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Medical Review Auschwitz: Medicine Behind the Barbed Wire

4th International Conference 19-21 September 2022, Kraków, Poland

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We would like to invite you to the 4th international conference **Medical Review Auschwitz: Medicine Behind the Barbed Wire**, which will take place on 19-21 September 2022 in Kraków, Poland.

After a one-year break (in 2020) and the 2021 conference taking place in the virtual space, the decisions forced upon us by the COVID-19 pandemic, this year we will meet again at the on-the-site event in Kraków. This is the place where the original journal *Przegląd Lekarski - Oświęcim* (*Medical Review - Auschwitz*) was conceived and had its first issue published in 1961, marking the start of pioneering research and academic discussion on the medical, social, and bioethical consequences and lessons of the Holocaust, concentration camp history, Nazi German occupation, and the Second World War in general.

Additionally, year 2022 marks the fifth anniversary of launching the Medical Review Auschwitz project, which includes the conference as well as revisiting the articles from *Przegląd Lekarski - Oświęcim* through its translation into English, making its invaluable scientific content available to the global audience in an open-access format (see <https://www.mp.pl/auschwitz/journal>).

The conference is organised by the Polish Institute for Evidence-Based Medicine, the Kraków Medical Society, and the medical publisher Medycyna Praktyczna, in collaboration with the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, Department of Bioethics and the Holocaust, the International Chair in Bioethics, the Maimonides Institute for Medicine, Ethics and the Holocaust, the Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics, the University of Colorado Center for Bioethics and Humanities, the Jagiellonian University, the St. Maximilian Center in Harmęże, and the Polish Association for Spiritual Care in Medicine.

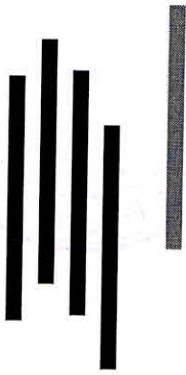
The aim of the conference is to educate the world's medical community about the violations of medical ethics during the Second World War, with special focus on the behaviour of physicians and other medical professionals in Nazi medical institutions and concentration camps or other places of imprisonment, and the ethical implications of Nazi medicine for contemporary medical practice and healthcare policy.

Conference participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum (including places not accessible to the general public). We hope that this conference will make a significant contribution to further the understanding of the dark history of Nazi medicine in Nazi German concentration camps and help the international community draw a lesson for future generations.

We look forward to seeing you in Kraków in September 2022.

Piotr Gajewski MD PhD FACP
Chair of the Organising Committee

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Program

19 September 2022 (Monday)

Pre-conference visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum

20 September 2022 (Tuesday)

Conference

Medical Review Auschwitz: a documentary

Stanisław Kłodziński: Auschwitz prisoner, physician, and social activist, co-editor of *Medical Review - Auschwitz*

Teresa Wontor-Cichy
State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oświęcim, Poland

The Jewish medical institutions and their activities in Krakow during the Holocaust

Dr Agnieszka Zajączkowska-Drożdż
Institute of European Studies, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland

The ethical challenges of Jewish physicians in the ghettos during the Holocaust and their present-day relevance

Dr Miriam Offer
Western Galilee College, Akko, and Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Brains from German-occupied Poland. How German neuropathologists collected brains from the Czyste and other Jewish hospitals in 1940

Prof. Paul Weindling
Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom

The effectiveness of Carl Clauberg's forced sterilizations. New findings from little-noticed original documents on the human experiments in Block 10 at Auschwitz

Prof. Hans-Joachim Lang
Universität Tübingen, Germany

Prosecuting evil. Dr Clauberg's "harem prisoners" for research purposes

Prof. Knut Ruyter
University of Oslo, Norway

The field office of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society for the Advancement of Science (currently Max Planck Society) in KL Auschwitz-Birkenau

Prof. Bogdan Musiał
Jan Karski Institute for War Losses, Poland

What can be learned from the Holocaust survivors' adaptation to hunger and the long term effects of anorexia/bulimia on the cardiovascular system

Prof. Jacques Barth
Department of Cardiology of the Jeremiasz Research Foundation in Haarlem, Netherlands

The role of psychiatry during the Holocaust: Perpetrators and redemption

Prof. Susan Miller
Houston Methodist Research Institute, USA

The Sino-Japanese War in which Dr Mitsuo Kaneda served: The collapse of Japanese military ethics and the medical crimes of Unit 731

Dr Giichiro Ohno
Hokkaido Prefectural Teuri Clinic, Japan

What are the basic historical facts that every medical student should know about the history of health professional involvement in the Holocaust

Prof. Matthew Wynia
University of Colorado, USA

Holocaust: Lessons for medicine. Our experience of teaching medicine and the Holocaust for the last 10 years

Prof. Esteban González-López,
Prof. Rosa Ríos-Cortés
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

The Holocaust as a lens for the future of medical ethics

Prof. Rebecca Brendel
Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School, USA

Panel discussion

Piano concert by Jakub Kuszlik, a laureate of the International Chopin Piano Competition (2021)

21 September 2022
(Wednesday)

Workshops

Ideological and legal bases of the Nazi eugenics

Dr Katarzyna du Vall
Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland

What should be the core learning objectives for health sciences students learning about medical involvement in the Holocaust?

Prof. Matthew Wynia
University of Colorado, USA

How our personal beliefs have the potential to create moral harm

Prof. Susan Miller
Houston Methodist Research Institute, USA



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