

Our mission in social media during pandemic COVID-19

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Background

Pandemic COVID-19 changed our activities from early March 2020. All in person meetings were cancelled without any time perspective to start them again. This situation was new for everybody: for patients, for doctors. Lack of appropriate knowledge was danger for people living with inflammatory arthritis. More and more fake news about COVID-19 needs strong pieces of information based on scientific knowledge.

First steps

We felt responsible for support RMDs people in their everyday lives. On 14 March 2020 – few days before official governmental decision about state of epidemic – we pin like a first new post supporting action „stay at home”.

We put new information connected with COVID-19 from medical sources e. g. Polish Society for Rheumatology.

Being involved

Developing situation needs to follow new edition on websites of official source of information. There were many questions connected with pandemic: stop medication or not, contact rheumatologist or wait for more safe times, take vaccine against CoVID-19 or not. Webinars, helpline, links to publication give answers for those questions or help to understand new situation and take decision.



Public consultation s on new law of quality in healthcare and patient's safety with Minister of Health (right) and Minister for Patients' Rights



First post on coronavirus – „stay at home” pinned on top 14 March 2020

Working together

Pandemic COVID-19 developed of using of online tools in remote contacts among people. Organizations of people with chronic diseases cooperate closely with Minister of Health and Minister for Patients' Rights for appropriate solutions of situation of patients in pandemic times.



First (last in-person) meeting of Patient Organization Council at Minister of Patients' Rights February 2020

Statements of Polish Society for Rheumatology and national consultant in rheumatology and other opinions of medical authorities:

