



Dear Readers,

Disorders of the endocrine system can affect all types of organs and tissues – including those being a subject of a rheumatologist's particular attention: bones, joints and tendons. The endocrine dysfunction can also impact the course of autoimmune diseases, especially rheumatic ones. On the other hand, the autoimmune process can also influence the function of the endocrine glands and disrupt the hormonal balance.



Therefore it is not surprising, that we've decided to devote this special issue of *Reumatologia* to the problems concerning interactions between the musculo-skeletal system and hormones, inviting endocrinologists and rheumatologists to discuss the problems laying at the interface of medical specialities they represent. The articles we present concern both inherited and acquired endocrinological diseases, problems of hormone balance and its impact on the musculoskeletal system. For the 60th anniversary of the journal *Reumatologia*, we are expanding cooperation with other centers and specialists, which is reflected in this special issue. We hope for the continuation of the project and thematic presentation of problems related to rheumatic diseases.

We hope that this theme-oriented approach we have taken with our special issue, will be both interesting and educational for our Authors and Readers.

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