

## **Professor Marek Szczepkowski**

In 1985 I got the first level of specialization, and in 1990, the second level of specialization in general surgery.

In 1988, after the successful completion of doctoral Research Council Centre of Postgraduate Education gave me the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Work Fri: "Evaluation of the quality of life for stoma patients" was the first comprehensive research on the development of quality of life for this group of patients in Poland and Central Europe.

In 2002, the Scientific Council for Postgraduate Medical Education Centre on the basis of academic achievements and habilitation Fri: "Clinical Pathology of Diversion colitis" gave me a doctoral degree Medical Sciences.

In 2010, I was employed as a Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation of the Jozef Piłsudski Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw.

In 2017 I was employed as a Professor and chair of Department of Colorectal, General and Oncological Surgery, Centre of Postgraduate Medical Education in Warsaw, Poland.

In 2016, the President of the Republic of Poland awarded me the title of Professor of medical sciences.

From the beginning of my professional activity, specializing in general and colorectal surgery dealt with, especially problems related to the treatment of colorectal cancer, intestinal stoma problems and quality of life of patients after surgery of diseases of the colon and rectum as well as the rehabilitation of patients after colorectal cancer surgery. In the center of my interest in the theoretical and practical was also from the mid-80's, laparoscopic technique, initially used in the diagnosis of diseases of the abdominal cavity, and since the early 90's as well as surgical technique, now I also used in the treatment of colorectal cancer. In addition, other minimally invasive techniques are used by me especially for the treatment of diseases of the rectum (eg TEM - Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery).

For last 30 years I have been actively participate as a speaker, moderator of scientific sessions, as well as a member of the scientific committees in the international congresses for general surgery and colorectal surgery (congresses were held in the USA, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Australia, Russia, South Africa, Singapore and in 25 European countries).

For many years I have been the organizer of a nationwide Scientific Symposium with the participation of foreign experts "Advances in Colorectal Surgery", which each year brings together about 800 - 1000 surgeons ([www.chirurgiakolorektalna.pl](http://www.chirurgiakolorektalna.pl)).

In my academic achievements in the years 1982 - 2020 is made up of about 320 scientific papers, of which the works are original, image, chapters in books and scripts, case studies, and more. These publications relate, inter alia, the issue of general surgery, including laparoscopic techniques, Colorectal surgery, the quality of life of patients after surgery because of bowel disease, especially in patients with abdominal ultrasound evaluation of the anus or rectum and pathology of the anal canal.

For specific scientific achievements can include work on the quality of life of patients after surgery for rectal cancer, leakage of the anastomosis in colorectal surgery, modifications and improving their techniques for parastomal hernias – open, laparoscopic and hybrid technique (HyPER) (the largest in the literature group of patients operated on at a single center by the same team of surgeon), works

on patients after Hartmann's procedure and the problem of continuity of the gastrointestinal tract after this operation, the problem Diversion colitis (the largest group of patients in the literature comprehensively developed both in terms of clinical, endoscopic and pathologic symptoms) and work on 3D endorectal ultrasound and anorectal manometry evaluation of the function of anal sphincters before and after restoring the continuity of gastrointestinal tract.

I am a member of the 16 scientific polish and international societies, e.g Association of Polish Surgeons, Polish Club of Coloproctology, International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons, European Association for Endoscopic Surgery, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, European Society of Coloproctology or European Federation for Colorectal Cancer. In some of them I have performed such functions as: chairman, secretary, founding member, honorary member or representative of Poland or the region.