

### **Popularnonaukowe streszczenie projektu w języku angielskim**

The basic goal of the research is to determine legal character, functions, content and role of codes of ethics and other types of medical professional standards in establishing private law liability. This topic hasn't been yet sufficiently elaborated. There is no monograph on the issue neither in Poland nor abroad. The best known medical professional standards are codes of medical ethics, Nuremberg Code, Helsinki Declaration, good clinical practice, guidelines, directives, recommendations or official announcements specifying, e.g. criteria of the determination of death. Research is justified on one hand by highest rank and character of legal goods regulated by professional standards (e.g. determining death of the person), on the other hand by lack of clear methodological or normative criteria deciding whether guidelines or official announcements are statement of facts (declaration of actual medical knowledge) or normative acts with *erga omnes* effect or may be unconstitutional. It seems necessary to systematize medical professional standards in order to discover their role in interpretation of legal provisions regulating private law liability. The research is planned in two dimensions: in national (Poland and in several other European countries) and in the domain of international and European law. Comparative, doctrinal and historical method will be used.