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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Colleagues,

Although breast cancer risk estimation is now a part of standard healthcare screening in the West; in developing countries like India, it is yet to take off. **Prof. A.K. Attri**, from Chandigarh, in an editorial on **Risk Stratification of Breast Cancer**, has rightly emphasized the fact that optimizing breast cancer screening, creating public awareness and early application of the preventive strategies will go a long way in achieving this goal. This issue contains a series of interesting articles and case reports from different disciplines of medicine, which will provide valuable information to the readers of JIMSA. Published in the issue is an update on **'Sleep Disorders in Neurology'** by **Prof. K.S. Anand** - an entity which has remained under-recognised in clinical practice, though it can have significant cause and effect relationship with some of the life-threatening diseases. In another article, **Dr. Ankur Barua** and his colleagues, focus on a public health problem of **Depressive disorders**, which affect 10% to 25% of the elderly population.

The present issue also contains a 'Symposium' on **'Diabetic Foot-New Dimensions'**; contributed by **Dr. Ashok Damir** - a versatile diabetologist with deep interest in this very common and one of the dreaded complications of diabetes and account for over 80% of lower limb amputations in India. I am grateful to Dr. Ashok Damir and his colleagues for brilliantly describing various aspects including gene transfer and stem cell therapy.

P. D. Gulati

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