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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues

Multi-disciplinary approach - a unique feature of JIMSA, has been adopted so that our readers cannot only educate themselves but also contribute to better understanding of the mechanism of disease. In today's world, one has to be very conscious of the new developments especially in terms of molecular biology, cell wall receptors, cell signalling processes, expression of genes etc. Our endeavour should be to get the latest information through newer modalities of communication like looking at the web spaces on the internet etc. JIMSA has been on website 'www.jimsaonline.com' for almost two years; our young and enthusiastic fellows and members should be visiting the website so as to look at the latest advances and pass on the information to other colleagues and readers of JIMSA by contributing original articles, up-dates etc.

In this issue of JIMSA, diagnostic approach to thyroid nodule has been brilliantly discussed by Prof. S.K. Agarwal; I am really grateful to him for his valuable contribution. Distinction between benign and malignant nodule has been made possible by a simple least invasive test - FNA as highlighted by Vikas Sinha & colleagues in their original paper. The authors of original articles, case reports published in this issue, have put in their best; the topics covered are of immense clinical importance; update contributed by Prof. J.K. Grover on 'erectile dysfunction' presents an overview of diagnosis and therapeutic profile of this common clinical entity amongst the male population. Other update by Dr. Medhi focuses on several emerging health problems included under 'Bio Terrorism'; the review provides useful information with regard to their diagnostic evaluation, treatment and control - strategies crucial for limiting the morbidity caused by these biological events. The therapy update on 'drug-induced hepatic injury' is an exhaustive and well written review by Prof. Kamlesh Kohli. I am grateful to all the authors who have made such valuable contribution to JIMSA.

The present issue contains a symposium 'MDRT - Problems & Challenges' under the guest editorship of Prof. DDS Kulpati - a senior consultant in chest medicine; subjects are well selected and contributed by experts in the field. I am confident the symposium will be of immense interest to the readers. I am extremely grateful to Prof. Kulpati and other contributors.

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of editorial/advisory boards for their suggestions, and help in the compilation of this issue. I would also like to thank all the advertisers without whose financial help, this publication would not have been possible.

P.D. Gulati

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