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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

In the present issue, subject of "Life style and coronary artery disease" has been brilliantly discussed by **Prof. S.C. Manchanda** in an editorial; I would like to express my gratitude to him for agreeing to write for JIMSA at a very short notice. The paper is quite relevant in the present scenario of increasing prevalence of life style related diseases; it supplements the observations made by original article, specially in relation to hypertension and coronary artery disease. There are several interesting original articles and case reports, appearing in this issue which will be of great interest to the readers of JIMSA. An update article by **Prof. N.S. Neki** presents an exhaustive review on "Oxygen Therapy - State of Art" and gives practical information about this commonly practised life saving treatment.

The issue also contain a *symposium* on **prevention of chronic kidney disease (CKD) in India** under the guest editorship of **Professor Sanjay K. Agarwal**, Department of Nephrology, AIIMS, New Delhi, India. The articles are suitably selected and have been contributed by experts in the field from different parts of the country. CKD is one of the major health problems of the country. Because of the devastating consequence of End Stage Kidney Failure (ESKF), requiring expensive renal replacement therapy; CKD is causing tremendous impact - both physical and financial - on the health of the population. The problem is further compounded by the increasing prevalence of Diabetes Mellitus - an important cause of CKD. The symposium amply highlights the preventive strategies for containing this problem. I am extremely grateful to Prof. Sanjay K. Agarwal and several other authors for their contributions to the symposium.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Editorial and Advisory Board for their help and guidance in editing this issue and also to the several advertisers without whose help, this publication would not have been possible.

I wish to extend my greetings, to all readers of JIMSA for a very happy, prosperous and healthy year 2008

P. D. Gulati

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