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EDITORIAL

Foreword

Dear academic community,

It is my great pleasure to present to you Special Issue 3, Volume 72, 2023 of the *Proceedings of the Estonian Academy of Sciences*. On behalf of the Scientific Committee and the Editorial Board, I extend my gratitude to all the authors who have contributed articles to this special issue. I am grateful for your efforts and dedication in celebrating our academic accomplishments in health sciences, organizing the international and interdisciplinary conference ‘Empowerment of Public Health, Health Care and Wellbeing – Education, Research, and Practice’.

The international conference with a parallel session was concise and educational. Behind the high-quality healthcare service is a competent multidisciplinary and multicultural team focused on influencing patients’ health behaviour and improving health outcomes by providing high-quality healthcare services at all levels of patients’ treatment journey. Thus, in our special publication, you will find the results of the research conducted by various healthcare specialists. I believe that this publication will be novel, interesting, and motivating for further research.

As the team leader of this special issue, I encourage all healthcare professionals to advance their profession by writing and publishing articles that add to the evidence base providing the needed support to all researchers within healthcare. Being a nurse, and being proud to be a nurse, I encourage all nurses to continue publishing knowledge through articles that help other nurses better understand the importance of continuous learning and developing in the nursing profession by proactive care coordination.

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