



Gynae-senologist: are we, gynaecologists and obstetricians, ready for senology?

In this special issue, we wish to focus on senology. Scientific study of the breast should be in the hands of gynecologists as those specialists closest to women. In some countries, both in Europe and further afield, this is the case, but unfortunately in many, including Poland (in our opinion), it is not.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the world, and most women over the course of their lives will detect a change in their breasts that will both alarm them and require medical advice. Among women with breast cancer, it is an everyday occurrence that there are those who have not been examined by a gynecologist. This does not only apply to breast cancer, but to many diseases of the breast where gynecologists do not know and do not wish to know. Often, women do not receive adequate treatment, although precise information on the importance of seeking diagnosis and treatment of breast diseases, including breast cancer, is widely available.

We believe that changing approaches to, and dissemination of, knowledge about the breast among gynecologists (not necessarily gynecologists-oncologists) may contribute to an improvement in the incidence and mortality rates for breast cancer worldwide and may also contribute to women and diagnosing gynecologists, being more aware that consultations with the patient are crucial to overall improvements in the quality of care.

However, it should be emphasized that senology is not only concerned with breast cancer. The point is that we should be able to expertly guide those in our care, no matter the symptom and treatment. In other words – we ought to treat each woman with a breast problem seriously, even if this means the role of a gynecologist is only to integrate the involvement of various specialists.

We wish to encourage research in this area. Additionally, we wish to create a discussion platform focused on the potential clinical implications of distinguishing senology from other medical specializations.

We would like to hear the voices of those gynecologists and obstetricians working with breast diseases!

We cordially invite you to submit your research papers to the journal.

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