

Ass. Prof. Tomasz Sacha MD.PhD. graduated from the Medical Academy in Kraków in 1992. During his studies, he worked actively in the research team at the Department of Internal Medicine in Kraków and won twice the prize of the Students' Scientific Society competition for the best scientific project. He worked as an assistant in the Haematology Department at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków after initial specialization in internal medicine. He specialized further in haematology after several pieces of training in Basel, Genoa and Turin, and became a lecturer and professor at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków. He received his PhD for his work on molecular diagnostics of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML). In 2008, he completed his specialization in laboratory diagnostics and, in 2013, he habilitated at the Jagiellonian University. Dr Sacha established a National Molecular Reference Laboratory for quantitative BCR/ABL analysis and is responsible for the standardization of this procedure in Polish Molecular Laboratories. In 2002 he contributed to the organization of Polish Advocacy Group of patients suffering from chronic myeloid leukaemia. For his activity, he was awarded the prize: "Service for Life Award" and became an Honorary Member No 1 of this Society. Since 2013, he is a president of the Molecular Hematology Section of the Polish Society of Human Genetics, and since 2017 he is the president of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Section of the Polish Adult Leukemia Group, and since May 2019 he is the head of The Chair and Department of Hematology in Jagiellonian University Hospital. He has an extensive clinical experience in the use of tyrosine kinase inhibitors and in the field of molecular monitoring of chronic myeloproliferative neoplasms. He is also interested in the clinical research of myeloproliferative neoplasms aiming at eliminating the leukemic stem cells.