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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

21st Century is witnessing an Information explosion in all fields; Neurology is no exception. The technological advances have progressively increased the survival in critically ill neurological conditions and have led to the prevention of morbidity through early diagnosis and timely therapeutic intervention. The medical fraternity should keep abreast about these advances and put them into use in day to day practice.

The present special issue 'Diagnostic Challenges in Neurology' is the result of a commendable effort put in by **Dr. Pushpendra N. Renjen**, a senior consultant in Neurology at the prestigious Indraprastha Apollo Hospital at New Delhi, India. It is heartening to note that key topics relating to the crucial areas of diagnostic Neurology have been brilliantly covered with special emphasis on diagnostic usefulness of basic clinical examination in Neurology; as also rational use of the advanced diagnostic tools. No doubt a Herculean task has been achieved admirably by Dr. Renjen and his colleagues. Dr. Renjen deserves all appreciation for an excellent planning, selecting practical topics, identifying eminent authors and also devoting time to editing the various manuscripts so as to bring out this important document which will ever remain useful to the practicing and teaching Physicians and Neurologists; and also the postgraduate students of Neurology. I am personally grateful to Dr. Renjen for agreeing to be the guest editor at a rather short notice and completing the assignment well in time.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the Editorial and Advisory Boards for their help and guidance in compiling 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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