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WE INVITE YOU TO READ PUBLICATIONS IN THE THIRD ISSUE OF JHPOR. WE PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE FIRST TWO ARTICLES - ZOWALL ET AL (CMC GILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, CANADA) AND MIKUDINA AND REDEKOP (ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS). BOTH ARTICLES REFER TO THE VERY IMPORTANT, PREVIOUSLY UNAPPRECIATED SUBJECT OF CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS, COMBINED WITH THE ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTS.

It was pointed out by Mikudina and Redekop that medical technology assessment of medical devices and diagnostic tests in the early phases could help to make better decisions about further development, the regulatory and reimbursement strategy, and allocating public support for new technologies. In the Zowall et al publication the results of the U.S. scientific societies campaign titled „Choosing Wisely” are included. As a result of this campaign, a list of „Things Physicians and Patients Should Question” was created. It provides specific, evidence-based recommendations, so physician and patients can reach informed decisions about the appropriate level of care. We believe that in the near future efforts should be made to create a similar list based on the recommendations of Polish scientific societies established in Poland.

Also in this issue you will find a lot of interesting publications, relating to the reimbursement systems in different European countries, use of interesting pharmacoeconomic analyses and of course the activities of the Polish Society of Pharmacoeconomics.

We wish you pleasant reading of our journal

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