

Dear Readers,

The approaching holiday season offers an excellent opportunity to slow down and explore the latest issue of *Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques*. In this edition, we are pleased to present 15 articles that demonstrate the broad and continuously expanding applications of minimally-invasive techniques across various fields of modern surgery and interventional medicine.

This issue includes several contributions in the field of general surgery, covering topics such as the comparison of energy devices in laparoscopic appendectomy, reinforcement of the duodenal stump following laparoscopic oncologic gastrectomy, and hybrid laparoscopic full-thickness gastric resection with lymphatic mapping in the treatment of a neuroendocrine tumor.

A significant portion of this issue is devoted to bariatric and metabolic surgery. The published studies evaluate the outcomes of Nissen sleeve gastrectomy, as compared with the standard one, the effectiveness of conversion from sleeve gastrectomy to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, and the role of perioperative checklists in improving the quality and safety of metabolic surgery care.

In the area of surgical oncology and thoracic surgery, you will find articles discussing the role of diagnostic laparoscopy in patient selection for cytoreductive surgery combined with hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (CRS-HIPEC), the incidence and risk factors for incisional hernias following CRS-HIPEC procedures, and the first Polish experience with endoscopy-assisted breast-conserving surgery. We also present a paper focusing on the techniques for pulmonary nodule localization prior to video-assisted thoracic surgery.

The issue is further complemented by a randomized controlled trial in pediatric anesthesiology. Additionally, an interesting gynecological study analyzes the influence of previous cesarean section on the risk of periumbilical adhesion formation encountered during laparoscopic hysterectomy.

The first half of the year has been a period of intensive work and continued growth of our journal. We are pleased to share that Impact Factor for *Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques* has been calculated at 1.7, while its CiteScore has reached 3.3. These achievements reflect the growing scientific quality, visibility, and international recognition of our journal.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all authors for their valuable scientific contributions, our reviewers for their dedicated and demanding peer-review work, and the Editorial Board members and readers for their continuous support and engagement. Your scientific activity, commitment, and hard work are essential to the further development and success of *Videosurgery and Other Miniinvasive Techniques*.

I warmly encourage you to explore the articles presented in this issue. On behalf of the entire Editorial Team, I wish you a pleasant summer, a well-deserved rest, and many inspiring scientific and clinical achievements in the months ahead.



Kindest regards,
Prof. Jacek Szeliga
VSJ Editor-in-Chief

