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Tomasz and co-workers developed, as first in Poland, the system of qualification for extracorporeal rewarming for patients with deep hypothermia. Hypothermia and especially at its advanced stages is sporadically diagnosed, but its frequency is probably higher than it can be concluded from the official statistics. The treatment methods which were applied in the past were not always effective and the examples of the use of extracorporeal methods are only anecdotes. It was acknowledged that the only manner to improve the treatment effectiveness was to develop a system which would provide holistic care to hypothermic patients -from early identification, through safe transport, to modern and effective options of rewarming and intensive therapy. The system could not operate without a widespread education and information campaign. The cycle of trainings for doctors, nurses, paramedics and Police, Fire Department and other services cooperating with the Deep Hypothermia Treatment Centre was commenced. The specially developed notification system identifies patients in advanced stages of hypothermia at the early stage of rescue procedure as well as supports and coordinates treatment with the consideration of establishment of priorities and application of modern rewarming methods.

