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Physicians are humans and replaceable – the current millennium approach



Irrelevant of the challenges we face, at the beginning of each new year, we are confident it will be a better and more successful in every way. And it's simply human to feel that way. Standing on the shoulders of so many generations of healthcare workers in Serbia and worldwide and what their experience taught us over the past 150 years in Serbia [1, 2, 3], we embark on this year's adventures with nonetheless zeal. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and its changing Serbia's health sector landscape since the early 2020, each new year brings new surprises [4, 5, 6].

First and foremost, we have to thank our reviewers for the time invested in our journal, despite their everyday clinical workload. These hours of unpaid work have been taken from their families, their loved ones and their own sleep (Table 1). This is the third year in a row that we try to rank them and familiarize you with their faces, for their investment that counts the most in the preservation of our journal. In 2022, the first place by number of reviews are shared between Professors Ljubomir Todorović (Figure 1) and Predrag Vučinić (Figure 2), the second Professors Dragoš Stojanović (Figure 3) and Jelena Milašin (Figure 4) and the third, Professors Nataša Rajković (Figure 5) and Nebojša Stojanović (Figure 6).

Both our doctors and our reviewers have shown remarkable dedication over the years, and the COVID-19 pandemic keeps draining them even more, as new strains of the virus appear [4]. In sign of support, our doctors used to receive applause each evening from the balconies since spring 2020, both in Belgrade and across Serbia. That standing ovation was a worldwide phenomenon. But then, we got tired,

while they tirelessly – even when falling victims to COVID-19 themselves – kept standing up from their own sickbeds and kept fighting for the lives of their patients, until they were reinfected again. And that is what they do today. Not only our doctors, but our nurses and all allied healthcare professions that our healthcare system is based on. The merciless first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic took lives of so many of them in a devastating way [5, 7].

Historical sources claim doctors used to be revered as much as Gods [8], but how and when people substituted the admiration for aggression remains to be explained by historians, psychologist, philosophers and the unavoidable economists. The attacks on healthcare workers were already well-described long before the COVID-19 pandemic [9, 10], and it's making our colleagues across the Atlantic even teach new trainees not to carry their stethoscopes in the traditional around-the-neck fashion, not to facilitate a potential attack. The growing hospital violence is discouraging the healthcare sector, while the use of easily accessible social media is enabling the voicing dissatisfaction with the government.

The changes in the economy landscape due to COVID-19 pandemic is influencing the decision of pharmacoeconomists to further cut costs across healthcare field, as it is known as the notorious “big spender”. Understaffing across all spectrums of jobs in healthcare has become the “new normal”, where emergency departments (EDs) replace their doctors with nonphysician practitioners. Nevertheless, it physiologically creates the chain reaction that, for instance, creates “frequent fliers” – term already used for frequently hospitalized

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Figure 1. Professor Ljubomir Todorović (University of Belgrade, School of Dental Medicine, Belgrade, Serbia)



Figure 2. Professor Predrag Vučinić (University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Dentistry, Novi Sad, Serbia)



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Figure 6. Professor Nebojša Stanković (Retired colonel, Military Medical Academy, Belgrade, Serbia)

end-stage heart failure patients necessitating repeated hospitalizations and imaging, thus increasing the costs in these very same EDs [11]. Even if we ignore the cost of this futile imaging, it is yet to be determined whether employment of nonphysician practitioner instead of medical doctors generates these requests for imaging, while the greater concern has to be for the patients and the radiation burden they increase, potentially aggravating their own long-term health.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic might mimic the turmoil the generations of our ancestors lived during the World War I and World War II, but, if so, when did we start to leave our sick and wounded on the battle field instead of carry them to safety and give them the time they need to heal and recover? In a society that promotes alienation, superficial virtual contact and borderline minimal education, where the children of today mandate how to be

taught while their teachers should stay mum, it is on the healthcare sector to regroup and protect their own, for, apparently, no one else will.

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Table 1. The list of the Serbian Archives of Medicine reviewers in 2022

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194. Radosavljević Aleksandra
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