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## PRESIDENT WRITES

Dear Fellows and Members,

Breast cancer is an important cause of morbidity and mortality. The issue of quality of life in treated patients is centre stage with this problem in particular. Radical and extended radical surgery have given place to conservation of the organ and lumpectomies. The day of the wit who quipped that it is difficult to distinguish between the excised specimen and the remaining part is mercifully past.

Early diagnosis and periodic mass screening, health education, self examination, mammogram and various other imaging modalities made a tremendous impact in the management of breast lesions. Balance and clinical good sense will be the need of the day for sound management of the problem. The vast amount of knowledge acquired about the biology of breast cancer is impressive. However, despite markers, advances in surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and hormone therapy after an apparent quiet for a decade or more, secondaries show up on patients and pose problems of considerable magnitude. Long term disease-free state and good quality of life are the current goals of therapy.

This issue of our journal highlights the problem of breast cancer, its various dimensions and will be a complete update.

The new year 2006 is with us and I extend to you all good wishes for a prosperous year.



**Dr. K. Jagadeesan,**  
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