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**Opieka nad chorym na tle teoretycznych koncepcji europejskiej
i polskiej medycy w I połowie XIX stulecia**

**Patient care vis-a-vis the theoretical conceptions of European
and Polish medicine in first half of the 19th century**

SUMMARY

The article discusses the development of patient care in Polish lands in the first half 19th century seen in the context of the Enlightenment realism and the oncoming Romanticism. The nomenclature used at that time is analyzed, and the methods and forms of patient care are described. Mention is made of the special role of therapeutic nihilism, which, by making the so-called instinct and intuition its main tenets, appreciated the role of patient care in treatment. The author of the article makes use of little known medical publications: journals, textbooks, dictionaries, handbooks, as well as manuscripts.

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