

A Message from the New Editor-in-Chief

With this issue of *Acta medica Lituanica*, I am introducing myself as the newly-appointed editor-in-chief. With an academic background in biomedical sciences and humanities, some experience in administration, and assisted by the Editorial Board of the journal, I will do my best in maintaining the standards and traditions established by former editors.

Acta Medica Lituanica adheres to the recommendations of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. Nevertheless, I have some ideas, yet to be approved by the Academy of Sciences of Lithuania, concerning the editing of issues and organization of the workflow. The ultimate goal of my plans is to develop more user-friendly submission and fast processing of the incoming manuscripts, simpler procedures for reviewers and effective feedback for authors. We will continue publishing papers of high-quality research – reviews, original research, and case studies from Lithuania, the Baltic countries, and Central and Eastern Europe. We will also welcome submissions from other countries that might be of interest to international readership in clinical medicine and health sciences, so please do not hesitate to share your experience and encourage your colleagues to do the same. *Acta Medica Lituanica* follows the Open Science policy: publications in our journal are freely accessible and free of article processing charges.

In this issue, you will find articles (one research paper and five case studies) covering various topics of clinical practice of the authors. Many of the cases are unique, and I am thankful to their authors for sharing their experiences with a wider audience. I am also thankful to the reviewers – clinicians with a strong academic background, for their time spent with manuscripts, for their valuable insights that helped to improve the quality of the papers.

This issue was formed at the time of extreme challenges for biomedical community due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Many of us found ourselves at the frontline dealing with this critical situation and fulfilling our duty to society. Let me hope that when the most acute period calms down, you will have time for reflection of your experience, analysis of new data, and strategies for dealing with this epidemic.

Once again, thank you – authors, reviewers, and, finally, readers!

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