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We are happy to publish another issue of the „Progress in Medicine" journal that focuses on rescue medicine and emergency medical services. Rescue medicine is one of the most developing fields of medicine. Over the past years, there has been an enormous progress in both hospital care (hospital emergency wards, trauma centers) and prehospital care (emergency medical teams). The articles included in this journal refer to various aspects of working in the system of Emergency Medical Services. There are very interesting articles devoted to legal aspects of assisting patients under the influence of alcohol, withholding and withdrawing medical rescue actions, and recognition and confirmation of death by emergency medical teams. Some articles describe case studies. For example, one of the publications describes the application of hyperbaric oxygen therapy in patients with carbon monoxide poisoning. Another case study refers to prehospital care procedures in drug poisoning that has been an increasing problem recently. There is also an interesting article on non-intrusive carboxyhemoglobin measurement methods in prehospital care. Moreover, cardiopulmonary health aspects in rescue medicine and emergency medical services are still a significant problem. Therefore, this issue of the journal includes original articles on the retrospective analysis of emergency medical team dispatches to bronchial asthma attacks, the evaluation of medical rescue procedures in case of patients with suspected brain stroke, and the analysis of factors influencing the outcome in patients with craniocerebral injuries. Another inspiring publication refers to the "Ovosorb" hemosorbent's plasmapheresis and hemosorption on the binding function of albumin in patients with sepsis. We strongly recommend this issue of „Progress in Medicine" and hope that the articles included will help you at least in some aspects of your everyday work with patients in situations posing direct health and life risk.

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