

In a Wonderful and Furious World

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Without a doubt, we live at a time when the importance of medical science has increased many times over, and even people far from science have involuntarily joined its mysteries. Medicine has become newsmaker number 1 again. But medical science itself is changing. New pathogenetic mechanisms, points of drug use, issues of forecasting and analysis of big data - these issues have received a qualitatively new impetus. Any war is an absolute evil, but we remember what a powerful impetus was given to science and industry by the Second World War.

Likewise, the tragic COVID-19 pandemic is having a profound impact on the development of medical theory and practice. Such sections of medical science as CT diagnostics, ECMO, vaccination, antiviral therapy, genetic engineering have been significantly developed. On the other hand, such an overheated branch of science as diagnostics using artificial intelligence did not show miraculous results and did not make a fundamental contribution during the pandemic. This is an important lesson that we continue to learn.

Today it is gastroenterology that holds the keys to a new future. The successes of antiviral therapy in recent years have significantly changed the situation with the treatment of viral hepatitis C. This allows us to hope that humanity will someday be able to eliminate this and other pathogens and change its natural history. Approaches to the treatment of hepatocellular cancer are also changing, targeted therapy is being added, liver transplantation takes its rightful dominant place in the treatment of this pathology. We are not only witnesses of fundamental changes, but also participants in them.

The present time made us forget about our selfishness, reconsider our views on the world, time and its use. In these difficult days, the entire world medical community is becoming more united. Now it is necessary to increase the speed and productivity of scientific research. I would like to wish the authors and readers of the journal the safety of personal and loved ones, success in their scientific work and life in this wonderful and furious world.

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