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## FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

Health care systems, worldwide, are striving hard to improve healthcare in terms of quality, accessibility and cost effectiveness so as to meet the needs and expectations of patients at large. In spite of the increasing cost of providing health care, India still has one of the most privatized health providing system; unfortunately, the expenses incurred are borne by a fairly large proportion of the individuals, themselves. There are three major challenges facing healthcare in India today; these are (i) access to healthcare in rural regions and for the poor in urban India; (ii) availability of qualified medical professionals; (iii) low capacity for purchasing medical care and medicines for the poor. There is an urgent need to collectively focus on these areas.

The present issue on **Recent Advances & Future trends in Health care** is the outcome of hard work done by **Prof. Syed Amin Tabish**, from Srinagar, India, who has over 25 years of illustrious experience in healthcare administration, medical education and biomedical research. Dr Tabish is an internationally known expert in matters concerning health planning and policy making and has been invited by several universities abroad. He is responsible for introducing continuous quality improvement in health delivery systems and clinical audit, in hospitals. He has quite brilliantly planned this voluminous special number of JIMSA, focusing on some of the topics of national importance. I am confident it will serve as useful guideline for health planners and providers, both.

I, on behalf of the editorial board of JIMSA extend felicitations as well as thanks to Prof. Syed Amin Tabish, for bringing out this very informative monogram on health Sciences.

P. D. Gulati

## JIMSA BEST PUBLISHED ARTICLE AWARDS 2012

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- (1) **Original articles** belonging to any discipline of medicine published in JIMSA during the previous one years.
- (2) Number of awards: Three (3) annually, carrying a gold plated medal, citation and cash prize (1st-Rs. 5000/-, 2nd-Rs. 3000/- , 3rd-Rs. 2000/-)
- (3) Awardee should preferably be a fellow/member of IMSA; non-fellows/ non members can also be considered for the award if the original work is outstanding; and if selected for the award will be required to apply for fellowship/membership of IMSA.
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Editor