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EDITORIAL

Applying management rules to a decision-making process remains a central principle in the modern health care around the world, yet many health professionals find it challenging to acquire published research knowledge.

Evidence-based decision-making in the strategic and operational activities of health care provision are predicated upon the capability to identify, acquire and apply relevant research knowledge. On the other hand, the international literature shows the underuse and slow adoption of health research in practice¹.

Therefore, in this issue, we report on several research findings dedicated to health care management. Our objective was to present improvements to their management activities to make effective and sustained evidence-based practices easier and more available. This issue reports on both research conducted in Poland as well as empirical findings coming from abroad (Germany and Portugal). We present microeconomic studies referring to finance and strategic management as well as findings conducted the from macro-level perspective. The presented papers highlight the most prominent issues of modern health care, especially dedicated to the efficiency and quality improvements. We hope that health managers will find them useful in their everyday practice.

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¹ Pentland, D. et al. (2014). Enabling integrated knowledge acquisition and management in health care teams. *Knowledge Management Research & Practice*, 12(4), 362-374.