

SCOLIOSIS

The editorial staff of “Orthopaedics Traumatology Rehabilitation” invites you to contribute to the preparation of an upcoming thematic issue devoted to scoliosis. The issue is due for publication in 2009.

Since the 35th Congress of the Polish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology in Szczecin in 2004, no significant meeting of researchers interested in this challenging topic has taken place. The thematic issue will serve to verify and more accurately define the principles of diagnosis, subsequent diagnostic imaging, genetic and laboratory work-up, establish an algorithm for conservative management and present existing data on the outcomes of surgical treatment.

You are welcome to present your **original** experimental reports and clinical observations related to scoliosis, with particular emphasis on

1. contemporary views on:

- diagnosis, symptomatology and pathophysiology of scoliosis
- possibilities for imaging, laboratory, genetic or electrophysiological diagnostic work-up
- epidemiology and associated cost of treatment of scoliosis in Poland

2. indications for conservative treatment, and especially:

- currently applied methods of rehabilitation and corrective gymnastics, and treatment outcomes
- currently used orthopaedic aids (braces) and the resultant slowing-down of the progression of scoliosis

3. evaluation of indications for and outcomes of operative treatment (follow-up of 24 months of more after surgery)

4. evaluation of quality of life of patients with scoliosis (based on the SRS-22 HRQL questionnaire)

Please submit proposed topics with short summaries prepared according to OTR editorial principles only in electronic form to naczelnny.otr@interia.pl and to the e-mail address of the Leading Topic Co-Ordinator maciejkolban@plusnet.pl by **30 April 2009**.

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