

From the Editors

Dear Readers,

The writing of the introduction to this issue of *Psychiatria Polska* was interrupted by the shocking news of the tragic death of Dr. Tomasz Solecki, an employee of the University Hospital in Krakow. In the face of this tragedy, which is also difficult to separate from the broader context of recent aggressive behaviour toward healthcare workers, we cannot imagine a more important issue to begin with.

We are all concerned with the need to reflect on the difficult aspects of our work, those which can arise frustration, aggression as well as extreme, unpredictable and incomprehensible behaviours. Regardless of the actions of various institutions, including the Ministry of Health, aimed at developing solutions to increase the safety of our work, each of us undoubtedly ponders these issues... Let us not forget that the emerging views equating all people with mental illness with being dangerous to others and committing criminal acts are unjustified and stigmatising, although the problem of aggressive behaviour in this population certainly exists and is complex [1, 2].

We present this year's second issue of our journal, hoping that it will be interesting and inspiring reading in the nearest future. We would also like to draw your attention to two previous publications addressing the issue of aggression against healthcare workers [3, 4].

We wish you an informative read,

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