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# 60 years of the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics in Kalisz

## 60 lat Oddziału Urazowo-Ortopedycznego w Kaliszu

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### Abstract

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**Key words:** Department of Trauma and Orthopedics at L. Perzyna Provincial Polyclinical Hospital in Kalisz

### Streszczenie

Jubileusz 60-lecia Oddziału Urazowo-Ortopedycznego WSZ im. L. Perzyny w Kaliszu obchodzony 19 października 2019 roku w auli naszego Szpitala miał szczególny charakter, dlatego że po raz pierwszy odbył się w formule wspólnego zebrania Oddziałów Dolnośląskiego, Łódzkiego i Wielkopolskiego Polskiego Towarzystwa Ortopedycznego i Traumatologicznego. Początki ortopedii w Kaliszu są związane z dr Stanisławem Wałczyńskim, który w 1959 roku przybył z Kliniki Ortopedycznej w Poznaniu i rozpoczął pracę w naszym mieście. Przez 60 lat Oddział Urazowo-Ortopedyczny stale się zmieniał i unowocześniał. Dzisiaj jest to jeden z najważniejszych ośrodków ortopedyczno-urazowych w naszym naszym regionie. W Oddziale wykonywanych jest od wielu lat ponad półtora tysiąca operacji rocznie.

**Słowa kluczowe:** Oddział Urazowo-Ortopedyczny WSZ im. L. Perzyny w Kaliszu

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Kalisz, the oldest city in Poland, for the third time hosted such an outstanding group of renowned specialists from the orthopedic community. The first event was held 10 years ago to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Department, many of you were with us, and for the second time in 2015 during the Polish Orthopedics and Traumatology Society (POTS) Orthopedic Days, which were organized by our Department.

The jubilee of the 60th anniversary of the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics at L. Perzyna Provincial Polyclinical Hospital in Kalisz, celebrated on 19 October 2019 in the main lecture hall in our hospital, was very special, because it was the first time that it was held as a joint meeting of the POTS Branches from Lower Silesia, Łódź and Greater Poland. The meeting was officially opened by the presidents of the Greater Poland, Łódź and Lower Silesia branches of the Polish Orthopedics and Traumatology Society: prof. Tomasz Kotowicki, prof. Piotr Kozłowski, professor extraordinary at U.M. Paweł Reichert and Head of the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics, Ireneusz Urbaniak, M.D., Ph.D. We were also honored with the presence of the members of parliament representing our region, Karolina Pawliczak (an MP in the 9th Sejm), and Janusz Pęcherz (Senator in the 10th Senate) Also present was our colleague, dr. Marek Ruciński (an MP in the 8th Sejm), head of the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics in Poznań. Congratulations and wishes were presented to the organizers by the Mayor of the City of Kalisz, Krystian Kinastowski. We were also honored with the presence of the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Kalisz, his Excellency Father Łukasz Buzun.

We had the pleasure of welcoming many renowned, outstanding orthopedists. We welcomed the President of the POTS Management Board prof Leszek Romanowski, President-elect of the POTS Management Board, prof. Tomasz Mazurek, Presidents of the POTS branches: Lower Silesia branch, prof. Paweł Reichert, Łódź branch, prof. Piotr Kozłowski, Greater Poland branch, prof. Tomasz Kotwicki, President-elect of the POTS Greater Poland branch, dr. Klaudiusz Kosowski. We were also honored with the presence of the national consultant in orthopedics and traumatology, prof. Jarosław Czubak and Provincial Consultants in orthopedics and traumatology, prof. Jacek Kruczynski, prof. Andrzej Borowski, dr. Krzysztof Uszyński. I would like to thank Professor Andrzej Nowakowski, the editor of our journal Polish Orthopaedics and Traumatology for attending our meeting. Also in attendance were professors Marek Synder, Wojciech Marczyński, Stanisław Pomianowski, Andrzej Bohatyrewicz, Maciej Głowacki, Tomasz Trzeciak. I would like to thank the many heads and managers of Departments of Trauma and Orthopedics that came from Lower Silesia, Łódź and Greater Poland provinces, as well as all the colleagues present.

60 years is quite a long time in the history of the Department - it is three generations of people who worked here,

their Families, a large number of patients treated in the Department.

Our meeting was quite unusual in terms of the program. In part one, the Hospital Director, Radosław Koroman, and deputy director for medical care, Mariusz Kurpiak, M.D., Ph.D explained in detail the research and development activities of the Kalisz hospital as well as the history of hospital treatment. The speech delivered by the Head of the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics of course concerned the topic of orthopedics but more from a historical and statistical viewpoint rather than in the form of a discussion of particular cases.

Another point on the agenda was the In Memoriam segment featuring those who worked in the Department but unfortunately have passed away: dr. Zdzisław Gawlak, Władysław Jakubek, dr. Stanisław Wałczyński, dr. Edward Kurzawa, nurse Barbara Serafin. They were commemorated with a minute of silence.

In part two, we wanted to present orthopedics and traumatology from a different, more holistic perspective. This was done by two of our invited Guests. Our specialty is shown from the viewpoint of a Dominican, Wojciech Jędrzejewski - "We are all the broken people" and a humanist, prof. Piotr Łuszczkiewicz - "Kalisz in popular literature and culture". These lectures were very popular among the attendees. We hope that this meeting format matched the expectations of the participants of the Jubilee. After the meeting, numerous signs of appreciation for the speakers were communicated to me.

At the meeting, a solemn ceremony was held during which I and my team were honored with Ireneusz Wierzejewski Medal in recognition of contributions to Polish Orthopedics and Traumatology. This medal was issued on the centenary of the Polish Orthopedics.

For 60 years the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics has continuously evolved and advanced. Today it is one of the key orthopedics and trauma centers in our region.

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The beginnings of orthopedics in Kalisz are linked to Dr. Stanisław Wałczyński, who came from the Orthopedics Department in Poznań in 1959 and began working in our city. Dr. Wałczyński headed the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics for 34 years until 1992. He was also the director of the hospital in Kalisz, the founder of the hospital school and he initiated the construction of a new hospital at Poznańska street - the "Okrażlak". As our Department underwent restructuring, the Orthopedic, Hip Dysplasia and Postural Deformity Outpatient Clinic was opened.

In the 1960s, Stanisław Wałczyński, M.D., Stefan Pielok, M.D., physiotherapist, Władysław Jakub, and charge nurse Emilia Młynarska, worked in the Department. Since the 1970s, orthopedic conferences have been held regularly at





Fig. 1. Dr. Walczyński during rounds.



Fig. 2. Construction of a hospital at Poznańska Street – the “Okraślak”.

our center organized by the Polish Orthopedics and Trauma Society and the Kalisz Medical Society. In the 1970s the following medical staff worked in the Department: Stanisław Walczyński, M.D., Zdzisław Gawlak, M.D., Stanisław Tambor, M.D., Teresa Kaźmierczak, M.D., Edward Kurzawa, M.D. During the 1980s the following assistants began working in the Department: Sławomir Tajchman, M.D., Dariusz Kabziński, M.D., Marek Szponder, M.D., Bogusław Bartosz, M.D., Marek Kintzi, M.D. New operative techniques were being developed, and more patients receive treatment. Alongside the Department, the Orthopedic and Hip Dysplasia Outpatient Clinic was also active.

1989 was a breakthrough year for the department, as it moved to the new hospital building at Poznańska street. At the new hospital there were 70 beds in the Department which was divided into two 35-bed sections. Within the structure of the hospital, a rehabilitation section was created headed by Teresa Kaźmierczak, M.D. After dr. Walczyński retired in 1993, the Department was headed by dr. Zdzisław Gawlak, and then by dr. Edward Kurzawa. Dr. Zdzisław Gawlak worked in the Department until 1993. He was the Department Head from 1992 to 1993. He died on 14 July 1993 after a

severe illness. The next head of the Department was Edward Kurzawa, M.D. He worked in the Department until 2006. He was the Department Head from 1994 to 2006. He died on 2 February 2018 after a severe illness. During the 1990s and later years, assistants and young doctors specializing in orthopedics and traumatology were employed: Mariusz Kurpik, M.D., Tomasz Gawlak, M.D., Maciej Jakubek, M.D., Paweł Nowicki, M.D. And later: Damian Błaszczuk, M.D., Krzysztof Sieradzki, M.D., Artur Zagwojski, M.D., Jakub Madejczyk, M.D., Tomasz Doroczyński, M.D. Orthopedics has evolved, and new operative techniques have been introduced. Specialized doctors leave the Department to work in other centers and are replaced by young doctors wanting to specialize in orthopedics and traumatology.

In 2006, Ireneusz Urbaniak, M.D., Ph.D., won the competition for the job of the Department Head and Mariusz Kurpik, M.D. was named his deputy. He served in this capacity until 2011, when he became the Deputy Director for medical care at the Provincial Polyclinical Hospital in Kalisz. In the Department, Maciej Jakubek, M.D., was named the new deputy head. At that time, by decision of the Marshal Office the number of beds was reduced to 35, but the number of patients admitted, and procedures performed has increased considerably. In 2010, the Department underwent a major overhaul, including a complete makeover of the interior and medical equipment - we became a truly modern department.

In recent years, the following resident doctors worked in the Department: Patryk Szymański, Tomasz Dekert, Piotr Podskarbi, Michał Urbaniak.

In September 2009, in connection with the 50th Jubilee of the Department, we organized a special meeting of the orthopedic community from Poznań and Łódź.

In October 2012, the Department organized the first joint scientific meeting of the Poznań and Łódź branches of the Polish Orthopedics and Traumatology Society, which was held at the Czartoryski Castle in Gołuchów near Kalisz.

In 2012, the Management Board of our Society entrusted me and the team of the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics at L. Perzyna Provincial Polyclinical Hospital in Kalisz with the organization of the 36th Orthopedic Days.

It was Poland's biggest orthopedic event in 2015 and an international event as well. It is enough to stress that at that time Kalisz hosted about 1000 orthopedists from Poland and the world. The special guest was Professor Josef Schatzker.

Our Department cooperates with the Stanisław Wojciechowski University of Applied Sciences (PWSZ) in Kalisz. We conduct classes at the Faculty of Medicine in the following majors: nursing and obstetrics, medical rescue, and at the Faculty of Public Health The teaching includes lectures and classes and orthopedics and traumatology, normal anatomy and lectures on history of medicine.

Despite the hard work being done every day by the doctors, the Department also created atmosphere for scientific



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Director of the WSZ in Kalisz Radosław Kołaciński.



Deputy Director of the WSZ in Kalisz for health care Mariusz Kurpiak, MD, PhD.



From the left: Katarzyna Banaszekiewicz-Surowa, MD Ireneusz Urbaniak, prof. Andrzej Nowakowski, prof. Tomasz Mazurek, prof. Tomasz Kotwicki, prof. Leszek Romanowski.



From the left: dr Marek Ruciński, prof. Wojciech Marczyński, prof. Jarosław Czubak, prof. Leszek Romanowski, prof. Tomasz Mazurek.



Wojciech Jędrzejewski OP, med. Jacek Markuszewski, prof. Jacek Kruczyński, prof. Stanisław Pomianowski, prof. Paweł Reichert, dr Marek Ruciński, med. Mariusz Kurpiak.



From the left in the middle row: Andrzej Przybylski, MD, Tomasz Gawlak, PhD, med. Jakub Madejczyk, in a higher order: dr Michał Urbaniak, dr Maciej Jakubek, med. Mirosław Falis, above: prof. Andrzej Borowski, prof. Maciej Głowacki.



Gala dinner at the KTW PARK restaurant, performance of the PIANO SONG vocal band.



research, which resulted in three doctorates. In 2013 Jakub Madejczyk, M.D. obtained the degree of doctor from the Medical University of Łódź based on the dissertation titled: "Outcomes of total knee arthroplasty depending on the type of implant". In 2014 Mariusz Kurpiak, M.D. acting deputy director for medical care obtained a Ph.D. in medical sciences from the Poznań University of Medical Sciences based on the dissertation titled "Detection of developmental hip dysplasia in newborns and infants in Kalisz and the Kalisz District during a selected period". Another assistant, Andrzej Przybylski, M.D. – at the time a resident at the Department - obtained a Ph.D. in 2014 at the Medical University of Łódź based on the dissertation titled "Comparison of the Vanquard and Triathlon endoprostheses in the treatment of deforming-destructive changes in the idiopathic degenerative disease of the knee joint". Other assistants have their doctoral procedures pending. Over 60 years, 31 doctors have completed the second level of specialization in orthopedics and traumatology at the Department.

Currently, the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics at the Provincial Polyclinical Hospital in Kalisz has 30 beds in double and triple rooms. We treat about 1700-1800 patients a year. We are primarily concerned with the orthopedics and traumatology of the locomotor system. The range of procedures in the Department is extended on a regular basis. Among other things, we treat pelvic fractures, complex limb injuries including secondary multi-tissue reconstructions. As regards orthopedic procedures, we perform hip and knee arthroplasties revision surgeries, arthroscopic surgeries of the knee, ankle and shoulder, including intra-articular reconstructions. We regularly train our medical staff in hand and foot surgery. We also perform orthopedic sports medicine procedures. We have access to all the state-of-the-art imaging techniques.

At present, 28 people work in the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics in the Provincial Polyclinical Hospital in Kalisz, including 6 doctors-consultants and 3 residents. Together we create a strong team – we are committed to developing both the individual skills and teamwork.

At the end of the meeting, the Department Head, Ireneusz Urbaniak, M.D. Ph.D. thanked all the guests for their participation and for all the congratulations extended to the Department. In particular, he expressed his gratitude for the award of for the Ireneusz Wierzejewski Medal. When expressing his appreciation, he thanked his team, because everything that met with such appreciation was possible only thanks to the commitment and the hard day-to-day work of the team.

The team of the Department of Trauma and Orthopedics in Kalisz:

Department Head: Ireneusz Urbaniak, M.D., Ph.D.  
Deputy Head: Maciej Jakubek, M.D.

Senior Assistants:

Tomasz Gawlak, M.D.  
Artur Zagwojski, M.D.  
Jakub Madejczyk, M.D., Ph.D.  
Andrzej Przybylski, M.D., Ph.D.

Residents:

Tomasz Dekert, M.D.  
Piotr Podskarbi, M.D.  
Michał Urbaniak, M.D.

Physical therapists:

Tomasz Lis  
Marcin Śleziak

2019 nursing staff

Katarzyna Banaszekiewicz-Surowa – Charge Nurse  
Beata Hojak – Deputy Charge Nurse  
Agata Adamiak  
Agnieszka Bednarska  
Marzena Gancarz  
Aldona Gnerowicz  
Anna Hojak  
Monika Janczak  
Dominika Kołacka  
Barbara Kujawa  
Bogusława Litwinek  
Aleksandra Matusiak  
Jadwiga Płócienniczak  
Magdalena Zawadzka  
Mirosława Zmysłony

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Mirosława Pośpiech

Secretariat:

Magdalena Matczak  
Aldona Furman

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