
Dear Readers,

I am pleased to present the 54th issue of the quarterly magazine *Disability – Issues, Problems, Solutions*. In this issue, we address topics that highlight the complexity of disability issues in a social, medical, and legal context, while pointing to directions for the development of public policies and practices that support social inclusion.

The section devoted to the socio-economic aspects of disability contains an analysis of the role of inclusion in sustainable development strategies. Taking people with disabilities into account within the framework of ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) is not only an expression of social responsibility, but also a factor that increases the competitiveness and innovation of organisations. This issue is complemented by an overview of the activities of international institutions for the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, with particular emphasis on the implementation of the UN Convention and the European Union's cohesion policy.

The medical section provides a comprehensive overview of the diagnostic process for autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Particular attention is paid to clinical diagnosis standards, the importance of early symptom identification, and the need for an interdisciplinary approach. The impact of comorbidities on the quality of life of people with ASD and the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions is also highlighted.

In the area of rehabilitation, legislative changes concerning medical devices, effective as of 2021, are discussed. The new obligations of manufacturers have been analysed, including requirements related to technical documentation, safety, and post-market surveillance. The benefits for end users resulting from higher standards of quality and accessibility of assistive devices have also been highlighted.

I wish you an inspiring and fruitful read.

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