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## FROM EDITOR'S DESK

The practice of medicine is largely dependent on knowledge of Medicine which in turn is based on unending chain of events such as scientific discovery, clinical observation, analysis and interpretation of data. Advances in medicine depend on the acquisition of new information. JIMSA has always endeavored to focus on topics of current interest; the onus of increasing the popularity of JIMSA lies on the shoulders of its fellows and members; I earnestly appeal to them to extend their fullest cooperation by sending their research/review articles for publication in JIMSA.

In the present issue, an editorial on "vesico vaginal fistula"- by Prof. Suneeta Mittal highlights the problems and challenges posed by this common gynecological condition. This well written editorial supplements the information contained in the original article by Prof. B.K.Goswami. The other original articles/case reports drawn from varied disciplines of medicine contain useful information, which I am confident, will generate lot of interest amongst the fellowreaders, of JIMSA. Therapy update on "Probiotics" by Prof. N.S. Neki is quite exhaustive and deals with their current usage in clinical practice. An update on "oxidative stress in male infertility" elaborates the underlying cellular pathology in the production of defective spermatogenesis. This issue also contains a symposium on "Brain Attack : Practical Issues" which focuses on some of the important facts of this third leading cause of death and disability, world wide. The articles included, are based on the presentation made at the annual conference of IMA NDB, held recently at New Delhi. I owe special thanks to Dr. H.K. Chopra who readily consented for its publication and to Dr. Vipul Gupta for his sincere efforts in compiling and editing the symposium; I would also like to convey my thanks to the several other contributors of the symposium.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of editorial board for their help in compilation of this issue and also to the advertisers without whose help this issue would not have been possible.

**P. D. Gulati**

### JIMSA BEST PUBLISHED ARTICLE AWARDS

The following three (3) original articles published during the years 2003-2005, have been awarded the 'JIMSA Best Published Article Award' as per ranking given below.

**Rank I: Respiratory functions tests in rubber factory workers** – Manish Gupta, Pratihba Gupta, Satish K.Bhargava. Vol.18 No.3, page 125-127, 2005.

**Rank II: Fluoride Distribution and Fluorosis in Some Rural Areas of Udaipur, Rajasthan** – J.Pandey. Vol.18 No.3, page 133-135, 2005.

**Rank III: Surgical Anatomy of Hepatic Veins** – Jyoti Arora, Vijay Kapoor, A.Kakkar, PC Dixit. Vol.18.No.4, 177-179, 2005.

The award consists of a medal, citation and cash prize; will be given to the author/co-author (age below 45 years). The awardee may receive the award at the forthcoming IMSA conference at Lahore (Contact Dr.H.K.Chopra, Secretary General IMSA)

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