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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

This is a manifold increase in the risk of developing end-stage liver disease when HIV infected patient gets infected with HbV and HCV viruses. Not only this, these viral co-infections pose a new challenge to the hepatologist and raise several important management issues; some of them have been brilliantly addressed in an editorial by Prof. P. Kar; I am extremely grateful to him for his contribution. Several original articles and case reports on variety of topics, published in this issue will be of interest to the readers. Physiological differences between children and adults serve as important determinants in deciding the anesthetic agent to be administered to the child; the subject has been elaborately dealt with in an Update article published in the issue.

Severely obese individuals often find it extremely difficult to lose weight by dietary restrictions, and exercise. Bariatric Surgery is the only modality effective in producing significant weight loss in such patients. This surgical procedure has gained popularity during the last decade in India. The present issue contains a 'Symposium' on 'Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery', excellently edited and compiled by Dr. Sandeep Agarwal; I extend my grateful thanks to him and other co-contributors to the symposium.

P. D. Gulati

JIMSA BEST PUBLISHED ARTICLE AWARDS 2012- Declared

The following articles have been selected for the "JIMSA Best Published Article Awards – 2012" as per ranking given below:

Rank 1: *Comparative Analysis of Various Diagnostic Techniques for Tubercular Lymphadenitis: A Pilot Study from a Resource Poor Country.* Dimple Kasana, Jitender Verma, Indrani Dhavan, H K Prasad

Rank 2: *Testicular Biopsy in Male Infertility: Study of 80 Cases.* U R Parikh, H M Goswami, K J Deliwala, A M Shah, H P Barot

Rank 3: *Lipid Peroxidation and antioxidant status in Patients of End Stage Renal Disease with and without Pulmonary Tuberculosis.* V.Pugalendhi, Prema Gurumurthy, T M R Panicker, M Paul Korath, K Jagadeesan, J Tracy Tina Angelina

Each award consists of a medal, citation and cash prize: the awardee is required to preferably receive the award at the forthcoming IMSACON 2013 being held on 5th & 6th October at Rajarajeshwari Medical College & Hospital, Bangalore, Karnataka, India. (Contact urgently Dr. R. K. Thukral, Secretary General, IMSA, WHO, New Delhi). In case the awardee is unable to attend IMSACON 2013, he/she should intimate the editor JIMSA, accordingly.

Editor