



## Medicine Behind the Barbed Wire

### CONFERENCE

9 May 2018, Krakow, Poland

## Invitation

We would like to invite you to take part in the international conference **Medical Review – Auschwitz: Medicine Behind the Barbed Wire**, which will take place on 9 May 2018 in Kraków, Poland.

The conference is organized by the Kraków Medical Society and the medical publisher Medycyna Praktyczna in collaboration with the Jagiellonian University and the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. Please visit [www.mp.pl/auschwitz/conference](http://www.mp.pl/auschwitz/conference) for more information, including the program and accompanying events.

The conference is on the pseudo-medical experiments carried out on the prisoners of Nazi German concentration camps, the consequences of imprisonment in those camps to inmates' health and the ethical implications of Nazi medicine for contemporary medical practice.

Unique scientific documents will be presented at the conference that were published over 31 years (1961–1991) in the medical journal *Przegląd Lekarski – Oświęcim* (*Medical Review – Auschwitz*). Articles from this journal are being successively translated into English and made available on the [www.mp.pl/auschwitz](http://www.mp.pl/auschwitz) website.

Conference participants will also have the opportunity to visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum (including places not available to the public) and the Oskar Schindler's Factory Museum.

Physicians coming to the conference are encouraged to spend more time in Kraków not only to experience its rich cultural life and remarkable heritage, but also to take part in the McMaster International Review Course in Internal Medicine (more information on [www.mircim.eu](http://www.mircim.eu)).

We hope that this conference will make a significant contribution to further the understanding of the dark history of Nazi medicine in Nazi German concentration camps, and help the international community draw a lesson for future generations.

We look forward to seeing you in Kraków in May 2018.

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## Program

**9 May, 9:00–14:00**

### **Medical Review – Auschwitz: the concept and its creators**

Prof. Zdzisław Jan Ryn  
Jagiellonian University, Poland

### **Selections carried out by SS doctors in the hospitals of the Auschwitz concentration camp**

Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz  
Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum

### **Nazi German physicians: the antithesis of humanitarian medicine**

Prof. Aleksander Skotnicki  
Jagiellonian University, Poland

### **Block 10: the experimental block in the women's camp at Auschwitz**

Dr. Maria Ciesielska  
Lazarski University, Poland

### **Pseudo-medical experiments in the Ravensbrück concentration camp: a survivor's story**

Dr. Wanda Póltawska  
Poland

### **Ethical transgressions in anatomical science during the Third Reich: the trace to Auschwitz**

Prof. Sabine Hildebrandt  
Harvard University, USA

### **The evolution of the KZ-syndrome through the generations**

Prof. Zdzisław Jan Ryn  
Jagiellonian University, Poland

### **Assistance dispensed to Auschwitz survivors in 1945 by Polish doctors and medical personnel**

Dr. Jacek Lachendro  
Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum

### **Ethical implications of Nazi medicine for current medical practice, healthcare policy and human rights endeavors**

Dr. Stacy Gallin  
Maimonides Institute for Medicine, Ethics and the Holocaust, USA

### **Panel discussion**

## Accompanying events

**8 May**

**Special guided visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum**

**9 May, 16:00–18:00**

**Visit to the Oskar Schindler's Factory Museum**  
Introduction by Prof. Aleksander Skotnicki and a guided tour