protection of the Lubelskie voivodship. In 2011-2019, he was the editor-in-chief of "Acta Haematologica Polonica". In 2019, he received the Medal of the Centenary of Regained Independence for his outstanding achievements in the healthcare sector and was ranked among the 100 most influential people in medicine in Poland.

Roman Jacek Kolek

Polish local government official, physician and activist of the German minority in Poland since 2010, Deputy Marshal of the Opolskie Voivodeship. In the years 1999-2002, he was the director of the Department of Health and Social Policy of the Marshal's Office of the Opolskie Voivodeship. In 2002, he was transferred to the position of Deputy Director for Medical Matters of the Regional Health Fund in Opole, and then took up a similar position in the Opole branch of the National Health Fund. He was also active in his community, participating in consultations regarding changes in the state health policy and the antibiotic therapy rationalisation programme. He was politically involved in the activity of the German minority in Poland within the Social and Cultural Association of Germans of Opole Silesia. In 2002, 2014 and 2018, he was elected councillor for the Opole Regional Council for the second, fifth and sixth term of office. In the Regional Council, he was the head of the councillor club of the German Minority. In 2015, he unsuccessfully ran for the Sejm from the second place on the German Minority list (winning 3,395 votes), and for the Senate in 2019, reaching the third place in his district. In 2010, he took the office of Deputy Marshal of the Opolskie Voivodeship; he remained in office after



the 2014 and 2018 elections. In 2017, together with other German Minority members, he co-founded the “Regionalna. Mniejszość z Większością” (Regional. Minority with the Majority) party; in 2018 he became its deputy chairman. He taught classes at physician courses, as well as classes at the Pharmacoeconomics, Marketing and Pharmaceutical Law College at the Warsaw University of Technology. Roman Jacek Kolek has published scientific papers in the field of public health and health care finance, cost analyses of expenditure on health services provided to the insured, as well as lectures for physicians as part of training sessions and courses in public health and health insurance. He co-organised numerous conferences in the field of health policy and financing of health services, including the British-Polish Healthcare Forum, Polish-Ukrainian Healthcare Forum and the Polish-German Health Forum. He authored and co-authored numerous publications in the field of public health and financing of health services. He is a member of a working group at the Polish Employer’s Association for the development of directions of changes in the state health policy under the “Academy of Health 2013” initiative.

Mariusz Kordecki

Expert and practitioner in the field of medical projects, CRO, EBM and HTA. He has many years of experience in the pharmaceutical sector and public institutions. Mariusz is the CEO at HTA Registry. He is the co-author of scientific publications, external lecturer at the Medical Collage of the Jagiellonian University (CMUJ), clinical expert for TUV NORD and an active trainer. He graduated from the Institute of Public Health at the CMUJ in Cracow.



Dorota Korycińska

Dorota Korycińska is a social psychologist. She has been actively helping patients and families struggling with rare diseases, as well as patients with disabilities for 20 years. She is the co-founder and, since 2009, the President of the Management Board of the Neurofibromatosis Association Poland (formerly the Association of Patients with Von Recklinghausen's Disease and Other Phakomatoses). For years, she has ceaselessly worked to provide systemic healthcare to patients with neurofibromatosis. She is the President of the Management Board of the Polish National Oncological Federation.



Katarzyna Kotulska-Jóźwiak

Professor of neurology and paediatric neurology, Head of the Neurology and Epileptology Clinic at the Children's Memorial Health Institute, Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Council at the Children's Memorial Health Institute (CMHI) in Warsaw which is Poland's reference paediatric hospital. Polish representative to the Board of EU Member States for European Reference Networks, vice-chair of the team on rare diseases, Head of the team coordinating the programme for treatment of spinal muscular atrophy. Member of the MAB BrainCity Scientific Committee. Graduate of the Medical University of Silesia, she conducts research in the field of developmental neurology, especially in the field of epileptogenesis and skin and nerve diseases. In the



past, Katarzyna Kotulska-Jóźwiak was head and executor of several national and international grants. Author of over 150 peer-reviewed articles published in scientific journals.

Oskar Kowalski

Dr hab. n. med. Oskar Kowalski, professor and graduate of the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice. He currently works as a professor of the Medical University of Silesia in the Department of Human Nutrition at the Faculty of Health Sciences in Bytom. Furthermore, he has been Head of the Laboratory of Electrophysiology and Electrostimulation at the



Silesian Centre for Heart Diseases in Zabrze since 2003. Prof. dr hab. n. med. Oskar Kowalski, Professor of the Medical University of Silesia, is an active member of the European Society of Cardiology. He is the Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Polish Society of Cardiology. Prof. dr hab. n. med. Oskar Kowalski, Professor of the Medical University of Silesia, is a Consultant at the Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Tariff System. He actively participates in research projects. He has won numerous Rector's awards in the field of scientific activity. Since 01/09/2020, he has been the Vice-Rector for Postgraduate Education at the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice.



Maciej Krawczyk

President of the National Council of Physiotherapists, MA in Physical Rehabilitation, PhD in Physical Culture in Rehabilitation, PhD in medical sciences, physiotherapy specialist. Graduate of the Faculty of Rehabilitation of the Józef Piłsudski University of Physical Education. He represents the National Chamber of Physiotherapists (KIF) before external entities, coordinates the work of the KIF which executes the tasks determined by the 1st National Congress of Physiotherapists, appoints the chairmen and members of the KIF thematic teams, ensures proper conditions for the operation of the KIF Disciplinary Court, KIF Professional Responsibility Spokesperson and their deputies, as well as the KIF Audit Committee. Professional interests: reconstructive neurology, anthropology, kinesiology.



Brygida Kwiatkowska (SPC)

Rheumatologist, Deputy Director for Clinical Affairs at the National Institute of Geriatrics, Rheumatology and Rehabilitation in Warsaw, Chairperson of the National Council of Rheumatology, Secretary of the Warsaw unit of the Polish Rheumatology Association. Dr. Kwiatkowska's academic interests include the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic diseases. She conducts multi-directional work thus contributing to other medical disciplines related to rheumatic diseases. She promotes the use of modern diagnostic techniques in diagnosing rheumatic



diseases and introduces the latest available therapeutic methods. Her academic achievements comprise 46 publications: 12 original full-text scientific papers, 26 review articles, 4 case reports, 11 textbook chapters, including 2 chapters to an international textbook (published in English), 2 editorial commentaries. She is the first author of the majority of the papers, playing the leading role in the creation of the concept, development of the results and preparation for print. In addition, she has published 15 congress reports in supplements for Polish and foreign scientific journals.

Line Helen Linstad

Line Helen Linstad, has worked at the Norwegian Centre for E-Health Research since 2002. She obtained a master in Political Science from the University of Oslo in 1994. She has also taken a part of a master programme in Management at the Norwegian Business School (BI), project management courses at BI Tromsø and internal management courses at the University Hospital of Northern Norway (UNN). She has experience in management and project management. She is a member of the HIMSS Europe Governing Council for the period 2015-2017. She has served on the EHTEL Board of Directors for two terms from 2011 - 2015. She is also advisor to the Barcelona Mobile World mHealth Centre. She has recently started phd in e-health. She previously worked as a health planner for the Regional Health and Social Care Board in the Northern Norway Regional Health Authority and as researcher in the Norwegian Federation of Organizations of Disabled People (FFO).



Maria Libura

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Adam Maciejczyk

Oncologist, specialist in oncological radiotherapy and director of the Lower Silesian Oncology Centre, head of the Radiotherapy Clinical of the Wrocław Medical University, president of the Polish Oncological Society and president of the National Association of Public Centres and Oncological Institutes. He specialises in childhood cancer treatment. He is a member of the Main Board of the Polish Society of Oncological Radiotherapy (PTRO), as well as the coordinator of the Paediatric Radiotherapy Section in the Polish Paediatric Group for Solid Tumours. Doctor Maciejczyk is also a member of the Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO) and the Paediatric Radiation Oncology Society (PROS). He is a member of the National Council for Oncology on behalf of the Polish Oncological Society, the Scientific Council of the Oncology Centre at the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Institute in Warsaw and the Transparency Council of the Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Tariffs. In 2019, he was



appointed by the Minister of Health to participate in the work of the National Oncological Strategy Development Team. He is also an academic teacher. In 2019, he co-authored many papers and summaries, including, among others, publications like “The effect of YAP expression in tumor cells and tumor stroma on the prognosis of patients with squamous cell carcinoma of the oral cavity floor and oral surface of the tongue” or „The effect of the population-based cervical cancer screening program on 5-year survival in cervical cancer patients in Lower Silesia”.

Maciej Niewada

Clinical pharmacologist, neurologist; assistant professor at the Department of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology at the Medical University of Warsaw. He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University of Warsaw in 1997. He concurrently studied at the Warsaw School of Economics, where he obtained a master’s degree in Economics in 2000.



Since 1997, he has been working at the Department of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology at the Medical University of Warsaw, where he obtained a specialisation in clinical pharmacology. He is a lecturer at the Business School of the Warsaw University of Technology and a specialist at the Therapy and Drug Science Committee of the 5th Faculty of Medical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. In the years 2000-2006, he was an assistant at the 2nd Neurological Clinic of the Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology. In 2004, he received a PhD in Medical Sciences (his doctoral dissertation concerned the costs of stroke from the social perspective), and in 2013, he was habilitated (based on his work regarding the Hospital Register of Strokes in Poland). Since 2009, he has been



the CEO of HealthQuest – a consulting company operating in health technology assessment and reimbursement. He co-authored the health technology assessment guidelines adopted by the Agency for Health Technology Assessment, and also co-authored health technology assessment reports, costs analyses, epidemiological studies and studies concerning quality of life and utility. Maciej Niewada is also one of the founders of the Polish Pharmacoeconomics Society (ISPOR Poland Chapter), where he is currently the President. Furthermore, he cooperates with the Ministry of Health, the National Health Fund and medical scientific societies. His research interests include health technology assessment, pharmaco-epidemiology and prevention of cerebrovascular diseases.

James O'Brien

A Chair, Director, Advisory Council Member and CEO in International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organisation (IPWSO) with over twenty years of board level experience across the public, commercial & not for profit sectors with particular experience in the construction, education and disability services industries. The president of the Prader-Willi Syndrome (Australia) where he has recently steered the amalgamation of State PWS Associations to a unified PWS Australia. Vice Chair of the International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organisation, enabling both Australian and global initiatives and research that have improved the lives of those living with PWS world wide; and Council Member of Global Genes RARE Global Advocacy Leadership Council, championing the needs and explored ways to establish and foster person and family support organisations in every syndrome in every country. Founding Director and CEO of PWS Better Living



Foundation Ltd where he is exploring local housing development opportunities for individuals and families living with PWS. He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors' Company Directors Course, he hold a Commercial Real Estate License and a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance.

Maria Piętak-Frańczek

She has been working at the Cracow City Hall for 20 years, since 1999. She graduated from the Nursing Institute at the Faculty of Healthcare of the Jagiellonian University Medical College. In 1997, she completed post-graduate studies in Health Promotion at the Institute of Public Health of the Jagiellonian University. In 2012, she completed post-graduate studies in Economy and Public Administration at the Małopolska School of Public Administration of the Cracow University of Economics. In 2019, she completed post-graduate studies in HTA and EBM in Healthcare Management as part of the "Development of administrative and management competences for quality improvement in healthcare" project organised by the Faculty of Health Sciences of the Jagiellonian University. From the beginning of her work, she has been developing the principles of the "Healthy Cracow" Municipal Healthcare Programme, organising conferences, trainings and outdoor health-related events, including the "Cracow Health Days". She cooperates with numerous regional and national healthcare-related institutions. She is also a representative of the City of Cracow in the Association of Healthy Polish Cities and the President of the Management Board of the Association. As part of this activity, among others, she organises meetings for member cities which address significant issues regarding healthcare and prevention.



Robert Plisko

President of HTA Consulting since 2006, he is one of the founders of the company. Robert - master of economy by education (Cracow University of Economics), started his career in the Polish National Centre for Quality Assessment in Health Care. Robert is the author of many publications on HTA and health care and as advisor to the World Bank he participated in projects conducted in Serbia. Robert heads the Economic Analyses Department and carries out projects in Asia and Australia.



Tomasz Jan Prycel

Secretary and Managing Director of CE-ESTAHC. Tasks for the EBHC 2019 Symposium: coordination of trips between event locations. Graduate of the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University in Łódź and Postgraduate Health Care Management Studies in the Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine. Expert in cooperation and creation of health projects with local government units, with many years of experience in creating an educational platform for developing high-quality health programmes in important areas of public health. President of the European Foundation for Solving Health Problems (Europejska Fundacja Rozwiązywania Problemów Zdrowotnych). Co-creator of the "Zdrowie/Człowiek/Profilaktyka" educational programme, aimed at local governments and employers. Initiator of www.dobreprogramyzdrowotne.pl, a website containing a Health Programme Creator and educational materials for creators of health policy programmes.



Przemysław Rys

The Clinical Analyses Department's Director in HTA Consulting, A doctor by education, he graduated from Collegium Medicum of the Jagiellonian University and worked in the J. Dietl Specialist Hospital in Krakow and the Krakow University Hospital. Przemysław heads the Clinical Analyses Department and supervises projects carried out in Poland and the rest of Europe. He is the author of clinical and methodical publications as well as a reviewer of scientific journals. He has a great eye for detail and the ability to ask inquisitive clinical and methodical questions.



Holger Schünemann

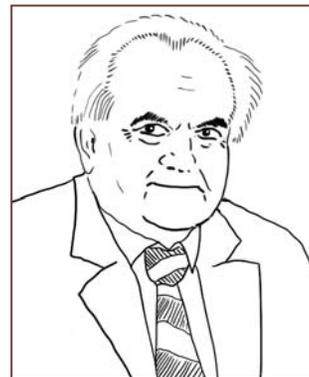
Prof. Schünemann is Chair of the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact (formerly "Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics"). He is director of Cochrane Canada, co-director of the McMaster University WHO collaborating center for evidence informed policy-making (until 2018) and the McMaster GRADE center, co-chair of the Guidelines International Network and International Network of Health Technology Agencies (GINATHA) working group. He has served as methods lead on over 20 European Commission and WHO expert guideline committees and served as adviser to member countries. From 2005 to 2009 he was at the Italian National Cancer Center in Rome, Italy, serving as interim chair of the



department of Epidemiology from 2007 to 2009, before moving to McMaster University as full-time Professor and to become Chair of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He completed his second and final term a chair in June 2019 and focuses now on research and implementation projects related to guidelines and systematic reviews. He has been advisor to ministries of health, other governmental organisations and numerous professional societies for their knowledge synthesis and guideline programs and is co-chair of the GRADE working group (www.gradeworkinggroup.org) where he was instrumental in the creation of 16 GRADE centers and networks globally. His scientific work focuses on evidence synthesis, quality of life research and the presentation and development of health care recommendations spanning clinical medicine to public health. He has authored or co-authored over 600 peer-reviewed publications, has been named by Thomson Reuters as one of the most influential 3,000 scientific minds of current times yearly since 2015, and is on the list of the 1500 most cited scientists of all times. As editor in Chief, he leads the journal Health and Quality of Life Outcomes. Maintaining an active internal medicine practice fulfills his passion for patient care and ensures his research is people-oriented.

Zbigniew Szawarski (SPC)

Professor, Ph.D. Zbigniew Szawarski – a Polish ethicist and philosopher of medicine, Ph.D., associate professor at the University of Warsaw, employee of the National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene. He has been associated with the Institute of Philosophy at the University of Warsaw, where he defended his doctorate and obtained



Ph.D. degree, since 1963. He became associate professor at the Institute of Philosophy of the Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology at the University of Warsaw. Professor Szawarski was appointed chief specialist in the National Institute of Public Health – National Institute of Hygiene. He was secretary of the Committee of Ethics in Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He became chairman of the Bioethics Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences and member of the National Committee for Cooperation with the European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO). Author of numerous articles and papers on medical ethics. Member and former President of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care. In 1990-99, he was a lecturer at the University of Wales Swansea in the UK.

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Victoria Thomas

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Roman Topór-Mądry

President of the Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Tariff System. Doctor, specialist in public health, epidemiologist. Regional consultant in public health for the Małopolskie voivodeship. Deputy Director of the Institute of Public Health of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the Jagiellonian University Medical College. Participant and coordinator of many research projects, he worked in advisory teams to, i.a. the Ministry of Health, scientific societies, local governments, the European Commission, the World Bank.



Magdalena Władysiuk

President of CEESTAHC Society, CEO of MedInvest Scanner, Vice President of HTA Consulting. In HTA Consulting, she is responsible for the strategic development of the company through research and services development, new product launch and marketing. Ms. Władysiuk main and primary aim is to provide high quality information or data based on evidence based medicine or health technology assessment methodology not only in Poland but in Europe and Asia. Key role of her work is to improve patient outcomes through better healthcare decisions. In CEESTAHC she was responsible for the establishing and providing wide connection platform for discussion for all stakeholders in health care system. CEESTAHC mission is to improve the quality of health care systems value with the use of evidence. She graduated Medical Academy in Lublin and MBA, economy in Kozminski Academy in Warsaw. She was Member of HTAi Annual Meeting in 2006-2008.



Marek Wójcik

Marek Wójcik, ekspert do spraw ochrony zdrowia Związku Miast Polskich, w latach 2014 - 2015 wiceminister administracji cyfryzacji, wieloletni uczestnik prac legislacyjnych w Sejmie i Senacie; członek zespołu do spraw ochrony zdrowia i polityki społecznej Komisji Wspólnej Rządu i Samorządu Terytorialnego oraz uczestnik prac Rady Dialogu Społecznego. Od 2004



roku, przewodniczący trzech kadencji Rady Małopolskiego Oddziału Wojewódzkiego NFZ, ekspert Ministra Zdrowia ds. restrukturyzacji zakładów opieki zdrowotnej i przekształceń własnościowych (2009 – 2011), członek Rady do spraw Zdrowia Publicznego oraz Rady Naukowej Ogólnopolskiego Programu Zwalczenia Grypy. Nadzorujący działalność podmiotów leczniczych podległych Sadeckiej Miejskiej Strefie Usług Publicznych (pilotażowy powiat), oraz Powiatu nowosądeckiego. Autor publikacji dotyczących zdrowia publicznego i samorządowych programów zdrowotnych. W działalności dydaktycznej, m.in. współpracownik Uniwersytetu Ekonomicznego w Krakowie, Uczelni Łazarskiego w Warszawie, Szkoły Głównej Handlowej, Uniwersytetu Medycznego w Łodzi, WSB National - Louis University w Nowym Sączu, Wyższej Szkoły Biznesu i Przedsiębiorczości w Ostrowcu Świętokrzyskim.

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Our main aim is development and progress of standards and methods of assessment of drug and non-drug health technologies in Central and Eastern Europe. Our additional goal is to develop and promote a common understanding and vocabulary, which allows various parties in the health care system to communicate: physicians, representatives of health insurance, medical societies, pharmaceutical companies, politicians, economists, hospital managers and other specialists who deal with financial aspects of medical services and assessment of both health care system quality and effectiveness of health technologies.

Our further aim is to promote HTA and EBM in our part of Europe.

We help especially those who has just begun with HTA – we consult, organize training and offer other forms of support.



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