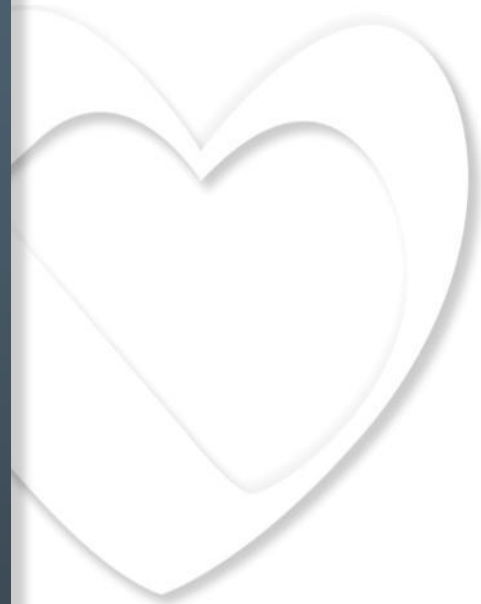


POLAND

Heart Failure Awareness Day 2018

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National Conference of Heart Failure Working Group

The Conference was organized on 15-16 June 2018 and was attended by 380 participants.

We had 15 sessions and 60 presentations including interactive cases and live ECHO studies.

We were able again to organize a debate with politicians from Ministry of Health, Public Insurance representatives and national experts. The future of Coordinated HF care in Poland was discussed.

21 abstracts were presented and the best one was awarded by a travel grant to 2019 HF in Athens.





Heart Failure Awareness Day

HF Awareness Day was held with participation of several Experts who stayed in Cracow after the Conference.

The big event was held on the Main Market Square.

- The experts explained the HF problems from the stage
- We used medical illustrations that were displayed on a big screen behind the stage
- Patients agreed to tell their stories, including one LVAD patient (see photos)





Heart Failure Awareness Day



- We invited a dietician who cooked on stage
- We promoted our webpage dedicated to HF patients: www.slabeserce.pl
- Kids from the primary school showed a little performance on CVD prevention.
- Many artists performed in between, including a comedian who was a great anchorman attracting the audience in funny way
- There were tents with physicians and nurses providing medical services, distributing leaflets, promoting transplantation, explaining optimal diet.
- Students collected HFA questionnaires and we will send the results soon

Both events were presented in internet, newspapers and on the radio.

